

Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Meeting at Brentwood Town Office
Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2018

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

Absent, excused: Jessie Hollister

Visitors: Liz Faria

Krista called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Minutes of previous meeting

Revisions to the minutes of the Jan 29 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Krista and seconded by Keith to approve the minutes of the Jan 29 2018 meeting, as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

Krista distributed last year's actuals for each department. They show a budgeted amount of \$5.1M, with a remaining balance of \$311K. The differences are primarily in salaries or for departments which we budget high for, in case we need it, such as Emergency Management.

There will be one additional warrant article, so we will need to have a meeting next Monday at 6:30 pm, prior to the Public Hearing.

Krista distributed income statements from Code Enforcement and Recreation, as requested previously by the Committee.

Krista reviewed the summary chart of budget histories. The increase over last year's budgets is \$327,868 or 9.3%. \$124,612 of the increase is for debt service, with \$86K of that being for the Prescott Road bond. It was noted that without that bond payment, the overall increase would have been 6.9%. The total tax impact for the approved budgets is \$.602 or \$210.78 for a \$350,000 home.

Warrant Articles for Consideration

A motion was made by Jeff/seconded by Keith to support a warrant article to raise and appropriate \$40,700 for the purchase of a police cruiser and related equipment; \$15,700 to come from impact fees and \$25,000 to be raised through taxation. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Krista/seconded by Michelle and unanimously approved to discuss a warrant article to raise and appropriate \$65,000 for the purchase of a fire officer command

vehicle and related equipment; \$15,000 to come from impact fees and \$50,000 to be raised through taxation. After discussion, Jeff moved/Bill seconded. The motion failed 2-3.

A motion was made by Jeff/seconded by Krista to support a warrant article to raise and appropriate \$500 for CASA. The motion passed 4-1.

A motion was made by Jeff/seconded by Krista to support a warrant article to raise and appropriate \$3,050 to provide funding for Haven. The motion passed 3-2.

A motion was made by Jeff to support a warrant article to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for One Sky. The Committee requested more information about this donation. Jeff withdrew his motion and said he will bring information about One Sky, Chase Home, The Samaritans and The Chamber Children's Fund to next week's meeting.

Krista stated that the warrant articles approved thus far, will have a tax impact of \$.016/\$1,000.

Other Business

Keith took a moment to acknowledge Malcolm Allison, Bill Faria (3 terms on Budget Committee), Jeff Bryan (11 years as Selectmen) and Jessie Hollister (2 terms on school board) for their years of service to the Town.

A date for the Budget Committee's post-Town Meeting meeting was set for Monday, April 9 at 7 pm. Anyone interested in being considered, by appointment, for the seat vacated by Malcolm Allison will be encouraged to attend this meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

February 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm (snow date February 15) - Budget Committee Meeting

February 12, 2018 at 7 pm (snow date February 15) - Budget Committee Public Hearing

April 9, 2018 at 7 pm - Budget Committee Meeting

Motion by Jeff Bryan/seconded by Bill Faria to adjourn, carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Siudut, Secretary