

Walpole Times letters to the editor: Dec. 5 edition

More climate change implications

It was quite appropriate for David Flannery, a climate change activist, to speak at Walpole's Peace and Justice Group. However, your article covering the event didn't mention the peace and justice implications that must have been discussed. The U.S. military is concerned about international unrest that will grow as rising seas send refugees into exile, and as warmer temperatures heat up tempers. As for justice, climate change action will prevent the injustice of today's energy users burdening the next generation with the costs and consequences of excessive fossil fuel use. Climate change action will prevent regions rich in coal and oil deposits profiting from their reserves at the expense of those who live in low lying regions or farmers in areas with worsening drought conditions or fishermen who see the fish stock migrating to cooler waters.

Flannery mentioned cap and trade as a solution to climate change. However, cap and trade requires guesswork so it is hard to administer. A carbon tax is better because it would start low and keep increasing until adequate emissions reductions have been made.

Please endorse a revenue-neutral carbon tax. Justice requires revenue-neutral so that it is not a regressive tax.

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