

REPORT OF BRENTWOOD TOWN MEETING

MARCH 18, 2017

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Brentwood in the County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held at Swasey Central School on Saturday March 18, 2017 at 9:00am the following business was conducted:

Moderator Richard Chamberlain opened the meeting at 9:14am.

Cub Scouts Pack 192 led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Report was dedicated to Kevin Lemoine who is retiring this year after 38 years in the fire service. Kevin was given a standing ovation.

The Moderator read the results of Thursday's election and all who were elected came to the front and were sworn in by Town Clerk Phyllis Thompson.

A motion was made by Ken Christiansen and duly seconded to use the Moderator's Rules for the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

Richard Chamberlain then introduced the Selectman, Supervisors of the Checklist, Town Clerk, Krista Steger the Budget Chair, who then introduced the Budget Committee members.

Wayne Robinson when introduced was given a round of applause for the Police and Highway Departments work in Tuesday's storm.

Ken Christiansen introduced Kevin Lemoine who introduced the new Fire Chief William Campbell who will be sworn in April 4th.

Ken Christiansen then presented Phyllis Thompson with a lovely basket of flowers for her years of service as this will be her last Town Meeting as Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Douglas Cowie and duly seconded to waive the reading of the warrant. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article #1. A motion was made by Jeff Bryan and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400,000 for the reconstruction of Prescott Road to include replacement of 2 bridges for the north and south tributaries to Dudley Brook and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,250,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. It is anticipated that there will be no bond payment due in 2017. The remainder of the funds (\$150,000) are to be withdrawn from the previously established Repair Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, of which the selectman are agents to expend.(2/3) ballot vote required An amendment was made by Wayne Robinson and duly seconded to change the amount to \$617,000. To include: repaving of the entire road, changing to a T-intersection at the North Road end, no cutting of trees, replacement of two bridges for the north and south tributaries of Dudley Brook, and no changing of the present configuration of the road. A motion was made by Todd Bradsher and duly seconded to close debate on amendment. Motion to close debate on amendment passed by voice vote. Amendment passed by show of hands. A motion was made by Kathy St. Hilaire and duly seconded to close debate and vote on Article #1 as amended. Polls opened at 10:55AM and closed at 11:55AM. The results were read after the polls closed: YES 152 NO 73 Article #1 as amended passed. A motion was made by Krista Steger and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration on Article #1. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article #2. A motion was made by Ken Christiansen and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Three Million, Five Hundred Four Thousand, and Three Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$3,504,334) for general municipal operations. The Selectman recommended Three Million, Five Hundred Seven Thousand, and Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$3,507,280). This article does not include appropriations in special or individual article addressed separately. (Majority vote required) A motion was made by Andrew Shea and duly seconded to close debate. Motion to close debate passed by voice vote. Article #2 passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Kathy St. Hilaire and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #2. Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #2 passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Peter Foster and duly seconded to move Article #15 & 23 before Article #3. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article #23. A motion was made by Rebecca Foster and duly seconded to see if Pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Title XX, Chapter 231, Section 127, we the undersigned voters and/or landowners of property abutting PRESCOTT ROAD, do hereby petition the legislative body of the Town of Brentwood, New Hampshire, to see if the Town will vote to designate PRESCOTT ROAD, BRENTWOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE "Scenic pursuant to RSA 231:157. The section of roadway to be designated "scenic" is described as follows: The entire PRESCOTT ROAD roadway. A motion was made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded to close debate. Motion to close debate passed by voice vote.

Voice vote too close to call on Article #23. Moderator called for show of hands. YES 77 NO 56. Article #23 passed.

Article #15. A motion was made by Jeff Bryan and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to repair roads. (Majority vote required). A motion was made by Jane Byrne and duly seconded to close debate. Motion to close debate passed by voice vote. Article #15 passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Brad Robertson and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #15. Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #15 passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #23. Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #23 passed by voice vote.

Article #3. A motion was made by David Menter and duly seconded to see if the town will vote to authorize the selectman to grant an easement to ReVision Investments NH, LLC to allow ReVision to install a solar photovoltaic system at the Brentwood Fire Department, 419 Middle Road in connection with a proposed Solar Power Purchase Agreement. This easement shall remain in place for a maximum of 30 years, and may expire earlier if the Solar Agreement expires or is terminated sooner. (Majority vote required). A motion was made by Jane Byrne and duly seconded to move the question. Motion to move the question passed by voice vote. Article #3 passed by voice vote.

Article #4. A motion was made by David Menter and duly seconded to see if the Town will authorize the establishment of the Solar Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with RSA35:1 to acquire a solar array to offset the town's annual electrical usage. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required). Motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Ryan Glowacky and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article 34. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article #5. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the existing Software for Municipal Operations Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required). Article #5 passed by voice vote.

Article #6. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to see if the Town will authorize the establishment of the Information Systems Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with RSA 35:1 to acquire new information systems hardware (i.e. servers, computers, etc.) for municipal operations. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required). Article #6 passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #5 & #6. Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #5 & #6 passed by voice vote.

Article #7. A motion was made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (25,000) to be added to the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. (Majority vote required). Article #7 passed by voice vote.

Article #8. A motion was made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Maintenance of Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required). Article #8 passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #7 & #8. Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #7 & #8 passed by voice vote.

Article #9. A motion was made by Ken Christiansen and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$88,995) for the second year's payment of leasing a new pumper truck. This lease agreement has an escape clause and in subsequent years if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates. (Majority vote required). Article #9 passed by voice vote.

Article #10. A motion was made by Ken Christiansen and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand, Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$85,058) to be added to the previously established Fire/Rescue Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to come from unassigned fund balance and is the equivalent to the amount of a donation to the Town by the Brentwood Fireman's Association. Article #10 passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Douglas Cowie and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #9 & #10. Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #9 & #10 passed by voice vote.

Article# 11. A motion was made by a Ken Christiansen and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) to be added to the existing Fire/Rescue Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. The budget committee recommends the sum of \$25,000. (Majority vote required) An amendment was made by Susan Cox and duly seconded to reduce the amount to \$25,000. Amendment passed by voice vote. Main motion as amended passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article #12. A motion was made by Jeffrey Bryan and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$23,190) for the purchase of a police cruiser and related equipment. (Majority vote required) Motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Jane Byrne and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article # 13. A motion was made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Eight-Eight Dollars (\$11,888) for the purchase of Two (2) patrol PC Rhino Tablets, related software, equipment and installation cost .Of this amount, it is anticipated that 50% (\$5,944) will be offset by an Emergency management Performance Grant (EMPG). (Majority vote required.) Article #13 passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article #14. A motion was made by Jane Byrne and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$18,524) for the fifth year's payment of leasing a backhoe for the highway department. This lease agreement has an escape clause and in subsequent years if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates. (Majority vote required) Article #14 passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #14. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article #16. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty –Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the existing Highway Vehicles/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) Motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #16. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article #17. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Construction of Highway Building(s) Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) Motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #17. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article #18. A motion was made by Jeff Bryan and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Repair Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #18. Motion to restrict passed by voice vote.

Article #19. A motion was made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to provide funding to CASA. (Majority vote required) Motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #19. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article #20. A motion was made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$3050) to provide funding to Haven. (Majority vote required). Voice vote too close to call. Moderator called for show of hands. YES: 49 NO: 18. Motion passed. A motion was made by Jane Byrne and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #20. Motion to restrict passed by voice vote.

Article #21. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to see if the Town will modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-b for the Elderly Exemption from property tax in the Town of Brentwood based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$85,000

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$100,000

For a person 80 years of age or older \$125,000

To qualify, the person must have been a NH resident for a least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or, if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$40,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$85,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required.) Motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #21. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article #22. A motion was made by Jeff Siegal and duly seconded to see that the Town of Brentwood adopt an additional veterans' property tax credit for honorably discharged veterans who are not eligible for the current veteran's property tax credit or the tax credit for service-connected total disability by extending the current tax credit amount to all such veterans, as provided for in the House Bill 430, signed into law effective 08/08/2016. Motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article #22. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article #24. Susan Cox suggested the town needed to form more committees so residents were better informed. Jane wanted to thank Malcom Allison and Robert Wofchuck for all their hard work on the solar and lastly she wanted to thank Phyllis Thompson for the longest town meeting to end her tenure.

ARTICLE #25. A motion was made by Albert Belanger and duly seconded that the meeting be adjourned in memory of and in honor of two special citizens who passed away this last year; Carol Cross and Norman Wilson. Meeting adjourned at 2:00PM.

TOWN CLERK

PHYLLIS THOMPSON