

**Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee
Minutes of March 5, 2015**

Present: Elyse Seeley (Chair), Bill Faria, Malcolm Allison, Barbara Zvodar, Krista Steger
Arrived at 5:37: Melissa Litchfield (for Dianne Vosgien, School Board Rep),

Excused: Jeff Bryan (Selectmen Rep), John Lyon.

Visitors: Lisa Swasey, Paula Rushia, Amy Wilson, Katey Wilson, Gordon Wilson, Meghan Wilson, Melissa Hanlon, Liz Faria, Sarah Keener, Lisa Brown, Keith Levitsky, Erin Merrill, Diane Vandermale.

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Chair announced that the town administrator inadvertently did not post tonight's meeting online, though it was posted at the Town Offices. Since it does not satisfy the requirement of two public postings, even though there is a quorum, no votes will be taken tonight. Discussion only.

Minutes of the February 19, 2015 meeting were distributed, no changes recommended; not approved. This will have to be done at our next public meeting. No votes taken.

Minutes from non-public meeting of January 19, 2015 which are still sealed were distributed to involved members. Elyse recommended that these be unsealed once approved at next meeting. No votes taken.

Business:

Chair discussed preparation for BudCom at two official Meetings. Chair will present our budget at the School District Meeting. Town Meeting: there are 4 items with budgets that differ from Selectmen budgets. Chair asked to delegate topics for presentation: Krista will address Library budget, Malcolm will speak to Fire Department warrant article for new fire apparatus. Elyse will address Highway and Fire Department differences. We noted that Highway may be short d/t significant winter storms and Wayne is allowed to ask for increase in his budget at Town meeting with Selectmen approval.

Elyse advised she received correspondence from the town's attorney that is privileged. She will make it part of the non-public record.

There are no other meetings posted for Budget Committee. Town Counsel has requested a working meeting with BudCom to follow-up on the litigation which was found in our favor. This meeting will not be in the public, and will be to adjust procedures, make improvements. He would like to do this prior to officers being appointed with the new Committee following the elections. This meeting will need authorization by Selectmen. The meeting to elect new officers will likely be late April.

Chair adjourned the meeting 5:45 with no votes taken.

Minutes by Elyse Seeley, Chair.