

FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ROADS
MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2009 @ 8:00 am

ATTENDANCE – Carl Akins, Matt Spinale, Jack Walsh
Superintendent of Streets – Craig Hughes
Selectmen’s Liaison –
Warrant Committee’s Liaison – Peter Smith

MINUTES – Minutes of the December 16, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

OPERATING BUDGET – Craig described a proposed Reserve Fund transfer of \$100,000 to provide additional funds for Snow and Ice removal cost.. So far this season about \$280,000 has been spent. A recent Boston Globe article showed Dover’s salt usage well above most of the towns in the Metro West area when comparing cost versus number of residents. During the discussion it was agreed that the large land area and the number of streets in Dover impacted these data. The Committee agreed that we were satisfied with the quality of plowing as safety comes first. Craig closely monitors salt usage insuring that the many wells in Dover are protected and the roads are safe.

OTHER – State Stimulus request – Craig identified two projects that are ready to go. One is improvements on the Center Street bridge and the other is guard rail replacements [improvements] around town. The info has been forwarded to the State.

Meeting with the Warrant Committee scheduled for 2/4/9 on the FY 2010 Budget.

Chief Griffin will evaluate the Walpole / Center Street proposal to improve traffic during commuting hours.

NEXT MEETING – February 17, 2009 @ 8:00 am at the Town Garage

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 am
Respectfully submitted, Jack Walsh

Jack Walsh