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March 12, 2024

Ryan J. Witkos, Town Clerk Town of Hardwick P.O. Box 575 Hardwick, MA 01031-0575

Re:

Hardwick Annual Town Meeting of June 24, 2023 -- Case # 11301

Warrant Article # 20 (Zoning)

Warrant Articles # 18 19 and 20 (General)

Dear Mr. Witkos:

Articles 18 and 19 - We approve Articles 18 and 19 from the June 24, 2023 Hardwick Annual Town Meeting.

Article 20 - We will issue our decision on Article 20 on or before May 7, 2024.

Note: Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) general by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) zoning by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

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TOWN CLERK
HARDWICK, MA

Very truly yours,

ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL ATTORNEY GENERAL

Nicole B. Caprioli

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cc: Town Counsel David C. Jenkins

A true copy. Attest at Hardwick, Massachusetts.

Ryan J. Witkos, Constable

Posted: March 12, 2024 @ Hardwick, Wheelwright, Silbertville, MA post offices; Town of Hardwick municipal bulletin board, and at www.hardwick-ma.gov

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TOWN OF HARDWICK ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 24, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

ARTICLE #18

To see if the Town will vote to amend the date of the Town's Annual Election by amending the Town's general by-laws under Article XXII: Town Meeting; Section 1 by deleting the word "Monday" and substituting in its place the word, "Saturday;" and further by deleting the word "April" and substituting in its place the word, "May;" or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously that the Town amend the date of the Town's Annual Election by amending the Town's general by-laws under Article XXII: Town Meeting; Section 1 by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing with the following: "The Annual town meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the first Saturday in May each year." FCA

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST at HARDWICK, MASSACHUSETTS.

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TOWN OF HARDWICK ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 24, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

ARTICLE #19

To see if the Town will vote to amend the date of the Town's Annual meeting by amending the Town's general by-laws under Article XXII: Town Meeting; Section 2 by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing with the following: "The annual town meeting shall be held on the second Saturday in June at a time and place subject to a warrant called by the Board of Selectmen" or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously that the Town amend the date of the Town's Annual meeting by amending the Town's general by-laws under Article XXII: Town Meeting; Section 2 by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing with the following: "The annual town meeting shall be held on the first Saturday in June at a time and place subject to a warrant called by the Board of Selectmen." FCA

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