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WARE, MA 01082

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Town of Ware Select Board
C/O Stuart B. Beckley — Town Manager
126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082

Re: Comments and Concerns of Citizens

Dear Members of the Select Board:

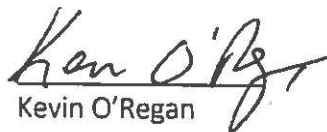
I am writing to express my concern about the Select Board's handling of the Board of Health's request to hire an attorney at your August 16, 2022 meeting. The vote denying the Board of Health's request was conducted in a frenzied and unprofessional manner after the Board Chair cut short discussion and refused to permit any public input. I was shocked by the Board Chair's lack of respect for the Board of Health and the public. It was clear that he opposed the Board of Health's request from the start but good government required that the Select Board at the least hear discussion before finalizing its collective decision. The ultimate vote after no public input inspired no confidence that the Select Board operated fairly.

I attended the meeting to contribute to the discussion about which attorney to hire. I am a long-time resident of Ware, live on Church Street within hearing distance of the facility and have observed the 3 prior applications related to the site. When the issue came to the floor, I sat front and center and raised my hand to be recognized and kept it raised throughout. I and others were ignored by the Board Chair as he peremptorily called for a vote on the issue.

Resource Waste's proposal is a big deal and needs careful and deliberate consideration. The company is consolidating its New England C&D transfer business in Ware and will require a very large increase in the C&D tonnage to be processed here, the expansion of its current building, increasing its hours of operation (to begin at 6am) and the construction of additional rail facilities on the site. Traffic, noise and air pollution, among other issues, all need to be looked at carefully.

The Select Board's denial of the Board of Health's request was one of the first decisions in the process. The Board's vote was conducted in an unprofessional and disrespectful manner and made it appear that the Select Board favors the project and will not support the Board of Health in pursuing the most thorough inspection of the application.

Very truly yours,


Kevin O'Regan