

Precinct 7

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Precinct 6 Town Meeting Member: 2017-2019; 2020

Precinct 7 Town Meeting Member: 2021 STM (George Burnell's seat)

Recreation Committee Member: 2020-present

I appreciate and support the incentive-based approach of the Sustainable Residential Incentives Warrant Article. Based on what I have learned so far, I believe that the article provides a reasonable path toward more sustainable building practices in Lexington.

Mary Burnell

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*** Community Activities**

Volunteer with Friends of Cary Library

Member-at-Large FISH board

FISH Driver

Town meeting member for 3 terms

While I am all for any incentives to increase the energy efficiency of new home construction here in Lexington, I am uneasy with incentives that would substantially increase the size of new homes above the current guidelines. I look forward to hearing the pros and cons of both sides of the issue before the vote takes place.

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Community Activities

Co-Chair, Selectmen's Tax Deferral and Exemption Study Committee
Precinct 7 Town Meeting Representative since fall of 2003
League of Women Voters (LWV) of Lexington
LWV Massachusetts – Program and Action Specialist: Elder Affairs
Former Volunteer Tax-Aide - Lexington Community Center (15 years)
Vision 2020 Subcommittees on Demographics

The well thought out incentives for new residential construction provided by Warrant Article 40 would go a long way in helping Lexington attain its sustainability goals. I would support the article as I understand it now but hesitate to endorse it until I've "heard from the experts" and see the article in its final form.

Robert K. Creech

Mary Hamilton

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Community activities: Battle Green guide; Member of OWLL Program Committee;
FISH; Town Meeting member; Assistant Chairman of Friends of Cary Library Volunteer Committee.

I am in favor of any incentives that would encourage sustainability in the construction of new buildings in Lexington -- both homes and businesses. This seems a very sound proposal. I would want to listen to discussion on the issue at Town Meeting, before I made a final decision on how I voted, but from reading the information that you sent me, it sounds like a very reasonable and positive approach to the issue of sustainability.

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* Community Activities

- Lexington Town Meeting Member – 2005-2010, 2019 – present
- Governor’s Appointment to the Board of Commissioners, Lexington Housing Authority, 2007-2019.
- Lexington Planning Board, 2019 - present

I support this in concept and I expect to support it in its final form to be presented at Town Meeting. I view this as the Town making a statement of policy that reinforces Town Meeting’s declaration of a climate emergency. Every day there is more and more evidence of the critical nature of the very real climate emergency that we are going to be living and dying with well into the next century. This article represents an effort to put our goals and ideals into concrete action and I think it is a creative approach to the problem, when there are few opportunities to take on climate change in any direct way.

I recognize that a potential down side to adoption of this article is that an aggrieved developer could litigate against the Town over this provision, and litigation is best avoided if possible. Litigation could be costly for the Town. However, we have so few readily available tools to address our climate emergency, I am willing to accept some risk.

