

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Barbara A. Siira, Town Clerk 322 Concord Road Sudbury, MA 01776

## RE: Sudbury Annual Town Meeting of April 3, 2006 — Case # 3758 Warrant Articles # 29 and 31 (General)

Dear Ms. Siira;



Articles 29 and 31 - 1 return with the approval of this Office the amendments to the town by-laws adopted under these Articles on the warrant for the Sudbury annual town meeting that convened on April 3, 2006.

Note: Under G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of this section. 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.

If the Attorney General has disapproved and deleted one or more portions of any by-law or bylaw amendment submitted for approval, only those <u>portions approved</u> are to be posted and published pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32. We ask that you forward to us a copy of the final text of the by-law or by-law amendments reflecting any such deletion. It will be sufficient to send us a copy of the text posted and published by the Town Clerk pursuant to this statute.

Nothing in the Attorney General's approval authorizes an exemption from any applicable state law or regulation governing the subject of the by-law submitted for approval.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. REILLY APTORNEY GENERAL

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