

**Dover Town Report Committee  
Meeting of February 11, 2021  
MINUTES - approved**

**Present:** Dee Douglas, Jill French, Mary Kalamaras, Hadley Reynolds, Kathy Weld.

The meeting was convened at 9 a.m., via Zoom call.

**Minutes:** The minutes of January 28 are still being amended. Jill will send the revised minutes out via e-mail for approval.

**Historical Focus Update:** Information on the effect of the 1918 flu epidemic on the town has been scant. Mary contacted Town Clerk Felicia Hoffman, who found a mention of a school closure due to the epidemic in the *1918 Town Report*. The Town House also has the *1919 Town Report*, which Hadley will look into. While there is not much information on how the 1918 influenza epidemic affected Dover, with the exception of the deaths of three residents, Hadley thought that a broader focus on how the epidemic affected the Boston area would also be of interest. He had a long conversation with Elisha Lee of the Historical Society, who had also wanted to write about the epidemic for *Tidings*, the Society's quarterly newsletter. Lee had difficulty finding Dover-specific information and photographs for his article. Hadley will also look into writing about the individuals in Dover who died of influenza in 1918–1919.

**Photo Viewing/Selection:** Dee and Mary presented all of the options for a cover photo, and we decided upon a picture of a little boy holding a chicken, as it is a hopeful and happy picture. We discussed whether it mattered that the boy is not from Dover. His grandmother lives in Dover and took the picture on her property in town. Dee will ask the photographer if she is OK with the picture of her grandson gracing the cover of the *2020 Town Report* and let her know that the attribution will not include his name. We then chose photographs for the section openers and went through all of the photographs in black and white and chose the ones we liked. Dee will start to determine the placement of photos in the current PDF of the layout.

**Review Report Status:** We still have a significant number of reports outstanding, and we are only three weeks from going to press. Kathy will reach out again to the individuals who have not yet submitted reports.

**Next Meetings:** We do not have another meeting scheduled at this point.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill French