

Sturgis Pishon, Stephen Potter, Norbert E. Rigby, Newell W. Rogers, Mathew J. Rowley, Stephen F. Rutledge, George K. Sabine Jr., Thomas W. Saunders, Albert E. Scott, Charles L. Smith, Alexander Stewart, Gordon Stewart, Horace S. Stevens, Timothy B. Sullivan, Joseph J. Waters, Henry D. Webb, Hallek Wells Jr., Robert Williams, and Donald F. Wright, sixty-two “Boys of Brookline,” who died in service to their country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Meeting takes special note of Albert Edward Scott, “Scotty,” a Brookline newsboy and a graduate of the Devotion School, a member of Company H, 101st United States Infantry, Allied Expeditionary Force, and a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, who was killed in action in France, on July 23rd, 1918, at the age of sixteen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Brookline Select Board, through the Town’s Veterans Service Office, cause this Resolution to be read at the Town’s forthcoming Memorial Day Service, to be held on May 28, 2018, or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 35

Submitted by: Cornelia van der Ziel, TMM15, Edward Loechler, TMM8

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR THE UNITED STATES TO “PULL BACK FROM THE BRINK” AND PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR—AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY AND THE PLANET

WHEREAS, since the height of the Cold War, the United States and Russia have dismantled more than 50,000 nuclear warheads, but approximately 15,000 of these weapons still exist and, thus, still pose an intolerable risk to human survival¹; and

WHEREAS, approximately 95 percent of these weapons are in the hands of the United States and Russia, while the remainder are held by 7 other countries, namely, China, France, India, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, and the United Kingdom²; and

WHEREAS, nuclear war would directly kill hundreds of millions of people and cause unimaginable environmental damage³; and

WHEREAS, there is a high probability that such a nuclear war would lead to catastrophic climate disruption dropping temperatures across the planet to levels not seen since the last ice age, thus resulting in the starvation of the vast majority of the human race, quite possibly leading to our extinction and the extinction of multiple other species⁴; and

WHEREAS, even the use of a tiny fraction of these weapons would cause worldwide climate disruption and global famine; e.g., as few as a 100 Hiroshima-sized bombs (small by modern standards) would put at least 5 million tons of soot into the upper atmosphere and cause climate disruption across the planet, cutting food production and putting 2 billion people at risk of starvation⁵; and

WHEREAS, despite the popular notion that these arsenals exist solely to guarantee they will never be used, on multiple occasions nuclear armed states have proceeded to the brink of using these weapons, and their use was narrowly averted⁶; and

WHEREAS, nuclear weapons do not possess any magical qualities that prevents their use; and

WHEREAS, former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara—speaking about the Cuban Missile Crisis in The Fog of War—said, “It was luck that prevented nuclear war”; and

WHEREAS, U.S. nuclear policy must NOT be subject to the whims of “luck;” and

WHEREAS, the growing climate crisis is stressing communities around the world and intensifying the likelihood of conflict, and, thus, the danger of nuclear war⁷; and

WHEREAS, the planned expenditure of more than \$1 trillion dollars to enhance the U.S. nuclear arsenal will not only increase the risk of nuclear disaster but also fuel a global arms race and divert crucial resources needed to assure the well-being of the American people and people all over the world⁸; and

WHEREAS, there is an alternative to increasing nuclear arms proliferation; e.g., in July 2017, 122 nations called for the elimination of all nuclear weapons by adopting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons⁹.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts, calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to embrace and sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and make nuclear disarmament a centerpiece of U.S. national security policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Meeting of Brookline, Massachusetts, calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- ending the president’s sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack;
- taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
- cancelling all plans to add weapons to the U.S. nuclear arsenal that will make it more likely that leaders will initiate nuclear war; and
- actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall cause a copy of this resolution be sent to our U.S. Congressional Representative Joseph P. Kennedy, III, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey, and President Donald J. Trump.

Or act on anything relative thereto.

¹<https://fas.org/issues/nuclear-weapons/status-world-nuclear-forces/>

²<https://fas.org/issues/nuclear-weapons/status-world-nuclear-forces/>

³<http://www.psr.org/assets/pdfs/projected-us-casualties-and-destruction.pdf>

⁴<http://climate.envsci.rutgers.edu/pdf/RobockNW2006JD008235.pdf>

⁵<http://www.psr.org/assets/pdfs/two-billion-at-risk.pdf>

⁶<http://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/attach/2015/04/Close%20Calls%20with%20Nuclear%20Weapons.pdf>

⁷<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/once-again-climate-change-cited-as-trigger-for-war/>

⁸<https://www.armscontrol.org/factsheets/USNuclearModernization>

⁹www.ican.org/treaty-on-the-prohibition-of-nuclear-weapons/

ARTICLE 36

Submitted by: Craig Bolon, TMM8

Resolution calling for consideration of renaming Washington Street

To see if the Town will adopt the following Resolution or will amend and adopt the Resolution or will act on anything relative thereto:

WHEREAS, Brookline has become increasingly concerned about slaveholding associated with people after whom Town features are named, and

WHEREAS, George Washington, after whom Washington Street was named, was a slaveholder during most of his life, including years when he served as our nation's first President,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

The Town calls on the Town's Naming Committee consider renaming all or parts of Washington Street, using the name or names of one or more notable people who have resided within the current area of the Town, and to report thereon to the next Special or Annual Town Meeting beginning on or after November 1, 2018.

Or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 37

Reports of Town Officers and Committees