

Sample petition to request an advisory article, prepared by the Elections Division of the Vermont Secretary of State:

Petition of Legal Voters of _____ to the Selectboard

The undersigned registered voters of the Town of _____ hereby petition the Selectboard to add the following advisory article to the Town Meeting Warning:

1. Shall the Town of _____ advise the Selectboard that any harvesting of timber on town lands be subject to the following conditions?

A. Timber harvesting shall be conducted in accordance with a comprehensive forest management plan approved by the voters.

B. Timber sales shall be managed by an independent, third party professional forester, and not by any employee or subcontractor of any potential buyer.

C. Standing timber proposed for sale shall be marked by the independent forester in advance and advertised for public bid in local newspapers and three locations within the town, including the town clerk's office.

The undersigned respectfully request that the article be acted upon by all voters of the town by paper ballot. (The selectboard does not have to follow this request, but if the selectboard places the article on the warning, any seven voters at the meeting may request the use of paper ballot.)