

Over the past six months, a small group of individuals have criticized state and local officials, not just in Wareham but also in neighboring communities, regarding enforcement of regulations pertaining to the A.D. Makepeace Company.

Now they are taking issue with the work of the Board of Selectmen. There is no need for a vote of Town Meeting on this warrant article to tell town officials what to do – previous Town Meeting voters created an earth removal bylaw for that purpose.

The fact is that we live within applicable regulations and our farming rights under state law. The repeated implication we do not is unfair, inaccurate and inappropriate.

They have complained to the Southeast Regional Office of the state Department of Environmental Protection, the Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Carver Zoning Board of Appeals, the Carver Earth Removal Board, and of course the Wareham Planning Board and Conservation Commission, both of which these folks have sued. None of these entities have found any issues with the company's operations.

The individuals in question attended a public meeting convened under state MEPA regulations last spring. At that meeting, it was evident that their collective goal is to interfere with the A.D. Makepeace Company's legitimate business operations and intimidate our employees. We realized then that there is no benefit to having a conversation with people who have no intention of acting in good faith.