

March 6, 2012
Hartland Vermont Town Meeting minutes abstract.

Jeffrey Bell proposed the following motion:

In light of the United States Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the town of Hartland urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a United States Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations and unions are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont state and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure.

The motion was seconded by Derek Levin.

DR Bell gave a brief explanation of the intent of the motion. He also read part of Justice Stevenson's dissenting opinion.

There was some question if this was proper for us to act on at Town meeting. It was agreed that even non-binding actions are important.

Chris Mayer stated that if individuals are upset they should be the ones to contact their representatives.

The motion passed by voice vote.