



Article: 27

Warrant Article Title:

VOTE / ENVISION ARLINGTON STANDING COMMITTEE
QUORUM

Warrant Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the structure of the Envision Arlington Standing Committee regarding the method for calculating a quorum; or take any action related thereto.

Requested By:

the Envision Arlington Standing Committee

Report Excerpt:

Vote and comment to Town Meeting - No Action (5-0)

The Board voted unanimously that no action be taken under this Article. The Board continues to support the work of Envision Arlington and its Standing Committee, but the sentiment of the Board was that adjusting the quorum requirements of the Standing Committee by Town Meeting vote was not something it should do, particularly where the proposed amendment would be in conflict with the quorum requirement contained in the Open Meeting Law (G.L.c.30A, sec.18).

The rationale for the proposed vote to change the Standing Committee's quorum requirement (currently a majority of its vote prescribed membership of nine members) was that the Committee has been unable to meet on a number of occasions over the past year because it has only six of the nine memberships filled. While the Board recognizes the Committee's difficulty, it was uncomfortable with the proposal and its potential

to impact requests from other town commissions and committees to have their quorum requirements adjusted in certain circumstances.

Vote Language:

That no action be taken on Article 27.

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