

Letter to the Editor

Disagrees with Town Counsel

Dear Editor,

I found it amusing that town counsel involved and expressed their opinion regarding the warrant article on redistricting. I am not directly affected by the redistricting plan but I have been following it. What is amusing is that when local taxpayers and/or abutters took legal action over some issues with the Wood End school, and were proven right in court I might add, they were and continue to be villified both in town and in the press. Yet the same players have no problem accepting an opinion, not a ruling by a court but an opinion, and using that to stifle debate about an issue because that opinion happens to support their position. According to counsel "It seems to me that a Town Meeting cannot simply overturn that decision" Well, pardon me for living in a democracy Ms Cohen! No offense, but your opinion means nothing to me, as my rights and duties as a voter seem to mean nothing to you. No one questions the need for committees and boards in town government, who work hard to do what they do, but there is also a need for checks and balances. Whether elected or appointed though, said boards ultimately report to me as a voter. Too many seem to have lost sight of that and feel that they are or should be above such mundane matters as having to answer for their decisions. Ms Cohen's arrogant, condescending, elitist attitude is what so infuriates voters. Shame on those who shame dissenters in public and try to stifle debate. Whether elected, appointed, or volunteer, public servants should answer to the public they supposedly serve, not their own agenda or what they may believe is their mandate.

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