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Teresa Donovan, Town Clerk
Town of Chester
15 Middlefield Street
Chester, MA 01011

Re: **Chester Annual Town Meeting of June 14, 2021 --- Case # 10323**
Warrant Articles # 15, 16, 17, and 20 (General)

Dear Ms. Donovan:

Articles 15, 16, and 20 - We approve Articles 15, 16, and 20 from the June 14, 2021 Chester Annual Town Meeting.

Article 17 - The Attorney General's deadline for a decision on Article 17 is extended for an additional 60 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 60-day extension is attached hereto. We will issue our decision on Article 17 on or before **February 20, 2022**

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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