

Dover Warrant Committee

March 1, 2010

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

Others in attendance: Joe Melican, Selectman

Mr. Stapleton called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

1. Budget Sources and Expenditures

Mr. Dawley handed out the latest edition of his every-valuable comparison of current budget requests versus last year's Blue Book. He also handed out a summary of the revenue estimates presented at last week's meeting between the Selectmen, Assessors, and Treasurer.

The Town can reasonably expect actual school transportation costs to come in significantly lower than the early budget figures when the contract is finalized. Motor fuel and heating oil should also be locked in soon at better prices than were in the Committee's guidelines last fall.

Although it is possible that some items in the Warrant will be voted down, the Committee needs to prepare a budget that is acceptable even if every item passes.

The largest potential budget upset could come from the cost of repairs to or replacement of the wastewater system at the Regional Schools.

2. Warrant Article Assignments

Mr. Stapleton distributed assignments for Blue Book texts. He will attempt to retrieve last year's Blue Book in electronic form, so that the text from recurring articles can be copied without re-typing.

*Mr. Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dawley;
the motion was agreed by consensus at 7:35 pm*

the next meeting will be March 3 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

approved March 10, 2010