



## **Town of Lexington Annual Town Meeting 2020 Select Board Article Positions**

### **Article 26: Amend Historic Districts Commission Enabling Legislation**

The purpose of this article is to request Town Meeting approval to submit special legislation to the Massachusetts General Court to amend Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1956-AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, AND ESTABLISHING HISTORIC DISTRICTS IN THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON. The amendment would replace the words “Arts and Crafts Society” with the words “Chamber of Commerce” wherever they appear, and delete the words “and a secretary” in section 4 of the Act as recommended by the Historic Districts Commission (HDC).

Furthermore, these changes would strengthen the process of appointing members to the HDC, and delete the unnecessary requirement that a secretary be elected as that role is filled by a staff member. The Lexington Arts and Crafts Society and the Lexington Chamber of Commerce fully support the recommended changes, and have submitted letters of support that can be found under Article 26 on the Town’s website.

The Select Board unanimously supports passage of Article 26.