Present – Rebecca Davis (Chair), Donna Murphy, Robert Fisher, Rosanne Adams, Phil Lytle, Edward Strong

Absent – Bill Jacques

Meeting opened at 6:34PM

The Chair handed out an updated copy of the warrant articles with our recommendations to committee members and the public.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of May 20th were not available. The Chair asked Donna Murphy if she would type of the minutes with what was decided upon.

2. The Chair suggested 4 articles to review and decide if more needed to be done on them:

   a. ECSD – it was agreed that it could stand as it is although the Chair noted that she felt the fringe benefit amount is high and may include more people than previously.

   b. Stormwater – Strong asked the town manager about the impact if it were to be reduced. Mr. Lee offered to come with Mr. Moulton to the next meeting. Donna asked if the committee could have a 2-3 year plan to see the funding requirements. Agreed to take it up next week.

   c. CIP for DPW –

   d. Transfer Station – MOTION by Adams, 2nd Strong to reduce the Transfer Station budget by $4000 which represents the reduction in the contract costs for Pay to Throw (from an original $15,000 to $11,000). VOTE 4-0. Chair concurs in the affirmative. Lytle abstain.

3. Public Hearing – meeting of the committee was closed and a public hearing opened at 7PM. There were 14 members of the public in attendance, including the Police, ECSD, and Fire Dept. heads and the Town Manager. The Chair welcomed those in attendance and commented on the work of the committee explaining that the Committee had largely flat funded the articles and then went back through them to make sure they were livable. She explained that the group had worked very hard with meetings for many months on a weekly basis; a variety of viewpoints had been presented by members providing a good balance and that now it will be up to the town to make the final decision. Committee members were then invited to express their own thoughts about the budget and budget process. The Chair opened up the floor to questions from the public by explaining that the LD1 figure given by the Selectmen is higher than the one the Budget Committee is using. Dana Lee passed out a sheet showing the calculation of the LD1 figure and explained the figures and how they were derived. The Chair explained that the reductions proposed by the Budget Committee provides a budget that is under the calculated cap for this year and brings it close to last year's budget. There were questions and comments about the increased revenues and where they came from; the Pay to Throw program; the sharing of the cost of a new cruiser with Kittery and the savings (the Chief, when asked, replied "yes, with all the ifs involved " to the question that if only $9000 is put into the vehicle CIP would the resulting $18,000 be enough to cover the sharing of the cost with Kittery; the inclusion of structural gear costs in the roof CIP of the fire department and the need to have it separated out to give a true reflection of these costs. The Fire Chief questioned the reduction of $4000 in his CIP request. The Chair said she felt it was a mathematical error and will check on that figure. The Chief said he would also take another look at that as he felt there was no unaccounted for figure of $4000. The

Public Hearing ended, Bob Fisher thanked people for coming and the Committee was thanked by members of the public for all the work they have done. A short break followed.

4. Budget Committee Meeting resumed at 7:40PM.

5. It was AGREED that the Chair will reserve the room for the next two Tuesdays in case they are necessary. Donna suggested that we come prepared to finalize our warrant article recommendations/wording at the next meeting.

6. There was discussion about the Town Meeting. Mentioned were a projector for keeping tally of the reductions; printing of our recommendations – it was AGREED to print 200 with Bob Fisher offering to get them printed for the committee. The Chair said she would be drawing up a statement to the people which she will bring for discussion next week. Donna suggested that if we choose to speak on a budget item that we make it clear that we are speaking as a member of the public and not as a Budget Committee member unless approved by the Budget Committee to speak for the committee.

7. MOTION by Strong, 2nd Murphy to adjourn. VOTE: 4-0. Chair concurs.

Meeting ended at 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rosanne M. Adams

Rosanne Adams, Recording Sec.

Date Approved: 6-9-14