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LEGAL NOTICE

The bylaw amendments passed at the May 8, 2006 Town Meeting were approved by the Attorney General (with revisions) on October 17, 2007 and will be posted at the above locations. Any claims of invalidity by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment may be made no later than February 1, 2008.

Copies of these bylaws may be examined/obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

Attest:

**Jane L. Chew
Town Clerk**

**ADJOURNED (FIRST) TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006
FOGELBERG AUDITORIUM – BHS**

**ARTICLE 21 *RE: Amend General Bylaws Article III "Procedure of Town Meeting",
Section 13 "Referendum Petition" and Petition Legislature to Amend
Chapter 686, Section 12(g) – Referendum Petitions***

To see if the town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article III, Section 13 by striking the existing section and substituting therefore the following section as printed in the warrant and further to petition the General Court to amend Chapter 686 of the Acts of 1970, Section 12 (g) to reflect the changes:

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Article III, Section 13 Referendum Petition (General Bylaws) and Section 12(g) Chapter 686 of the Acts of 1970

No final vote of any representative town meeting session passing or rejecting a measure under any article in the warrant, except a vote to adjourn, or an authorization to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, an authorization to pay debts and obligations of the town, an appropriation of funds necessary to implement a written agreement executed under section one hundred and seventy-eight I of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the General Laws, or the budget of the town as a whole, or a vote declared by preamble to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of peace, health, safety or convenience of the town, and which is passed by a two thirds vote of the membership, shall be operative until fourteen days after the adoption of such vote.

If, within said fourteen days, a petition signed by not less than five per cent of the registered voters of the town, containing their names and addresses as they appear on the list of registered voters **at the most recent election**, is filed in the office of the selectmen requesting that the question or questions involved in any such vote be submitted to the registered voters of the town at large, then the operation of such vote shall be further suspended pending its determination as hereinafter provided. **The board of registrars shall certify the signatures within seven days of the filing date. The selectmen shall forthwith after the board of registrars certifies that the petition has the requisite number of signatures call a special election which shall be held within 100 days but no sooner than the earliest date on which the question may appear on the ballot pursuant to section 42C of Chapter 54 of the general laws, as it may be amended from time to time; provided, however, that if a regular or special town election is to be held within the 100 day period, they may provide that the question or questions involved be presented to the voters at the same election.**

All votes shall be taken by official ballots, and the check list shall be used in the same manner as in the election of town officers. The questions so submitted shall be determined by a majority vote of the registered voters of the town voting thereon, but no action of the representative town meeting shall be reversed unless at least twenty per cent of the **total** registered voters of the town shall so vote **to reverse the vote of the representative town meeting.**

The questions so submitted shall be stated on the ballot in substantially the same language and form in which they were stated when presented by the moderator to the representative town meeting as appears from the records of said meeting, **provided, however, that if the question as stated by the moderator was lengthy as determined by the board of selectmen in its sole discretion the question may instead be stated in summary form by referring to the action taken by the representative town meeting.**

This election shall be held on a Saturday, unless it is to be held in conjunction with another election and the polls shall open not later than two o'clock in the afternoon and shall be closed not earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.

If a petition is not filed within fourteen days of a final vote of the representative town meeting, it shall then become effective.
or to act in any other manner in relation thereto.

ACTION: MAJORITY APPROVED MAIN MOTION

App'd by the A.G. with revisions on 10/17/07. Posted 10/22/07 – 11/2/07 in 6 precincts