

DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the February 24, 2021 Meeting

Members in attendance: Rob Andrews, Melissa Herman, Cam Hudson, Gordon Kinder, Sara Kinney, Janet McCormick, Steve Migausky, Peter Smith, Andy Ursitti

Dover Board of Selectmen: Bob Springett

Sherborn Advisory Committee: Mark Albers, Wassim Bassalee, Brendan Daly, Peter Gallitano, Dhruv Kaushal, Stephen Leahy, Jane Materazzo, Steve Tsai, Natalie Weare

Dover-Sherborn Regional Schools Committee: Maggie Charron, Lynn Collins, Anne Hovey, Michael Jaffe, Judi Miller, Kate Potter

Dover-Sherborn Regional Schools Administration: Superintendent Andrew Keough, Assistant Superintendent Elizabeth McCoy, Business Manager Dawn Fattore

Dover Board of Health Water Advisory Committee: Gerry Clarke, Greg Kahoun, Carol Lisbon, Ron Myrick, Justine Kent-Uritam

Others in attendance: Amy Davis, Pam Dowse, Heidi Doyle, Wendy Elassy, Sharon MacPherson

Location: on-line, via Zoom

Mr. Kinder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Kinder opened the meeting with a review of COVID-related remote meeting procedures.

Mr. Tsai opened the meeting of the Sherborn Advisory Committee.

Ms. Sharon opened the meeting of the Regional Schools Committee.

Mr. Clarke opened the meeting of the Board of Health Water Resources Committee.

Mss. Charron and Fattore presented the Regional Schools Operating Budget for Fiscal 2022, which they will vote at their meeting next week. The budget assumes level enrollment and full in-person attendance. The overall operating budget increase is 0.87%. Health insurance has the largest increase over last year, mitigated by employees continuing to move to the high-deductible plan and the phase-in of increased cost-sharing. Savings from the latter will again be put toward the OPEB trust. CARES grants in FY21 have accelerated technology upgrades so that item is greatly reduced in FY22. Utility costs are up this year, especially heat due to windows being kept open for ventilation. The administration has received information on upcoming grants and expects to be able to use those to offset costs if in-person learning does not take place next year.

Mss. Sharon and Fattore continued with the Regional Schools Capital Budget review. The FY22 request is \$355,500, including hot water heater replacements, flooring replacements, stairwell repairs, paving, and duct work insulation. They will pursue Green Communities grants where applicable. The Region plans to fund this year's items out of the Excess & Deficiency account, as was done the last two years. Mr. Tsai expressed Sherborn's desire that this practice end, instead allocating the costs to each town. This would reduce the towns' operating assessments and give each the flexibility to fund their share out of cash or borrowing.

The Regional Schools presentations being complete, the Sherborn Advisory Committee paused its meeting at 8:20 pm, to be resumed on their own Zoom call. The Regional Schools Committee adjourned its meeting at 8:22 pm.

Mr. Myrick presented the Water Resources Committee's budget request. They desire to continue building on the data collected by Kleinfelder, published in March 2020. As part of the original study a network of monitoring wells was created, continuously sampling water levels and quality. This data, combined with

USGS streamflow and well data can be used to develop a comprehensive water management strategy. The budget request of \$44,235 would be used to continue existing monitoring and professional analysis; expand the network of monitoring wells; fund education and outreach; and integrate the water data with the Town's GIS database. Once the program is up and running, subsequent years' costs should be lower.

Their presentation being complete, the Water Resources Committee adjourned its meeting at 8:55 pm.

Other Business:

The minutes of February 9 were approved unanimously.

There will be a presentation on Open Meeting Law on March 2. It will be recorded and Mr. Andrews will send around a link to the recording when it is available. All are encouraged to view it.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is considering a 40B application for a development on Rt 109.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn, seconded by unanimous proclamation. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 3.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary