

DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the June 3, 2020 Meeting

Members in attendance (via Zoom): Rob Andrews, Kate Cannie, Melissa Herman, Gordon Kinder, Janet McCormick, Steve Migausky, Peter Smith, Andy Ursitti

Members absent: Cam Hudson

Others in attendance (via Zoom): Bob Springett, Selectman.

Location: on-line

Mr. Ursitti called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of May 28 were approved unanimously.

Mr. Ursitti reported that the court has approved the Town's petition to reduce the quorum for Town Meeting due to the current state of emergency. Mr. Springett said that the Selectmen are engaging with a consultant to design a low-risk meeting format, within the guidelines issued so far by the State. Mr. Ursitti told Mr. Springett about our recent meeting with the Town Administrator, and his suggested list of articles for an abbreviated Town Meeting, covering the operating budget, key recurring authorizations, and perhaps the capital budget. Mr. Springett said that the Selectmen are leaning toward using free cash to fund the capital budget, and to stabilize the tax rate.

It was agreed that if Town Meeting were held on June 22, it is already too late to print and distribute the Blue Book. The Town website appears to be the best available medium for publishing the Committee's recommendations.

On the assumption that the Town Administrator's suggested article list will go forward, the Committee reviewed these articles and voted recommendations as follows:

- Article 1: Salaries of Elected Officials. Mr. Kinder moved that we recommend a vote in favor, seconded by Ms. Herman. The motion passed 8-0-0.
- Article 2: Revolving Funds. Mr. Smith moved that we recommend a vote in favor, seconded by Mr. Kinder. The motion passed 8-0-0.
- Article 3 Operating Budget. Mr. Kinder moved that we recommend a vote in favor, seconded by Mr. Andrews. The motion passed 8-0-0.
- Article 4: Capital Budget. Mr. Smith moved that we recommend a vote in favor, seconded by Mr. Andrews. The motion passed 8-0-0.
- Article 6: Road Construction, Reconstruction, and Improvements. Mr. Kinder moved that we recommend a vote in favor, seconded by Mr. Andrews. The motion passed 8-0-0.
- Article 15: Reserve Fund. Mr. Smith moved that we recommend a vote in favor, seconded by Mr. Kinder. The motion passed 8-0-0.
- Article 16: Unpaid Bills of Prior Years. Mr. Kinder moved that we recommend a vote in favor, seconded by Mr. Andrews. The motion passed 8-0-0.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on June 10.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn, seconded by unanimous proclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary