

Land Purchasing Warrant Articles over the years:

2015: There had been several land purchases and sales in the past, so after much Public comments the Select Board had established the A-Q process the previous year. This additional warrant came about after the Select Board, ignored Public Comments and did what they thought best.

<p>ARTICLE 27. (By Petition) Under the "a to q" process (the "Process") for conservation land purchases, promulgated by the Board of Selectmen on January 6, 2014, only the written information (the "Information Submittal") and testimony at the public hearing may be considered in approving or recommending any acquisition. The selectmen may consider requiring as part of the Information Submittal an appraisal at the behest of the Town appropriately addressing the development potential of the property and a property survey plan and boundary description. A hazardous waste environmental analysis shall be performed for town on property previously used for commercial use.</p>	<p>829 *</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>548</p>
<p>ARTICLE 28. (By Petition) In addition to the requirements of 2013 Warrant Article 21, shall the CIP Committee annually fulfill the requirements of RSA 674:5 that it "prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects" which shall take into account the Master plan and guidance from the Board of Selectmen?</p>	<p>776 *</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>551</p>

2016: The following was added as the Select Board still seemed to "ignore: the 2015 warrant.

<p>ARTICLE 24. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to require Town Meeting approval prior to the sale, gift or lease for a period of more than one year, of any real property, owned, or to be owned, by the Town. Any contemplated transaction where the assessed value or the consideration exceeds \$200,000 shall require an appraisal, by a State-licensed appraiser, commissioned by the Town. A property survey plan shall be required unless one is already recorded with the Registry of Deeds. This article shall govern all transactions by Town Boards and Commissions, except that Town Meeting approval shall not be required where State law specifically permits acquisition without such approval.</p>	<p>871 *</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>588</p>
<p>This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)</p>	

2017: This older warrant could give the Select Board a loop-pole to avoid the A-Q process and public discussion/input on land sales and acquisitions.

<p>Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 31, as follows: ARTICLE 31. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting, which gives the Board of Selectmen authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, without voter approval, pursuant to RSA 41:14-c.</p>	<p>548</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>987</p>
<p>This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)</p>	

2018: More mistrust with Select Board added this additional step to the process.

<p>ARTICLE 31. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 41:14-c, to restore to the voters the exclusive authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, by rescinding Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting, which has given the Board of Selectmen that authority subject to the requirements that any sale or acquisition be submitted to the Planning Board and the Conservation Committee for their review; that the Selectmen hold two public hearings; and that if 50 voters object by petition the Selectmen must put it on the ballot for a town wide vote. Nothing herein affects the authority of the Conservation Commission and the Heritage Commission to make acquisitions pursuant to RSAs 36-A:4, I and 674:44-b, II respectively.</p>	<p>789</p> <p>YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>683</p>
<p>This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)</p>	