

Dover Warrant Committee

Minutes of the January 2, 2013 meeting

Members in attendance: Andrew Waugh, James Stuart, John Cone, Brooks Gerner, Robert Cocks, Rich Forte, Kathy Gill-Body, Douglas Lawrence, Maureen Arkle

Location: Dover Town House

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

Ms. Gill-Body made a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2012 second by Mr. Cocks. Approved 9-0-0.

Mr. Cocks made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012, second by Ms. Gill-Body. Approved 9-0-0.

Mr. Barry Clough, Town Clerk presented the Town Clerk budget for FY 2014. Salary increases total 2.42%. No changes to purchase of supplies and services. Result is a 2.05% increase in the budget to \$72,485. Election costs are budgeted for a decrease of 10.47% to \$47,204 due to fewer elections.

Mr. Clough stated that Dover is very close to the mandated second precinct based on Federal census data. When Dover reaches a population of 6,199 at the next Federal census, a second precinct will be created which will increase the costs of elections for the Town.

Dr. Barbara Roth-Schechter presented the Board of Health (BOH) budget. There are some minor increases to the budget due to increased postage for mailings to Town residents inquiring about Lyme disease. The BOH has a three-pronged approach to Lyme disease control- Education, Property protection and hunting (deer reduction). Two new costs for 2014 are \$5K for Dover's share of upgrade of the Charles River pollution control wastewater treatment facility and \$850 for Flu vaccine. Total budget increase of 11.52% to \$70,644.

Ms. Janet Claypool, Director of the Council on Aging, present the COA budget. Dover continue to see an increase in the over age 60 population, currently representing 24% of the Town population. The COA served 556 elders and 155 non-elders. After working with the Selectmen, the budget is up 3.64% to \$122,029, with the bulk of the increase due to salary increases and a small increase of \$350 for meeting expenses. It was noted that the transportation expense is level but may change as the Selectmen have voted to join the MWRTA in order to apply for a grant for a senior van. A contract has not yet been negotiated to determine the reimbursement rate of operating expenses, but the difference is not expected to be significant.

The Warrant committee expects an increase to its budget which includes membership dues of \$180 and the cost of printing the Blue Book of \$5,000.

Liaison reports:

Ms. Gill-Body reported that there is ongoing discussion between Sherborn Selectmen and Regional School committee regarding an inter-municipal agreement for funding options on future capital expenses at the Region.

Ms. Arkle reported that the Planning Board will introduce a Warrant Article to allow for an alternate member in the event a member is not able to serve the full 5-year term.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, with expected presentations from Police, Highway and Selectmen.

Being no other business, Mr. Cocks made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Lawrence. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Forte