

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the following article was included on the Official Warning for the March 3, 2020 Richmond Town Meeting:

Article 4. Shall the Town of Richmond vote to change the day Town Meeting is held to the Monday evening preceding the first Tuesday in March pursuant to 17 V.S.A. 2640(b)? (To be voted by Australian ballot).

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned Article 4 was voted on by Australian ballot and passed by a vote of 834 (yes) to 784 (no).

**WHEREAS**, according to 17 V.S.A. § 2640(b), Article 4 should have been voted on from the floor at Town Meeting since the Town has not voted pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d) to decide all public questions by Australian ballot.

**WHEREAS**, 17 V.S.A. § 2662 allows for the legislative body of a municipality to cure errors or omissions in the conduct of a meeting that are not the result of unlawful notice or warning, or noncompliance within the scope of the warning, by a resolution approved by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the legislative body at a regular or special meeting called for that purposes, stating that the defect was the result of oversight, inadvertence, or mistake.

**NOW THEREFORE**, given the foregoing premises, the Richmond Selectboard hereby resolves that the error in using the Australian ballot system to vote on Article 4 at Town Meeting was the result of oversight, inadvertence, or mistake, and that the action taken by the qualified voters on March 2, 2020 to approve Article 4 shall be as valid as if the requirements had been initially complied with.

**TOWN OF RICHMOND SELECTBOARD**

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