Present: Steve Baldwin, Nancy Campbell, Charlie Champagne (Chairman), William Gurney, Judy Knapp, Walter Snitko (Selectmen’s Representative)

Also Present: Sherry Miller - Town Administrator

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Charlie Champagne.

Bill moved, and Charlie seconded, that the minutes from the February 14, 2017 meeting and February 14, 2017 Budget Hearing be approved as written. Passed unanimously.

Charlie led a discussion regarding the lack of support at Town Meeting by the voters of the Budget Committee’s positions on warrant articles and individual line items in the operating budget. He asked what we could do to encourage more participation in the budget hearing so that more voters would be aware of why we came to the decisions that we did. Perhaps more articles in The Advocate would be helpful.

The Committee reviewed Charlie’s draft response to the letter that Paul Tuller sent to the Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the board of the Dublin Community Center. The Committee agreed that the response should be sent to Mr. Tuller.

The Committee unanimously elected the following officers for the 2017-2018 year:

- Chair – Charlie Champagne
- Co-Secretaries – Judy Knapp & Nancy Campbell

Bill volunteered to take over the updating of the spreadsheet that Dale had done. He will contact Dale about getting the most recent update.

The Committee reviewed Expenses and Revenues for the first quarter, January 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017.

**Expenses:**

Elections:

Printing and Advertising (01-4140.3-550): this will be reduced to $82. The other $82 will be moved to Town Meeting Expenses (01-4199.1-610).

Personnel Administration:

Health Insurance (01-4155.2-225): Even though we had a guaranteed rate of 12.6%, the actual rate increase will be 4.3%.

General Government Buildings:
Town Hall Maintenance 901-4194.1-430): This line will be reduced to $1,264.54 with $620.63 being transferred to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector budget.

Police:

Building Maintenance (01-4210.1-345): These costs were for the furnace, oil tank, and generator repairs.

Animal Control: The Committee agreed with the draft that Charlie wanted to send to the Police Chief urging him to combine and consolidate the animal control and police department budgets for 2018.

Revenues:

There were no questions on revenues.

Other Business:

Charlie read Dale’s letter of resignation from the Budget Committee. Bill moved and Judy seconded a motion to accept his resignation. Passed unanimously.

Discussion proceeded on nominations to replace Dale for the period until the next town elections in March 2018. After much discussion it was moved and voted to ask Susanne (Susie) Vogel to serve on the committee. Judy will contact her.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for July 25, 2017 to review the 2nd quarter expenses and revenues.

Bill asked Walter about the possibility of relocating the town clerk/tax collector office to the lower level of town hall. Bill suggested that this issue be postponed and a warrant article placed on the 2018 warrant. Walter stated that this was a matter of safety and security and that before any action was taken a public meeting/hearing would be held.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Knapp, Co-Secretary