

# Dover Warrant Committee

January 27, 2010

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

Others in attendance: Carol Lisbon, Board of Selectmen

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

## 1. Review of minutes

Mr. Melville moved that the minutes of January 20 be approved, seconded by Mr. Waugh. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 2. Prior Notices and Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

None.

Mr. Smith noted that a Snow & Ice spending request is imminent. Ms. Lisbon confirmed that it will be voted at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

## 3. Status of the Town Meeting Warrant

The Warrant closed on January 22. Ms. Lisbon gave an informal summary of the new articles, which include bylaw changes pertaining to several boards and departments, two proposed sidewalks, and placeholders for capital items.

## 4. Next Steps for the Warrant Committee

Mr. Stapleton outlined the upcoming milestones.

- a. At a joint meeting with the Selectmen, the assessors and financial staff will present revenue estimates and how they compare with expenditure requests.
- b. Warrant articles will be assigned to Committee members. Each member should become familiar with the substance of their articles and prepare the Committee's remarks which will accompany each article in the Blue Book.
- c. The Open Meeting on the Warrant will be held March 22. This is the first public hearing on the various articles. Each article's sponsor will be present to answer questions from the citizens.
- d. Next, the Committee will vote its recommendation on each article and finalize the Blue Book remarks.
- e. The Moderator's Meeting will be April 29, where final preparations are made and roles assigned.
- f. Town Meeting will be May 3.

**5. Other Business**

Mr. Dawley passed around a cleverly compact summary of the budgets, including estimates for the Chickering School and Dover's share of the Regional Schools. He noted that there were discrepancies between the current year budgets in KVS and the Blue Book. It was explained that these are the result of encumbered expenses.

**6. Liaison Updates**

None.

*Mr. Dawley moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith;  
the motion was agreed by consensus at 8:10 pm  
the next meeting will be February 1 at 7:30 am*

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Smith, Secretary

*approved February 24, 2010*