

# Article 64 — Episode two

regarding permission to lease Concord land for twenty years

*Heard in your household?*

HE:

“Honey, I am thinking about [FILL IN YOUR OWN – HERE A BIT OF WHIMSY] our food security. Okay with you, if I lease the back yard – or maybe one of the side yards – to a gardener? They will sell to us at a guaranteed price.”

SHE:

“But dear, we haven’t checked. Is that the best way to get food?”

HE:

“Oh, don’t worry. I’ll come back to you before I sign the lease.”

SHE:

“Why would you ask if it’s okay to lease? Which yard? We haven’t decided gardening our yard is the way to go. Next time, dear, let’s do our homework first, okay?”

Heard at Town Meeting.

POINT:

“Article 64 is just permission to lease. What’s the harm in that?”

COUNTERPOINT:

“Well, if we don’t care about

- sound vetting
- adequate information
- a good decision
- quality process

then, no problem.”

Let’s ask for our warrants to be fully-baked when brought forward. Certainly, we will get a better decision out of it. In this case, we may save real money and get the right renewables too.

But *mainly*, we get a town process we can trust. And be proud of.