Chairman Annie Collyer called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Present:  Annie Collyer, Chair, Newton
Charlton Swasey, Vice-Chair, Kingston
James Doggett, Newton
Sandi Rogers-Osterloh, Kingston
Mary Cyr, Member-at-Large
Jack Kozec, Newton
Cheryl Gannon, Kingston
Larry Heath, School Board Representative

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for FY 2019-2020:

School Board representative Larry Heath gave a presentation on the default budget, followed by Chairman Collyer presenting the proposed budget. Then Mr. Heath presented the warrant articles to come before the public for their votes this year.

Jon LeBlanc, Kingston, gave details of the petition warrant article on Ice Hockey, emphasizing that it is his intent that all but ice-time costs be covered by the taxpayers. Following questions and answers, he agreed to seek a letter from the Ice Hockey Boosters Club Board that they agree with that intent going forward.

Questions and comments continued on non-budget warrants, with none on the budget itself. There was discussion of the net impact of the proposed staff contracts, with desire for more clarity.

The Committee indicated by consensus that they wish to have language added to Warrants 9 and 10 on Reserve Funds to indicate that, while there will be no new tax as a result of passage, there will be a future cost to taxpayers in not having those taxed monies appropriated returned to the taxpayers to offset future taxes.

After discussion of the total tax impact of all warrant articles, Chairman Collyer stated that the Committee will add a slide on the total to the presentation.
Next Scheduled Meeting Date:

Budget Committee Thursday, January 17 – 7 PM

The Committee will finalize the proposed budget and its presentation to the public at the Deliberative Session. Members will vote to recommend or not all tax-bearing warrant articles.

Sandi Rogers-Osterloh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heath, to Adjourn, passing unanimously.