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Alexis Fedorjaczenko, Town Clerk
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P.O. Box 560
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**Re: Ashfield Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2023 -- Case # 10963
Warrant Articles # 27, 34 and 35 (General)**

Dear Ms. Fedorjaczenko:

Article 27 - We approve Article 27 from the May 6, 2023 Ashfield Annual Town Meeting.

Articles 34 and 35 - The Attorney General's deadline for a decision on Articles 34 and 35 is extended for an additional 45 days under the authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32. The agreement with Town Counsel for a 45-day extension is attached. We will issue our decision on Articles 34 and 35 on or before September 30, 2023.

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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