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

   B. Roll Call


   C. Adjustments to the Agenda

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    Budget Advisory Committee - March 17, 2016
    Motion: Cabot, Second: Letarte, to approve the budget advisory meeting minutes of March 17, 2016. Vote: Unanimous, Motion passed.

III. FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

    Draft Warrant Articles & Recommendations for the FY 16-17 Budget

    ARTICLE 2
    Shall the Town appropriate revenues anticipated in the amount of $1,712,770 and appropriate additional funds including funds from surplus in the amount of $211,940, for a total amount of $1,924,710, to be used to reduce amounts to be raised from the property tax commitment to fund appropriations in subsequent articles, and; authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate an additional amount from surplus to reduce the property tax commitment?

    Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory consented to recommend approval of Article 2.
ARTICLE 3
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $3,946,075, for Town Operations? (Revenue and surplus to be used to reduce the amount to be raised to fund this article $1,812,615, net amount to be raised $2,133,460.)

Town Manager, Jack Clukey explained the changes recommended by the budget advisory committee to increase the allocation for Pine Tree Hospice by $500 and to decrease the welfare budget by $500. He noted that last year, there was a significant increase to the FY 15-16 budget for welfare due to the food cupboard transition and so the budget could be reduced by $500 in FY 16-17 with no net change to the welfare budget.

Another recommended change to the funding of this Article is to the police department wages allocation. The initial proposal represented a reduction of the protection budget by $7,230. The Town Manager said that the budget advisory committee recommends no bottom line difference compared with the budget for the current year. He explained the ongoing turn over in police office personnel in the first five years of employment with the department due to the town not being able to compete with wages at other police departments. He said that this added funding of $7,230 would allow the town to take steps to address this issue. This results in increasing the wage portion of the protection budget by $7,230.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory consented to recommend approval of Article 3 with changes.

ARTICLE 4
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $180,500 to capital reserve to fund capital equipment? (Revenue to be used to reduce the amount to be raised to fund this article $16,395, net amount to be raised $164,105); and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory consented to recommend approval of Article 4.

ARTICLE 5
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $58,500 to capital reserve to fund capital improvements to town buildings and facilities? (Revenue to be used to reduce the amount to be raised to fund this article $5,700, net amount to be raised $52,800); and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory consented to recommend approval of Article 5.

ARTICLE 6
Shall the Town appropriate all money received from the State of Maine (anticipated in the amount of $90,000) for capital improvements and maintenance of Town roads and bridges per Urban-Rural Initiative Public Law Title 23 Chapter 19 Subsection 1803-B, and; raise and appropriate $310,000 for capital improvements and maintenance for Town Roads? Total expenditure $400,000. Note: Funding for this Article will require a Yes Vote on the next Article (Article 7).
Chris Maas said that passing this article would result in a tax increase of approximately .9 of a mil and also require that the town increase the tax levy limit. He said that the median tax payer with a home valuation of $100,000 would see an increase of $90 on their tax bill.

The Town Manager said that this amount for road work would remain as part of the budget going forward. He said the tax levy limit adjusts annually according to local and State growth.

Chris Maas said that at the last budget meeting there was discussion of seeking alternatives to exceeding the LD1 Cap. He asked the question as to whether the town could find $300,000 in the existing budget to fund road improvements.

Chairman Edgerly responded that you cannot cut that amount from the existing budget and still be responsible given all the needs of the town.

Chris Maas asked members of the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee for other ideas of how to fund road improvements.

**Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory consented to recommend approval of Article 6.**

**ARTICLE 7**
To see if the Town shall vote to increase the property tax levy limit (current limit of $2,536,850.74) established for the Town of Dover-Foxcroft by state law (LD1) in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment greater than the property tax levy limit?

**Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory consented to recommend approval of Article 7.**

**ARTICLE 8**
Shall the Town of Dover-Foxcroft appropriate all sewer department revenue anticipated in the amount of $752,585 and reserve funds anticipated in the amount of $8,805 to fund sewer operations, debt repayment and capital? Total expenditure $761,390. (Sewer fees are projected to remain unchanged at a base rate of $89.65 for usage at 0-1,200 cubic feet and $9.37 for usage in excess of 1,200 cubic feet.)

**Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory consented to recommend approval of Article 8.**

**ARTICLE 9**
To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, lease, or otherwise convey the Town’s real property at 182 East Main Street (Police Station) according to terms and conditions the Board of Selectmen deem advisable and;

To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate the proceeds of said conveyance to be used for capital improvements to the Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Building?
Town Manager, Jack Clukey, said that Article 9 has budgetary implications, and there has been an active conversation as to whether the town could sell the police department building and have the police department relocate to the municipal building. He said that this Article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to appropriate proceeds from the sale of the police department building to accommodate the police department relocating to the municipal building and make capital improvements to the municipal building.

The Town Manager also said that there have been vacancies in the municipal building, the mindset being that it would increase capacity in the municipal building and there would be one less building the town would have to maintain. He also said that this would not require existing tenants to move or the elimination of the community room.

Chris Maas asked Police Chief Dennis Dyer if he could think of any implications. The Police Chief said that he is in support of what is best for the tax payers and that he hoped if the police station moved to the municipal building, the space could be made suitable for the police department.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory consented to recommend approval of Article 9.

IV. OPEN SESSION
Town Manager, Jack Clukey, said that he would incorporate the recommendations into a new warrant to present at the public hearing on March 30th. He said that after the public hearing there will be a town meeting on April 30th to affirm the warrant articles to appear on the June Referendum ballot.

Art Jette from Spruce Run – Womancare Alliance thanked the town for its generosity and community support. He said he continues to look forward to being a good partner with the town.

V. ADJOURN
Motion: Maas, Second: Conroy to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Town of Dover-Foxcroft Board of Selectmen

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Cynthia Freeman Cyr, Vice Chairman
Stephen G. Grammont

Jane K. Conroy
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