

Whereas, the Citizens United decision also will undermine the independence of our judiciary and impair its perceived impartiality. (Twenty-one states have elected Supreme Court justices, and thirty-nine states elect at least some appellate or major trial court judges);

Whereas, Citizens United presents a serious and direct threat to our democracy and our republican self-government of, for, and by the people;

Whereas, the people and states of the United States previously have strengthened the nation and preserved liberty and equality for all *by using the amendment process throughout our history, in several instances reversing Supreme Court decisions;*

Now be it therefore resolved to support the following proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

Section 1: We the people who ordain and establish this Constitution intend the rights protected by this Constitution to be the rights of natural persons.

Section 2: The words people, person, or citizen as used in this Constitution do not include corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state, and such corporate entities are subject to such regulation as the people, through their elected State and Federal representatives, deem reasonable and are otherwise consistent with the powers of Congress and the States under this Constitution.

Section 3: Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the people's rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, free exercise of religion, freedom of association, and all such other rights of the people, which rights are inalienable.

We ask that our Town Selectmen send this resolution to the Massachusetts General Court, to our representatives in the Congress of the United States, and to President Barack Obama.

ARTICLE 40 Proposed by Citizen Petition

Proponent Heather Clary moves, before it is

VOTED: (By majority voice vote)

That the Town pass over this article.

ARTICLE 41 Proposed by the School Committee

VOTED: (By majority voice vote)

That the Town hear a report from the School Building Committee.

Whereupon, Committee Chair Gary Taylor presents a status report on the School Building Committee, including a schedule of forthcoming public information sessions and the promise of a Special Town Meeting in the fall.