

Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Meeting at Brentwood Town Office
Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2022

Present: Michelle Siudut, Alina Arida, Andy Artimovich, Melissa Litchfield, Jack Mitchell, Anthony Phillips, Lois DeYoung

Visitors: Jim Johnson, Jim Berlo, Kim Woods, Chief Bird, Kim Leo, Jon Morgan

Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Motion by Anthony, seconded by Jack to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; passed unanimously.

Update from Selectmen

Andy provided information about town benefits. Insurance coverage is 100% for single, 75% for 2 or family. Medicare is 1.45% for all. FICA is 6.2% for all. Police retirement is 33.88%. Fire retirement is 32.99%. Retirement for all others is 14.6%

Update from School Board

Melissa presented one warrant article for Brentwood Teacher Association contract. It is a 4 year contract with salary increases of 3/3/2.5/2.5%. They incentivized staff to take a deductive insurance plan. There was a wage increase only for the lower end of the payscale. Increases will be \$156,200 for 2022, \$137,473 for 2023, \$125,802 for 2024, \$124,764 for 2025. Motion by Melissa, seconded by Andy to support the warrant article; passed 6-0-0.

The Swasey and Swasey warrant articles will be a .06 decrease from last year.

Warrant Articles

CRF Solar Array. Motion by Jack, seconded by Anthony to add \$17,000; passed 6-0-0

CRF IT Hardware. Currently \$61,000. Upgrades must be done for each department every 5 years at \$25K each. Different departments have different standards, so cannot share servers. The town will look into cloud options, but that may not be a cost savings. Motion by Andy, seconded by Melissa to add \$25,000; passed 6-0-0.

CRF for Revaluation. Revaluation is required to be done every 5 years. Motion by Anthony, seconded by Jack to add \$25,000; motion passed 6-0-0

CRF for Maintenance of Town Buildings. Currently has \$70,000 in fund, which project requests from town office, BRC and Grange will deplete. Motion by Andy, seconded by Anthony to add \$50,000; passed 6-0-0

CRF for Road Repair. This fund gets spent every year. Motion by Jack, seconded by Alina to add \$350,000; passed 6-0-0.

CRF Highway Vehicles/Equipment. Currently \$111,000 in this fund. This request is \$50,000 increase over last year. Road agent has several vehicles in need of repair/replacement. They will forgo adding to the Winter Maintenance fund this year, in order to increase funds to this CRF instead. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack to add \$100,000; passed 6-0-0

CRF Fire Vehicles. Currently \$168,000 in this fund; a new vehicle will be \$1M. Motion by Andy, seconded by Anthony to add \$50,000; passed 6-0-0

CRF Library Amphitheatre. Motion by Jack, seconded by Andy to establish this fund with \$50,000; passed 5-1-0

Full-time Firefighters. To establish 2 additional full-time firefighter positions, starting in June. Wages, benefits and other costs (\$115,210) to be covered by ARPA funds for this year. Next year's expenditure for these positions would be \$204,364

Brentwood Newsletter. Motion by Andy, seconded by Anthony to support \$11,781; passed 4-2-0

3M Conservation Bond Warrant Article. Motion by Jack, seconded by Lois to support; passed 6-1-0.

Motion by Melissa, seconded by Alina to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Upcoming Meetings

- Budcom meeting - February 9, 2022 at Brentwood Rec Center at 6:00 pm
- Budcom Public Hearing - February 9, 2022 at Brentwood Rec Center at 7:00 pm
- Swasey school District Meeting - March 7, 2022 at Swasey Gym at 6:00 pm
- Town election - March 8, 2022 at Brentwood Rec Center 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Town Meeting - March 12, 2022 at Swasey Gym 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Siudut, Secretary Pro Tem