Present: Steve Baldwin, Nancy Campbell, Charlie Champagne (Chairman), Bill Gurney, Judy Knapp and Susie Vogel

Absent: Walter Snitko

Also Present: Sherry Miller - Town Administrator, Dale Gabel – Selectman (sitting in for Walter)

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

Minutes from the January 30, 2018 meeting were approved as amended.

Review of Warrant Articles:

There will be no article for a new heating system at the Post Office. Cheshire Oil looked at the boiler and said it could last for another year. The Selectmen will evaluate installing a propane system there.

Since we will no longer be selling paper, will we still need the new baler? Dale reported that the new baler would be for tin cans and the paper baler would still be needed.

Archive Roof – Brooks Niemela had looked at the outstanding issues regarding the back door and the front window. The window was included in his original estimate of $9,000, but he was adding $1,000 to add a diverter at the back door for a total of $10,000. Motion made by Bill and seconded by Charlie to recommend $10,000 for the roof. Motion passed 6 yes; 1 abstain.

Broadband - Dale explained that the study had come in from Tillson and the Broadband Committee will be reviewing the proposal this Saturday at 7:00 a.m. The grant is for $55,000 with $30,000 from the grant and $25,000 from the town. No vote will be taken on this article until Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Two petition articles were received by the February 6th deadline.

1.) Town Clerk/Tax Collector wage increase of $3,039. Discussion ensued on what this figure included. Additional amounts for Social Security, Medicare and Retirement are not included in the request. The increase requested is in addition to the amount included in the operating budget to bring the total increase for this position to 10%. Motion by Judy, seconded by Bill to recommend $3,039 for an increase in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector wage. Motion to recommend failed 0 yes; 7 no.

2.) Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector wage increase of $534. Additional amounts for Social Security and Medicare are not included in the request. The increase requested is in addition to the amount included in the operating budget to bring the total increase for this position to 10%. Motion by Dale, seconded by Steve to recommend $534 for an increase Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Motion to recommend failed 1 yes; 6 no.
Revenue Budget:

**Miscellaneous Revenue:** Should be $30,000 to account for the proposed grant from the USDA for the Broadband article.

**Sale of Municipal Property:** Selectmen agreed with the change to $1.

**Transfers from Capital Reserve:** Should be $59,900 to account for the reduction in the expense for the Archives Roof and the removal of the article for the Post Office heating system.

Bill moved and Charlie seconded approving the revised Revenue budget. Motion passed 7-0.

Assignments were set for Town Meeting with Bill speaking on the Dublin Community Center article and Judy speaking on the Health Agencies article. Charlie and/or department and committee heads will speak to the remainder of the budget.

**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 13, 2018 at 7:00 to finalize anything before the Budget Hearing at 7:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Campbell, Co- Secretary