

TOWN OF DOVER

WARRANT

for the

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2009

7:00 PM

Dover-Sherborn Regional School
Alan Mudge Auditorium

and

TOWN ELECTIONS

Monday, May 18, 2009

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Dover Town House

TOWN CAUCUS

Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:30 PM

Dover Town House

WARRANT COMMITTEE OPEN HEARING

Monday, March 23, 2009 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 4th day of May, 2009, 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 2008 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 2010 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. Fire Department

- a. Replace (1999) Command Car
- b. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles

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2. Highway Department
 - a. Ten-Wheel Dump Truck (H-15) with Plow
 - b. Transfer Station: Two Trash Containers

3. Library
 - a. Laptop Lab

4. Park & Recreation Commission
 - a. Tractor (Large Mower)

5. Police Department
 - a. Patrol Vehicles (2)
 - b. Radio Tower
 - c. Dispatch Console & Control Station

6. Dover School Committee
 - a. Replacement of Computer Technology Equipment

7. Board of Selectmen
 - a. Library: Replacement of Upper Storm Windows (14) & Ancillary Work
 - b. Town House: Painting of Great Hall Ceiling

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

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various state budgets; 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. (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 2010:

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. Building Maintenance Department \$5,000

4. Library

a.	Materials replacement	\$5,000
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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. (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 11. (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

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building, as necessary to ensure safety and to support building operations; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12. (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 hiring consultants to work with the Dover Community Center Building Committee to develop a master plan, design plan and cost estimate to renovate and upgrade the current Caryl School building and property for the purpose of a Dover Community Center; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 479 of the Acts of 2008 (to be codified as Chapter 32B, § 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws); appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to establish an Other Post-Retirement Benefits Liability Trust 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 or dependents of deceased employees of the Town; and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of hiring an actuary to develop a funding schedule for such trust fund; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. (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 15. (Board of Fire Engineers) To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 12 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003, providing that a member of a call fire department or other volunteer emergency service agency be classified as an employee for contributory group insurance purposes under Chapter 32B of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 80 of the General Bylaws by adding a new subsection, as follows:

No person shall consume any alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors in the Town House, School buildings, or Cemetery or upon any public grounds within the Town, or in any area accessible to the public or upon any private property exposed to public view from a school, playground or park. Any person found by a police officer engaged in such behavior may have his or her alcoholic beverages confiscated and be punished by a fine of \$200.00 in the manner prescribed by Chapter 40, § 21D of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any person who does not immediately cease such behavior upon the direction of the police officer or refuses to properly make known his or her identity to the officer may be placed under arrest and subject to criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to Chapter 272, § 59 or Chapter 40, § 21 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Or take any action relative thereto.

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Article 17. (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 hiring consultants to provide design and other services to develop a preservation plan for the Caryl House, located at 107 Dedham Street; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. (Minuteman Regional High School) To see if the Town of Dover will approve the establishment of a stabilization fund by the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District, beginning July 1, 2009, under MGL Chapter 71, Section 16G ½, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19. (Assessors) To see if the Town will vote to increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A of the Massachusetts General Laws, from \$40,000 to the amount established annually by the Commissioner of Revenue as the total income limit for single seniors who are not heads of households to qualify for the “circuit breaker” state income tax credit under Chapter 62, Section 6, subsection (k) for the preceding state tax year, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed beginning on July 1, 2009 and thereafter; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. (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 2009 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 21. (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 22. (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 2008 Annual Town Meeting, to be expended during the current fiscal year, or make any other adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2009 budget that may be necessary, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23. (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.

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Article 24. (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 18th of May, 2009 at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following article, to wit:

Article 25. 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
- One member of the Dover School Committee.....three years
- One member of the Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committeethree years
- Two members of the Board of Library Trustees.....three years
- One member of the Cemetery Commissionersthree years
- One member of the Planning Board.....five years
- One member of the Board of Health.....three years
- Two members of the Park & Recreation Commissionthree years
- One member of the Park & Recreation Commission.....one year
(to fill an unexpired term)
- Three members of the Trustees of the Larrabee & Whiting Estatefive years

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.

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.

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Given under our hands this 26th day of February, 2009.

Carol Lisbon, Chair

David W. Heinlein, Clerk

Joseph M. Melican, Member

Carl E. Sheridan, Constable
A true copy attest: