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September 15, 2021

Barbara J. Hancock, Town Clerk  
Town of Deerfield  
8 Conway Street  
Deerfield, MA 01373

**Re: Deerfield Annual Town Meeting of June 12, 2021 -- Case # 10207  
Warrant Articles # 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 (Zoning)  
Warrant Articles # 14 and 15 (General)**

Dear Ms. Hancock:

**Articles 14 and 15** - We approve Articles 14 and 15 from the June 12, 2021 Deerfield Annual Town Meeting.

**Articles 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22** - The Attorney General's deadline for a decision on Articles 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 is extended for an additional 30 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 a 30-day extension is attached hereto. We will issue our decision on Articles 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 on or before **October 15, 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.

Very truly yours,

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