



OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS

WINDHAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Warrant Article 21

A vote to invest \$35,000 in the future of Windham

To study the feasibility of bringing municipal water to Exit 3 and the Route 111 Corridor

The study will provide another planning tool, to supplement the

- Cobbett's Pond and Canobie Lake Watershed Protection Ordinance
- Design Review Regulations
- Zoning ordinances
- Land Use regulations
- Stewardship provided by the Conservation Commission

Why Municipal Water?

- To preserve and enhance the quality of life in Windham by providing a cleaner, safer source of drinking water
- To help meet Master Plan goals
- Importing water will help to recharge the groundwater and aquifers, which will protect and enhance Cobbett's Pond, Canobie Lake, and our brooks and wetlands (Withdrawing water can deplete the water supply)
- To provide a better source of water than bedrock wells
 - Bedrock wells are inherently inefficient
 - Yield of bedrock wells is highly unpredictable
 - Bedrock wells are easily contaminated, naturally and unnaturally
 - Treatment of bedrock wells contributes to groundwater contamination
 - Many bedrock well systems, public/ private are aging, and in need of upgrades
- To provide better fire protection
- To encourage commercial development in areas zoned for such development
 - Which will help lower the tax burden on homeowners