

Town of Lexington

Economic Development Advisory Committee



MEMORANDUM

To: Lexington Select Board and Lexington Planning Board
cc: Sandhya Iyer, Economic Development Director; Sheila Page, Assistant Planning Director
From: Economic Development Advisory Committee
RE: EDAC Town Meeting Article Positions
Date: March 3, 2023

At the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting on March 2, 2023, the Committee reviewed a series of articles that are going to be deliberated on at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting. The Committee took the following positions on the articles they discussed:

Article 34

The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) supports the overall spirit and principles of the Article 34 rezoning bylaw which presents an important opportunity to vitalize Lexington's economy to bring a variety of small and large businesses that contribute to the tax base and provide goods and services to meet the needs of residents, employees, and visitors. The new range of mixed commercial and housing types in a variety of locations throughout town would promote the synergistic goals of Lexington economic vitality together with diversity, equity, and inclusion of people visiting, living, and working in Lexington while supporting the growth of small and large businesses. Additionally:

- The EDAC recognizes that Article 34 goes beyond the minimum requirements of M.G.L. c. 40A § 3A (a)(1) and supports this rezoning opportunity to develop Lexington towards achieving the economic vitality objectives as laid out in the 2022 Comprehensive Plan.
- The EDAC recommends a more rigorous analysis and oversight of Lexington Center development opportunities be addressed by the Planning Board through the planning process and that the Planning Board should adopt and publish reasonably necessary site plan review regulations around parking, circulation, and transportation, and other areas specific to Lexington Center.

The motion was approved 6-0 by a roll call vote.

Article 35

No motion was made as we were informed this Article is to be withdrawn.

Article 36

No Motion was made as we were informed that the Article as submitted and the associated map was being amended. The EDAC may take a position once informed of the revised Article.