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I, Julie Smith, duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Chatham, hereby certify the following Article was adopted at the May 13, 2024 Annual Town Meeting:

**Article 44 – Consolidated Revolving Funds –
Establish a Tree Protection Bylaw Revolving Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 37, Article 1 of the General Bylaws (Department Revolving Funds) to establish a Tree Protection Bylaw Revolving Fund pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as follows:

Add the following provisions to the respective columns set forth in §37-5, A-G (Authorized revolving funds):

- A. Tree Protection Bylaw Revolving Fund;
- B. DPW and Town Manager;
- C. Donations, penalties, fines, or other sums received by the Town pursuant to the Tree Protection Bylaw, M.G.L. Chapter 87 (Shade Trees), or funds that the Town may appropriate to this fund;
- D. Expenses related to costs associated with tree replacements, maintenance, or mitigation plantings;
- E. [N/A]
- F. [N/A]
- G. Fiscal Year 2025 and subsequent years;

And, further, to establish a \$5,000 limit on sums that may be expended from the Tree Protection Bylaw Revolving Fund in Fiscal Year 2025, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

Motion: Dean Nicastro, Select Board, moved that the Town amend Chapter 37, Article 1 of the General Bylaws to establish a Tree Protection Bylaw Revolving Fund, pursuant to the authority granted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as printed in Article 44 of the warrant, and that no more than \$5,000 shall be expended from this fund during fiscal year 2025.

Explanation: *The purpose of a revolving fund is to segregate revenues generated by a specific operation, in this case the Tree Protection Bylaw, and to restrict use of those revenues to the*

purpose for which they are collected. The Town Bylaw stipulates the purpose(s) for which funds may be expended, along with the authorization required. Chapter 37 of the Bylaws requires all expenditures be approved by an authorized Department, Board, Committee, Agency, or Officer. For this fund, the Department of Public Works and Town Manager shall be authorized to expend. The expenditures are processed through the accounting office and require approval of the Finance Director and Town Manager. If the total amount authorized in the article is not expended, the balance remains with the associated revolving fund.

Select Board Recommendation: Approve: 5-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation: Approve: 8-0-0

VOTE: VOICE. So Voted by a Very Substantial Majority, declared the Moderator.