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Elizabeth Cunniff, Town Clerk
Town of Groveland
183 Main Street
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Re: Groveland and Annual Town Meeting of May 24, 2021- - Case # 10170
Warrant Articles # 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 (Zoning)
Warrant Articles # 4, 5, and 6 (General)

Dear Ms. Cunniff:

Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 - We approve Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, , 11, and 12 from the May 24, 2021 Groveland Annual Town Meeting.

Article 4 - We return Article 4 with no action because it is a vote to petition the General Court to repeal Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1998, regarding the Town's Department of Finance and Budget. Votes to petition the Legislature are not by-law amendments and are not subject to review and approval by this Office under G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Article 5 - We return Article 5 with no action by this Office because it is a vote pursuant to G.L. c. 41, § 23A authorizing the Board of Selectmen to hire a Town Administrator and assign powers and duties to the Town Administrator. Article 5 does not amend the Town's by-laws and does not require review and approval by this Office under G.L. c. 40, § 32.

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 that 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 voted by Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

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Very truly yours,
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