

**DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the June 10, 2020 Meeting**

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

**Others in attendance:** Bob Springett, Selectman.

**Location:** on-line

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

The minutes of June 3 were approved unanimously.

Article 14 (one-time projects): There was a discussion of the conditions under which an abbreviated town meeting can be held. The Town petitioned the Norfolk Superior Court and received relief from the normal quorum in order to vote on articles critical to the Town's functioning. This raised the question of whether some or all of the items in Article 14 were critical. Subsequently, the Governor's order relaxed those conditions, and it was agreed that we could go forward with all four items. Mr. Kinder moved that the Committee recommend a vote in favor of all four items, seconded by Ms. Herman. The motion passed 8-0-0 (Mr. Andrews not yet present).

Article 30 (free cash to stabilize the tax rate): At the last Board of Selectmen's meeting, the Town Administrator recommended the amount of \$1,133,794; being the amount of SPED Circuit Breaker money the Town expects to receive. He estimated that this would result in a tax rate of \$13.02. Mr. Springett supported this approach as consistent with last year (absent the \$1,600,000 of free cash for the Regional Schools OPEB Stabilization Fund). Mr. Smith countered that a somewhat higher amount was necessary to actually "stabilize" the tax rate, closer to the recent range (\$12.84-12.93 for the last three fiscal years). Mr. Kinder moved that the Committee recommend that \$1,500,000 of free cash be used, seconded by Ms. Cannie. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Ms. Cannie reported on the recent meeting of the Regional School Committee. Since Sherborn will not hold its Town Meeting until August, the Region will have to file 1/12<sup>th</sup> budgets for July and August. They are going ahead with the Chromebook program, especially as the prospect of required remote learning continues. State reimbursement for transportation came in at 84%, and will likely be much lower next year. Costs for the spring semester were down due to decreased transportation and sports, but since no fees for parking and sports were collected, the net benefit is small. Sherborn Advisory has questioned the Region's practice of funding capital projects out of the E&D account, rather than allowing those projects to be discussed at Town Meeting. They also requested that the Region retain a lower balance in the E&D account (4% rather than 5%).

Reserve Fund Transfer: Water Department – \$10,966.00 for costs associated with increased water charges due to a leak. Mr. Kinder moved that the request be approved, seconded by Ms. Cannie. The motion passed 9-0-0.

The next meeting, if necessary, will be immediately prior to Town Meeting.

*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