

Dover Warrant Committee

Minutes of the November 14, 2012 meeting

Members in attendance: Andrew Waugh, James Stuart, John Cone, Maureen Arkle, Brooks Gerner, Robert Cocks, Rich Forte, Douglass Lawrence

Non-members in attendance: Jim Dawley (Dover Selectman), Shelley Poulsen (Chairwomen DS Regional School Committee), Richard Robinson (DS Regional School Committee), Michael Lee (DS Regional School Committee), Vicki Rellas (Sherborn Advisory Committee), Mary Wolff (Sherborn Advisory Committee), J. Ben Williams (Sherborn Advisory Committee), Mark Brandon (Chairman, Sherborn Advisory Committee), Jeffrey Rudin (Sherborn Advisory Committee)

Location: Dover Town House

Mr. Waugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Ms. Poulsen discussed the FY 2013 Regional Budget.

- The Region is seeing the population bubble enter the High School
- Added one SPED teacher
- Insurance should be stable in the upcoming year after the dramatic increase last year to bring the Region up to the appropriate coverage for the physical plant
- Expect health care costs to increase 8%
- Middle School A/C project will be presented as a capital item
- They have formed a sub-committee to create a regional capital budget plan
- \$844K (4.3%) in E&D account
- OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits). Should it be funded? How? Should it be part of this year's budget?
- School population shift, with increasing percentage of Sherborn students
- Budget Drivers for FY 2014
 - 1.25% increase in teacher salaries
 - Increase health care costs
 - 1% increase in transportation
 - A/C for the Middle School
- The Regional School Committee is looking to Sherborn and Dover to agree on budget guidelines to provide guidance to the Committee who can then provide guidance to the Administration
- It looks like the fix to the waste water treatment plant is working. The plant will be monitored for a year to confirm it is conforming with regulations

Mr. Brandon, Chairman Sherborn Advisory discussed Sherborn's finances and the Committee's guidance for the Regional Schools.

Sherborn has not had an override in the past six years. Every effort is made to keep taxes reasonable to property values to keep Sherborn a viable town and competitive with surrounding communities. Advisory recommends a 1% increase to the Regional School budget for FY 2014. This does NOT include the proposed Middle School A/C project, which will be treated as a capital expense.

Mr. Waugh introduced a request for a Reserve Fund Transfer from the Treasurer for \$16,605 which represents the 8% statutory interest on the property tax refund of \$58,775 to Verizon based on settlement of 2009 ATB case.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve, second by Ms. Arkle. Approved 8-0-0

Mr. Waugh introduced a Prior Notice from the Highway Department for \$3,074.81 for maintenance overtime relating to Hurricane Sandy October 29 – October 30.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 28.

Being no other business, Mr. Forte made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Cocks.
Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Forte