

PETITION

Warrant Article - Special Town Meeting

(No Less Than One Hundred 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 Special Town Meeting the following warrant article:

Article : To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Shrewsbury by adding a new article to be entitled Article 18A - Safe Drinking Water Protection By-Law, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

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

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Shrewsbury by adding the following new article:

ARTICLE 18A

SAFE DRINKING WATER PROTECTION BY-LAW

Section 1: Intent and Purpose.

The purpose of this Safe Drinking Water Protection By-law is to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare by protecting all citizens in the Town of Shrewsbury, including those most vulnerable, from the negative impacts of adding substances to the drinking water for preventative health care purposes; The following conditions have been identified as the challenges involved with adding substances to the drinking water for preventive health care purposes.

1. Violates Informed Consent - It is a poor medical practice because it violates the principle of informed consent.
2. No Control over Who Gets it - It is delivered indiscriminately to everyone regardless of age, health or nutritional status, and without individual oversight by a doctor.
3. No Control of Dose - While engineers can control and monitor the concentration (measured in milligrams per liter - mg/liter), it offers no control over the dose (measured in milligrams consumed per day - mg/day) received by an individual because people drink different amounts of water.
4. No Control of Dosage - It makes inadequate allowance for the size and body mass of recipients which is particularly important for infants and young children who may receive proportionately much higher dosages (measured in milligrams per kilogram of body weight per day - mg/kg/day) than adults at a time when their bodies are far more vulnerable.
5. Different Responses to Same Dose - Involves an insufficient margin of safety to protect all citizens, especially the most sensitive, from the known adverse health effects of a substance where some people will be very resistant and while others will be very sensitive to the same substance.

