Report of the Southborough Town Clerk Minutes of the Southborough Annual Town Meeting March 23, 2024

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 174 of the Town Code to include an expiration for special permits as required by MGL c. 40A Section 9 as follows:

In Chapter 174 Section 9 – Special Permit Requirements, to add after the sentence ending with "...or destructive of property values therein." the following clause: "Unless otherwise designated by this chapter, if the rights authorized by a special permit are not exercised within two years from the date of grant thereof, they shall lapse, and a new petition, notice, and hearing will be required for their reestablishment. The applicant may be granted a single one-year extension by applying in writing to the special permit granting authority at least 30 days prior to the date when the special permit is due to lapse. An extension will only be granted for good cause and/or at the discretion of the special permit granting authority."

; or do or act anything in relation thereto.

Proposed by: SELECT BOARD/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Select Board Recommendation: Support

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Support

Summary: This article would amend the Zoning Bylaw to comply with MGL c. 40A Section 9, which requires bylaws to provide a specified period of time after which special permits will lapse.

AMENDMENT: To strike the word "single" PASSED.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED BY MODERATOR DECLARED 2/3rds MAJORITY.

True Copy Attest:

James F. Keganty

James F. Hegarty, Town Clerk