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PUZZLING PARCEL - After considerable discussion, Town Meeting last week voted, 47 to 35, to create an official committee to meet with developer Patriot Partners and consider the future of the so-called landlocked parcel. This roughly 250-acre Burlington-owned tract sits between Route 3 and the Bedford and Lexington lines, and lacks legal access from Burlington. Patriot Partners, which developed Wayside Commons, holds a purchase option and a right of first refusal if the town wants to sell or develop the land, but those rights are due to expire in two years, said Stephen Rice, a Patriot Partners principal. The article does not commit the town to developing the parcel. - Eric Moskowitz