

**DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the March 24, 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; Gerry Clarke and Justine Kent-Uritam, Board of Health

**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. Kinder asked for any citizens' comments. Dr. Clarke asked whether the Board of Health's operating budget is being increased to cover the on-going portion of water resources study. Mr. Kinder said that he believes that will be the case.

The minutes of March 10 and 15 will be taken up at the next meeting.

Votes on Warrant articles:

- Mr. Andrews moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 3 (Authorize Amounts for Revolving Funds) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 7-0-0 (Mr. Migausky and Ms. Kinney not yet present)
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that the sum of \$10,000 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of Article 6 (Appropriate for Unemployment Compensation Fund), seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present).
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that the sum of \$10,000 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of Article 7 (Appropriate for Sick Leave for Retiring Police Officers), seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present).
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 8 (Appropriate for Road Construction, Reconstruction and Improvements) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present)
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that the sum of \$25,000 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of Article 9 (Appropriate to Conservation Fund), seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present).
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 15 (Amend Zoning By-laws – Accessory Apartments) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present)
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 16 (Accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5 – Property Tax Deferral for Seniors) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present)
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 17 (Accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5 – Property Tax Exemption for Persons Over 65) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present)
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 18 (Accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 60, Section 3D – Elderly & Disabled Taxation Fund) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present)

- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 19 (OPEB Trust Fund) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present)
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 20 (Amend Part II of the General Bylaws – Cemeteries) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present)
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 21 (Payment in lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) for Solar Installation at Town Garage) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present)
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 22 (Amend Part II of General Bylaws – Animals) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present)
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 23 (Lease Authorization for Personal Wireless Service Providers) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present)
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that Article 24 (Accept Stagecoach Lane as a Public Way) be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Ms. Kinney not yet present)

Mr. Andrews noted that the Selectmen will be meeting on March 25 and will finalize Article 4 (the operating budget). Also, the Board of Health is considering withdrawing its request to add part-time administrative staff.

Mr. Smith explained the history of the use and growth of Free Cash over recent years. This led to a discussion of how much Free Cash should be appropriated to reduce the tax rate. Mr. Kinder said that the Selectmen may be changing their initial recommendation on the use of Free Cash, to be discussed at their next meeting. There was agreement that the Town’s Free Cash and other reserves far exceed best practices, and it should be the Town’s goal to match each year’s appropriation to the likely returns to Free Cash at the end of the year and prevent further build-up.

Mr. Smith asked that the write-ups for articles be sent to him as soon as possible. Mr. Kinder went over the list of assignments.

*There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn, seconded by unanimous proclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.*

*The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 31.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Smith, Secretary