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CERTIFICATE OF VOTE
ARTICLE 25
2014 SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Second Session – THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2014

I, Onorina Z. Maloney, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, Massachusetts do hereby certify the following vote taken under Article 25 at the second session of the April 28, 2014 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 Jon H. Kurland. There were 126 Town Meeting Representatives in attendance which satisfied the quorum of 82.

Substituted main motion under Article 25 was presented by David Foley.
Motion reads as follows:

ARTICLE 25. I move that the Town vote amend Chapter 132 “Sewage Disposal” of the code of the Town of Chelmsford by adding a new section “Section 132-3 “Grinder Pumps”” as follows:

Section 132-3 Grinder Pumps.

- 1 The preferred method of discharge of sewage from an individual building or group of buildings to the Town’s sewer system is gravity flow. Grinder Pumps shall be used only after alternatives for gravity service connections have been thoroughly considered and, in the opinion of the Town of Chelmsford Department of Public Works, such alternatives cannot reasonably discharge to the Town’s sewer system by gravity flow. Grinder Pumps shall only be used in accordance with regulations established by the Town of Chelmsford Department of Public Works.
- 2 Each Owner/Applicant shall apply for a permit and shall be responsible for all of the costs related to the connection to the Town’s sewer system ~~treated equally or no differently than if they were connecting by gravity flow, and incurring no additional cost than if connection to the Town’s sewer system by gravity flow.~~
- 3 Both existing and new residential grinder pumps and the associated appurtenances and controls installed shall be maintained, serviced and replaced by the Town of Chelmsford, [as integral components of the Town’s wastewater collection system respecting that while a pump is inoperable the homeowner is without sanitary facilities] ~~and will be treated by them on an equal basis with those grinder pumps and pump houses currently operated and maintained, serviced and replaced by the Town.~~ The Town of Chelmsford shall not be responsible for the maintenance of Grinder Pumps servicing commercial properties and residential properties comprised of ~~four~~ [three] or more units.

a Various items SHOULD NOT BE introduced into any sewer system either directly or through a drain or waste disposal, including:

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- i. Glass, metal or plastic
- ii. Diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons or baby wipes
- iii. Socks, rags or clothes
- iv. Explosives or flammable material
- v. Lubricating oils or grease
- vi. Strong chemicals or gasoline
- vii. [Seafood shells or Kitty litter]

The property owner shall be responsible for any and all costs to repair and/or replace a Grinder Pump as a result of improper disposal of materials into the sewer system, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: majority recommended against on the motion as presented in the warrant
Board of Selectmen: 3-0 approval to the original warrant article

At 11:13 pm, the electronic voting devices registered the following votes:

YES: 74

NO: 63

Abstentions: 1

Substituted main motion under Article 25 (as reflected below with no strikeouts) carries by majority vote

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A true copy attest:



Onorina Z. Maloney