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**CERTIFICATE OF VOTE**  
**ARTICLE 22**  
**General Bylaw Amendment**  
**Amend Chapter 16, Buildings, Demolition**  
**Monday, October 18, 2021**

I, Patricia E. Dzuris, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, do hereby certify the following vote taken under Article 22 at the Fall Annual Town Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021, held at the Chelmsford Senior Center, 75 Groton Road, Chelmsford, MA 01863. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Moderator Jon H. Kurland. There were 115 members present which satisfied a quorum requirement of 82.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 16, Buildings, Demolition of the Town Code by amending the text in Section 16.2, paragraph B (1) as follows:

Notice of intent to demolish: No demolition permit shall be issued for any building or structure that was constructed 75 or more years prior to the year of the application, other than in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. The property owner shall first file an application for a demolition permit with the Inspector of Buildings, and the Inspector of Buildings shall forward a copy of such application within one week to the Historical Commission, the Select Board, and the Planning Board. The application shall be reviewed by the Historical Commission at its next regular meeting. Such application shall be in the form provided and established by the Inspector of Buildings in consultation with the Historical Commission and shall include a copy of the demolition plan, a description of the building or structure to be demolished, the reasons for the demolition and the proposed reuse of the property, including a written description or concept plan describing the proposed reuse. ~~If the property owner is unable to specify the exact age of the building or structure, the application shall so state, and shall set forth the best known estimate of age and the basis for such estimate.~~ The property owner shall provide an inventory of the building or structure to be demolished. The inventory is to be prepared by an historic preservation consultant, following approved state guidelines.

; or act in relation thereto.

**SUBMITTED BY: Historical Commission**

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 22.** I move that the Town amend Chapter 16, Buildings, Demolition of the Town Code by amending the text in Section 16.2, paragraph B (1) as follows:

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**Recommendations:**

Finance Committee: Majority recommends approval of Article 22.

Select Board: Unanimously recommends approval of Article 22.

The electronic voting devices registered the following votes:

**YES: 98      NO: 12      Abstentions: 2**

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 22: Carries by majority vote.



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