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Winchendon Board of Selectmen  
109 Front Street, Dept. 1  
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**Re: Winchendon Special Town Meeting of November 14, 2016 - Case # 8165  
Article # 2 (Charter Amendments)**

Dear Members of the Board:

**Article 2** - Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 43B, § 10, we have reviewed the vote taken under Article 2 at the Winchendon November 14, 2016, 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 amendments proposed under Article 2 and the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth. We remind the Town that our review is confined to the proposed Charter amendments submitted to us for review, and does not include a review of the existing text in the Town’s Charter.

Finally, we recommend that the Town consult with Town Counsel to ensure compliance with the charter filing requirements of G.L. c. 43B, § 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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