Present: Chairman Matthew Frank, Vice Chairman William Winslow, Selectman Richard St. John, Selectman Achille Belanger, Selectman Raymond Laplante, Secretary Melissa St. John  
Absent: Town Manager George Finch

Public: LRTV

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chairman Frank
2. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank
3. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)
4. Approval of Warrants #23 - #28

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Financial Warrants #23 - #28 made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 5-0.

5. Approval of minutes – December 1, 2016

Motion to accept the December 1, 2016 meeting minutes made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 5-0.

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business
   a. Town dams and Scribner’s Mills bridge
      Postponed to a workshop meeting on January 26, 2017
   b. Set Town Meeting date

Motion to set the Town Meeting date for Tuesday June 13, 2017, made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 5-0.

8. Other Business
   a. Workshop meeting January 26, 2017
      i. Personnel policy
      ii. Scribner’s Mills Bridge and town dams
      iii. FY18 budget presentation
9. Manager’s Report

- **My Absence** - I apologize for being unable to attend this evening’s meeting as I have been fighting a severe bout with a cold. I did try to get into for a bit this afternoon and it was more than I could deal with. I expect I will be fine by the end of the weekend.

- **FY17 Financial Update** – As we pass the half-way point of the fiscal year we are setting quite where expected in terms of same time budgeting. Revenue is on the plus side but I will note revenue sharing with the state is always at risk when a new legislature is seated. If revenue remains on its current track we could wind up with a positive of 60K. Expenses are on track and comparable but as I always note winter can make a big dent and the weather over the previous week shows just how much of a dent it can make. With that said I expect we should wind up about $50K to the good. When all is said and done, based on current projections, I expect the final financial numbers for the total budget to come in as a positive $150K

- **FY18 Budget Proposal** – The portion of the budget we have control over, (municipal operations), will basically be within the same range as it has been during my 6-years as your Town Manager. In that we have pretty well accomplished all the cost avoidance and productivity improvements we can implement there is little left to reduce without reducing personnel or quality of services. For the most part this year’s budget will be on hold as we await word from Augusta, Education and the County. If they come through with the financial responsibility we all hope we should be able to hold a tax rate close to the current fiscal year.

10. Executive Session - 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (2) – Poverty Abatement

**Motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (2) to hear a request for a poverty abatement, made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 5-0.**

Entered at 7:20 p.m. **Motion to come out of executive session was made at 7:45 p.m. Motion to table to the next scheduled Selectmen’s meeting made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 5-0.**

11. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Laplante. Approved 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Frank, Chairman

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Melissa St. John, Secretary