

**Dublin Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2022**

Present: Nancy Campbell, Bill Gurney, (Chairman), Judy Knapp, Carole Monroe (Selectmen's Representative), Sturdy Thomas, K Vanderbilt (via Zoom) and Susie Vogel

Also present: Kate Fuller (Town Administrator)

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Gurney. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

Minutes from the April 26, 2022 meeting were moved by Sturdy, seconded by Susie. Motion to approve the minutes by roll call vote passed- Nancy-Yes, Judy-Yes, Carole-Yes, Susie-Yes, Sturdy-Yes, K-Yes, Bill-Abstain.

Nomination of Officers

Sturdy moved Bill as Chair; Susie seconded. Motion passed by roll call vote Nancy-Yes, Judy-Yes, Carole-Yes, Susie-Yes, Sturdy-Yes, K-Yes, Bill-Abstain.

Susie moved Nancy and Judy as Co-Secretary; Sturdy seconded. Motion passed by roll call vote Bill-Yes, Susie-Yes, Sturdy-Yes, Carole-Yes, K-Yes; Nancy and Judy-Abstain.

2nd quarter Expense and Revenue review.

K asked why some lines are totaled individually-it makes it hard to follow what was spent because of the additional pages. Kate said BMSI had done an update and that may be why the program had changed. She will check into this. Overall, most budgets are tracking at 50% or a little under.

Legal: 2 possible legal issues could affect this line-one because a property owner felt that the town had diverted water from Upper Jaffrey Road onto their property; the other about the BOS issuing a building permit on Lake Rd. There is possibly another legal issue that can't be discussed.

Carole reported that the BOS has serious concerns about the electricity increase and petroleum products prices. BOS went out for bid for oil, propane and diesel and no vendor would give a fixed price for all of the products. BOS will go back to suppliers before the 3rd quarter for fixed prices. The town topped off all of the tanks before the deadlines of the current fixed price contracts.

Highway: Roger has bought most of his salt and the Town got the millings from the 101 paving which Roger has mixed in with gravel.

Street Lights: Are the Oval lights working? This will be checked.

Conservation Commission: Invasives will be done in August.

Library: Electricity is high, but then it has always been. 3 de-humidifiers are running in the basement. Carole suggested that an energy audit be done. Nancy asked if there was a reason why the entry lights were on during the day. Bill stated that they are on anytime the Library is open. He agreed that this was not really necessary and he will check into it.

Summer Playground: Playground started-30 children have registered.

Warrant Articles:

Police Cruiser-In service.

Cemetery Leaf Vacuum-Has been ordered.

Highway Garage addition-CCI finally removed the pole, so now the project can begin.

Revenues:

Property Taxes: Only 4 lien properties.

Kate reported that some towns are receiving ARPA money now and all towns should receive the funds by August.

Other Business:

Carole reported that BOS will be using the New Hampshire Municipal Assoc. wage survey for guidance and as a benchmark for wages/salaries. BOS wants to wait until 3rd quarter expenses are done before deciding on budget increases. They also want to meet with CIP to make sure the Trust Fund numbers match theirs.

Salaries will be done before Thanksgiving.

Possible warrant articles are baseball field revamp and Library vestibule repair due to water damage.

Budget & Finance workshop-September 20-Judy and K probably going; Susie and Sturdy expressed interest.

There will be a Budget Summit on September 12 at 3:30 in the Town Hall. The BOS will recommend that departmental budgets either remain at the same level as 2022 or decrease.

2022-23 Budget Committee Schedule: Judy will prepare a tentative schedule and forward it to committee members. Everyone agreed not to meet with the Dublin Committee Center.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7 pm- Bill might be away and Carol will be gone in the Fall for 2 weeks (there will be a BOS Rep. in her place).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E Campbell, Co-Secretary