Present: Steve Baldwin, Nancy Campbell, Charlie Champagne (Chairman), Paul Delphia (Selectmen's Representative), Dale Gabel, Judy Knapp and Bill Gurney

Also Present: Sherry Miller

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

Minutes from the December 13, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

A brief discussion followed regarding the possibility of seeking a grant for the broadband study and whether charitable organizations supported by the United Way may seek funds through from towns and cities.

**Planning Board:** Sherry has included 100 hours of secretarial support in the Planning Board budget for development of the new Master Plan. Judy moved and Nancy seconded a motion to reduce the Mapping line item to $1.00 since there were no funds expended last year. The motion was approved unanimously. Bill moved and Nancy seconded a motion to approve the Planning Board budget of $19,342. The motion passed unanimously.

**Solid Waste:** A discussion was held regarding the decision to continue to open the landfill on Sundays. Does usage data justify the increased hours and what is the effect on the work schedule? Bill moved and Judy seconded a motion to table discussion on the Solid Waste budget pending more information from the Selectmen’s office. The motion carried 6-1.

**Library:** Sherry confirmed that a COLA increase has been included for part time library employees. Judy moved and Charlie seconded a motion to approve the Library budget at $82,931. The motion carried unanimously.

**Warrant Article Review:**

**Article V** – To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate ($7,600) to purchase a Cyclone Blower and furthermore, to withdraw ($7,600) from the Heavy Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.

Dale moved and Bill seconded a motion to approve Article V as presented. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1.

**Article VI** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ($24,750) to paint the exterior of the Town Hall and furthermore, withdraw ($24,750) from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.

Dale moved and Charlie seconded a motion to approve the article as presented. Discussion followed with regard to the need of doing the project in the next budget cycle. A consensus was reached that the project should be postponed. The motion to recommend the article failed by a vote of 2 yes and 5 no.
Article VII – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ($16,800) to construct a maintenance building at the Cemetery.

Discussion of the motion was tabled until the next meeting pending more information on the project.

Article VIII – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ($5,000) to do necessary maintenance repairs to the Hearse House and furthermore, to withdraw ($5,000) from the Town Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.

Judy made a motion and dale seconded to recommend the article as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Article IX – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ($12,500) to conduct a Wi-Fi Study. This is a Non-Lapsing Article and will not lapse until the study is complete or December 31, 2021 whichever comes sooner.

Dale moved and Nancy seconded a motion to recommend the Article as presented. Discussion followed with concerns raised about the cost of installing the Wi-Fi system and whether we could learn more about infrastructure costs from other towns and if there is the possibility of funding the study with grant funds. The motion to recommend the Article failed with 2 votes in favor and 5 opposed.

Article X – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ($318,000) to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds…and furthermore, to withdraw ($100,000) from the Town’s Unreserved Fund Balance for this purpose.

Nancy moved and Dale seconded a motion to approve the Article as presented. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Article XI – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ($4,000) to fund the operation and publication of the Dublin Advocate Newsletter for the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 with ($1,000) payments to be made to the Advocate Treasurer quarterly.

Judy moved and Dale seconded a motion to approve the Article as presented. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with 1 abstention.

Article XII – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ($7,331) to be contributed to the following Agencies which provide advisory health and welfare services and whose programs have a public purpose.

Bill moved and Charlie seconded a motion to approve the Article as presented. A discussion ensued in which concerns were raised regarding the Town supporting agencies currently supported by donations and the Monadnock United Way. A question was raised regarding how the agencies are chosen and whether petitions are submitted by Town residents in support of the agencies. The motion failed by a vote of 0-6 with 1 abstention.
Article XIII – To see if the Town will vote to raise ($7,900) to be contributed to various Expendable Trust Funds, previously established, as follows:

a. Revaluation $6,400  
b. Master Plan $1,500

Judy moved and Nancy seconded a motion to approve the Article as presented. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1.

Article XIV – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ($825) received from the sale of cemetery lots to add to the Cemetery Trust Fund, with said ($825) to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Judy moved and Charlie seconded to approve the Article as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Gurney, Co-Secretary