**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**Draft Minutes**

**January 12, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Jorge Mesa-Tejada, Steve Londrigan, Emily Reschberger, John Skidmore.

**VISITORS:** Rick Hartung, Joe Tabby.

1. **Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mesa-Tejada at 7:00pm in the Selectmen’s Office, Hampstead Town Hall. John Skidmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Visitor’s Comments:** None.

**3. Approval of Minutes - November 10, 2016**

 Motion by Emily Reschberger to approve minutes. Seconded by John Skidmore. A typo will be corrected.

 **VOTE: YES: 3 NO: 0 Abstain: 1**.

**4. Warrant Article Recommendations:**

a. Town Warrant

 The Budget Committee votes on warrant articles which involve raising and appropriating money. On the 2017 Town Warrant, the articles with spending attached to them are numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. See attached sheet for record of Budget Committee votes on the 2017 Town Warrant.

**5. Discussion: Members Comments**

 Steve Londrigan thanked Jorge for his many years of service and for helping some of the newer members learn the rules and state laws. Steve further thanked John Skidmore, Vice Chair, for his years serving on the Budget Committee. John Skidmore said that there are no words to express the appreciation for all the years Jorge has dedicated his life to serve the Town. Jorge has been a true inspiration. Emily Reschberger stated that few people have a record of serving the Town as long and as varied as Mr. Mesa-Tejada, who has been serving on town boards and committees since 1971.

**6. Next meeting agenda items**

 Budget Committee members will attend the Town Deliberative Session on February 10, 2017.

**7. Schedule next meeting date**

 The next regular meeting date will be set by the Board after the March 2017 election.

**8. Visitors Comments:**

 Former Selectmen Rick Hartung thanked Chairman Mesa-Tejada for his many years of service to the Town; he has been a real asset to the Town.

**9. Adjournment**

On motion by John Skidmore, seconded by Steve Londrigan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily D. Reschberger