

- B. The Commission shall have authority to enforce this By-law and by violation notices, administrative orders and civil and criminal court actions.**
- C. Upon request of the Commission, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Counsel shall take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the chief of police shall take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.**
- D. Any person who violates any provision of this By-law shall be punished by a fine of up to one-hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the By-law or permit violated shall constitute a separate offense.**

Section 6. Severability

The invalidity of any Section or provision or phrase of this By-law, or disapproval of any Section or provision or phrase of this By-law by the Attorney General, shall not invalidate any other Section or provision or phrase thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit or decision which previously had been issued.

Appendix 1. Map of Flint's Pond Area

ARTICLE 38 Proposed by the Planning Board

VOTED: (Unanimously)

That the Town pass over this article.

ARTICLE 39 Proposed by Citizen Petition

VOTED: (Unanimously)

That the Town support a people's rights amendment to the United States Constitution as stated in the proposal below:

Whereas, we the people of Lincoln Town Meeting affirm our belief that the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States, and in particular the First Amendment, was adopted to protect the rights of natural persons, not corporations;

Whereas, we believe that the Supreme Court's 5-4 majority ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, which overturned longstanding precedents and laws prohibiting corporations from spending their general treasury funds in public elections, has unleashed a flood of uncontrolled and often undisclosed corporate spending to influence elections and governments;

Whereas, we believe this decision presents a serious threat to the conduct of free and fair elections, since it permits corporations to drown out the voices of ordinary persons, and erodes public trust in our political institutions;

Whereas, the Citizens United decision also will undermine the independence of our judiciary and impair its perceived impartiality. (Twenty-one states have elected Supreme Court justices, and thirty-nine states elect at least some appellate or major trial court judges);

Whereas, Citizens United presents a serious and direct threat to our democracy and our republican self-government of, for, and by the people;

Whereas, the people and states of the United States previously have strengthened the nation and preserved liberty and equality for all *by using the amendment process throughout our history, in several instances reversing Supreme Court decisions;*

Now be it therefore resolved to support the following proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

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.

We ask that our Town Selectmen send this resolution to the Massachusetts General Court, to our representatives in the Congress of the United States, and to President Barack Obama.

ARTICLE 40 Proposed by Citizen Petition

Proponent Heather Clary moves, before it is

VOTED: (By majority voice vote)

That the Town pass over this article.

ARTICLE 41 Proposed by the School Committee

VOTED: (By majority voice vote)

That the Town hear a report from the School Building Committee.

Whereupon, Committee Chair Gary Taylor presents a status report on the School Building Committee, including a schedule of forthcoming public information sessions and the promise of a Special Town Meeting in the fall.