



**Article: 73**

**Warrant Article Title:**

APPROPRIATION / COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

**Warrant Article Text:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of various committees, commissions, and boards of the Town, determine how the money shall be raised; provided that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain under the jurisdiction of said entities until expended at their direction, unless otherwise appropriated by the Town Meeting; the entities included hereunder, without limitation, are: Arlington Historical Commission, Arlington Recycling Committee, Avon Place Historic District Commission, Beautification Committee, Broadway Historic District Commission, Central Street Historic District Commission, Mt. Gilboa/Crescent Hill Historic District Commission, Jason/Gray Historic District Commission, Pleasant Street Historic District Commission, Russell Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, Capital Planning Committee, Commission on Disability, Human Resources Board, Public Memorial Committee, Human Rights Commission, Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development, Envision Arlington, Transportation Advisory Committee, Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture, Open Space Committee, and any other Town Committee or Commission; or take any action related thereto.

**Requested By:**

the Town Manager

**Report Excerpt:**

In light of the Town's tight fiscal constraints, the budgets of all committees and commissions (including the Finance Committee's own budget) have been reduced by at least 10%. Some committees and commissions have requested even less funding than that, and some have requested no money this year as many of them are holding unspent monies from the prior year in reserve, which they intend to utilize in FY2027. The Finance Committee is grateful that, in this difficult fiscal year, our many volunteers are willing to continue their great work on behalf of the Town with fewer resources.

**Vote Language:**

VOTED: That the sum of \$81,995 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the following commissions, committees, and boards in the amounts indicated:

A. Arlington Historical Commission – \$7,830 (14-0-2)

B. Historic Districts Commission – \$7,200

(Avon Place Historic District Commission, Broadway  
Historic District Commission, Central Street  
Historic District Commission, Jason/Gray  
Historic District Commission, Russell  
Historic District Commission, Pleasant Street  
Historic District Commission and Mount Gilboa/Crescent Hill  
Historic District Commission)

C. Capital Planning Committee – \$0

D. Commission on Disability – \$14,067

(Under state law, the Town is authorized to allocate to the Disability Commission all fines collected by the Town for Handicap Parking violations. Since FY2020, the Town has appropriated an amount at least equal to the fines collected by the Town for Handicap Parking violations. This appropriation is in lieu of the Town allocating such fines directly to

the Disability Commission as it is authorized to do pursuant to MGL c. 40, Sec. 22G. The Disability Commission has used the majority of its appropriations since FY2020 on repairs to Town Hall to improve accessibility, software to improve the accessibility of the Town website, and for ADA and MCAD training for Town staff. The Finance Committee has offered to provide a liaison to the Disability Commission to assist with planning, and any budgeting issues and/or questions related to potential expenses under the Town's 2020 ADA Transition Plan.)

E. Zero Waste Committee – \$2,700

F. Human Rights Commission – \$7,200

G. Arlington Tourism and Economic Development Committee - \$3,848

H. Envision Arlington - \$1,350 (13-1-0)

I. Transportation Advisory Committee - \$1,800

J. Scenic By-Way - \$0

K. Open Space Committee - \$900

L. LGBTQIA + Rainbow Commission - \$3,600

M. Civilian Police Advisory Commission - \$0

N. Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture - \$31,500  
(This appropriation will also fund Public Arts, Poet Laureate and Arlington Alive activities at the discretion and under the supervision of the Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture. The Commission will also be raising additional funds from their various activities).

Said sums to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the various commissions, committees, and boards. All consultant services shall be supervised under the direction of the Town Manager.

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