

Dover Warrant Committee

Minutes of the October 13, 2010 meeting

Members in attendance: Peter Smith- Chairman, Andrew Waugh, Dave Melville, Dave Stapleton, Maureen Arkle, James Stuart, Kate Bush, Rich Forte and James P. Dawley, Jr.- Selectman

Location: Selectmen's meeting room, Dover Town House

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

1. Chip Spalding, Jodie Shue, proponents of two sidewalk proposals along Dedham St., and Springdale Ave and Craig Hughes (Dover Highway Department) presented a description of the intended sidewalks. Mr. Hughes estimated the labor hours to be 560 hours for Dedham St., and 840 hours for Springdale Ave. Marc Sarro, Planning Board stated that the committee reviews proposals and makes recommendations as per the sidewalk guidelines. Mr. Hughes will work with the proponents to develop annual estimated maintenance, upkeep and snow plowing costs for the added sidewalk space. Additionally, the proponents will develop alternatives to asphalt for the sidewalk construction to compare construction costs and long term maintenance costs.
2. Robyn Hunter updated the committee on the happenings at the regional schools. The Regional School Committee is working to improve communication among the committees. There are three major issues before the Regional School Committee
 - 2.1. Teacher contract negotiations
 - 2.2. Waste water treatment plant repair- the current plant never was in DEP compliance and have to be brought up to code. Initial estimates suggest the total cost to fix the treatment system is approximately \$650K, broken into two phases (phase 1- \$350K, phase 2- \$300K). The Regional School has some reserves to fund the initial design costs and plans to have a bid available for the Warrant. There are three options available to fund the project:
 - 2.2.1. BAN (Bond Anticipation Note)
 - 2.2.2. Mass Water Pollution Abatement Trust Program (subsidized pass through interest rate program by the federal government)
 - 2.2.3. Cash
 - 2.3. Enrollment projections for the middle and high school to develop a strategy to share building resources to accommodate the student bubble currently moving through the middle school.

The committee is also working on a 5-year capital plan, which is currently estimated at \$1.1 million. The current E&D account stands at about \$650K and by law can not exceed 5% of the school budget.

3. A motion was made by Peter Smith to approve the minutes of the October 6 meeting, second by David Melville. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-2.

4. Discussion ensued regarding the recommendation of the Personal Board to increase the wages of non-contract town employees. The committee did not have a better method of determining a wage increase. A motion was made by Peter Smith to endorse the Personal Board recommendation of a 2.3% general increase for non-contract Town employees, second by David Melville. The motion was passed 6-0-0.
5. A motioned was made by David Melville to provide guidance to all Dover departments to prepare level-service budgets. The motioned was second by Andrew. There was brief discussion. The motioned passed 6-0-0
6. The committee reviewed the sources and uses section of the Blue Book

Motion to adjourn by Peter Smith, seconded by Andrew Waugh. All agreed. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2010 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,
W. Richard Forte, Jr.