

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: JUNE 19, 2012

To any of the Constables of the Town of Gill in the County of Franklin,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Gill Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the Nineteenth day of June, in the year Two Thousand and Twelve (06/19/2012) at 6:15 p.m. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the Fiscal Year 2012 Unemployment Insurance Account (number 913) to the Unemployment Trust Fund (number 814), or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the Fiscal Year 2012 Town Building Repairs & Maintenance Account (number 192) to be used toward a portion of the cost to install a new roof and perform related maintenance at the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Fund, aka Sewer Receipts (number 610) to the Fiscal Year 2012 Riverside Sewer System Account (number 440), or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the Fiscal Year 2012 Gill-Montague School District Account (number 310) to the Education Stabilization Fund (number 823), or take any action relative thereto. (A 2/3 majority vote is required to transfer money into Stabilization.)

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to re-purpose and transfer a sum or sums of money from the Building Inspection Stabilization Fund (number 822) to the Stabilization Fund (number 821), or take any action relative thereto. (A 2/3 majority vote is required to transfer money between Stabilization funds.)

**Article 6:** "A RESOLUTION THAT CORPORATIONS ARE NOT 'NATURAL' PEOPLE AND THAT MONEY DOES NOT EQUATE TO FREE SPEECH" (Article submitted by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to instruct our members of Congress to support an amendment to the United States Constitution to clarify that corporations do not have the same rights as people and that money is not speech for purposes of election-related spending, and/or take any action relative thereto.

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights are intended to protect the rights of individual human beings ("real People"); and,

WHEREAS, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution and The People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations; and,

WHEREAS, the United State Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission presents a serious threat to self-government by allowing unlimited corporate spending to influence elections; and,

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Gill, Massachusetts hereby instruct the Senators representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the members of the United States House of Representatives representing this Congressional District to propose, and our state legislators to ratify an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of real people and that money is not speech for purposes of campaign-related expenditures and contributions.

The text of the proposed amendment is as follows:

Amendment

Section 1. *[A corporation is not a person and can be regulated]*

The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only. Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability companies, and other 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. The Privileges of artificial entities shall be determined by the People, through Federal, State, or locally, and shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

Section 2. *[Money is not speech and can be regulated]*

Federal, State and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures, including a candidate's own contributions and expenditures, for the purpose of influencing 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.

Section 3.

Nothing contained in this amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Main Road; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; The Gill Store & Tavern, Main Road; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, in said Town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as foresaid.

Given under our hand this Fourth day of June in the year Two Thousand Twelve.

**Selectboard of Gill**

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_, Board member

\_\_\_\_\_, Board member

A true copy Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals who may need auxiliary aids for effective communication for this meeting should call the Gill Town Hall at (413) 863-9347 or MA Relay System at (800) 439-2370.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Gill by posting up attested copies of the same at Town Hall, Main Rd.; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; Gill Store & Tavern, Main Rd.; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, fourteen days before the date hereof, as within directed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Constable of Gill

Date: \_\_\_\_\_