

DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the January 9, 2019 Meeting

Members in attendance: Erika Alders (Chair), Gordon Kinder, Amy Baskin, Andy Ursitti, Rob Andrews, Peter Smith, Steve Migausky, Fred Hammerle, and Kate Cannie

Guests: John Jeffries, Carl Volante, Craig Hughes, and Peter McGowan

Location: Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Ms. Alders called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of January 2nd, 2019. Mr. Hammerle seconded. The Committee approved the minutes 8-0-0.

Chief McGowan presented the FY20 budgets for the Police Department, Animal Control, and Protective Agencies Building. Salary increases were based on contracts and the recommendation of the Personnel Board. The Police Department Operating budget is level funded. The Animal Control requested budget is lower due to decrease in hours and salary requirements. Chief McGowan informed the Committee that there are no capital outlay requests for the Protective Agencies Building.

Mr. Hughes presented the budget for the Highway department. The FY20 budget is expected to decrease due to no capital outlay requests. The Snow and Ice budget will be level funded per Massachusetts State Law. Mr. Hughes informed the Committee that paperwork has been filed with FEMA for the March 2018 blizzard. The Highway Department is conducting an audit of the 67 streetlights within the town as part of an upgrade through Green Communities Grant Program.

Mr. Hughes presented the budgets for Sanitation and Solid Waste. He confirmed that solid waste tonnage is down over past years (approximately 300 tons) and recycling has increased.

Mr. Jeffries introduced Carl Volante to the Committee. Mr. Volante will serve as the interim Town Administrator.

Mr. Jeffries presented the Selectmen's Budgets to the Committee. The budgets presented are level service per the recommendation of the Warrant Committee Guidance Letter. Mr. Jeffries informed the Committee that the Selectmen are requesting additional funding for a technology assessment.

Liaison Updates:

- Ms. Alders informed the Committee that an updated draft of the Town Report would be distributed to the Committee for review and comment
- Mrs. Cannie stated that the Regional School Committee would be reviewing its audited financial reports at the January 15th meeting
- Mr. Hammerle updated the Committee on the request for a new ambulance

The next meeting of the Committee will be held Wednesday January 16th at 7:00PM.

Being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn, second by unanimous proclamation. Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Cannie

Secretary