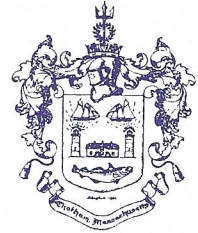




Julie S. Smith, MMC/CMMC

TOWN CLERK
549 Main Street
Chatham, Massachusetts
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Julie Smith, duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Chatham, hereby certify the following Article was adopted at the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting:

Article 31 – Petition to the Massachusetts General Court to Validate Charter Amendments Voted by Town Meeting as Article 21 of the May 2001 Town Meeting and Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of January 25, 2010 as Voted by Ballot on May 13, 2010

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court to file special legislation to validate the Chatham Charter amendments votes as Article 21 at the May 15, 2001 session of the Annual Town Meeting and the May 13, 2010 Annual Town Election, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, or as amended by the legislature to accomplish the purposes intended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

MOTION: Leonard Sussman, Board of Selectmen, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court to file special legislation to validate the Chatham Charter amendments votes as Article 21 at the May 15, 2001 session of the Annual Town Meeting and the May 13, 2010 Annual Town Election, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, or as amended by the legislature to accomplish the purposes intended.

Explanation: This action was requested by the Legislature's House Counsel to validate actions previously voted by Town Meeting. We were recently notified on February 6, 2012 that the legislation became "stale" having expired during the last Legislative term with no action. Re-voting of this article validates it for the current Legislative term. The article was previously approved as Article 21 of the May 2001 Town Meeting and Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of January 25, 2010 as Voted by Ballot on May 13, 2010.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approve 5-0-0
Finance Committee Recommendation: Approve 9-0-0

VOTE: Voice. So voted unanimously.