I. OPEN MEETING
   A. Opening Ceremonies
      Chairman Chris Maas opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

   B. Roll Call

   C. Adjustments to the Agenda
      The Town Manager requested that the Airport, Recreation, and Cemetery budgets would be moved to A., B., and C.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    Budget Advisory Committee – March 4, 2020
    Resolution 002-031120
    MOTION: Annis, seconded: Gaudion, and voted unanimously (6) to approve the minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee meeting of March 4, 2020. Motion passed.

III. FY 2020-2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
    A. Airport
       Kole Stevens, Airport Manager was present. He talked about upcoming projects at the airport including installing a new fence, additional hangars, and a goal to build campsites at the field.

       Town Manager, Jack Clukey said that there is a newly formed airport advisory committee that has been active in identifying new ideas for improvements at the airport and new funding sources. He said the committee has plans for a fly in during the whoopie pie festival and other activities in the works. He said the existing budget is minimal allowing for a portable toilet and internet connection. He said there is also the hope to install a webcam at the field.

       Kole Stevens said that although the committee has made no requests for funding thus far, they have secured over $6,000 in donations for improvements at the airport. He said the proposed budget is sufficient to meet the current needs at the airport.
B. Recreation  
Town Manager, Jack Clukey said that the recreation budget covers programming through the PRYMCA and Foxcroft Youth Sports and facilities.

Janna Wassal outgoing Executive Director of the YMCA and Amy Adams the new Executive Director was present. Janna Wassal said that she will remain at the PRYMCA but will serve in other areas.

Janna Wassal said that the YMCA is experiencing record growth with 1240 members which is a 20% increase since 2017. She noted a 38% increase in sports program participation and a 30% increase in aquatics. She said there are 300 kids enrolled in sports programming and there is a newly added three-year old age group in all sports programs.

Kim Cavanagh asked about scholarships.

Janna Wassal said that scholarships are offered based on income and need and that the YMCA receives assistance through State subsidy programs, but that once a financial barrier is identified with a member, the YMCA will work with agencies to provide a scholarship so that anyone who wants to join a program is able to.

The committee reviewed the proposed budget for the YMCA. Chairman Maas noted a $3,000 increase compared to the current budget.

The Town Manager said that the recreation committee met to review the budget and that the increase is due to personnel and the minimum wage increase.

Board of Selectman Chairman Elwood Edgerly asked about past issues with debt.

Tim Gallagher, PRYMCA Treasurer, said that in the past the YMCA had low membership and high expenses. He said that with increased revenue, savings from an upgrade to a new, efficient boiler system and new lighting, and refinancing at a lower interest rate, the YMCA no longer has issues with debt as it has had in the past.

He also talked about the pool renovation paid for through grants.

Janna Wassal said that the YMCA is in good standing and she is excited to see new projects coming to fruition.

Chairman Maas asked if other towns contribute financially to the YMCA.

Janna Wassal said that the bulk of the membership is from Dover-Foxcroft, but she does have plans to bring forward requests to other regional towns.

Town Manager Clukey said that Foxcroft Youth Sports also represents part of the program budget for recreation. He said that there has been great participation in the programs.

He said the remainder of the recreation budget is for support of facilities such as the municipal ice rink, the public beach, and ATV and snowmobile trail maintenance.

He also said there are plans to replace the building at the ice rink for storage use and that public works will share costs to maintain. He also noted that construction will be done by the Charleston Correctional Restitution Program.
C. Cemetery
Tom Riitano was present to discuss the cemetery budget. He said that there are plans to hire an engineer to survey cemetery lots on a fulltime basis. He said that there is also a proposal for purchase of equipment to fix and clean headstones at the cemeteries. He also said that he usually hires 10 to 12 people to work during the spring and summer seasons for mowing and other grounds work.

The Town Manager explained that the layout and sections of the cemetery are not visible for marking gravesites and that an engineer would be able to identify sections that have potential issues.

D. Social Services
Robin Ladd of Eastern Agency on Aging gave a presentation on the services provided by the agency.

April Sargent, newly elected President of the Dover-Foxcroft Area Food Cupboard gave a presentation on how the food cupboard serves the community and surrounding areas.

Kristen Sutherland, Executive Director of Pine Tree Hospice gave a presentation on the various services provided to the community.

Norman Dinerman, co-founder of Lifeflight was present and talked about the history of Lifeflight and how it operates to serve our community.

E. Library
Librarian Greta Schraeder, Nancy Grant, and Phyllis Lyford were present on behalf of Thompson Free Library.

Greta Schraeder discussed the various types of resources the library provides such as technology, wifi access, early literacy programming, children’s programming and outreach as well as programs for adults.

She said there has been increase in the use of the community meeting room for groups and organizations and that last year the library digitized the Piscataquis Observer, preserving the community’s history.

Greta Schraeder said that she continues to listen to the community in order to provide for the needs of the community which are free to Dover-Foxcroft residents.

Nancy Grant, President of the library association said that in 1897, the library was set up so that trusts provide for books and publications while the town pays for operations and maintenance.

Phyllis Lyford, board executive member said that the budget pays for operations, maintenance, and utilities.

Chairman Maas asked how many employees and if programs are provided for all age groups.
Greta Schraeder said that there are two full time and four part time employees and that programs are available for all age groups.

The Town Manager said that he has noticed that the computer lab gets a lot of use.

Greta Schraeder said that there are four new desk top computers and that people don’t often have to wait to use a computer.

Chairman Maas asked who keeps the grounds.

Greta Schraeder said that the Merrills do landscaping and the town does mowing. She also said that it is appreciated that Rowells allows use of their parking lot for library patrons.

F. Solid Waste
Joe Sands, Solid Waste Director was present to discuss the solid waste/recycling budget. He talked about the new Fiberight facility that has been operating at 100% since November.

G. Economic Development
Town Manager, Jack Clukey said there is little change from the current year’s budget for economic development. He noted an increase in communications for the town’s website. He said the bulk of economic development is funded almost entirely by PCEDC who has been involved in almost every major project. He said that the economic development budget also supports the Chamber of Commerce, pays for supplies for downtown beautification, and that the town is in the process of owning the parking lot behind the old bank building which is paid for with the economic development budget.

IV. OPEN SESSION
Chairman Maas asked if the town is proposing to appropriate according to the requests made by the social service agencies.

Town Manager Clukey said that he proposes amounts appropriated in the current year and that the requested amounts are listed in a separate column.

Resolution 003-031120
MOTION: Annis, seconded: Gaudion, to appropriate $1,053.00 to Lifeflight as requested.

Resolution 004-031120
MOTION: Butler, seconded: Gaudion, and voted unanimously (6-0) to amend the previous motion to appropriate $1,055.00 to Lifeflight. Motion passed.

Vote on original motion as amended (6-0), unanimous. Motion passed.

V. ADJOURN
Resolution 005-031120
MOTION: Butler, seconded: Gaudion, and voted unanimously (6-0) to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Motion passed.