

Irene Davis of White Cap Path moved that the Town establish a receipts reserved for appropriation account in accordance with M.G.L. c.40, §5F and set aside 20% of the fiscal year beach parking and sticker revenues to be appropriated for funding future public ocean beach and dune renourishment projects.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: That the Town vote to set aside 20% of the fiscal year beach parking and sticker revenues from the appropriate receipts reserved for appropriation account for the purpose of funding future public ocean beach and dune renourishment projects, or take any action relative thereto. This was a voice vote and declared carried unanimously by the Moderator.

The Moderator entertained a motion to introduce further articles beyond 11:00 PM. This was a voice vote and declared carried unanimously by the required two-thirds majority by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 24

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights provide certain inalienable rights to natural persons; and

WHEREAS, corporations are not mentioned in the United States Constitution and We The People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations; and

WHEREAS, corporations are legal entities created solely by state action, and their entitlement, if any, to certain rights should be more narrowly defined than the rights afforded natural persons under the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the decision to regulate corporate financial contributions is one that historically Congress and the States have been constitutionally allowed to address; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's 2010 decision, by a 5-4 vote, in the Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission case, overturned longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations and unions from spending their general treasury funds in public elections. The Supreme Court held for the first time that corporations, both for-profit and not-for-profit, and unions, have the right to spend unlimited amounts from their treasuries to support or oppose candidates for elected office; and

WHEREAS, we believe this ruling created a serious and direct threat to our democracy and the conduct of free and fair elections, by permitting corporations to drown out the voices of, and take the power away from, ordinary persons; and

WHEREAS, we now see our political process is flooded with newly unleashed corporate money, resulting in historically unprecedented campaign expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States have previously used the Constitutional Amendment process to correct decisions of the United States Supreme Court that invade or invalidate democratic institutions, including elections.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF SANDWICH AT OUR 2013 ANNUAL MEETING, CALL UPON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS AND SEND TO THE STATES FOR RATIFICATION, A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REVERSE THE CITIZENS UNITED DECISION AND RESTORE THE FIRST AMENEDMENT AND FAIR ELECTIONS TO WE THE PEOPLE AND FURTHER, WE CALL UPON THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT TO PASS ONE OR MORE RESOLUTIONS ASKING FOR THOSE ACTIONS.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SANDWICH TOWN CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO SENATOR ELIZABETH WARREN, SENATOR WILLIAM COWAN, CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM KEATING, SENATOR HARRY REID, REPRESENTATIVE JOHN