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**Subject:** Vaccine mandate

Dear WT Select Board:

I am addressing the vaccine mandate discussion on tomorrow's posted agenda. I cannot attend due to a County commitment.

I vehemently request that the decision NOT be driven by public opinion (I have read through the list of "for" and "against" correspondence posted with the meeting notice).

There are public health reasons for vaccine mandates; we follow them routinely when admitting children to public school. This decision should be made by the Board of Health, with advice from trained public health officials. It is not a political decision. Public opinion - including mine - as to whether a vaccine should be mandated should have no bearing.

Please listen to the experts.

Thanks,  
Doug Ruskin