

## **Precinct 3**

### **Incumbents**

#### **Courtney Apgar**

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Yes, I would support this article. It is our responsibility as a town to promote sustainable building practices and encourage new construction to be as green as possible. This seems like a reasonable step towards a greener community.

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Battleroad Scenic Byway Committee

\* Question for Town Meeting candidates:

I support Article 40: Sustainable Residential Incentives (SRI) and in fact played a minor role in drafting the motion. In the absence of action by the State to promulgate an opt-in net-zero stretch code as called for in the landmark Next Generation Road Map bill and while we await the passage of our Home Rule Petition to limit the use fossil-fuel in new construction, Article 40 offers a practical, achievable alternative to assure new residential construction is built to sustainable standards. SRI expands upon the requirements of the Home Rule

petition by setting standards for increased building energy efficiency, inclusion of solar panels, and charging stations for electric vehicles.

It is unconscionable to continue to construct new residences with fossil fuel heating systems , knowing that they will have to be replaced before the end of their useful lifespan to achieve the State's net-zero commitment.

Lexington has become a leader in our commitment to sustainable design. Article 40 is the next step in setting the pace and encouraging other municipalities to follow our lead.

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Town Meeting Member for Precinct 3

Chair, Town of Lexington Appropriation Committee

Volunteer Conservation Steward

Yes, I would support a motion to implement Sustainable Residential Incentives. First, I believe positive incentives are an effective policy approach that work better than simple prohibitions. Second, I believe that we need to make immediate and lasting changes that will lower the carbon footprint generated by residential housing, which is one of the largest sources of carbon in our Town.

**Frank Smith**

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Activities: Member of the Capital Expenditures Committee

On 2/1, it's too soon to know, until there is further public discussion and the Planning Board weighs in on the details. But I am a strong supporter of all the sustainable energy initiatives that have come to Town Meeting.

## **New Candidates**

**Sallye Bleiberg**

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Community Activities

Full Member Lexington Democratic Town Committee

Member LexCAN, Advocacy Committee

Member Quiet Clean Lexington Campaign

Belmont Town Meeting Member, 15 years prior to move to Lexington

Climate change is on my mind every day as I think about the world I want my four young grandchildren, children all over the globe, to inhabit. Consequently, I do support The Sustainable Residential Incentives Warrant Article. While there are many causes of climate change, heating buildings with fossil fuels is a large source of the heating of the planet. This article addresses the heating problem in a constructive way, holding out carrots rather than sticks, to encourage builders to incorporate sustainability features into Lexington homes. It does not prohibit builders from utilizing fossil fuel heating mechanisms, but the article does provide generous incentives to create sustainable homes. This allows builders a choice. The expectation, of course, is that builders will choose to take advantage of the larger size allowances for more sustainable homes, which will continue the process of moving Lexington, already a leader, toward greater sustainability.

And I very much approve of the incorporation of EV chargers into the article as more and more Americans want to purchase electric vehicles. The difficulty for many home owners to date is the lack of easily accessible EV chargers.

Encouraging the purchase of EVs is critical to stopping climate change before we reach the tipping point. This article certainly creates the opportunity for EV owners to charge conveniently from home. It, not coincidentally, also creates a good market for builders who want to appeal to the growing body of EV drivers.

### **Christopher B. Buenrostro**

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\* Community Activities

Town Meeting member 1997–2015 from Precincts 2, 3, 9, and 4.

Lexington School Committee 2004–2010.

Daughter Lillian Díaz-Przybyl raised here and attended Lexington Public Schools K–12.

Like most Town Meeting members, I have some questions before voting:

- Which “sustainability features?” Who or what would determine the “newly defined performance standards for energy efficiency, sustainability, and on-site fossil-fuel use?”
- Is a warrant article regulating projects in this way consistent with state law? I assume we would have to refer to some state or Federal standard, since we probably are not empowered to define our own standards at the local level, nor would we want the burden of doing so.
- Is the article supported by the Planning Board?
- This description says “new”; are there regulations on renovations?  
Tear-downs?

My leanings are to support the article. I am alarmed by the effects of climate change, and I am in favor of serious changes in regulations and lifestyle. Since 2017, I drive a hybrid electric car and make every effort to install solar panels, to charge my car every night, and to avoid burning wood or fossil fuels. (I love to

cook but am now switching from gas to induction.) I am personally willing to pay more, to reduce or eliminate my own to greenhouse gases.

The Warrant Article sounds like a good idea. Household contributions to greenhouse gases are significant, and our individual efforts add up!

If we could pass a by-law that would regulate the efficiency of *all* new construction, regardless of size, I would probably be in favor of that. At this time in history, someone who can afford to build or buy a house in Lexington can afford to invest in its energy efficiency. However, this particular proposal may be tied to the regulation of floor-area ratios, because we have previously established that we have a right to regulate that item at the local level. So, I am assuming, for now, that this article would apply only to new construction of large houses.