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**The Town Election will be held on Tuesday, March 10th.
Polls are located at the Brentwood Recreation Center, 190 Route 125.
VOTING HOURS are from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.**

The following filings for Town and School Offices were made during the required period from January 22 to January 31, 2020:

SELECT BOARD

Positions Available 2 for 3 years - Vote for not more than 2
Candidate(s) Andrew Artimovich
Robert Mantegari

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Position Available 1 for 3 years - Vote for not more than 1
Candidate(s) Albert Edward Belanger

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Positions Available 2 for 3 years - Vote for not more than 2
Candidate(s) Lynn Austin
Gregory Coppola

TOWN MODERATOR

Positions Available 1 for 2 years - Vote for not more than 1
Candidate(s) Richard K. Chamberlain

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Positions Available 1 for 3 years - Vote for not more than 1
Candidate(s) Lois DeYoung

PLANNING BOARD

Positions Available 2 for 3 years - Vote for not more than 2
Candidate(s) N. Ward Byrne
Doug A. Finan

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Position Available 1 for 3 years - Vote for not more than 1
Candidate(s) Nicholas Wrighton

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Position Available 1 for 6 years - Vote for not more than 1
Candidate(S) *No Applicants Applied*

SCHOOL BOARD – BRENTWOOD DISTRICT

Positions Available 2 for 3 years - Vote for not more than 2
Candidate(s) Brian Duffy
Allison Higgins

*** EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD**

Candidate(s) Exeter (1 for 3 years)
David Slifka
Stratham (2 for 3 years)
Travis Thompson
East Kingston (1 for 3 years)
Mary Kathleen McNeill

*** ERCSD BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Positions Available 1 from each town for 3 years
Candidate (s) Exeter
Roy E. Morrisette
Kensington
Jennifer Ramsey
Brentwood
Lois DeYoung

*** COOP. SCHOOL DIST. MODERATOR**

Position Available 1 for 1 year
Candidate(s) Katherine B. Miller (Exeter)

* *Voters from all towns in the District may vote for these candidates*

2020 Brentwood Town and School Meeting Moderator's Rules

By state law, the moderator sets the rules of the meeting. (RSA 40:4)

We will be using the moderators rules – not Robert's Rules or any other complex parliamentary rules. The goal is a fair, uncomplicated, focused and understandable process.

As with all public meetings, audio and/or video recordings are specifically allowed.

To be discussed, the issue or article must be on the warrant, be moved and seconded. To participate in the discussion, you must be a registered voter in Brentwood, have checked in with the checklist supervisors, and have a voting card. Non-resident attendees may not speak at the meeting without permission of the voters present except the moderator will allow non-resident school or town officials and consultants or experts who are present to provide information about an article or issue to speak.

I will read each warrant article as it appears in the warrant and will ask the involved board or petitioner for a motion and second to place it on the floor of the meeting for discussion, debate and/or amending.

I will then ask the appropriate board and budget committee, or petitioner, as appropriate to speak first to the article.

Then the article will be open to the floor for your discussion, questions, comments, and/or amendments.

All amendments must be given to the town or school district clerk in writing. This insures that we have your amendment exactly as you intend. Negative motions will not be accepted.

Amendments to amendments being debated will not be allowed. If you wish to further amend an article, you must do so after the prior amendment has been dealt with.

All discussion and questions will be to and through the moderator, this includes eye contact! Passionate debate is welcomed and expected; however, you are expected to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

You are entitled to an answer to your question and one of my tasks is to direct your question to someone who can answer it. However, there is no requirement that you like or agree with the answer.

To be recognized to speak, please go to the floor microphone. You are then recognized in that order.

Please state your name and address for the record (we may know you, but the recorder probably does not) and contain your discussion to one question or statement.

Please contain your discussion and questions to the motion that is under discussion.

If you have more than one point or question, please step back to allow others to speak. You may speak again after others have had their opportunity. To allow everyone the opportunity to speak I will ask that you keep it within a three minute limit for each time you are recognized.

Motions to close debate or move the question will only be accepted by the moderator after everyone who wishes to speak has had at least one opportunity and must be made from the floor microphone.

Motions to table an article will only be accepted or recognized by the moderator if the motion is made by the article's sponsor.

If you have a question of the moderator regarding the rules of conduct of the meeting or if you disagree procedurally, you absolutely may ask at any time (point of order). This does not require your going to the floor microphone, but you must state your name and your question or issue.

You may also by law move to overrule the moderator if you feel that the moderator's ruling is clearly erroneous, requires a second and majority vote. (RSA 40:4)

Reconsideration or restricting reconsideration:

You may vote after each article to restrict reconsideration of the vote or votes taken. This protects the action taken from being undone or changed later in the meeting and this vote may not be reconsidered at this meeting. (RSA 40:1)

Handouts and video presentations may be allowed, but must be reviewed and approved by the moderator, clearly identify the originator and information sources. Video presentations should not exceed five minutes and presenters must provide their own equipment.

*Doug Cowie, School Meeting Moderator and
Richard "Dick" Chamberlain, Town Meeting Moderator*

Annual Business Meetings & Elections Everyone is invited and urged to attend

Brentwood School District Meeting (Budget Vote)	Friday, March 6, 6:30 pm	Swasey Central School
Brentwood Town Elections	Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm	Brentwood Recreation Center
Brentwood Town Meeting	Saturday, March 14, 9:00 am	Swasey Central School
NH State Primary	Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm	Brentwood Recreation Center
General Election	Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm	Brentwood Recreation Center

2020 Brentwood Town Warrant Articles

The inhabitants of the Town of Brentwood in the County of Rockingham in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 14, 2020

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Swasey Central School, 355 Middle Road

Article 01 General Municipal Operations

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million, One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$4,139,448) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Article 02 Game Farm - South Road

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$140,000.00) to contribute towards the conservation of ±35 acres of the Brentwood Game Farm, so called, located at 287 South Road (Tax Map 223, Lot 10). This warrant article is further contingent upon a suitable non-profit land trust of New Hampshire executing a binding purchase and sales agreement for a conservation easement with the legal owners of the stated property and obtaining sufficient remaining funds by any legal means to complete the terms of said agreement. This is a special warrant article that will be non-lapsing until the specific purpose is completed or obtained, but shall in no case be later than 5 years after the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 03 CRF Solar Array

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) to be added to the existing Solar Array Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 04 CRF Software for Municipal Operations

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. 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 05 CRF IT Hardware

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the existing Information Systems Hardware Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 06 CRF Revaluation

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. 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 07 CRF Maintenance of Town Buildings

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. 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 08 Road Repair

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for the purpose of public road repair and maintenance. (Majority vote required)

Article 09 CRF Repair of Town Bridges

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. 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 Repair Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 10 CRF Highway Vehicles/Equipment

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. 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 Highway Vehicles/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 11 CRF FD Vehicle Replace

Recommended by the Selectmen and Not Recommended Budget Committee. 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 capital reserve fund for the purchase of fire and rescue vehicles. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 12 PD Renovations

Recommended by the Selectmen and Not Recommended Budget Committee. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for renovations to the existing police station. This amount to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 13 CRF Police Station

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. To see if the town will vote to establish a Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the design and construction of a new police facility and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 14 Reclassify Smith Road to Class VI

Recommended by the Selectmen. To see if the town will vote to reclassify Smith Road to a Class VI road subject to gates and bars.

Article 15 Carbon Cash-Back – Petition WA

We the town of Brentwood hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most cost effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to our town's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to our town's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by our town's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.

Article 16 Brentwood Newsletter – Petition WA

To see if the Town of Brentwood will vote that the entity designated by the Selectmen to produce the Brentwood Newsletter (the Editor) shall adhere to the following standards for the publication based on the receipt of public support from the town, including funds for production and mailing, use of the town name and seal, and posting on the town website:

- Content, other than announcements and public notices, contributed to the Brentwood Newsletter (BNL) from individuals or organizations not on the BNL editorial staff, shall be clearly attributed to the submitting entity.

- Contributed material intended to express an opinion or point of view shall be in the form of a letter or narrative statement, clearly attributed to the individual, group, or organization expressing that view, and limited to 500 words or less.
- Narrative or opinion developed by the editorial staff of the BNL shall be attributed either to an individual Editor or identified as an Editorial.
- Contributed content that contains copyrighted material without attribution, or contains offensive content and/or personal attacks shall be rejected.
- Brentwood residents or organizations submitting material which is rejected for publication shall receive a response from the Editor, prior to publication, stating the reason for the material being rejected.
- Any errors, or content that unintentionally violates these standards in published issues of the BNL, shall be prominently acknowledged and, where possible, corrected by the editorial staff in the subsequent BNL publication following notification to the Editor. In addition, the town funds for the Newsletter shall be distributed in quarterly increments, based on receipt, by the Selectmen, of a written quarterly report by the Editor, detailing:
 - A summary of the total funds received and expended related to the Newsletters for the prior quarter
 - The number of newsletters printed and mailed monthly
 - Copies of any material rejected for publication, or communications regarding errors/violations which are disputed by the Editor, noting the date and reason for the rejection that was communicated to the submitter
 - The identity of the Editor(s).

These reports will be made available to Brentwood residents to review upon request.

*** Warrant Articles submitted by petition require a minimum of 25 registered voters. The full list of petitioners may be viewed at the Town Office.*

BUSINESS CARD DIRECTORY

The next Directory will come out in April.

If you have not received your application and would like to be included, email us at

info@brentwoodnewsletter.org

**New this year, the directory will be included in all New Resident Packets.
Get your business name in front of new eyes!**

The Business Card Directory is published in April, September & December. Cost is \$25 per insertion and is open to (1) any resident of Brentwood who owns a business in Brentwood or a surrounding town, or (2) anyone who owns a business in Brentwood, even if you don't live in town. If you would like to be included on the annual mailing list, please contact us at info@brentwoodnewsletter.org.

March 2020 Ballot - Zoning Amendment Proposals

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in bold and underlined. Matter removed from current law appears in bold and struck-through. Matter which has already been approved appears in regular type.

QUESTION 1:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brentwood zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend the Cluster Development Ordinance by adding **(100)** and add the section starting with, **In instances**...to section 3 of 300.002.007.005 to reflect the ability for the PB to have flexibility in reviewing cluster residential designs.

Section 300.002.007.005, A 3 to read: No construction shall be permitted within the buffer zone, other than a primary access road which shall be allowed to cross the buffer zone at the point of access to the pre-existing Class V or better road servicing the development. Along both sides of this primary access road reserve strips of twenty-five (25) feet must be maintained for the first one hundred **(100)** feet of said primary access road. **In instances where the proposed cluster residential development incorporates a design that includes several access points to the abutting Class V road these may be approved by the planning board if the board determines that the neighborhood and proposal are best served by this alternate plan for access. Related drainage and storm water management treatment devices may be constructed within the mandatory buffer area.**

Yes No

QUESTION 2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brentwood zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend the ADU regulations to clarify the structural requirements of an ADU by removing the term units and adding finished space & removing the term apartment.

900.004.004.002 The living area of the accessory (or secondary) dwelling unit shall not exceed 1/3 of the assessed square foot area of the living area of the primary dwelling ~~of the entire dwelling (both units)~~ to a maximum living area of 1500 square feet and shall be limited to a maximum of 2 bedrooms. No accessory dwelling unit shall have less than 525 square feet of living space. This allowance is less than the Town's standard dwelling unit size of 720 square feet because the accessory unit is not a stand-alone dwelling unit but instead a secondary unit to the primary residence. **Any structural addition to the primary residence constructed for the purpose of adding an accessory dwelling unit must be enclosed finished space.** (3/2009).

900.004.004.004 The accessory dwelling unit ~~apartment~~ shall be designed so that the appearance of the building remains that of a one-family dwelling. An interior door shall be provided between the principal dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit, this door need not remain unlocked.

Yes No

QUESTION 3:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brentwood zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV 400.005.003, to read as follows:

The bottom of the proposed wastewater treatment facility shall be a minimum of ~~four~~ **(2)** feet above any seasonal high-water table.

Yes No

QUESTION 4:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brentwood zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VIII sections 800.007.001 Mail and section 800.007.002 Public Notice by changing the current 30-day period with 45 days.

Yes No

This amendment is offered in order to comply with recent changes to NH State law RSA 676:7,II.

Budget Committee Update 2019-2020 Budget Recommendations

Following last year's budget season, a policies and procedures subcommittee was formed to give recommendations. The committee was chaired by Kris Magnuson and comprised of members of the Select Board, Budget Committee and community at large.

The 2019/2020 Budget season began with incorporating some of the recommendations made by the policies and procedures subcommittee. The recommendations centered around greater collaboration between the Select Board, School Board and Budget Committee. Recommendations also focused on meeting earlier in the season, requesting department heads complete their budgets earlier in the year, looking at total compensation and reviewing expenditures more frequently.

The Brentwood Budget Committee met on 12 different occasions to consider the Brentwood Town Operating Budget (OB), Town Warrant Articles, the Swasey School OB and School Warrant Articles (WA).

In addition to the summaries below, I have also included a grid summarizing the tax impact from Town and Swasey School OBs and WAs. The tax impact represents the increase or decrease in taxes compared to last year's approved budgets. Expected and unexpected revenues may offset some of these expenses, however, those figures are unknown at this time. Please note that these numbers do not include the ERCSD budget figures which also have a tax impact for Brentwood.

TOWN: Currently both the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend a Town OB of \$4,139,448 an increase of \$145,408 (3.64%) over FY2019. Much of this increase is due to changes in rising healthcare insurance and NH retirement costs and general insurance costs.

A number of Town WAs will be put to vote at the Town Meeting on **Saturday, March 14th**. They include items such as funding existing

and new capital reserve funds, a conservation easement and various repair and renovation requests. The total appropriations recommended by the Budget Committee for WAs (excluding the Town OB) are \$752,000 (a \$45,745 decrease, for a -0.08/\$1000) from last year. The Selectmen recommend \$807,000 (\$777,000 through raising and appropriation, \$30,000 from unassigned fund balance (a \$19,545 decrease for a -0.03/\$1000 tax impact).

SWASEY SCHOOL: The Swasey School Board put forward four warrant articles with financial implications to the Budget Committee.

The School Board presented an OB of \$5,955,301. This represents a \$211,082 (3.67%) increase over the approved FY19/20budget. This will have a tax impact of 0.36/\$1000. The Budget Committee recommended the School Board's proposed budget.

Warrant Article #2 funds the Safety and Security Trust Fund with \$10,000 from the FY19/20 unreserved fund balance. This Trust Fund supports measures to increase the safety and security of Swasey. Warrant Article #3 funds the School Maintenance Fund with \$20,000 from the FY19/20 unreserved fund balance. Warrant Article #4 funds the Special Education Trust Fund with \$10,000 from the FY19/20 unreserved fund balance. The Budget Committee recommended all 3 warrant articles.

Meeting and voting dates for this year are: **Brentwood School District Meeting, Friday, March 6, 6:30 pm** at Swasey Central School; **Voting at the polls, Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 am-7:00 pm** at the Recreation Center; and Town Meeting, **Saturday, March 14, beginning at 9:00 am** at Swasey Central School.

Keith Levitsky
Chair of the Brentwood Budget Committee
klevitsky@brentwoodnh.gov

TOTAL TOWN	RECOMMENDED by BudCom:	\$0.14	\$56.00
	RECOMMENDED by BOS:	\$0.19	\$76.00
TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL	RECOMMENDED by Budcom & Sch Board:	\$0.36	\$144.00
TOTAL SAU16	SAU16 Proposed Budget	1.54	616.00
	SAU16 Default Budget	1.44	576.00

** If you own a property valued at \$400,000, your expected tax increase beginning with the next tax bill will average between \$776.00 and \$836.00. This is in addition to what you already pay.

Brentwood Town Operating Budget (OB) Tax Impacts

	AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE from prior year	% Change	TAX IMPACT \$/\$1000 valuation	400K property cost estimate
TOWN OB	\$4,139,448 BC Recommended	\$145,408	3.64%	\$0.25	\$100.10
TOWN WAs (Total of all WAs)	\$752,000 BC Recommended \$777,000 BOS Recommend	-\$55,729 -\$30,729	-6.88% -3.9%	-\$0.11 -\$0.06	-\$44.00 -\$24.00
TOTAL TOWN		RECOMMENDED by BudCom:		\$0.14	\$56.10
		RECOMMENDED by BOS:		\$0.18	\$76.10

Brentwood Tax Impacts – Swasey 2020/2021

	AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE from prior year	% Change	TAX IMPACT \$/\$1000 property valuation	400K property cost estimate
SWASEY OB	\$5,955,301 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	\$211,082	3.67%	\$0.36	\$145.31
SWASEY WA #2 <i>Special Education Trust Fund</i>	\$10,000 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	\$(10,000)	Funds appropriated from FY19/20 unreserved fund balance		
SWASEY WA #3 <i>School Maintenance</i>	\$20,000 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	0	Funds appropriated from FY19/20 unreserved fund balance		
SWASEY WA #4 <i>Safety and Security Trust Fund</i>	\$10,000 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	0	Funds appropriated from FY19/20 unreserved fund balance		
TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL		RECOMMENDED by Budcom & Sch Board:		\$0.36	\$145.31

*WA #2, #3 & #4 do not have additional tax impact as they are funded from the unreserved fund balance

Brentwood Tax Impacts – Co-op Budget (Exeter High School & Cooperative Middle School only)

	AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE from prior year	% Change	TAX IMPACT \$/\$1000 valuation	400K property cost estimate
Proposed 2020/2021 Budget	\$63,932,373	\$3,590,300	5.95%	\$1.54	\$616.00
2020/2021 Default Budget	63,615,628	\$3,273,555	5.42%	\$1.44	\$576.00
** These numbers come from the SAU16 business office. Tax impact values include CMS renovation bond.					

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