

making conservation the most appropriate use of the subject parcel. Accordingly, this Article seeks to grant the request of the current property owners via the Town's acceptance of the 0.31 acre Lakeshore Drive parcel, identified and referenced herein as Lot 1 on Assessor's Map 56.

ARTICLE 23 VOTED: On motion of Marshall Dennis it was voted to accept a certain parcel of land consisting of 13,504 square feet (0.31 acres) located on Lakeshore Drive, Map 56, Parcel 1 (Worcester Northern District Registry of Deeds Book 2406, Page 21). If said parcel is accepted, that the land be placed under the care and control of the Conservation Commission.

Unanimous "YES"

ARTICLE 24: "To see if the Town will vote to support the following resolution: That corporations are not natural people, and that money does not equate to free speech: (non-binding)

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights are intended to protect the rights of individual human beings ("natural persons"), and

WHEREAS, Corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution and The People have never granted Constitutional rights to corporations, and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* presents a serious threat to the democratic process by allowing unlimited and unidentified corporate spending to influence elections, and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the voters of Ashburnham, Massachusetts, hereby instruct the Senators representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the member of the United States House of Representatives representing this congressional district to propose, and our state legislators to ratify, an amendment to the United States Constitution, to provide that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of real people, and that money is not speech for purposes of campaign-related expenditures and contributions." (*Requested by Citizens Petition*)

SELECTMEN
RECOMMEND: YES

CAPITAL PLAN. COMM.
RECOMMEND: N/A

ADVISORY BD.
RECOMMEND: YES

TAX RATE
IMPACT: N/A

Brief Explanation: *Citizen Petition*

ARTICLE 24 VOTED: On motion of Pat Frederick it was voted to accept the resolution as read.

Unanimous "YES"

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to the Capital Fund, or act in relation thereto. (*Requested by the Town Administrator*)

SELECTMEN
RECOMMEND: YES

CAPITAL PLAN. COMM.
RECOMMEND: N/A

ADVISORY BD.
RECOMMEND: YES

TAX RATE
IMPACT: N/A

Brief Explanation: *The Town has committed to appropriating \$450,000 to the capital Plan on a yearly basis. Those years when the Capital Plan is less this article will allow for monies to be put into the fund for subsequent years.*