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Michele Bissonnette, Town Clerk
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**Re: Wareham Fall Annual Town Meeting of December 12, 2020 -- Case # 10009
Warrant Articles # 22 and 23 (General)**

Dear Ms. Bissonnette:

Article 23 - We approve Article 23 adopted at the Wareham December 12, 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting.¹

Article 22 - The Attorney General's deadline for a decision on Article 22 is extended for an additional seven days under the authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000. The agreement with Town Counsel for the seven-day extension is attached hereto. We will issue our decision on Article 22 on or before **March 21, 2021**.

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.

¹ The posted Warrant called for Town Meeting to be held on October 26, 2020. However, in accordance with G.L. c. 39, § 10A (as amended by Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020), Town Meeting was postponed two times as follows: (1) from October 26, 2020 to November 23, 2020 and (2) from November 23, 2020 to December 28, 2020. On November 30, 2020, the Town Moderator using her authority granted under G.L. c. 39, § 10A, rescheduled the Town Meeting from December 28, 2020 to the earlier date of December 12, 2020. Town Meeting was held on December 12, 2020

Very truly yours,
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