Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to enact the following by-law establishing the Alford Historic District and the Alford Historic District Commission, or take any other action relative thereto:

PROPOSED BY-LAW ESTABLISHING THE ALFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT AND THE ALFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

1. **Name.** This by-law shall be known and may be referred to as the Alford Center Historic District by-law.

2. **Purpose.** The purpose of this by-law is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive outward appearance and characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the Town of Alford or its architecture, through the maintenance and improvement of settings for such buildings and places and the encouragement of design compatible therewith.

3. **Historic District.** There is hereby established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, an Historic District bounded and described as follows: The land shown on a plan entitled Alford Historic District, dated February 13, 1975, filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and comprising properties labeled on said plan, "Church", "Town Hall" and "School House".

4. **Alford Historic District Commission.** There is hereby established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, an Historic District Commission which shall be known and may be referred to as the Alford Historic District Commission.

5. **Commission Membership.** The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, including one member, where possible, from two nominees submitted by the Berkshire Historical Society, one member, where possible, from two nominees submitted by the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and one member, where possible, from two nominees submitted by the Board of Realtors concerning the area. Nominees, where possible, should be residents of Alford.

When the Commission is first established, one member shall be appointed for a term of one year, three shall be appointed for a term of two years, and three shall be appointed for a term of three years, and their successors shall be appointed in like manner for terms of three years.
The Selectmen may appoint one alternate member for a term of one year and two alternate members may be appointed for a term of three years, and their successors shall be appointed in like manner for terms of three years. No member may serve on the Commission more than six consecutive years.

d. To cooperate with and advise the Planning Board and other town departments in matters involving historic buildings, sites and historic district boundaries.

e. To cooperate with and enlist assistance for Alford from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, The National Register, The National Park Services, of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, or any other agency concerned with historic preservation.

7. Severability. The provisions of this By-Law shall be deemed to be severable. If any of its provisions shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
At the Special Town Meeting held on Friday, February 21, 1975 a quorum was present.

The result of the voting on Article 7 is as follows:

for---- 44 or 73 %
against--12 or 27 %

I, Paula H. Doyle, deposite and say that I hold the office of Town Clerk in the town of Alford, county of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that the records of births, marriages and deaths required by law to be kept in said town and in my custody, and that the above is a true extract from the records of said town, as certified by me.

Witness my hand and seal of said town on this date,

[Signature]

Town Clerk

[Signature]