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**Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Hearing
Minutes of October 7, 2013**

Present: Elyse Seeley (Chair), Bill Faria, Malcolm Allison, John Lyon, Krista Steger

Absent: Bob Mantegari, Dianne Vosgien (excused), Jeff Bryan (excused)

Visitors: Lisa Swasey, Crystal Buswell

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

1. Motion to approve draft minutes from April 29, 2013. Malcolm/Krista, 5-0.
2. Elyse stated there are no budgets to review or consider this week. Elyse reviewed some pertinent items from the Selectmen's minutes from a recent Department Head meeting.

Of note, the town has collected about 93% of taxes due. The Fire Dept. plans to purchase a new fire truck this year. No news on proceeds from the old Fire Auxiliary building. Also SFC Engineering has plans for the highway shed and has been approved to go to the Planning Board.

The Selectmen have approved a 2% COLA and merit increases on a case by case basis based on performance reviews.

There will be a delay from DRA on setting the tax rates due to information from Dept of Education. DRA expects to have the rates set and published by mid-November.
3. Elyse had the Budget Committee budget (\$700) to discuss. It appears all of last year's expenses were salary for secretary and no other expenses. There have been prior year expenses for training. Discussion of an IRS deduction for fee-based government officials that may apply to our committee members. We will discuss and vote on the Budcom budget at the next meeting when we have the up-to-date actual column.
4. Next meeting will be November 4.
5. 7:21, Motion to adjourn, Krista/John., 5-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by
William C Faria