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**Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Meeting
Minutes of January 14, 2013**

Present: Elyse Seeley (Chair), Bill Faria, Malcolm Allison, John Lyon, Bob Mantegari, Dianne Vosgien (School Board Representative), Ken Christiansen (Selectmen Rep).

Absent: (excused) Krista Steger

Visitors: Crystal Buswell, Mike Morgan, Kevin Lemoine, Jane Byrne, Liz Faria.

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Motion to approve draft minutes from January 7, 2013. Malcolm/Ken Approved 7-0.

Correspondence: An unaddressed package was dropped off for Budcom by Jim Johnson and Jim Berlo just before the meeting related to *Granite State Futures, Plan NH*, NH Sustainable Energy, HUD Requirements, etc. No letter or requests were made of the Board. No action taken. Documents were made available to members if they are interested individually.

Old Business:

1. Motion to discuss/approve draft Warrant Article – To appropriate \$39,000.00 to purchase a Cascade Oxygen machine (used to refill oxygen tanks) to be offset by acceptance of the Fire Association donation of \$39,000.00 from the sale of the old fire house. Recurring maintenance costs are approximately \$500.00 per year to be part of the operating costs of the Fire Department beginning in 2014. This equipment has a life expectancy of 20 to 25 years. Room for this equipment already exists at the fire house, Motion Bob/Ken, approved in amount of \$39,000.00, 5-1-1 abstention.
2. **Bridge Construction – 70-825** – This Warrant Article was removed based on DOT advisory that bids need to be postponed until July, 2013. BOS has not discussed but likely to propose adding some money for the Crawley Falls bridge replacement. Members present were informally polled and majority would approve adding money, up to \$75,000.00, to a Capital Reserve if recommended by BOS.
3. Information was provided by Fire Association on the sale of the old fire house. It is understood this is a separate entity from the Fire Department. The sale was for \$200,000.00, net of \$186,000.00, minus approx \$35,000.00 for legal fees for property dispute defense. A total of \$130,000.00 will be donated to the town for FD vehicle and the aforementioned oxygen machine. Remaining funds are left for Association needs.
4. We reviewed changes to the proposed budget. Warrant Article for Bridge Construction results in a deduction of \$165,000.00 but we will likely add dollars to a Capital Reserve based on the BOS action at their next meeting. Fire Department is removing their WA for Vehicle Capital Reserve (\$50,000.00).

Other Business:

1. Public is welcome to attend the ERCSD Deliberative Session on that budget on February 7 at the Exeter High Auditorium, 7:00 PM.
2. Our next meeting is January 21, 2013 to address primarily the bridge replacement warrant article at a later time, 7:30 pm, at the Town Office.
3. Elyse and Malcolm's positions on the Budget Committee are up for election. Filing deadline for these two positions 1/23 - 2/5, at the Town Office.

4. Brentwood Newsletter draft article was passed out and generally outlines the budget. Elyse will ensure the newsletter article is corrected and submitted once all votes are complete.

Public Comments

None

8:35 pm Motion to adjourn, Diane/Malcolm, approved 7-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by William C Faria