

Dover Warrant Committee

April 14, 2010

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

Others in attendance: David Heinlein, Board of Selectmen; Pam Ellsworth, Moderator; Beverly Madden, Regional School Committee

Mr. Stapleton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

1. Re-Vote of the Minuteman Budget

The budget request previously submitted for the Minuteman School was in error. Mr. Smith moved that the Minuteman Vocational School budget previously approved at \$15,295 be increased to \$29,295, seconded by Mr. Dawley. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Mr. Waugh not yet present).

2. Discussion of Regional School Budget

After negotiations with the Sherborn Advisory Committee, the Regional School Committee agreed to a further budget reduction of approximately \$100,000. Ms Madden said that the cuts were achieved by reducing administrative salary increases, cutting the supplies budget, and raising activity fees. She stressed that no educational functions were compromised. The Warrant Committee was concerned that the original budget was already below level-service, having added no resources in spite of an increase in enrollment. Further, there was dissatisfaction that Advisory had unilaterally dictated the additional cuts despite Warrant's explicit support for the previous budget.

The Warrant Committee's consensus was to leave the previous budget recommendation unchanged. Ms. Ellsworth explained that if the Regional School Committee wishes to lower Dover's share of its budget, it should place a hold on the item when Article 4 is read over at Town Meeting. They may then put their case before the voters.

3. Review of minutes

Mr. Waugh moved that the minutes of March 31 be approved, seconded by Mr. Kinder. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Waugh moved that the minutes of April 7 be approved, seconded by Mr. Kinder. The motion was approved by all who had been present.

4. Prior Notices and Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

Prior Notice from Building Maintenance dated 4/8/10 for \$10,000 "to cover expenses incurred due to storm-related flooding at the Town Library". Mr. Smith moved that the Committee

acknowledge the Notice, seconded by Mr. Melville. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

*Mr. Kinder moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dawley;
the motion was agreed by consensus at 7:50 pm
the next meeting will be April 28 at 6:30 pm*

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

approved April 28, 2010