

## **What these TWO petitioners' articles for the November 14, 2022 Special Town Meeting would do.**

### **Wording of Article #1:**

To see if the Town will vote to revoke a portion of the appropriation for Fire Station Project Design work as voted pursuant to the motion on Article 9 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, such that no further expenditure of funds for such purpose may be made except as necessary under contract for services rendered up to and including the date of this vote; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

### **What Article #1 would do:**

This article would prohibit expenditures for Design work for a new fire station at 139 The Great Road while a new Committee (see next Article) reviews other potential fire station sites. This Article does not reference a specific amount to be revoked, because the exact amount for Design work of the \$2,001,655.00 authorized under Article 9 of the 2022 March Annual Town Meeting is not identified in Article 9.

### **Wording of Article #2:**

To see if the Town will vote to create a Committee, consisting of five registered voters of the Town, appointed by the Moderator, none of whom serve on any other town boards or committees or in any town offices or positions, with instructions to (1) hold no fewer than two public hearings at which the public may suggest sites for the location of a new Town Fire Station and submit information in support thereof; and (2) prepare a report to the 2023 Annual Town Meeting which shall be published on the Town website no less than 30 days before Town Meeting and distributed to all the Town's registered voters a minimum of seven days before that Town Meeting, and which contains a detailed review of each site suggested at the public hearings, the advantages and disadvantages of each, and the Committee's recommendations for siting the Fire Station at each such site; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

### **What Article #2 would do:**

This article would create a Town Meeting Committee responsible to hold no fewer than 2 public hearings to allow the public to suggest sites for the location of a new fire station, and to report its findings and recommendations to the 2023 March Annual Town Meeting. The intent of this article is to allow townspeople to participate in a public process to identify the best new fire station site for the community. Such a public process did not occur involving the selection of 139 The Great Road by the Select Board.