

Dover Warrant Committee

Minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting

Members in attendance: James Stuart (Chair), Brooks Gerner, Geoffrey Merrill, Kate Cannie, John Cone, Douglass Lawrence, Kathy Gill-Body

Non-Members in attendance: Mr. James Dawley (selectmen)

Location: Dover Town House

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

Mr. Stuart opened the meeting with a discussion of two prior notices that have been received from the Fire Department and Ambulance group. The Fire Department requested an additional \$10,000 for additional time in service due to the inclement weather. The Ambulance group requested \$16,000 also for additional time on call and related administrative time due to the harsh winter. Geoff Merrill will request additional explanations from each group to provide more perspective on the requested reimbursements.

Mr. Stuart then reviewed the Warrant article listing that had been updated to show which of the Warrant Committee members was going to propose the article and who was designated as the person to second the motion. This information will be reviewed in greater detail at the Moderator's meeting currently scheduled for April 30th by Mr. Repetti.

Mr. Stuart then briefly reviewed the proposed presentation that will be given to the Annual Town Meeting, nearly identical to the one given by Mr. Stuart at the Warrant Committee Open Hearing. The slides for the presentation will be disseminated by Mr. Stuart to the Committee's members for their review.

One key addition to the Town Meeting presentation will be a discussion about the Town's Free Cash position and a brief explanation of the analysis that will be undertaken by the Committee over the summer months.

Ms. Gill-Body proposed that the Warrant Committee schedule a meeting subsequent to the Annual Town Meeting to review the issues that were raised for discussion by the Town Meeting's participants. Mr. Stuart indicated that it was well worth the time and that he would schedule a meeting shortly after the Town Meeting on May 4th. One proposed time for a meeting was June 17th at 7:00 PM, which will be confirmed as the day grows closer.

Mr. Stuart then mentioned that he would be meeting with Dave Ramsey, the Town's Manager to review other budgetary issues, such as the purpose for the Town's "Other Insurance".

Being no other business, Mr. Cone made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Merrill. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoffrey Merrill.

