

DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the April 26, 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 7:03 pm.

Reserve Fund Transfers

A Reserve Fund Transfer from the Conservation Commission requested \$1,500 for to cover the increased cost of required printed notices now that the Dover-Sherborn Press is defunct. Mr. Kinder moved that the request be approved, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion carried 9-0-0.

A Reserve Fund Transfer from the Library requested \$4,875 to upgrade and test an elevator door safety module. Mr. Hudson moved that the request be approved, seconded by Mr. Kinder. The motion carried 9-0-0.

A Reserve Fund Transfer from the Highway Department requested \$18,158 for overhead door repairs. Mr. Migausky moved that the request be approved, seconded by Mr. Kinder. The motion carried 9-0-0.

A Reserve Fund Transfer from the Library requests \$5,548 for repairs to an air conditioning compressor. Mr. Kinder moved that the request be approved, seconded by Mr. Migausky. The motion carried 9-0-0.

Annual Town Meeting

There are revisions to several articles:

- Article 2 (Salaries of Elected Officials): there was a mistake in the Town Clerk's total salary
- Article 4 (Operating Budget): Revisions will be moved for Selectmen's Expenses, Warrant Committee, Town Accountant Expenses, Police Expenses, Council on Aging Salaries, Council on Aging Expenses, and Medicare/FICA
- Article 5 (Capital Budget): the order of motions will be changed to break out the two items requiring borrowing (Fire Engine and Claybrook Rd) from the non-borrowing items. Also, Park & Rec is going to move that the large tractor (not recommended by Capital Budget or Warrant) be funded. Park & Rec believes that they have sufficient monies from their activities fees to cover this.
- Article 15 (Unpaid Bills) has increased.

The proponent for Article 28 (Sidewalk on Cross St) will make a presentation, incorporating changed based on the feedback received in his meetings with us.

Several recurring boilerplate articles will be grouped together for a single vote, as will the dismissals.

The motions to be made by Warrant were reviewed.

Ms. Herman asked that we all try to arrive by 6:30 to go over any last-minute changes and to familiarize ourselves with the new seating arrangement on stage.

Special Town Meeting

There will be two information sessions for the June Special Town Meeting (via Zoom): Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm, and Monday, May 22 at 10:30 am. Warrant Committee members are encouraged to attend at least one. The latest cost estimate is \$25.5 million, \$6.5 million over the amount approved at the June

2021 Special Town Meeting. Ms. Herman will invite Ford Spalding to attend a meeting with us to discuss his committee's recommendation.

Other Business

Mr. Kinder moved that the minutes of April 5 be approved, seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion carried 9-0-0.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn, seconded by unanimous proclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary