

ARTICLE 51: To see if the Town will vote to pass a non-binding resolution to petition Congress to take steps towards *[sic]* an amendment allowing Congress to ban altogether *[sic]* or impose reasonable limits on the spending by large corporations on elections. In no wise will this hinder the First Amendment rights of any citizen or individual corporate CEO. (By *Petition*)

Board of Selectmen Makes No Recommendation

Unanimous voice vote to Indefinitely Postpone

ARTICLE 52: To see if the Town will vote to adopt:

A Nonbinding Resolution Calling Upon the United States Congress to Pass and Send to the States for Ratification, a Constitutional Amendment to Restore the First Amendment and Fair Elections to the People.

We, the voters at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Wellfleet, affirm our belief that the First Amendment to the United States Constitution was designed to protect the free speech rights of people, not corporations.

The United States Supreme Court's 2010 decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, overturned longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations and unions from spending their general treasury funds in public elections. We believe that the 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 ordinary persons. Already we have seen our political process flooded with newly unleashed corporate money, resulting in historically unprecedented campaign expenditures.

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 AT THE 2011 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WELLFLEET, CALL UPON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS AND SEND TO THE STATES FOR RATIFICATION A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO RESTORE THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND FAIR ELECTIONS TO THE PEOPLE, AND FURTHER, WE CALL UPON THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT

TO PASS ONE OR MORE RESOLUTIONS ASKING THOSE ACTIONS.

[Officials of the Town of Wellfleet shall send a copy of this resolution to the state and federal representatives and senators serving the Town of Wellfleet, and to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the President of the United States.] (By *Petition*)

Board of Selectmen Makes No Recommendation

Voice vote to accept and adopt as printed in the warrant

At this point of the meeting a standing ovation was given to Harry Terkanian for his 25 years as Moderator of Town Meeting. He is not seeking re-election and will be working in the private sector.

ARTICLE 53: To hear reports of the Selectmen, Town Officers, and all other Committees and to act thereon.

Board of Selectmen

Voice vote to accept and adopt as printed in the warrant

ARTICLE 54: To act on any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

At this point of the meeting the Moderator made the following appointments:

Finance Committee:

Stephen Oliver to fill the unexpired term of Donna Robertson to ATM 2013

Reappoint Janet Loewenstein to ATM 2014

Reappoint Elizabeth Sorrell to ATM 2014

Stephen Polowczyk to replace the ending term of Robert Kelly to ATM 2014

Social and Human Services:

Reappoint Francis Corbin to ATM 2014

Reappoint Lois Joan Platt to ATM 2014