



# Town of Lexington

## Special Town Meeting 2020-3

### **Article 8: Reduce Legal Expense (Citizen Article)**

The purpose of this Citizen Article is to reduce the amount of money spent on town legal expenses.

This article asks Town Meeting to vote to hire an in-house counsel and reduce the amount appropriated for legal expenses in the FY2021 Budget.

Given the size of the Town and the needs of the community, hiring an outside counsel has been the continued practice of the Town. Much of the legal work required by the Town is not routine and expertise on a myriad of legal issues that a municipality may face is required.

Earlier this year to ensure the Select Board is meeting our fiduciary responsibility and receiving quality, professional legal services, a request for proposals for town counsel services was issued.. The Select Board received responses from several qualified firms, and after a competitive interview process, the Town renewed their contract with Anderson & Kreiger LLP.

The Select Board have taken the position not to support this article with a vote of 5 to 0.