Citizen's Petition for Town Meeting Warrant Article

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To see if the Town of Southborough will vote to request the Select Board and / or Advisory Committee to write to the State Inspector General (IG), informing the IG that Southborough Town Meeting voted to request a forensic investigation of the two Town Departments which managed the St Marks Road Project. These two Departments are the Department of the Town Administrator (DTA), and the Department of Public Works (DPW). Together they were responsible for the Project's planning, financing and management. Town Meeting has voted to reject the Project and believes that a thorough investigation of the Project is needed, to clarify how it was managed and who was responsible. Since the State inspector General does not usually reveal the results of their investigations, and since Town Meeting believes it would benefit from receiving a report of the investigation, THEREFORE Town Meeting requests the Town Advisory Committee to conduct its own investigation, and to report back to Town Meeting.

EXPLANATION

A forensic investigation is the ONLY way to get to the bottom of what went wrong and why. The IG is the appropriate State Agency. The Town Advisory Committee has the following in the Town Bylaw: "The Advisory Committee shall have authority at any time to investigate the books, accounts and management of any department of the town ...", The major concerns about management are these: (1) The attempt to spend over \$ 1 million in town funds, to build an entirely new road which is not needed, because the new road will replace an existing road which has worked fine for decades. (2) The attempt to swap a land parcel now used as a public road and therefore has substantial value, for a privately-owned land parcel now used as lawn grass and therefore has less value than a road. (3) The attempt to build a private parking lot for St Marks School, and have it paid for by the Town. (4) The mis-use of State DOT grant funds in two ways, namely: (A) Spending State funds on non-eligible items. And (B) Spending State funds on private property. In addition, there were many other problems too numerous to mention here.

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Southborough Select Board