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CERTIFICATE OF VOTE
ARTICLE 27
Amend Chapter 51: "Funds"
2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting
Third Session – Monday, May 1, 2017

I, Onorina Z. Maloney, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, do hereby certify the following vote taken under Article 27 at the third session of the 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting held at the Chelmsford Senior Center 75 Groton Road, Chelmsford, MA 01863. The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Moderator Jon H. Kurland. There were 121 members present which satisfied a quorum requirement of 82.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 51: "Funds" of the Code of the Town of Chelmsford by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the language shown as underlining, with the text not being changed shown in regular type for informational purposes only, as follows:

Article I_ Chelmsford Arts and Technology Education Fund

§ 51-1 Establishment; purpose.

The Town of Chelmsford Arts and Technology Education Fund is established in accordance with the provisions of MGL c. 60, § 3C, as amended by Chapter 218 of the Acts of 1993 2016, to provide supplemental educational funding for local educational needs.

§ 51-2 Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

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The needs of those schools and students that are under the jurisdiction of the local educational agency (LEA), which is the Chelmsford public schools.

SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL FUNDING

That which adds to, enhances or continues the educational opportunities provided by the local educational agency and funded by the Town of Chelmsford. Supplemental funding will not take the place of funds requested in the Chelmsford School Committee's annual budget request which support the essential curriculum and programs of the Chelmsford public schools or be used to create new, ongoing programs or reinstitute canceled programs that a future annual budget of the Chelmsford public schools might be expected to support. All requests for supplemental funding

must support the mission and beliefs of the Chelmsford public schools and be in accordance with Chelmsford School Committee policy.

§ 51-3_Scope; title.

The Chelmsford Arts and Technology Education Fund will include the subject areas concerning the liberal and fine arts and technology. ~~Applications will be made~~ Grant requests shall be made through an application process for funding of programs, events, supplies and/or equipment. (Funds are not intended for stipends or salaries.) The Chelmsford Arts and Technology Education Fund will be known hereafter and referred to as the "Chelmsford ATEF."

§ 51-4_Chelmsford ATEF Committee.

A. There will be established a Chelmsford ATEF Committee to administer the Chelmsford ATEF and to authorize the expenditure of its funds.

B. Members of the Chelmsford ATEF Committee will include the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee thereof, and eight residents of the Town of Chelmsford that will include at least three parents/grandparents/guardians of children presently enrolled in Chelmsford public schools.

C. Appointment to three-year terms will be made in accordance with the statute. Upon initial formation of the ATEF Committee, terms of members will be arranged so that the terms of as nearly an equal number of members as is possible shall expire each year.

D. Meetings.

(1) The Chelmsford ATEF Committee shall meet ~~at least quarterly and~~ as many times as deemed necessary and appropriate for the conduct of ATEF Committee business.

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(3) A quorum for purposes of transacting business shall consist of five members. Decisions will be based upon a vote of the majority of the members present.

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; or act in relation thereto.

**SUBMITTED BY: Arts and Technology Education Fund
Committee**

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 27

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Recommendations:

Finance Committee: unanimously recommends approval of Article 27

Board of Selectmen: unanimously recommends approval of Article 27

The electronic voting devices registered the following votes:

YES: 118 NO: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion under Article 27 carries by unanimous consent



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