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DATE:

November 7, 2023

TO:

TOWN OF TEMPLETON CITIZENS

FROM:

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

RE:

Templeton Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2023 - Case #10957 Warrant

Articles # 5, 7, 8 and 9 (General)

SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION

Dear Ms. Harris:

On May 18, 2023, this Office received the by-law amendments adopted at the May 10, 2023 Templeton Annual Town Meeting, including Article 7 amending the general by-laws, Article IV, Section 9-16, "Parks and Recreation Commission," to insert new text referencing the Town's Special Act. On August 3, 2023, we issued our first decision to the Town approving Articles 5, 7 and 8.1 For the reasons provided below, this decision supplements our previous decision of August 3, 2023 regarding Article 7.

Recently, the Town Clerk informed us that what was originally submitted as the certified vote under Article 7 (and the text that we approved), did not accurately reflect the text voted by Town Meeting for this Article. The Town Clerk provided us with a corrected certified vote for Article 7.2 Having reviewed this re-submission, we approve Article 7.

1 Article 9 is still pending the Attorney General's review as the Attorney General's deadline for a decision on Article 9 was extended for an additional 90 days by agreement with Town Counsel under the authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32. We will issue our decision on Article 9 on or before November 14, 2023.

² Under Article 7 the Town amended its general by-laws, Article IV, Section 9-16, "Parks and Recreation Commission," to insert new text that referenced the Town's Special Act. The certified vote originally submitted cited the Special Act as "Chapter 331 of the Acts of 2022," but it should have stated "Chapter 311 of the Acts of 2022," as shown in the Warrant and voted at Town Meeting.

I have posted copies in each precinct; namely, at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in E. Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville and at the Town Office Building at 160 Patriots Road in E. Templeton and on the Town's website @ www.templetonma.gov Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, sec. 32.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Harris, Templeton Town Clerk