

PETITION
Warrant Article - Annual Town Meeting
(No Less Than Ten Signatures)

We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Shrewsbury pursuant to G.L. Chapter 39, Section 10 request that the Board of Selectman place onto the next Annual Town Meeting the following warrant article:

Article : To see if the Town will vote to approve a resolution to ban water fluoridation, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Further, that the following motion be put before the Annual Town Meeting

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to pass the following resolution to ban water fluoridation:

WHEREAS, Fluoride is the only drug added to public water. Fluoride is added to drinking water to prevent a disease (tooth decay), and as such becomes a drug by FDA definition. Water fluoridation is a form of mass medication that denies you the right to informed consent. All water treatment chemicals, with the exception of fluoride, are added to make drinking water safe and pleasant to consume. Fluoride is the only chemical added to treat people who consume the water, rather than the water itself. With water fluoridation, you can't control the dose, you can't control who gets the treatment, and it violates the individual's right to informed consent to medication.

WHEREAS, The Fluoride added to the public water supply is not pharmaceutical-grade which you would find in toothpaste. China does not allow water fluoridation. Instead, the waste product from China's phosphate fertilizer industry is shipped to the United States, where it is added to our water supply.

WHEREAS, Ninety-nine percent of fluoridated water ends up on lawns, down shower drains, toilets, etc., where it ends up as waste polluting the environment. According to the EPA, it's illegal to release hexafluorosilicic acid (fluoride) into rivers and lakes or release the parent gases into the atmosphere, but if public water utilities add it to your drinking water, it's no longer classified as a pollutant. To put that in perspective, Shrewsbury has expended over \$104,000 in the past 6 years on fluoride, which may mean that approximately \$103,000 worth of fluoride never reached a citizen's tooth. Shrewsbury has budgeted \$25,000 for Fluoride in FY 2015.

WHEREAS, Fluoride has been classified as a neurotoxin, in the same category as arsenic, lead, and mercury. An article was published in the March 2014 journal The Lancet Neurology in which medical authorities classified fluoride as a developmental neurotoxin.

WHEREAS, More than 40 percent of American teens show visible signs of fluoride overexposure. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 41 percent of American children between the ages of 12 and 14 have dental fluorosis. Outwardly visual signs of this condition include pitting and discoloration of your teeth, caused by long-term ingestion of fluoride during early tooth formation.

WHEREAS, Fluoridated countries do not have less tooth decay than non-fluoridated countries. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there is no discernible difference in tooth decay

