

# Dover Warrant Committee

December 15, 2010

Members in attendance: Peter Smith, Chair; Richard Forte, Secretary; Maureen Arkle; Kate Bush; David Stapleton; James Stuart; Andrew Waugh; Jane Wemyss

Others in attendance: Joe Melican, Board of Selectmen

Location: Selectmen's Room, Dover Town House

*Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm*

## 1. Review of minutes

Mr. Smith moved that the minutes of December 1 be approved, seconded by Mr. Stapleton. The motion was approved 6-0-0 (Messrs. Forte and Stuart not yet present).

## 2. Prior Notices and Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

None.

## 3. Warrant Committee Budget for Fiscal 2012

Massachusetts Municipal Association dues were \$165 for fiscal year 2007, \$169 for FY 2008, and \$173 for FY 2009-11. Allowing for the possibility of a small increase, Mr. Smith recommended budgeting \$180, which was agreed. On-Site Printing has submitted a quote of \$4795.83 to print the Blue Book (same as last year), which the Committee found acceptable. Together these two items total \$4975.83: Mr. Smith moved that this amount be budgeted for fiscal 2012, seconded by Mr. Stapleton. The motion was approved 6-0-0 (Messrs. Forte and Stuart not yet present).

## 4. School Budgets

Messrs. Stapleton and Stuart attended the recent Dover School Committee meeting and have received copies of the preliminary budget. Several uncertainties remain, and a firmer budget is expected at the January meeting.

Mss. Bush and Wemyss attended the recent Regional School Committee meeting, where the budget was discussed. Negotiations on the new teachers' contract are progressing, but may not be ratified until February, so the budget is soft at this point. Funding for the wastewater treatment plant upgrades is currently in the operating budget, but may be separated as a capital item. All present agreed that Dover's share, which will be under \$200,000 should be paid outright and not borrowed. Sherborn is still undecided as to how it wants to handle its share of the cost. Mr. Smith will seek out Sherborn Advisory's thoughts on the matter. He will also inquire if the planned meeting of the Region's Business Manager with the two towns' Administrators and Treasurers took place and if so, what their recommendations were.

**5. Liaison Updates**

Ms. Arkle reported that the Board of Selectmen budgets have been voted.

Mr. Stuart has reviewed the Council on Aging budget which is up less than 4%, primarily due to salary costs.

Mr. Stapleton said that the Library Trustees discussed their budget at the last meeting but have not yet voted on it. The budget appears to fall within the level-service guideline.

*Mr. Stapleton moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Waugh;  
the motion was agreed by consensus at 8:25 pm*

*the next meeting will be January 5 at 7:00 pm  
in the Fireside Room (Town House, downstairs)*

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Smith, acting in the Secretary's absence

*approved January 19, 2011*