

Dover Warrant Committee

November 24, 2009

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

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

1. Review of minutes

Mr. Dawley moved that the minutes of November 10 be approved, seconded by Mr. Waugh. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Mr. Melville not yet present).

2. Prior Notices and Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

Reserve Fund Transfer Request from Selectmen dated 11/12/09 for \$36,000.00 “to replenish the trust fund to cover unemployment compensation claims for Nov./Dec. 2009 & Jan. 2010 at a projected \$12,000.00/month, the level at which the Town is currently being billed.” Mr. Smith moved that the Committee approve the Request, seconded by Mr. Dawley. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Mr. Melville not yet present).

At the previous meeting, Mr. Dawley asked if there was any way for the Town to insure against such large changes in unemployment expenses. Via Mr. Smith and Mr. Melican, the Town Administrator said that he was not aware of any such facility.

3. Preliminary Review of FY11 Budgets

No budgets are on-line yet. The Chair asked the members to be sure to contact their respective departments prior to their budget presentation. The Chair is still waiting for a five-year retrospective of budget actuals for key departments.

4. Liaison Updates

Mr. Stapleton (Board of Appeals): The Dover Farms development is asking for relaxation of the age restriction.

Ms. Wemyss (Board of Health): The Dover Farms development is asking to add a half-bath to the previously agreed two-bath plans.

Ms. Bush (DCCC): CDC will be deciding if they plan to return next year. Their enrollment is down 40%.

Ms. Bush (Cemetery): They are still discussing their budget. An increase in plot prices is likely.

Mr. Dawley (Park & Rec): Discussion of a redesign of the Caryl fields continues. The Capital Budget Committee has suggested that the revolving fund be used to pay for further studies rather than a capital appropriation.

Messrs. Dawley & Melville (Police): Budget request will include several smaller projects within the Public Safety building, plus a major redesign of the dispatch area to improve workability by more than one officer, HVAC, and general flow. Vehicle maintenance has gone up.

Mr. Smith (Highway): Budget request includes more frequent painting of center lines, and improvements to the traffic lights to ease turning left onto Walpole St. Mr. Melville noted that State Chapter 90 funds may cover the latter.

Mss. Bush & Wemyss (Regional Schools): Will be getting together with Robyn Hunter to discuss the budget presently.

*Mr. Waugh moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dawley;
the motion was agreed by consensus at 7:55 pm
the next meeting will be December 9 at 7:00 pm*

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

approved December 9, 2009