

Dover Warrant Committee Minutes of the February 29, 2012 meeting

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

Non-members in attendance: Jim Dawley (Dover Selectmen), Mike Aceti and Kim Collins (Capital Budget Committee), Dave Stapleton, Dave McTavish (Park and Rec), Scott Seideman (Park and Rec Board)

Location: Dover Town House

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

Mr. Waugh made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, second by Ms. Gill-Body. Approved 7-0.

Mr. Melville confirmed the plan for the March 7 meeting which will include review of both the Chickering School Budget and the Regional School budget. Ms. Spriggs will be in attendance with representatives from both school committees. Mr. Melville asked for clarification regarding proposed warrant articles from the Regional School Committee; Ms. Gill-Body confirmed that the RSC has withdrawn the warrant article related to funding consultants to develop options/cost estimates to address the heat issue at DSMS, but no further information is available. There are no updates regarding the warrant to establish a stabilization for the RSC for the intended purpose of funding OPEB; more information will be available at the RSC meeting next week, and these items will be discussed further at the March 7 WC meeting.

Park and Rec Budget Review: Mr. McTavish reviewed the draft FY 2013 budget, and explained variances related to a new phone system for Park and Rec staff (approx \$2500), additional funds for the repair and maintenance of the water system (\$2000), an addition 1 day/week of tree work (\$1000), and transfer of funds from “meetings” to “dues and membership” to cover staff training and travel. Overall, the proposed budget reflects a 4.62% increase over FY 2012.

Capital Budget Review: Mr. Aceti presented and discussed the draft Capital Budget for all departments for FY 2013. Mr. Aceti gave an overview of the thorough process that the CBC has followed in meeting with all departments to review, revise and justify their requests in order to develop the current proposed budget (see separate handouts). The CBC has now approved all of the items presented with the exception of the ladder truck requested by the Fire Department – this is still in discussion by CBC and will be addressed at its 3/14/2102 meeting. There was conversation about the technology requests from the Chickering School, and whether any prioritization of the requests could be considered further – Mr. Aceti will consider this with the CBC.

The Planning Board and Personnel Board will attend the 3/14/2012 WC meeting.

Being no other reports or business before the Committee, Mr. Waugh made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Cone. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gill-Body.