

May 21, 2012

**Article 48:** “To see if the town will vote to petition Congress to approve US HJ Res. 88 introduced by Hon. James McGovern, D-MA. This legislation begins the process of amending the Constitution of the United States of America. If passed and ratified, the amendment would end the legal status of corporations as persons, and stop the current practice of unlimited independent congressional campaign funding with money that comes from undisclosed sources.

#### HJ RES. 88

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.”  
(as petitioned)

**Motion made on the floor and seconded to waive the reading of Article 48 by the Moderator. Vote: Unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Shirley Dennison and seconded on the floor to accept Article 48 as written. Vote: Unanimous in the affirmative.**