

**Town of Brentwood  
Budget Committee  
Minutes of April 18, 2016**

*Meeting:* Budget committee meeting held at the Brentwood Town Office  
*Present:* Krista Steger, Chairperson, Keith Levitsky, Bill Faria (late 7:12 excused), Malcolm Allison, Michelle Siudut, Melissa Hanlon

*Visitors:* None

Krista called the meeting to order at 7:05.

**Election of Officers**

First order of business was the election of officers for the 2016-2017 season. Mal nominated Krista as the Chair, seconded by Melissa Hanlon carried 5-0. Melissa Hanlon nominated Malcolm as the secretary, seconded by Krista carried 5-0

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Krista called for approval of the draft minutes of the Public Hearing and Budcomm meeting of February 11 2016. There no corrections. Motion to approve the minutes Krista/Keith, carried 4-0-1.

**2016 Meeting Dates**

Krista reviewed last year's meeting schedule and noted the prior selectmen's town department budget approval dates and the school board's current meetings and prior preliminary budget dates. After looking at the calendar, and some discussion, the members agreed on the following dates:  
October 17 & 24  
November 7, 21, & 28(if needed)  
December 12(school board budget presentation), & 19  
2017 meeting dates will be set at a later date.

**Other Business**

Bill reported he had been going to the selectman's meetings and noted that a new gas station with a convenience store has been approved for construction on Rt 125. The location is north of the existing surplus equipment sales/propane filling facility.

Bill also reported that a canine was given to our police department by Laconia. Arrangements are under way to accommodate it in a vehicle, assign it to one of our officers, and provide training. The expense to the town/police department will be minimal. It will be used by our and surrounding town police departments for drug "busts" and other work. East Kingston is the only

other town which has a canine. It is expected that the Brentwood police department will be able to secure income from the dog's services as it is worked in surrounding towns.

Bill noted that the two of the police officers changed their insurance preference for family reasons and the added cost is approx. \$20K. Wayne is reallocating his budget and will try not to come back to the town for more funding.

Bill also noted that Ken is the Selectman chair and Jeff will be the selectman's Budcomm member.

Malcolm advised that he was contacted by Rob Wofchuck to assist with the solar project investigation, and he agreed to assist. There are three areas to investigate:

Installed cost per KW (previously quoted at \$3000) and historical maintenance costs.

Utility payment or credit to the town for power sold back to them from the array (current legislation pending). Net metering.

Actual power which has been generated in the NH area by contacting existing area solar array owners.

Keith noted that he had heard from a citizen about the child benefit warrant article from the Duarte's. In that, neither the school board nor the Budcomm had made any recommendation or provided an opinion to the voters, while the voter expects us to speak to it.

Melissa noted that the confusion on the written yes/no ballot procedure should be corrected in the future. Krista noted that this must be worked out between Phyllis, the moderator, and the supervisors of the checklist.

Keith added a second email to the Budcomm contact list.

### **Visitor Comments**

None

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 Melissa/Krista, carried 6-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by Malcolm Allison