MINUTES OF THE WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 24, 2022 – 6:30 PM Salisbury Elementary School, Teachers Lounge 100 Lafayette Road, Salisbury, MA 01952

Present: Angelica Medina, Chairperson; Larry Cuddire, David Holscher, Tom Treat, Don Egan and Steven Roth (alternate)

Also present: Town Manager Neil Harrington, Town Counsel Thomas McEnaney, Town Moderator Jerry Klima

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Medina called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

2. <u>Discuss/Vote on Article 31 of the Oct. 24 Fall Town Meeting</u>

Town Manager Harrington gave a summary of the article and turned the matter over to Town Counsel to further explanation. Atty. Thomas McEnaney of KP Law explained that since it was a zoning article, it needed a 2/3 vote to pass. He also noted that a public hearing was held on the article by the Planning Board of October 12. However, the Board, although they apparently approved of the intent of the article, decided to continue the hearing, and thus there will be no recommendation from the Planning Board at Town Meeting. Under MGL, Ch. 41, Section 5, unless there is a completed public hearing and a specific recommendation from the Planning Board on a proposed zoning article, Town Meeting can take no action on the article.

3. Goals/Questions

Members discussed whether they wanted to re-establish the practice of asking various department heads to make annual budget presentations to the Committee. The consensus of those present was that this was not necessary, but that the Committee would reserve the right to ask certain department heads to appear before the Committee on an as-needed basis. The Finance Director indicated that she would continue to email monthly revenue and expenditure reports to the Committee, and would be happy to meet with members or discuss any concerns over the phone or via email.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Cuddire moved that the Warrant Advisory Committee vote not to recommend Article 31 on the floor at Town Meeting. Mr. Treat seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Treat moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Egan and approved unanimously. Chairperson Medina adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager