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Dear Jon and the members of Town Governance Study Committee,

I was so pleased to attend the forum on January 9 and to hear the excellent well-researched and high-minded reports by you all and the open discussion following.

You spoke of your guiding assumption that the committee is leaning to Open Town Meeting with some modifications to make it more accessible, to work more smoothly and to be more efficient.

Thus, if that is the consensus when your work is done, it is crucial that there be a large and focused educational and publicity campaign to teach townsfolk about how it all works; how one can attend easily, how one can prepare, what the lingo means and why it is the privilege and responsibility of all to attend. Social media, and the Town's webpage and other platforms, plus the press, PSA, yard signs, the banner and many more ways can be utilized to educate the public about the important and articles on the warrant. I like the suggestion to ban sports, cultural events and other distractions during Town Meeting time. The range of the local papers are shrinking but social media is growing and surely can be engaged.

Methinks there may be interest by members of the Andover League of Women Voters who might help out among others.

Thanks,

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