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Jenn Wallace, Assistant Town Clerk/Temporary Town Clerk  
Town of Deerfield  
8 Conway Street  
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**Re: Deerfield Special Town Meeting of October 4, 2021 -- Case # 10331  
Warrant Articles # 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 (Zoning)**

Dear Ms. Wallace:

**Article 11** - We approve Article 11 and the map amendments voted under Article 11, from the October 4, 2021, Deerfield Special Town Meeting. We will send the approved map to you by regular mail.<sup>1, 2</sup>

**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 that 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 voted by Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-**

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<sup>1</sup> In a decision dated January 6, 2022, we approved Articles 7, 9, and 12; elected to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000 for Article 8, and placed Articles 10 and 11 on a sixty-day extension until March 7, 2022. In a certification received February 4, 2022, the Town Clerk affirmed that the notice for Article 8 was posted and published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 299, and a claim was filed with the Office of the Town Clerk within 21 days of publication. On February 8, 2022, we placed Article 8 on a thirty-day extension with our decision due on March 15, 2022. On March 15, 2022, we approved Article 8.

<sup>2</sup> On March 3, 2022, we approved Article 10 and elected to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of Chapter 299 for Article 11. In a certification received on March 4, 2022, the Town Clerk affirmed that the notice was posted and published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 299, and that no claims were filed with the Office of the Town Clerk within 21 days of publication. For this reason, the Attorney General is authorized by Chapter 299 to waive (and does so waive) the defects.

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