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Carlene C. Hamlin, Town Clerk  
 Town of South Hadley  
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**Re: South Hadley Special Town Meeting of November 12, 2014 ---- Case # 7440**  
**Warrant Articles # 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 (Zoning)**  
**Warrant Articles # 3 and 4 (General)**

Dear Ms. Hamlin:

**Articles 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13** - We approve Articles 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 from the South Hadley November 12, 2014, Special Town Meeting.

**Article 4** - We take no action on Article 4 because it is a vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 148, § 26H, that pertains to automatic sprinklers in lodging and boarding houses. Votes to accept statutes are not by-law amendments and are not subject to review and approval of this Office. See G.L. c. 40, § 32. Therefore, we take no action on Article 4. However, votes to accept statutes must be filed with the Secretary of State. G.L. c. 4, § 5.

**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.

Very truly yours,

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