

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 8, 2012

At 6:34 p.m., Chair Carol Lisbon called the meeting to order with members James P. Dawley, Jr. and Joseph M. Melican present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Assistant Town Administrator

ATTENDANCE: Dave Melville and John Cone, Warrant Committee

PRESS: Sarah Freedman, Dover-Sherborn Press

Discuss Ballot Questions

There are two changes to the Warrant at this point: Article 17 for establishment of a Stabilization Fund for Dover Regional Schools will be withdrawn per request of the sponsor; as likely will be Article 13 regarding the installation of a new fuel tank at the Caryl Community Center. Mr. Dawley gave a summary of the history of the above ground storage tank removal and replacement. The Selectmen extended their appreciation to David Ramsay, Karl Warnick, David Tiberi and Greer Pugatch for their persistence in seeing through this very complicated and lengthy process, which has saved a great deal of money for the Town.

David Melville, Warrant Committee Chair, said although the Committee has not received final FY13 budget numbers, certainly there will be no override this year, or a need for questions on the ballot. The important item for taxpayers will be Article 14, which is the Fire Engineers' request for a Ladder Truck. The Capital Budget Committee and the Warrant Committee have been working on this request diligently all year. Overall, all budget numbers were conservative and should be in the total range of last year's total operating budget. All departments were very cooperative. The Warrant Committee thanked David Ramsay, Greer Pugatch and staff members for the hard work and cooperation. Mr. Melville also thanked Mr. Melican for all of his mentoring over the years, which has been extremely helpful.

Regarding Article 16, a site visit to the Whiting Road buildings is scheduled for Mr. Ramsay with the architect and the structural engineer on March 9, and there

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should be preliminary impressions regarding the condition of the structures which can be shared when the Board of Selectmen meet with the Warrant Committee on Wednesday, March 14. David Melville thanked Jim Dawley for attending all of the Warrant Committee meetings as the Board of Selectmen liaison this year.

Other Business

Mr. Dawley moved to approve the special license for March 31st at Elmbank, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Approve February 23, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Melican moved to accept the minutes of February 23, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon reminded everyone about the Town Caucus to be held on March 12; the Open Hearing on March 19, and the Town Meeting on May 7.

Mrs. Lisbon thanked David Ramsay and Police Chief McGowan for working to enhance communication methods available to the Town, as summarized by the insert sent with the recent tax bills. Information can be obtained from Facebook, Twitter, Swift Reach, or by downloading a free app for smartphones called mypd.com.

Adjournment

Mr. Melican moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

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James P. Dawley, Jr., Clerk