Denise,

I live in Hinesburg and work in Burlington and am opposed to the proposed charter changes. I believe this to be a classic case of attempting incremental changes that will be expanded once the "ice is broken" so to speak...

Vermont' constitution is clear - clearer than the US Constitution in terms of firearms rights as I believe even the Supreme Court judges who felt the US Constitution was less clear noted in their dissenting opinion in District of Columbia v Heller...

Justice Stevens noted in the dissenting opinion that the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution lacked the statement of the right to use firearms in self defense, "which was present in the Constitutions of Pennsylvania and Vermont".

My right of self defense under the Vermont Constitution is no locational. Vermont does not have a material problem that they are trying to solve. The proponents are simply looking to get some gun control approved somewhere to work from in future. Please deny the proposed Burlington charter changes.

Sincerely,

James L Gibbons

Sent from my iPad