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Diana L. Cooley, Town Clerk Town of Petersham P.O. Box 486 Petersham, MA 01366

**RE:** Petersham Annual Town Meeting of June 6, 2016 - Case # 8111

Warrant Article # 42 (General)
Warrant Article # 41 (Historic)

Dear Ms. Cooley:

Articles 41 and 42 - We approve Articles 41 and 42, and the map pertaining to Article 41, from the June 6, 2016, Petersham Annual Town Meeting. We will return the approved map to you by regular mail.

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, MAURA HEALEY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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