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**CERTIFICATE OF VOTE
ARTICLE 29
2013 SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FOURTH AND FINAL SESSION – THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013**

I, Onorina Z. Maloney, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, Massachusetts do hereby certify the following vote taken under Article 29 at the fourth session of the April 29, 2013 Spring Annual Town Meeting held at the Chelmsford Senior Center 75 Groton Road, North Chelmsford. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Moderator Richard DeFreitas. There were 105 Town Meeting Representatives in attendance which satisfied the quorum of 82.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to The Town Code, Chapter 11, “Animals”, Section 7 “Nuisances” by adding the following language to the end of paragraph 1. “Running at Large”:

except in any area officially designated by the Town for off-leash activities.

- Any off leash area designated by the Town will comply with all other Town of Chelmsford General Bylaws.
- Owners of dogs shall be legally responsible for any and all injury or destruction of property caused by their dogs.
- Within areas that have been officially designated as off-leash areas, dogs may be allowed run at large, subject to such rules and regulations as may be determined by the Town and as follows;
 1. All dogs are leashed prior to entering and upon leaving the off- leash dog area;
 2. The owner/keeper of the dog(s). at all times while his/hers dog(s) is (are) using the designated off-leash dog area is in attendance with the dog(s) in the designated area;
 3. The owner/keeper of the dog(s) has a leash in his/her possession for each dog he/she owns/keeps that is using the dog park.
 4. All dogs using the off-leash dog areas must be licensed and vaccinated per the Town of Chelmsford general By-Laws ;
 5. All dogs must be accompanied by an owner/keeper and be under his /her control at all times;
 6. Dogs determined to be dangerous or potentially dangerous pursuant to M.G.L.ch 140 sec 157 or Town of Chelmsford General By-Law Chapter 11 Article 1 Section 11.2 are not permitted to use these off=leash parks;
 7. Use of these off leash dog areas will be restricted to daylight hours;
- The rules and regulations shall be posted at any off-leash area.

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 29. Town Manager Paul Cohen moves that the Town The Town Code, Chapter 11, "Animals", Section 7 "Nuisances" by adding the following language to the end of paragraph 1. "Running at Large":

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 8. All dogs are leashed prior to entering and upon leaving the off- leash dog area;
 9. The owner/keeper of the dog(s). at all times while his/hers dog(s) is (are) using the designated off-leash dog area is in attendance with the dog(s) in the designated area;
 10. The owner/keeper of the dog(s) has a leash in his/her possession for each dog he/she owns/keeps that is using the dog park.
 11. All dogs using the off-leash dog areas must be licensed and vaccinated per the Town of Chelmsford general By-Laws ;
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 14. Use of these off leash dog areas will be restricted to daylight hours;
- The rules and regulations shall be posted at any off-leash area.

Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 29

Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 29

The voting devices registered the following votes:

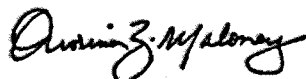
YES: 126

NO 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion under Article 29 carries by unanimous vote.

A true copy attest:



Onorina Z. Maloney