

Special Town Meeting - October 16, 2023

Article 24 - Home Rule Petition for a Pesticide Reduction Bylaw

Finance Committee Vote: 3-3-1

On Behalf of the Finance Committee "Nay" Votes: Chris Kanaga

1. Global bans should not be on Special Town Meeting Warrants.
2. This Article would prohibit home use of products for insect control in home vegetable gardens and orchards, while allowing unrestricted application by commercial growers. That's backwards. We should be prohibiting mass application on or near our water supply.
3. The advertising has been false and misleading, implying that our citizens are using Agent Orange in their backyards.
4. You will probably hear that the intent is good and that it won't be enforced on homeowners. Then (enforcement) shouldn't be in the Article.