

Dover Warrant Committee Minutes of the January 28, 2015 meeting

Members in attendance: James Stuart (Chair), Brooks Gerner, Geoffrey Merrill, Rich Forte, Kate Cannie, Rodney Petersen, John Cone

Non-Members in attendance: Jim Dawley (selectmen), Chris Bolan and Dave McTavish (Park & Recreation), Judy Schulz (Library), Carol Jackman and Pope Hoffman (Cemetery)

Location: Dover Town House

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

Ms. Jackman presented the FY 16 Cemetery budget (see attached). The budget is up 2.62% to \$110,625. There were 13 burials in 2014.

Mr. Bolan presented the Park & Recreation FY16 budget. Salaries are up per contract by 1.46% to \$331,784 with the total budget up 1.51% to \$413,078. Mr. Bolan reported the fields were in good shape. Participation in soccer and baseball were down and lacrosse up. Usage is steady from Dover and Sherborn residents. A conscious decision to not rent the fields to outside organizations has benefited the condition of the fields and access by Dover and Sherborn residents and organizations. Park & Recreation has used the revolving fund as seed money to launch new events and activities and have them become self-supporting from fees and sponsors. Mr. Stuart requested a copy of the revolving fund transactions

Ms. Schulz presented the Library budget for FY 16. With some changes in staffing (retirements, new hires) the 2 new FTE are at lower step/salary level, therefore salaries are down 0.37% to \$335,925. The overall budget is up 0.91% to \$573,962. Ms. Schulz expected fundraising to diminish as a result of many members of Friends of Library retiring. The Committee expressed hope that the next generation of Library patrons would take the reins and continue to provide support for the Library. Usage of the Library is up.

Mr. Stuart thanked each presenter.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the minutes of January 21, second by Mr. Merrill. Approved 7-0-0.

Mr. Stuart reviewed the preliminary revenue and expenses spreadsheet (attached).

Ms. Cannie and Mr. Cone updated the Committee on the progress of the 46 Springdale Committee. The committee has formed sub-committees and is screening through options.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Being no other business, Mr. Forte made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Stuart.
Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Richard Forte Jr.