

**Town of Brentwood Budget
Committee Meeting at Brentwood Town Office
Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2021**

Present: Michelle Siudut (Chair), Lois DeYoung, Andy Artimovich, Alina Arida, Jack Mitchell, Anthony Philips, Melissa Litchfield.

Visitors: Letty Bedard, Liz Faria.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Jack, seconded by Anthony to discuss minutes from the June 9, 2021 meeting. Motion by Andy seconded by Jack, to approve. Voting in favor were Michelle, Andy, Alina, Lois. Jack, Anthony; passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Update from Selectmen/School Board

School Board update from Melissa (School Board Rep): Swasey Teachers Union reached out to School Board to start negotiations for their new contract. Question about new Swasey Lunch Program, Melissa has not had any update since May when Food Director was being hired. Exeter Coop Meeting August 3, 2021 at Exeter High School, 6pm.

Selectmen's update from Andy (Selectmen's Rep): Monies were moved for salaries due to chief changeover. He will include discussion on Town Health Insurance Subcommittee later in this Budcom meeting.

Old Business

- Fire Department Visit Review. Lois, Jack, Anthony and Alina visited the Fire Department on July 12, 2021. Chief Joe Bird discussed the operation of the fire department, budget and gave the group a tour of the Fire House facility. Chief plans to request 2 additional full-time fire fighters. Andy said the department is missing 10% of calls. Discussed the Fire/Ambulance coverage costs.
- Health Insurance Committee update. Anthony is Chairman and provided the Board minutes of the initial meeting July 19, 2019. Andy and Anthony briefed the Board about the goals, issues of the committee and Survey of other towns' health insurance.
- YTD budget report will be reviewed by Board members individually.

New/other business

- Jack provided the Board with statistics about Brentwood and neighboring towns population; total valuation; valuation per capita; and property tax commitment per capita Brentwood 2006-2020. Population reduced by 7%, taxes increased by 17% from 2016-2019.
- Jack commented on his ride along with Officer Kneeland. The Officer voiced request for 2 officers on the road in separate cars for safety and expressed concerns on the Police Station conditions.

Visitor Comment: none

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next meeting August 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- Michelle will reach out to Recreation, Library and Highway to schedule an informal induction meeting with Budget Committee.

Adjournment: Motion by Andy seconded by Anthony, to adjourn. Voting in favor were Michelle, Andy, Alina, Lois, Jack, Anthony, Melissa; passed unanimously 7-0-0, meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois DeYoung, Secretary