DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the January 8, 2020 Meeting

Members in attendance: Rob Andrews (by telephone), Kate Cannie, Cam Hudson, Gordon Kinder, Janet McCormick, Steve Migausky, Peter Smith, Andy Ursitti

Others in attendance: Bob Springett, Selectman; Felicia Hoffman, Town Clerk

Location: Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Dover Town House

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

The minutes of December 17 were approved

Ms. Hoffman presented the budget requests for the Clerk’s office and for Elections and Registrations. The Clerk’s budget is unchanged except for salary increase as per guidelines. The Elections and Registrations budget reflects multiple primary, Federal & State, and Town elections, plus the possibility of two Town Meetings.

The budget review dates for the Dover and Regional Schools may change from those shown in the budget guidance letter. We will try for Dover on February 5 and the Region on February 26.

Liaison Reports:

- The preliminary budget for the Region is up 3.54%; a revised budget will be out February 4. Primary cost driver is salaries, plus a placeholder for changes in the new teachers’ contract. A reorganization to the SPED department will add 1 FTE. High-deductible health insurance has been widely adopted, lowering Town contributions. The middle school wants to change from using Chromebook carts to school issued (and managed) Chromebooks.

- The Board of Health budget is expected to be close to last year, although they are looking to add six hours per week for specialized administrative help. The Town Administrator is hoping that adding floating administrative help at Town House can satisfy this and other part-time needs. The Board is also proposing a census of all livestock in town.

The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on January 15.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn, seconded by unanimous proclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary