

**DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the January 4, 2023 Meeting**

**Members in attendance:** Melissa Herman, Cam Hudson, Gordon Kinder, Sara Cadena Kinney, Janet McCormick, Steve Migausky, Peter Smith

**Members absent:** Andy Ursitti

**Others in attendance:** Peter McGowan, Chief of Police

**Location:** on-line, via Zoom

*Ms. Herman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.*

**Police and Related Budgets**

Chief McGowan walked the Committee through his budgets. For Police, the sick and vacation pay are no longer separate accounts, and are included in the main salary account. An outside IT support service has been engaged to manage the computers, network, and applications. Patrol vehicles are changing from Ford Explorers to Chevy Tahoes to take advantage of the better warranty.

Animal Control is level-funded.

The Protective Agencies Building is level-funded except for electricity, which will be budgeted 10% higher, as per the Town Administrator's guidance.

**Board of Health**

Ms. McCormick reported that the Board has hired a Health Agent and is now seeking to fill the nurse's position. There being no other changes it was agreed that there is no need for them to appear before the Committee.

**Other Business**

We still need to schedule Fire/Ambulance and Highway reviews.

Mr. Kinder moved that the minutes of December 21 be approved, seconded by Ms. Cadena Kinney: the motion passed 6-0-1.

Mr. Smith moved that the Committee's submission for the 2022 Town Report be approved, seconded by Mr. Kinder: the motion passed 6-0-1.

The Planning Board may have as many as seven articles at Town Meeting. It was agreed that we should split their budget review and article reviews into two meetings.

Mr. Smith will contact the printer and figure out the key dates for the Blue Book.

The Regional Schools budget is expected to increase about 5%. Enrollment changes will change the funding ratio between Dover and Sherborn to Dover's advantage.

Mr. Hudson is speaking with candidates to fill a vacant seat on the Committee.

*There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn, seconded by unanimous proclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Smith, Secretary