

**Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee**
Minutes of February 11, 2016

Meeting: Public Hearing and Budget committee meeting held at the Brentwood Town Office
Present: Krista Steger, Chairperson, Keith Levitsky, Bill Faria, Malcolm Allison, Elyse Gallo, Jeff Bryan, Amy Mitchell, Melissa Hanlon

Visitors: Ken Christiansen, Melissa Litchfield, Scott Dennehy, Mike Morgan, Henry Duarte, David Menter, Wayne Robinson, Doug Cowie, Rebecca Denham(sp?), Patty Shoreland, Allison Yeagle, Sue Mitchell, Jack Mitchell, Phyllis Thompson, Michelle Suidut, Letty Bedard, Amy Brown, Kim Woods, Amy Wilson, Virginia Knutson, Jessie Hollister, Allison Higgins, Aaron Kelly, Karen Clement

Public Hearing

Chairperson Krista Steger called an end to the recess of the Public Hearing at 7PM. Krista delivered a detailed presentation on The Town Operating Budget, Town Warrant Articles, Swasey School Operating Budget, School Warrant Articles, Coop School Operating Budget, and the Coop School Warrant Articles. The presentation was complete with the tax impact for Brentwood residents based on an average property value of \$350K, as well as those items which will be voted on by Ballot on March 8.

Visitors were encouraged to ask questions during the presentation and offer comments after the presentation.

At the conclusion of the presentation there were numerous questions from the visitors which Krista fielded with some input from others involved with the School and Budcomm members.

The Public Hearing ended at 8:24. Krista closed the Public Hearing.

Budget Committee Meeting

Krista called the meeting to order at 8:25.

Krista called for approval of the draft minutes of the Budcomm meeting of February 8. There were several minor revisions and corrections. Motion to approve the amended minutes Jeff/Elyse, carried 6-0-2. Amy Mitchell was excused to attend the school board meeting at 8:28.

Motion to approve MS27 local school budget form as presented showing \$5,130,925 plus warrant articles amounting to \$290,049.88 Krista/Mal, carried 7-0

Motion to approve MS737 town budget form as presented showing \$3,283,692 plus special warrant articles amounting to \$1,570,000 and individual warrant articles amounting to \$487,052. Krista/Mal, carried 7-0

As there were no changes to the Swasey School Budget or Warrants; or to the Town Budget or Warrants, members of the Budget Committee signed the completed MS737 and MS27 forms.

Doug Cowie, School meeting Moderator, explained the process for handling the statements and questions at the March 4 school meeting:

Budcomm will be represented by Krista.

Any documents which are provided for the taxpayer at the meeting show the author of the document.

More microphones will be available

Warrants will be read and explained by the warrant initiator, whether a Board, or a petitioning Citizen.

There will be a 3 minute time limit for speaking, except for the Boards.

Krista cancelled the scheduled Budcomm meeting of February 15. The next meeting will be determined at the School Meeting on March 4 or the Town Meeting on March 12.

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 Jeff/Elyse, carried 7-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by Malcolm Allison