

Breakneck Hill Warrant Article Overview

Let us cut right to the chase. For decades the Town of Southborough has ignored the existence of a large illegal dump on town owned conservation land within the MWRA watershed, a watershed providing water to the greater metropolitan Boston area. If you read this last sentences out loud it is a mouthful of trouble. When the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) learned of this conspiracy they handed the town an order mandating immediate remediation with specific instructions and a timeline for execution. They made clear failure to comply with this order would result in heavy fines.

To obtain funding for the ordered remediation, two warrant articles were presented at Town Meeting, one in 2023 and one in 2024. Each asking the voters of Southborough to appropriate over 2 million dollars for the clean up. The justification for the expenditure was simply the mandate from the DEP. Absent was an explanation of how this burden came to be. Stunned into silence, Town Meeting voted to approve the funding.

With environmental threats stocking us like a hungry leopard, dismissal or denial of these threats is no longer acceptable. Passage of this warrant article is necessary to prove those doing so will be held accountable.