

Dover Warrant Committee

Minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting

Members in attendance: John Cone, James Stuart, Rich Forte, Brooks Gerner, Bob Cocks, Maureen Arkle, Kathy Gill-Body, Doug Lawrence, Geoffrey Merrill

Non-Members in attendance: James Dawley

Location: Dover Town House

Mr. Cone called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2014. Second by Mr. Merrill. Approved 9-0-0

Mr. Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014. Second by Mr. Cone. Approved 9-0-0

Mr. Cone reviewed the meeting schedule for 2014.

Mr. Cocks updated the Committee on the Dover School Committee vote to approve their final budget. The FY 15 operating budget for regular education is less than the FY 14 budget. Mr. Stuart informed the Committee that Out of District cost is up 25% and special education is up 5% in the FY 15 budget.

Ms. Gill-Body updated the Committee on the Inter-Municipal Agreement. It appears Dover and Sherborn have an agreement in principle, with two very minor details to be addressed.

Ms. Gill-Body informed the Committee of the discussion at the Region on the need for a new van to accommodate between 1-5 students who will receive services at the Region instead of Out of District. The Regional Committee is discussing costs and ownership options.

Chief Hughes was scheduled to present the Fire and Ambulance budgets (copy of request attached). For reasons unknown to the Committee, he was not present. There was some discussion on the request for an additional \$9,212 to provide a minimal response to fire calls to pay for personnel to be "On Call" during 10 Town of Dover recognized holidays. The Committee agreed to invite Chief Hughes to present their FY 15 budget requests and explain the proposed expansion in services at a future meeting.

Being no other business, Mr. Forte made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Cocks. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2014 at 7 PM at the Dover Town House.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Richard Forte, Jr.