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VOTE CERTIFICATE

TOWN OF CHARLTON

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Charlton, held May 19, 2025, the following business was transacted under **Article 20**:

ARTICLE 20. ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – AMEND §200-5.17 VILLAGE DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS

To see if the Town will vote and amend the Zoning By-law Section 200-5.17 C. (2) Village District Requirements, by deleting certain language struck through and amending and inserting new language as recommended. The full text of the proposed amendment will be available for public review at Town Hall and on the Town's website prior to the Town Meeting. A public hearing will be held by the Planning Board as required under M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5; or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: PLANNING BOARD

MOTION: I move that Article 20 be accepted as printed in Appendix G and amended.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD: Planning Board supports this motion.
2/3rds Vote Needed per MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5, fifth paragraph

MOTION PASSES BY NECESSARY 2/3RD VOTE 42 – YES, 16- NO

Appendix G. ARTICLE 20. ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – AMEND §200-5.17 VILLAGE DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS

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Section 5
Special Regulations
§ 200-5.17 Village District Regulations.

C. Pedestrian amenities.

(2) ~~If no public sidewalk exists across the frontage of the lot, a paved sidewalk of at least four (4) feet in width shall be provided within the front yard setback or within the municipal right-of-way as approved by the Planning Board; and to the maximum extent possible, the sidewalk shall be designed to create a continuous pedestrian walkway with the abutting properties. Where sidewalk construction is not feasible or practical, the Planning Board may require the applicant to provide a sidewalk in another location or make a payment in lieu of sidewalk construction to the Town of Charlton special sidewalk fund in an amount determined by the Planning Board. The applicant shall provide a construction and maintenance easement to the Town of Charlton for all approved sidewalks.~~

(2) Public Sidewalk Construction

a) If no public sidewalk exists across the frontage of the lot, or across the street, a concrete sidewalk of at least five (5) feet in width and granite curbing shall be provided within the municipal right-of-way as approved by the Highway Superintendent.

b) To the maximum possible, the sidewalk shall be designed to create a continuous pedestrian walkway with the abutting properties.

c) Where sidewalk construction is not feasible or practical, the Town may require the applicant to provide a sidewalk in another location or make a payment in lieu of sidewalk construction to the Town of Charlton special sidewalk fund in an amount determined.

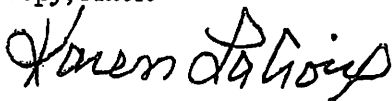
d) Sidewalks, curbing, subbase and appurtenances will be constructed in accordance with Massachusetts Highway Department of Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges as most recently revised.

e) If the existing sidewalk is across the street, crosswalks(s) may be required.

f) A waiver of the Public Sidewalk Construction requirements may be granted by the Planning Board.

(3) Except for single family and duplex homes, At a minimum, fifty percent (50%) of the walls of ground floor spaces directly facing streets shall have transparent window and door openings, placed at the eye level of pedestrians [between three (3) feet and eight (8) feet above grade]. The Planning Board may waive this standard for redevelopment if compliance would create economic hardship or cause undesirable changes to the facade of the building. To allow people to see interesting things inside buildings, fixed interior walls shall not obscure views into the building.

A True copy, Attest



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Town Clerk