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HAMPTON - Brian Leno, chairman of the Community/Senior Center Committee, is still scratching his head over the results of Tuesday's election.

### **No to Aquarion study**

If it's not broken, why fix it?

That was the message that officials from Aquarion Water Company used in their campaign to stop the town from even considering trying to take over their operation.

An article on this year's warrant asked residents if they wanted to form a committee to look into taking over the water company's operation in Hampton by eminent domain.

Voters overwhelmingly said No.

"It was a resounding answer," said Aquarion Water spokesman Marty Cohen. "We are gratified that this appears to be an endorsement of the quality of service that we provide. Our pledge is to do even better."

Several residents said one of the major reasons they shot it down was the cost factor. Aquarion officials vowed to fight the town.

Aquarion Senior Vice President Larry Bingaman estimated the company is valued at more than \$70 million. That figure doesn't include the cost to start the process of taking it over by eminent domain.

A flier from the Concerned Taxpayers of New Hampshire, which was mailed to every home four days before the election, stated, "Producing plentiful, good, clean, drinkable water at a fair price year after year requires specialized knowledge and experience, which Hampton does not have."