

DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the March 3, 2021 Meeting

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

Others in attendance: Bob Springett, Selectman; Ford Spalding, Minuteman School Liaison

Location: on-line, via Zoom

Mr. Kinder called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Mr. Kinder asked for any citizens' comments; none were made.

The minutes of February 24 were approved unanimously.

Mr. Spalding presented the Fiscal 2022 budget for the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School (attached). Dover's total assessment will increase from \$137,416 to \$206,298. The increase is primarily due to debt service and capital improvements. Dover's assessment is based on the four-year moving average of the number of students enrolled, but with a "floor" of five (four currently enrolled). Transportation costs are baked into each town's assessment. COVID-19 has not affected the budget; they are currently running at 50% capacity with pairs of grades alternating days on and off campus. Asked about the "Prior Year Tuition" and "Current Year Tuition" lines in the budget book, Mr. Spalding offered to research that and get back to the Committee.

Review of Warrant Articles:

- Article 15 (accessory dwelling units) – this was covered sufficiently last year and there is no need to have the proponents come to our next meeting.
- Article 23 (wireless/personal service providers) – AT&T is asking to renegotiate its tower lease agreement. The Selectmen need Town Meeting approval for this.
- The article for acceptance of MGL Chapter 40U has been dropped.
- Article 19 (OPEB Trust Fund) – we will ask Chris Dwelley for an explanation.
- Article 22 (Animals) – brings Dover into harmony with State law.
- Article 24 (Stagecoach Lane) – unchanged from last year, no need for review.
- Articles 10 & 28 (Stabilization Fund and Free Cash) – the selectmen have not discussed these since last fall.
- Mr. Smith will circulate the write-ups from last year's articles that were dropped. He will also check to see if we were going to put the entire redline of bylaw changes into the Blue Book, or keep it as a separate hand-out.
- The Open Hearing on the Warrant will be Monday, March 15, via Zoom. Mr. Kinder and Mr. Springett will discuss the Selectmen's presentation off-line.

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

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

Attachment: Minuteman FY22 Budget Book