

Motion made and seconded. Card vote the Ayes have it.

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote the following, or take any other action relative thereto:

Shall the citizens of Lanesborough call upon the Selectmen to send a letter to Rep. Paul Mark and Sen. Ben Downing, the Speaker of the State House of Representative and Majority Leader of the State Senate urging the passage of the following resolution introduced by Sen. Eldridge:

Whereas, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution was designed to protect the free speech rights of people, not corporations;

WHEREAS, for the past three decades, a divided United States Supreme Court has transformed the First Amendment into a powerful tool for corporations seeking to evade and invalidate democratically-enacted reforms;

WHEREAS, this corporate takeover of the First Amendment has reached its extreme conclusion in the United States Supreme Court's recent ruling in Citizens United v. FEC;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC overturned longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations from spending their general treasury funds in our elections;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC will now unleash a torrent of corporate money in our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in United States history;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC presents a serious and direct threat to our democracy;

WHEREAS, the people of the United States have previously used the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and self-government;

Now be it resolved that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby calls 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.

Motion made and seconded Card vote the Ayes have it.

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash a **sum of money** to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded to vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash \$113,688.00 to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2012. Card vote the Ayes have it.

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Stabilization Fund a **sum of money** to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Stabilization Fund \$22,000.00 to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for fiscal year 2010. Card vote Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.  
Respectfully Submitted  
Judith A. Gallant Town Clerk