DUBLIN BUDGET COMMITTEE
Meeting minutes
November 29, 2016

Present: Steve Baldwin, Nancy Campbell, Charlie Champagne (Chairman), Dale Gabel, Bill Gurney and Judy Knapp

Absent: Paul Delphia

Also Present: Sherry Miller-Town Administrator

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Champagne.

Minutes from the November 22, 2016 meeting were moved by Steve and seconded by Charlie and approved with two abstaining.

Nancy Jackson and David Wolpe presented on behalf of the Dublin Community Center. They provided a copy of their 2017 budget and are requesting $9,000 as they did last year. Last year they used $7,000 of the $9,000 to fund the executive director position. It was realized that being an all volunteer organization was no longer feasible. Apartment rent and building rent covers the monthly expenses (loan payment and building maintenance). Fundraising will pay for new programming. What are the building subcontractor and contractor payments in addition to the mortgage? These are now paid off. Will only have the mortgage and payment on a private loan. Part of the director's job is to write grants. They were able to get some grants this year but are hopeful for more next year. The Director maintains the web site and calendars, acts as liaison with the program people and the community. Cannot predict if this will be an annual request at this time. The hope is once the mortgage and loan payment are reduced that the need for additional funds from the town will not be necessary. They serve about 150 people per month: 25 to lunch, art openings have between 40-60 people, speakers usually 25 people, zumba classes are full. They receive 20% commission on art sold. The director has been increasing the number of offerings for children. They are making every attempt to eliminate the private loan as soon as they can. The 2017 grant line ($7,000) is what they hope to get from grants. The rents and utilities payments received from the rental of the apartments look low and the tax payment for the apartments does not appear in the financial statement. Members of the board have spoken to a selectman about the possibility of taking over the recreation committee activities, e.g., what is involved, what is the budget, in light of the difficulty the town is facing in reforming that committee.

Discussion of salaries and wages. Charlie explained what was discussed regarding salaries last week. Discussion was held about the possibility of having a firm procedure for determining salary increases in the future.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6th for discussion of Warrant articles.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Knapp, Co-Secretary