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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 17, 2022 ADJOURNED AND DISSOLVED TO JUNE 14, 2022**

**SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT-
GENDER-NEUTRAL WORDING**

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to petition the General court for special legislation establishing a gender-neutral Town Charter by replacing the terms: 1) "Board of Selectmen" with "Select Board"; 2) "Selectman" with "Select Board Member"; 3) "Selectmen" with "Select Board Members"; and 4) "Chairman" with "Chair", in each and every instance in which said terms appear; and to replace all gendered terms with gender-neutral terms, without changing the meaning of said terms; or to take any action related thereto.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Proceeding: Andrew Hogeland, Chair of the Select Board moved this article and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt article 31. Natalia Romano presented an amendment. She suggested in part 4 to change "Chair" to "Chairperson". This amendment passed by majority vote. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator declared article 31 as amended passed by majority vote.

A true copy, attest:

Nicole E. Beverly

Nicole E. Beverly
Town Clerk
June 21, 2022

