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Select Board Members
Town of Natick
13 East Central Street
Natick, MA 01760

**RE: Natick Fall Annual Town Meeting of October 20, 2020 - Case # 10023
Warrant Article # 24 (Charter Amendments)**

Dear Select Board Members:

Pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 43B, Section 10, this Office has reviewed the proposed charter amendment vote taken under Article 24 at the October 20, 2020, Fall Annual Town Meeting. Chapter 43B, Section 10 (c), requires the Attorney General to furnish "a written opinion setting forth any conflict between the proposed amendment and the constitution and laws of the commonwealth."

We do not find any conflict between the charter amendment vote adopted under Article 24 and the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth ("state law"). Our review is confined to the proposed charter amendments reflected in Article 24 and submitted to us for review and does not include a review of the existing text in the Town's charter. However, we remind the Town to consult with Town Counsel to ensure compliance with the charter amendment procedures established under G.L. c. 43B, §§ 11 and 12, including the filing requirements for approved charter amendments which states in relevant part:

Section 12. Certificates in quadruplicate shall be prepared setting forth any charter that has been adopted or revised and any charter amendments approved and shall be signed by the city or town clerk. One such certificate shall be deposited in the office of the state secretary and shall be kept under the custody of the archivist of the commonwealth, one shall be deposited in the office of the director of housing and community development, one shall be deposited in the office of the attorney general and the other shall be recorded in the records of the city or town and deposited in its archives.

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Very truly yours,
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