Dover Select Board
Special Meeting Minutes
Dover Town Office
Thursday, January 19, 2023

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Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 868 0044 4071
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Dial in: 929 205 6099
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Select Board in person: Victoria Capitani, Sarah Shippee, Dan Baliotti
Select Board via zoom: Scott Salway
Select Board absent: Joe Mahon
Also, present in person: Office Manager Jeannette Eckert, Treasurer Marco Tallini
Public present in person: Randy Johnson, Rich Werner
Public present via zoom: Eric Durocher, Paul Fisher

Special Meeting Called to Order at 4:07pm by Chair Capitani

I. Review WDFD Budget Changes

- Regular salaries up by 30% to $81,168.10 including Fica/Medicare
  - Worst case scenario if everyone shows up to everything
- Realistic average based on calls, drills; increased Admin to 12 hours per week
- Has seen an increase in attendance
- No raises, hourly and call rates are the same
- Search and Rescue group is more involved over the last few years
- Picking up new equipment for S&R but have not increased the budget line item as The Association has covered a lot of those costs
- Mutual aid dispatch cost is expensive ($60,000 per year)
- Line items are being separated out: hope to refine the numbers

II. Review and Approve 23/24 General Budget

A. Operational: $2,837,763.51 (does not include warned articles of $317,311.00: Deerfield Valley Rescue, SASH, Dover Library, Dover Historical Society, SeVEDS)
B. Highway: $1,619,759.03 (up 5%)
C. Total: $4,457,522.54 (up 9%)

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously approved the budget numbers for Town meeting of $$2,837,763.51 for Operational (not including warned articles) and $1,619,759.03 for Highway for a total of $4,457,522.54

Note: It was discovered after the meeting that the total Operational budget number of $2,837,763.51 ***DOES* include the warned articles amount of $317,311. Will reaffirm at next meeting

III. Review and Approve 2023 Town Meeting Warning

- Rewording on the warning was adjusted to replace Dover Selectmen with Dover Select Board due to request made at last year's Town meeting
- Slightly revised number from the Library, appropriation went down to $238,939
- Salary increases are at 3% for Library staff
- Includes 19 articles, Capital Paving at $600,000, Cap. Equip at $650,000, Cap. Bldg. at $80,000

- Will not warn The Gathering Place at $3000; voted in affirmative last year
- Need to add in the Historical Society at $20,000

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously approved the Town Meeting warning as presented

IV. Executive Session as Needed: none

V. Adjournment at 4:29pm by Chair Capitani

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert

Public notices of these minutes have been posted at the following locations: Dover Town Clerk's Bulletin Board, Dover Town Meeting Bulletin Board, Dover School, Dover Free Library, East Dover Post Office, Town of Dover Website: www.doververmont.com