

Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Meeting at Brentwood Town Office
Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2019

Present: Keith Levitsky (Chair), Liz Faria, Melissa Hanlon, Melissa Litchfield, Kris Magnusson, Bob Mantegari, Michelle Siudut

Visitors: Doug Cowie, Kathy Bailey (Exeter Newsletter), Daphne Woss, Jeremy Worcester, Christine Belanger, George Abele, Letty Bedard, Lois DeYoung, Bill Faria, Wayne Robinson, Carole Beliveau, Diane Robinson, Sherry Robinson, Duane Demeritt, David Menter, Andrew Giaquinta, Jane Byrne, Kim Saxton, Adam Veinotte, Jim Dinneen, Virginia Fuller, Elza Silva, Mark Kennedy, Brett Ramsdell, Kelly Ramsdell, Louri Hannan, Tim Hannan, Jonathan Ellis, Michael Lahan.

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

Minutes of previous meeting

Motion by Bob Mantegari, seconded by Kris Magnusson to discuss the minutes of the February 6 2019 meeting. Corrections were made. Motion by Kris Magnusson, seconded by Bob Mantegari to approve the minutes as amended; passed 7-0-0

New Business

Doug Cowie addressed the Committee to review protocol for the upcoming School Board Meeting and Town Meeting.

Kris Magnusson spoke about the Policies & Procedures Sub-Committee she hoped to establish. Motion by Liz Faria, seconded by Kris Magnusson to establish a Policies & Procedures Sub-Committee; passed 7-0-0.

Keith recessed the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Keith called the meeting back to order at 8:08 pm.

Discussion ensued about the comments and feedback that took place during the public session, pros and cons. Discussion about how to do a better job of having public input throughout the process, rather than just at this public hearing. Keith asked Daphne to post dates and times of meetings.

Keith talked about some topics he will include in the article to be printed in The Brentwood Newsletter: synergies between town and school, looking at merit and wage adjustments, total compensation packages and a request to the public for anyone interested in participating in the Policy & Procedures Advisory Sub-Committee.

The Policies & Procedures Sub-Committee previously established will be comprised of Kris Magnusson and Michelle Siudut from the Budget Committee; and Bob Mantegari and Bill Faria from the Select board. Additional committee members will be solicited from the town. Resident Brett Ramsdell indicated an interest to be on the Committee.

Members of the Budget Committee signed the MS-737.

Motion by Michelle Siudut, seconded by Bob Mantegari to adjourn at 8:52 pm; passed 7-0-0

Important Dates Upcoming

February 19, 2019 at 7 pm - Candidate Night

March 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm - Swasey School District Meeting

March 12, 2019, 7 am - 7 pm - Town Elections

March 16, 2019, 9 am - Brentwood Town Meeting

April 8, 2019 at 7 pm - Budget Committee meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Siudut, Secretary