

**DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the March 15, 2023 Meeting**

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

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

*Ms. Herman called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.*

**Warrant Articles**

Article 1 (Committee Reports): Mr. Smith moved that the Committee recommend this article be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Article 2 (Salaries of Elected Officials): Deferred until numbers are available.

Article 3 (Revolving Funds): Mr. Smith moved that the Committee recommend that the amounts noted in the Warrant for this article be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Article 4 (Operating Budget): Deferred until budget model is complete.

Article 5 (Capital Budget): Deferred until Capital Budget is complete.

Article 6 (Appropriate Regional Schools Capital Expenditures): Deferred until budget model is complete.

Article 7 (Borrowing for Regional Schools Capital Expenditures): Expected to be withdrawn.

Article 8 (Unemployment Fund): Mr. Smith moved that \$10,000 be appropriated for the purpose of this article, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Article 9 (Sick Leave for Retiring Police Officers): Mr. Smith moved that \$10,000 be appropriated for the purpose of this article, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Article 10 (Road Construction): Mr. Smith moved that the Committee recommend this article be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Article 11 (Conservation Commission): Mr. Smith moved that \$25,000 be appropriated for the purpose of this article, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Article 12 (General Stabilization Fund): Deferred until budget model is complete.

Article 13 (Regional Schools OPEB Fund): Mr. Smith moved that \$721,000 be appropriated for the purpose of this article, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 8-0-1.

Article 14 (One-Time Projects): The Selectmen are proposing an evaluation of how information is disseminated from and collected in the Town, transitioning as much as possible on-line. To this end they are seeking funds for a professional proposal and website overhaul. Several Committee members questioned the need and the cost. The Selectmen will be asked to provide more detail at the next meeting.

Article 15 (Unpaid Bills): Deferred until exact figure is available.

Article 16 (Supplemental Appropriations): Expected to be withdrawn.

Article 17 (Community Center Recreation Items): Expected to be withdrawn.

Article 18 (Floodplain overlay District Bylaw): Mr. Smith moved that the Committee recommend this article be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0. Write-up assigned to Mr. Kinder.

Article 19 (Accessory Dwelling Units) Deferred pending further research.

Article 20 (Wetlands Protection Bylaw): Mr. Smith moved that the Committee recommend this article be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0. Write-up assigned to Mr. Migausky.

Article 21 (Appointment of Inspectors): Mr. Smith moved that the Committee recommend this article be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0. Write-up assigned to Ms. McCormick.

Article 22 (Constables): Mr. Smith moved that the Committee recommend this article be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0. Write-up assigned to Ms. Cadena Kinney.

Article 23 (Finance Committee on Roads): Mr. Smith moved that the Committee recommend this article be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0. Write-up assigned to Mr. Smith.

Article 24 (Tree Committee): Mr. Smith moved that the Committee recommend this article be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0. Write-up assigned to Mr. Smith.

Article 25 (Capital Budget Committee Membership): The Committee found the language in the Warrant to be confusing. Deferred pending clarification.

Article 26 (Real Estate and Motor Vehicle Excise Demand Fees): Before acting, the Committee will re-search what the current fees are and why they are being raised.

Article 27 (Long-Range Planning Committee): Mr. Smith moved that the Committee recommend this article be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed 9-0-0. Write-up assigned to Mr. Smith.

Article 28 (Sidewalk on Cross St): Mr. Smith moved that the Committee recommend this article be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion failed 0-8-1. Write-up assigned to Mr. Kinder.

Article 29 (Free Cash to Stabilize the Tax Rate): Before acting, the Committee needs to see the complete budget model and other proposed appropriations from Free Cash.

### **Other Business**

The Capital Budget is not finalized yet. That committee is still investigating whether the roll-off truck is still safe to operate, and if it makes economic sense for the Town to outsource this function.

Members assigned write-ups are asked to complete them over the weekend and send them to Mr. Smith.

Meeting on Monday, March 20 will begin with the Selectmen, then Capital Budget, then the remaining articles.

*There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn, seconded by unanimous proclamation. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Smith, Secretary