

***TOWN OF DOVER***

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**WARRANT**

for the

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Monday, May 2, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

Dover-Sherborn Regional School  
Mudge Auditorium

and

**TOWN ELECTIONS**

**Monday, May 16, 2022**  
7:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
Dover Town House

**WARRANT COMMITTEE OPEN HEARING**

**Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:30 PM**  
**To be held remotely**

# **ARTICLES OF THE WARRANT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2022**

Norfolk, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Dover in said County, Greetings;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dover, qualified as the Constitution requires to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Mudge Auditorium at the Dover-Sherborn Regional High School in said Town on Monday, the 2nd day of May, 2022, at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

## **Article 1. Hear/Act on Committee Reports (Board of Selectmen)**

To hear and act on the various reports of the various committees:

- (a) As contained in the printed 2021 Annual Report; and
- (b) Any other reports submitted to the voters by the Town Committees

## **FINANCE/BUDGET ARTICLES**

### **Article 2. Establish Salaries for Elected Officials for FY2023 (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will set the salaries for its elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 3. Authorize Amounts for Revolving Funds (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Section 5-16 (Finances) of the General Bylaws of the Town of Dover to authorize the use of revolving fund accounts for the following boards or departments, and that unless otherwise amended by the Board of Selectmen and Warrant Committee, such accounts shall not exceed the following amounts for Fiscal Year 2023:

1. Building Department
  - (a) Gas Inspector \$12,350
  - (b) Plumbing Inspector \$22,050
  - (c) Wiring Inspector \$34,500
2. Board of Health
  - (a) Perk and deep hole inspection and permitting \$40,000
  - (b) Septic inspection and permitting \$50,000
  - (c) Well inspection and permitting \$20,000
  - (d) Swimming pool inspection and permitting \$10,000
3. Library

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	(a) Materials replacement	\$ 5,000
4.	Council on Aging	
	(a) Senior activities and transportation	\$35,000
5.	Recycling Committee	
	(a) Materials Sales Proceeds	\$ 4,000;

or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 4. Appropriate the FY2023 Operating Budget (Board of Selectmen)**

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for salaries and expenditures by departments, officers, boards, and committees of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, or provided by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 5. Appropriate the FY2023 Capital Budget (Board of Selectmen)**

To see what sums the Town will raise and appropriate for the various capital purposes listed below; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, borrowed, or provided by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto:

1. DPW / Highway
  - (a) Mini Excavator
2. Fire Department
  - (a) Repeater / Radio Equipment
3. Police Department
  - (a) Patrol Vehicles
  - (b) Firearms
4. Schools (Chickering)
  - (a) EMS Software
  - (b) Floors, Classrooms, and Admin Offices
  - (c) Cold Water Booster System

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5. Selectmen
  - (a) Town House Fire Alarm
  - (b) Protective Agencies Sally Port Floor
  - (c) Protective Agencies Bathrooms
  - (d) Library Main HVAC
  - (e) Town House Windows
  - (f) Town House Space Renovations
6. Parks and Rec
  - (a) F350 Dump Truck

### **Article 6. Appropriate for Unemployment Compensation Fund (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of funding an unemployment compensation fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5E, of the Massachusetts General Laws; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, or provided by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 7. Appropriate for Sick Leave for Retiring Police Officers (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide for the payment of accumulated sick leave to retired police officers as authorized by Chapter 375 of the Acts of 1984; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, or provided by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 8. Appropriate for Road Construction, Reconstruction and Improvements (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of highway construction, reconstruction and other improvements under the authority of the Massachusetts General Laws as funded by various state budgets; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, borrowed, or provided by any combination of these methods; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts, apply for, accept, expend, and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 9. Appropriate to Conservation Fund (Conservation Commission)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Conservation Fund to be used by the Conservation Commission for any purpose authorized by Chapter 40, Section 8C of the Massachusetts General Laws; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, or provided by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 10. Appropriate for General Stabilization Fund (Board of Selectmen)**

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the General Stabilization Fund in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws; determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, by transfer from available funds; or any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 11. Appropriate for Capital Stabilization Fund (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Capital Stabilization Fund in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws; determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, by transfer from available funds; or any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 12. Appropriate for Dover-Sherborn Regional Schools OPEB Stabilization Fund (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Dover-Sherborn Regional Schools Stabilization Fund in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws; determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, by transfer from available funds; or any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 13. Appropriate for Dover-Sherborn Regional Schools Capital Expenses (Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds or borrow, or any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of paying the costs of various items of capital equipment and/or improvements, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the Dover-Sherborn Regional School District and the Town of Sherborn; and to determine whether any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by the vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; or take any other action relative thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 14. Borrowing to Pay for Costs of Various Capital Items (Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the borrowing authorized by the Dover-Sherborn Regional School District for the purpose of paying the costs of the various items of capital equipment and improvements, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto and to provide that, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 20, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes hereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied; or take any other action relative thereto.

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### **Article 15. Appropriate for One-Time Projects (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of funding specific projects not expected to reoccur as specified in the motion and a list of which are available at the Town Clerk's office, and any incidental costs related thereto; and to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, or provided by any combination of these methods, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 16. Appropriate for Unpaid Bills of Prior Years (Warrant Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay any unpaid bills rendered to the Town for prior years; and to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 17. Supplemental Appropriations to Article 4 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting (Warrant Committee)**

To see if the Town will make supplemental appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 4 of the Warrant for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, to be expended during the current fiscal year, or make any other adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2022 budget that may be necessary; and to determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **ZONING AND PLANNING ARTICLES**

### **Article 18. Amend Zoning Bylaws – Accessory Apartments and Definitions (Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Chapter 185 by (1) adding to Section 185-5 definitions for “Accessory Apartment”, “Finished Area”, “Gross Floor Area” and “Short-Term Rental”; and (2) amending Section 185-43 entitled “Accessory Apartments”, as set forth in the complete text on file in the Offices of the Town Clerk and the Planning Board; or to take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 19. Amend Zoning Bylaws – Floodplain Overlay District (Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Chapter 185 by updating the Zoning Map reference to the Floodplain District, and amending Section 185-44 “Floodplain District” as set forth in the complete text on file in the Offices of the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 20. Acceptance of Trail Easements (Planning Board / Open Space Committee)**

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To see if the Town will vote to accept as gifts the following easements:

- A. a 30' drain easement and 10' bridle path easement along Tubwreck Brook being shown on a plan entitled "Brook Run Estates Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in Dover, Ma" dated February, 5 1988, Plan Number 725 of 1988 Sheets B, C, and D, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds, and as described more fully in a Grant of Bridle Path Easement to the Inhabitants of the Town of Dover recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 8028, Page 96;
- B. a 10' wide bridle path easement being shown as a "proposed 10' wide bridle path easement" on a plan entitled "Lot Layout Key Plan Bar-K Estates Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in Dover & Westwood" dated October 22, 1991, Plan Number 306 of 1992 sheets, A, B, D, E, and F, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds, and as described more fully in a Bridle Path Easement to the Inhabitants of the Town of Dover, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 9329 Page 596;
- C. a 10' bridle path easement, being shown as a "10' bridle path" on a plan entitled "Woodland Estates Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land, In Dover, Mass." dated February 5, 1988, Plan Book 370 Page 726 Sheet C, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds, and as described more fully in a Grant of Bridle Path Easement to the Inhabitants of the Town of Dover, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 8028 Page 111;
- D. a 12' wide bridle path and being shown as a "12' wide bridle path" on a plan entitled "Dover Pine Estates in Dover, Mass" dated October 3, 1994, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 430 Page 277 Sheet D, and as described more fully in a Grant of Recreational Trail Easement to the Inhabitants of the Town of Dover acting by and through its Conservation Commission, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 10887 Page 68;
- E. a trail easement being shown on a plan entitled "Definitive Plan of Land, in Dover, Mass located at 137 Centre Street" dated June 30, 1999 Plan, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds Plan Book 473 Page 201, and as described more fully in a Trail Easement Agreement to the Inhabitants of the Town of Dover's Conservation Commission, Book 473 Page 201 Book 14130, Page 157
- F. three 10' wide horse trail easements and a 20' wide drain easement, shown on a plan entitled, "Definitive subdivision Plans Springdale Farms Dover, Mass." dated October 16, 1985, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds Plan Book 1684 of 1985, Sheet A, and as described more fully in a Grant of Easement to the public at Large, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 6886 Page 326 and a Covenant to the Planning Board of the Town of Dover, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 6886 Page 308;
- G. a 10' wide bridle path easement and being shown on a plan entitled "Key Plan of Warwick Acres Dover, Mass" dated September 27, 1985, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 346, Page 1753, and as described more fully in a Grant of

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Bridle Path Easement to the Town of Dover, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 7350, Page 334;

H. a 15' wide trail easement and a 20" wide access easement being shown on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision plan of Land in Dover, Massachusetts" dated May 7, 1997, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 450, Page 584 sheets C, L, and M, and as the trail easement is more fully described in a Grant of Trail Easement to the Inhabitants of the Town of Dover, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 12357, Page 400, and as the Access Easement is more fully described in a Grant of Access Easement inhabitants of the Town of Dover, recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 12357, Page 389;

or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 21. Modernization of Table of Uses (Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Chapter 185 by amending Section 185-9 "Table of Uses" as set forth in the complete text on file in the Offices of the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 22. Update to Definitions (Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will amend Zoning Bylaw Section 185-5, "Definitions," to include terms not defined in the bylaws, to clarify measurements for dimensional requirements, and to define specific commercial uses as set forth in the complete text on file in the Offices of the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 23. Amendments to Sign Bylaw Zoning Bylaws (Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Chapter 185 by amending Section 185-35 "Signs" as set forth in the complete text on file in the Offices of the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **ACCEPTANCE STATUTES FOR MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS**

### **Article 24. Amend Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Conservation Commission)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Dover General Bylaws Chapter 181, Dover Wetlands Protection, the complete text of which is on file in the Offices of the Town Clerk and the Conservation Commission; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **GENERAL BYLAWS AND PROPERTY INTERESTS**

### **Article 25. Adopt Water Use Restriction Bylaw (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a General Bylaw entitled "Water Use Restriction", the complete text of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk; or take any other action

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relative thereto, and further, that non-substantive changes in the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Dover Town Code.

### **Article 26. Appropriation for Hale Reservation Land Acquisition (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, donation or to take by eminent domain any fee interest, easements, conservation restrictions or other interests in a parcel of land, approximately 663.04 acres, located at 294 Powissett Street in Dover, a portion of the property known as the Hale Reservation, which land is shown as Board of Assessors Map 19, Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, and Map 24, Blocks 68 and 69, for general municipal and conservation purposes, as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk; and further to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or borrow, or any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose set forth above; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

### **Article 27. Climate Emergency Resolution (Citizens' Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to recommend to the Dover Board of Selectmen to declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency, the complete text of which is on file in the Offices of the Town Clerk and, once declared, recommend that the Board of Selectmen consider taking further action to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as is fiscally and technologically possible; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 28. Increase Membership of the Board of Selectmen (Citizens' Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to establish a committee to conduct a study to explore aspects, including but not limited to pro's, con's, risks, issues to consider, potential timetable, and a pathway to implementation, of the Town's adopting a five (5) member BOS structure; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Article 29. Install Sidewalks on Main Street and Dover Road (Citizens' Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to construct a sidewalk on Main Street from the intersection of Main Street and Claybrook Road to the intersection of Main Street and Dover Road; and a sidewalk on Dover Road from the intersection of Main Street and Dover Road to the Town of Natick Line; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **OTHER**

### **Article 30. Transfer from Free Cash to Stabilize the Tax Rate (Board of Selectmen)**

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To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash in the Treasury an amount to stabilize the tax rate for the ensuing fiscal year and authorize the Board of Assessors to use the same to stabilize the tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dover, qualified as aforesaid, to assemble at the Great Hall of the Dover Town House on said Monday, the 16th of May, 2022 at seven o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following Article, to wit:

### **Article 31. Town Election**

To choose by ballot the following Town Offices:

Moderator.....	one year
One member of the Board of Selectmen.....	three years
One member of the Board of Assessors.....	three years
Two members of the Dover School Committee .....	three years
One member of the Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee .....	three years
Two members of the Board of Library Trustees .....	three years
One member of the Cemetery Commission.....	three years
One member of the Planning Board.....	five years
One associate member of the Planning Board.....	two years
One member of the Board of Health .....	three years
Two members of the Park & Recreation Commission .....	three years
One member of the Park & Recreation Commission.....	two years
Three Constables.....	three years

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by (1) posting attested copies thereof on each of the bulletin boards erected in the Town House, at the Post Office, and in no less than three other Public places where bills and notices are usually posted; and (2) mailing a copy thereof to or leaving same at the residence of every registered voter fourteen days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

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Hereof fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of the Meeting.

Given under our hands this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2022.

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John D. Jeffries, Chair

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Robyn Hunter, Clerk

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Robert Springett, Member

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Margaret Crowley, Constable  
A true copy attest: