

Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Meeting at Brentwood Town Office
Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2022

Present: Michelle Siudut, Andy Artimovich, Letty Bedard, Jack Mitchell, Anthony Phillips, Lois DeYoung

Excused absence: Alina Arida

Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by Lois, seconded by Jack to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting; passed 5-0-1. Motion by Lois, seconded by Jack to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting/public hearing; passed 5-0-1.

Michelle shared Alina's congratulations to Jack and Michelle for re-election and to Letty for her appointment.

There were no updates from either the Selectmen or the Swasey School Board.

Michelle said she met with Chief Ventura, at his request. He wanted to review what his hopes are for the department, which will include increased staffing. Michelle said we would invite him to a Committee meeting.

Motion by Lois, seconded by Letty, to nominate Jack Mitchell as Chair and Michelle Siudut as Secretary; motion passed 6-0-0.

Andy suggested the Insurance Benefits Committee be revived. Anthony agreed to head that up; he stated the biggest obstacle last year was learning what other towns provide for benefits. Michelle mentioned that Melissa Litchfield had knowledge about alternatives offered to school staff, with regards to offering lower deductible plans and providing other incentives. The committee last year included Anthony, Jon Morgan, Melissa Litchfield. Letty offered to be a part of the committee.

Jack would like us to resume meeting with department heads prior to budget season.

Andy said he suspects the Police Chief will be wanting the Building Committee to resume their efforts. Lois offered to be on that committee as the BudCom liaison.

Discussion about meeting nights: the group decided on Monday nights at 6 pm, with the exception of Swasey School meetings which are the first Monday of each month. We did not set a next meeting date; will arrange meetings with department heads first.

Jack inquired about workshops, like he attended in the past. Michelle suggested he check with Karen; Andy suggested the NH Municipal website.

Motion by Lois, seconded by Letty to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Siudut