

# Dover Warrant Committee

November 10, 2009

Members in attendance: David Stapleton, Chair; James Kinder, Vice Chair; Peter Smith, Secretary; Kate Bush; James Dawley; David Melville; Andrew Waugh; Jane Wemyss

Others in attendance: Joe Melican, Selectmen; Peter Mitchell, Capital Budget Committee

*Mr. Stapleton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm*

## 1. Review of minutes

Mr. Dawley moved that the minutes of October 28 be approved, seconded by Mr. Kinder. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Ms. Wemyss not yet present).

## 2. Prior Notices and Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

- a.) Prior Notice from Highway Maintenance dated 10/28/09 for \$6,500 for “frame work on 1979 10-wheel dump truck (H-15)”. Mr. Smith moved that the Committee acknowledge the Notice, seconded by Mr. Dawley. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-0.
- b.) Prior Notice from the Board of Selectmen dated 10/29/09 for \$36,000 “to replenish the trust fund to cover unemployment compensation claims for Nov. & Dec. 2009, & Jan. 2010 at a projected \$12,000.00 per month, the total at which the Town’s obligation is currently running per month.” Mr. Smith moved that the Committee acknowledge the Notice, seconded by Mr. Dawley. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-0. Mr. Dawley asked if there was a way for the Town to insure itself against such massive swings in unemployment costs. Mr. Melican offered to inquire.

## 3. Update on Minuteman Vocational School Renovation Plans

Messrs. Stapleton, Melican, and Mitchell brought the Committee up to date on plans to renovate and expand the school. All sixteen of the participating towns must agree before the plans can go forward with a feasibility study – a vote will be taken in February.

## 4. Discussion of KVS Financial Software

The new, network-accessible financial software is up and running. It will allow Warrant Committee members to view departmental budgets, and for designated members (Messrs. Dawley and Melville) to enter approved budget amounts after they have been voted.

## 5. Liaison Updates

Mss. Bush and Wemyss (Regional Schools): The wastewater treatment unit at the schools is still malfunctioning. The problem may be either engineering or software. The Middle School HVAC

upgrade that had been planned, using left-over construction bond monies, has been put on hold until the magnitude of the wastewater system repair is known.

Mr. Dawley (Capital Budget): Park & Rec is again considering a reconfiguration of the Caryl Park fields.

Mr. Waugh (Park & Rec): At its last meeting, they discussed raising fees charged to town sports organizations. Also discussed was a proposal by a private developer to build an indoor athletic facility at Laurel Field in Sherborn.

Ms. Wemyss (Board of Health): A Lyme disease forum will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>. They are expecting 1000 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine soon.

Mr. Smith (Fire): A former call firefighter has asked the Town to accept the provisions of a state law that would allow former call firefighters who become full-time town employees other than as firefighters to buy up to five years service in the retirement system.

Mr. Melican (Selectmen): At the next Board of Selectmen meeting, the Old Colony Rail Trail boosters will present their plan for converting the

*Mr. Kinder moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dawley;  
the motion was agreed by consensus at 8:00 pm  
the next meeting will be Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm*

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Smith, Secretary

*approved November 24, 2009  
correction noted and approved January 13, 2010*