**POLICE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**: The Towns hereby establish a Police Services Advisory Committee (hereinafter the “Advisory Committee” or “Committee”), consisting of one (1) member of the respective Towns’ Select Boards, one (1) member of the respective Towns’

Finance Committees and one (1) Community Representative appointed by the Select Board in

the case of Shelburne and two (2) members by the Select Board in the case of Buckland. In any

case, the official size of this committee will be no more than seven (7) members unless new

members join this agreement in the future through the process described in Section 10.

Membership on the Committee shall be an odd number as required by G.L c. 43B § 20(c). The

purpose of the Committee will be to establish, analyze, and update as needed, the terms for the

police services provided pursuant to this Agreement.

a) Purpose: Each Town may review, raise issues, and make comments or recommendations on

matters relating to the provision of police services under this Agreement, including:

i) Review monthly assessments, including conducting an ongoing review of the underlying

data and assumptions used in determining each Town’s proportional share of the Police

Department’s expenditures. It is acknowledged that the assessments may change in the

future and will be reviewed and reassessed as agreed upon by vote of the Committee,

recommendation to the Towns, and affirmative vote of the Select Board. Should any

additional appropriation be made necessary by such change in assessment, Town

Meeting may be required to consider such appropriation.

ii) Deliberate and make recommendations on the Police budget to aid in the annual

budgeting process of each Town. It is acknowledged that such recommendations are

advisory only and the Committee has no authority to approve or deny the Police budget.

iii) Work to resolve issues of mutual concern regarding performance under this Agreement

between the Towns and provide support to the Police Chief when he or she may request

the same.

iv) Develop recommendations on terms and conditions for the admittance of any

prospective member towns that desire to become a party to this Agreement in the

future. This includes, at the discretion of the Committee, appointing subcommittees to

study issues, costs and other impacts and considerations that may arise from the

5 addition of new member towns, as well as the impact on the assessment considerations

put forth in Section 3 of this Agreement.

b) Operation: The Committee shall meet not less frequently than quarterly, to review matters

pertaining to police services provided pursuant to this Agreement. At such meetings the

Committee shall review, discuss and, as appropriate, make recommendations on issues

governed by this agreement except for those issues that are the responsibility of each

Town’s Select Board. Prior to these meetings, each Select Board may meet separately to

establish that Board’s position on any matters it wishes to discuss including those that are a

matter of each board’s distinct authority and those that are not, as if it were a matter purely

within its own authority. As the appointing authority, Shelburne shall have the ultimate

decision-making authority on matter raised by the Towns under this section. In instances

where such issues, policies or procedures are the result of State or Federal mandates or

otherwise deemed critical, in the exercise of reasonable discretion by the Police Chief to

maintain public safety, Shelburne shall maintain all decision-making authority. It is the

mutual understanding of each Party that they share an interest in efficient provision of

police services.