

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was moved to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #17.

The motion passed by card vote.

Article # 18: To see if the Town of Nottingham will urge the New Hampshire Legislature to join 500 municipalities and 16 other States in calling upon the United States Congress to move forward a Constitutional amendment as follows:

Section 1. The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only.

Artificial entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to regulation by the People, through Federal, State, or local law.

Section 2. Federal, State, and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their economic status, have equal access to the political process, and that no person gains, as a result of their money, substantially more access or ability to influence in any way the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure.

Federal, State, and local government shall require that any permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed.

The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment. **(By Petition)**

Article #18 was moved by Peter White and seconded by Steve Soreff.

A motion was made by Mary Bonser and seconded by Mark Carpenter to amend Article #18 by removing therefrom Section 1 so that Article #18 read as follows:

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After discussion, the amendment to Article #18 failed by card vote.

Article #18 as written passed by card vote.