

TOWN OF DOVER

WARRANT

for the

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, May 1, 2021

10:00 AM

Dover-Sherborn Regional School
Nora Searle Field

and

TOWN ELECTIONS

Monday, May 17, 2021

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Dover Town House

WARRANT COMMITTEE OPEN HEARING

Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM

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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 Nora Searle Field at the Dover-Sherborn Regional High School in said Town on Saturday, the 1st day of May, 2021, at ten o'clock in the morning then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. 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 2020 Annual Report; and
- (b) Any other reports submitted to the voters by the Town Committees

FINANCE/BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 2. Establish Salaries for Elected Officials for FY2022 (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 3. 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 2022:

- 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

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- 3. Library
 - (a) Materials replacement \$ 5,000
- 4. Council on Aging
 - (a) Senior activities and transportation \$35,000
- 5. Recycling Committee
 - (a) Materials Sales Proceeds \$ 4,000;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4. Appropriate the FY2022 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 5. Appropriate the FY2022 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. Cemetery Commission
 - (a) Mower
- 2. Fire Department
 - (a) Exhaust Capture System
 - (b) Extrication Equipment
- 3. Police Department
 - (a) Upgrade Portable Radios
- 4. Schools (Chickering)
 - (a) Cold Water Booster System
 - (b) Floors, Classrooms, and Admin Offices

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5. Selectmen

- (a) Town House Roof
- (b) Protective Agencies Fire Alarm

Article 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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 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

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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 11. Appropriate Funds for Dover-Sherborn Regional School District Capital Expenditures for FY2022 (Dover-Sherborn Regional School District)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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; 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 12. 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:

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| 1. Long-range Water Resources Assessment | \$100,000 |
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or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13. 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 14. Supplemental Appropriations to Article 3 of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting (Warrant Committee)

To see if the Town will make supplemental appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 3 of the Warrant for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting, to be expended during the current fiscal year, or make any other adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2021 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.

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ZONING AND PLANNING ARTICLES

Article 15. 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.

ACCEPTANCE STATUTES FOR MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS

Article 16. 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 17. 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 18. Accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 60, Section 3D – Elderly & 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.

Article 19. OPEB Trust Fund (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to:

- (1) accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, § 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws to reestablish its Other Post-Retirement Benefits Liability Trust Fund (“OPEB Trust Fund”), into which the Town may appropriate funds to offset the anticipated cost of premium payments for or direct payments to be made to retired employees, and eligible spouses or dependents of deceased employees of the Town;
- (2) designate the custodian of the OPEB Trust Fund to be the Town Treasurer; and
- (3) require the OPEB Trust Funds be invested by the custodian pursuant to the prudent investor rule established in M.G.L. c. 203C;

or take any action relative thereto.

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GENERAL BYLAWS AND PROPERTY INTERESTS

Article 20. 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 21. 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 22. Amend Part II of General Bylaws – Animals (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 83 (Animals) of the General Bylaws of the Town of Dover for the purpose of updating the chapter and conforming to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, with all changes as shown in a document on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and further that non-substantive 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.

Article 23. Lease Authorization for Personal Wireless Service Providers (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into leases, not to exceed thirty (30) years, with personal wireless service providers for the installation and operation of personal wireless service antennas, including associated equipment, on the Highway Garage cell tower located at 2 Dedham Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

CITIZENS’ PETITIONS

Article 24. 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.

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OTHER

Article 25. 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 Nora Searle Field on said Saturday, the 1st of May, 2021 at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following Article, to wit:

Article 26. Town Election

To choose by ballot the following Town Offices:

Moderator.....	one year
One member of the Board of Selectmen.....	three years
One member of the Board of Assessors.....	three years
One member 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 associate member of the Planning Board.....	two years
One member of the Board of Health	three years
Two members of the Park & 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 25th day of February, 2021.


Robert P. Springett, Chair


John D. Jeffries, Clerk


Robyn Hunter, Member


Margaret L. Crowley, Constable
A true copy attest: