

**Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee**
Minutes of October 23, 2017

Meeting: Budget committee meeting held at the Brentwood Town Office

Present: Krista Steger (Chair), Keith Levitsky, Bill Faria, Malcolm Allison, Michelle Siudut, Jeff Bryan, Jessie Hollister

Visitors: Kim Woods, Lisa Swasey

Krista called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, and distributed proposed department budgets approved by the selectmen. Jeff advised that the selectmen would soon have more budgets. Malcolm announced that he had acquired a condo in Stratham, and may resign if he can sell his house. Krista asked that he recommend a replacement to be considered by the Budcomm to finish his term which ends in 2019.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Krista called for approval of the draft minutes of the Budcomm meeting of October 16, 2017. There no corrections. Motion to approve the minutes Jeff/Michelle, carried 5-0-2, with abstentions by Jessie and Krista who were unable to attend the October 16 meeting.

Updates from the Selectman & School Board Representatives

Krista noted that from last weeks approved budgets, debt service was up significantly (\$135K) from last year primarily due to the Prescott Road project approved at last town meeting. Jeff reported that it would not proceed 'til next year as Fair Point has not moved their lines. Jessie reported that the school board has not met since our last meeting, but they are still on track to deliver the school budget on Dec 18.

Budgets for Consideration

Regional Association Budget is level at \$14,837. Jeff stated that there may be other associations who may come forward for money; however, the process for the new ones is to ask the towns people for the money with warrant articles. Discussion followed. Motion to approve Jeff/Mal carried 7-0.

Welfare Budget is \$135 higher than last year's budget at \$7407. This is due to a slight increase in the director's salary. Discussion followed concerning the actuals being lower than the budget. Jeff noted that any money left in a department budget goes back to the general fund. Motion to approve, Jeff/Jessie, carried 7-0.

General Government Budget is up \$2699 from last year at \$36,326. Jeff explained that 1500 of that is for repairs to an old police cruiser which has over 100K miles on it, and 1000 was added for long range planning. Discussion followed. Motion to approve Jeff/Jessie, carried 7-0.

Other Business

Krista established the future meeting schedule:

November 13 2017(Previously established)

November 27 2017

December 11 2017

December 18 2017 (Swasey school budget)

January 8 2018

January 22 2018

January 29 2018

February 12 2018 meeting at 6:30pm, Public Hearing at 7pm

February 15 2018 (snow date for Public Hearing)

Michelle stated that the Budcomm website needs updating. She also looked into member's term expirations and reported that Bill and Keith's are up in 2018, Michelle and Mal are up in 2019 and Krista is up in 2020. Krista stated that she may be moving to Boston before that time.

Malcolm suggested that we discuss the letter to the select board from the Sargent Wood regarding the new police chief. Discussion followed. After the discussion ended Krista noted that the selectmen have made no decision yet; therefore we do not have to take any action at this time. The letter will be considered information only.

Keith noted that the October 16 minutes were in error showing that the school budget is due on December 19 instead of the 18. He moved and Jeff seconded to reopen the Minutes carried 7-0. Malcolm explained that it was a typo and he will change it. Motion to approve the revised minutes Jeff/Bill, carried 5-0-2.

Visitor Comments

None

Next Meeting

November 11 2017 at 7pm

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 Jeff/Jessie, carried 7-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Malcolm Allison

