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Orleans Select Board
19 School Road
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**Re: Orleans Special Town Meeting of October 17, 2022 – Case # 10768
Warrant Articles # 21, 22, 27, 28, 30, and 31 (Charter)**

Dear Select Board Members:

Articles 21, 22, 27, 28, 30, and 31 - Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 43B, § 10 we have reviewed the votes taken under Articles 21, 22, 27, 28, 30, and 31 at the October 17, 2022 Orleans Special Town Meeting. General Laws 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 votes adopted under Articles 21, 22, 27, 28, 30, and 31 and the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth (“state law”).

Our review is confined to the proposed charter amendments reflected in Articles 21, 22, 27, 28, 30, and 31 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 in Section 12 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.

Very truly yours,
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