

Submitted by Rebecca Gruber, TMM Precinct 10

Dear fellow TMMs and other friends and neighbors,

I write to you to please ask for your kindness and goodwill. As I write this email, I have not yet decided how I will vote on article 5 of the Special Town Meeting. But sometime after Town Meeting takes up the matter of article 5, my decision will be publicly known by all. I know that however I vote--yea, nay, or abstain--I will at best disappoint some of you and at worst anger or lose the respect and faith some of you have in me.

I want you to know that I have had in-depth conversations with both proponents and opponents of the article; that I have carefully read the materials placed on the annotated warrant as well as the many emails I've received on the matter; and that I will have listened carefully to the discussion on the floor when we take up the motion on May 8th.

After the vote on article 5, on behalf of the Town, I will take up with you all the other matters remaining before the Meeting. And, no matter how you have voted, I will extend to you a generosity of spirit and collegiality as we continue our work--I hope you will do the same towards me.

Best,  
Rebecca Gruber  
TMM P10

P.S. I recognize that the above message should and does pertain to all the business of Town Meeting. Please forgive my calling out this matter in particular.