

Dover Warrant Committee

January 12, 2009

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

Others in attendance: Carol Lisbon, Selectmen Liaison

Dr. White called the meeting to order at 7:15 am

1. Review of minutes of January 7, 2009

Mr. Stapleton moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Hunter. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

2. Reconsideration of Andy Waugh as Replacement for Arthur Meehan as a Member of the Warrant Committee

Mrs. Hunter moved that Andy Waugh fill the remainder of Arthur Meehan's term on the Warrant Committee, seconded by Mr. Stapleton. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

3. Proceeding with Selecting Replacement for Nancy Weinstein as a Member of the Warrant Committee

The Committee by consensus authorized Dr. White to continue approaching candidates to fill the remaining vacancy.

4. Prior Notices and Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

The Notice and Transfer Request from the Cemetery remains on hold pending written details.

5. Warrant Committee's Town Report

Dr. White will post the draft to Google Documents where the other members can edit it.

6. Review of Budgets

a.) 131 Warrant Committee

Mrs. Hunter suggested that in light of the Committee's request that other departments make every attempt to hold the line on expenses, that the previously agreed 11% increase in Blue Book printing costs be cut to level funding. Mr. Stapleton will inquire with the printer. This budget will be deferred.

b.) 691 Historical Commission

Mrs. Lisbon explained that the Commission's work is almost entirely reactive, based on which historical buildings are come under review each year. Mr. Stapleton moved that

the level budget request of \$1,250 be approved, seconded by Mr. Dawley. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

7. Other Business — Liaison Updates

Mrs. Hunter (Regional Schools): It is still premature for us to meet with the committee until State aid is set.

Mr. Stapleton (Council on Aging): The Council is requesting funds for several new or expanded programs, as documented in their budget narrative. Time will be made for a thorough discussion when this budget is reviewed.

Mrs. Lisbon (Selectmen): It would be preferable for all the budgets under the Selectmen's control be reviewed in one or two meetings. It was agreed that the February 4 meeting will be dedicated to these budgets, with Police and Highway-related items coming first, so that the Chief and Superintendent do not have to wait through other discussions. Council on Aging will present at a separate meeting.

*Mr. Kinder moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stapleton;
the motion was agreed by consensus at 7:40 am
the next meeting will be January 14 at 7:00 pm*

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

approved January 14, 2009