



Town of Dublin
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Present: Steve Baldwin, Nancy Campbell, Charlie Champagne (Chair), Bill Gurney, Judy Knapp, Sturdy Thomas (Selectman's Representative) and Susie Vogel

Also Present: Sherry Miller (Town Administrator)

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Champagne.

Minutes from the December 18, 2018 meeting were moved by Bill, seconded by Sturdy and approved as presented.

Sturdy presented the warrant articles:

Article 3: Police Cruiser – \$37,500: Figure is a final number from a bid and includes everything but turning off the front dome light and the addition of back dome light. In addition to this article the Police Department will be buying 3 new radar units out of the Burt Fund. Selectmen will recommend.

Article 4: Paint Police Department building – \$6,000: BOS feels it is not prudent to put off painting until next year and will continue to feel that the building should be painted this year. Selectmen will recommend.

Article 5: Carpet for Police Department building – \$7,000: BOS feels it is not prudent to not get carpet since prices could rise in the next year. Selectmen will recommend.

Article 6: Town Hall Roof – \$85,000: BOS recommendation based on bid from Niemela Construction. Selectmen will recommend.

Article 7: Highway Department Vehicle – \$10,000: To purchase and equip a used pickup truck or other 4 wheel drive vehicle, like a Tahoe, possibly at auction. It would be used to pull the road rakes, hopefully have room for 4-5 people. If this article passes the mileage amount in the Highway Department budget will change. Selectmen will recommend.

Article 8: Highway Department Loader – \$148,615: This is for a new John Deere. It will cost approximately \$20,000 to repair the current loader and extend its life for perhaps 5 more years. The Solid Waste loader has a cracked rear end and engine has an oil leak. It will cost \$1,000 to replace the seat on the current loader for use by the waste transfer center. If sold on the open market the loader would get approx. \$25,000 but then we would still have to replace the Solid Waste loader. It would only be practical to rent/lease a loader if it were to be used for a short period of time, e.g., only during winter to clear snow. Sturdy stated that Roger feels that you could not use the loader for both Highway and Solid Waste since they both need to use them at the same time. Selectmen will recommend.

Article 9: Highway Department study – \$10,000: Will rewrite to remove mention of office/breakroom and highlight that it is for expansion of physical plant. Nancy questioned the funding source on this article. Should this be raised by taxation? Selectmen will recommend.

Article 10: Fire Department 12 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus units – \$84,710: Unchanged. Selectmen will recommend.

Article 11: Post Office Heating System – \$11,900: If propane, does not include the price of LP gas tank. If oil, oil tank would probably have to be replaced. These costs will be in the budget. Selectmen will recommend.

Article 12: Library Carpet – \$15,000: Selectmen will recommend.

Article 13: Library Interior Painting – \$2,500: Selectmen will recommend.

Article 14: Cemetery Lawn Tractor – \$3,500: Selectmen will recommend.

Article 15: Capital Reserve – \$350,000: Selectmen will recommend.

Article 16: Dublin Advocate – \$4,000: Selectmen will recommend.

Article 17: Non-Profit Agencies – \$6,371: Selectmen will recommend.

Article 18: Expendable Trust Funds – \$7,400: Selectmen will recommend.

Old Article 16: Dublin Community Center – \$8,000 has been withdrawn. If the community center still wants it to appear on the warrant, they can do a petition article.

Discussed the new Library salary spreadsheet which now includes COLA increase for staff. These corrected figures are reflected in the latest budget worksheet.

Charlie proceeded with votes by the Budget Committee to recommend the warrant articles:

Article 3 – Police Cruiser (\$37,500). Study moved, seconded by Bill. 7-0 (Recommended)

Article 4 – Paint Exterior of Police Department (\$6,000). Sturdy moved, Bill seconded. 5-2 (Recommended)

Article 5 – Police Department Carpet (\$7,000). Charlie moved, Sturdy seconded. 1-6 (Not Recommended)

Article 6 – Replace Town Hall Roof (\$85,000). Charlie moved, Nancy seconded. 7-0 (Recommended)

Article 7 – Highway Department Vehicle (\$10,000). Charlie moved, Bill seconded. 1-6 (Not Recommended)

Article 8 – Highway Department Loader (\$148,615). Sturdy moved, Bill seconded. Vote postponed.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 15 to continue voting on Warrant Articles and Operating Budget. Sherry indicated that she will be making some changes in the expense budget before next week's meeting to correct errors in posting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Knapp, co-Secretary