**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Town of Alford**

**Special Town Meeting Minutes**

**October 23, 2023**

The Moderator, Ms. Alexandra Glover, called the meeting to order at 6:13PM. Ms. Glover swore in Ms. Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, as Town Clerk and announced the Special Town Meeting was being recorded. Ms. Glover welcomed Town Counsel, Mr. Adam Costa, and stated that the 4 requirements had been meet to hold this Special Town Meeting. These requirements are a Town Clerk, Moderator, Warrant, and a Quorum.

The following is a true copy of the vote taken at the Alford Special Town Meeting, held October 23, 2023,, as certified by me. There were 135 registered voters present. I, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, hereby certify that I hold the office of Town Clerk of the Town of Alford in the county of Berkshire and:

Town Meeting Motions

Article 1: I move that the Town transfer $75,000 from the retained earnings of the AlfordLink Enterprise Fund into capital improvements on account of said Fund for the Alford Link hut.

**A motion was made and seconded. Peter Puciloski, Chair of the AlfordLink, explained that the money will be used to purchase 2 pieces of equipment for the Alford Link upgrade. No discussion followed and Article 1 was approved unanimously.**

Article 2: I move that the Town accept the provisions of §§ 16 to 16I, inclusive, of chapter 71 of the General Laws providing for the establishment of an eight town regional school district to be known as the Southern Berkshire Hills Regional School District, such District to be formed and governed in accordance with the proposed agreement filed by the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board with the Select Board, all as further specified in Article 2 on the Special Town Meeting warrant and on the printed ballots required by statute.

**A motion was made, seconded. The Moderator invited Lucy Prashker, Chair of the 8 Town Planning Board to provide a history of the Board and the merging agreed to by the 8 Town Select Boards. The Moderator invited Joan Rogers, Chair of the Alford Finance Committee to discuss the numbers presented by the 8 Town Planning Board and discussion followed for the approximately 60 minutes. Thereafter, Article 2 was voted by paper Ballot. The Vote was counted by the Town Clerk and Warden. 135 Registered voters received Paper Ballots. The Official Results were 106 Yes votes and 23 No votes. Article 2 was approved by a majority vote.**

**A motion was made, and seconded and it was voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:28PM**.

 ***Attest a True Copy***

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**Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, Town Clerk**