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

Also Present: Sherry Miller - Town Administrator, Dale Gabel, Sturdy Thomas

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

Minutes from the February 6, 2018 meeting were moved by Judy, seconded by Charlie and approved as amended with Walter abstaining.

Discussion of the salary for the Executive Clerical position. There is no COLA increase in the Selectmen's budget figure since the BOS determined that getting a new benefit (health insurance) is considered an increase in salary compensation. Sherry stated that it would be up to the selectmen to decide whether or not that position will continue to receive health insurance benefits if the town does not approve 30 hours per week for this position. The incumbent in this position has been working 30 hours per week since January 1st and has been receiving the health insurance benefit. The administration stated that if the town meeting does not approve the increase in hours, the BOS will fund the position anyway at 30 hours with health insurance and find the money elsewhere in the budget.

The Broadband article has been pulled from the warrant.

Article 16 - Veteran's Tax Credit is due to a new state statute and is being voted on by most towns this year. It would extend this credit to all veterans, not just those who had participated in specific conflicts.

Fire Department insurance. Nancy asked about the status of the inclusion of additional insurance for the members of the fire department in the budget. The selectmen will continue to investigate to see if there are substantial differences between the Primex workmen's compensation policy and the proposed Provident coverage. Susie said that she was informed that Greenfield provides coverage for those firemen who do not have private automobile insurance.

Charlie outlined the format for tonight. He will go through the Expense and Revenue Budgets and the Warrant articles and only comment on any major changes or any differences with the Board of Selectmen.

The Budget Hearing will follow the meeting downstairs at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Knapp, Co- Secretary