

TOWN OF DOVER

WARRANT

for the

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2015

7:00 PM

Dover-Sherborn Regional School
Alan Mudge Auditorium

and

TOWN ELECTIONS

Monday, May 18, 2015

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Dover Town House

TOWN CAUCUS

Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Dover Town House

WARRANT COMMITTEE OPEN HEARING

Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Dover Town House

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Norfolk, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Dover in said County, Greetings;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dover, qualified as the Constitution requires to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Alan Mudge Auditorium at the Dover-Sherborn Regional High School in said Town on Monday, the 4th day of May, 2015, at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. (Selectmen) To hear and act on the various reports of the various committees:

- (a) As contained in the printed 2014 Annual Report; and
- (b) Any other reports submitted to the voters by the Town Committees

Article 2. (Assessors) To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5C ½, in order to allow an additional property tax exemption of 100% beginning in FY2016 for those Dover residents who qualify for an exemption pursuant to any clause listed in the first paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 for which receipt of another exemption on the same property is otherwise prohibited; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will set the salaries for its elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4. (Selectmen) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for salaries and expenditures by departments, officers, boards, and committees of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, or provided by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 5. (Selectmen) To see what sums the Town will raise and appropriate for the various capital purposes listed below; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, borrowed, or provided by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto:

- 1. Fire and Ambulance
 - (a) Powered Ambulance Stretcher

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2. Highway Department
 - (a) Sidewalk Plow/Brush Machine
 - (b) One-Ton Dump Truck with Plow
 - (c) Slide-in Sander

3. Park & Recreation Commission
 - (a) Utility Vehicle

4. Police Department
 - (a) Patrol Vehicles
 - (b) Dress Uniforms
 - (c) Message Board/Speed Trailer

5. School Committee
 - (a) Security Enhancements
 - (b) Floor Scrubber
 - (c) Gym Curtain Divider
 - (d) 25 Lenovo Chromebooks
 - (e) 8 HP ProBook 640G1 Laptops, 8 Docking Stations

6. Board of Selectmen
 - (a) Library: Replacement of Upper Level Carpeting
 - (b) Library: Painting of the Interior
 - (c) Protective Agencies Building: Repair and Painting of the Apparatus Floor

Article 6. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of funding an unemployment compensation fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5E, of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 7. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money to provide for the payment of accumulated sick leave to retired police officers as authorized by Chapter 375 of the Acts of 1984; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, borrow, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of highway construction, reconstruction and other improvements under the authority of the Massachusetts General Laws as funded by various state budgets; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts, apply for, accept, expend, and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, of the Massachusetts General Laws to authorize the use of revolving fund accounts for the following boards or departments, and that unless otherwise amended by Town Meeting, such accounts shall not exceed the following amounts for Fiscal Year 2016:

1. Building Department

a.	Gas Inspector	\$7,200
b.	Plumbing Inspector	\$17,500
c.	Wiring Inspector	\$25,500

2. Board of Health

a.	Perk and deep hole inspection and permitting	\$40,000
b.	Septic inspection and permitting	\$50,000
c.	Well inspection and permitting	\$15,000
d.	Swimming pool inspection and permitting	\$10,000

3. Library

a.	Materials replacement	\$5,000
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4. Council on Aging

a.	Senior activities and transportation	\$14,000
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and further, that the fees received in connection with these programs be credited to the respective accounts and that the respective board or department be authorized to make expenditures from these accounts in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 10. (Council on Aging) To see if the Town will vote to amend the membership of the Council on Aging in Article XXVI in Chapter 4 of the General Bylaws by changing the membership, as follows:

Article XXVI (Council on Aging)

In §4-36, delete “11-member” and replace with “7-member” and add: “Two associate members of the Council on Aging shall be appointed as non-voting members by the Board of Selectmen for a one-year term.”

Article 11. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or borrow, or any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of renovation of the facilities at the Caryl Community Center; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12. (Conservation Commission) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the Conservation Fund to be used by the Conservation Commission for any purpose authorized by Chapter 40, Section 8C of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13. (Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee) To see if the Town will vote to approve the borrowing authorized by the Dover-Sherborn Regional School District for the purpose of paying the costs of various items of capital equipment and/or improvements, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14. (Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash in the Treasury a sum of money for the purpose of paying the costs of various items of capital equipment and/or improvements, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the Dover-Sherborn Regional School District and the Town of Sherborn to provide funding for such items; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 15. (Minuteman District School Committee) To see if the Town will vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing “Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District” for the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District, to accept the amendments to said Agreement which have been initiated and approved by a vote of the Regional School Committee on March 11, 2014 and which have been submitted as a restated “Regional Agreement” bearing the date of March 11, 2014 to the Board of Selectmen of each member town prior to its vote on this article; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the Minuteman Regional Vocational School (the “District”) pursuant to Section IX of the Regional Agreement if and as amended by all District towns under the proposed amendment of the Regional Agreement dated 3/11/14, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and other

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appropriate Town officials to take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the withdrawal so authorized.

Article 17. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will hear the report and recommendations of the Dover School Committee relative to providing technical school education for Dover students, including the means by which such education might best be provided under an intergovernmental agreement with another school district.

Article 18. (Board of Fire Engineers) To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 73 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014, providing that the surviving spouse and dependents of a member of the Town's fire department or other volunteer emergency service agency killed in the performance of duties may continue to participate in the Town's group health and dental insurance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19. (Warrant Committee) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws a sum not to exceed 5% of the tax levy of Fiscal Year 2015 to be a Reserve Fund, from which transfers are voted by the Warrant Committee from time to time and transferred as provided by statute, and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds including the Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus, or by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. (Warrant Committee) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money to pay any unpaid bills rendered to the Town for prior years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. (Warrant Committee) To see if the Town will make supplemental appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 4 of the Warrant for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, to be expended during the current fiscal year, or make any other adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2015 budget that may be necessary, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22. (Warrant Committee) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash in the Treasury an amount to meet the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year and will authorize the Board of Assessors to use the same to reduce the tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing the Town of Dover Stabilization Fund in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B, of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

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And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dover, qualified as aforesaid, to assemble at the Town House on said Monday, the 18th of May, 2015 at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following article, to wit:

Article 24. To choose by ballot the following Town Offices:

Moderator.....	one year
One member of the Board of Selectmen.....	three years
One member of the Board of Assessors.....	three years
One member of the Dover School Committee.....	three years
One member of the Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee	one year
One member of the Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee	three years
Two members of the Board of Library Trustees.....	three years
One member of the Cemetery Commissioners.....	three years
One member of the Cemetery Commissioners	one year
Two members of the Planning Board	five years
One associate member of the Planning Board	two years
One member of the Board of Health.....	three years
Two members of the Park & Recreation Commission	three years

For these purposes the polls will be open at seven o'clock in the forenoon and will close at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by (1) posting attested copies thereof on each of the bulletin boards erected in the Town House, at the Post Office, and in no less than three other Public places where bills and notices are usually posted; and (2) mailing a copy thereof to or leaving same at the residence of every registered voter fourteen days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

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Hereof fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of the Meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of February, 2015.

Carol Lisbon, Chair

James P. Dawley, Jr., Clerk

Robyn Hunter, Member

Carl E. Sheridan, Constable
A true copy attest: