DUBLIN BUDGET COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2018

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

Absent: Susie Vogel

Also Present: Sherry Miller - Town Administrator, Sturdy Thomas - Selectman

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

Minutes from the January 16, 2018 meeting were moved by Judy, seconded by Bill and approved.

Review of Warrant Articles:

Article 3: Road Construction - Amount to be bonded changed from $500,000 to $450,000. Charlie moved and Bill seconded to recommend the bond for Road Construction at $450,000. Motion passed 6-0.

Article 7: Archive Roof - Charlie moved and Nancy seconded to recommend the article at $17,500. There was a discussion about the difference between the estimate in the warrant article and Niemela Construction estimate of $9,000. Sherry will clarify that the Niemela Construction estimate covers the entire repair. Charlie withdrew his motion.

Article 10: Broadband - Sturdy explained the latest information on grant. There is $175,000 total for the state to be done in maximum of $30,000 per grant from the USDA. Estimates a new figure of $55,000 ($30,000 from the grant and $25,000 from the town.) Due to the federal government shutdown, grants are not due until April and we won't hear if we will get a grant until May. The Selectmen are still waiting for the report from Tillson. There is a possibility of a state statute that would allow municipalities to bond.

Review of Expense Budget:

Parks & Recreation: Nancy moved to re-open the budget and Charlie seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Nancy moved and Bill seconded to increase the Special Events line from $0 to $1 and the total for Parks and Recreation to $1,882. Motion passed 6-0.

Budget Committee: Judy moved and Bill seconded to approve $100 for the Budget Committee. Motion passed 6-0.

Executive: Bill moved to re-open Executive and Walter seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Bill said he had been told that the position had been made at a full-time position in the mid-80's at the town meeting. That vote was for what was then the Administrative Assistant position and is now the Town Administrator position. Walter presented information that indicated that most of our comparison towns have a position of 32 hours. Walter moved that we reinstate the $26,520 for the Executive Clerical position. Motion failed for want of a second.
**Fire Department:** We still do not know if Primex insurance coverage for our volunteer firemen provides the same or better coverage than another carrier. Walter will be meeting with the Primex representative tomorrow to clarify.

**Highway Department:** Nancy had a question regarding the relative part-time hourly wages of Brian and the other highest paid part-time employee. The Selectmen felt that since Brian would also being used as a mechanic it warranted the higher hourly wage.

**Conservation Commission:** They will still need the $3,000 in invasives and will not be putting anything in saving.

**Fire Department:** No money has been put in for a Fire Department grant since we do not know what will result from the submission. It would be for $95,000.

**Solid Waste:** Increase Hauling and Disposal Fees by $1,500 to compensate for the fact that China is no longer taking our recycled paper and plastic. Bill moved to reopen and Charlie seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Bill made a motion for $40,878 for Solid Waste, seconded by Nancy. Motion passed 6-0. Selectmen will check if we still need the baler.

**Revenue Budget:**

**Highway Block Grant:** Was higher for 2017 because of the $67,862 grant. Highway Block Grant for 2018 is $80,211.

**Sale of Municipal Property:** will be reduced to $1

**Other Long Term Financing:** Should read $450,000

The town collected $321,000 in advance property taxes.

Bill moved and Charlie seconded approving the Revenue budget. Passed 6-0.

The **Budget Public Hearing** will be on Tuesday, February 13th (snow date, February 14th) at 7:30 p.m..

**Pre-Town Meeting** will be Tuesday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 to finish votes on warrant articles and revenue.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Knapp, Co- Secretary