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Kathlene A. Sanderell, Temporary Town Clerk
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8 Conway Street
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**Re: Deerfield Special Town Meeting of October 23, 2023 -- Case # 11231
Warrant Articles # 7, 8 and 9 (Zoning)
Warrant Articles # 4 and 5 (General)**

Dear Ms. Sanderell:

Article 5 - We approve Article 5 from the October 23, 2023 Deerfield Special Town Meeting.

Articles 4, 7, 8 and 9 - We retain Articles 4, 7, 8 and 9 for further review. We will issue our decision on these Articles on or before our deadline of February 13, 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.

Very truly yours,

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