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FYI, all: at PAX's Jan. 27th Board meeting, we discussed tonight's Special Town Meeting, with near (maybe full) consensus votes for these recommendations:

(A) **FAVORABLE ACTION** on **STM 1, art. 3**, resolution urging acquisition of Newbury College properties -- broadly & without a designated, specific use; &

(B) **NO ACTION** on both **STM-1, art. 2**, (authorize S/B to acquire Newbury and appropriate a sum of money), and **STM-2, art. 1** (to appropriate a sum of money to acquire some or all of Newbury to situate an elementary school) -- in part b/c there was, and still is, no purchase price to approve.

There's also considerable Board sentiment that, w/ an ATM next month, it was (predictably) an unnecessary & huge waste of 248 TMMs' [& also (31?) ACMs' & numerous Townhall staff] time (and some money) to petition for this STM -- for what seemed to have no real purpose. The early March warrant deadline for May would've been both an adequate attention-getter and a better timeframe for possible Newbury information, also for knowing the May 7th override result. My own view: this imposition is "democracy" running amok, analogous to that alleged rationale for opposing what many of us call the May 7th override's "3-prong plan," but which some -- mostly anti-Baldwin folk -- denigrate as "bundling." [My March 12th op-ed on those override issues, sent then to this listserv, is still awaiting TAB publication.] One thing we might all agree about: neither democracy nor (I hope, especially) "republican" government should be "trumped" by "sound-bites."



Marty Rosenthal (& sorry, **NOT** likely to further respond.)

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"Some defeats are more triumphant than victories." Michel de Montaigne (1533-1592);

"Ist they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win." attrib'd to Gandhi; maybe Nicholas Klein, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of Amer. (1918)