Dover Warrant Committee

June 3, 2009

Members in attendance: Caroline White, Chair; David Stapleton, Vice Chair; Peter Smith, Secretary; James Dawley; James Kinder; Andrew Waugh

Others in attendance: David Heinlein, Selectmen

Dr. White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

1. Review of minutes

a.) Mr. Stapleton moved that the minutes of April 30, 2009 be approved, seconded by Mr. Dawley. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Mr. Waugh not yet present).

b.) Mr. Stapleton moved that the minutes of May 4, 2009 be approved, seconded by Mr. Dawley. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Mr. Waugh not yet present).

2. Prior Notices and Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

a.) Reserve Fund Transfer Request dated 5/5/09 for $501.48 by the Warrant Committee, account 0131: “The cost of printing the ‘Blue Book’ was higher than budgeted”. Mr. Stapleton noted that the printer held to the original cost estimate, but there were more pages than anticipated. Mr. Stapleton moved that the request be approved, seconded by Mr. Dawley. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Mr. Waugh not yet present).

b.) Reserve Fund Transfer Request dated 5/15/09 for $4844.00 from the Fire Department, account 0220-5810-319-2000: “Replacement of extrication tool. Extrication tool failed in June of 2008.” Several members questioned the long delay between failure and request, and why the replacement was not handled via the normal capital budget process. Mr. Smith will get clarification and a fuller explanation; in the meantime, this item is placed on hold.

c.) Prior Noticed dated 5/5/09 for $4500.00 from the Fire Department, account 0220-5200-403-2000: “Replace engine Computer Board in Engine 3. Computer board that manages the motor filed [sic] and needed immediate replacement to place Engine back in service.” Mr. Stapleton moved that the request be approved, seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Mr. Waugh not yet present).

d.) Reserve Fund Transfer Request dated 5/27/09 for $4577.30 from the Fire Department, account 0220-200-403-200: “Replace Motor Computer Board In Engine 3. Computer board that manages motor failed and needed immediate replacement to place engine back in service.” Mr. Smith moved that the request be approved, seconded by Mr. Dawley. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Mr. Waugh not yet present).

e.) Reserve Fund Transfer Request dated 5/15/09 for $21,383.12 vis-à-vis Annual Town Meeting Article 5, item 7-B, account 0687-0122-5810-0612: “Low bid for replacement of Town House doors (capital budget item) exceeds monies appropriated for this purpose at 2007 Annual Town Meeting.” The doors are of non-standard size and required consider-
able re-framing. Mr. Dawley moved that the request be approved, seconded by Mr. Stapleton. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1-0 (Mr. Waugh not yet present).

3. Filling Vacancies on the Committee

The Committee noted the resignation of Scott Seidman, who won election to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Since his term was due to expire at the end of June 2009, the Moderator will appoint his replacement.

The Committee noted the resignation of Robyn Hunter, who won election to the Regional School Committee. Since her term was due to expire at the end of June 2010, the Warrant Committee will appoint her replacement. Several candidates were suggested by committee members and briefly discussed. Dr. White polled the members for any objections and a sense of the order in which they should be approached.

4. Liaison Updates

Mr. Smith (Roads): The intersection of Haven and Dedham Streets is being constriicted to prevent vehicles from speeding out of Haven; concerns have been raised that the new configuration will be too difficult for large vehicles to navigate. The Willow Street bridge was inspected by Mass Highways and found the need repairs near the waterline. A hearing will be held at Town House on July 15. The Centre Street bridge was also inspected but no action taken. The date for rebuilding the Chestnut Street bridge into Needham is still uncertain, but Mass Highways believes they can keep half the bridge open during the work. The Superintendent is looking into the cost savings to be had by converting the remaining 50 mercury vapor street lights to high-pressure sodium. NSTAR will underwrite 70% of the cost, but the Town will own the lights thereafter and be responsible for maintenance and repairs.

Mr. Kinder moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dawley; the motion was agreed by consensus at 7:25 pm
the next meeting will be June 16 at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

approved June 16, 2009