

TOWN OF DOVER

WARRANT
for the
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 5, 2008

7:00 PM*

***Note: TOWN MEETING START TIME CHANGE**

Dover-Sherborn Regional School
Alan Mudge Auditorium

and

TOWN ELECTIONS

Monday, May 19, 2008

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Dover Town House

TOWN CAUCUS

Monday, March 24, 2008 at 7:30 PM

Dover Town House

WARRANT COMMITTEE OPEN HEARING

Monday, March 31, 2008 at 7:30 PM

Dover Town House

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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 Alan Mudge Auditorium at the Dover-Sherborn Regional High School in said Town on Monday, the 5th day of May, 2008, at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. (Selectmen) To hear and act on the various reports of the various committees:

- (a) As contained in the printed 2007 Annual Report; and
- (b) Any other reports submitted to the voters by the Town Committees.

Article 2. (Assessors) To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 73, Section 4, of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, in order to allow an additional real estate tax exemption of up to 100 percent in Fiscal Year 2009 for those who qualify for an exemption under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37A, or 41C of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. (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 4. (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. (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. Cemetery Commission
 - a. New Mower
- 2. Highway Department
 - a. Front-end Loader
 - b. Pickup Truck (H-1) with Plow

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- c. Two Trash Containers: Transfer Station
- 3. Town Library
 - a. Update Phone System
- 4. Park & Recreation Commission
 - a. Tractor (Large Mower)
 - b. Signage
- 5. Police Department
 - a. Patrol Vehicle (1)
- 6. Dover School Committee
 - a. Computer Technology Equipment
- 7. Board of Selectmen
 - a. Town House Copier
 - b. Protective Agencies Building Exterior Painting & Siding Repair
 - c. Town House Copper Roof Valleys & Drip Edge Replacement
 - d. Caryl School Building Maintenance

Article 6. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, borrow, or provide by any combination of these methods, 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; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts, apply for, and accept, expend, and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 9. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, of the Massachusetts General Laws to authorize the use of revolving fund accounts for the following boards or departments, and that unless otherwise amended by Town Meeting, such accounts shall not exceed the following amounts for Fiscal Year 2009:

1. Building Department
 - a. Gas Inspector \$5,100
 - b. Plumbing Inspector \$16,900
 - c. Wiring Inspector \$22,000

2. Board of Health
 - a. Perk and deep hole inspection and permitting \$40,000
 - b. Septic inspection and permitting \$40,000
 - c. Well inspection and permitting \$15,000
 - d. Swimming pool inspection and permitting \$10,000

3. Dover School Committee
 - a. School instrumental music \$35,000

4. Building Maintenance Department \$5,000

5. Library
 - a. Materials replacement \$5,000

and further, that the fees received in connection with these programs be credited to the respective accounts and that the respective board or department be authorized to make expenditures from these accounts in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10. (Planning Board) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding a new paragraph 185-41.1, entitled "Open Space Preservation", which would provide that any developer of a parcel or contiguous parcels of land in a R-1 or R-2 zoning district may voluntarily apply for a special permit from the Planning Board, as a preliminary step prior to approval of a definitive subdivision plan, which would authorize an open space residential development in lieu of a conventional subdivision development, to preserve at least 50% of the total site acreage as open space for conservation, agricultural, forestry, recreational or historical purposes, and would allow the Planning Board to condition or waive conventional subdivision requirements and authorize reductions in otherwise applicable dimensional requirements, provided however that no lot resulting from such subdivision will be less than one acre; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 11. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money to conduct a feasibility and schematic design of a revised layout for the dispatch area in the Protective Agencies Building; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12. (Dover Housing Partnership) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money to subsidize the purchases by eligible buyers of affordable housing units at County Court Condominiums, subject to an adjustment of the future restricted resale price by a lower discount rate from the appraised value of the condominiums so subsidized; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of maintaining and repairing the Caryl School building, as necessary to ensure safety and to support building operations; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court for an Act to establish a Post-Retirement Insurance Liability Fund, into which the Town may appropriate funds to offset the anticipated cost of premium payments for or direct payments to be made to retired employees, and eligible spouses of or dependents of deceased employees of the Town; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. (Open Space Committee) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money to revise the Open Space and Recreation Plan of 2003-2004 and to produce educational materials, including trail maps, for the general public and to expend funds for land stewardship needs as determined by the Open Space Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money to perform environmental monitoring and other professional services at the former Powissett Street landfill; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to designate a Board or Officer to issue permits to excavate trenches, pursuant to and as regulated by Chapter 82A of the Massachusetts General Laws and 520 CMR 14.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or borrow, or provide by any combination

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of these methods, a sum of money for architectural and engineering services to prepare preliminary designs for a community center; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19. (Personnel Board) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money to fund an increase in the compensation for all Town employees with the exception of those employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement and those employed by the School Department in accordance with the Town's salary plan for such employees; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will accept Francis Street as an accepted public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, all as shown on plans in the Office of the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will accept Ben Arthur's Way as an accepted public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, all as shown on plans in the Office of the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22. (Citizens' petition, Roger T. Panek, et. al.) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Dover bylaws, Chapter 169 Vehicles and Traffic, by adding at the end thereof the following new section: Section 9 Engine Braking Prohibited. The use of Engine Brakes shall be prohibited on all streets in the Town of Dover. Violations of this section shall be enforced by the Dover Police Department by issuance of a civil citation with a fine not to exceed \$300.00 per violation and shall be disposed of as a non-criminal disposition under the General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D, or act on anything relative thereto.

Article 23. (Warrant Committee) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 6, of the Massachusetts General Laws a sum not to exceed 5% of the tax levy of Fiscal Year 2008 to be a Reserve Fund, from which transfers are voted by the Warrant Committee from time to time and transferred as provided by statute, and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds including the Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus, or by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 24. (Warrant Committee) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money to pay any unpaid bills rendered to the Town for prior years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 25. (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 2007 Annual Town Meeting, to be expended during the current fiscal year, or make any other adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2008 budget that may be

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necessary, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26. (Warrant Committee) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash in the Treasury an amount to meet the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year and will authorize the Board of Assessors to use the same to reduce the tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 27. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing the Town of Dover Stabilization Fund in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B, of the Massachusetts General Laws; 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 Town House in said Monday, the 19th of May, 2008 at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following article, to wit:

Article 28. To choose by ballot the following Town Offices:

Moderator.....	one year
Town Clerk.....	three years
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 Commissioners	three years
One member of the Planning Board.....	five years
One member of the Board of Health.....	three years
One member of the Park & Recreation Commission.....	three years
One member of the Park & Recreation Commission.....	two years
(to fill an unexpired term)	

For these purposes the polls will be open at seven o'clock in the forenoon and will close at eight o'clock in the evening.

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 28th day of February, 2008.

Kathleen W. Weld, Chairman

Carol Lisbon, Clerk

David W. Heinlein, Member

Carl E. Sheridan, Constable
A true copy attest: