

VALIDATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the warning and ballot for the March 5, 2024, Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Georgia (the "Town") included Article 8 calling for a vote to authorize issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to fund the costs to replace an existing bridge on Mill River Road (S.A. 6) over the Rugg Brook;

WHEREAS notice of the Annual Town Meeting was given, in part, by publication of the Warning in the St. Albans Messenger each week for three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS the last date upon which the Warning was published in the St. Albans Messenger was Tuesday, February 20, 2024, fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the vote; and

WHEREAS the date of final publication of the Warning did not comply with the requirements of 24 V.S.A, § 1756(a)(1), which requires the final publication of a warning calling for a vote on whether to incur bonded indebtedness be no more than ten (10) days prior to the vote (and no less than five (5) days);

WHEREAS, at the March 5, 2024, Annual Town Meeting the voters approved incurring bonded indebtedness for the Project by a vote of 626 to 504;

NOW THEREFORE, the Selectboard hereby finds that, notwithstanding the failure to comply with all the statutory requirements incident to notice and warning of said Town annual meeting, the required length of notice of and the purposes for said meeting, including to vote on the incurrence of bonded indebtedness, were met; accordingly,

BE IT RESOLVED that non-compliance with the requirements for publication of the warning was the result of oversight, inadvertence, or mistake of law or fact and not an intentional effort to subvert the statutory requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Selectboard hereby ratifies, confirms, and validates all action taken by the voters on Article 8 at the Annual Town Meeting held March 5, 2024.

DATED: _____, 2024

Carl Rosenquist, Chair

Brian Dunsmore

Paul Jansen

Kristina Senna

Devon Thomas

I hereby certify that the foregoing was approved and adopted by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Selectboard of the Town of Georgia at a meeting thereof held on _____, 2024.

DATED: _____

ATTEST:

Cheryl Letourneau
Town Clerk