



**Article: 18**

**Warrant Article Title:**

BYLAW AMENDMENT / REGULATION OF LEAD PIPE IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL HOUSING

**Warrant Article Text:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title V of the Town Bylaws by adding a new section to require that prior to the sale, of a residential or commercial property, a property owner will be obligated to obtain a certificate that the water supplied to the property is by a lead free water line from the Town valve to the property's water meter; or take any action related thereto.

**Requested By:**

the Director of Public Works

**Report Excerpt:**

Vote and comments to Town Meeting - No Action (5-0)

**COMMENT:** The Board voted unanimously that no action be taken on this article.

This proposed article sought to amend the Town Bylaws to require residential property owners, at the time of sale of that residential property, to certify that the property is serviced by a lead-free water line from the point of the valve on town owned property to the property's water meter. One of the outlined objectives of the proposed bylaw amendment is to further the town's ongoing efforts to comply with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) law and regulations regarding lead water lines.

The Board expressed strong support for Public Works' ongoing efforts to identify and eliminate lead water lines in town and encourages and supports ongoing attempts to address this important issue. Given that the number of potential private properties that could have lead pipes is less than 650, and since full compliance with the LCRI regulations is not required until 2034, the Board questioned whether a bylaw amendment applying to all properties in Town was necessary at this time. Following the hearing, the Town's DPW Director, the proponent of the article, requested that the Board recommend no action.

**Vote Language:**

That no action be taken on Article 18.

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