

Dover Warrant Committee

Minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting

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

Location: Dover Town House

The meeting was called to order by Mr. James Stuart at 7:05 PM

Mr. Stuart introduced a Reserve Fund Transfer Request from Highway Maintenance to pay an injured employee for accrued vacation, sick, personal and holiday time. The injured employee went out on workmen's comp/disability. The Town owes him for accrued benefits in 2015 (not budgeted) in the amount of \$6,761.76.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the request, second by Mr. Merrill. Approved 8-0-0

Mr. Petersen joined the meeting at 7:08 PM

Mr. Stuart introduced a Reserve Fund Transfer Request from the Conservation Commission for wetland consultant services- review, site visits, meeting attendance, reports, violations, correct delineations for work related to 46 Springdale, Haven Terrace, 10 Draper Road in the amount of \$10,000.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the request, second by Mr. Petersen. Approved 9-0-0.

Mr. Stuart introduced a memo from the Dover Board of Health requesting an increase to the Septic Revolving Account from the original budgeted amount of \$40,000 to \$50,000 to handle the significant influx of applications during the past several weeks requiring an increase in the number of inspections. The request is pursuant to Chapter 44 section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Law so that Health Agent may be paid and ongoing work completed.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the request, second by Ms. Gill-Body. Approved 9-0-0.

Mr. Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2015, second by Ms. Gill-Body. Approved 8-0-1

Mr. Petersen made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2015, second by Mr. Merrill. Approved 8-0-1

Ms. Gill-Body made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2015, second by Mr. Merrill. Approved 9-0-0

Mr. Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2015, second by Ms. Gill-Body. Approved 9-0-0

Mr. Petersen made a motion to approve the minutes of April 30, 2015, second by Ms. Gill-Body. Approved 9-0-0

Mr. Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of May 27, 2015, second by Mr. Petersen. Approve 7-0-2

Mr. Petersen made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2015, second by Mr. Cone. Approved 8-0-1

Mr. Petersen made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2015, second by Ms. Gill-Body. Approved 8-0-1

Ms. Gerner updated the Committee on the Region Schools. The Regional School Committee (RSC) discussed at their June 9, 2015 meeting a possible overage in their E&D (Excess & Deficiency) account which by state law cannot exceed 5.0% of their annual budget. Currently, the E&D is at 5.8%, nearly 1% over the max. Various options were presented to handle this and the RSC voted to establish a Regional Transportation Reimbursement Fund (RTRF). New RSC chair Michael Lee stated that this would be reviewed in 6 months when the new DS admin. is in place, all current unknowns will be known, and both member towns would be involved in discussions with the RSC and DS Admin. on how best to utilize any excess monies in the RTRF. If indeed transportation is overfunded, a good use of these excess monies could be to fund a future capital item, or put towards OPEB. It was discussed that using any unused RTRF funds for a recurring, operating line item would not be wise.

Ms. Gill-Body brought up the issue of OPEB at the Region. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that Dover Warrant Committee, Sherborn Advisory and the Region should meet together to become more educated on OPEB (the pros and cons of funding). It was agreed that a summer meeting date would be appropriate where the sole purpose of the meeting will be OPEB. It was agreed that, as the next step, Mrs. Gill-Body will contact Mary Wolf, Chair of Sherborn Advisory, to inquire if the timing is good for Sherborn Advisory to set up an informational meeting re: OPEB over the summer.

Mr. Lawrence brought up other issues that he thought may be on the agenda for next year's Warrant Committee: 46 Springdale, Free Cash, Minuteman Regional School, Caryl Community Center, GIC and the Green Community Act. Consensus was reached that summer meetings to focus on these topics would be prudent as the Committee prepared for the usual fall/winter meetings around the budget.

Mr. Stuart welcomed Ms. Candace McCann as our new representative from the Selectmen.

Mr. Stuart made a motion to elect Mr. Douglass Lawrence as Chairman of the Warrant Committee, second by Mr. Forte. Unanimous approval of 9-0-0.

Being no other business, Ms. Cannie made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Stuart.
Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Richard Forte Jr.