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May 17, 2019

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

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2019 MAY 21 PM 1:36  
TOWN OF DEERFIELD

Re: **Deerfield Annual Town Meeting of April 29, 2019 -- Case # 9348**  
**Warrant Article # 26 (General)**  
**\*Corrected Decision\***

Dear Ms. Hancock:

Article 26 - We approve Article 26 from the April 29, 2019 Deerfield Annual Town Meeting.

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,

MAURA HEALEY  
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cc: Town Counsel Lisa Mead

Date: May 21, 2019

On this date I have posted copies of the bylaw amendments passed at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting and approved by the Attorney General of Massachusetts on May 17, 2019 at the following five public

places in the town: Deerfield Town Offices, South Deerfield Post Office, Old Deerfield Post Office, Deerfield Convenience Store, Tilton Library

Any claims of invalidity by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment may only be made within ninety days of this posting according to MGL C40 S32. Copies of this by-law may be examined at the Town Clerk's Office.

*Barbara J Hancock*

Barbara J Hancock, T  
Town Clerk

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**FRANKLIN SS**

I, Barbara J. Hancock, duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Town of Deerfield, hereby certify that the following Article and Motion were voted on at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, Monday, April 29, 2019 in the Frontier Regional School Auditorium on 113 North Main Street in the Village of South Deerfield.

**ARTICLE 26** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Deerfield Bylaws by deleting Chapter 48: Town Meeting, § 48-2. Posting of warrant and adding a new §48-2 Posting of warrant in its place, or take any action relative thereto.

**CSN: Motion:** *I move the Town will vote to amend the Town of Deerfield Bylaws by deleting Chapter 48: Town Meeting, § 48-2. Posting of warrant and adding a new §48-2 Posting of warrant in its place.*

**To be deleted:**

Every warrant for every Town Meeting, whether annual, special or otherwise, shall be served by posting attested copies thereof in five (5) public places in the Town; and in the case of any special or other meetings, except the Annual Meeting, by printing a summary copy in one (1) newspaper published in Franklin County. Said posting shall be at least fourteen (14) days and said publication at least fourteen (14) days before the time set for holding said meeting; provided, however, that such publication in a newspaper shall not apply to primaries, caucuses or to state elections.

**To be INSERTED:**

***Town of Deerfield Bylaws, Chapter 48: Town Meeting; § 48-2. Posting of warrant.***

*Every town meeting or town election shall be called in pursuance of a warrant, notice of which shall be given at least seven days before the annual meeting or an annual or special election and at least fourteen days before any special town meeting. The warrant shall be directed to the constables or to some other persons, who shall forthwith give notice of such meeting by posting attested copies thereof in Town Hall and four (4) public places in the Town.*

True copy,

Attest:

Barbara J. Hancock  
Barbara J. Hancock, Town Clerk



**FRANKLIN SS**

I, Barbara J. Hancock, duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Town of Deerfield, hereby certify that the following vote was taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, Monday, April 29, 2019 in the Frontier Regional School Auditorium on 113 North Main Street in the Village of South Deerfield.

**ARTICLE 26**

Voted to amend the Town of Deerfield Bylaws by deleting Chapter 48: Town Meeting, § 48-2. Posting of warrant and adding a new §48-2 Posting of warrant in its place.

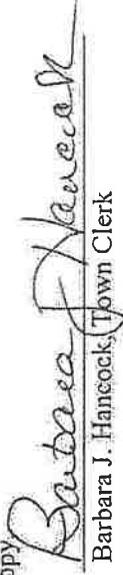
**§ 48-2 Posting of warrant**

Every town meeting or town election shall be called in pursuance of a warrant, notice of which shall be given at least seven days before the annual meeting or an annual or special election and at least fourteen days before any special town meeting. The warrant shall be directed to the constables or to some other persons, who shall forthwith give notice of such meeting by posting attested copies thereof in Town Hall and four (4) public places in the Town.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

True copy

Attest:

  
Barbara J. Hancock, Town Clerk