

**MINUTES**  
**Warrant Committee Meeting**  
**April 26, 2021**

<b>Warrant Committee Members</b>	Participating remotely: Sharon Tatro (Chair), Ed Vozzella, Robert Slincy, Jeremy Marsette, Kristine Barton and Newton Thompson Absent: Amanda Hall
<b>Guests</b>	Kristine Trierweiler, Town Administrator Nicholas Milano, Assistant Town Administrator
<b>Meeting Location</b>	By remote participation via Zoom
<b>Meeting Times</b>	Meeting convened: 7:02 pm      Meeting adjourned: 7:58 pm
<b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Minutes for April 12, 2021 were unanimously approved by those Warrant Committee Members in attendance.</li> </ul>
<b>Operational Budgets (including votes taken)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>
<b>Warrant Articles (including votes taken)</b>	<p>Warrant Articles unanimously approved or recommended for dismissal by Warrant Committee members in attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Article 20 “Hinkley South Property”</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Recommended for Dismissal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Article 30 “Recommendation for Dale Street School Site Selection Amendment with MSBA”</li> <li>○ Article 31 “Bylaw Committee for School Building Committee”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Note: Above Article numbers are as of the Warrant drafted March 31, 2021.</p>
<b>List of all documents and exhibits used</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Information packets submitted by citizen petitioners for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Article 30 “Recommendation for Dale Street School Site Selection Amendment with MSBA”</li> <li>○ Article 31 “Bylaw Committee for School Building Committee”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>
<b>Follow-ups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>
<b>Dates for Meetings including WC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Warrant Committee Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ May 10</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Annual Town Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ May 17</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ May 18 (if needed)</li> </ul>
<b>Names of people participating remotely and why</b>	All Warrant Committee members and invited guests participated remotely; see above for names of attendees.
<b>Other</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sharon Tatro opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and stated that tonight’s meeting objectives are to: 1) discuss the status for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and review any outstanding vote-ready warrant articles, including Hinkley South and the two Citizens Petitions.</li> <li>2. WARRANT ARTICLE REVIEW AND DISPOSITION: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Article 20 “Hinkley South Property” <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The purpose of this article is to acquire additional land from the Council on Aging (Parcel 56-043) and Lot 3 (Parcel ID 56-044) to accommodate a shift in the proposed senior housing development previously approved by Town meeting in 2019 for up to thirty single and duplex units for seniors. The current proposal is for 24 units with 6 units dedicated as affordable units. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The addition of the two parcels and the shift of the development toward the COA property will result in a larger buffer between the development and the abutting neighborhood, thereby addressing privacy concerns of the residences on Bishop Lane and Copperwood Road.</li> <li>2. Also, this development will partially address the need for affordable and moderately priced housing for seniors, noticeably lacking in Medfield today.</li> <li>3. The Town is currently negotiating a land land disposition agreement with a developer of this property. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ According to Town of Medfield Financial Policies adopted July 31, 2018, “the proceeds for any sales of town land...shall be deposited in a reserve, stabilization, trust or other fund designated to fund (or reserve against) the town’s long-term liabilities, or to retire existing debt, or otherwise to reduce long term, nonrecurring liabilities”.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>ii. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve Article 20 as</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>submitted; the Article was approved unanimously by all Warrant Committee members in attendance.</p> <p>b. Article 30 “Recommendation for Dale Street School Site Selection Amendment with MSBA”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The purpose of this article is to see if the Town will vote to recommend that the the Medfield School Committee and School Building Committee amend its proposal to MSBA to keep the Dale Street School at its current site and to re-evaluate the certified enrollment projection provided in October 2018 so that it is based on actual student numbers.</li> <li>ii. Warrant Committee members Ed Vozzella, Kristie Barton and Newton Thompson - all concurred that a lot of due diligence and thoughtful consideration has gone into the site selection process.</li> <li>iii. Jeremy Marsette indicated that he was not prepared to vote up or down on the school building proposal until it is presented fully at the fall Special Town Meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He expressed concern that voting on this petition either way would bind you to vote that way in the fall.</li> </ul> </li> <li>iv. Sharon Tatro stated that the decision of school building location has already been made and the school building proposal is moving to the fall meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. She expressed her confidence in the decision process followed by the SBC and is very concerned about how much the town would have to spend if the process has to restart.</li> </ul> </li> <li>v. Bob Sliney, who represents the Warrant Committee to the SBC, noted that the Committee is not being asked to vote on a project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At this point in the process, there is not even an estimate of cost.</li> <li>2. Bob expressed to the Committeethat there is no basis for him to question the recommendations of the SBC, School Committee and Board of Selectmen. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The risks to the project and MSBA funding are too great to call for reconsideration.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>vi. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to dismiss Article 30 as submitted; the motion to dismiss was approved</li> </ul>
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	<p>unanimously by all Warrant Committee members in attendance.</p> <p>vii. Finally, it was noted that the Warrant Committee liaison for this article will need to prepare a report to ATM supporting the Committee’s vote to dismiss.</p> <p>c. Article 31 “Bylaw Committee for School Building Committee”</p> <p>i. The purpose of this article is to see if the Town will vote to establish a committee charged with creating a Medfield Town By Law to govern school building projects that includes a School Building Committee appointment process led by the town Moderator in keeping with Medfield School Policy and designed to engage citizens at large.</p> <p>ii. Jeremy Marsette noted that the town’s charter sets up a process for charter and bylaw review and change, and that with such a process already in place made a motion to dismiss this petition.</p> <p>iii. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to dismiss Article 31 as submitted; the motion to dismiss was approved unanimously by all Warrant Committee members in attendance.</p> <p>iv. Finally, it was noted that the Warrant Committee liaison for this article will need to prepare a report to ATM supporting the Committee’s vote to dismiss.</p> <p>3. There being no other business, a motion to adjourn the Warrant Committee was made, seconded and voted unanimously by a roll call of all Committee members present.</p> <p>4. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.</p>

Respectfully Submitted: Newton H Thompson

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