

DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the March 4, 2020 Meeting

Members in attendance: Rob Andrews, Kate Cannie, Cam Hudson, Gordon Kinder, Janet McCormick, Peter Smith

Members absent: Melissa Herman, Steve Migausky, Andy Ursitti

Others in attendance: Bob Springett & John Jeffries, Selectmen; Bill Motley & Amey Moot, Hale Reservation Task Force; Carol Chirico, Planning Board

Location: Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Dover Town House

Mr. Kinder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the February 26 meeting were approved.

Mr. Motley and Mss. Moot and Chirico presented the progress to date of the task force looking into the Hale Reservation's offer to sell a conservation restriction on their property. They are proposing that the Town engage an appraiser to evaluate the potential value of the part of the property in Dover. The cost of an appraisal is expected to run \$30,000-50,000. While some cost saving might be achieved by combining with the Town of Westwood, it was asserted that by hiring its own appraiser, Dover is assured of getting the specific information it most wants. As to why this is being presented as a special article at Town Meeting instead of being folded into the Planning Board's operating budget: the possible purchase of the conservation restriction will be a large item and it serves the people of Dover to bring the matter to their attention early in the process.

The Warrant Committee's submission for the 2019 Town Report was edited, and approved 7-0-0.

The Open Hearing on the Warrant will be Monday, March 16. Ms. Cannie will take the lead on contacting presenters. Mr. Kinder will present the Operating Budget (Article 4) summary. The Capital Budget Committee will present Article 5. Robyn Hunter will present the recommendations of the financial task force for The Dover and Regional Schools Committees will summarize their budgets, as will the proponents of special articles.

Liaison Reports:

- Ms. Cannie attended a meeting of the Board of Health where representatives of the Visiting Nurses Association, Sherborn Board of Health, and Charles River School discussed preparations for the COVID-19 virus. Schools are following State protocols. The meeting also discussed the water study report which will be completed very soon.

The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on March 11.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn, seconded by unanimous proclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

Attachments:

1. Hale CR Task Force FAQ
2. Warrant Committee submission for the Town Report