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Barbara L. Suriner, Town Clerk  
Town of Dalton  
462 Main Street  
Dalton, MA 01226

**RE: Dalton Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 - Case # 7316  
Warrant Articles # 19, 20, 22 and 23 (Zoning)  
Warrant Article # 24 (General)**

Dear Ms. Dalton:

**Article 24** - We approve Article 24 from the May 5, 2014 Dalton Annual Town Meeting.<sup>1</sup>

**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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<sup>1</sup> In a decision issued on October 1, 2014 we approved Articles 19, 20, 22 and 23.