

Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Meeting at Brentwood Town Office
Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2021

Present: Michelle Siudut (Chair), Lois DeYoung (Secretary), Andy Artimovich, Alina Arida, Jack Mitchell, Anthony Philips and Melissa Litchfield. Visitors: Letty Bedard, Kim Leo.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Jack, seconded by Melissa to approve minutes, as amended, from the July 21, 2021 meeting. Voting in favor were Michelle, Andy, Alina, Lois. Jack, Anthony, Melissa; passed unanimously.

Update from Selectmen/School Board

Andy (Selectmen's Rep) – Fire Department budget will be increasing – sheet provided by Chief Bird on “Missed calls and their explanation” was distributed to the Budget Committee for review.

Melissa (Swasey School Board Rep) – next School Board meeting September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Air conditioner on roof is not working replacement bid \$19,600 from current vendor, 2 more bids recommended; Board approved up to \$20,000 to repair. Pre-school will include children from Kensington this year. Melissa discussed the August 17, 2021 Brentwood School Board meeting.

Old Business

- Review of the Recreation Department visit attended by Michelle, Lois and Jack. Andrew Gray, Recreation Director, gave tour of the Rec facilities and discussed the programs, activities and sports. Discussed Recreation Department Revolving Account and Jack, Michelle and Lois requested copies of the Revolving Account Reports.
- Health Insurance Committee Update. No meeting recently as Karen had only received one response to the Survey sent to other towns.

New Business

- Jack presented the Board with data from 2020 Census regarding population of towns in Rockingham County. Also additional data on property valuation, property taxes, and unemployment rate compared with neighboring towns.

- Jack as school treasurer mentioned the final payment of \$350,000 on Swasey Bond issue was made this month (Aug), so it will not be a factor in the 2022 budget.

Visitor Comment: Letty questioned the funding the State gives each student in our SAU, stating it has been the same amount for 30 years.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next meeting Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Lois will be on vacation and unable to attend.
- Michelle will reach out to Wayne Robinson, Highway Department to have an informal introduction meeting with Budget Committee.

Adjournment: Motion by Alina, seconded by Lois, to adjourn. Voting in favor were Michelle, Andy, Alina, Lois, Jack, Anthony & Melissa; passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois DeYoung, Secretary