

***TOWN OF DOVER***

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**WARRANT**

for the

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Monday, May 1, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

Dover-Sherborn Regional School  
Alan Mudge Auditorium

and

**TOWN ELECTIONS**

**Monday, May 15, 2017**

**7:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

**Dover Town House**

**TOWN CAUCUS**

**Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:30 PM**

**Dover Town House**

**WARRANT COMMITTEE OPEN HEARING**

**Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:30 PM**

**Dover Town House**

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Norfolk, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Dover in said County, Greetings;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dover, qualified as the Constitution requires to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Alan Mudge Auditorium at the Dover-Sherborn Regional High School in said Town on Monday, the 1st day of May, 2017, at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. (Selectmen) To hear and act on the various reports of the various committees:

- (a) As contained in the printed 2016 Annual Report; and
- (b) Any other reports submitted to the voters by the Town Committees

Article 2. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, borrow, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of highway construction, reconstruction and other improvements under the authority of the Massachusetts General Laws as funded by various state budgets; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts, apply for, accept, expend, and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will set the salaries for its elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4. (Selectmen) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for salaries and expenditures by departments, officers, boards, and committees of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, or provided by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 5. (Selectmen) To see what sums the Town will raise and appropriate for the various capital purposes listed below; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, borrowed, or provided by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto:

1. Cemetery Commission
  - (a) Tractor
2. Fire and Ambulance
  - (a) RTV – Off Road Rescue Vehicle
3. Police Department

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- (a) Patrol Vehicle
  - (b) Upgrade to Department Servers
  - (c) Replace Defibrillators
4. Dover School Committee
- (a) Cafeteria Audio/Visual System
  - (b) Cafeteria Floors
  - (c) Technology Hardware
5. Board of Selectmen
- (a) Energy Audit Lighting Update
  - (b) Protective Agencies Building: Exterior Painting
  - (c) Fire Station: Overhead Door Openers
  - (d) Caryl Community Center: A/C for Blue Room
  - (e) Town House: Replace Wheelchair Lift
  - (f) Caryl Community Center: Expansion and Paving of Parking Lot
  - (g) Whiting Road: Painting of Exterior

Article 6. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of funding an unemployment compensation fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5E, of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money to provide for the payment of accumulated sick leave to retired police officers as authorized by Chapter 375 of the Acts of 1984; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to adopt a General Bylaw, entitled "Revolving Funds" for the purpose of establishing revolving funds for use in Town pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, as shown in the document on file in the Office of the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto, and further, that

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nonsubstantive changes in the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Dover Town Code.

Article 9. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, of the Massachusetts General Laws to authorize the use of revolving fund accounts for the following boards or departments, and that unless otherwise amended by Town Meeting, such accounts shall not exceed the following amounts for Fiscal Year 2018:

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| 1. | Building Department                              |          |
|    | (a) Gas Inspector                                | \$ 7,200 |
|    | (b) Plumbing Inspector                           | \$17,500 |
|    | (c) Wiring Inspector                             | \$29,500 |
| 2. | Board of Health                                  |          |
|    | (a) Perk and deep hole inspection and permitting | \$40,000 |
|    | (b) Septic inspection and permitting             | \$50,000 |
|    | (c) Well inspection and permitting               | \$20,000 |
|    | (d) Swimming pool inspection and permitting      | \$10,000 |
| 3. | Library  |          |
|    | (a) Materials replacement                        | \$ 5,000 |
| 4. | Council on Aging                                 |          |
|    | (a) Senior activities and transportation         | \$28,000 |

and further, that the fees received in connection with these programs be credited to the respective accounts and that the respective board or department be authorized to make expenditures from these accounts in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1 in Chapter 3 of the General Bylaws to allow for the change in the method of distributing the Annual Town Report, as follows:

In §3-1, insert the phrase “by any means approved by the Board of Selectmen” after “distributed among the voters of the Town” in the first sentence;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 11. (Conservation Commission) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the Conservation Fund to be used by the Conservation Commission for any purpose

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authorized by Chapter 40, Section 8C of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12. (Dover School Committee) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, borrow, or any combination of these methods, a sum of money as authorized by the Dover School Committee for the purpose of paying costs of adding air-conditioning to the Chickering School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13. (Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash in the Treasury a sum of money for the purpose of paying the costs of various items of capital equipment and/or improvements, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the Dover-Sherborn Regional School District and the Town of Sherborn to provide funding for such items; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14. (Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee) To see if the Town will vote to approve the borrowing authorized by the Dover-Sherborn Regional School District for the purpose of paying the costs of various items of capital equipment and/or improvements, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 15. (Capital Budget Committee) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of hiring consultants to conduct a capital needs assessment of Town buildings, and all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. (Planning Board) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 185-35 entitled "Signs" and replacing it with a new Section 185-35 entitled "Signs," the complete text of which is on file in the Offices of the Town Clerk and the Planning Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or donation and/or to take by eminent domain any fees, easements or other interests in a parcel of land abutting Highland Cemetery as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Dover, Mass. prepared by the Norfolk County Engineering Department, dated February 21, 2017", which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and dispose of any fees, easements or other interests in parcel of land shown on that same plan, for the purpose of clarifying record title to certain land controlled by the Cemetery Commission as part of Highland Cemetery; and further, to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, borrow, or any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of such acquisitions or takings; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 18. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take the following actions with respect to the land located at 46 Springdale Avenue in Dover, which land is shown as Board of Assessors Map 11, Block 49, Parcel 0:

- a. Divide the property into two parcels – one primarily in the rear of the property (the “Conservation Lot”) and one containing the residence and outbuildings (the “House Lot”) – as shown on the plan on file in the Office of the Town Clerk;
- b. Transfer the Conservation Lot which is currently designated for general municipal use from the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes;
- c. Transfer the House Lot from general municipal use to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of disposition;
- d. Sell, convey, release or otherwise dispose of the House Lot pursuant to Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws, and further, that such disposition be on such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, which may include the reservation of easements and restrictions over, along or through the House Lot;

And, further, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or borrow, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of installing a new septic system for the house located at 46 Springdale Avenue in furtherance of the Town’s disposition of the House Lot; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to (a) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (“MBTA”), substantially in the form on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and with such other or further terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine, in, on, over, across, under and along all or any portion of the land known as Bay Colony railroad line or right of way within the Town of Dover, for the purposes of laying out, establishing, constructing, operating and maintaining a multi-use path for non-motorized transportation, open space and recreation purposes and for all other purposes for which rail trails are now or hereafter may be used in the Commonwealth; and (b) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, accept gifts or grants, or provide by any combination of these methods a sum of money for these purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. (Citizens’ Petition) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire an easement, leasehold, license or other real property interests in, on, over, across, under and along all or any portion of the land known as Bay Colony railroad line or right of way within the Town of Dover for the purposes of establishing, constructing, operating and maintaining a multi-use path for non-motorized transportation, open space and recreation purposes and for all other purposes for which rail trails are now or hereafter may be used in the Commonwealth (“Rail Trail”); and to see if the Town will raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, accept gifts or provide by any combination of these methods a sum of money for the Town to acquire an easement, leasehold, license or other real property interests in, on, over, across, under and along the Rail Trail, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 21. (Citizens' Petition) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to hire an accredited, independent professional organization to conduct a wildlife habitat and biodiversity study as recommended by the Dover Master Plan of 2012, such study to focus on the effects of the potential development of the land known as Bay Colony railroad line or right of way within the Town of Dover on the land and habitat abutting and surrounding said railroad line or right of way; said study to be completed prior to the execution of any easement, leasehold, license or real property interest related to the aforementioned potential development; to see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or provide by any combination of these methods a sum of money for this purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22. (Recycling Committee) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enact a program to encourage recycling of solid waste, known as "pay as you throw (PAYT)" or "save money and reduce trash (SMART)" programs; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 38H of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors to negotiate and enter into a payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) agreement with the operator of the solar photovoltaic energy generating facility to be developed on a parcel of land located at 211 Powissett Street, and shown as lots 002 and 004 on Assessor's Map 19, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 24. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into power purchase, net metering credit, or renewable energy agreements for terms up to 20 years and upon such other terms and conditions as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 25. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any easement or other interest, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town, for purposes of maintaining the Town's closed and capped landfill on portions of a parcel of land containing approximately 10.7 acres, more or less, located at 211 Powissett Street, and shown as lots 002 and 004 on Assessor's Map 19; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26. (Warrant Committee) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws a sum not to exceed 5% of the tax levy of Fiscal Year 2017 to be a Reserve Fund, from which transfers are voted by the Warrant Committee from time to time and transferred as provided by statute, and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds including the Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus, or by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 27. (Warrant Committee) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money to pay any unpaid bills rendered to the Town for prior years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 28. (Warrant Committee) To see if the Town will make supplemental appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 4 of the Warrant for the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, to be expended during the current fiscal year, or make any other adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2017 budget that may be necessary, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 29. (Warrant Committee) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash in the Treasury an amount to meet the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year and will authorize the Board of Assessors to use the same to reduce the tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 30. (Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or provide by any combination of these methods, a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing the Town of Dover Stabilization Fund in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B, of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dover, qualified as aforesaid, to assemble at the Town House on said Monday, the 15th of May, 2017 at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following article, to wit:

Article 31. To choose by ballot the following Town Offices:

Moderator.....	one year
Town Clerk .....	three years
One member of the Board of Selectmen.....	three years
One member of the Board of Assessors.....	three years
Two members of the Dover School Committee .....	three years
One member of the Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee .....	three years
Two members of the Board of Library Trustees.....	three years
One member of the Cemetery Commission.....	three years
One member of the Planning Board.....	five years
One member of the Planning Board.....	one year
(to fill an unexpired term)	
One associate member of the Planning Board .....	two years
One member of the Board of Health.....	three years
One member of the Park & Recreation Commission.....	three years



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For these purposes the polls will be open at seven o'clock in the forenoon and will close at eight o'clock in the evening.

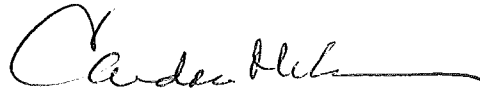
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by (1) posting attested copies thereof on each of the bulletin boards erected in the Town House, at the Post Office, and in no less than three other Public places where bills and notices are usually posted; and (2) mailing a copy thereof to or leaving same at the residence of every registered voter fourteen days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of the Meeting.

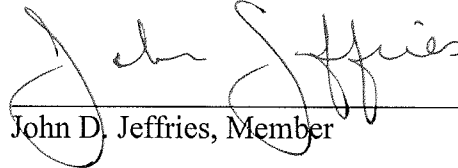
Given under our hands this 16th day of February, 2017.



Robyn Hunter, Chairman



Candace McCann, Clerk



John D. Jeffries, Member



Margaret Crowley, Constable

A true copy attest: