DUBLIN BUDGET COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2017

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

Also Present: Sherry Miller

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Champagne.

Minutes from the January 17 meeting were reviewed. Dale moved and Steve seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with 1 abstention (Walt).

A brief discussion followed regarding the proposed 2017 revenue budget. Dale informed the Committee that our proposal was $797,480 or $24,750 less than the Selectmen’s proposal, which includes revenue for painting the Town Hall. Bill moved and Charlie seconded a motion to approve the Budget Committee’s revenue proposal as presented. The motion carried 6-0 with one abstention (Walt).

Warrant Articles:

Article VII – To See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ($26,000) to construct a maintenance building at the Cemetery.
Bill moved and Charlie seconded a motion to approve the Article as presented. Discussion followed regarding the expense of renovating the Hearse House and construction of a new building rather than building one new structure to accommodate the equipment and provide a workspace. It was also noted that actual plans and cost estimates for the construction of the new building are not available for review. Following further discussion, a vote was held on the motion. The motion to approve Article VII failed on a vote of 1 yes, 4 no and 2 abstentions (Walt and Nancy).

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 Buildings maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.
Dale moved and Charlie seconded a motion to re-consider approval of Article VIII in light of the discussion and vote on Article VII. The motion carried by a vote of 5 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention.

Following further discussion, Dale moved and Bill seconded a motion to approve Article VIII. The motion failed by a vote of 2 yes, 4 no and 1 abstention.

Article XVI – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ($9,000) to help fund the operation of the Dublin Community Center.
Dale moved to approve the Article as presented and Nancy seconded the motion. The Committee reviewed the proposed 2017 budget for the Community Center and it was noted that the Community Center had requested a similar sum last year to be used for grant writing to fund future activities but that no grants had been received during the year. The motion to approve Article XVI failed by a vote of 0 yes, 6 no and 1 abstention (Walt).
Solid Waste Budget:
Judy moved and Nancy seconded a motion to reconsider the Solid Waste budget proposal. The motion carried and discussion followed regarding the Swap Shop line item, which had previously been approved by the Committee at zero dollars. Judy moved and Nancy seconded a motion to increase the line item to $250. The motion failed on a vote of 3 yes, 3 no and 1 abstention (Walt).

The Committee returned to a discussion of the revenue budget in light of the votes taken during the meeting. The new sum for the revenue budget is $792,480.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee will be held on February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Gurney, Co- Secretary