

## TownAdmin

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**From:** Matthew R. Serge <MSerge@dwmlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2024 9:42 AM  
**To:** Barry Hantman  
**Subject:** RE: Danville Warrant Article

*Thanks, Barry. Sounds like a lively debate. I will stand by and wait for the ballot vote results.*

*-Matt*

*-----Original Message-----*

*From: Barry Hantman <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Saturday, February 3, 2024 4:56 PM  
To: Matthew R. Serge <MSerge@dwmlaw.com>  
Cc: Chuck Underhill <[REDACTED]>; Chris Tracy <townclerk@townofdanville.org>  
Subject: Re: Danville Warrant Article*

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*Matt,*

*Just wanted to let you know that the Town made no changes to the Hand-Counting warrant article at deliberative session. The article will appear on the ballot as written. And, given the tenor of the discussion at deliberative session, I believe it has a high probability of passing in March. The majority of the Select Board were in favor of the article as written (4-1 recommendation) and were not in favor of any proposed amendments (4 separate amendments were proposed; 3 of the 4 were withdrawn, 1 of the 4 was defeated). Although none of the 4 proposed amendments had gone through legal review, I personally believe 2 of the 4 would have brought the warrant article into compliance with state RSAs (one would have required Secretary of State approval for implementation and one would have switched to a hand count for all races in all elections). The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen stated his intention, on camera, to use his own funds to fight for this warrant article in court if necessary (at least one member of the public voiced concerns about the Town's legal exposure).*

*Should the warrant article pass in March, I assume our Town Moderator would be reaching out to you as to how to proceed (our current moderator, named just last month, is Chuck Underhill who is copied on this email; the moderator position is on the ballot in March so it may or may not be Chuck after the election.)*

*I appreciate all of your help and guidance in preparation for today's deliberative session.*

*Barry Hantman  
Deputy Moderator*

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