

Precinct 5

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* Community Activities

Election Worker, Town of Lexington

Current Treasurer, Lexington Democratic Town Committee

Past PTA President Harrington School

Past Chair and co-chair of several school events at Harrington School

Past Treasurer, Lexington High School

My starting position on articles that promote sustainability is always to vote yes. As an avid recycler, a Black Earth composter and a solar panel owner, I am well aware that our planet is in danger from climate change. Providing incentives to build more energy efficient homes is an important piece of this process if any progress is to be made. My only caveat is that often Town Meeting debate reveals unintended consequences that would make my support change. I will also be interested to hear what position the Planning Board takes on this article before making a final decision.

I anticipate I will be supporting this article unless there are flaws that are revealed in the upcoming debate.

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* Community Activities:

Town Meeting Member since 2007

Community Preservation Committee Chair since 2013, member since 2006

Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee since 2018

Historical Commission since 1994, Chair 2020 - 2021
Historic Districts Commission 2007 - 2017
Planning Board Residential Policy Committee 2015 - 2016
Election Official (Assistant Clerk and Inspector) since 2012

I am in favor of any measure that seeks to promote energy efficiency and reins in the escalating size and cost of new construction for housing in Lexington. However, before I take any position on this proposed bylaw change I would want additional information as to bylaw's effect on affordable housing – whether these new measures would discourage or encourage developers to scale back their projects, enabling those of lesser incomes to successfully compete for the purchase of the new homes. I would also wish to know the position of the Planning Board with respect to these changes in the zoning code: I believe that whenever the Planning Board proposes changes, it is on the basis of empirical data that indicates that the changes would be successful in accomplishing their stated goals. I fear that for many developers the added sustainability measures would not seriously affect their total project cost and expected return on their investment, thus defeating any attempts to scale back the size of new construction.

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Community Activities:

- Pct. 5 Town Meeting Member since 1990
- Town Meeting Member Association (TMMA) Executive Committee since 1991
- Pct. 5 TMMA Officer since 1991 and current Chair
- Past TMMA Chair ('96-'97, '01-'03, '15-'16) , Vice Chair, Clerk and Treasurer
- Past Chair, TMMA Vote Recording Committee
- Past Chair, TMMA Legal Affairs Committee
- Chair, TMMA Bylaws Committee
- Appointed to the Selectmen's Strategic Planning and Implementation Group
- Appointed to the Selectmen's Ad Hoc Budget Schedule Committee
- Appointed to the Selectmen's Ad Hoc Fiscal Task Force
- Lead Conservation Steward
- Coached Lexington Youth Soccer, 14 years

- Founded the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations to counter open space development
- People Against Hanscom Expansion (now ShhAir and SOH) – Original Organizer
- Served on both HFAC and HATS as a Lexington representative

I am firmly in favor of this article and want to thank the Clean Heat Alliance for bringing it forward. Passage of Article 40 will do to the residential building sector what Town Meeting approved for new commercial development on Hartwell Ave.

I support Article 40 for two reasons. First, with the increasing evidence of the negative aspects of climate change, we must do what we can to reach net zero emissions. Through implementation of the performance standards defined in the article, they will help us reach that goal. Not only will the performance standards result in healthier homes but they will also make it more economical to heat one's home given the increasing costs of fossil fuels. Secondly, as Lexington has experienced more and more mansionization, we've been losing a spectrum of our housing stock. Should a developer not want to subscribe to the performance standards specified, we could get some smaller more affordable homes.

With the state not having acted to implement cleaner building regulations such as these, hopefully approval of Article 40 can set a standard for other communities.

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Harrington PTA, LHS past PTA president, former coordinator of the Liberty Ride with a seat

On the Tourism Committee. Temple Isaiah Reparations Committee.

On the face of this, as a homeowner who has heat exchanges and solar panels, I would very much support any Warrant Article that seeks to lower our carbon footprint. However, the devil is often in the details, as we see on Town Meeting floor. If the Planning Board can convince me that this Article will do what it purports to do, then I am all for it. I would like to see all new construction, no matter what the size, incorporate the latest technology to lower carbon footprints.

John Zhiqiang Zhao