

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FEBRUARY 5, 2009

At 9:01 a.m., Chair Carol Lisbon called the meeting to order with member Joseph M. Melican present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Administrative Assistant. David W. Heinlein was absent from the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: Dave Stapleton, Warrant Committee

PRESS: Ben Kossak, D-S Press

Review/Order Draft Warrant Articles

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the draft 2009 Annual Town Meeting warrant, consisting of the standard boilerplate articles as well as several special articles. The Board and Mr. Ramsay discussed the special articles in some detail. Mrs. Lisbon changed the placement of one article at this time. The warrant will be signed at the Selectmen's meeting on February 26, 2009.

Mr. Melican moved to accept the ordering of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for the Annual Town Meeting 2009 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Revise FY10 Operating Budget 135

Mr. Ramsay said that the Town Accountant's FY10 operating budget salaries total is incorrect. The Assistant Accountant's annual salary needs to be increased by \$1,096.20 to incorporate her annual step increase.

Mr. Melican moved to approve a **revised budget for Dept. No. 135 Town Accountant** in the amount of \$156,485, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Other Business:

Snow & Ice Authorization

Mr. Ramsay said that this has been a costly winter for snow removal, but that Superintendent of Streets Craig Hughes is hopeful that the additional \$100,000 Snow & Ice Authorization before the Board for vote this evening will cover related expenses incurred during the remainder of the season.

Mrs. Lisbon commented that a number of attendees at the All Chairs meeting last Thursday evening asked Finance Committee on Roads Chairman Jack Walsh to convey to Mr. Hughes what a wonderful job his employees have done maintaining the quality of roadways throughout this winter.

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Mr. Melican moved to approve an additional \$100,000 for the Snow & Ice budget, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Special License

Mr. Melican moved to approve a special license for the Friends of the Library [for service of wine at an author series] on March 11, 2009, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Approve January 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Melican moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2009 as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Citizens' Comments

On behalf of the Warrant Committee, Dave Stapleton thanked Mr. Ramsay and the Board of Selectmen for a productive review of the Selectmen's budgets at last night's meeting. He reported that the Capital Budget Committee will be finalizing their FY10 capital expenditure recommendations shortly.

Mrs. Lisbon observed that the fiscal impact of cutbacks in state aid is less for Dover than many other communities that receive more money from the state.

Adjournment

At 9:26 a.m., Mr. Melican moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

DOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David W. Heinlein, Clerk