

Town	Town Meeting Date	Article #	Why We Support This
Marshfield	Monday, April 22 at 7 pm Marshfield High School	#14 Item 7 Community Preservation Fund \$35,000 for Engineering to Remove Veteran's Park dam while improving the park's water features that honor our veterans	Item 7 supports engineering work needed to upgrade the Veteran park's water features while removing the dam preventing fish passage. For years we have monitored the fish ladder at this dam and found many fish unable to pass to spawn . River Herring, Shad and Eels all require freshwater spawning areas their populations are in dangerous decline. Removing this dam will allow fish to pass freely and reduce upstream flooding.
Hingham	April 22 at 7 pm Hingham High School	#29 Plastic Bag Reduction and Encourage Reusable Bags	Plastic bags end up in our rivers and oceans impacting our wildlife. We support the reduction of the use of single plastic bags and encourage reusable bags . On the South Shore Pembroke, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury and Plymouth have all passed plastic bag bans – statewide 97 towns have passed bans. The more towns pass a ban the more likely the state is to enact a statewide ban that would allow for a fee to be placed on paper bags that would encourage reusable bags .
Hanover	May 6 at 7:30 pm at Hanover High School	#13 Section 9. Prohibit the hook up of any new irrigation systems to the town's public water supply	The towns of Norwell and Hanover's drinking water supply is drawing down the levels of streamflow in the Third Herring Brook, a tributary to the North River we are working to restore. The impacts to streamflow are most extreme (sometimes drying up the stream) in the summer time when water demand increases due to lawn watering. Any decrease in summertime demand will help restore streamflow to the brook.
Norwell	May 6 at 7:30 pm at Norwell Middle School	Choose to Reuse	See Hingham above
Hull	May 6 at 7 pm at Hull High School	#30 Plastic bag reduction bylaw	See Hingham above