

Ed Marsh

- **Woods Lane**
- **Ipswich 1969 – now (except school & Army)**
- **School Council Winthrop, Middle & High for 10 years**
- **Coach and board of youth sports for 15 years**
- **Veteran – member of all 4 organizations in town, former commander of VFW Post 1093**
- **Run two small businesses – tech & industrial**
- **Consulted for companies including American Express**



Article 27

Increase Town Meeting Quorum to 10% of Voters

“It would be a dangerous delusion were a confidence in the men of our choice to silence our fears for the safety of our rights; that confidence is everywhere the parent of despotism—free government is founded in jealousy, and not in confidence; it is jealousy and not confidence which prescribes limited constitutions, to bind down those whom we are obliged to trust with power.”



1% Isn't Representative

Ipswich

13,000 residents

11,000 voters

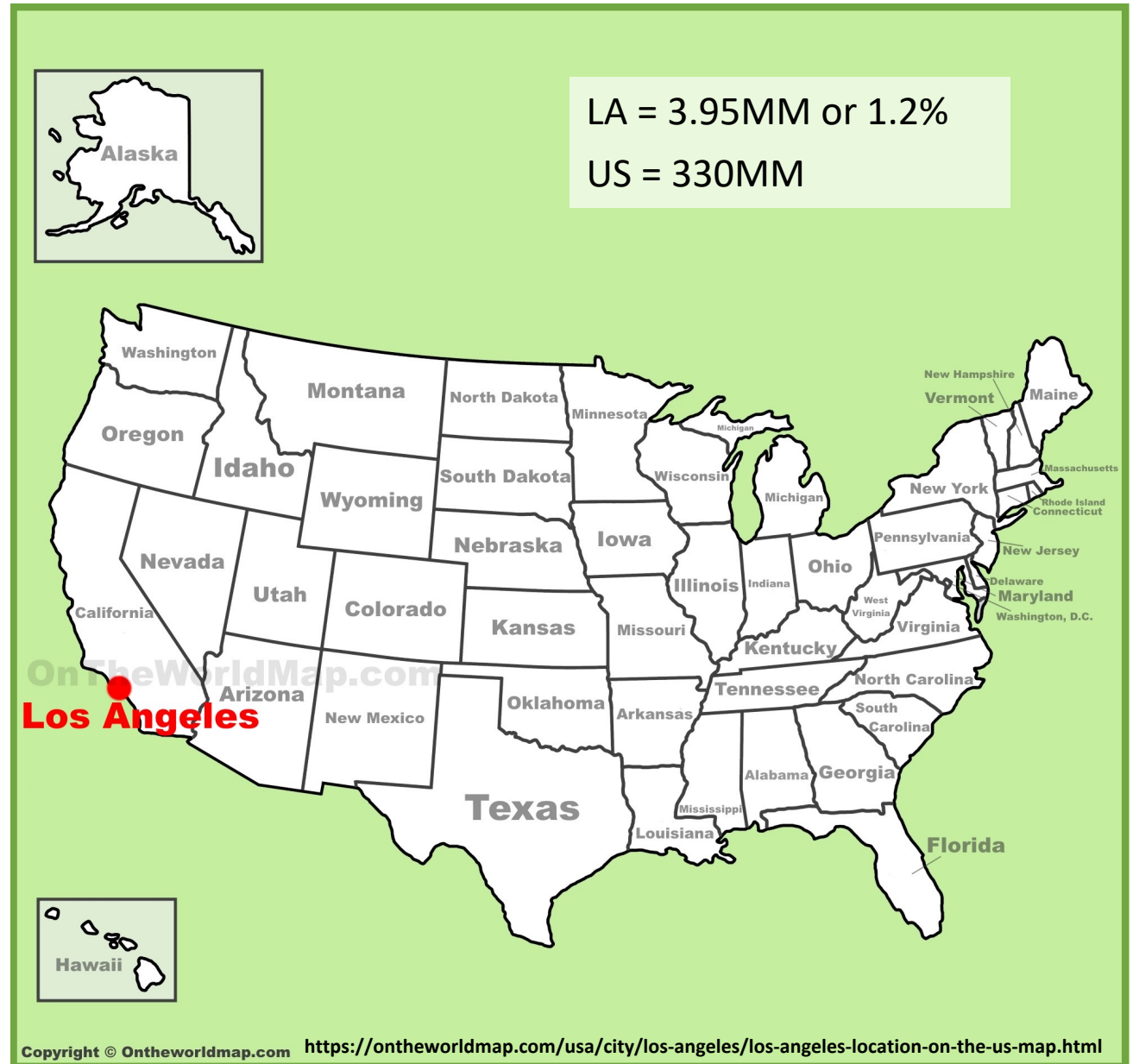
200 to convene meeting

2/3 or 134 to pass

134 to pass

= 1% of residents

= 1.2% of voters



\$8,100 is a BIG PURCHASE



Town Budget

\$46,000,000 / 5,700

households =

\$8,100/household

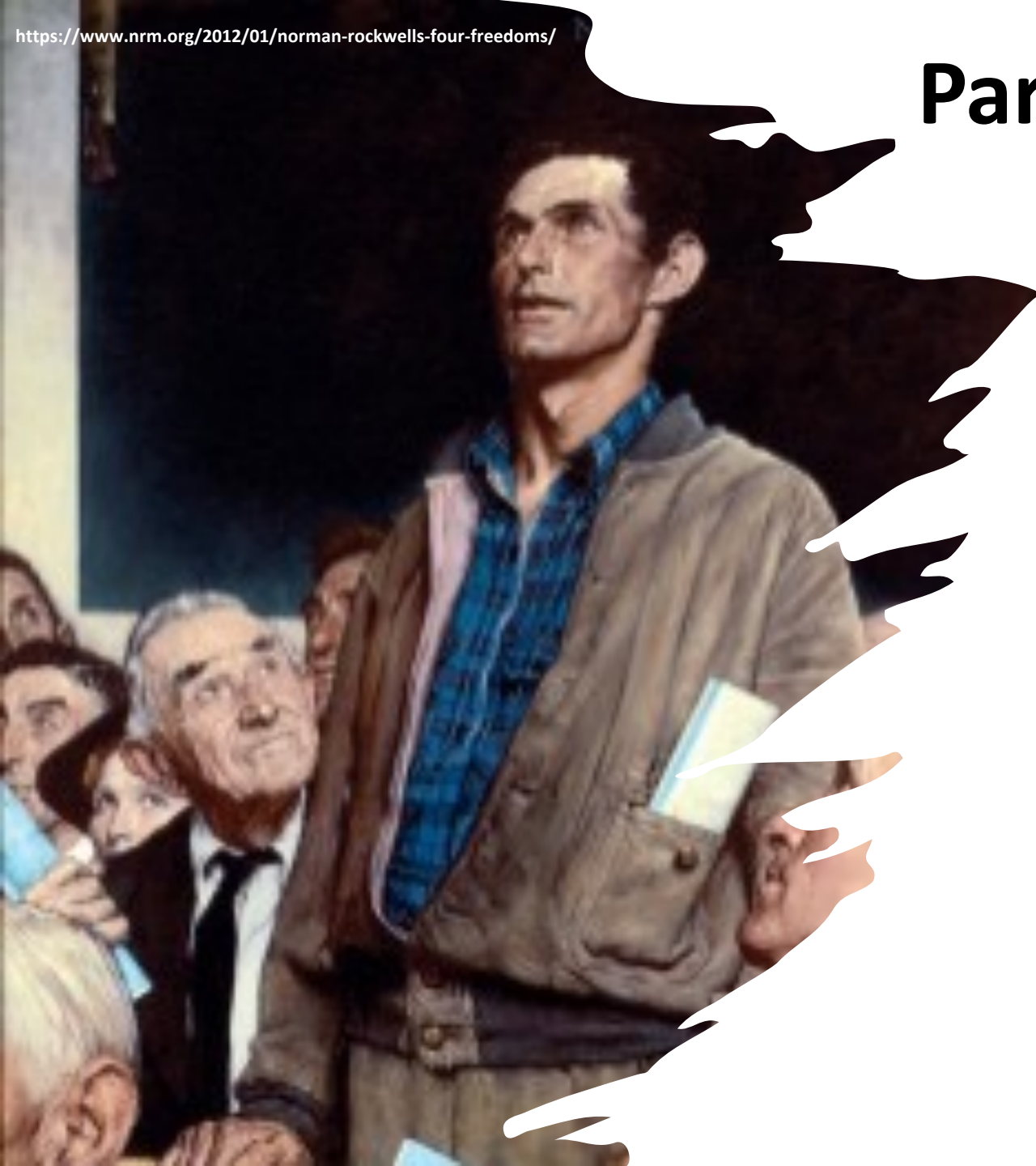
You want to think about that too!

Participation

17% voted in 2019

He's Naïve.....

- 1.Space
- 2.They might not come
- 3.We vote anyway



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Vote Yes

130 people shouldn't run the town

≈6% to enact big changes is a small ask

There's a reason they'll try to scare you – but it won't be said

Article 28

OPEB Funding



<https://www.wayzata.org/169/Public-Works>

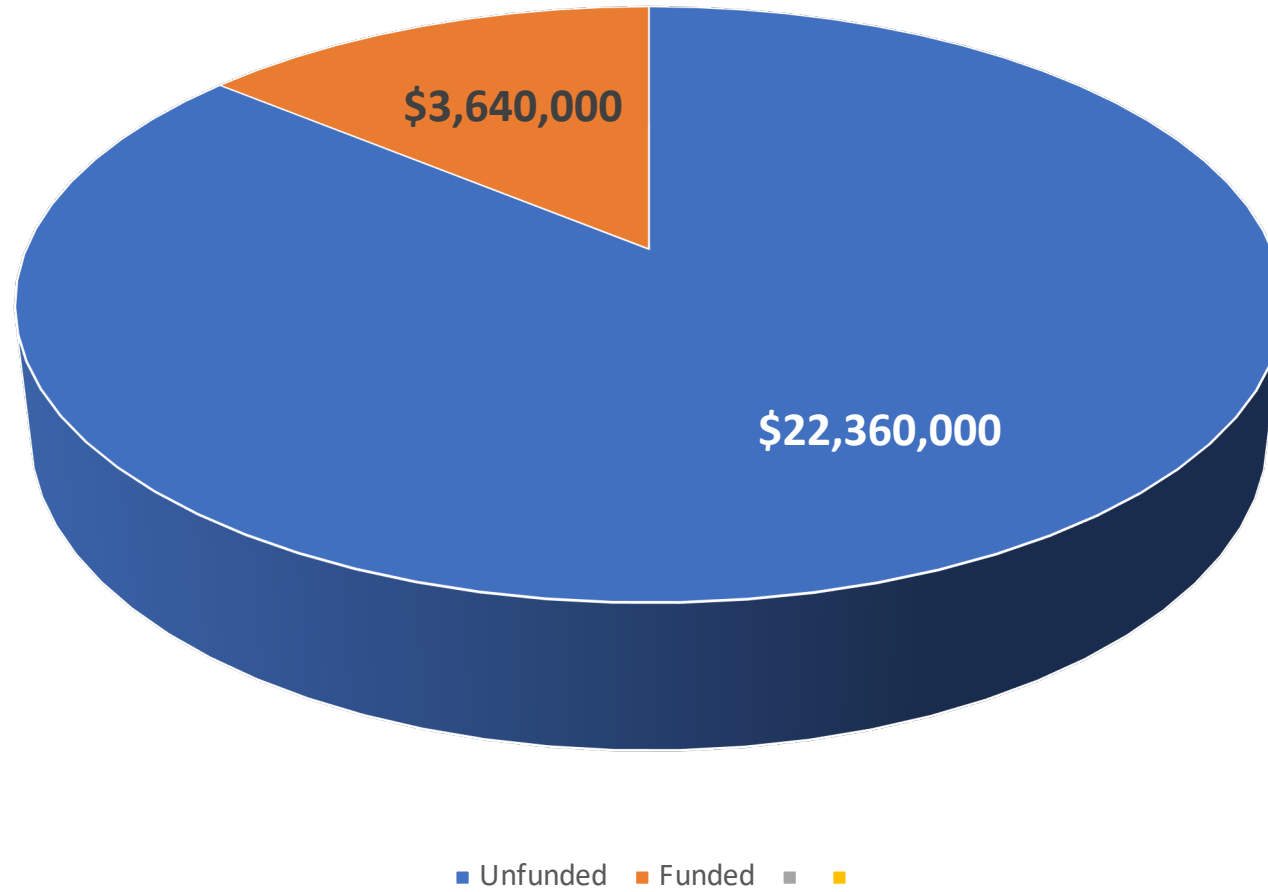


<https://www.npr.org/2018/03/08/591753884/do-police-officers-in-schools-really-make-them-safer>

More than “Chin Music”

\$26,000,000

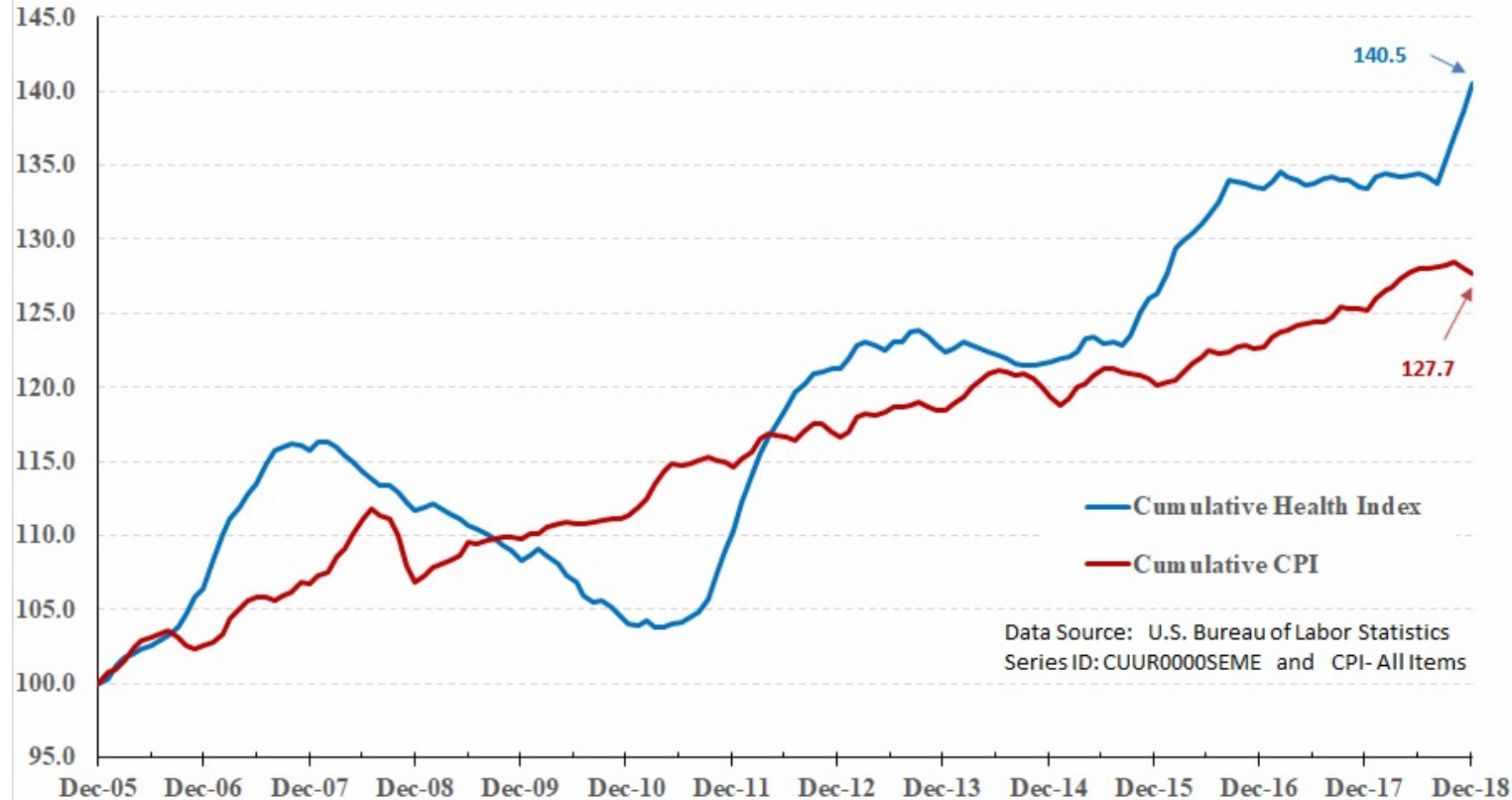
OPEB Liability



Dangerous Assumptions

Health Insurance vs. CPI Chart

© 2019 www.InflationData.com
Prepared By Timothy McMahon
Updated 1/29/2019



<https://inflationdata.com/articles/cost-of-living/health-insurance-inflation/>

Medical

5%??? Or 15-20%

Investment
Return?

Retirement rate?

Lifespan?

Creative Accounting



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11 Hayward Ave, Building 4
Colchester, CT 06415
(860) 537-9080

West Coast
1350 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 254
Las Vegas, NV 89119
(702) 979-2880

Executive Summary (continued)

Assumption changes

A key assumption has changed since the prior valuation - the impact is detailed below.

- ✓ Due to the GASB 75 standards the discount rate was changed from 4.00% to 7.00% decreasing the disclosed liability by \$13 million.
- ✓ Assumption changes caused Normal Cost to decrease by \$630 thousand.

It is important to remember that actuarial assumptions or changes in such do not impact the actual cost of the Plan. Rather, they impact the timing of the recognition of such costs.

We Can Pretend



<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-australia-protests-idUSKCN0IX14420>



<https://billionairedecoded.com/2020/06/money-grows-on-trees>

Stop “Kicking the Can”!!



He's Silly

\$1,400,000
paygo is $\approx 7\%$
of this years
\$20.3MM
municipal
budget



Vote Yes

No more smoke and mirrors

We have obligations to honor – time to do the right thing

It's going to impact the budget either way

The people who have let this fester will now tell you why it's all perfectly OK. Be skeptical!

Article 29

Recording Public Meetings



Wait....
What happened?

Too Much To Track

- 37 Committees
- 4 Buildings
- 11 Rooms
- Hours of meeting



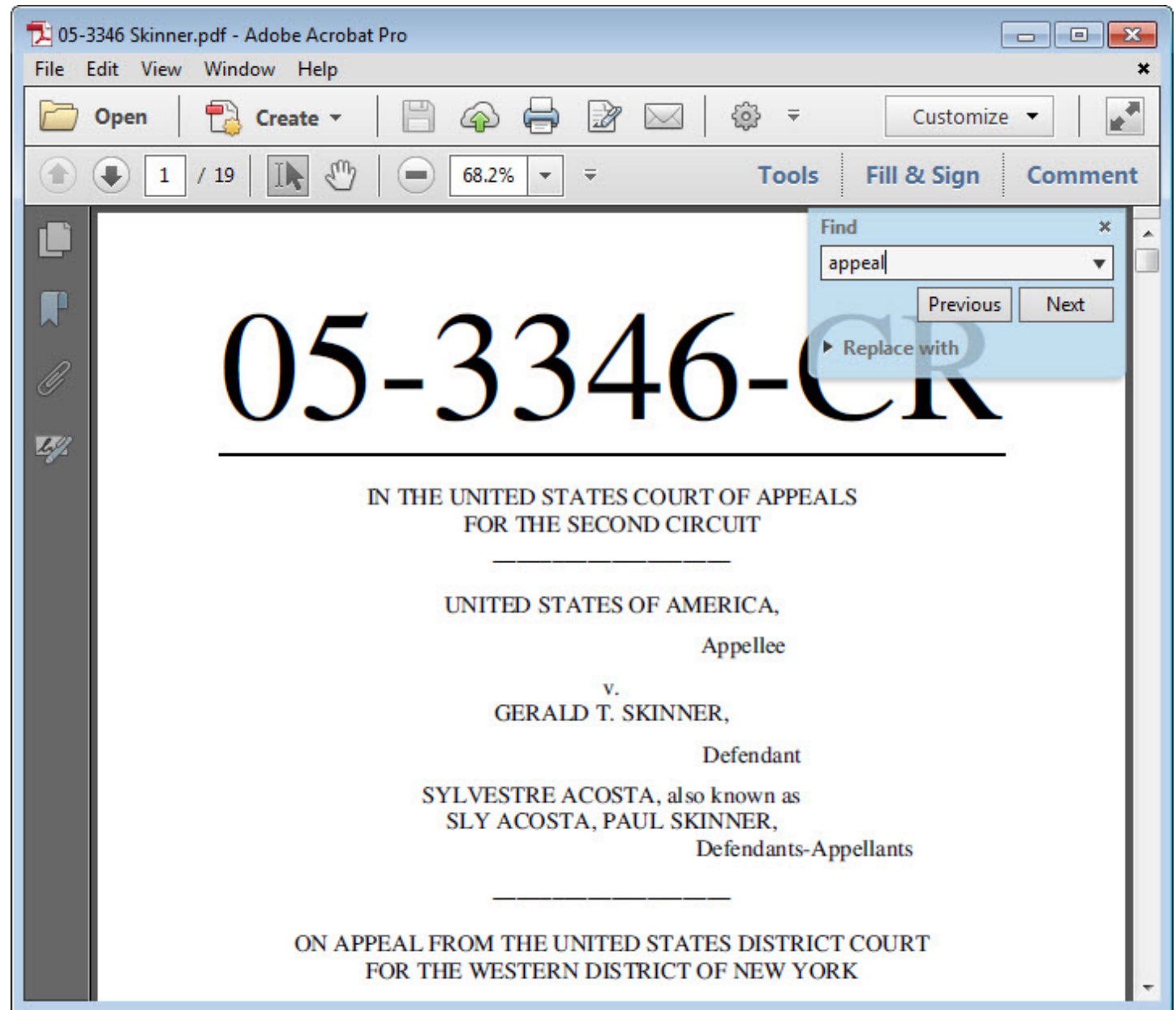






Simple (& inexpensive) Technology

Searchable Transcripts





I'm looking for....

Government

Services

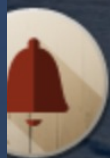
Community

Doing Business

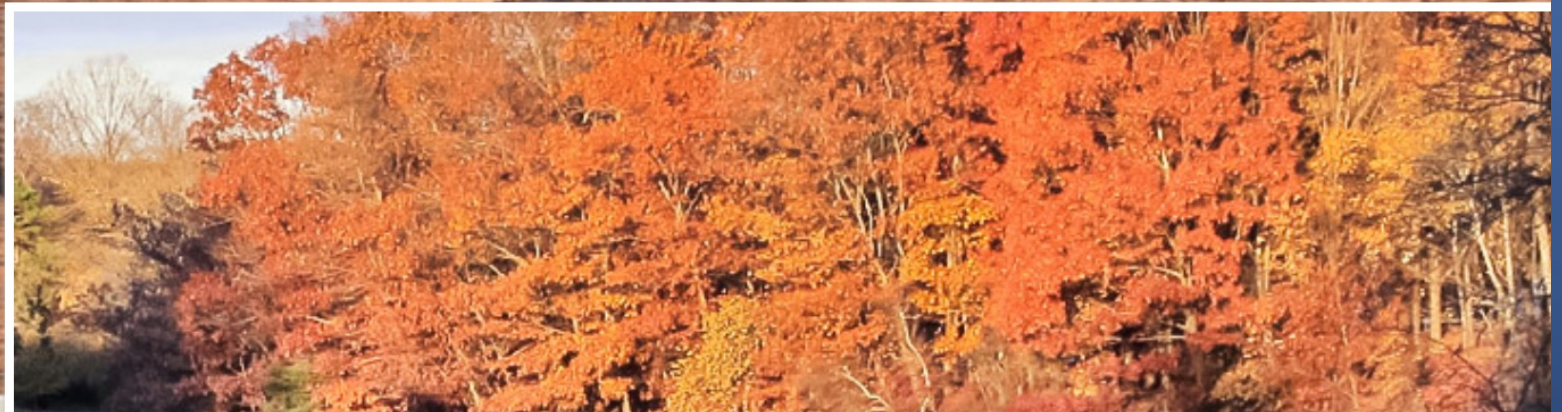
Read your Annual Town Meeting Warrant to prepare for Town Meeting on Saturday, May 15th
Ipswich Middle/High School!



Online Payments



Notify Me/Alerts



“But...but...he’s all wrong!”

- iCam does it already
- Might require staff time
- 😂😂 Not all committees want to be recorded 😂😂
- Have to do complete study of meeting laws 😂
- Too expensive 😂😂
- Transcript accuracy
- Too complicated for meeting convenors 😡
- During COVID some meetings were hard to hear 🤡🤡🤡

WELL, WHAT ABOUT US, the VOTERS!!!???

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Vote Yes

- Lots of committees and meetings
- Just because you don't want to speak now, doesn't mean you shouldn't be able to review later
 - Minimal impact
- So ask yourself, why would anyone resist??

Article 30

Ban on Articles Justified on Man-Made Global Warming



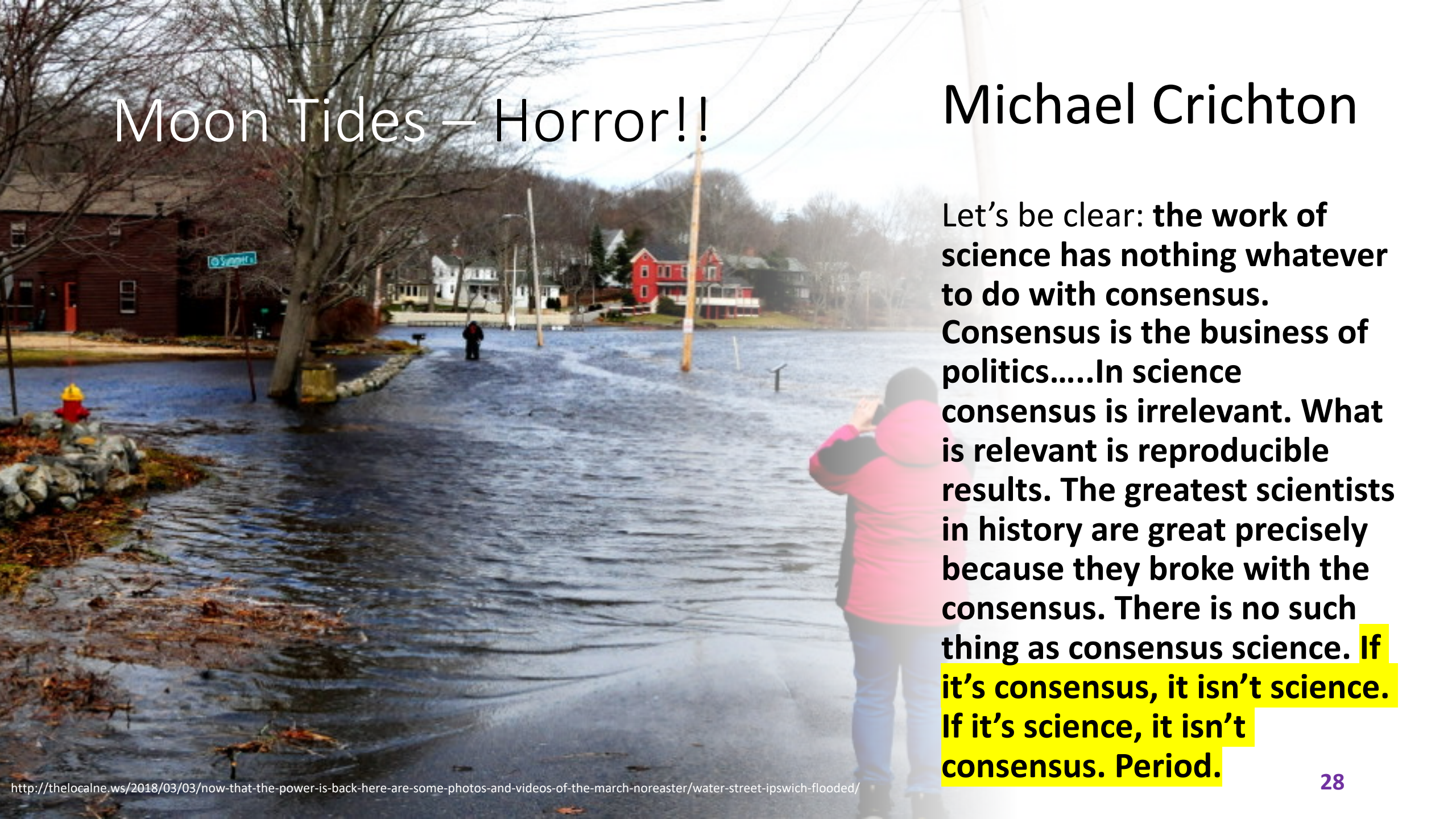
Argilla Road, Blizzard of '78

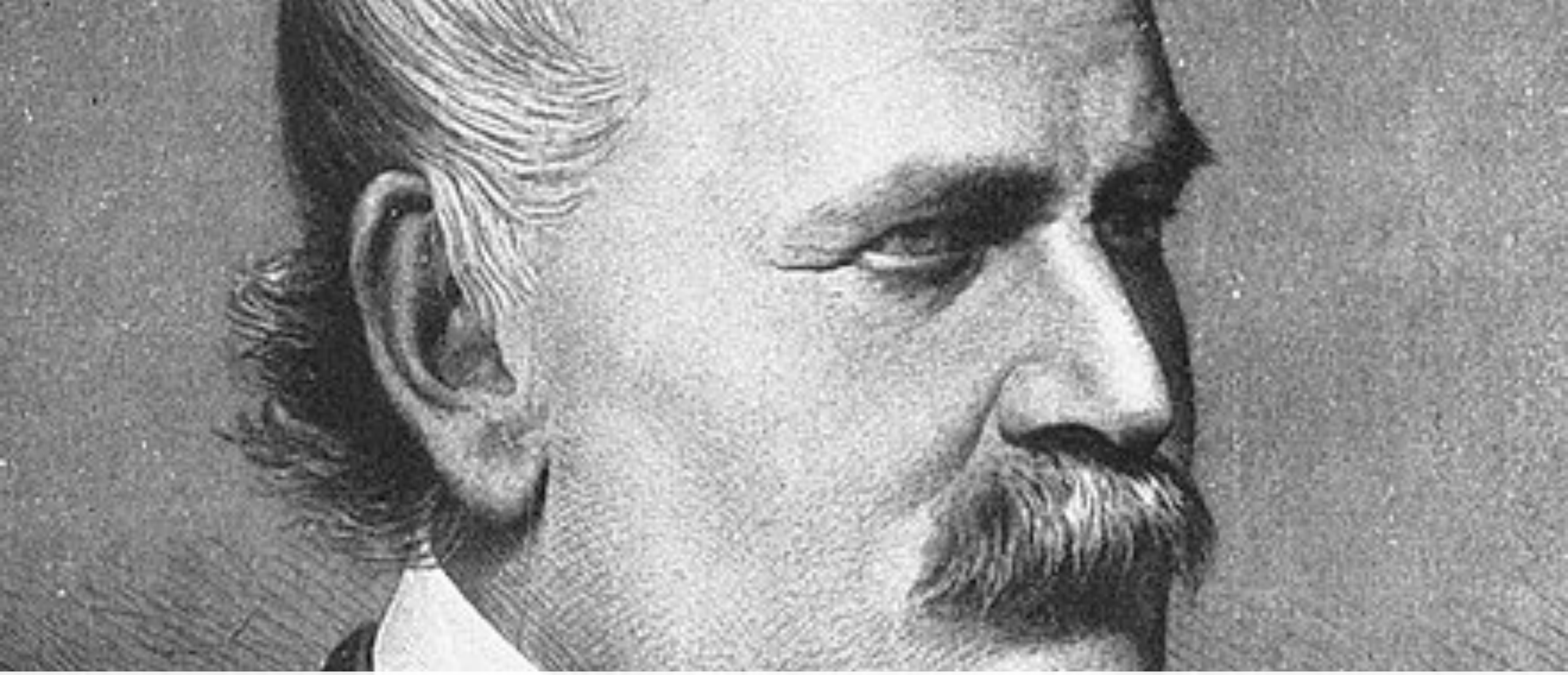


Moon Tides – Horror!!

Michael Crichton

Let's be clear: **the work of science has nothing whatever to do with consensus. Consensus is the business of politics.....In science consensus is irrelevant. What is relevant is reproducible results. The greatest scientists in history are great precisely because they broke with the consensus. There is no such thing as consensus science. If it's consensus, it isn't science. If it's science, it isn't consensus. Period.**





Ignaz Semmelweis

Key Questions

1. Is it a problem?
2. Is it ours to fix?
3. What are we trying to solve for?

....and at what astronomical local cost in direct levy and impaired freedoms

John Kerry

“The science is unequivocal . . . President Obama and I believe very deeply that we do not have time for a meeting anywhere of the Flat Earth Society.”




Chitter Chatter vs. Pitter Patter



VINEYARD  GAZETTE

NEWS REAL ESTATE

President Obama Buys Home on Edgartown Great Pond

Julia Wells Wednesday, December 4, 2019 - 3:59pm  UPDATED Thursday, December 5, 2019 - 4:09pm

World Health Organization's Dr. Carlos Dora

“The United States primarily has done an excellent job, moving from being a very dirty place in the 1950s to quite a clean place today,” said Dr. Carlos Dora, the health organization’s coordinator for its department of public health environmental and social determinants of health.

Europe Trails U.S. in Cutting Air Pollution, W.H.O. Says



<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/12/science/who-says-europe-trails-us-in-reducing-air-pollution.html>



Smog in France earlier this year. Patrick Kovarik/Agence France-Presse—Getty Images

Dr. Steven Koonin - Undersecretary for Science in the US Department of Energy under President Obama

For example, both the research literature and government reports that summarize and assess the state of climate science say clearly that

1. heat waves in the US are now no more common than they were in 1900,
2. and that the warmest temperatures in the US have not risen in the past fifty years.

When I tell people this, most are incredulous. Some gasp. And some get downright hostile. But these are almost certainly not the only climate facts you haven't heard. Here are three more that might surprise you, drawn directly from recent published research or the latest assessments of climate science published by the US government and the UN:

3. Humans have had no detectable impact on hurricanes over the past century.
4. Greenland's ice sheet isn't shrinking any more rapidly today than it was eighty years ago.
5. The net economic impact of human-induced climate change will be minimal through at least the end of this century.

Unsettled
Steven E. Koonin



May, 2021

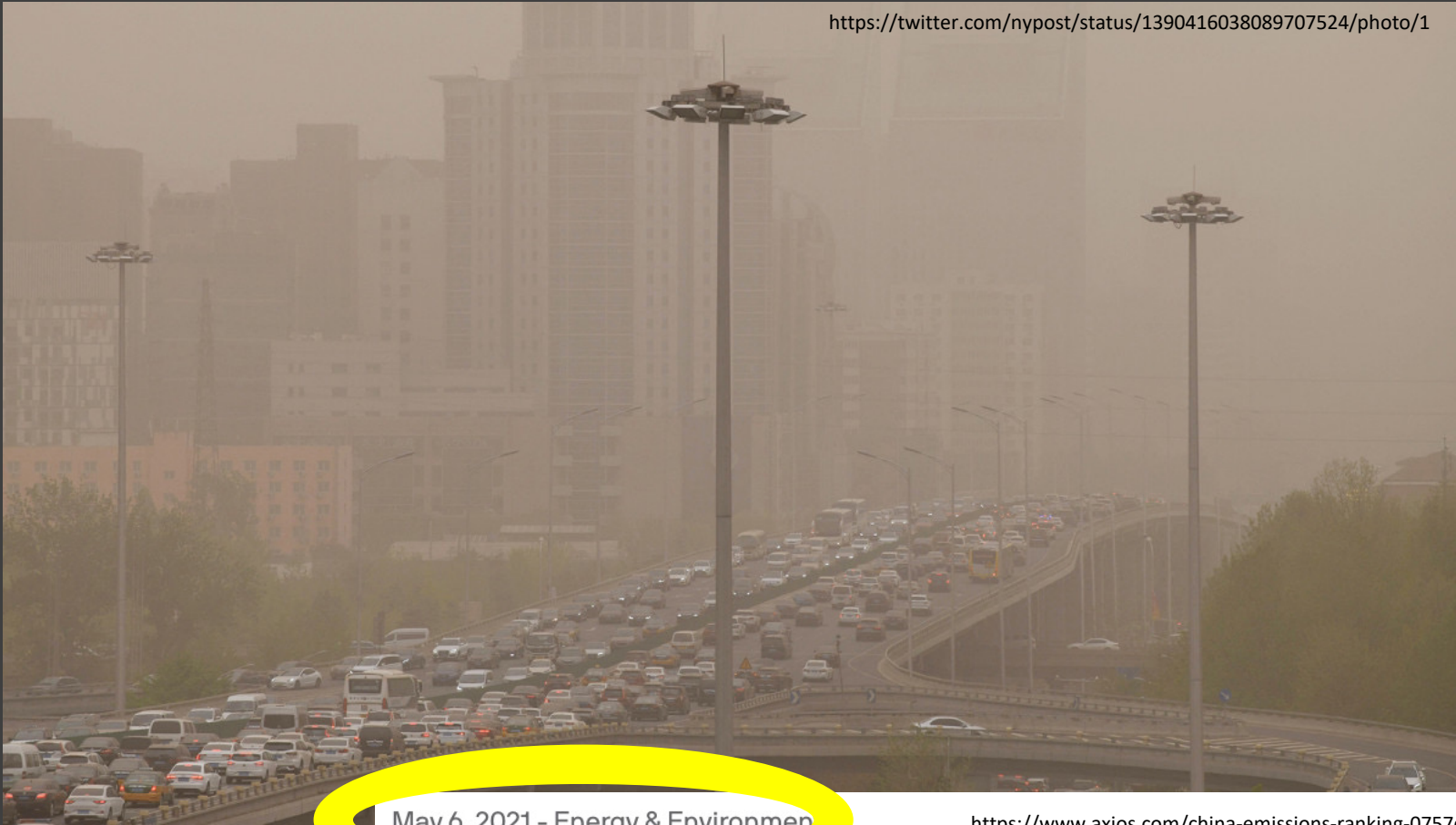
Unsettled



WHAT CLIMATE SCIENCE
TELLS US, WHAT IT DOESN'T,
AND WHY IT MATTERS

Steven E. Koonin

FORMER UNDERSECRETARY FOR SCIENCE,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
UNDER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION



<https://twitter.com/nypost/status/1390416038089707524/photo/1>

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<https://www.axios.com/china-emissions-ranking-0757dc71-ffdd-4236-af40-1da21e669061.html>

CHINA

China's emissions surpass all developed nations combined

OMG!!!! Gasp, gasp. He's neanderthal!!!

- We must! For the kids!!
- We must do our little part

And then the killer.....

- 🤔🤔 the state won't approve it 🤔🤔

WELL, then do your job and fight for it on our behalf!

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Vote Yes

- Science is never “settled”
- The people who really know don’t act worried
 - We have already done our part
- We are responsible to the town, not the state
- It’s spending money we don’t have and changing our lives, to help a few folks feel fulfilled

Article 31

Bill Of Rights

Ipswich, MA

The legendary and heroic opposition by the people and leaders of ...This act of resistance has been called 'the foundation of American Democracy,' and was the beginning of a series of events which eighty-eight years later culminated in the Revolutionary War.



Massachusetts Compromise

**Sam Adams & John
Hancock**

**Federalists & Anti-
Federalists**

**Constitution was ratified
BECAUSE the Bill of Rights
was included - & MA
made it happen**



Stifling Regulation “Regulatory Oppression”

REJECTED



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State House

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Section

GO >

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- [MGL c.76 §15](#) Vaccination and immunization
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- [MGL c.140 §...](#) Licenses to carry firearms; condit...
- [MGL c.149 §...](#) Payment of wages; commissions;...
- [MGL c.186 §...](#) Entrance of premises prior to ter...
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- [MGL c.151B...](#) Unlawful practices
- [MGL c.123 §...](#) Emergency restraint and hospital...
- [MGL c.269 §...](#) Carrying dangerous weapons; po...

Not another constitutionalist 🙄

You'll hear I'm unsophisticated and naïve

“Creator”



Theocracy

This is why we separate Church & State



“Karen”

Our rights are not derived from:

- **Neighbors**
- **Community**
- **Select board**
- **Finance committee**
- **Or some appointee**

**They are ours –
fundamentally, and
from a higher authority**





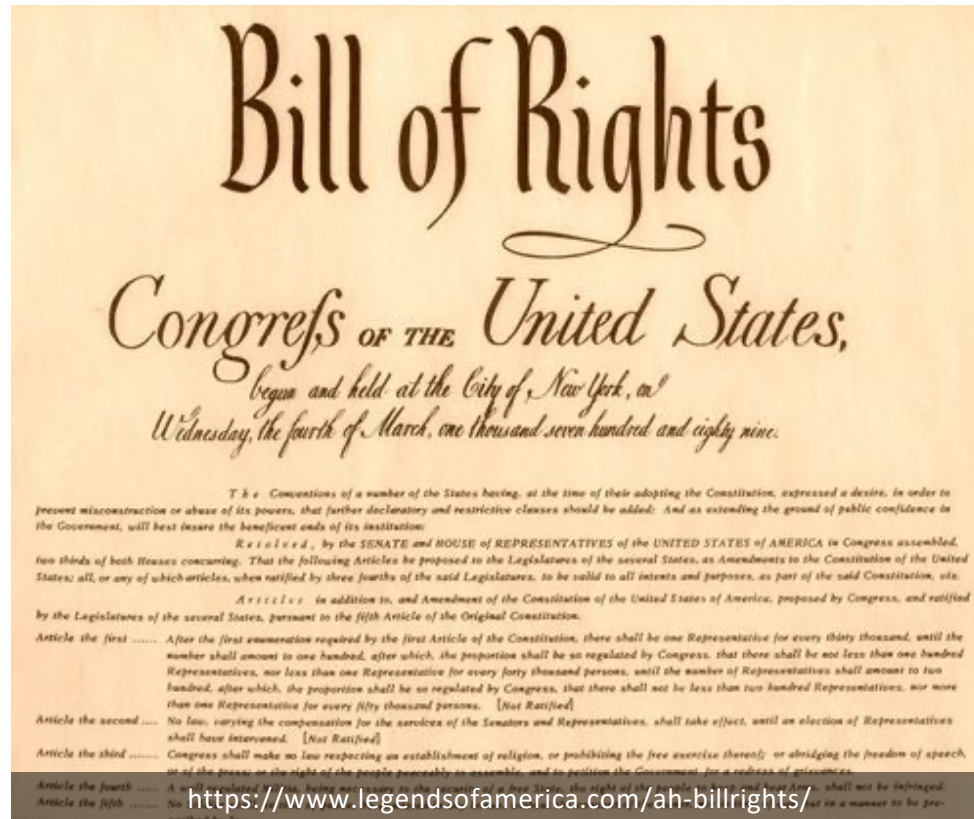
https://www.standup4humanrights.org/en/2019/highlights_02.html

Not another constitutionalist 🙄

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“Creator”

“Gotcha”



Ipswich votes to become a sanctuary town

By Linda Greenstein Globe Correspondent, June 9, 2017, 12:30 p.m.



<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/06/06/ipswich-votes-become-sanctuary-town/qhFdO990JhiGwUM0wYFWOJ/story.html>

Willful Disregard for Federal Law

Vote Yes

- Our Rights Are Ours!
- They're gradually eroded...and then suddenly
 - This should be a NO BRAINER
- Already demonstrated they'll ignore federal law
- Be very skeptical of anyone who protests that this is a GOTCHA. That's EXACTLY what the founding fathers intended. And **anyone pushing back announces they're real intent**