

**Town of Brentwood**  
**Budget Committee Meeting at Brentwood Town Office**  
Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2018

*Present:* Krista Steger (Chair), Jeff Bryan, Bill Faria, Keith Levitsky, Michelle Siudut  
*Absent, excused:* Jessie Hollister

*Visitors:* Brentwood Fire Chief Bill Campbell, Liz Faria

Krista called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Malcolm Allison's resignation from the Committee has resulted in the need for the election of a new Secretary. Krista Steger nominated Michelle Siudut, who accepted the nomination. A motion was made by Jeff Bryan and seconded by Bill Faria to elect Michelle as Secretary. Motion passed 4-0-1, with Michelle abstaining.

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Revisions to the minutes of the Jan 22 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Krista and seconded by Keith to approve the minutes of the Jan 22 2018 meeting, as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

**Updates from Selectmen & School Board**

Jeff Bryan said they are not sure of warrant articles for new police cruisers or fire vehicles yet.

**Warrant Articles for Consideration**

All warrant articles have not yet been submitted to the Selectmen, so we will need to have a meeting next Monday at 7 pm to review any other warrant articles.

**Other Business**

Krista confirmed the Committee has no obligation to fill Malcolm's vacancy on the Committee within a certain time. She suggested we get the word out about the vacancy including announcing it at Town Meeting; potential replacements should attend the BudCom meeting which we will schedule after Town Meeting.

Discussion of re-opening fire budget. Keith was hoping to have all warrant articles presented prior to deciding on that. Krista said the total of warrant articles we have approved so far is approximately \$6000 over 2017. Additional warrant articles we are expecting are police cruiser(s) and a fire command vehicle, which may qualify for impact fees.

The desire to have the fire budget, which has increased substantially over the years, to level off was again re-stated. This year's fire budget increase is due to increasing coverage at the station. After further discussion, the budget was not re-opened.

As the budgets now stand we are looking at a 9.3% overall increase which is \$.6 per thousand. A large portion of the increase is the Prescott Road bond. Krista will break out the Prescott Road portion to present at town meeting.

Michelle asked Krista if we had received the income statements for the Recreation Department and Code Enforcement. Krista said we had not, but she would obtain them for the next meeting.

### **Visitor Comments**

Liz Faria questioned the impact of a tie vote, now that we have an even number of committee members.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

February 5, 2018 at 7 pm - Budget Committee Meeting

February 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm (snow date February 15) - Budget Committee Meeting

February 12, 2018 at 7 pm (snow date February 15) - Budget Committee Public Hearing

Motion by Jeff Bryan to adjourn, seconded by Bill Faria, carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Siudut, Secretary