

**Town of Chester
Budget Committee
Approved Minutes
March 6, 2017**

I. Meeting to Order

Chairman Weider called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM on Monday, March 6, 2017.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Weider led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Attendance

Chairman Michael Weider
Vicechair Rhonda Lamphere
Chuck Heuer
Brian Shankey
Stephen D'Angelo
Selectman Richard Trask

Absent:

Becky Owens
Royal Richardson
Mike Romick, Vicechair Chester School Board

IV. Announcements by the Chair – Welcome

There is a School District Meeting tomorrow, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

V. Public Comment

There were no members of the public or media/news present at the meeting,

VI. BOS Update – Selectman Richard Trask

Budget and Warrant Articles

Selectman Trask provided an updated budget request reflecting an increase of 5.2% rather than the previous increase request of 10.7%

There was much discussion about the budget breakdown, warrant articles, and the justification for each amount requested.

The budget committee wishes to formally request a written explanation of the cost justification for a new, full-time police officer.

Due to the committee receiving three different budgets in a span of five days, the budget committee will write out their questions and/or recommendations for the BOS. The BOS will then return their answers in writing to be discussed at the upcoming budget committee meeting on March 13, 2017.

VII. School Board Update

None

VIII. Other Committee Updates

None

IX. Minutes - February 20, 2017

Approval tabled until March 13, 2017.

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Other Business

XIII. Member Comments

XIV. Public Comments

XV. Next meeting date – March 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM

XVI. Adjourn

Selectman Trask motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. D'Angelo seconded his motion, all in favor, so moved. The meeting of the Chester Budget Committee was adjourned at 9:08 PM on Monday, March 6, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah DeLisle, Recording Secretary