

**Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee**
Minutes of February 19, 2015

Present: Elyse Seeley (Chair), Bill Faria, John Lyon, Malcolm Allison, Ken Christiansen (alternate for Jeff Bryan, Selectmen Rep), Barbara Zvodar, Krista Steger.

Arrived on phone at 2:05: Dianne Vosgien, (School Board Rep)

Visitors: Lynn Austin, Bridget Zacher, Liz McConnell, Sue Mitchell, John Mitchell, Karen Clement, Ellen Christiansen, Jo Tuck, Ron Edmiston, Melissa Litchfield, Michael A Morgan, Jessie Matson, Alison Hardisty, Jane Edmiston, Cindy Danielson, Marilyn Morehead, Sarah Keener, Erin Merrill, Nicole Levitsky, Keith Levitsky, Kristen Chiumieuto, Barbara Bergeron, Samantha Garon, Amy Brown, Valerie Rogers, Allison Higgins, Aaron Kelly, Joshua Bertoulin, Gordon Wilson, Jessica Paul, Scott Dennehy, Tina Dennehy, Erin Cox-Slosberg, Jennifer Sherman, Linda Meade, Loreen Kelly, Kelly Petraro, Jessie Hollister.

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

1. Visitor Doug Cowie, School District and Town Moderator, discussed how the School District hearing will be conducted, according to moderator's rules. He advised both the School hearing and Town Meeting will be conducted the same way. Each Board will have a spokesperson and questions will be directed to that person, either the Board Chair or the Chair's designee. Warrants will be presented and seconded, discussion will be open and votes will follow. Citizen Petitions will be expected to be presented by the petitioner, and handled the same way.
2. Motion by Chair to go into Non-Public re: RSA 91A.3e. Chair polled members to go into non-public.
Roll call votes:
Elyse-yes, Bill-no, Malcolm-yes, Barb-yes, Ken-no, John-yes, Krista-no, Dianne-recused approved, 4-3-1. At 2:10 moved into non-public. Dianne excused.
3. (Motion by Malcolm, seconded by Barbara to come out of nonpublic session and seal the minutes, unanimous). Reconvened Public Meeting at 2:20pm.
4. Chair distributed correspondence related to school and town budgets received after the public hearing, to be part of the record.
5. Motion to approve minutes of 2/9/15, Barb/Malcolm. After discussion regarding corrections, Chair noted she checked film of meeting to verify, approved, 5-1-2 (Ken and Dianne)
Chair noted Dianne's comments that she felt she also had stated during the 2/9 meeting that she had not known about the 10% limit law.
6. Motion to approve 2-9-15 Public Hearing minutes, Barb/Malcolm, 7-0-1 (Ken).

7. Motion to approve 2-12-15 Public Hearing minutes, Krista/Malcolm, 3-1-4 (abstentions John, Barb, Dianne, Ken) Bill changed his abstention to no vote.
8. Motion to reopen Swasey School operating Budget, Ken/Bill, failed 4-4.
9. Chair advised we have finalized business: all budgets are in, draft forms signed and given to governing boards, (Ken acknowledged receiving town forms at Selectman's meeting). We had to submit MS budget forms with 5 signatures. This is unusual - whether or not we agree Chair advised that this doesn't absolve members from signing these forms and doing the duty of the Budget Committee. Chair passed out posting form MS27 for School and asked that everyone sign the forms. These forms are final, identical to the ones presented at the Hearing except word DRAFT removed). Dianne pointed out that in a past year she was out of town and thus she did not sign forms and this was not a problem then as forms submitted without her signature. Bill said his understanding is that you just need a quorum. Chair pointed out that there is no quorum- four signatures on document as Jeff is not present today. Ken declined to sign for Jeff as Selectmen's rep. Dianne was asked if she would appoint a representative for her signature from a Board member here in the public, or is she being advised to not sign. She declined.

Chair noted that there are 4 refusals from Budget Committee members (Dianne, Bill, Krista and Ken as alternate) to sign the legal budget form. She would obtain Jeff's signature later today.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2015. Chair advised this may not be necessary and she will email committee if that is the case.

Motion to adjourn 2:35pm, Malcolm/Barb, approved, 8-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by William C. Faria