

Precinct 4

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* Community Activities:

- Tree Committee 2005-present, Chair 2018- present
- Town Meeting Member 2006-present

I strongly support the Sustainable Residential Incentives Warrant Article. It is a common-sense way of increasing the use of more sustainable methods of energy use. Lexington will be contributing directly by using energy from renewable sources as well as setting an example for other communities to follow. As larger homes requiring more energy are built in Town, the article provides a way for property developers to contribute to the effort of mitigating climate change.

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As a long-time member and former president of the League, I truly value the goals and mission of the League. However, I am disappointed in your “candidate question” regarding zoning issues. I believe it is too complicated and without adequate background information from the sponsors or other Town committees;

consequently, I don't feel prepared at this time to answer intelligently. I do support sustainability incentives for all buildings, especially in new structures, but I also support building smaller, more affordable homes in Lexington. The high cost of housing makes it impossible for people of less economic means to live here - such as young families starting out, older residents wishing to down-size but stay in Lexington, and our own Town employees and teachers. So, while I would encourage sustainable features in buildings, I am also worried that we are at the same time encouraging a continuation of these costly larger homes being built all over town. Will this article successfully address these different goals?

I have always relied upon the open discussion of the pros and cons from the experts and other Town Meeting members at Town Meeting when considering such complicated technical articles. I look forward to that discussion to help clarify the various issues this article raises.

New Candidates

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* Community Activities

9 years as elected member of Planning Board, 2 as chair

5 years member of the Community Preservation Committee, 3 as chair

9 years member of the Capital Expenditures Committee

3 years as liaison and then full member of the Special Permit Residential Development

Ad hoc Committee

23 years as Town Meeting Member representing Precinct 9

I would not support this article at this time. Reaching a higher level of sustainability in residential building is an important goal, but it is not the only goal for Lexington. This article ignores the ongoing work of the Planning Board and Town committees on modifying our zoning to encourage more moderate sized and affordable housing, more sensitive siting, attention to historical preservation, and better conservation of open space. It appears to encourage the construction of ever larger homes, as long as they incorporate energy conserving strategies, themselves an additional cost to builders, which incentivizes the creation of larger and more costly houses. It ignores the fact that large homes are inherently less sustainable

than smaller ones in their use of materials, acreage and labor. The technical aspects of the proposal are complex, and should be submitted to the Planning Department and Town Counsel for analysis and to see how energy conserving standards can be incorporated into the broader zoning scheme.

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* Community Activities

- Lexington Land Steward
- Chair of the Affordable Housing Trust Study Committee
- Lexington resident since 1986

Yes, I'd support it. It permits people to build to allowable size if they learn about and adopt sustainability requirements.