

Dover Warrant Committee
Minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting

Members in attendance: Douglass Lawrence, Brooks Gerner, James Stuart, Geoffrey Merrill, John Cone, Rodney Peterson, Kathy Gill-Body, and Kate Cannie

Guest(s) in attendance: Candace McCann (Board of Selectmen), Dave Ramsay (Town Administrator), Greer Pugatch (Assistant Town Administrator), James Repetti (Town Moderator), Craig Hughes (Superintendent of Streets), Peter McGowan (Chief of Police), Ford Spaulding (town representative to the Minuteman Regional School District)

Mr. Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Mr. Lawrence introduced Ms. Pugatch to review the Selectmen's proposed FY17 budget. Ms. Pugatch focused on line items with proposed increases and responded to questions throughout her presentation. Mr. Lawrence thanked Ms. Pugatch and Mr. Ramsay for their presentation and their service to the town.

Mr. Lawrence introduced Chief McGowan to review the proposed FY17 Police, Protective Agency Building, and Animal Control budgets. Chief McGowan responded to questions throughout his presentation. Mr. Lawrence thanked Chief McGowan for his presentation and his service to the town.

Mr. Lawrence introduced Mr. Hughes to review the proposed FY17 Highway Department, Transfer Station, and Tree Warden budgets. Mr. Hughes noted an increase in the costs associated with cleaning out the street storm drains and an increase in the snow and ice budget to try to minimize the need for special snow and ice assessments in follow-on years. Mr. Hughes responded to questions throughout his presentation. Mr. Lawrence thanked Mr. Hughes for his presentation and his service to the town.

Mr. Lawrence introduced the topic of the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 8 that will address three articles relating to the Minuteman Regional Vocational School. The committee reviewed and discussed the Executive Summary to be distributed to town voters. Mr. Repetti, Mr. Spaulding, and Ms. McCann participated in this discussion. Mr. Merrill made a motion to approve the Executive Summary, second from Ms. Gill-Body. Approved 8-0-0.

Mr. Lawrence informed the committee of a Prior Notice dated 12/28/15 from the Building Maintenance Department in the amount of \$9,500. The potential future call on the Reserve Fund is to pay for a handicapped access feasibility study for the Caryl Community Center.

Ms. Cannie gave a liaison update on the Dover School Committee FY17 budget process with a focus on the growth of SPED spending. The DSC will be presenting to the Warrant Committee on February 3.

Being no other business, Ms. Gill-Body made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Merrill. The meeting adjourned at 9:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Cone