

Dover Warrant Committee
Minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting

Members in attendance: David Melville- Chairman, James Stuart, Rich Forte, John Cone, Kathy Gill-Body, Kate Bush, Andrew Waugh

Non-members in attendance: Joe Melican (Dover Selectmen)

Location: Dover Town House

David Melville called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Ms. Gill-Body made a motion to approve the minutes of November 9, second by Mr. Waugh. Approved 4-0-1.

Mr. Melville presented two Reserve Fund Transfers from the Board of Selectmen:

- \$18,190 for expenses relating to tree work and clean up from the October 30, 2011 storm
- \$37,810 for expenses relating to tree work and clean up from Tropical Storm Irene in August

Mr. Waugh made a motion to approve the two transfers, second by Ms. Gill-Body. Approved 6-0-0

Mr. Melville reported that Town's certified Free Cash stands at \$4,734,060.

Capital Budget items are approximately \$1.5 million, which includes \$980,000 for a new ladder fire truck.

The waste water treatment plant at the regional school passed phase I and is progressing to phase II.

MR. Melville requested the liaisons to inform their departments that all departments scheduled to present to the Committee forward copies of their write-up and preliminary budget in advance of the meeting with the Committee so that members will have the opportunity to review the material and be prepared to ask questions.

Liaison Reports:

- Capital Budget- Mr. Cone invited members of the Committee to attend a 7:30 AM meeting on January 10 at the Fire Station to get a tour and see the equipment first hand.
- Minuteman Vocational- Ms. Bush-Dover will be assessed an additional \$6,323 for emergency repairs to the school
- Cemetery- Ms. Bush-only change to the budget is going to be a capital request for a new mower/tractor
- Chickering School- Mr. Stuart- there was some talk about possible full-day kindergarten at a cost of \$80K. Expect new school budget at next school committee meeting
- Regional Schools- Ms. Bush and Ms. Gill-Body- draft of school budget is proposing a 3.78% increase over last year with \$400K from E&D

- A working group has been formed that will include 2 representatives each from Sherborn Advisory, Dover Warrant, Regional School, Ms. Spriggs, Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Tague, Business Manager Schools. Purpose of the group is to meet monthly to keep open lines of communication among the interested parties during the budget preparation process. The first meeting is planned to be in January.

Being no other reports or business before the Committee, Mr. Forte made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Waugh. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2012 at 7 PM in the Dover Town House.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Richard Forte, Jr.