

Whereas, large corporations own most of American's mass media and use that media as a megaphone to express loudly their political agenda and to convince Americans that their primary role is that of consumers, rather than sovereign citizens with rights and responsibilities within our democracy, and this forces citizens to toil to discern the truth behind headlines and election campaigning, and;

Whereas, people and municipalities across the nation are joining with the Campaign to Legalize Democracy in the United States to call for an Amendment to the US Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood;

Therefore be it resolved that the people of Cummington, Massachusetts hereby calls on our Selectboard to join the citizens, grassroots organizations and local governments across the county in the Campaign to Legalize Democracy in the US and to call for an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood and return our democracy, our elections, our communities back to America's human persons and to thus reclaim our sovereign right to self-governance.

Be it further resolved that the people of Cummington, Massachusetts supports education to increase public awareness of the threats to our democracy posed by Corporate Personhood and encourages lively discussion to build understanding and consensus to take appropriate community and municipal actions to democratically respond to these threats.

Be it further resolved, that the people of Cummington, Massachusetts hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

Meeting has dissolved at 8:55 p.m.

A true record of this meeting to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:

Susan F. Forgea
Town Clerk of Cummington
June 1, 2012