

**Dover Warrant Committee  
Minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting**

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

**Non-members in attendance:** Dover Selectmen: Jim Dawley, Carol Lisbon, Joe Melican Greer Pugatch, Assistant Town Administrator and David Ramsay, Town Administrator  
Mike Aceti, Capital Budget Committee

**Location:** Dover Town House

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

Mr. Waugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7 meeting. Second by Mrs. Gill-Body.  
Approved 5-0-3

Mr. Aceti, Capital Budget Committee presented the information for Article 14, Fire Engineers purchase of replacement ladder truck. It was felt that the Fire Engineers examined alternative options to purchasing a new replacement ladder truck, including the purchase of a used ladder truck and sharing a ladder truck with another town. It was felt that the used option was not cost effective. Sharing with a surrounding town places the Town at risk of not having a ladder truck available if required. Research of other towns and cities in the Commonwealth show that virtually all have ladder trucks. A new ladder truck is expected to have a useful life of 25 plus years. The Capital Budget Committee voted in favor of new ladder truck at a cost of \$774,617.

The Selectmen presented and discussed three articles (11, 13, 16)

Article 13 will most likely be withdrawn.

Article 11 is seeking funds to conduct a feasibility study for the proposed rail trail.

Article 16 is for funding the demolition of the Whiting Road outbuilding. The building is in danger of collapse and is to be demolished for safety purposes.

There was discussion of article 18 as to what level to fund the Reserve Fund. The Committee agreed that \$250K was appropriate.

There were two handouts circulated to the Committee (see attached):

Revenue Sources and Expenditures (draft)

Article 4 itemization expenditures by department for FY 2013

List of proposed Warrant Articles

There was some discussion on preparation for the Open Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 19 and the coordination of presenting committees.

Ms. Gill-Body and Mr. Stuart briefed the Committee on the final vote of the Regional School Committee to approve the Regional School budget. It was noted that Sherborn was okay with the budget. It was

agreed that the Committee felt there was better communication and greater group knowledge of the Regional budget.

Mr. Forte made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Waugh, approved 9-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 7:30 PM in the great room of the Dover Town House.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Richard Forte, Jr.