
Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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March 2019

The following filings for Town and School Offices were made during the required period from January 23 to February 1, 2019:

SELECTMEN		SCHOOL BOARD – BRENTWOOD DISTRICT	
Positions Available	1 for 3 years	Positions Available	1 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Christine Belanger Ken R. Christiansen Lois DeYoung Joseph Pagnani	Candidate(s)	Melissa Litchfield George Vining
CEMETERY TRUSTEES		* EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD	
Position Available	1 for 3 years	Positions Available	1 for each listed position
Candidate(s)	Joseph Pagnani	Candidate(s)	<u>Exeter (for 3 years)</u> Kimberly Meyer
LIBRARY TRUSTEES			<u>Kensington (for 3 years)</u> Robert L. Hall
Positions Available	1 for 3 years		<u>Brentwood (for 3 years)</u> Melissa Litchfield
Candidate(s)	James Clark		
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE		* ERCSD BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Positions Available	2 for 3 years	Positions Available	1 from each town for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Michelle Siudut Melissa Hanlon	Candidate (s)	<u>Exeter</u> No declared candidate
Positions Available	1 for 1 year		<u>Newfields</u> No declared candidate
Candidate(s)	Kristina "Kris" Magnusson		<u>Stratham</u> Lucy Cushman
PLANNING BOARD		* COOP. SCHOOL DIST. MODERATOR	
Positions Available	2 for 3 years	Position Available	1 for 1 year
Candidate(s)	Bruce Stevens Kevin Johnston	Candidate(s)	Katherine B. Miller (Exeter)
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS			
Position Available	1 for 3 years		
Candidate(s)	Roger Crosby		

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

**The Town Election will be held on Tuesday, March 12th.
Polls are located at the Recreation Center, 190 Route 125.
NEW VOTING HOURS are from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.**

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Town of Brentwood
www.brentwoodnh.gov

TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR

Phone: 642-6400 ext 113/114
Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 8:30 am - 7 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 4 pm

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 ext 110 Fax: 642-6310
Monday–Thursday 8 am - 4 pm

PLANNING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Phone: 642-6400 ext 116
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday
of the month at 7 pm

BRENTWOOD POLICE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 642-8817

BRENTWOOD FIRE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 642-8132

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355
E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
www.brentwoodlibrary.org

Monday 2 pm - 7 pm
Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9 am - 7 pm
Friday 9 am - 1 pm
Saturday 9 am - 3 pm

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
Swasey on the Web: scs.sau16.org
SAU 16 on the Web: www.sau16.org

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Submissions for the following month must be
received by the 15th. Send your news to
Email: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com
Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

Recycling Pickup Dates

March 5 & 6 March 19 & 20

Waste Tonnage Figures

	Dec	Jan
Tons, mixed solid waste	103.9	108.62
Tons, recycled goods	33.37 (24%)	29.56 (21.3%)

The Selectmen meet every Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The public is always welcome. If you would like to be added to the official agenda, please contact Karen Clement by the Monday before a meeting. All Brentwood residents are welcome to speak to the Board with their business.

“Tell a Selectman” office hours are every other Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Town Offices. Stop in and say hello.

March 6 & 20 April 3 & 17

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

Town Clerk Notes

- Town Election will be on **March 12th** at the Recreation Center. NEW HOURS are from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- Town Meeting will be on **March 16th**, starting at 9:00 am at Swasey Central School.
- We accept **CASH, CHECK** (made out to the Town of Brentwood), or **CREDIT CARDS** for all payments at the town office! ****PLEASE NOTE**** A debit card is processed as a credit card only if the card has a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or AMEX logo present. There are additional convenience fees to cover the cost of the credit card fees (2.79% with a \$1.50 minimum). These fees go directly to our third party processor and are not retained by the Town. *Convenience fees cannot be refunded.*
- When transferring your plates, please bring in your old registration to return to the state. A copy will cost \$17.50.
- We are able to register BOATS, OHRV, and provide HUNTING/FISHING licenses.
- Please be sure to get your dogs registered. This is state law (RSA 466:1 Procuring License; Tag). You can obtain a copy of this law at the Town Clerk's Office.
******* Dog license fees will increase \$1.00 for 2019 *******
\$10.00 for an unneutered/unspayed dog \$7.50 for a neutered/spayed dog
\$7.50 for a puppy (up to 7 months old) \$3.00 on the first dog for a senior resident.
Dog licenses will be available starting January 1, 2019 and must be filed by April 30, 2019 to avoid fines.
- Did you know that you can pay for your vehicle, trailer, or dog registrations online? You can even pay your property taxes online! Visit brentwoodnh.gov and select the Town Clerk/Tax Collector tab.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Thank You to the February Newsletter Crew

Thank You to all of the volunteers who came to help with the January edition: Anne Marie, Carole, David, Doug, Joanne, Joe, Ken, Laurel, Olivia, Rebecca I, Rebecca II, Phyllis, Richie, Robin, and Tracy.

If you would like to join the *Newsletter* crew on a folding night, send us an email and you'll be notified of the next folding party: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

BRENTWOOD CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist Church – Brentwood, 201 North Road

Maybe you won't find a pot of gold when you visit First Baptist Church, but if you come on **Saturday, March 16th** you will be treated to a great traditional Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage with winter vegetables, drinks, and dessert!

Serving time will be 5:00-6:30 pm and the cost is only \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors and children. Kids eight and under eat for FREE!

You will enjoy live Irish music as well! Tickets are now on sale. You can reserve yours by calling 679-5259. Buy your tickets in advance, we anticipate a large crowd – you don't want to be shut out!

If you are starving spiritually and need a boost, please read Pastor Jim's daily devotional on the church's Facebook page, [Firstbaptistbrentwoodnh](#). It's rich food for your soul.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ Brentwood-Kingston, 197 Middle Road (Route 111A)

March 3 – Jazz Sunday/Mardis Gras Worship. Join us for some wonderful music and worship!

March 6 – Ash Wednesday. We will have "Ashes to Go" from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Stop by on your lunch hour and receive a blessing and the mark of the cross with ashes on your forehead.

At 6:30-7:00 we will have an Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. During the service, we pray, we sit in silence and we receive ashes in a mark of the cross on the forehead as a reminder of our mortality.

March 8 – Living with Loss and Moving Forward at 12:00 noon.

March 17 – Community Breakfast.

Seacoast Family Promise – Once again we welcome guests from the Seacoast Family Promise program to Pilgrim Church on **March 10**. Pilgrim Church is one of 9 local churches that provide overnight accommodations and meals to families experiencing temporary homelessness. We partner with the Exeter Congregational Church, UCC, and each week-long rotation utilizes the gifts of between 40-50 volunteers. We welcome any community members (no church membership required) who are interested to join us in this rewarding outreach. Please contact the church (778-3189) to learn more.

Seacoast Family Promise has a need for the following clothing items.

Boys, SLIM cut pants size 7/8 Boys size 7/8 shirts (long sleeve)
Boys size 6 shirts and pants Girls size 3t and 4t clothing
Boys size 18 month clothing

Donated items can be dropped off at Pilgrim Church.

Every Monday	7:00 pm Men's AA Closed Meeting
Every Wednesday	7:00 pm AI Anon & AA Open Meeting
Every Thursday	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Every Friday	10:00 am Community Discussion Group
Every third Tuesday	7:00 pm Garden Club

Grace Ministries International, 263 Route 125

Ladies, Do you want to be set free? Have you wondered why you get stuck? Do you want more in life? Sally's Hope is a group for women searching to uncover their true identity. The past often defines who we are, keeping us from the possibilities of becoming the person God has created us to be. If you are telling yourself, "it's not that bad..." come to receive LIFE at Sally's Hope. **Every Monday at 8:30 am** at Grace Ministries, join in at anytime. Contact Pastor Lucie for more details 603-642-7848.

Monday, March 4th at 6:30 pm – For Ladies: *Souls Like Stars* by Margaret Nagib. God meets you in the space between where you've been and where you want to be. It's a special place where harried minds are renewed, hearts are made whole, and the human spirit is created to shine! In this book, the author leads you step-by-step to the place where life-giving freedom and transformation happens in the here and now. *Souls Like Stars* is an experiential, skills-based guidebook to help you: Get free of the baggage that keeps you from experiencing God and His love on a deeper level; Heal from past hurts and the limiting beliefs and addictive cycles they create to live in the truth of who you really are; Experience the freedom to love and serve others with a whole heart.

Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 pm – Everyone welcome: *God Secrets* by Shawn Bolz. Gain access to God's deep knowledge and wisdom, Share God's mindset. Inspire and empower others with God's thoughts and dreams, use words of knowledge in everyday life scenarios, connect with His creation, which includes you. God wants you to discover His secrets. It will change you and the world around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have an important milestone you'd like included in the *Brentwood Newsletter*? A marriage, birth, university graduation or milestone anniversary? Please send your announcements – and photos – to brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

Polling Hours Change

Many residents have requested earlier start times for the elections. New polling hours go into effect for Brentwood elections on **March 12th**. Voting hours will be 7:00 am - 7:00 pm for ALL elections.

Sit Down With Your Selectmen

A selectman will be available at the Town Offices every other Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The dates for this month are **March 6th and 20th**.

This is a great opportunity to come share your ideas, comments, and town vision with your Selectmen. Come find out what's happening in town.

Brentwood Democratic Committee

Will meet on **March 12th** at the home of Laurie and Wayne Loosigian, 66 Rowell Road East at 7:00 pm.

Keep Your Pets Safe

The Brentwood Police Department's Animal Control Officer is proud to announce the 2019 Town of Brentwood Rabies Clinic. Thanks to the Brentwood Fire Department, the clinic will be held at the Fire Station on **April 13th**. The Clinic starts at 9:00 am and runs until 12:00 noon. Dr. Smiley of Smiley Veterinary Clinic will be performing the vaccinations. The cost is \$15 per vaccination. Dogs, cats and ferrets must be up to date on rabies vaccination under NH law.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk, will be present to register any Brentwood residents' dogs, registrations are due prior to **April 30th**. This event is a one-stop shop for Brentwood residents!

If you have any questions, please contact the ACO at 642-8817 or email aco@brentwoodpd.com.

Ian Matheson, Animal Control Officer

Watch Your Step

Brentwood is blessed with rivers, brooks, streams, and ponds. When folks don't clean up after their dogs, all the waste pollutes those bodies of water, eventually ending up in Great Bay and the ocean.

On a recent walk on Rowell Road West, it became obvious that some people are not cleaning up after their dogs. An easy solution is to attach to the dog's leash a plastic container filled with bags.

Being a responsible dog owner also means being responsible to humans and to the environment. Please clean up after your dog!

Brentwood Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees will meet on Thursday, **March 7**, at 5:00 pm in the Sanborn Room at the Town Office.

If you are interested in purchasing a cemetery lot, please contact Phyllis Thompson at 642-8896.

Business Card Directory

The next Business Card Directory will run in the April issue of the Brentwood Newsletter. If you haven't returned your form and business card yet, the deadline is **March 15**. The price is \$20.00 per insertion, or \$60.00 to be included in all three issues.

The *Brentwood Newsletter* publishes this Business Card Directory in the April, September and December issues. Reaching 1,300+ households in Brentwood in its printed form, the *Brentwood Newsletter* is also posted on the town website (in color) and copies are available at the Town Office, the Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, and Bessie's Lunch. The Business Card Directory is open to all Brentwood businesses and Brentwood residents who own a business in or out of town.

Half and full-page business promotions are also available in each issue of the Brentwood Newsletter. If you would like to be included, please contact us at brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

If you would like to be included in this year's directory, please contact us at brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

News From the Statehouse

February has been a busy month at the State House. Since my last posting, my colleagues and I have come together twice in the House Chamber for 'Session' and voted on 154 bills. House Sessions are where bills which have come through Committees are voted on. Bills are judged either 'Ought to Pass' (OTP), 'Inexpedient to Legislate' (ITL) or perhaps 'Retain' for more work at a later date. There are 22 standing policy Committees of the House and each is responsible for specific subject matter. Each committee holds public hearings on all bills assigned and then make recommendations on the disposition of those bills to the full House during Session – OTP, ITL or Retain.

The public hearing during Committee work is the point where you, as an interested party, can express an opinion on a bill. My committee, Environment and Agriculture, has heard public comment on issues such as: penalties for crop theft, a committee to study recycling, limiting the use of pesticides toxic to bees, and establishing a 'cost of care fund' to assist municipalities caring for animals during cruelty cases. We will soon hear about important plans for the removal of contaminants from the Coakley Landfill in Portsmouth/Greenland. I have seen or heard from many people here in Brentwood and surrounding communities giving testimony to bills. My favorite story so far is being contacted by a very sharp 4th grader from Brentwood who wants to see portions of state roadways designated as the Lafayette Trail. Sophia Morrow's research has confirmed the respect and admiration people of NH showed to Sir Lafayette during the period following the American Revolution. Sophia bravely presented her work to the Senate Transportation Committee and I am looking forward to welcoming her to the House of Representatives when the bill is scheduled.

Of the bills which have made it to House Sessions, I am proud to say I have voted in support of mental health education, favored adding funds to school building aid, supported charter schools and continued funding math learning partnerships between NH High School and Community Colleges. I have also cast votes to restore the State of NH's commitment to paying a portion of retirement costs for cities and towns – which will favor property tax relief, voted to repeal policies which would allow health facilities to pick and choose who they might serve, and voted to maintain safety zones at health facilities.

I believe the votes I have taken are in keeping with the commitments I have made to so many voters in Brentwood. I remain passionate about promoting education and access to healthcare, decreasing our property tax burden, protecting our children and our planet.

Thank you again for the honor of allowing me to represent you in Concord. I love this job!

Liz McConnell, NH House District 11, liz.mcconnell@leg.state.nh.us

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*

2019 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 recognised 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 Everyone is invited and urged to attend

Brentwood School District Meeting	Friday, March 8 , 6:30 pm	Swasey Central School
Brentwood Town Elections	Tuesday, March 12 , 7:00 am - 7:00 pm	Brentwood Recreation Center
Brentwood Town Meeting	Saturday, March 16 , 9:00 am	Swasey Central School

2019 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 16, 2019

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 Three Million, Nine Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Forty Dollars (\$3,994,040) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Article 02 Martin Property

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$150,000.00) to contribute towards the conservation of ±24 acres of the Martin property, so called, located at 227 South Road (Tax Map 223, Lot 30). This warrant article is further contingent upon the Southeast Land Trust of NH executing a binding purchase and sales agreement 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 which will be non-lapsing until the specific purpose is completed or obtained, but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). (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 (\$20,000) 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, **Not Recommended by the BudCom***

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 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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the existing Highway Vehicles/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 09 CRD FD Vehicle Replace – Fund Balance

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$9,984) to be added to the existing capital reserve fund for the purchase of fire and rescue vehicles. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 10 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 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Repair Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 11 FD Lease

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

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 last year's payment of leasing a new pumper truck. This lease agreement has an escape clause and if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates. (Majority vote required)

Article 12 Road Repair

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of public road repair and maintenance. (Majority vote required)

Article 13 CRF Police Station

*Recommended by the Selectmen, **Not Recommended by the BudCom***

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 One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 14 CRF FD Vehicle Replacement

*Recommended by the Selectmen, **Not Recommended** by the BudCom*

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the existing capital reserve fund for the purchase of fire and rescue vehicles. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 15 CASA

Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to provide funding to CASA. (Majority vote required)

Article 16 Haven

Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee

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)

Article 17 One Sky

Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to provide funding to One Sky. (Majority vote required)

Article 18 TASC

Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) to provide funding to TASC. (Majority vote required)

Article 19 The Chamber Children's Fund

Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to provide funding to The Chamber Children's Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 20 Increase Veteran Credit

Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee

Shall the town modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) per year to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500)? (Majority vote required)

Article 21 POW

Recommended by the Selectmen

Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance waiving the fee to be charged for a permit to register one motor vehicle owned by any person who was captured and incarcerated for 30 days or more while serving in a qualified war or armed conflict as defined in RSA 72:28, V, and who was honorably discharged, provided the person has provided the Town Clerk with satisfactory proof of these circumstances. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 22 NED By-Laws

Recommended by the Selectmen

To see if the town will vote to adopt "By-Laws to the Regulation and Licensing of Motor Vehicle Race Tracks." (Majority vote required)

Full language for By-Laws to the Regulation and Licensing of Motor Vehicle Race Tracks can be found on the town website.

Article 23 Advisory: Vendor Payments to Regional Associations

Shall the town vote to create a cap for vendor payments to various regional associations? The expenditure shall remain in the operating budget with the welfare director, town administrator, and selectmen as agents to disperse the funds based on need and benefit to the citizens of Brentwood. (Majority vote required)

Budget Committee Update 2018-2019 Budget Recommendations

The Brentwood Budget Committee has met on 11 different occasions to consider the Brentwood Town Operating Budget (OB), Town Warrant and Bond 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 Exeter Region Cooperative School District 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 \$3,994,040, an increase of \$153,319 (3.99%) over FY2018. 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 16th**. They include items such as charitable contributions, additional appropriations to current capital reserve funds, appropriations for vehicle leases, increasing the veterans tax credit and proposed establishment of new capital reserve funds. The Budget Committee recommends all WAs put forth except for three: \$100K to establish capital reserve fund for a new police station; \$75K for a fire replacement vehicle; and \$50K for the building maintenance capital reserve fund. The total appropriations recommended by the Budget Committee for WAs (excluding the Town OB) are \$805,495 (\$40,750 increase, 0.07 tax impact). The Selectmen recommend \$1,030,495 (\$265,760 increase 0.46 tax impact).

SWASEY SCHOOL: The Swasey School Board put forward four warrant articles with financial implications to the Budget Committee. Warrant Article #1 – Swasey OB and Warrant Articles #2, #3 and #4 take funds from the unreserved fund balance and put them in the safety and security, school maintenance, and special education trust funds.

The School Board presented an OB of \$5,744,219.89. This represents a \$152,296 (2.72%) increase over the approved FY18/19 budget.

Overall, the Budget Committee felt it was a favorable budget and recommended Warrant Article #1.

Warrant Article #2 funds the Safety and Security Trust Fund with \$10,000 from the FY18/19 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 FY 18/19 unreserved fund balance. Warrant Article # 4 funds the Special Education Trust Fund with \$20,000 from the FY 18/19 unreserved fund balance. The Budget Committee recommended all 3 warrant articles.

Throughout this budget season, some topics that have continually come up for discussion have been looking for synergies between town departments and the school to look for cost savings going forward, merit/wage adjustments and looking at total compensation (salary plus benefits) and the impacts they have on each department's budget. The Budget Committee has also started a policies and procedure sub-committee who will work with the Select Board and members of the community to provide consistency regarding policies and procedures for future budget seasons. If interested in joining the sub-committee, please contact Kris Magnusson at kmagnusson@brentwoodnh.gov.

Keith Levitsky, Chair, Brentwood Budget Committee, klevitsky@brentwoodnh.gov

	AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE from prior year	% Change	TAX IMPACT \$/\$1000 valuation	400K property cost estimate
TOWN OB	\$3,994,041 BC Recommended	\$153,319	3.99%	\$0.267	\$106.73
TOWN WAs (Total of all WAs)	\$805,495 BC Recommended \$1,030,495 BOS Recommend	\$40,750 \$265,760	3.21% 32%	\$0.07 \$0.46	\$28.37 \$184.99
TOTAL TOWN		RECOMMENDED by BudCom:		\$0.337	\$134.80
		RECOMMENDED by BOS:		\$0.73	\$292.85

	AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE from prior year	% Change	TAX IMPACT \$/\$1000 property valuation	400K property cost estimate
SWASEY OB	\$5,744,219.89 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	\$152,296	2.72%	\$0.27	\$108
SWASEY WA #2 <i>Safety & Security Trust Fund</i>	\$10,000 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	0	Funds appropriated from FY18/19 unreserved fund balance		
SWASEY WA #3 <i>School Maintenance</i>	\$20,000 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	\$10,000	Funds appropriated from FY18/19 unreserved fund balance		
SWASEY WA #4 <i>Special Education Trust Fund</i>	\$20,000 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	\$10,000	Funds appropriated from FY18/19 unreserved fund balance		
TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL		RECOMMENDED by Budcom & Sch Board:		\$0.27	\$108

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

Exeter Region Cooperative School District Budget & Bond Tax Impacts

The ERCSD is proposing an operating budget of \$60,342,073 for the 2019/20 fiscal year. The following graph breaks out the cost difference between the proposed and the default budget.

Exeter Region Cooperative School District Budget			
	AMOUNT	Tax Impact	400K Property Cost Estimate
Proposed 2019/2020 Budget	\$60,342,073	\$0.34 / \$1,000	\$136
Default Budget	\$59,852,502	\$0.19 / \$1,000	\$76

- This Co-op budget is for the middle school (CMS) and high school (EHS)
- \$50,000 for the turf field will not have an additional tax impact, but these funds would not be returned to the taxpayers.

In addition to the operating budget, there is a renovation bond issue for the Cooperative Middle School (CMS). The proposed bond amount is \$17,800,000.

CMS Renovation Bond		
AMOUNT	\$17,800,000	400K Property Tax Impact
1st Year Interest Only Payment	\$0.12 / \$1,000	\$48
Years 2 – 19 Payment	\$0.46 / \$1,000	\$184

Assuming the interest rate remains the same for 20 years, principal and interest on the initial bond amount will total \$25,887,480.

Election Day Bake Sale Sponsored by the Historical Society

A Bake Sale will be held on Election Day, **Tuesday, March 12**, at the Rec Center by the Brentwood Historical Society. Home-baked goods will be offered from early morning until sell-out.

Members of the Society as well as friends and neighbors are encouraged to bake some special goodies to contribute to the sale. Money earned from the sale will help fund the improvements being made in the museum, the preservation of its documents and artifacts, and the new exhibits that are being planned.

Donated baked items may be brought to the Recreation Center on **Tuesday, March 12**, from 7:00 am on. They may also be brought to the home of Linda Rousseau the evening before. For more information email lindarou@comcast.net or call 772-4534.

Conservation Commission Asks Your Support at Town Meeting

Over the course of the last year, the Conservation Commission has been working with the Martin family and the Southeast Land Trust with the goal of conserving 24 acres of the Martin's 37-acre property on South Road. The Martin property consists of both forest and open fields. It shares a border with the town's 74-acre Split Rock Conservation Area and would tie into a larger area of town-owned and conserved lands in the Little River watershed.

The Conservation Commission's goal in adding conservation land adjacent to other protected areas is to maximize its effect. Large, unfragmented natural areas are better at supporting diverse wildlife and plant species. They also are more scenic and help to promote Brentwood's rural character. We believe it is important to act now, while we are still able to protect large tracts of open land.

The Southeast Land Trust is applying for over \$200,000 in NRCS grants to support Brentwood's efforts to conserve this land. And to help make this project a success, the Martin family has agreed to what's called a "bargain sale" and are selling their development rights at about 26% less than the appraised value. The Town of Brentwood's share in purchasing this conservation easement is \$150,000. We think that this financial investment by the Town would not only protect the environment in which we live, but that it is also economically sound. Conservation easements help us to avoid future spending on water treatment, new roads and road maintenance, and related infrastructure improvements.

Fifteen years ago, residents voted for a \$2 million Open Space Bond to protect Brentwood's drinking water, fields, forests, wildlife, and scenic beauty. With these funds, 375 acres of land have been permanently protected. The Conservation Commission hopes that we can continue that good work with the Martin easement. And so, at the Town Meeting on March 16th, we are asking you to vote "YES" on a warrant article to raise the funds for this easement.

The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen have both voted to support this warrant article and we hope that you will too. See you on **March 16th!**

Jeff Donald, Chair of the Conservation Commission

WANTED

Looking for a medium size dress form and also a clothes steamer.

If you have one of these items you'd like to part with, please contact:

miller52miller@comcast.net

FREE

1978 Boston Red Sox Scorebook Magazine. The ads alone are worth the price.

nhwahine@comcast.net

Brentwood Police Department

On February 8, 2019, at approximately 10:30 pm, the Brentwood Police were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident in the area of Deer Hill and North Road. Further investigation revealed a single vehicle was involved in a rollover and it appeared that the driver may have been ejected from the vehicle. Police made extensive efforts to locate the driver of the vehicle, however, were unsuccessful. The Brentwood Police K-9 team was deployed and located an unconscious male subject near the vicinity of the crash. The male subject was identified as: Justin Storace, age 27, of Kingston, NH. He was transported to the Portsmouth Regional Hospital by the Brentwood ambulance. Mr. Storace was charged with 2nd offense Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated and Conduct After An Accident. The Brentwood Police Department received assistance from the Epping and Fremont Police Department.



Due to the freezing weather conditions and unknown injury to Mr. Storace, the importance of the Brentwood Police K-9 team Officer George Abele and K-9 partner Dax was paramount in finding Mr. Storace in a timely manner. Furthermore, efforts by the Brentwood Police and assisting agencies are commendable in working together conducting the investigation and locating the driver in the crash.

Brentwood Police Department

Thank You Brentwood Fire & Rescue, Friends and Neighbors For Saving Our Horse

My husband Pete and I would like to thank Brentwood Fire and Rescue, along with friends and neighbors for their tireless effort to help our horse Senator on Super Bowl Sunday. Their compassion and inventive efforts were truly commendable!

Super Bowl Sunday 2019 will surely go down as a memorable day for all of us involved. It began at 7:30 in the morning, Senator got stuck in his stall and there was no way Pete and I were able to move him. I called the Fire Deptment and they showed up with a crew of men and then Diane and Wayne Robinson arrived. Over a period of several hours we pulled and pushed the poor horse. Our last resort was to cut down an inside barn wall and carry him out on a tarp. Once he got outside a saline IV was administered to rehydrate him and the crew proceeded to put straps around his hind quarter to hoist him up with a back hoe, while several men lifted his front end. They finally got him standing, averting a potentially grim outcome.

I cannot say enough thanks and praise to all those who helped. We are very proud and thankful to be part of such a great community! God bless all of the Senator rescuers!

Lissa & Peter Colombo



Brentwood Fire Department Announces New Chief

Chief Joe Bird has been with the department for 30 years. He has been the Deputy Chief for 18 years and the Acting Chief since October 2018.

Joe Bird was sworn into his position on February 5, 2019, following a brief search to fill the position after former Chief Bill Campbell resigned.

Joe is well-prepared for the position with his extensive knowledge of the town, its businesses, and residents; as well as his close working relationship with all of the department members and surrounding town fire departments. He will continue to serve full-time as a working chief.

The Brentwood Fire Department protects the town Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm and on weekends from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, with full and part-time members. Nights are covered by call members who respond to fire and medical emergencies from their homes.

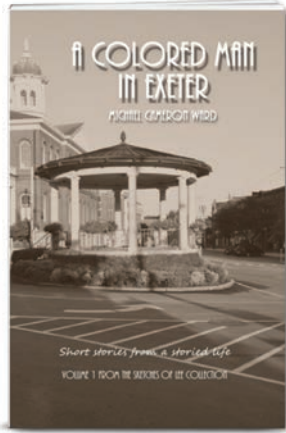
“I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing support,” says Joe. “I would also like to invite anyone interested in firefighting or emergency medical assistance to contact the department for a potential opportunity to join us.”

Selectman Bob Mantegari watches as Joe Bird receives his badge from his wife Diane during the swearing in ceremony on February 5th.



Brentwood Historical Society

This month the Historical Society will join with the Library to present a captivating author and speaker Michael Cameron Ward. Michael is a son of the first “colored man” to settle in this area. In the summer of 1957 the Ward family moved to Lee from Brooklyn, New York, to escape gang violence.



Just over three years ago Michael's father Harold Ward, age 94, lying in the hospital with only weeks to live asked Michael to write the stories of the family's existence in Lee and Exeter, including both their challenges and achievements. Then, as Mike sat by his bed on the 4th floor of Exeter Hospital, Harold told story after story, which had never been told before, until he died on June 9, 2015. Mike plans to publish these stories in four volumes called *Sketches of Lee, New Hampshire*. The first volume appeared in 2017, *Sketches of Lee: A Colored Man in Exeter*. The second volume will be published this year.

Michael told us that he now has eighty stories written. His talk at the Mary Bartlett Library will draw on those stories. The public is cordially invited, on **Saturday, March 30th** at 1:00 pm, admission is free. The author will bring copies of his book, for those who might wish to purchase a signed volume.

Linda Rousseau, Program Coordinator for the Brentwood Historical Society

WANTED

The Brentwood Historical Society is in need of a 'flat file' to properly store oversize documents and ledgers. A five drawer with a base would be sufficient for current needs. Please contact Rebecca Dunham for a full description at:

president@brentwoodnhhistory.org

Gardeners Will Delve Into Daffodils

In all the 25 years of the Brentwood Gardeners' existence, there has never been a program on Daffodils. That will change in March. Dianne Mrak, known in Dover as “The Daffodil Lady,” will talk about her favorite flower at the regular monthly meeting of the Gardeners, **Tuesday, March 19th** at 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Room of the Pilgrim Church on Middle Road. Ms. Mrak has about 1400 varieties of daffodils in her gardens. Who knew there were so many strains of the cheerful, captivating flower that brightens our Spring? We'll learn some of her secrets on March 19th.

Visitors are welcome at Gardeners' meetings. You may also become

a member at any time of the year. The Gardeners always say they're not hoity-toity club ladies, just country gardeners who love making things grow and there's always room for one more. For more information please contact one of the co-presidents, Torie Freeman, 778-3748 or toriefreeman1@gmail.com, or Linda Rousseau, 772-4534 or lindarou@comcast.net.

Linda Rousseau for the Brentwood Gardeners

When Great Trees Fall

One of the hardest things about taking care of “sacred space” is land management, especially the trees. I have been watching a large, 4-lead cherry tree in section 4 of Tonry Cemetery for some time. In the winter of 2017/2018, it dropped quite a few sizable branches, somehow managing to miss headstones and not causing any damage. This past fall I had tree companies and arborists come to evaluate the tree. They all said the same thing, “Yes, you could cable, prune and do some creative care, but in the long run, the tree should more than likely come down.”

The cemetery trustees and I have done our due diligence and talked quite a bit about it, and unfortunately, on February 11th the cherry tree in section 4 was removed. This was not an easy decision to make—we know the families of those who are buried under that tree. We know its removal will change the landscape of that area. We also realize we have a responsibility to all those with loved ones near that tree and it would not be fair to have a headstone suffer tree damage.

But here's the silver lining – a town resident has offered to take the logs, have them milled into lumber, and then will construct a bench out of that lumber. The bench then will be placed at the site where the tree once stood.

Again, this was not an easy decision and certainly one that was not made lightly. The end goal is to maintain the cemetery in the best possible manner.

Joyce Keegal, Cemetery Superintendent

...
And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always irregularly.

Spaces fill with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.

Our senses, restored,
never to be the same, whisper to us.

They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be better.

For they existed.

Excerpted from “When Great Trees Fall” by Maya Angelou

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

All Month (Online) – Digital Book Club: Join our online book club on goodreads.com! Log in, then search for the “M.E.B. Lib. N.H. - Digital Book Club” group. Vote for our first title and join the discussion. Books will be available at the library.

By Appointment – Tech Tutors: Have a tech question you need some help with? Call or stop in to set up an appointment with Heather!

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm(ish) – Brentwood Needle Arts Group: Bring a project and share ideas, patterns, techniques, and chat.

Wednesdays 10:00 am and Thursdays 10:30 am – Storytime: Registration is necessary so that we may plan accordingly. Please register for one date as the program will be repeated between the two days/times.

Thursdays 9:00 am - 7:00 pm – All Day Make-and-Take: When you stop in to visit the library, stop at the craft table to make the craft of the week!

Fridays 10:00 am – Friday Morning Movies: Join us for coffee, tea, pastries, and a movie! Movies TBD – suggestions strongly suggested!

March 4th (Monday) @ 3:30 – S.T.E.A.M. Toy Session: Interested in coding, engineering, science, and just having fun? Join us to explore with our collection of S.T.E.A.M. toys, including Ozobots, Snap Circuits, and more! Please register, space is limited.

March 4th (Monday) @ 6:00 pm – Peace & Justice Movie/Discussion: Movie/topic TBD

March 5th (Tuesday) @ 10:00 am – Intro to 3D Modeling: Have you been wondering how 3D printed objects are designed? Join us for this interactive workshop as we use Tinkercad.com to learn the basics of 3D modeling. You'll even get to create your own design that we will print for you! Registration is required. Space is limited. If you have a laptop, please bring it.

March 5th (Tuesday) @ 4:00 pm – Intro to 3D Modeling (for grades 3+): Have you been wondering how 3D printed objects are designed? Join us for this interactive workshop as we use Tinkercad.com to learn the basics of 3D modeling. You'll even get to create your own design that we will print for you! Registration is required. Space is limited. If you have a laptop, please bring it.

March 6th, 13 & 20th (Wednesdays) @ 4:00 pm – S.T.E.A.M. Club: We're getting together to use science to create art. We'll be making a pendulum painting, tessellations, and deconstructed tech art! This is a three-session program. Registration is required. Space is limited.

March 7th (Thursday) @ 6:30 pm – Card Making: After a long, wet winter, let's create something bright and cheery! Registration is required. Space is limited. Please bring a sharp pair of scissors if you have some.

March 11th (Monday) @ 7:00 pm – Cook-Book Book Club: Check out this new event for book lovers and foodies! The challenge is to find a recipe (from a book!) based on the theme, make it, and bring it in to share with the group. While we're trying everyone's recipes we'll chat about the process, flavors, and cookbooks. This month's theme is “Something Green”, interpret it how you will. Please register!

March 14th (Thursday) @ 6:30 pm – Library Technology Presentation: Join us for this interactive presentation while we demonstrate the features of our online catalog, website, downloadable e-books/audiobooks, and other cool features you can access on the web to enhance your M.E.B. Lib. experience.

March 16th (Saturday) from 10:00-11:00 am – Lego Day: Come build with us! Make your own creation or take our design challenge! Challenge will be announced at the start of the event. Legos will be provided!

March 18th (Monday) @ 6:00 pm – Library Trustees Meeting

March 18th (Monday) @ 6:30 pm – Friends of the Library Meeting

March 19th (Tuesday) @ 4:00 pm – Anime Club (for grades 6+): Join us to snack on some themed treats while we watch the pilot episodes of a new Anime series, check out some manga, and chat about our favorite series and characters! Watch on social media to see what series we'll be watching and eating this month. Please register.

March 21st (Thursday) @ 6:30 pm – Intro to 3D Modeling: Have you been wondering how 3D printed objects are designed? Join us for this interactive workshop as we use Tinkercad.com to learn the basics of 3D modeling. You'll even get to create your own design that we will print for you! Registration is required. Space is limited. If you have a laptop, please bring it.

March 25th (Monday) @ 4:00 pm – My Weird Book Club: We're reading our way through the series *My Weird School* by Dan Gutman. In March, we'll start with *Miss Daisy is Crazy!* When we meet, we'll talk about what happened in the book, play some games, and have some of Miss Daisy's favorite snack! Please register. Books are available at the library.

March 25th (Monday) @ 7:00 pm – Brentwood Bookers Book Club: Will be reading *Pride & Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Books will be available to borrow from the library.

March 26th (Tuesday) @ 4:30 pm – Community Games & Goodies: Friends, families, and all, join us for an evening of good eats, good games, and good company. Please bring a snack to share if you are able and we will provide pizza and drinks! Do you have a game to share? Feel free to bring it along! Please register so we know how many to plan for.

March 27th (Wednesday) @ 3:30 pm – Graphic Novel Book Club (grades 6+): Sign up and pick up your books at the library. We're reading *The Witch Boy* by Molly Knox Ostertag, an intense fantasy! We'll chat about the book while we snack, then do some activities based on the book.

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

Crazy 8s Math Club: We're nothing like your usual math club. With Crazy 8s kids will build glow-in-the-dark structures, crack secret spy codes and play games like Toilet Paper Olympics. This is an 8-week program that meets once a week for an hour. There's a session for grades K-2 and 3-5. Specific dates/times to be announced. Please let us know if you are interested (and what day/time would be best), registration will be required.

MEB FYI

Many of the new youth programs are based on survey results from the survey on our youth page. Please feel free to add your opinion so that we may continue to better plan to the needs of our community.

Have a Middle or High School student interested in attending one of our programs, even if they're not from Brentwood? Remember that CMS bus #6 and EHS bus #5 stops at the corner of Crawley Falls and Dalton Rd.

Is life a little crazy? Want to quickly get the family signed up for this month's library programs? Hop on our website, go to the "programs" tab, and select "event registration" from the drop-down menu. There, you'll find an online form you can use to sign up for all our programs this month!

We're looking for artists to fill our walls! If you or someone you know is interested in sharing their artwork or their collection, please contact Heather at the library (603-642-3355 or cl.meblib@gmail.com).

Janice Wiers, Library Director, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

The Friends have been busy working with our librarians and brainstorming new programs to offer you. The floral arranging workshop that we co-sponsored last month was a huge hit and we just approved funding to help pay for another family-friendly event next month. Stay tuned for details! If there's a program, event or resource you'd like to see, please share your suggestion with The Friends or the librarians. We'd love to know what you are interested in!

Because our submission was inadvertently omitted from last month's Newsletter, you may have missed our announcement that we have made good on our fundraising goals to provide some STEM and coding toys for patrons to use. The library now has 2 Ozobots from The Friends. These little robots are a fun way to learn programming. Watch library announcements for STEM/STEAM programming this month. The library was gifted some of the other coding toys the Friends were going to purchase, so we identified another wish list item: a 3D printer! Our Children's Librarian, Heather, has experience using 3D printers to teach a variety of skills to a wide range of ages and abilities. (The printer uses biodegradable filaments so you don't have to worry about putting more plastic into the environment!) The library will be offering 3D printer programs beginning this month as well.

By the time you read this, the library basement floors will be refinished, thanks to your donations to The Friends. This was a big project requiring staff and volunteers to remove EVERYTHING (except a few bookshelves)—and put them back! We are always looking to expand our volunteer list, particularly for one-time projects such as this. If you would like to be contacted with possible volunteer opportunities, please contact Sue at volunteer@friendsofmeblibrary.org.

We rely on volunteers to stock and run the Basement Bookstore. We plan to be open Saturdays, **March 9 and 23** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Come check out the beautiful floor and the large assortment of books for all interests and abilities. Chat with the volunteers to see if you would like to volunteer too.

Did you know there are things to do at the Seacoast Science Center even in the winter? I didn't! The Friends pay \$100 annually to provide you with reduced admission for 2 adults and 4 children. There are programs for families, preschoolers, kids in K-12, scouts and adults. Check the website and daily calendar for specific information. On **March 12**, there will be a free Nature@Night: Owl Prowl family program (\$5/pp suggested donation). Participants will get to dissect owl pellets and learn a bit about owls before walking the trails to try to find evidence of these nocturnal birds. Registration is required. Regular exhibits include the ever popular Touch Tank, Discover Dock play space, and Gulf of Maine displays where visitors can observe native creatures and learn about life in the ocean. Not on the Seacoast Science Center website: Waterstreet Bookstore is "thrilled to be bringing explorer, filmmaker, and grandson of sea explorer Jacques Cousteau, Fabien Cousteau to the Seacoast [Science Center] on **March 9th!**" He has written a graphic book series for kids ages 8 to 12 about ocean exploration. The first book focuses on the great white shark. This a free event, but registration with Waterstreet Bookstore is required.

The Friends will meet **Monday, March 11** at 6:30 and **Wednesday, April 10** at 12:30. We hope you can make one of these meeting times to meet us and learn more about how we help our library community.

Jessica Paul, Secretary for The Friends

Pinewood Derby is Coming

Brentwood Pack 192 welcomed Scouts, their families and guests to the Blue & Gold banquet recently. Also attending were members of the Brentwood Historical Society who brought along memorabilia from the Cub Scout collection. The Blue & Gold banquet is a celebration of Scouting that is held annually each February.

The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouts and marks the end of a Scout's journey as Cub Scout and the beginning of their journey as a Boy Scout. The cross over ceremony is typically held as part of the Blue & Gold banquet. This year seven scouts from Pack 192 received the Arrow of Light rank. Benjamin Almon, son of Dave and Elizabeth Almon; Jonathan Adams, son of Lucas and Shannon Adams; Tyler Bigelow, son of Chris and Melanie Bigelow; Zachary Sprague, son of Scott and Nicole Sprague; Austin Walker, son of Tom and Joan Walker; Will Sanford, son of Leo and Nicole Cunningham; and Carter Brown, son of Eric and Amy Brown. Congratulations to the Scouts for all their hard work!! Many of these boys will continue with Boy Scouts and join Boy Scout Troop 323 in Exeter.

We also want to thank our leaders who will be moving on. We owe these volunteers a big heartfelt THANK YOU: Dave Almon, Den leader; Chris Bigelow, Assistant Cubmaster; Tom Walker, popcorn kernel; and Lucas Adams, awards assistant. Their leadership, knowledge and scouting spirit will be missed.

It's March and that means racing! The Annual Pinewood Derby will be held on **Saturday, March 9th** at 1:00 pm at the Brentwood Rec Center. If you are interested in scouting, please stop by, watch the race, and learn more about scouts!

Do you have a child who will start Kindergarten in the fall of 2019? Brentwood has a Lion's Den (specifically for Kindergarten aged boys and girls)! If your child is interested in scouting we would love to hear from you! Contact brentwoodpack192@gmail.com for more information.

Do you have a boy or girl who is interested in scouting? Find out more about Cub Scouts in your community at beascout.org, or email brentwoodpack192@gmail.com for more information.

Amy Brown for Brentwood Pack 192

Brentwood Girl Scout News

Troop #51227 (combined Daisy/Brownie K-2) made Kindness Rocks to spread joy around Brentwood and Kindness Jars to learn to practice self-care and positive self-talk. The Troop far exceeded their cookie sales goals, and had so much fun meeting residents, staff, and visitors at their cookie booth at the Rockingham Nursing Center. The Troop has a final cookie booth planned for **Friday, March 8th** at Lindy's!



Troop #51211 (4th Grade Juniors) have been hard at work on their entrepreneurship skills and preparing for the cookie sales season, researching who their customers are, honing their marketing skills, setting group and individual sales goals, and exploring how small businesses operate. The Troop will host its final cookie booth on **Saturday, March 2nd** at Market Basket in Epping. They are also promoting donations of boxes of cookies, which they will hand deliver to active-duty military passing through Pease airport in Portsmouth. Recently, the girls were honored to create a stack of birthday cards for World War II Veteran Mr. Recil Troxel who is battling cancer and whose only request was to receive cards from across the country for his 93rd birthday in April!

Submitted by Kristen Goodrich and Julie Morrow



Junior American Citizens Club

Have you ever wished you had your own personal robot that followed you around all day, protecting you, defending you, and giving you outrageous compliments? Well with a little imagination, Junior American Citizens are making that happen! Join us for our next meeting on **Thursday, March 21st** from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at the MEB Library.

Inspired by artist Gary Hirsch, the JAC Club will be making a Bot Army for the community. Love Bots, Brave Bots, Silly Bots, Idea Bots, Friendship Bots, the sky is the limit! We will watch a short video on where the idea for this Bot Army came from, discuss ideas for what kind of Bots we think the community needs, then each participant will get to make several bots using dominoes and oil-based Sharpie markers. They will each get to make a Bot for themselves, one to give to a special person of their choosing, and extras for the community. After the meeting, the Bots will be sealed with a protective coating and left in the capable hands of the MEB Library staff. (Neighbors of all ages, stop by the library in the days and weeks following the program to choose your own personal Bot!) Learn more about the project by visiting www.botjoy.com/projects.

All students in preschool through high school are invited to participate. Parents, it will be helpful if you can plan to assist your child(ren) during this program since they will be working with Sharpies. JAC is a free, non-partisan program sponsored by the Molly Stark Chapter, NSDAR. Registration is not required (though helpful for planning for supplies). RSVP to Julie Morrow, JAC Chair, at julielynnford@yahoo.com or 517-927-4686.

Julie Lynn Morrow

Brentwood Parent Faculty Group

The March raffle is underway! Thanks to generous donations from community businesses we have one prize to give-away EVERY day for the entire month of March. That's 31 chances to win! The PFG would like to send a special thank you to: Lexi's Burgers, Thrive Fitness, Putnam's Ski, Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom, Lindsay at Bombshell's Salon, O'Neil Cinemas, Ohana, Captain's Cove Adventure Golf, The Rinks at Exeter, Karate International, Indoor Ascent climbing gym, Tuckaway Tavern, Sea Dog Brewing Co., G&N Flooring, Action Kids, Air Zone, Kume, Loreen Kelley Photography, Painted Owl, Elite Pressure Washing, Baby Go Round, Apple Hill Golf Course, the Isles of Shoals Steamship Co., Sweet Snips kids hair salon, Artastic Creative Studio, Vertical Dreams climbing gym, and Seacoast Science Center.

The Annual Brentwood School District Meeting will be held on **March 8th** at 6:30 pm in the Swasey Central School Gymnasium. The Brentwood Teachers Association is offering free babysitting again this year. Pre-registration is required and sign-up information will go home before Winter Break. We ask that all children are potty trained. Children may bring their own water bottle and nut-free snack. We are looking for middle or high school students to volunteer and help entertain the little ones in an adult supported environment. Please email us if interested at Swasey.pfg@gmail.com.

Save the dates! On **Friday, March 29th** from 6:00 to 7:30 pm we are teaming up with NH Public Television for a night of family STEM fun!

More details to come. On **Wednesday, March 6th** from 5:00 pm to close, the Tailgate Tavern in Stratham will host our monthly Swasey Night Out! Join your friends for good food and a portion of your DINE-IN bill will be donated to SCS to support school programs!

The finishing touches are being put on your child's Square One artwork! Watch for order forms to come home in your child's Wednesday folder. This is a wonderful opportunity to show off your child's work while supporting the school at the same time.

A new courtyard sculpture project is underway as part of an Artist in Residence program. We are excited to work with a local artist on a project that will include every student in the school helping to create something that will live in our courtyard for years to come. Mrs. Buswell and Mrs. Lane will be sharing details soon. Follow our PFG Facebook page (@SwaseyCentralPFG) to watch this beautiful work of art come to life.

Other funding requests that we approved recently include the purchase of knitting looms for the 3rd grade class so that they may create hats to be donated to local charities. (Got yarn? Drop it off in the main office of the school!) Funds raised from box tops contests have allowed the purchase of new wall-mounted speakers in the gymnasium. Previously speakers were moved in and out of the gym for special events like Shindigs, Town Meetings, conferences and 5th grade graduation.

The PFG wants to say THANK YOU! Thank you for your support in all we do. Our mission is to enhance the welfare and education of our students and we wouldn't be able to do it without your help!

Box Tops collection boxes are out at SCS, Mary E. Bartlett Library and the Town Hall. Each box top earns our school \$0.10, so please send those box tops in, it really does add up!

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 19th** at 6:30 pm in the SCS Library. SCS parents are encouraged to attend.

Amy Brown for the PFG

Swasey Central School

This year's annual School District Meeting is scheduled for **Friday, March 8th**, 6:30 pm at Swasey. I encourage all of the Brentwood community to attend to vote on our school budget. We appreciate your attendance. All town meetings are scheduled and available at the town website www.brentwoodnh.gov. Brentwood voters will have the opportunity to vote on the school budget at this meeting. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated. Please feel free to call Principal Ron Kew at 642-3487 or email me if you have any questions or thoughts to share. Again, thanks for marking your calendar for the school district meeting.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 Registration: Please call Swasey School (642-3487) to register your child for kindergarten and/or first grade for the 2019-2020 school year. Current kindergarten students do not need to re-enroll to move on to first grade. To qualify for kindergarten registration, your child must turn five years old prior to September 30, 2019 and/or six years old to register for Grade 1. Registration information is located on our school website.

Ron Kew, Principal, Swasey Central School

Letters to the Community

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Don't Complain!

If you were not one of the 29 Brentwood residents (out of 3,233 registered voters) who attended the Co-op Deliberative Session on February 7th, please do not complain about your taxes! If you own a \$400,000 home your current taxes are **\$10,332** (\$25.83/\$1,000 of assessed value). Almost 80% of this is for the schools, 17% for the town operations and 4% for county functions.

Currently we send **\$370,000/month to SAU16** for Swasey and our part of the SAU16 administrative budget (going up approximately 6%) and **\$535,772/month to the Co-op and administration**. That's over \$10,870,000 for this year! The SAU16 budget, which has already been approved by the joint boards, is increasing by 5.9% and will be \$2,324,028 for the coming year. This budget is for administrators such as the Superintendents and business manager, and is spread across all of the school budgets.

The elections in March will determine how much **more** you will pay when the new bills come out in the fall. Revenue and any unreserved fund balance (what is left over from budgets at the end of the year) will bring these tax increases down a little, but we cannot determine that amount at this time.

If the voters agree with the Budget Committee (see page 8) your property taxes, on a \$400,000 house will increase \$242.80 (or \$0.61/\$1,000). If voters agree with the Selectmen, the increase will be \$400.85 or \$1.00/\$1,000.

If the **\$17.8 million bond** passes for the CMS renovation, Brentwood homeowners will pay approx. \$0.12/\$1,000 (\$48) for the interest only first year and then \$0.46 or \$184/year for years two through twenty, provided interest rates do not increase before the bond is taken out.

If the ERCSD (CO-OP) proposed Operating Budget of **\$60,342,073** (for one year!) passes, add an **additional \$136** (\$0.34) to your taxes. If enough people vote "No" on the proposed budget, then the Default of \$59,852,502 will be in effect. This is an increase of \$0.19 or \$76.

If you had attended the Deliberative Session, you would have had the opportunity to vote for a lower proposed budget of \$58 million, which would have been a slight decrease over last year. There are 95 fewer students at the Co-op (down 54 at the middle school and 41 at the high school) since last year. The Co-op budget had \$3.1 million left over last year, and \$3.3 million left over the year before. Yet, there is a \$1.4 million increase proposed on top of the \$17.8 million expansion/renovation of the 20 year old middle school!

So please, pay attention, come to meetings, vote, or don't complain.

Liz Faria

Lois DeYoung – Board of Selectmen

I am Lois DeYoung and I am running for Selectmen. Our family has lived in Brentwood for over forty years; our children attended Brentwood schools, and we have enjoyed living in Brentwood. Now it is my turn to give back to our town.

For the newer town residents, let me tell you about myself. I worked as a Paralegal for about 15 years and for about 20 years I was an Engineering Assistant on various construction sites. I served on the Brentwood School Board for 6 years. I also served on the Brentwood Budget Committee for 6 years. My husband John was an active member of the Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department.

For about 15 years I was an active member of the Brentwood Recreation Center. For many years the BRC and Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a weekly Bingo game to raise funds. As part of the exceptional BRC team, I worked at the Bingo games to provide the funds for the BRC building we have now.

If elected Selectman, my goal is to be the voice for all Brentwood taxpayers. Our town is facing several costly expenditures in the near future. I will listen to the concerns and make unbiased decisions based on the facts.

With regard to Select Board membership, I do not believe it would be in Brentwood's best interest to have a mother and daughter on the Select Board at the same time.

I am asking for your vote on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Christine Belanger – Board of Selectmen

My name is Christine Belanger. I am an Ole Gordon Road resident and I am a candidate for the three-year Board of Selectmen position.

I have been a resident of Brentwood for the last 47 years and a property tax-payer for the last 26. I am currently a committed employee for the Town of Brentwood and have been for over 26 years; first serving as the Deputy Town Clerk Tax Collector (10 years), a part-time Police Officer (1.5 years), and for the past 16 years as the Administrative Assistant to the Police Department. I have also served the Brentwood citizens as a member of the Fire Department Building Committee, Recreation Commission, and presently as a member of the Joint Loss Committee.

I strongly believe that I have a sincere commitment to and appreciation of Brentwood and its residents, business owners, and employees alike. I have a deep-rooted love for our community as I have grown up here, work here, and I will stay committed to serving our community.

I am asking for your vote on March 12, so that I may continue to serve the citizens/taxpayers of Brentwood in a capacity in which I hope to make a genuine difference in our community. I stand for approaching decision making in a common-sense manner. I realize that the decisions I would make as a 1/5th member of the Board of Selectmen would most certainly have an impact and affect daily lives of us all, be it in business, monetarily and/or socially.

Ken R. Christiansen – Board of Selectmen

Common sense and compassion are required to serve as Selectmen for the town of Brentwood. These necessary elements are needed to determine needs and costs prior to taking any action. Once the meeting of the minds has been established, a course of action can be taken. Care and concern for the town's taxpayers should be the first concern in any increase needed.

As our town continues to grow, we must be prepared to be in a position to handle growth with an action plan that ensures all the needs of the town are met. The taxpayer needs to accept and understand the movements of the board in order to support the actions that are required.

I have served the town of Brentwood as a Selectman for six years, four of which I was the chairman, four years on the Budget Committee, and six years on the Zoning Board of Appeals, currently the chair.

Please vote and I look forward to greeting you on election day.

Joseph Pagnani – Board of Selectmen

My name is Joseph Pagnani and I am running for Town Selectman.

Being part of the Brentwood Cemetery Trustee committee has influenced my decision in wanting to continue serving this town, which is why I am running for Brentwood Town Selectman.

I reside with my wife Mary and Mother-in-law on Gallant Drive off Deer Hill Road. My twin daughters grew up in Brentwood and we celebrated the marriage of one of my daughters at Pilgrim Church in 2013.

My passion and love for this town is immeasurable. I see serving as an opportunity to represent residents of all ages in town government and provide a balanced and fair approach in making decisions for the good of the town and its people.

I am a family man who wants to work for you. Whether your concerns are to cut taxes, keep the town safe, or preserve the beautiful landscapes, I promise to listen and act on what Brentwood wants and needs.

I humbly ask for your vote when choosing a Selectman for Brentwood.

Jim Clark - Trustee of the MEB Library

My first term as a library trustee came via a write-in vote in 2000. I was re-elected twice and thus served for nine years before deciding to take a sabbatical. For most of the next six years I served as an alternate trustee and in that capacity participated in nearly every meeting. Three years ago I ran and was elected a trustee and now I'm asking for your vote for an additional 3-year term.

My concentration is on the library's finances and I am currently Treasurer. Overseeing our bookkeeping, coordinating our budgeting process, and providing regular reports constitute the essence of my responsibilities.

It has been a special privilege for me to have been associated with the dedicated staff and the trustees, both past and present, in helping to make the library what it is today. As never before libraries must cope with the velocity of changes in the way we communicate and learn. The keys to survival and relevance are adapting and innovating, and I want to continue to help with this critical process.

Melissa A. Litchfield – Brentwood School Board

I am writing to ask for your vote and to thank you for the honor of serving you over the past six years!

I have a degree in accounting and extensive experience as an insurance underwriter. My husband Brad and I have four children who range in age from 8 to 16. I have served on the Swasey School Board for six years, as Chair for the past four, and on the Coop Board for the past 3 years. I Chair the Coop Finance Committee, Vice Chair the SAU16 Joint Board, and I'm the School Board rep to the Brentwood Budget Committee.

Thank you for entrusting me with these roles, I thoroughly enjoy them! I believe consistency is important among board members; it takes time to understand the process. I have made a positive impact for our community and I'd like to continue. Please vote on March 12th.

Candidate Support

To my fellow Brentwood residents. In March of last year we elected two new selectman. Bill Faria and Phyllis Thompson. That election unseated the previous chairman and set the board and our town in a new direction. It's been one of more openness and accountability in the conduct of town business. It also included an improving appreciation and value for employees who serve our town. Recently this new board appointed Joe Bird as our Fire Chief. Joe was passed over when the previous board filled the position with a candidate from outside the department and our community. The turnout the evening Chief Bird was sworn in was confirmation of the wisdom of this decision. This new board directed its draft meeting minutes be posted on the town's website for all to see. Other actions included re-appointing Wayne Robinson to the position of Road Agent, something previous boards "overlooked" for many years. This new board asserted its authority to name town roads after worthy residents and designated our historical society to maintain a list should the need arise again. The contract for who supplies sand for our roads was awarded to a town resident after many years of it being awarded to someone who did not live in our community and at a lower cost to the town. This board has begun to reverse years of being less involved in the day to day operations of our town and to reassert its authority over who gets interviewed and ultimately hired to work for our town. A selectman is now available during non meeting hours to be available for members of the public who wish to speak with one of their selectman outside of a public meeting. This board appointed a sub-committee to investigate and make recommendations on recording and broadcasting public meetings so that more citizens can be aware of what their government is doing. This board encumbered the funds to purchase equipment to make this idea a reality. I personally spoke with the previous chairman on several occasions to promote this idea and was rebuffed each time.

This March, there are 4 candidates running for the seat being vacated by selectman David Menter. I thank him for his service to our town. Of the 4 candidates vying for the open seat, 3 would be new to the office. I greatly urge you to vote and when you do pick someone new and continue our town on its current path. The candidate that I am supporting is Christine Belanger. I have known Christine all of her life as she is my sister. Christine has lived in Brentwood since our family

moved here in the early 1970s. Christine attended Swasey school and graduated from Exeter. She married a Brentwood guy and raised her 2 boys here. Christine has served her fellow citizens in various capacities for much of her life. Currently Christine has over 26 years experience working for Brentwood giving her a familiarity with municipal operations few other people possess. Christine first served as the Deputy Town Clerk Tax Collector (10 years), a part-time Police Officer (1.5 years), and for the past 16 years as the Administrative Assistant to the Police Department. Christine also served as a member of the Fire Department Building Committee, Recreation Commission, and presently serves as a member of the Joint Loss Committee. Christine is also familiar with our highway budget and operations from her years of working closely with former Chief Robinson who still serves as our road agent. Elections make a difference. That's why I'll be voting for Christine Belanger for Brentwood Selectman. I hope you do too.

Butch Whitehouse

Candidate Support

Dear friends, I encourage you to support Lois DeYoung's candidacy for Selectman. She is passionate and enthusiastic about Brentwood and its history. Her past experience on the Budget Committee and School Board will make her a valued addition to the Board of Selectmen. With many expensive issues on the horizon, she would be able to help prioritize the issues with a watchful eye on what impact they might have on taxpayers.

Hon. Josh Yokela, NH House District 33

Candidate Support

I'd like to take this time to endorse Lois DeYoung for Selectman for our wonderful town. Lois is an outstanding citizen of our community and has a true heart to maintain conservative values in our government. She will work hard to represent those conservative values by being fiscally responsible on every level. Please consider voting for Lois for Selectman.

Allen Cooke

Brentwood School Board Wants Your Support

The Brentwood School Board is asking for your support for the proposed \$5,744,220 budget for the 2019-20 academic year. This is an increase of 2.72% over last year. In dollars, this translates to an increase \$152k. We are excited and proud to report that both the Brentwood Budget Committee and the Brentwood School Board recommend this budget.

The District has been faced with several financial increases this year, many of which we were able to absorb into the Swasey Budget with minimal impact. As many of you are aware, the collective bargaining agreement reflects an agreed upon increase of 2.6% in salary wages, and our health insurance has come in with a guaranteed maximum increase of 8.4%. This modest increase in the proposed operating budget does also include the addition of a classroom teacher.

In closing, the School Board will be asking for your support for three additional warrant articles. These warrant articles are meant to add money in our capital reserve funds for any unforeseen emergencies or necessary expenditures. We are requesting 10k be added to the already established Safety and Security Fund, 20k be added to the

already established Maintenance Fund, and finally 20k to be added to our already established Special Education Fund. The money for these funds would come from the unreserved fund balance, meaning any money left over at the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year and not from additional taxation. These warrant articles are recommended by both the Brentwood Budget Committee and the Brentwood School Board.

The Brentwood School Board: Melissa Litchfield, Chair; Scott Dennehy, Vice Chair; Allison Higgins; Elza Silva; Thad Riley

CMS Expansion Project

I would like to expand a bit on the article in the February *Brentwood Newsletter* with regards to the CMS Expansion Project. I am a 20 year resident in Brentwood, and I served on the Renewal Committee. I was new to the committee, and really had a great deal to learn with regards to the project. There are some common questions/misconceptions in the community, and I would like to shed a light on a few of them.

Enrollment. The question is “Why are the 10 classrooms needed when enrollment is now roughly the same as when the school was built?” That is true. Enrollment is down to roughly the same number as when the school was built. 20 years ago when the Cooperative was being formed, the building plans included these same 10 classrooms. In order to keep within the \$15 million budget agreed upon by the six towns in the district to form the Cooperative, they were removed from the original project. CMS opened 10 classrooms short.

Offices. I will admit, this one tripped me up a bit. I think of an office as a place that adults go to work. In the case of CMS, offices are spaces needed for adults to work with students. Some of this work is currently being done in former closets and team rooms. These spaces are not meant for and are not appropriate for learning. The expansion plan addresses these issues and accommodates the needs of the students.

Taxes. Brentwood students make up 16.60% of the student population in the Coop. With the proposed bond of \$17.8 million, Brentwood would be responsible for 16.60% of the payment on the bond. Brentwood does not pay more than Stratham or Exeter, but we do get hit harder per household. We are the third largest population in the Coop, but have a small tax base, fairly high property valuations, and not enough industry to offset the tax burden. Most of us choose to live in this town we love for these same reasons. The total percentage paid by Brentwood could change if there is a spike or reduction on the number of students we send to the Coop. This calculation is done annually, and is based on information from the Dept. of Education.

I would like to close by addressing a comment posted anonymously in the February Newsletter. The comment was that Guilfoil was hired to “sell” you the project. While it may seem that way, the reality is this: The feedback received by the committee and the School Board was that taxpayers felt that didn’t know enough about the project. There just wasn’t enough information out there. Superintendent Ryan and the Coop Board felt that Guilfoil could assist in getting more information publicized, and reach a wider audience. Guilfoil is already on retainer for SAU 16, and \$10,000 has been allocated to update the Renewal website and get articles out in the area newspapers.

This has been an eye opening experience for me personally. I voted no on this project twice, and decided that I wanted to be more involved to understand the needs at CMS. I encourage anyone with questions to

reach out to me, and I will be happy to discuss the details with you. Another great option is to schedule a tour of CMS with Bill Perkins. I did that last year, and it was then I realized that many changes are needed.

Louri Hannan, CMS Expansion Committee

Cooperative Middle School

As residents head to the polls in March to vote on the Cooperative Middle School renovation project, I wanted to take this opportunity to explain several key components of the project and how it will affect you as taxpayers if approved.

A previous piece published in the Brentwood Newsletter stated that SAU 16 is attempting to “sell” the project to voters. Our goal has never been to sell this project. It has always been to be transparent about the scope of work and cost, so that residents can make an informed decision come March 12.

Below are the facts of this project. This renovation project is what the district needs to continue to thrive and provide a superior educational service to your children.

Budget. The projected budget for the project is \$17.8 million. This figure includes all the hard and soft costs (construction and outfitting the new areas) as well as a contingency fund for any overages. The district will fund this through a 20-year bond, with an approximate 4 percent interest rate. For this to move forward, all six towns that make up CMS must collectively pass the ballot item with at least 60 percent voting in favor.

When looking at tax impact, let’s say the average home in Brentwood is valued at \$400,000. Zillow estimates the average home value in Brentwood is \$405,000. This means residents would see a \$183.12 increase on their yearly tax bill. That’s \$15.26 per month.

The numbers are calculated based on average daily membership (ADM) – how many students each community is sending to CMS and Exeter High School – compared to the remaining communities in the district. The ADM is calculated by looking at the two most recent school years (2016/17 and 2017/18), adding ADMs together and dividing them by two.

For Brentwood, during the 2016/17 school year, the district averaged 502.62 students to CMS and Exeter High School out of 3,062.93. In 2017/2018, 494 students attended out of 2,941. This gives Brentwood an ADM of 16.6 percent – meaning the town is responsible for paying 16.6 percent of the total bond cost.

When looking at the numbers for the entire CMS district, we’re often asked why communities like Exeter and Stratham, which have higher ADMs, will see a lower tax impact than some of the smaller communities, like Brentwood. The reason for this is because Brentwood has a smaller commercial tax base than Exeter and Stratham, and therefore has fewer taxpayers to share the cost.

Project details. The project improves several aspects of the school and adds additional classrooms, elevator near the main entrance, larger cafeteria, multipurpose room, and teacher/administrative office space.

When CMS was built in 1997, it was two pods short (10 classrooms). Due to increased programming and lack of space, students and staff are occupying areas that were not designed for classroom learning. Currently, CMS is operating five out of eight periods at over 100 percent classroom capacity. Because of this, a significant amount of

students receive instruction in rooms designated as offices, team rooms, the library and the teachers' lounge, while faculty and staff are relegated to storage closets and team rooms.

We also want to improve the cafeteria for students. The size and flow of the current cafeteria requires there be six lunches spanning three class periods. In fact, middle school lunches start at 10 am as it stands now.

A large portion of CMS students are having their lunch during what would normally be considered breakfast time. The goal of the building renovation project is to reduce the number of lunch periods in half by increasing the number of students in each section. This would alleviate scheduling, programming and staffing restrictions by allowing the cafeteria space to be utilized more throughout the day for music, leadership studies and other large group activities.

There is a serious need for an additional elevator in the building. There is currently one elevator for the entire staff and student population, and it is located in the back of the building, far from the main entrance. This creates a challenge for students with disabilities and other members of the school community who are injured. Right now, a student on crutches has to walk across the school to get to the second floor.

There are more than two dozen teachers who travel with mobile classrooms and library carts throughout the day. If the elevator is out of service, students must reorganize their schedules to remain on the first floor and teachers are forced to carry their carts up and down flights of stairs. The proposed project adds a second elevator closer to the front vestibule.

The creation of a multipurpose room would provide a designated space for alternative physical education and arts programming. Currently, alternative phys ed is taught in a 1,200-square-foot room designed for an industrial arts class. The room contains industrial plumbing fixtures, hanging electrical cords and stores audio/visual equipment, all of which serve as possible hazards to physical activity. If the CMS renovation project moves forward, the current Alt. PE room would be made into six offices that would be used by counselors, therapists and other faculty—some of whom currently work in storage closets.

I hope that with this information, residents are better equipped to make an informed vote on March 12. I encourage anyone with questions or concerns about the project to reach out to me directly at dryan@sau16.org.

David Ryan, Superintendent of Schools, SAU #16

CMS Renovation

As many neighbors know, I have been critical of the cost, size, and scope of the CMS renovation. I have attended almost all of the Renewal Committee meetings this past year and I know that the committee members, especially those from Stratham, Brentwood, and Asst. Principal Bill Perkins, have worked very hard on this new proposal. However, it is still a lot of money, especially for Brentwood taxpayers (approximately **\$184/year** after the first year, for 19 more years).

I also have a major concern that the Co-op hired a PR firm, John Guilfoil, last year for \$12,000 (according to the Superintendent) and is now spending \$10,000, **or 83%**, of that on informing the public about the renovation. I believe it is inappropriate to have a PR firm for this. I do not know what the Co-op will be spending the other \$2,000 for, but it is not credible to maintain that the PR firm was not hired for the renovation.

Liz Faria

Brentwood Recreation News

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
603-642-6400 ext. 120 • recreation@brentwoodnh.gov
www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation

Seniors: March's Senior Luncheon will be on **March 27th**. All luncheons begin at 11:00 am on the 4th Wednesday of every month and are hosted at the community center.

Adult Pick-Up Pickleball: Wednesdays, **March 6th – June 5th**. Join us for this FREE program at Swasey Central School gymnasium. All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. Pickleball is a low-impact sport that is a mix between tennis and badminton. Easy to learn and fun to play.

Babysitter Training Course: Certified Red Cross Instructor, Stephanie Sturgis, will be teaching a Babysitting course on **March 31st** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. During this course you will also receive CPR and First Aid certification. The course fee is \$100. Please call 603-793-4490 to RSVP at least one week prior to the event. Payment can be made the day of the class. Visit the Brentwood Recreation website for further information.

Foxwoods Casino Trip: Monday, April 1st. \$35/person. Fee includes transportation on coach bus, coffee & donuts, \$15 food voucher, AND \$15 gambling voucher and water/crackers. Bus leaves the community center at 7:30 am and returns around 7:30 pm. Please call the Recreation Office to reserve your seat(s).

Spring/Summer Programs: Our 2019 spring and summer programs are now open for registration! Watch for important deadlines. Visit our website or stop by the Rec Office to register for upcoming programs!

ONGOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Adult Yoga Class: Brentwood Community Center. Tues evenings, 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Join Cheryl Rossman RYT500, to relax and rejuvenate. \$64/eight-week session or \$10/class. www.letsgetmovin.com.

Yoga Movement For Seniors FREE: Brentwood Community Center. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

Tang Soo Do Classes: Mondays and Fridays. Brentwood Community Center, 6:30-8:00 pm. Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

Community Center

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rate! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application, or pick up an application at the Recreation office. For more information and to check availability, please contact the Recreation Department.

Andrew Gray, Brentwood Recreation Director

Brentwood Meeting Dates

Be sure to check the individual organization articles inside for many more activities and dates!

- Mar 4 **Brentwood School Board Meeting**, Swasey Central School, 6:30 pm
- Mar 5 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Mar 6 **Meet a Selectman**, Town Office Building, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Mar 7 **Planning Board Meeting**, Town Office, 7:00 pm
- Mar 7 **Cemetery Trustees Meeting**, Town Office, 5:00 pm
- Mar 8 **Brentwood School District Meeting**, Swasey Central School, 6:30 pm
- Mar 9 **Pinewood Derby**, Brentwood Recreation Center, 1:00 pm
- Mar 9 **Basement Bookstore Open**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Mar 11 **Friends of the Library Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 6:30 pm
- Mar 12 **Brentwood Town Elections**, Brentwood Recreation Center, 190 Route 125, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Mar 12 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Mar 12 **Brentwood Democratic Committee Meeting**, 66 Rowell Road East, 7:00 pm
- Mar 13 **Conservation Commission Meeting**, Town Office Building, 7:00 pm
- Mar 15 **Deadline to submit items for April BNL** (brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com)
- Mar 16 **Brentwood Town Meeting**, Swasey Central School, 9:00 am
- Mar 18 **Library Trustees Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:00 pm
- Mar 18 **Friends of the Library Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:30 pm
- Mar 19 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Mar 19 **Brentwood Gardeners Meeting**, Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Road, 7:00 pm
- Mar 19 **Parent Faculty Group Meeting**, Swasey Central School Library, 6:30 pm
- Mar 20 **Meet a Selectman**, Town Office Building, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Mar 21 **Planning Board Meeting**, Town Office Building, 7:00 pm
- Mar 21 **Junior American Citizens Club Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 5:00 pm
- Mar 23 **Basement Bookstore Open**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Mar 26 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Mar 26 **Recreation Commission Meeting**, Town Office Building, 6:30 pm
- Mar 27 **Senior Luncheon**, Brentwood Recreation Center, 11:00 am
- Mar 30 **BHS presents *Sketches of Lee: A Colored Man in Exeter***, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 1:00 pm

ONGOING FREE EVENTS

Mary E. Bartlett Library

Needle Arts Group

Meet every Tuesday from
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Brentwood Bookers

Discussion Group meets on
the last Monday night of each
month at 7:00 pm

Brentwood Community Center

Yoga Movement for Seniors

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:00 am
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9:00 am

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