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Our next League event will be a Coffee Hour on Saturday, November 18 at 11:00 am at the library to hear the plans to approve construction costs of the new Arts and Innovation Center in the Old Library. The price tag for the construction phase will be \$4.6 million, and much of this will be funded by the Community Preservation Act. You can find a statement about the project on page 5 in this Bulletin, as well as a copy of the full November 28 Special Town Meeting warrant. This article will be Article #1 on the Warrant.

We had a very well-attended forum on October 26, featuring a presentation from a group that has delivered a Citizens' Petition to get an article on the warrant of the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 28, asking Weston voters to approve a Resolution in Support of a Congressional Investigation Regarding the Impeachment of Donald J. Trump. The basis of such an action would be the Emoluments Clause of the U.S. Constitution, which requires that the President receive no monetary benefit from his service as president beyond his salary. About 80 people heard the case for such a resolution made by attorney Marguerite Dorn, member of the board of Directors of Free Speech for People, whose biography and presentation can be found on page 21 in the Bulletin, along with the link for viewing the forum on Weston Media (<https://vimeo.com/242106544>) on page 19. Although I had expected to hear opponents speak against her case, either on the merits, or on the principle that Town Meeting was not the appropriate place to debate national issues, none materialized that night. The article is scheduled to be the last on the warrant, which is #14. At least two of the other articles will likely be passed over, so I hope the resolution will be heard on the first night of the Special Town Meeting, and not put off until the second night (Monday, December 4).

The Board agreed at the November Board Meeting that we would like to set up a Coffee Hour in January to host our legislators, Senator Mike Barrett and Representative Alice Peisch to hear about what's going on at the State House, and what are their

legislative priorities for the year. Of particular interest at the moment is the fate of the bill dealing with judicial and prison reform.

There is a League membership renewal form at the back of this Bulletin. If you have not renewed your membership yet this fall, please do so now, before the holiday season is upon us.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2017

November 18, Saturday..... 11:00 a.m. Weston Public Library Community Room	LWVW Coffee Hour on Warrant Article for Arts and Innovation Center in the Old Library
November 23, Thursday.....	THANKSGIVING
November 28, Tuesday..... 7:00 p.m., Weston High School Auditorium	Special Town Meeting
December 4, Monday..... 7:00 p.m., Weston High School Auditorium	Second night of Special Town Meeting, if needed
December 5, Tuesday..... 54 Bogle St. (Kathy Rousseau, 781-235-6559)	LWVW Board Meeting 9:15, All members welcome!
December 25, Monday.....	CHRISTMAS
January 1, Monday.....	NEW YEAR'S DAY

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Kathleen Rousseau

The November meeting took place at the home of Barbara Fullerton.

Town Meeting Issues: 1) Old Library construction funds - \$4.6 million in addition to what has been already spent. Historic New England may be worried that we are not complying with their restrictions. 2) Rail-Trail planning. 3) Warren Avenue housing - more money is needed to finish the alterations. The current work was not done properly. 4) Impeachment of the president is last on the warrant.

We will have electronic voting this time.

There was a discussion about 40B proposals for the town.

John Fiske's meeting on the emoluments clause of the constitution was very successful. Marguerite Dorn gave an excellent presentation. Katty announced that the League took no position on this issue. About 80 people attended this meeting. A lot of the people were not from Weston, but are part of an impeachment group. Nobody spoke up against the article. A number of people said, "this isn't going to get us anywhere".

Coffee Hour: November 18 - A presentation on the Arts and Innovation Center.

Criminal Justice: The House is making a lot of changes in the current Senate bill.

Barbara Flannery went to the League Leader's meeting. The big focus was on membership retention. The League is trying to get young people to have contact with their legislators.

We are considering having a voter registration at the High School this April.

Katty will try to arrange a Coffee Hour with our state legislators this winter.

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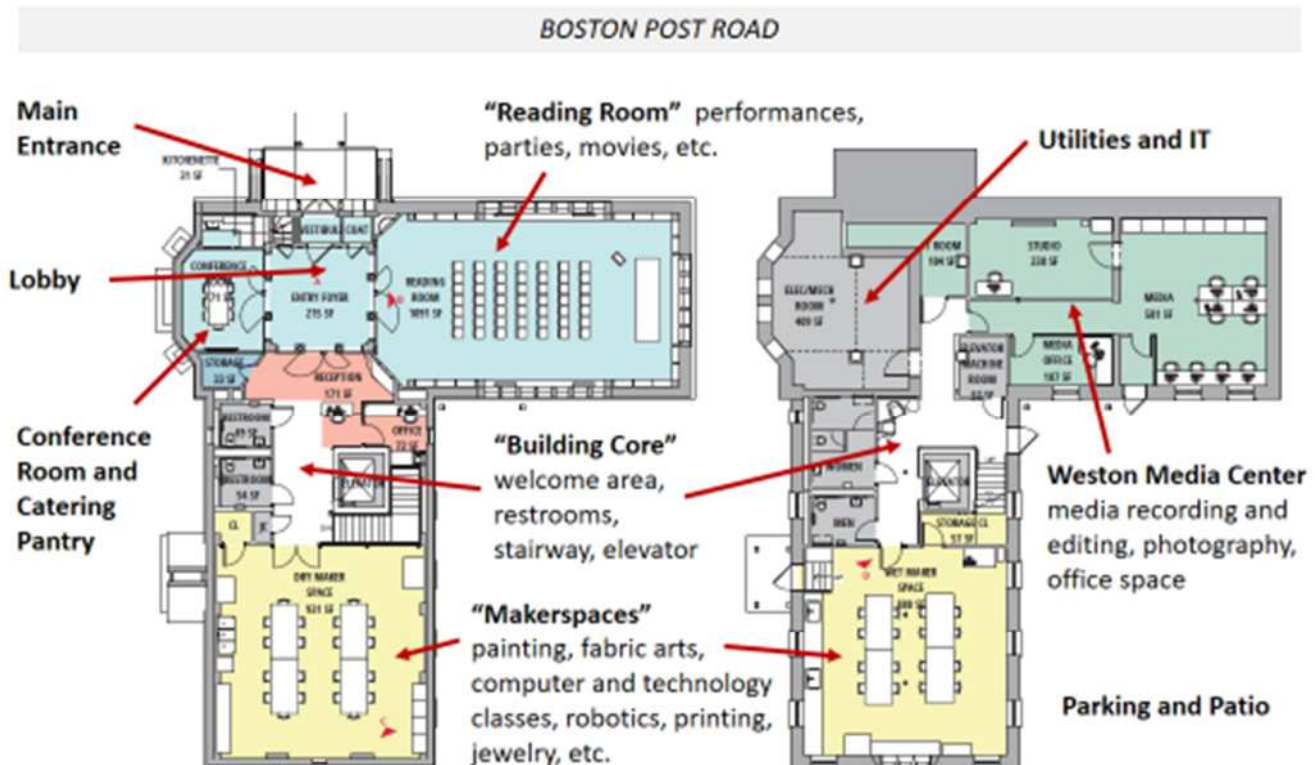
**STATUS OF THE WESTON ART & INNOVATION CENTER,
A BRANCH OF THE WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 10, 2017**

**Joel Angiolillo,
Chair of the Weston Art & Innovation Center Advisory Board**

Since the Old Library was retired in 1995, the town has been looking for a new use for this historic building. In 2013, the Board of Selectmen appointed a committee to explore any and all options. (The two earlier attempts to find a reuse failed at Town Meetings.) In December 2015 this new committee decided on a plan sponsored by the Weston Public Library and the Weston Media Center to convert the building into community space for learning, art, exhibitions, and fabrication. The classroom and workshop space would be in old “stacks” area and the downstairs children’s room. Public performance and meeting space would be located in the old reading room, lobby and circulation desk area. The Weston Media Center offices and studio would be located in the

east wing of the lower level. This concept was called the “Weston Art & Innovation Center.”

In May 2015 Town Meeting voted to spend \$364,000 for the design and engineering work required to get a firm quote for the renovations. Since that time, the WAIC Advisory Board, the Permanent Building Committee, the Historic Commission, and the Facilities Department have been working hard with the architecture firm LLB to come up with a “bare bones” design that would preserve the historic nature of the building, while at the same time serve the programming needs of the WAIC concept.



The completed plans went out for bid in September 2017. The “low bid” quotes, together with the various ancillary costs and the \$900,000 “contingency fee” (money to cover unforeseen issues), comes to \$4.6M. In October both The Community Preservation Committee and the Finance Committee unanimously voted to support the \$4.6M expenditure. Article 1 of the Warrant for the November Special Town Meeting is for this expenditure from the CPC funds.

If approved, construction could start immediately and will take between 12 to 18 months to complete.

The exterior of the building will not be visibly changed, except for an accessible entrance in the front (approved by the historical commission). However, new septic, parking lot and walkways are required.

The building requires all new utilities: Electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, security, and fire prevention. The slab under the building needs to be replaced and the foundation waterproofed. Almost all the floors, walls, and ceilings will be replaced or re-surfaced. For the building to be code

compliant, the constructions will include five new bathrooms, an elevator and a stairway. Glass partitions will be added between major areas of the building for sound isolation, security, and heating/cooling purposes.

The goal of the project is not just to renovate the historic Old Library, or course, but also to fill the building with activities and events that will create community and enliven our downtown. The WAIC will host programs in the areas of art, media and technology. The focus will be on *creation* and *making*, what today is often called a “makerspace,” supporting residents who want to learn new skills and new technologies. The WAIC will work to the Library, the COA and Recreation Center to avoid duplication.

The WAIC must be self-funding. Expenses cannot exceed income. The WAIC team has a budget plan that includes income from class fees, rentals, memberships, sponsorships and fundraising. The Weston Public Library Trustees have also pledged to support the WAIC during its start-up period. If the WAIC cannot balance its budget, then the building will revert to the Town for another use.



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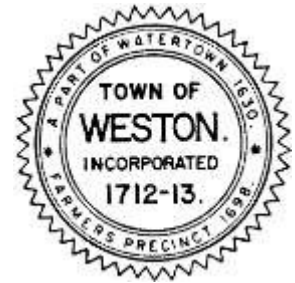
Some bites will leave us scratching, while others can make us sick.

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1. Remove leaf litter and brush from your yard. It makes the perfect home for ticks on a sunny day.
2. Clear gutters and empty water from toys and other containers in the yard. Standing water is where mosquitoes will breed.
3. Deter deer from your yard by using deer fencing or natural repellents. (Ask us about our natural deer repellents!) Deer can carry ticks near the home.
4. Keep playground equipment, decks, and patios away from yard edges and trees and place them in a sunny location, if possible.
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WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING November 28, 2017



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To any Constable in the Town of Weston, Greetings:

In the name of The Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Auditorium of the Senior High School in said Town on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of November 2017, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: APPROPRIATE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES – WESTON ART & INNOVATION CENTER

To appropriate a sum of money for historic resources purposes under the Community Preservation Program to pay costs of constructing improvements to preserve, rehabilitate and restore the historic Old Library building, located at 356 Boston Post Road, as a branch of the Weston Public Library to be known as the Weston Art & Innovation Center, including all related incidental costs; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, said sum to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, Section 11, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes for this purpose; and further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 1 Explanation: The Weston Art & Innovation Center ("WAIC") will transform the Old Library into an arts and technology learning center that provides multiple types of hands on instruction for all ages. The WAIC proposal keeps this historic building open to the public and preserves Town ownership. It offers a re-use that is compatible with zoning and bylaws and will not require special permission or variances. It will bring the building up to code, make it handicapped accessible, and satisfy parking requirements for municipal buildings. The proposal has a low impact on abutters, will preserve the architectural integrity of the interior and exterior of the building, and will protect the prior CPA Fund investment in exterior restoration. The Josiah Smith Tavern/Old Library Working Group unanimously supported this project as the best representation of townspeople's desired use as expressed in a town-wide survey.

The first floor of the building will be renovated to house several public spaces. The old reading room will become a large open space that will host art openings, recitals, lectures, films, and private functions. The old stacks will become open, flexible studio and workshop space. The old circulation desk area will become a small conference room with a warming pantry. The lower level will provide much needed accessible office and studio space for the Weston Media Center. In addition, the old children's room will become a second open, flexible studio and workshop space. The construction will include accessible bathrooms, a new stairway, a new parking lot, a new septic and all new wiring, plumbing, heating, ventilation and cooling.

WAIC operations will be conducted under the direction of experienced library and media staff. Fundraising, corporate sponsorships, rentals, and class fees will contribute to the cost of running the center, and library trust funds will be used to offset operating deficits.

CPA funds appropriated at the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting paid for full architectural and engineering services and other predevelopment expenses to enable this construction fund request. The amount to be requested under this article is up to \$4,600,000.

ARTICLE 2: APPROPRIATE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING – WARREN AVENUE HOUSING

To appropriate an additional sum of money for community housing purposes under the Community Preservation Program in order to pay costs of creating two units of affordable housing in a Town-owned duplex located at 66-68 Warren Avenue and to construct storage sheds for the affordable housing units at 66-68 and 72-76 Warren Avenue, Weston, including all related incidental costs, as a grant to the Weston Affordable Housing Trust, pursuant to a grant agreement between the Town Manager and the Weston Affordable Housing Trust, on such terms and conditions as the Town Manager, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, deems appropriate, and as funding therefor, to transfer said sum from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2 Explanation: In December 2014, Town Meeting appropriated CPA funds to create 7 units of permanently deed restricted community housing in 3 Town owned buildings: an existing duplex (66-68 Warren Ave.), an existing single family home (71-73 Warren Ave.), and the former Water Division garage (72-76 Warren Ave.). Due to severe winter weather conditions, unforeseen construction issues, and contractor difficulties, cost overruns occurred. The Permanent Building Committee ("PBC"), which managed project construction, chose to cut scope rather than request additional funding during construction. Five units are complete; since June 2016, 3 have been occupied by households with incomes which do not exceed 80% of the area media and 2 by households with incomes which do not exceed 100% of the area median.

This request will provide funding for the renovation of 66-68 Warren Ave. and the construction of storage sheds for 66-68 and 72-76 Warren Ave. to complete the project. The project is owned by the Weston Affordable Housing Trust and managed by the Brook School Apartments Management Office. The amount to be requested under this article is up to \$428,600.

ARTICLE 3: APPROPRIATE FOR RECREATION – RAIL TRAIL AMENITIES DESIGN

To appropriate a sum of money for recreation purposes under the Community Preservation Program to pay costs of designing and engineering infrastructure, landscaping, signage and amenities to the Wayside Rail Trail to be developed along the abandoned rail line in Weston, said trail shown generally on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, including all related incidental costs; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, said sum to be transferred from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3 Explanation: The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, which holds a 99 year lease on 23 miles of former railroad corridor from Berlin to Waltham, and Eversource, which has the right to access and service its power lines within the corridor, intend to construct a 10 foot wide paved multi-use trail in Weston. This request will fund conceptual design of rail trail amenities including parking, plantings, and signage. The amount to be requested under this article is \$73,000.

ARTICLE 4: APPROPRIATE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES – CATTLE PASSES ALONG RAIL TRAIL

To appropriate a sum of money for historic resources purposes under the Community Preservation Program to pay costs of preserving, rehabilitating and restoring historic cattle passes along the Wayside Rail Trail to be developed along the abandoned rail line in Weston, said trail shown generally on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, including all related incidental costs; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, said sum to be transferred from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4 Explanation: Among the historical assets along the Wayside Rail Trail in Weston are two concrete-topped cattle passes that date from 1920/21. These cattle passes are a testament to the town's agricultural history, as they allowed a connection between two portions of farms cut by the railroad right of way. Funding requested under this article will stabilize and repair the structures to ensure their material integrity and longevity. The amount to be requested under this article is \$62,535.

ARTICLE 5: APPROPRIATE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES – FARMERS’ BURIAL GROUND AND CENTRAL CEMETERY RESTORATION

To appropriate a sum of money for historic resource purposes under the Community Preservation Program, to be used to assess, preserve, conserve and restore gravestones, tombs, and other elements in the historic Farmers’ Burial Ground, located on Boston Post Road at Colpitts Road, and Central Cemetery, located on Boston Post Road at Linwood Avenue, including all related incidental costs, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, said sum to be transferred from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 5 Explanation: Farmers’ Burial Ground and Central Cemetery are important historic landmarks within the Boston Post Road corridor. The first recorded burial in Farmers’ Burial Ground took place in 1703, a decade before Weston’s incorporation. The first burial of record in Central Cemetery occurred in 1792. Some of the community’s earliest and most prominent citizens, including Josiah Smith and Colonel Lamson, and at least 25 Revolutionary War veterans are interred in these two cemeteries. More than 300 years of Weston’s history is recorded in these scenic outdoor museums.

This is the second phase of a 3 phase funding request. Funds appropriated at the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting were used to restore the majority of the most damaged monuments in Farmers’ Burial Ground. Funds requested under this article will be used to update a condition assessment for both cemeteries, to prepare bid documents, and to complete conservation of the most damaged markers in both cemeteries, including some monuments in Farmers’ Burial Ground which were not restored during Phase I. The final phase of this project will fund preservation/restoration of stone walls, gates, steps, and posts at both cemeteries and the tomb at Central Cemetery. The amount to be requested under this article is \$205,000.

ARTICLE 6: AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW TO PROHIBIT RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS IN WESTON

To amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Weston by inserting a new section, Section V.M., Marijuana Establishments, as follows:

Section V, “USE REGULATIONS.” M, “MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS”

Consistent with G.L. c.94G, § 3(a)(2), all types of non-medical “marijuana establishments” as defined in G.L. c.94G, §1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of Weston.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 6 Explanation: On November 8, 2016, Massachusetts voters approved Question 4 legalizing the recreational use of marijuana (Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2016), but in Weston, the vote on Question 4 was 2,880 in favor and 3,652 against. Question 4 allowed municipalities to prohibit marijuana establishments by a town vote. At the May 2017 Town Election, Ballot Question 2 prohibiting marijuana establishments in Weston was approved by a vote of 753-260. On July 28, 2017 the Massachusetts State Legislature approved “An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana” which allowed municipalities that voted against Question 4 to prohibit marijuana establishments by adopting a bylaw or bylaws for such purposes. Articles 6 and 7 are proposed to carry out and codify the action taken by the Town of Weston on Question 4 and at the 2017 Annual Town Election by prohibiting all recreational marijuana establishments, including cultivation, testing, product manufacturing, retail and any other type of recreational marijuana-related business in Weston.

A two-thirds vote of Town Meeting is required for approval of this article.

ARTICLE 7: AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS TO PROHIBIT RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS IN WESTON

To amend the General By-laws of the Town of Weston by inserting a new article, Article XXXVI, MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS, as follows:

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ARTICLE 8: AUTHORIZE LAND SWAP – 259 AND 265 GLEN ROAD

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant and convey a parcel of land shown as “Parcel ‘B,’” containing 249 square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Weston, Massachusetts,” dated October 16, 2017, prepared by Snelling & Hamel Associates, Inc., as may be amended, said plan on file with the Town Clerk, to the owner of the property known as 259 Glen Road, and, in consideration for and in exchange for said grant and conveyance, the owner of 259 Glen Road shall grant and convey to the Town a parcel of land shown as “Parcel ‘D,’” containing 110 square feet, more or less, as shown on the aforesaid plan, and the owner of 265 Glen Road shall grant and convey to the Town two parcels of land shown as “Parcel ‘A,’” containing 189 square feet, more or less, and “Parcel ‘C,’” containing 110 square feet, more or less, as shown on the aforesaid plan, and further, the owner of 265 Glen Road shall release any and all right in the approximately 15’ wide corridor separating 259 Glen Road and 265 Glen Road; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said parcels on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the payment by the owner of 259 Glen Road of any and all costs and expenses of the Town incurred in this matter, including reasonable attorney’s fees, and to enter into such agreements and execute such instruments to effectuate the transaction subject of this vote; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8 Explanation: The owner of both 259 and 265 Glen Road has requested a land swap involving 249 square feet of Town-owned land in exchange for 299 square feet of land that is currently part of the parcels comprising 259 and 265 Glen Road. The Town-owned land involved is part of a 15’ wide area used to access the Burt Field Conservation Area and is located between 259 and 265 Glen Road. The purpose of the swap is to enable the construction of a garage at 259 Glen Road. The owner of both 259 and 265 Glen Road has agreed to grade the swapped land in order to accommodate access by Town vehicles.

CONSENT AGENDA (ARTICLES 9-13)

ARTICLE 9: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2018 OPERATING BUDGET

To amend the following line items in the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget adopted under Article 2 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting, by reducing line items and appropriating additional funds to other line items as follows:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>	<u>Difference</u>
School Department – Salaries	\$33,485,420	\$33,292,192	(\$193,228)
Debt Service (Excluded)	9,066,234	8,976,159	(90,075)
Selectmen's Consulting & Professional Services	40,000	70,000	30,000

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9 Explanation: The appropriation for the School Department-Salaries is reduced because a class size reserve at the elementary level and one kindergarten section are not needed based on actual enrollment. Debt Service is reduced because we did not issue bond anticipation notes in August, as we normally do. Additional funding is requested for the Selectmen's Consulting & Professional Services account because of increased demand for consulting services, including analysis of proposed development.

ARTICLE 10: APPROPRIATE RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

To amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Water Enterprise budget adopted under Article 11 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting by transferring from retained earnings the additional sum of \$250,000 to operate the Water Division of the Department of Public Works during fiscal year 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10 Explanation: In addition to the amount received from water use fees, an additional \$250,000 is needed from retained earnings to fully fund the Water Enterprise Fund. The balance in the retained earnings account is \$778,459 as of 6/30/17.

ARTICLE 11: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2018 RECREATION ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To amend the following line item in the Fiscal Year 2018 Recreation Enterprise Budget adopted under Article 13 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting, by appropriating additional funds as follows:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Expenses	\$468,139	\$478,139	\$10,000

And as funding therefor, that \$10,000 be transferred from Recreation Enterprise Fund retained earnings; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 11 Explanation: This article transfers additional funds to the Expenses appropriation to cover the cost of unanticipated repairs at the Memorial Pool. Retained earnings in the Recreation Enterprise Fund as of June 30, 2017 were certified at \$234,345.

ARTICLE 12: RESCIND BOND AUTHORIZATION

To rescind all or a part of a certain authorization to borrow funds, which was approved in a prior year, where the purpose of the borrowing has been completed and/or it was unnecessary to borrow the amount approved, or take any other action relative thereto:

Article 1 November 14, 2011 Special Town Meeting- Field School Construction \$7,811,092

Article 12 Explanation: The above noted authorization is no longer needed. It is necessary for Town Meeting to rescind the balance of the bond authorization so it can be removed from the Town's financial records.

ARTICLE 13: APPLICATION OF BOND PREMIUM

To supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such

project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13 Explanation: The Municipal Modernization Act of 11/7/2016 amended Massachusetts General Law c. 44 S. 20 related to surplus proceeds from sale of bonds. This new Act allows for bond premiums, net of issuance costs, to be applied to a debt issuance, therefore reducing the amount to be borrowed. Article 14 allows for any debt that had been authorized at Town Meeting on or before 11/7/2016, but not yet issued, to be covered under this new Act. The premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.

ARTICLE 14: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION REGARDING IMPEACHMENT OF DONALD J. TRUMP (SUBMITTED BY CITIZENS' PETITION)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the citizen's petition in favor of Resolution in Support of Congressional Investigation regarding Impeachment of Donald J. Trump. Such resolution, in part, asks the House of Representatives to investigate whether President Donald Trump is violating the United States Constitution in various ways, including accepting domestic and foreign emoluments in addition to his salary, and whether these violations are sufficient grounds for his impeachment, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 14 Explanation (provided by the lead petitioner): This is a resolution directing the House of Representatives to investigate whether grounds exist for the impeachment of Donald J. Trump for violating the emoluments clauses of the U.S. Constitution.

And you are to serve the warrant by posting four attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green Railroad Station, at the Town of Weston Transfer Station and on the kiosk at the front of the High School by the gymnasium, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands October 26, 2017.

Harvey R. Boshart
Douglas P. Gillespie
Christopher E. Houston

NEW TO TOWN MEETING: VOTING ELECTRONICALLY

During the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, Weston citizens approved an article amending Article I of the General By-laws to allow the use of electronic, hand-held devices for voting at Town Meetings. Instead of using placards or standing to be counted, voters will now use electronic handsets to register their votes.

As with previous Town Meetings, voters will check-in to be confirmed, but can use any check-in station rather than lining up alphabetically by last name. As you check-in, you will be issued a handset for your exclusive use during Town Meeting. Please remember to allow enough time to check-in and to receive your handset before the start of Town Meeting. The handset requires approximately 10 minutes to sync-up before it is able to cast a vote.

A practice vote will be taken in order to get participants comfortable with the new technology.

More information about how to use the handheld device is available on the Town's website at www.weston.org/TownMeeting and will be available at Town Meeting.

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ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS UPDATE

Barbara Fullerton

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to worry people by reversing environmental regulations passed during the Obama administration with the apparent intention of generally NOT protecting the environment. This is not unexpected since the new director, Scott Pruitt, spent years suing the EPA in court while he was attorney general of Oklahoma. He denies the science of climate change; this was particularly noticeable immediately after Hurricane Harvey. Pruitt then criticized scientists and the media for suggesting that there were scientific explanations for the major rainfall, storm surges, and flooding associated with the storm.

Pruitt has recently announced changes covering who can **advise the EPA** on its research and regulatory priorities. He decided that scientists who receive EPA funding will no longer be allowed to serve on the agency's advisory groups. Although he explained that he did not want to have any appearance of conflict of interest, opponents of the plan, including science organizations, science advocates, environmentalists, and politicians, disagreed, claiming that this would **remove the top environmental experts** from an advisory role, and allow industry officials to influence the EPA agency decisions, which would be a conflict. For those who think that **fact-based science** should be the

basis for decisions, this is worrisome. Legal experts say that the issue will probably go to federal court and the EPA will need to prove that blocking some scientists from its boards serves a legitimate government interest.



One of the major jobs of the EPA is to protect the environment from toxic chemicals that effect not just human health, but also that of other living things. The effect of pesticides, and specifically, **neonicotinoid pesticides**, on pollinators is an issue that has been in the news in the last couple of years. Neonicotinoids are chemically similar to nicotine and act on the central nervous system. Neonicotinoids are typically coated on the outside of seeds that are then planted. All parts of the resulting plants contain the pesticide, including the pollen on the flowers. Bees and other pollinators that collect the pollen can die from the pesticide or be affected in other ways, such as becoming disoriented.

Besides affecting pollinators, a recent research study has demonstrated that **migrating birds** that have eaten as few as 4 coated seeds show after



three days a 17% decrease in their body weight, as well as having a decreased ability to orient spatially. Migratory songbirds have fallen in number by 1.5 billion since 1970, and this may be one of the major contributing factors.

One may ask “**What can I do** to save bees and birds, since I don’t think I’m using plants that have been treated with neonicotinoids.”

First, when you **purchase plants**, ask the nursery whether they have been grown with neonicotinoids. Tell any landscaping companies who work for you that you do not want them to use such plants.

Secondly, **contact our elected officials** in the State House. Massachusetts Senator Eldridge and

Representative Dykema introduced in 2017 the “Massachusetts Pollinator Protection Act (H.2113/S.2164) to remove neonicotinoid pesticides from consumer use. This action would at least reduce the pesticide in our state while we wait for the EPA and other states to act. Senator Anne Gobi is important in this story as well; she is the chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. If you care about these issues, contact our senator and representative, and also Senator Gobi, who is reportedly undecided on the necessity of these bills.

Phone numbers: Senator Gobi- 617-722-1540; Senator Barrett – 617-722-1572; Representative Peisch- 617-722-2070.



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**WESTON COUNCIL ON AGING
LOCAL AND GLOBAL DISCUSSION GROUP
TO MULL PROSPECTS FOR AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN**

Susan Wagner

In early October, the United States marked the end of the sixteenth year of virtually continuous military operations in Afghanistan following the attacks of September 11, 2001. At the same time, the end of the year will mark an even grimmer milestone for the Afghans, who have endured almost continual conflict in their country since 1978.

The U.S. invaded Afghanistan seeking to destroy al-Qaeda, the terrorist group responsible for the 9/11 attacks; at the time, Al-Qaeda was being sheltered by the Taliban, then the rulers of much of Afghanistan. Next door, Pakistan was allied with the Taliban, but was forced to withdraw its support at the insistence of the U.S.

In the 16 years since 2001, however, Pakistan has continued to quietly support the Taliban in its fight against the infidel invaders as well as against the Afghan government, even while they help the U.S. combat al-Qaeda. The U.S. remains concerned about both the Taliban and al-Qaeda, while trying to manage its relationships with both Afghanistan and Pakistan.

How should the U.S. proceed in Afghanistan? Is it possible that Pakistan might cease to differentiate between the “good” Taliban (i.e., those fighting against the U.S. in Afghanistan) and the “bad” Taliban (i.e., those disrupting an already volatile situation in their own country) and cooperate with Afghanistan to defeat the fundamentalist political and religious group in the border region between the two countries? Some 16 years into the war in

Afghanistan, what are the U.S. goals there and what are the prospects of achieving them?

These are some of the questions that will be considered by the Weston Council on Aging’s Local and Global Discussion Group (LGDG) at its next meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 1:15 pm at the COA.

The LGDG meets monthly at the Weston Council on Aging to explore topics related to global issues and U.S. foreign relations as well as those of national, state, and community interest.

Long established, with a history of at least 20 years, the group has a strong core membership of 15-20 individuals from Weston and surrounding communities and representing all walks of life – from business to government to academia to people who just want to broaden their horizons. Emphasis is on wide participation from around the table and on civil and respectful discourse.

The group loosely follows the topics introduced in the *Great Decisions* book published annually by the Foreign Policy Association. Participants are encouraged, though not required, to read the relevant chapter before each meeting.

All are welcome to attend the upcoming session. For further information, contact Paul Sullivan (781-893-5005; paulrsullivan@yahoo.com) or Susan Wagner (508-733-8810; susanwgnr@gmail.com).



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THE CONSTITUTION AND DONALD TRUMP A FORUM FOR CONCERNED CITIZENS

Hosted by the Weston League of Women Voters
Weston, October 26, 2017

On Thursday, October 26, our League, along with a group of Weston residents headed by John Fiske, hosted a Forum to examine a Citizens' Petition included on the warrant for Special Town Meeting on November 28 (see Warrant, Article #14, on page 13). The petition, entitled "Resolution in Support of Congressional Investigation Regarding Impeachment of Donald J. Trump" calls for Congress to **investigate whether the president is violating the** two clauses of the U.S. Constitution forbidding the president from receiving any emolument other than his compensation as president.

The forum featured a presentation by Attorney Marguerite M. Dorn, whose bio and prepared comments are found below. The Community Room was packed, with standing room only, and the forum was recorded by Weston Media. You can view the entire forum at <https://vimeo.com/242106544> and read the full text of the resolution on page 26 below.



From left: John Fiske, Katty Chace, president of the Weston League of Women Voters, and Marguerite Dorn, Board member of Free Speech for People.



Following Ms. Dorn's presentation, the attentive audience participated in a session of lively questions and answers.



Left: Standing room only!

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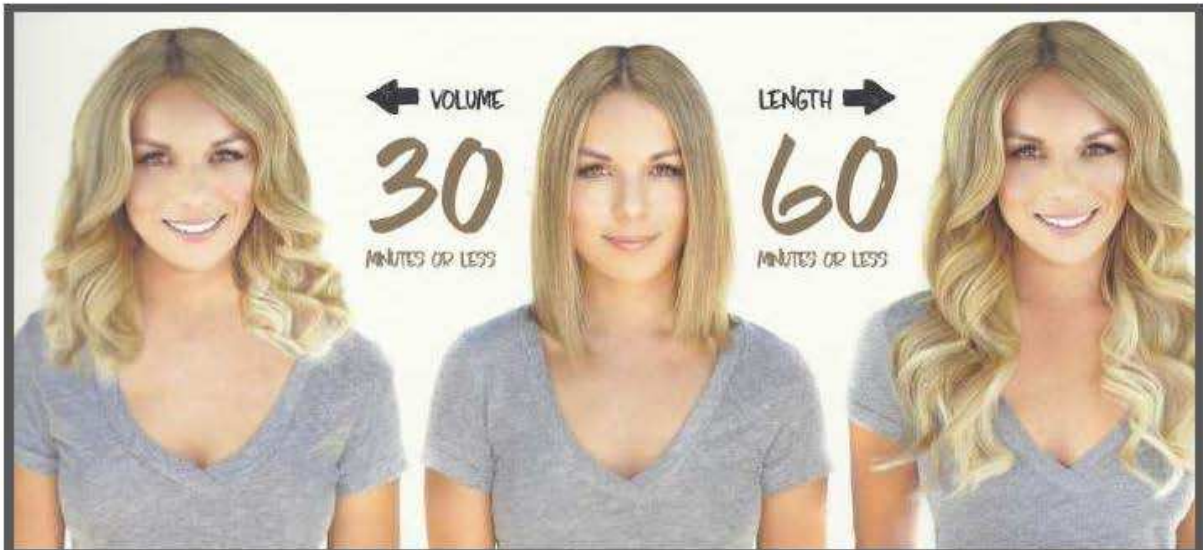
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Marguerite is a graduate of Boston College and Boston College Law School. She began her law career with the Boston firm Nutter, McClennen & Fish, and she remained in private practice for seven years.

The bulk of Marguerite's career has centered on public international law. Marguerite has taught at both Suffolk University Law School (where she founded the International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Project) and at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. She directed programs at the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights; led a fact-finding mission to South Africa; oversaw student-based research and writing for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; and acted as a trial monitor for the ground-breaking

decision in *Akeyesu* (first international decision establishing rape as a war crime).

Marguerite founded a consulting firm in 2010 that focuses on women's leadership and advancement. Marguerite's work addresses the barriers that impede women's progress, primarily in the workplace. Her firm offers training, presentation, coaching, consulting and scholarship, with emphasis on optimizing work-family blending, maximizing communication skills, and navigating unconscious bias. Marguerite continues to teach on an adjunct basis. At present, she is teaching law-based courses at Wheelock College, where she emphasizes activism skills and strategies designed to protect and promote democracy and inclusion.

PREPARED COMMENTS BY ATTORNEY MARGUERITE M. DORN
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OCTOBER 26 2017

I'm here tonight because I am a proud supporter of the United States Constitution.

It is the mission statement for our country, the operating instructions for promoting and protecting our democratic form of government – and it is the supreme law of the land. No person in our country - no person - is above the rules set out in the Constitution.

I imagine you all feel the same way, and that is why you have joined our conversation to talk about whether an impeachment investigation should be initiated against Donald Trump (DT) – in order to protect our constitutional principles.

I would like to thank Katty and John for their comments, and the Weston League of Women Voters for facilitating tonight's discussion.

And providing us with an opportunity to delve more deeply into the questions of why over 1.2 million Americans have signed a petition calling for impeachment –

And why numerous cities and towns across the country have endorsed a resolution calling for the opening of an impeachment investigation.

I thought I would provide some background to the discussion, which will be about 15 minutes of my talking. I would then like to open the floor to your questions and comments. My hope is that we will all leave this evening feeling more clarity around our own position on the questions of impeachment, the protection of the Constitution, and the conduct of DT that is underlying our grave concerns.

When I mention 1.2 million Americans having signed a petition, I am referring to an initiative called 'Impeach DT now.' anyone familiar?

I sit on the board of directors of the national organization that launched this initiative. It is called Free Speech For People. FSFP, as I will call it, arose out of the Citizens United decision in 2010 at the United States Supreme Court. Its mission is to remove money from politics and in other ways to preserve constitutional values. FSFP is comprised of a staff of well-regarded lawyers, and it is engaged on many fronts in constitutionally based litigation.

On the day of DT's inauguration, FSFP launched a national campaign to open an impeachment investigation, based upon DT's violations of the emoluments clauses of the Constitution. Because DT refused to divest himself of his business assets – or even to separate himself from his business revenue streams – he was in violation of the emoluments clauses on day one. Not only had many high profile lawyers informed him of the impending violations before inauguration – he himself had addressed the issue. He clearly knew – and he simply said that, as POTUS, he could do what he wanted.

The campaign to impeach, as I say, has the support of over one million Americans as well as the endorsement of many municipal governments. It is a non-partisan initiative endorsed by Americans of all political persuasions. It is not about policy. Some of us may disagree with this administration on health care or immigration, but that is not what the argument in favor of an impeachment investigation is about. It is bigger than that.

This campaign has created the model resolution, outlining the evidentiary bases that underlie the call for investigating impeachment. This is the resolution that will be brought before the Weston Special Town Meeting, on Tuesday November 28, asking for Weston's endorsement. Cities and towns across the U.S., including here in Massachusetts Cambridge, Brookline and Newton – and in California, Oakland and L.A. - have endorsed a similar resolution, having concluded that the

protection of our Constitution is in the interests of every community and every person, even at the town level.

There are several arguments that support impeachment. I will list a few now, and then I will talk about one in particular – that of the emoluments violations – as it is the basis for the resolution that will come before Weston town committee. We can talk about the others during our Q & A, if you would like to.

Calls for impeachment are coming from a wide variety of sources and are based upon various of DT's actions.

Many see the run-up to the firing of James Comey – with the demand of loyalty and the struggle to articulate a legal justification – as evidence to support impeachment based upon obstruction of justice.

Some see the pardon of Sherriff Joe Arpaio as an impeachable abuse of office.

Robert Mueller's investigation appears to be leading toward the finding of coordination between Russian operatives and the Trump campaign - what some people call collusion – and which, if established, would also form the basis of impeachable offenses.

Bob Corker expresses his fear that DT represents a threat to our national security. Imagine that – the greatest threat to U.S. national security could be its own POTUS.

Let's take a few minutes to talk in a bit more detail on emoluments – or conflicts of interest.

When we refer to emoluments, we are talking about corruption, about a situation where a POTUS, or other official, would put his or her interests above those of the nation and of the people.

Our country's founders had a first hand view, with their experience under British rule, of what can

happen when leaders are tempted to self-enrich at the expense of the people. They were deeply concerned about the corrosive effects that corruption would have on the young nation.

And so they included two explicit provisions in our Constitution. And they used the word emolument for a specific reason – they wanted to make clear that the intent was expansive; that they were not talking solely about money but about any reward that might be used to influence a president to undermine the integrity of the office. Thus, we read “emolument” to include any benefit, advantage, or profit.

The first provision, the domestic emoluments clause, says that the president can have one – and only one – form of compensation for his job – that of his salary. He cannot take gifts or benefits from federal, state or local governments – or the taxpayers’ monies that they control.

Yet, we all know that DT has visited his golf clubs somewhere in the range of 70 times so far – bringing along Secret Service and a cotillion of staff and guests. We foot the bill for these outings. And some portion of the reportedly in excess of \$73 million so far - goes straight into the Trump Organization’s coffers.

Last February, the State Department spent more than \$15k to book 19 rooms at the new Trump hotel in Vancouver, when members of the Trump family headlined the grand opening. The State Department also ran an ad for Mar-a-Lago on its official website. Until the recent lease dispute, Secret Service was renting a floor in Trump Tower in New York City. The National Security Council is reported to have been booking stays at Mar-a-Lago – of course we don’t have those visitor logs to confirm.

Every golfing trip, every Mar-a-Lago dinner, is not only paid for by taxpayers – but is providing free advertising for Trump properties.

And - this enrichment scheme is, in turn, supported by policy decisions. For example, in one of his first

acts as president, Trump signed an Executive Order reversing an EPA decision under the Clean Water Act that would have significantly raised water costs at his golf courses.

The second provision that we will talk about, the Foreign Emoluments Clause, likewise seeks to rein in how a POTUS might self-enrich – in this case, with foreign powers.

The examples of DT’s violations here also are widespread, starting with his first days in office. Recall that he took a phone call with the Taiwanese president early on. Many were aghast that he appeared ignorant of the U.S.one-China policy.

Then, lo and behold, China issued to Trump org a series of trademarks – applications for which had been pending, in some cases, for ten years – some had actually already been denied. After that, President Xi was invited to dinner at Mar-a-Lago and one China was restored.

Here is another story. For years, the Kuwaiti embassy held its annual holiday party at the four seasons in D.C.. This year, at the last minute, the embassy cancelled the four seasons and booked instead – where do you think? Trump Hotel in D.C..

The Wall Street Journal has reported that this hotel in D.C. has raised its rates more than 50 percent in the months since the election. One foreign dignitary, when asked about staying there, said “Isn’t it rude to come to his city and say I am staying at your competitor.”

There are properties all over the world bearing the Trump name. And every time that a foreign official chooses to stay at one of them, Trump reaps financial reward. We don’t always know whether – or what – is promised or given in exchange. What we do know is that the level of possible influence peddling is something we have never before witnessed in the U.S. office of President.

And so we wonder, is Trump’s chumminess with Philippine president Duterte related to his license to build a \$150 million Trump Tower in Manila?

What about failing to criticize Erdogan in Turkey, where he also does business? Or not including states in the Muslim bans where he does do business?

So, will DT be impeached on the basis of the emoluments clauses?

It goes without saying that impeachment is not as much a legal – but a political - process. In order to impeach, we need the house judiciary committee to open an investigation – to take seriously the evidence that has already been presented.

Can we expect the GOP – which, of course, controls both chambers at this time - to take this action?

Maybe not.

But let me tell you why I believe we need to make the very loud, very clear call for impeachment nonetheless. Because we cannot simply acquiesce in the blatant and brazen violations of our laws; because we cannot simply sit back and allow wilful ignorance of what our country's values and principles stand for; because we are proud supporters of the U.S. Constitution.

We need the small but insistent hum of dissent to be growing; for the GOP to hear that we will not tolerate the obliteration of our values; for Trump to know that the drumbeat of impeachment is not going away, but is a continual pressure that steadily becomes louder and more insistent.

There are a whole host of things that we can continue to talk about tonight. We can look more at emoluments, or the other bases for impeachment. We can talk about what Tom Styer and some of the other groups are doing. We can talk about whether we want Pence as POTUS – or how impeachment would work.

So I'm going to stop here, and let's see where all of you would like to take the conversation.

To close:

I'd like to thank all of you for coming out tonight – and for your active participation.

We are here tonight because we stand firm in saying to the current occupant of the White House - you are not above the law.

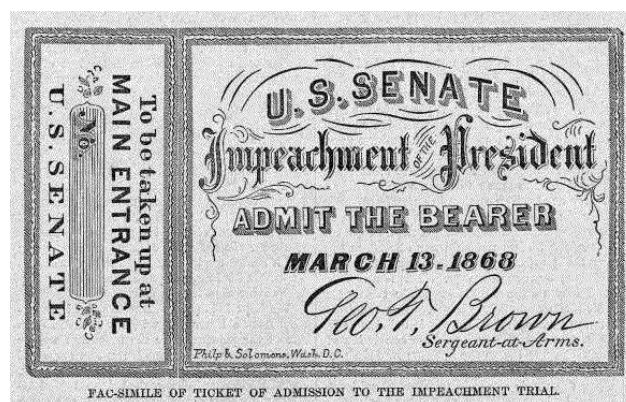
And our voices count.

In the end, it is only the power of our voices that will propel the U.S. Congress to do its job – to stand, as we stand, as proud supporters of the Constitution.

As Professor Tribe has said –

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Below you can read the resolution to be voted on at Town Meeting, and the two Articles of the Constitution to which it

pertains. For further information on this resolution, contact John Fiske at emolumentswarrantarticle@gmail.com

**ARTICLE I
Section 9, Clause 8**

No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.

**ARTICLE II
Section 1, Clause 7**

The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.



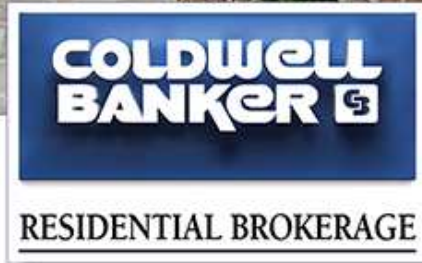
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION
REGARDING IMPEACHMENT OF DONALD J. TRUMP**

WHEREAS, the Foreign Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution provides that “no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under [the United States], shall, without the consent of the Congress, accept any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State,”

WHEREAS, the Domestic Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution provides that, besides the fixed salary for his four-year term, the President “shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them,”

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WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump, the President of the United States, owns various business interests and receives various streams of income from all over the world, by means of which he receives emoluments from foreign governments, states of the United States, or the United States itself,

WHEREAS, the term “emoluments” includes a broad range of financial benefits, including but not limited to monetary payments, purchase of goods and services even for fair market value, subsidies, tax breaks, extensions of credit, and favorable regulatory treatment,

WHEREAS, leading constitutional scholars and government ethics experts warned Donald J. Trump shortly after the November 2016 election that, unless he fully divested his businesses and invested the money in conflict-free assets or a blind trust, he would violate the Constitution from the moment he took office,

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2017, nine days before his inauguration, Donald J. Trump announced a plan that would, if carried out, remove him from day-to-day operations of his businesses, but not eliminate any of the ongoing flow of emoluments from foreign governments, state governments, or the United States government,

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2017, Donald J. Trump took the oath of office and became President of the United States,

WHEREAS, from the moment he took office, President Trump has been in violation of the Foreign Emoluments Clause and the Domestic Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution, thereby corruptly advancing his personal wealth, undermining the integrity of the Presidency, and violating the public trust,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF WESTON RESOLVES to call upon the United States House of Representatives to support a resolution authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary of said House to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, including but not limited to, the violations listed herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to call upon the Massachusetts Legislature to adopt its own resolution calling upon the United States House of Representatives to support a resolution authorizing an investigation into whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted officially to the Member of the United States House of Representatives that represents the Town of Weston; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted officially to the state legislators that represent the Town of Weston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Legislature.

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