

**Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 20, 2009**

BudComm members present: Jane Byrne Chairman, Tracie May, Bob Mantegari, Elyse Seeley, Jeff Bryan Selectmen's Rep, and Jason Clark Swasey School Committee Rep.

Absent: Bill Faria

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

New Business: Jane Byrne, having won election as a Town Selectman, tendered her resignation. The resignation was accepted and Jane was thanked for her service to the Budget Committee and to the Town.

Discussion to replace Jane and appoint a new member to fill out the committee:

- Ken made a motion for Elyse to succeed Jane as Budget Committee Chairperson; the motion was seconded by Jeff and carried.
- Ken made a motion that the Committee to appoint Jason Clark (previously of the Swasey School Committee) to fill out Elyse's term. Seconded by Jeff and carried.
- Tracie to start paperwork process at Town Offices for the appointment and to confirm Jason's term.

Prior meeting minutes approved

Ken made a motion to accept the 2/2/09 amended minutes. Seconded by Jeff, carried.

Review of budget items

As of the end of March the town had \$1.8 million left in the current year's budget.

Discussion of tax revenues: 99 homeowners are presently delinquent; 4 of the homes are due to be issues tax liens and deeded to the town.

Crawley Falls Bridge refurbishment: Has no tax impact as the town will be reimbursed from NH for monies earmarked for the project. They are presently in the town's Capital Reserve Fund. The state is asking for \$1.3 million in Federal stimulus money to pay for the project.

Review of current year's Bud Comm process compared to prior years:

- Town Meeting belongs to the Moderator and Selectmen – should the Bud Comm be seated up front?
- Bud Comm recommendations are not in the Town Annual Report – there should be a means of conveying this information to the townspeople.
- The Library was the only Dept. to not make any cuts.
- The number of voters was disappointing: of the approximate 2,200 voters in town, only 323 were at the meeting.
 - Ideas to improve turnout: offer coffee, sandwiches, and a bake sale. Move voting to Saturday. Use the ALERT Now system to remind voters.

Other: Elyse recommended that the Committee tour the Town-owned buildings to gain a better understanding of potential costs. Agreed: this will take place in the fall.

Bob M. made a motion to adjourn; Ken seconded and carried at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracie May, Committee Secretary

