

**Town of Brentwood**  
**Budget Committee Meeting at Brentwood Town Office**  
Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2018

*Present:* Krista Steger (Chair), Jeff Bryan, Bill Faria, Keith Levitsky, Michelle Siudut

*Absent, excused:* Jessie Hollister

*Visitors:* Gordon Wilson, Ken Christiansen, Scott Dennehy, Doug Cowie, Dick Chamberlain, Lisa Swasey, Kim Woods, Liz Faria, Karen Clement, Phyllis Thompson, Bill Furbush

Krista called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Motion by Krista to approve the minutes of February 5 budget committee meeting; seconded by Keith. Minutes approved 5-0.

Krista distributed a handout outlining the Town Operating Budget; it does not include Warrant Articles.

**Warrant Articles for Consideration**

Motion by Krista to discuss warrant articles; Michelle seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

\$1,500 for One Sky: This is a first year request; this has to do with autism and transportation; they are currently supporting 13 families in town. This is a supplement to Medicaid. Motion to approve by Jeff, seconded by Keith; motion passed 3-2.

\$250 for Chase Home: This is a first year request; it is for intensive therapeutic treatment. No additional information was provided but they will be presenting at town meeting. Motion to approve by Jeff, seconded by Keith; motion failed 1-4.

\$250 for Samaritans: This is a first year request, for suicide prevention; no information on town specific benefits. Motion to approve by Jeff, seconded by Keith; motion failed 2-3.

\$1000 for Chamber Children's Fund: This is a first year request; they currently provide for 14 children in town. Motion to approve by Jeff, seconded by Keith; motion passed 3-2.

Up to but not to exceed \$15,000 to install a well at Tonry Cemetery. Motion to approve by Jeff, seconded by Keith; motion passed 4-1.

Citizen Petition to raise \$750 for TASC's Volunteer Driver Services. This is a transportation service for over 55 or those disabled; no further information provided. Motion to not recommend by Jeff; seconded by Bill; motion to not recommend passed 5-0.

Citizen Petition to raise \$94,308.75 for hiring a full time police chief effective April 1, 2018 to include wages, retirement and benefits. Bill Faria recused himself from the vote as he is the Animal Control Officer who reports to Police Chief. Motion to not recommend by Krista, seconded by Michelle; motion to not recommend passed 4-0-1.

Citizens Petition for the Town to support Governor Sununu in joining Maine and Massachusetts in creating a task force on developing offshore wind power. There is no financial implication of this petition so this Committee chose not to vote.

Krista discussed actual numbers of tax impact. Copy of full public hearing presentation will be posted on Town website.

At 7 pm Krista called for a recess.

At 8:30 pm Krista resumed the meeting to allow for Committee members to sign copies of the MS-27 for the Town and the School. Karen Clement collected the signed MS-27s for the Town; Bill Furbush collected the signed MS-27s for the School.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

March 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm - Swasey School Meeting

March 17, 2018 at 9 am - Town Meeting

April 9, 2018 at 7 pm - Budget Committee Meeting

Motion by Jeff Bryan/seconded by Bill to adjourn, carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Siudut, Secretary