Present: Steve Baldwin, Charlie Champagne (Chairman), Paul Delphia (Selectman’s Representative), Dale Gabel, and Bill Gurney

Absent: Judy Knapp and Rich Scheinblum

Also Present: Sherry Miller - Town Administrator

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

Minutes of the July 26, 2016 were reviewed. Dale moved and Charlie seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fire Chief Tom Vanderbilt joined the meeting to present the Fire Department budget. Chief Vanderbilt reported that most line items would be level funded for next year. He noted that additional expenses might be incurred for repair of radios. The radios were purchased with grant funds and are getting older.

A truck will need new tires and the old tires will be used by DPW. Costs for ambulance service are not known. Discussion was held regarding the cost of contracting with Peterborough and the lack of other options in the area for ambulance service. Chief Vanderbilt also noted that the cost for dispatch service was moved from the county to towns.

No increases are expected in the budgets for forest fires and emergency management. Chief Vanderbilt does not anticipate any warrant articles next year.

Tom Kennedy presented the Solid Waste budget proposal. Tom does not anticipate any major increases in the next budget cycle. There have been no applicants for the current vacancy and $50. has been added to the line item for training. Line items for training mileage and general mileage have been combined. Equipment maintenance is level funded and the cost of diesel fuel is down. Hauling and disposal fees are level funded.

A discussion was held regarding residents leaving items for recycling without paying the service fee.

There is currently $168,000 in the recycling fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Gurney