Dublin Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2017

Present: Nancy Campbell, Charlie Champagne (Chairman), Bill Gurney, Judy Knapp, Walter Snitko (Selectman’s Representative) and Susie Vogel

Absent: Steve Baldwin

Also present: Sherry Miller (Town Administrator), Tom Vanderbilt (Fire Department), Tom Green (Provident Insurance), Traceymay Kalvaitis (Conservation Commission)

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

Minutes from the October 17, 2017 meeting were moved by Bill, seconded by Charlie and approved.

Tom presented the Fire Department budget:

Most items remained the same as last year.

Equipment and Misc Repairs: Increase by $3,250 to $10,850 to do hose testing and pump tests next year to improve ISO rating and to know if they must replace hose that has failed.

Warrant Article: to get permission to trade in the 6-wheeler for a replacement that will be paid for from the Burt fund and a donation of stock.

Ambulance: increase to $56,828 from $49,110. We have no control over what we are charged. The BOS and the Fire Department will be looking into alternatives, possibly with other towns or DiiLuzio's Ambulance. The Selectmen are still looking into alternatives.

Tom presented Emergency Management:

Most items have remained the same as last year.

EM Expenses: decreased by $5 to $520

Tom spoke to the Committee about getting the town to fund "GAP" insurance that had been funded by the Fire Company in the past. Tom Green, explained what the insurance covers and its estimated cost to the town. It is estimated that it would be $7,500 for 2 years. The premium can be paid in one payment or two payments. Paying in one payment at the outset would result in a discount to the town. Neighboring towns like Peterborough, Jaffrey and Harrisville are paying for this. The Selectmen have to figure out how this would interface with Primax.

Traceymay presented the Conservation Commission budget (total budget $5,284):
**Invasives**: She explained the reason that the Commission did not expend this account. When she went to get the beetles for the purple loosestrife (60% of the budget), it was too late to release the beetles (had to be done in May) and so they were not purchased. They have sprayed for the knotweed this year, although they are looking at the spraying program and whether to continue it.

Most items have remained the same as last year but she is hoping to do major revamp of the budget next year.

Charlie asked if the beetles were working. She is not sure but should have a better answer next year.

Charlie asked Walter if they have approved any budgets yet. No budgets or warrant articles have been approved as yet. We should not expect salaries until November. A discussion followed as to the roles of the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen in the budget process.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 7 to review the Selectmen's budget, Executive and Warrant Articles.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Knapp, Co-Secretary