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Hi Melissa,

I spoke with you at the town meeting 3/6 and apologize for not getting this info to you sooner, as my 96 yo mom was recently discharged from rehab after 2 months, and has been consuming my attention.

We are 38 year Tewksbury residents and didn't realize till last year that the town was fluoridating the water. I'm glad we've been using a Clearly Filtered water pitcher which claims to remove a litany of chemicals, including fluoride, thankfully.

We prefer no fluoride treatment & those who want it can certainly add it easily to their daily routine in numerous ways.

As for the argument (if fluoridation were to cease), that many would not be able to afford fluoride tablets, toothpaste, etc., perhaps the town could explore applying the \$50,000 (my recollection of what the Town spends on the chemical) toward tablets/etc. for residents wishing to use them. This way, those who do not wish to be exposed for whatever reason - sensitivities, health conditions, allergies, etc., would not need to find/ purchase alternate ways to avoid the fluoride. The easiest way to avoid fluoride is not to add it to the water to begin with.

Below are numerous screen captures from fluoride sites/info that I would like to offer in support of removing fluoride from Town water.

Thank you,
Debra & Chris Keshishian
30 Cooney Rd.