

## **MINUTES OF THE WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**April 28, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

**Colchester Room, Salisbury Town Hall, 5 Beach Road**

Present: Joan Moak, Chairman, Ronald Guilmette, Tom Treat, Angelica Medina, Tom Pease

Also present: Town Manager Neil Harrington, Finance Director Karen and Selectmen Donna Abdulla, Freeman Condon and Chuck Takesian

1. Call to Order

Chairman Moak called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Review of Proposed FY2022 Budget

The Town Manager and Finance Director highlighted the major features of the proposed FY2022 budget for the Town. Ms. Snow started by going over FY21 revenues to date and projected revenues for next year. Regarding next year's budget, Ms. Snow informed the Committee that there are no new full-time positions in the budget, but there is a proposed part-time new position in the Finance Dept. and a new part-time position for a director of recreational and community events.

Ms. Snow outlined the major budget increases, with the proposed Triton schools budget increased by \$787,000, or 5.8%, and Whittier schools up over \$79,000, or 14.75%. She also noted that the proposed budget is balanced. Mr. Harrington mentioned that the proposed total increase for the budget was about \$1.3 million and that the school increase totaled more than \$850,000 of that increase. Ms. Snow then explained the proposed water and sewer enterprise fund budgets.

3. Review of Draft Warrant Articles for Spring Town Meeting

The Town Manager noted that there were 17 articles proposed for the Special Town Meeting and 21 articles proposed for the Annual Town Meeting. He noted that the last two articles were citizens' petitions and that he would ask those citizens proposing those articles to come to the public hearing to explain their intent. He then proceeded to outline the purpose for each warrant article. Several questions were asked by members of the Committee and discussion ensued. The Town Manager informed the Committee that General Fund Free Cash has a remaining balance of about 4908,000, and that if all proposed warrant articles are adopted, there will be about \$311,000 in Free Cash remaining.

4. Adjournment

Ms. Medina moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Guilmette and approved unanimously. Chairman Moak adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager