

TOWN OF DOVER

WARRANT

for the

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2020

7:00 PM

Dover-Sherborn Regional School
Alan Mudge Auditorium

and

TOWN ELECTIONS

Monday, May 18, 2020

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Dover Town House

TOWN CAUCUS

Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Dover Town House

WARRANT COMMITTEE OPEN HEARING

Monday, March 16, 2020 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 4th day of May, 2020, at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

FINANCE/BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 1. Establish Salaries for Elected Officials for FY2021 (Board of 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 2. Authorize Amounts for Revolving Funds (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Section 5-16 (Finances) of the General Bylaws of the Town of Dover to authorize the use of revolving fund accounts for the following boards or departments, and that unless otherwise amended by the Board of Selectmen and Warrant Committee, such accounts shall not exceed the following amounts for Fiscal Year 2021:

1. Building Department
 - (a) Gas Inspector \$ 9,800
 - (b) Plumbing Inspector \$17,500
 - (c) Wiring Inspector \$34,500

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 \$35,000

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5. Recycling Committee

- (a) Materials Sales Proceeds \$ 1,500

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. Appropriate the FY2021 Operating Budget (Board of 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 4. Appropriate the FY2021 Capital Budget (Board of 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. Building Maintenance

- (a) Town House: Window Repair / Replacement

2. Highway Department

- (a) Utility Truck

3. Police Department

- (a) Patrol Vehicles

4. Schools (Chickering)

- (a) Flooring – Lobbies
- (b) HP Core Switch

Article 5. Hear/Act on Committee Reports (Board of Selectmen)

To hear and act on the various reports of the various committees:

- (a) As contained in the printed 2019 Annual Report; and
- (b) Any other reports submitted to the voters by the Town Committees

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**Article 6. Appropriate for Road Construction, Reconstruction and Improvements
(Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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; 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; 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 7. Appropriate for Unemployment Compensation Fund (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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; 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 8. Appropriate for Sick Leave for Retiring Police Officers (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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; 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 9. Appropriate to Conservation Fund (Conservation Commission)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Conservation Fund to be used by the Conservation Commission for any purpose authorized by Chapter 40, Section 8C of the Massachusetts General Laws; 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 10. Create and Appropriate for Capital Stabilization Fund (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Stabilization Fund in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the purposes of funding capital projects or the debt service related to capital projects; and raise and appropriate a sum of money to a Capital Stabilization Fund in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws; determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, by transfer from available funds; or any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 11. Appropriate to the Dover Stabilization Fund (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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; determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12. Appropriate for Hale Conservation Restriction Appraisal (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of conducting an appraisal of the Hale Reservation property and any actions incidental and related thereto; determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, borrowed, or any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13. Appropriate Free Cash to Fund the FY2021 Operating Budget (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of funding the FY2021 Operating Budget as approved by Town Meeting in Article 3, determine whether said money shall be provided from the transfer of available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14. Appropriate for One-Time Projects (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes indicated and any incidental costs related thereto; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, or provided by any combination of these methods:

1. Technology-related project implementation	\$50,000
2. Town House Space Reconfiguration	\$100,000
3. Organizational Assessments	\$150,000
4. Water Main Maintenance and Repair	\$50,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 15. Appropriate the FY2021 Reserve Fund (Warrant Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Reserve Fund, pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws, not to exceed 5% of the tax levy of Fiscal Year 2020, 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 included in 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 16. Appropriate for Unpaid Bills of Prior Years (Warrant Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay any unpaid bills rendered to the Town for prior years; determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. Supplemental Appropriations to Article 4 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting (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 2019 Annual Town Meeting, to be expended during the current fiscal year, or make any other adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2020 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.

ZONING AND PLANNING ARTICLES

Article 18. Amend Zoning Bylaws – Accessory Apartments (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 185-43 entitled “Accessory Apartments” and replacing it with a new Section 185-43 entitled “Accessory Dwelling Units,” 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 19. Water Use Restriction Bylaw (Board of Health)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Dover by adding new Bylaw entitled “Water Emergency Use Restrictions,” in accordance with the complete text of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and further, that 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

ACCEPTANCE STATUTES FOR MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS

Article 20. Accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40U – Municipal Fines (Board of Health)

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40U and approve procedures for the payment of fines in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40U, Section 4; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 21. Accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5 – Property Tax Deferral for Seniors (Board of Assessors)

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the current rate of interest that accrues on property tax deferrals under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A from eight percent (8%) to four percent (4%) per year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22. Accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5 – Property Tax Exemption for Persons Over 65 (Board of Assessors)

To see if the Town will vote to increase the current amounts for property tax exemptions under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C from a maximum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$2,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23. Accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 60, Section 3D – Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 60, Section 3D; or take any other action relative thereto.

GENERAL BYLAWS AND PROPERTY INTERESTS

Article 24. Amend Part II of the General Bylaws - Cemeteries (Cemetery Commission)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 92 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Dover in accordance with the proposed amendment language on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 25. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) for Solar Installation at Town Garage (Board of 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 the Town Garage located at 2 Dedham Street, 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 26. Amend Part II of General Bylaws – Demolition Review (Historical Commission)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 96 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Dover in accordance with the proposed amendment language on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

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CITIZENS' PETITIONS

Article 27. Accept Stagecoach Lane as a Public Way (Citizens' Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to accept Stagecoach Lane as accepted public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as shown on the plans on file in the Office of the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 28. Appropriate Additional Buses for Chickering Elementary School (Citizens' Petition)

To see if the Town will 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 additional buses for the Chickering Elementary School.

Article 29. Appropriate for a Traffic Study Related to School Start Times (Citizens' Petition)

To see if the Town will 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 a traffic study, or safety study, to better understand the impact of earlier school start times for Chickering Elementary School.

OTHER

Article 30. Transfer from Free Cash to Stabilize the Tax Rate (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash in the Treasury an amount to stabilize the tax rate for the ensuing fiscal year and authorize the Board of Assessors to use the same to stabilize the tax rate; 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 18th of May, 2020 at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Article, to wit:

Article 31. Town Election

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 Committeethree years

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One member of the Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee	three years
One member of the Board of Library Trustees	two 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.....	one year
One member of the Planning Board.....	five years
One member of the Board of Health	three years
One member of the Park and Recreation Commission	three years

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.

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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 27th day of February, 2020.

Robyn Hunter, Chair

Robert Springett, Clerk

John D. Jeffries, Member

Margaret Crowley, Constable
A true copy attest: