



Candidates for Town and School Offices

The following filings for Town and School Offices were made during the required period from Jan. 20 – 29.

Office	<u>Selectmen</u>
Positions Available	1 for 3 years 1 for 2 years
Candidate(s)	David Menter (3 years)
Office	<u>Cemetery Trustees</u>
Position Available	1 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Brad Stevens
Office	<u>Library Trustees</u>
Positions Available	1 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Jim Clark
Office	<u>Moderator</u>
Position Available	1 for 2 years
	Richard Chamberlain
Office	<u>Municipal Budget Committee</u>
Positions Available	2 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Malcolm Allison Elyse Gallo Michelle Y. Siudut
Office	<u>Planning Board</u>
Positions Available	1 for 3 years 2 for 1 year
Candidate(s)	Bruce J. Stevens (3 years) Matthew Bergeron (1 year)
Office	<u>Supervisors of the Checklist</u>
Position Available	1 for 6 years
Candidate(s)	Charles J. Williamson
Office	<u>Trustees of the Trust Funds</u>
Positions Available	1 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Roger W. Crosby

Office	<u>School Board – Brentwood Dist.</u>
Position Available	1 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Melissa A. Litchfield
Office	<u>Treasurer – Brentwood District</u>
Position Available	1 for 2 years
Candidate(s)	John W. Mitchell
* Office	<u>Cooperative School Dist. Board</u>
Positions Available	1 for each listed position
Candidate(s)	<u>Brentwood</u> (3 years) Melissa A. Litchfield <u>Exeter</u> (3 years) Kimberly Meyer <u>Kensington</u> (3 years) James B. Webber <u>Stratham</u> (1 year) Travis Thompson
* Office	<u>ERCSD Budget Advisory Comm.</u>
Positions Available	1 from each town
Candidate (s)	<u>Exeter</u> (3 years) No one filed <u>Newfields</u> (3 years) No one filed <u>Stratham</u> (3 years) Lucy Cushman
* Office	<u>Co-op. School Dist. Moderator</u>
Position Available	1 for 1 year
Candidate(s)	Katherine B. Miller

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

Candidates' Night will be at the Mary E. Bartlett Library on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm.
Please come to meet, hear and talk to the candidates.

Brentwood NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD

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Wednesday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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Wednesday 10:30 am

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Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm

PLANNING BOARD

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Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd

Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

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FEBRUARY RECYCLING DATES

February 9 & 10 - February 23 & 24

WASTE TONNAGE FIGURES

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	113.17	114.99
Tons, recycled goods	22 (16%)	47.41 (29.1%)

Karen Clement - Town Administrator - Town of Brentwood

Fire Department Run Report for December 2015

1 Car Fire	1 Motor Vehicle Accident
1 Trash Fire	11 Good Intent calls
21 Emergency Med calls	11 False Alarms
1 Medical Assist	

THANK YOU TO OUR FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENTS

I would like to thank the Brentwood Fire and Police Departments for their quick response to the untimely death of my husband, John Hoover, on January 9, 2016. Many thanks for your kindness and comfort you showed me and my family.

Sincerely,

Colette Hoover

THANK YOU TO OUR MAILING CREW FOR JANUARY

Many thanks from the community to those in the Amanda's Way neighborhood who assembled the January issue of the Newsletter for mailing: Kathy Beggin, Marissa Beggin, Maura Beggin, Maquire Beggin, Annie Christiana, Brianna Consoli, Julie Consoli, Emily Litchfield, Olivia McGlashing and Dianne Vosgien.

Linda Rousseau on behalf of the Newsletter Committee

DEADLINE FOR MARCH ISSUE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

Please send your articles to Lynda McCann

Email: newsletterbrentwood@gmail.com

Mail: Brentwood Newsletter, 153A Pickpocket Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

BUSINESS CARD DIRECTORY

\$20 per insertion, available in April, September & December issues.

BUSINESS ARTICLE

\$100 half page, \$200 full page, available in any issue.

BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE 2016-17 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Hearing

Monday, February 8, 7:00 pm
Town Office Building.

Snow Date: Thursday, February 11, 7:00 pm

The Brentwood Budget Committee has met on 10 different occasions to consider the Brentwood Town Operating Budget (OB), Town Warrant and Bond Articles, the Swasey School OB, and School Warrant Articles (WA).

At the time I am writing this article, the deadline for posting WAs and citizen petitions has not passed, thus the figures discussed below may change. The Budget Committee will present our recommendations for all OBs, WAs and citizen petitions at the Monday, February 8 Public Hearing. The Budget Committee will hold a meeting(s) following the Public Hearing to finalize all budgets and recommendations.

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.

TOWN: Currently both the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend a Town OB of \$3,283,692, an increase of \$95,650.00 (3%) over FY2015. Much of this increase is due to changes in staffing, rising healthcare insurance and NH retirement costs, general insurance costs, replenishment of the Conversation fund, and a new server for the Town Offices.

A number of Town WAs will be put to vote at the Town Meeting on Saturday, March 12. They include items such as charitable contributions, additional appropriations to current capital reserve funds, appropriations for vehicle leases, and proposed establishment of new capital reserve funds. The Budget Committee recommends all WAs put forth at this time, except a single WA for \$20,000 to establish a new software capital reserve fund. The Budget Committee does not recommend a citizen petition for \$8,000 for the pur-

chase of fireworks due to concerns regarding liability. The total appropriations recommended by the Budget Committee for WAs (excluding the Town OB) are \$657,051 (0.458 tax impact). The Selectmen recommend \$677,051 (0.494 tax impact). Details regarding each WA and Budget Committee recommendations will be provide at the Public Hearing.

Lastly, the Budget Committee considered a \$1.25M bond to address updates to Prescott Road. The Selectmen provided a variety of support materials including detailed project estimates and bond payment schedules. No appropriations are required in 2016. The first payment of approximately \$160,000 for the 10 year bond would be in 2017. The Budget Committee recommends the Bond article.

SWASEY SCHOOL: The Swasey School Board put forward two warrant articles with financial implications to the Budget Committee. Warrant Article #1 - Swasey OB and Warrant Article #2 – establishing a Safety and Security Trust Fund.

The School Board presented an OB of \$5,460,975 at our January 11 meeting. This represents a \$257,579 (4.95%) increase over the approved FY15/16 budget. The OB does include funds for full-day kindergarten. The cost of full-day kindergarten was presented as \$270,050, composed mainly of two additional teachers and two paraprofessionals. If full-day kindergarten was not included, the OB would be \$5,190,925, a reduction of 0.24% compared with the FY15/16 budget.

The Budget Committee was provided in-depth information regarding the proposed budget whose major changes from last year include: a reduction of one teacher due to decreased enrollment, salary increases as part of contractual obligations, retirement costs, a request for \$35,000 for new wiring, a request for approximately \$20,000 for a new phone system, and a request for \$15,000 for safety and security.

Overall, the Budget Committee felt it was a favorable budget. Most of our discussions concerned whether the cost of full-day kindergarten should be included in the OB or presented to the voters as a separate WA. At this time, the Budget Committee does support Warrant Article #1 with an OB of \$5,460,975.

Warrant Article #2 proposes establishing a Safety and Security Trust Fund and to appropriate \$20,000 from

a FY15/16 unreserved fund balance. This Trust Fund would support future measures to increase the safety and security of Swasey. The Budget Committee has tentatively recommended this warrant article. The intended purpose and appropriation of the fund were discussed, however final wording of the WA was not available at the time of voting. The final Budget Committee vote will be held at our next meeting.

Please check your mailbox in early March for the Brentwood Newsletter! I will include the most up-to-date information about all budget figures and associated tax impacts that you will be voting on at the School Meeting (Friday, March 4), Town Meeting (Saturday, March 12), and at the polls (Tuesday, March 8).

*Krista Steger - Chair of the Brentwood Budget Committee
ksteger@brentwoodnh.gov*

REMINDERS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

- Partial payments of your taxes are acceptable.
- Boat registrations can be done at the Town Clerk's office.
- Dog licenses for 2016 are now available.
- If you are **transferring plates** to another vehicle, you must **bring in the old registration**.
- You always need two checks or cash to complete an auto registration: one for the State and one for the Town.

On Tuesday, February 9, the office will close at 4:30 pm. The office will be closed on President's Day, February 15.

* There will be a **Rabies Clinic** on April 16 at the Fire Station from 9 am – 12 pm

Phyllis Thompson - Town Clerk & Tax Collector

FROM THE DESK OF ALLEN COOK

Hello Brentwood Residents:

We have officially returned to the State House for our spring session. Can you believe we have 600 bills to deal with? It was more last session but I thought surely there will not be quite so many! Boy was I wrong...people seem to just want to control every aspect of life...but relax, no law, no rule can ever control human behavior and while we need rules, laws and regulations to have a civil society, none of these

can really bring the reform in America we so desperately need. Only people willing to examine their own hearts and lives and seek to live life from a higher place can ever bring reformation in society. When we admit that we see the world not as it really is but as we are, only then can we reform it to the peace and justice we seek. It's called personal responsibility for our life...we have made the choices that have brought us to where we are today and that is such good news! That means we can make better choices to take us to the future we desire.

So, now some legislation that was passed that affects us all...

HB 136

I heard from 6 constituents, 3 from Brentwood directly and 3 from other towns and districts. (One had a long list of emails of folks who supported it). The bill was first introduced to create a study committee to review constitutional amendments pending in Congress regarding the Supreme Courts ruling in regards to Citizens United. It would have been nice to have had the committee but that proposal failed, and the bill did as well. My reasoning for voting against this legislation was not an easy decision. In fact I voted for it the first time and then when the reconsider vote came I chose to vote against it. Money, i.e., big money, little money, private money, corporate money, union money, and your money if you are active in politics. has always been speculated to cause elected leaders to be swayed one way or another. I do not feel money is the problem. The people who are swayed by it for partisan or personal gain is the real issue. There have always been large sums of money (it's called lobbying) active in Washington politics. The Supreme Court's ruling did not suddenly create this massive Niagara Falls of money flowing into NH politics. It has always been here in one form or another. Just as there are other issues the Supreme Court has ruled on that many of you would be outraged if I were to vote to try and overturn the decision of the court, I decided to stay with the Court's ruling. If men and women can be swayed by money then I suggest they be voted out of office... in fact, if they get too carried away it's called jail time. That is the best answer to big money control in our National, State, and local politics.

SB 369

I heard from several folks in regards to voting against

this bill, none were Brentwood residents. First of all let me say that my heart goes out to any family who has experienced the loss of a loved one to the terrible nightmare of addiction. We hold these families in our thoughts and prayers and we weep with those who weep for their loss. This bill was introduced, in part, as a knee jerk reaction to the opiate/heroin epidemic we have been grappling with here these last two years in the Granite State. This seems, on the surface, a wonderful piece of legislation. The only drawback is that we have been teaching drug and alcohol education for many years in our schools. The task force created to study the problem this past October in special session came to this conclusion among other appropriate steps to take. I commend the task force for a job well done. Indeed, Education is one of the viable avenues desperately needed to confront this plague. However, extending this level of education to kindergarteners gave many of us pause. Also there was no parental consent given in the bill to allow parents to opt out. I know many will say it is implied but when you are making laws to regulate the lives of small children implication is simply not an option. And finally the mandate to do so takes away from the already great job many schools are doing and it takes away local control of the issue. There was no consideration given to age appropriateness. The bill passed with an amendment given by my committee, the Education Committee. We inserted the word should instead of shall. This gives leave way to local municipalities to go at their own pace in dealing with this difficult situation.

NOW, the last two weeks we have dealt with... authorizing the purchase of health insurance from out-of-state companies, a bill allowing wine manufacturers to establish up to 2 "off site" locations for the sampling and purchase of wines, reducing the annual cash dispensing machine requirements, a bill protecting companies from practicing "bad business" while keeping their customers in the dark, prohibiting insurers from requiring an optometrist to participate in a separate vision plan, prohibiting law enforcement from using a drone to collect evidence (surveillance), protections of the right of gun ownership, a bill eliminating an arbitrary legal distinction between concealed and open carry, repealing mandatory minimum sentences for specific crimes, a bill establishing guidance for the use of Body-Worn Cameras by police, requirements for filing a charter school application,

and the list goes on...

We are busy as you can see. There is much legislation to get through this session.

I will be in the Brentwood Town Hall on January 30th from 9:00 to 10:00 am if you would like to discuss anything with me in regards to upcoming legislation or past legislation. Just a note, if you need to contact me please call me on my cell phone at 603-770-5788. Some of you have called my home phone and we only check it once a month. Why? Because we all have cell phones now...LOL

I look forward to meeting you and I wish you the most productive and fruitful year you have ever experienced. May this year bring you the fulfillment of many of your most desired dreams!

Excelsior!

Allen W. Cook - State Rep Brentwood NH District 11 Rockingham County

\$2M ERCSD WARRANT ARTICLE FOR CMS EXPANSION

The Cooperative Middle School (CMS) Building Committee has spent the past several months reviewing a variety of materials including NH demographics and enrollment, educational programming, room usage, needs assessments, and engineering plans for CMS. I would like to take this opportunity to share some of that information to help you in evaluating the \$2M warrant article that you will be voting on at the Town Elections, Tuesday, March 8. This warrant article will have a significant impact on your taxes: \$0.618/\$1000 valuation which equates to \$216.30 on a \$350,000 home.

History: CMS was built in 1997 and opened to students in the fall of 1998. The total cost of construction was approximately \$15.6. Building aid from the State of NH provided 55% of the total cost of the project and significantly reduced the cost paid by the six towns in SAU 16. The final bond payment for the initial construction will be made in 2017.

Programming: Programming at CMS has evolved over the years to reflect educational trends, meet the expanding support needs of enrolled students, and match shifting curriculum such as fewer Family &

Consumer Sciences classes, expanded foreign language programs, and greatly increased participation in music classes and programs (over 90% of current students are enrolled in band and/or chorus).

Of course, the staff and use of the building have evolved to address these changes. At the time CMS opened its doors, the staff included a total of 125 adults. Today, to meet the changes in programming and support services, the staff has grown to 157 adults.

Building usage:

- Classroom usage is over 100% during most periods (student learning takes place in spaces not designed for that purpose)
- 20+ teachers are cart-based (they have no dedicated room and move from one room to another each period)
- Scheduling and space requirements dictate lunch is served in six (6), 25-minute periods that begin at 10:00 am. On average, it takes 16 minutes for all students to progress through the lunch line due to the cafeteria configuration
- PE curriculum is constrained due to space and safety – 120 children (4 classes) may use the gymnasium during a single PE class period
- Storage closets serve as offices including the nurse's office, the student services office, special education teacher offices, and guidance counselor offices

While the staff has adapted and maintains a high level of flexibility the building is now dictating programming. Every child, not just a small subset of students, is negatively impacted by the building. This is the central driver for renovation and expansion of CMS.

Enrollment: In the fall of 1998 the enrollment was 1269 students, broken into 12 'pods' composed of approximately 100-110 students each. Similar to today, homeowners at the time of building construction were looking to balance budget and needs. One result was that the building was constructed with 10 pod areas rather than 12 which required (and continues to require) two pods to 'float'. CMS enrollment increased to just over 1360 in 2007 and remained fairly stable for past 8 years, however, there was a decline of 5% this year. The enrollment in December of 2015 was 1289.

Using the current elementary school enrollment as a means to project future CMS enrollment we anticipate seeing a decline. This assumes there is no significant net influx of new families. In an effort to better understand enrolment trends the Building Committee reached out to Peter Francese, a professional demographer. His presentation indicated that 80% of School Administrative Units (SAUs) in NH have lower 5 year enrollments. Rockingham County was identified as having NH's highest population growth (over half of state's growth) and is projected to have higher growth in Millennials (ages 20-39). The takeaway message of the presentation was not one of increasing enrollment, but rather one of a near stable or slightly decreasing population of school-age children. We believe SAU16 has an opportunity with the excellent reputation of our schools to attract new families, maintaining the health of our schools, and keeping cost/student in check.

Recommendations: Through our information gathering and needs assessments it became evident that even if there is a decrease in enrollment, the building will continue to negatively impact programming. The committee developed a set of 4 building needs (in order of priority):

1. Increased number of classrooms
2. Increased size and altered configuration of the cafeteria
3. Additional space for music programs
4. An auxiliary gymnasium

One aspect of the committee is to align building expansion and budgetary outlays with fulfillment of needs and importantly that it can be financially supported by the community. While a lot of progress has been made, the Building Committee felt it was premature at this time to recommend putting a large bond article in front of voters. We believe community input, final construction plans, and detailed pricing are needed prior to asking the voters to commit to a bond. We do, however, know from initial estimates that the cost could be as high as \$15M.

The New Hampshire Legislature has suspended all building aid, so our communities will be responsible for 100% of expansion/renovation costs. Thus we understand the degree to which our identified needs can be met is ultimately determined by cost. While the

committee focuses in 2016 on gathering community input and finalizing plans and costs, we recommended to the ERCSD School Board establishing a new CMS Renovation & Expansion Trust Fund and appropriating \$2M for that purpose. This money could not be spent without the future approval of the voters. The ERCSD School Board, ERCSD Budget Advisory Committee and the CMS Building Committee all recommend this warrant article.

Expansion details will be presented at the ERCSD Deliberative Session on Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 pm at Exeter High School. It is your opportunity to learn more and to either confirm or amend the dollar figure associated with this warrant article.

I encourage you to contact me for more information or to provide feedback. We are actively looking to hear from the SAU16 communities regarding this initiative.

Krista Steger - Brentwood Repr., CMS Building Committee
ksteger@brentwoodnh.gov

EXETER REGIONAL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET - 2016/17

This article contains information that I hope you will find helpful when considering the three warrant articles with financial implications regarding the ERCSD that you will be asked to vote on at the Town Elections, Tuesday, March 8, 2016:

- Cooperative School District Operating Budget
- Turf Replacement Capital Reserve Fund
- Establishment of a Cooperative Middle School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund

The ERCSD **Deliberative Session on Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 pm at the Exeter High School** is your one and only opportunity to amend what numbers go on the final ballot. I highly encourage you all to attend the Deliberative Session as the ERCSD budget is by far the largest contributor to your tax bill.

ERCSD FY2016/17 OPERATING BUDGET

Warrant Article #1 will present two options – the proposed budget and the default budget.

Proposed - \$56,692,794 (1.74% over 15/16 budget)

Default – \$56,520,140 (1.43% over 15/16 budget)

Difference between proposed & default - \$172,654

The default budget represents the funds required to maintain all the current services as well as any legal obligations, such as increases within Teacher and Administrator contracts. Some of larger needs addressed by the additional \$172,654 within the proposed budget include approximately \$14,000 for risers, \$10,000 for unified sports, and \$40,000 for various facilities needs. More detailed information about both the default and proposed budgets will be presented at the Deliberative Session on Thursday, February 4. Please note that the proposed budget can be changed by you at the Deliberative Session. The Budget Advisory Committee supports the proposed budget.

TURF REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

The synthetic turf field at the Exeter High School is anticipated to need replacement in 5-6 years which will cost approximately \$350,000. Last year a Turf Replacement Capital Reserve Fund was established and currently has a balance of \$50,000. Warrant Article #2 proposes appropriating \$50,000 from a June 30 unreserved fund balance (surplus funds from FY14/15) towards this Capital Reserve Fund. While this will not represent an increase in your taxes, it will use funds that would otherwise be returned to you (tax impact = 0.015 cents/\$1000 valuation). This is a 'yes' or 'no' vote at the polls. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this warrant article.

RENOVATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Warrant Article #3 proposes establishing a new Cooperative Middle School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund and appropriating the sum of \$2,000,000 to be placed in this fund. This equates to an increase in your taxes of 0.618 /\$1000 valuation (\$216.30 for a \$350,000 house). The purpose of this fund is to support the future renovation and expansion of the Cooperative Middle School. Funds from this Capital Reserve Fund cannot be spent without future voter approval. This represents a large increase in taxes, so I encourage you to become familiar with the building and programming needs of CMS and the options being considered by the ERCSD School Board and CMS Building Committee. Please see the CMS Building Committee Update article within this issue of the Newsletter for details. This is a 'yes' or 'no' vote at the polls. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this warrant article.

For more information on the ERCSD budget please feel free to contact me or visit <http://www.sau16.org/index.php/home/financial-info-budget-warrant-16-17/216-exeter-region-cooperative-budget-and-warrant-information-16-17>.

Krista Steger - Brentwood Representative, ERCSD Budget Advisory Committee
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ERCSD WARRANT ARTICLE SUMMARY

	Tax Impact			Tax Impact	
	Dollars (\$)	(\$1/1000)		Dollars (\$)	(\$1/1000)
ERCSD Operating Budget - Default	\$56,520,140	0.069	ERCSD Operating Budget - Proposed	\$56,692,794	0.123
Turf Replacement	\$50,000	0.015	Turf Replacement	\$50,000	0.015
CMS Renovation	\$2,000,000	0.618	CMS Renovation	\$2,000,000	0.618
Total \$ (default)	\$58,570,140	0.702	Total \$ (proposed)	\$58,742,794	0.756
Impact on \$350,000 Home		\$245.70	Impact on \$350,000 Home		\$264.60

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY: FEBRUARY 9, 2016

The New Hampshire Presidential Primary Election will be Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Polls will be open at the Brentwood Community Center from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Absentee ballots are now available at the Town Clerk's office. They must be turned in by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 8. For more information call the Town Clerk's office, 642-6400, X 14.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

As you know, the Presidential Primary is every four years and a State Primary every two years.

Primary Elections are the only elections where the voter has to declare a political party. If you are a registered Republican or Democrat, to vote you will need to take the appropriate ballot. If you are registered as Undeclared, to vote you must declare a party and take either a Republican or Democrat ballot.

Here the important part in declaring a party is that, if you want to remain Undeclared, you must see the Supervisors immediately after voting. The Supervisors will have you sign the Return to Undeclared book. This book lists the names of all the registered undeclared voters including those new voters registered on Election Day. The header at the top of all pages in the Return to Undeclared book reads "I hereby request that my political party be changed from Party Choice to Undeclared." signed under the pains and penalties of perjury. (RSA 654:34) You will be required to write down how you voted in the Primary Election and sign your name. These actions will return you to your previous Undeclared Status.

If you are an Undeclared registered voter and you take either a Republican or Democrat ballot and DON'T STOP AND SEE the Supervisors immediately after voting to change back to Undeclared status, you will no

longer be an Undeclared voter. The party ballot you selected for voting will be recorded and posted on the Official Voter Checklist as your party of choice. This is how someone who was previously registered Undeclared now sees their name on the checklist as either a Republican or a Democrat.

If you are uncertain about your current status, you can view the Voter Checklist at the Town Clerk's Office and it is also on the Town's Website.

Please note that the information noted on the Checklist is public information: voter number, voter name, resident and mailing addresses and party declaration (RSA 654.31). However, the database in which other voter information is recorded is private and confidential and is not public information.

Mary Clancey, Mary Lee Clancey, Skip Williamson - Supervisors of the Checklist

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSES RESOURCE PROTECTION ORDINANCE CHANGES

Twenty five years ago the Town of Brentwood adopted a suite of natural resource protection ordinances geared at insuring the vitality of the Town's natural environs well into the future. At that time the only protective zoning ordinance for natural resources was the wetlands conservation district ordinance. In 1991 the Town added ordinances protecting the Town's shoreline and aquifer groundwater resources. There have been intermittent amendments to these ordinances over the years but nothing more. In an effort to ensure our ordinances are up to date the Brentwood Planning Board began work with Truslow Resource Consulting LLC of Portsmouth, NH in May 2015 to update and improve the town wetland, shoreland and aquifer protection ordinances. The work was performed with the assistance of a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Source Water Protection Section. During a series of six meetings background on the water resources in the town was provided and suggested updates and enhancement to the ordinances were discussed and applied to the existing ordinances. A copy of these updated ordinances can be viewed at <http://truslowrc.com/about/client-portal/town-of-brentwood-natural-resource-ordinances-update/>. Also included are several maps and presentations that provide additional background.

The proposed ordinance changes fall into three broad categories. First, the Board wanted to insure that all references to state laws and administrative rules are correct. Many instances were found of obsolete references resulting in proposed amendments. Second, the ordinances have been reformatted so that they all look similar; with definition sections at the front, permitted and prohibited uses outlined, and require appeals sections found at the end. The third category of changes is those that result in changes to the intent of the ordinance. These represent the fewest changes as well. Notable examples are the inclusion of new Best Management Practice references for agricultural and forestry and for safe use of fertilizers and herbicides/pesticides within all the ordinances. The wetlands ordinance adds vernal pools as a wetland resource and includes protections for vernal pools in residential zones. Finally, the shoreland ordinance now incorporates the term riparian buffer within the ordinance purpose and emphasizes the importance of buffers to the health of streams and rivers.

The Planning Board encourages residents to approve the amended ordinances at this year's annual Town Meeting in March.

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET 2016-2017

Dear Fellow Brentwood Residents:

It has been an honor to serve you for the past three years. It has been a very busy time on the Brentwood School Board. This roller coaster, so to speak, has done nothing but make us stronger... stronger as a Board and as a Community. I would like to thank the Board members for all of their hard work and dedication. Each and every one of the School Board members has given 100% and contributed a great deal. The SAU 16 Office of Superintendent has offered great support, and I would be remiss if I did not mention how the Swasey staff carried themselves with such grace and dignity through it all. I would also like to thank the residents for their ongoing support. It meant a great deal, to see so many folks at the Budget Hearing last year and at the Annual School District meeting.

SCS Operating Budget 2016-17

The Brentwood School Board has voted unanimously to support an operating budget of \$5,460,975. This is a 4.95% increase over the current budget due to the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten. **The Brentwood Municipal Budget Committee has also voted to support the proposed budget of \$5,460,975.**

We currently offer two half day sessions of Kindergarten with one Teacher and one Instructional Aide. In order to implement Full Day Kindergarten (FDK), we have added two additional Teachers, two additional Instructional Aides and the cost of supplies. The increase in the budget does also include an update to our current phone system and wiring. The system is about eighteen years old. We are no longer able to obtain support or parts for our phone system.

The proposed budget would have a \$.46/\$1,000 tax impact. This would be \$138/year or just shy of \$12/month on a \$300,000 house.

The NH DOE has posted the average per pupil cost by District for 2014-2015. Brentwood once again earned the honor of lowest cost per pupil in the District at \$14,308.32. We are also well below the State Average Cost per pupil of \$16,933.45. For those who are curious, here is the average cost per pupil of the other elementary schools within our District... East Kingston \$18,330.79, Exeter \$15,671.38, Kensington \$18,224.82, Newfields \$16,194.94, and Stratham \$15,721.39.

Exeter is planning to put forth a request to voters for a 5.4-million-dollar bond, in order to expand Main Street School, and add eight additional classrooms needed to implement FDK (a small portion of this money will be used for necessary upgrades in the school). **The 5.4 million dollars is simply to make space for FDK. This dollar amount does not include the cost of staff or supplies.** Here in Brentwood, we have the space for FDK. There is no additional cost for new construction or enhancements to our existing building!

Full Day Kindergarten (FDK)

Kindergarten and the dynamics of the American family have evolved a great deal over the past several years. No longer are the days where kindergarten is a child's first experience away from Mom or Dad, a

time of simply adjusting to friendships, social play and coloring. The demands of kindergarten have increased a great deal over the last several years. It is not uncommon to hear kindergarten referred to as the "new first grade." Along with these higher social and academic expectations, the dynamics of the modern family have changed as well. We are seeing more and more families with two working parents. With this change, children are facing many transitions throughout any given day from one caregiver to the next, especially in a half day kindergarten environment.

It is our job to consider what is in the best interest of the child. That being said, we must consider many factors including: the Common Core Standards were developed for a FDK program, the stability/continuity of the school day for our kindergarten age children, and the academic direction of SAU 16. The elementary schools in SAU 16 have been and continue to transition to a FDK program (East Kingston, Kensington and Stratham currently offer FDK. Newfields has an Extended Day Kindergarten program. Exeter is in the works for FDK). We must also consider the widespread transition to FDK across the state and nation. This does directly impact the level education we offer, and ultimately this does also impact our property values.

I would like to share a sampling of the academic expectations in Kindergarten. Please keep in mind, the children are trying to accomplish this within a 2.5-hour school day. The children are expected to count to 100 by tens and ones. They are expected to start at any given number and not just the number one. They need to solve addition and subtraction word problems. They must fluently add and subtract within five. For any number from 1 to 9, find the number that makes 10 when added to the given number. Analyze and compare two and three dimensional shapes, in different sizes and orientations, using informal language to describe similarities, differences, parts, and other attributes.

The children are expected to associate the long and short sounds with the common spellings for the five major vowels. They are to use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose... opinion pieces, informative text and narratives. They are also expected to read texts with purpose and understanding. This is just a sampling. Time is also needed for science, social studies, art, dramatic play, fine motor skill

development, exploration, and participation in school-wide events. Somehow the teachers have managed to find a way to squeeze in computer lab, library, p.e. and snack as well. I haven't even touched on the kids trying to get their winter gear on and off. I bet that could take twenty minutes in and of itself!

One fact that I personally find fascinating and would bet is a "little known fact", when the kindergarten teachers must evaluate the children throughout the year, they must sit one on one with each student in order to evaluate them. It is not as though they are offering a standardized test in front of a computer. Think about this, the children are only at school for 2.5 hours per day, early release days there is no kindergarten, and a two-hour delay can often cause a cancellation in a.m. kindergarten. We are expecting all of this learning to go on, but within 2.5 hours, with many missed days, and a teacher who is possibly pulled out of the classroom for hours at a time in order to facilitate assessments.

MY OPINION

Three years ago, I personally was opposed to a FDK Program. After much research and deliberation, I truly do not feel it is fair to anyone to continue with a 2.5-hour program. I do not feel it is fair to expect the children to learn all that is expected of them in this amount of time, it is not fair to expect the kindergarten teachers to teach all of this in that allotted time, and it is certainly not fair to the children and teachers once they begin Grade 1. When entering Grade 1, they are already beginning the year behind. How can that be good for a child's self-esteem? It also puts the teacher behind from day one and why? There is no reason for this to occur. Putting aside any frustration this may cause, it is also a financial factor, we are now looking at possible "intervention" to help these children "catch up."

HISTORICAL DATA AND FDK

In March of 2014, the Brentwood School Board did put forth a Warrant Article for FDK. The vote was quite close. FDK was voted down by just eighteen votes.

In March of 2015, for financial reasons, the School Board voted not to put forth a Warrant Article or support the implementation of FDK. Although, two Citizen petitions were put forth on the ballot. Both Citizen petitions were "tabled" at the School District

Meeting, and a vote did not take place for the implementation of FDK.

In March of 2016, the Swasey Operating Budget will include FDK. This decision has the support of both the Brentwood School Board and the Brentwood Municipal Budget Committee. The final decision will be left to the Brentwood voters.

PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE

As many of you may be aware, the SAU 16 Safety and Security committee meets three times per year. This group is made of the Chief of Police from each town in our District, School Board Members, Administration, Office of Superintendent, Homeland Security. I could go on! Throughout this process, Homeland Security has made recommendations for Safety and Security Enhancements throughout our schools. **The Brentwood School Board with the support of the Brentwood Municipal Budget Committee is putting forth a warrant article requesting we start a Safety and Security Fund. We would like \$20,000 from the 2015-2016 General Fund be placed in a Safety and Security Fund for any necessary safety and security enhancements.** The Board is not asking for additional money; we are asking that we utilize money from the current budget that would have otherwise been returned to the town at the end of the year.

The Brentwood School District meeting will be held at Swasey Central School on Friday, March 4, 2016 at 6 p.m. Childcare will be available and generously provided by the Swasey PFG. *IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE, YOU MUST DO SO PRIOR TO THE MEETING. IF YOU ARE ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE, YOU ARE ALL SET!!!*****

I realize this is lengthy and I have sent much information your way. I thank you for your patience and for reading this article thoroughly. I did want to take a moment to thank the members of both the School Board and the Budget Committee for such a smooth Budget Season!

The School Board meetings are held the first Monday of every month in the Swasey Central School library at 6:15 pm The meetings are open to the public, and we encourage folks to attend. The Agenda includes public comment at both the beginning and end of our meetings! We welcome and value your input! You are also welcome to contact the Board at any time. A

copy of the proposed budget for 2016-2017 and our contact information can all be found on the SAU 16 website. If you are looking for further information regarding kindergarten and standards, this may be found by viewing the Common Core Standards for Kindergarten. You are also always welcome to call or email our principal, Mr. Ron Kew.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa A. Litchfield - Chair, Brentwood School Board

NEW HAMPSHIRE MEDICAID EXPANSION

On Sunday, March 13, from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, join Representative Allen Cook, other members of the legislature, Michael Hamilton of The Heartland Institute, and other New Hampshire residents at Grace Ministries International, 263 Route 125, Brentwood, 603-642-7848, to discuss the impacts of expanding Medicaid throughout the state.

This year, the New Hampshire legislature will once again consider expanding Medicaid. Currently, New Hampshire's Medicaid program covers low-income children, parents with non-disabled children under 18, pregnant women, older residents, and people with disabilities. The proposed expansion would add about 50,000 Medicaid recipients, including anyone under 65 who earns up to 138 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

The Heritage Foundation estimates Medicaid expansion would cost New Hampshire taxpayers \$126 million more than if the state does not expand. They also found Medicaid expansion is likely to increase emergency room use by 40 percent, resulting in longer wait times and higher costs. Recent research also casts doubt on whether Medicaid expansion improves the care patients receive.

The program begins at 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, with question and answers after the presentation. Join us as we delve into this important issue that affects all New Hampshire residents. **Michael Hamilton**, our guest speaker, is a Heartland Institute

research fellow and the managing editor of Health Care News. A graduate of Hillsdale College, Michael taught American literature and government for six years in Massachusetts and Ohio. In 2013 he co-founded Ohio Conservative Review and the freelance writing and editing company Good Comma Editing, LLC. He has written for The Federalist, PJ Media, WORLD, The Philos Project, Canon & Culture, Lifesitenews.com, the Washington Free Beacon, the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation blog Dissident, and other sites and publications. Michael serves on the board of the Forge Leadership Network.

The Heartland Institute is a 31-year-old national nonprofit organization headquartered in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Its mission is to discover, develop, and promote free-market solutions

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Brentwood Neighbors:

Please join us in voting yes, for CBS funding at the annual Brentwood School District Meeting to be held on Friday, March 4, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Swasey Central School. You will be joining Citizen's Petition signers who want to provide equitable Child Benefit Services (CBS) on behalf of the 4 Brentwood children in kindergarten through 5th grade who are attending Sacred Heart School in Hampton, NH. The request is for \$3893.60 and reflects school attendance during the 2015-2016 school year. In addition, please sign a petition to fund and amend NH's RSA: 198:22 CBS Grants which could reduce the local tax impact of this request up to 70%. Four commonly asked questions and answers follow.

1. What are Child Benefit Services (CBS)? RSA: 189:49 allows taxpayers to fund and appropriate beneficial educational services and materials to public and non-public school students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Examples include: school nurse, educational testing, textbooks and instructional materials, health and welfare services equivalent to those provided by public schools including speech correction and remedial and diagnostic

BAKE SALE ON PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

The Brentwood Seniors will have a Bake Sale table at the Primary Election on Tuesday, February 9. In addition to the items baked by its members, home-baked items from town residents and friends will be gratefully received. For more information please call Alma Vahey, president, 679-8635.

services and physical education.

2. What will this cost me, the Brentwood real estate tax payer? The tax impact would be 0.006950 cents/\$1000 house valuation. The average house in Brentwood is \$350k, so average house total impact is \$2.43. Note that this is prior to the possibility of the CBS Grants law being funded and amended. If that were to occur and the request was covered up to 70%, the impact for the average Brentwood home could be 0.73 cents.

Note: A non-public school student does not receive state funding such as base adequacy: \$3,561.27 (1/2 for kindergarten) or a \$3000.00 grant** similar to a charter school student. This results in the state not having to appropriate approximately \$500,000.00 on behalf of SHS students each year. If 1/5th of these dollars were directed to fund an amended RSA: 198:22: CBS-Grants law, then this CBS request could be covered up to 70%.*

3. Who monitors CBS fund usage? The public school district. Upon taxpayer approval, SAU 16 receives and maintains all K-12 public and non-public school child benefit service funds in a similar manner. When monetary requests are made on behalf of Brentwood students funds are released to the service provider or material vendor, not to the school itself.

4. What about the separation of church and state? According to the NH Justices: "Textbooks, physician, nurse and health services, and hot lunches are nonideological; there is no danger that they will be used to foster religion; they are furnished at the request of the student, not the school; and, there will be no need for continuing surveillance which would lead to excessive entanglement. Therefore, the aid is constitutionally permissible. Opinion of the Justices, 115 N.H. §553 (1975)." ***

We hope that you will support this appeal, made on behalf of K-5th grade children, enabling them to equitably access beneficial educational services and materials. Please call or email us to make arrangements to sign the CBS Grant petition or directly contact our State Representative: Allen Cook.

Thank you,

Jane and Bob Duarte

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duarte603@comcast.net

*FY2017 Estimated Adequate Education Aid: http://education.nh.gov/data/documents/fy2017_explained.pdf

** Charter Per Pupil Aid 16-17 form: http://education.nh.gov/data/documents/charter_per_pupil_1617.pdf

***U.S. DOE State Regulation of Private Schools: Retrieved from page 179.

A Letter to Every Brentwood Taxpayer:

The Swasey school board has submitted their 2016-17 budget proposal to the Budget Committee. Their proposed budget totals \$5,460,975, an increase of 4.95% over last year's approved budget. This increase is due to the costs of full-day kindergarten which are incorporated in the operating budget instead of as a Warrant Article format for voters to decide on. Half day Kindergarten programming is currently offered here in Brentwood.

The idea of full-day kindergarten is not new. It has been brought before the voters twice in the last two years. In 2015 the idea was tabled; in 2014 the voters voted against implementing full day kindergarten.

It concerns me that the School Board would go ahead and include in their proposed budget a program which the voters have voted against. It has been the habit in Brentwood that new programs, construction or non-mandated costs are brought before the voters to decide. Why is the school board trying to circumvent that process?

Let's talk numbers for a moment. According to the proposed school budget, implementing full day kindergarten would require two additional teachers with benefits and two additional aides, a cost of \$270,049.88. Full day kindergarten will add \$.46/thousand to the current tax rate. Without full day kindergarten, the school tax impact would actually decrease by \$.02/thousand.

Keep in mind, this is not the only tax burden for Brentwood residents. If the Coop budget passes that will add from \$.70-.78/thousand. Between these two budgets the tax impact on a \$350,000 home will see a minimum increase of more than \$400 per year in property tax. And that is not including the town budget, or a \$20,000 warrant article to improve security at Swasey or any other warrant articles.

I emailed each member of the Swasey school board, asking that this item be separate from their budget. I emailed the chair of the Budget Committee, asking that they consider the same request. Now I ask you, the voters: is this the new way politics will play out in our town – bypassing discussions by the voters? Or will the voters be offered a choice?

The budget – with or without full-day kindergarten – will be voted on at the school district meeting on Friday, March 4. Whether or not you have children attending Swasey school, as a taxpayer you should help determine what is and isn't funded in their budget. After all, you are footing the bill. Please take the opportunity to make the decision for yourself, rather than letting someone else make it for you. Please attend school district meeting and vote.

Thank you,

Michelle Siudut

THANK YOU SCOUT TROOP 322

On behalf of the Brentwood Cemetery Trustees, a belated big thank you to town Scout Troop 322 who helped out by removing the small grave site flags at the Tonry Cemetery back in November, in preparation for the coming winter. The efforts of Tyler Silverwood, Gavin Shiladay and their leader, Jim Clements is much appreciated.

Brad Stevens - Cemetery Trustee

SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **George Radford**, 66, of Pickpocket Road, who died December 27, 2015 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Born in Boston, he studied at Phillips Exeter Academy, Brandeis University and Boston University. He grew up in Weston, MA, Hockessin, DE and lived in Waltham, Brighton and Wakefield, MA. A leader in the field of software and technology, he worked most recently as Field CTO at Pivotal, and earlier at ANOVA Consulting Group, EMC, Greenplum, Dataupia, CIBER Consulting, and Idealab. He was also active as a leader of the Exeter Junior Baseball League and in several capacities at Christ Episcopal Church, Exeter.

Sincere sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **John A. Hoover**, 66, of Deer Hill Road, who died unexpectedly at his home on January 9, 2016. Born and raised in Newburyport, MA, he lived in Newmarket for a time and moved to Brentwood in 1993. He worked as a millwright for Bailey Corp., Seabrook for 28 years and retired in 2011 from Phillips Exeter Academy as a boiler room fireman. An avid New England sports fan, he enjoyed playing golf, hunting and fishing.

The community extends its sympathy and friendship to the family of **Betty-Lou Ayers**, 86, of Middle Road, who died suddenly at her home on January 15, 2016. A lifelong resident of Brentwood, she was formerly employed at Kingston Warren in Newfields, Wheelabrator-Frye in Hampton, and Sandra Montrone in Hampton Falls, before retiring in 2008. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Exeter. A dedicated wife, mother and grandmother, she enjoyed cooking and entertaining for others.

Deep sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Kenneth W. Lutes**, 85, of Route 125, who passed away unexpectedly at his home on January 15, 2016. He was born in Malden, MA and was a football star at Malden High School. After serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, he moved to Brentwood in 1958. He was employed as a machinist for Lewis Shepard in Watertown, MA and Textron in Salem, NH. A dedicated husband and father, he was predeceased by his wife Barbara and his two daughters, Susan and Carol Lutes. In his free time he took great pleasure in working with wood.

The community extends its sympathy and friendship to the family of **Stephen H. "Steve" Braley Sr.**, 64, of Ladd Road, who died at his home on January 17, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Exeter, grew up in Deerfield and Kingston. Her and his wife Linda were longtime residents of Raymond before moving to Brentwood 18 years ago. He was a maintenance workers for United Machine in Brentwood for 8 years and later worked in landscaping and plowing for Gregg's Lawn and Garden in Raymond. He enjoyed camping trips with his family, coaching Little League baseball, and doing scrap metal work.

THE PILGRIM UCC

The Pilgrim UCC (197 Middle Rd/Rt 111A) monthly Free Community Breakfast is building and will be served this month on Sunday, February 21st, 8:30-9:30 am. Delicious corned beef hash, homemade baked goods, eggs, sausage and bacon, a huge bowl of fruit, pitchers of juice, coffee & tea will be served by our great breakfast crew. Everybody is welcome! Come, fill up, warm up, and enjoy some toasty time with neighbors and friends.

Looking for some time just to reflect, calm down and center on those things that are important? Does great music help you to do this? Or perhaps your whole family would like to discover a place where your children can find friends, and all of you can focus on your spiritual life? Pilgrim United Church of Christ (rooted in the Congregational tradition) offers worship, intentional, upbeat time with children followed by classes, and a time of fellowship at 10 am each Sunday. Wherever you are on life's journey, you are most welcome. Here, you may find a home for your heart.

Rev. Linda Lea Snyder

IT'S SUPERNATURAL!

As a Christian do you long to see God move in your life like He did in the Bible? Well, come join us on Wednesday evenings at Grace Ministries International Church in Brentwood NH. We will be discussing what is prophecy... from Biblical prophecy to personal prophesy. You too may be a prophetic person. Prophecy is a flow of the Holy Spirit to the minds and hearts of men. For too long the church has forgotten that the longing of God's heart when He sent His son, Jesus, has never changed. He is the SAME, yesterday, today, and forever! What He did two-thousand years ago, he will do today. Service begins at 263 Route 125 in Brentwood (across from Bessie's) at 7:00 pm in our prayer room called the King's Chamber. Hope to see then!

Pastor Allen Cook

BRENTWOOD SENIORS

The February meeting of the Brentwood Seniors will take place at the Community Center on Wednesday, February 24. Members will gather at 11 am for appetizers and social hour. Information about the

lunch buffet and the program are not available at this writing. Details will be announced at the meeting on January 27.

The Seniors will have charge of a Bake Sale table at Primary Election Day, Tuesday, February 9. All members are requested to bake items for the table. Volunteers will also be needed in two-hour time slots to assist customers at the table. The time slots will be 8:00-10:00, 10:00-12:00, 12:00-2:00, and 2:00-4:00 or until the table is sold out.

Annual Membership dues of \$7.00 are due at this time. Those who have not yet renewed their membership may register with Marion Arkell, treasurer, at the meeting. New members are always welcome. You do not have to be a Brentwood resident to join the Brentwood Seniors. For further information please call Alma Vahey, president, at 679-8635.

Linda Rousseau

BRENTWOOD GARDENERS

The January meeting of the Gardeners was the traditional Chili Night and once again it was a terrific beginning to the evening, spiced with plenty of conversation and laughter. We then settled down to hear a fascinating talk on "Attracting Bees, Butterflies & Beneficials" by Ginny Shannon, herbalist. Many thanks to Susanne Hannon for arranging this special program.

The February meeting will be a group tour of the Newton Greenhouse. Details are being arranged by Joanne Davis. Members will be notified by email of when and where to meet for the drive to Newton. January was Membership Renewal month with the Gardeners. Anyone who did not see Gladys Ray, treasurer, with the annual dues of \$15 per person (\$20 for self plus spouse or one other family member) may do so at the February meeting. New members are always welcome. Being a resident of Brentwood is not a requirement for belonging to this fun group of "country gardeners." For more information feel free to call one of the Co-Presidents, Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

Linda Rousseau

BRENTWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society will not have public programs in February or March. The Museum is always available to be opened on request. Interested persons may contact Alma Vahey, President, at 679-8635.

We are always interested in items you would like to donate to the Society. These items could be in the form of books, clothing, quilts, tools, small appliances or furniture, toys, photos or significant letters or other papers. Any items from your house or barn that represent life in the last 50-75 years or longer are welcome.

The January-February period is the time for joining or renewing membership in the Historical Society. Membership dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per family. Members are notified of all programs and events, receive at least two newsletters a year, and have access to all the resources of the Museum and its library. Your membership check will indicate your approval and support of the Museum and its activities. Feel free to visit our website, www.brentwoodnhhistory.org. A membership application may be printed from the website and mailed to Brentwood Historical Society, Albert E. Belanger, Secretary, 128 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833.

Linda Rousseau

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL PARENT FACULTY GROUP

“Swing your partner, do-si-do”! Come take part in the first Community Square Dance at Swasey School on Thursday, February 11 from 6:30-8:00 pm. This evening is going to feature Ellen Carlson, calling and playing the fiddle, along with another caller playing the mandolin. This event is sure to keep everyone’s arms swinging and feet moving to the lively fiddle music. Come join the fun!

Volunteers Needed. The PFG is looking for volunteers to help watch children during the annual School District meeting, if interested please email: swasey.pfg@gmail.com or contact the school.

Please keep on clipping Box Tops! After you have clipped the Box Tops, send them into school. The Box Top money is used to support many worthy projects; the shade structure is a good example of the use of Box Top money.

Sheila S. Lane - On behalf of the Swasey PFG

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Ahh, February the month for love and snow!



First, let's step back and take a moment to recognize that 19 crafters at our annual Holiday Craft Sale who sold 363 items helped raise \$513 that will go to the library for children's books and the student volunteers, food donors, and all who came to visit Santa. It

is small community events like these that make a big impact for our town. The Friends of the Library and the Mary Bartlett Library staff are always humbled by the time and generosity of those who participate in annual events like these.

Tax season is approaching can you add the Mary Bartlett Library as places you donated to in 2015?

There are multiple ways to support the library, however, funding is always in need to be able to continue great programs like the Santa event and provide passes. There are donation envelopes at the library if someone would like to drop off a donation. There is a new way to donate to the library! For a twenty dollar donation you will be provided several lists of book recommendations. This also makes a great list for all of the Goodreads.com people who are looking to beat their friends on the 2016 reading challenge.

For the smaller reader in your home here are a few snow themed books to consider:

The Thing About Yetis

Vin Vogel

Once Upon A Northern Night

Jean E. Pendziwol and Isabelle Arsenault

The Tea Party In The Woods

Akiko Miyakoshi

Toys Meet Snow

Emily Jenkins and Paul Zelinsky

The Gruffalo's Child

Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

**** Discovering NE Stone Walls Th. 3/31 @ 7 pm ****

Friends of the Library Next Meeting:

February 10 @ 12:30 pm

KINDERGARTEN / FIRST GRADE ENROLLMENT

Swasey Central School Kindergarten: If you have a child who will be five years old by September 30, 2016 and you will be sending him/her to Swasey School kindergarten, please call the Swasey School office (642-3487) and give them your child's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth. Please call by March 1.

Swasey Central School First Grade: If you have a child who will be six years old by September 30, 2016, and has not been attending Swasey School kindergarten, but will be coming to first grade in the fall, please call the Swasey School Office (642-3487) and give them your child's name, address, telephone number, and place and date of birth. Place call by March 1.

Thank you,

Genevieve Y. Rowe

THE MARY E. BARTLETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This month we have so many ways for you to escape cabin fever! Join us at the MEB Library, where Brentwood residents connect, explore, discover and grow. Meet the Candidates Night will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 17. Come and meet the candidates running for local office before you head to the polls on March 8th.

Coloring for Adults returns on Thursday, February 11 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring, conversation, valentines and chocolate! All materials will be provided.

Ladies & Gents Movie Night will be held on Thursday, **February 11 at 7:00 pm.** Treat yourself to a night out and enjoy one of the Oscar nominees for Best Picture 2015 – **Bridge of Spies**, directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Tom Hanks.

We are pleased to announce that our library has been awarded a special license to present a simulcast of the **2016 Annual TED Conference!** Come get a first look at the famous 18-minute TED Talks before they even make it to TED.com. **TEDxMEBLibraryLive** will occur on **Thursday, February 18** from noon

to 10 pm. We will be live streaming the event in the main library area. This year's conference theme is "Dream!" and will feature some amazing speakers. More information about the conference sessions is available on our website. The program is free, but tickets will be required (available beginning February 1 at the library). We will cover three main sessions: "Outside the Box" (2:00 pm – 3:45 pm), "The Dreams That Define Us" (5:15 pm – 7:00 pm) and "Fantasists and Catalysts" (8:00 pm – 9:45 pm). What a great opportunity for Brentwood folks to immerse themselves in new ideas, challenging topics, and probing questions – all in real time! Program is limited to 100 attendees.

Planning a School Staycation Vacation? We've organized a few activities during the February school break which your children may enjoy. Drop-in crafts, Lego Time, and Breakfast & Board Games are just a few of the fun activities in store. A full list of events will be available at the library and on the website as we get closer to the break.

Wednesdays @ One Cinema will feature Downton Abbey Season 6. We will enjoy 2 to 3 episodes each week. Tea and cookies will be served!

Knitters and crocheters are invited to join us on Tuesdays from 1:00–3:00 pm for beginning instruction or to work on an ongoing project alongside other crafters. **Nighttime Knitting/MEB Makerspace Nights** will be held on **February 4 and February 18 at 7:00 pm.** Bring along your latest project (any craft at all). We have plenty of electrical outlets and table space!

The Brentwood Bookers will be meeting on **Monday, February 29 at 7:00 pm** to discuss **Welcome to the World, Baby Girl** by Fannie Flagg.

The Trustees will meet at **6:00 pm on Monday, February 8.** Public is welcome to attend.

Please note that the library will be closed on Monday, February 15 in honor of Presidents' Day.

For the latest library news and events, including inclement weather closings, be sure to check out our website at www.brentwoodlibrary.org. Check it all out @ your Brentwood library

Betsy Solon, Library Director

SCS UPDATE FEBRUARY 2016

Hello Faithful Readers:

This year's annual **School District Meeting** is scheduled for **Friday, March 4th at 6:00 pm** at Swasey. I encourage all of the Brentwood community to attend to vote on our school budget. In years past, this meeting has been on a Saturday morning, but there are often conflicts on Saturdays so the board, same as last year, is trying to provide a time when more people can attend. Babysitting will be available and we appreciate your attendance. All town meetings are scheduled and available at the town website. <http://www.brentwoodnh.gov/>

At this time, both the Brentwood School Board and Brentwood Budget Committee have approved/recommended the proposed 16-17 school budget, which includes a must needed phone system, staffing, security needs, and full day kindergarten. 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 me 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.

GRADE 3

Many of the third graders participated in the Chamber of Commerce Gingerbread House Fundraiser for the Children's Fund and had a blast! They created 5 houses for the competition, and 2 of them won ribbons! Thank you to all the moms who offered support and guidance, and to those who sent in the goodies for decorating. All classes have been working on STEM activities. We hope to do more of this in the future! We worked on two step word problems in math. These problem-solving skills are important all year long.

Our upcoming math involves geometry and measurement. We have many hands-on activities planned. Please continue to practice math facts. As we work on our animal science unit, students will be developing research and report writing skills. Students are excited to begin learning cursive writing soon! This skill is helpful for many students with fine motor issues, and

will allow them to read many of the primary documents in historical collections.

Our mixed class spelling groups are progressing. Remember, the words and some activities are available on Spelling City.com. Please help your child continue to practice these skills. Remember that the groups are working on a skill, not just a specific list of words. The tests may include words that are not on the list that comes home, but they will include the skills worked on. Please remember that your child needs to bring snow-pants and boots to go out onto the playground when snow is on the ground.

Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Carson and Mrs. MacBride

GRADE 4

The start of a new year brings new learning and excitement to all of the Swasey fourth graders! We have been studying weather and had a great visit from meteorologist, Kevin Skarupa, from WMUR. The fourth grade was even on the channel 9 news briefly early one morning in December!

Fourth graders read the book Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes during the week of December 7th to commemorate Pearl Harbor Day. In the true story a young girl has leukemia caused by the atomic bomb dropped to end WWII. She is told the legend of folding 1,000 origami cranes will allow her to have her wish of good health. Sadly, she died after folding only 644. While the story is sad, it gives us the opportunity to learn about WWII, the weapons used, Japan's Peace Day and origami. The students love to soak up history and many enjoy the process of folding cranes.

Our archaeology project wrapped up for the winter months, though we are eager to head back outside in the springtime. Mr. Schroeder will be delivering a special thank you to the Brentwood Conservation Commission in the near future, but until then, the fourth graders thank all the members who have allowed us to continue with our project on the town land.

Looking forward, we head to the SEE Science Center soon to discover more about weather and begin our study of electric circuits!



GRADE 5

As the second quarter comes to a close, we are reminded that we are already at the halfway point of the year. In social studies we are delving into the “Age of Discovery”. From our studies of ancient American civilizations, we moved to Europe, Asia, and the discoveries of Marco Polo. Later, through the research process, we will see how his journey inspired Christopher Columbus and many others to explore the Americas. Second quarter concludes our second round of switching teachers and topics for science. While students have the experience of getting used to a different teacher, this switching allows teachers to better get to know all of the students we will spend time with at Sargent Camp. Though April seems far off, we are beginning to prepare and discuss Sargent Camp now. Larry Chambers, the camp director, will visit with students and parents in early February. He will share what students can expect while at camp and how parents can help them to prepare. Believe it or not, the second half of the year begins to fly by. Keep an eye out for information regarding camp and upcoming events.

FROM MRS. GAVIN'S MUSIC ROOM

As we begin the New Year we dive deeper into our music curriculum, and at the same time we make curriculum connections with grades 2, 3, and 4; we've begun our unit of patriotic music in grade 2, we will soon begin Native American music in grade 3, and folk songs from across the regions of the US, along with songs about our country, in grade 4. First graders are having fun with winter songs and activities as they continue with matching pitch, finding and feeling the beat, and being introduced to pitched percussion instruments. Grade 5 is reviewing the treble staff and understanding letter names of pitches as they prepare

for a unit on playing barred instruments as they read notation. They will have “mystery tunes” to identify as well as ensemble pieces to play.

Our chorus, “The Sounds Of Swasey”, will start a new session this month; grade 4 & 5 students who chose not to participate in chorus the first half of the year are welcome to join us! We will begin to prepare for a spring concert that will be held in conjunction with Mrs. Murphy's instrumental students!

Looking forward to 2016 and to all the music that comes our way!

ART ROOM NEWS

All students in grades 1-5 have taken a Kindness pledge based on the book *Wonder* written and illustrated by Raquel J. Palacio. Each student added their thumbprint on a community art piece to acknowledge their pledge to choose to be kind. Our community art banner will be unveiled at our January Shindig. Our kindness banner will then be hung in the school for all to see.

All Swasey students have been working on completing their artwork for the PFG Square One fundraiser. Each grade has a different theme for their Square One artwork. First grade is drawing their house, second grade creates drawings of ocean creatures and third grade focuses on animals that live on land. Our fourth graders are creating designs with stars and moons and our fifth graders are busy creating radial symmetry designs. Order packets will be going home during the week of March 7th and products will be delivered during the week of April 11th.

Thank you for sharing your children with me!

Mrs. Buswell

BRENTWOOD RECREATION NEWS FEBRUARY 2016

NEW OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 am-3:30 pm
(603) 642-6400 ext. 20 recreation@brentwoodnh.gov
Unless otherwise specified, program sign-ups are available online or by contacting the Recreation Office.

Welcome to our New Director!

We would like to welcome David Tovey as our new Recreation Director. David is a Hampton native. He is a recent UNH graduate with a degree in Recreation Management and Policy. Please feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself. He is excited to continue many of our same program offerings and would appreciate any feedback on any current or future program ideas.

I'd like to thank all the many volunteer coaches, parents and community members I've worked with over my years as director. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you.

Margaret Dullea

YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Sign-up deadline is February 23rd

Our Farm and AAA teams will again play in the Diamond League (East Kingston, Kingston, Kensington and Fremont) and our Softball teams play in the Seacoast Fast Pitch league. T-Ball will play only in Brentwood.

- **T-Ball** (5 yr. by 9/30/15) \$35
- **Farm** (1st and 2nd grade) \$45
- **AAA** (3rd and 4th grade) \$55
- **U8 Softball** (8yrs. or younger on 1/1/16) \$50
- **U10 Softball** (10yr. or younger on 1/1/16) \$75
- **U12 Softball** (12yr. or younger on 1/1/16) \$75
- **U14 Softball** (14yr. or younger on 1/1/16) \$75

Sign-up forms are available in the Recreation office and on our website. You can also register your player online.

****Field Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th**

Little League and Babe Ruth registration will be through EJBSL and Exeter Babe Ruth
www.leaguelineup.com/ejbbl

COYOTE CLUB OUTDOOR WILDERNESS CLASS

Spring Session – Dates to be announced

Coyote Club is designed to introduce children to nature-based studies, native crafts and environmental stewardship. The program includes survival skills, wilderness awareness, navigation/mapping, animal signs and much more! The program is designed for kids grade K-5.

The six week course afternoons from 3:15-4:30 pm.
Cost is \$65 Space is limited

ADULT YOGA CLASS

February welcomes a new instructor, Cheryl Rossman. Cheryl recently completed Yoga Therapy training and the YogaLife Institute of NH 200 hour course. Refresh your body and mind at a very thoughtful class that you will love.

Note: On Primary Day (Feb. 9) class will be held at the Brentwood Town Offices on Dalton Rd.

Drop in and try our class any Tuesday!

If you try the class and then register for the full session, your first class is **FREE!**

Tuesday Evenings 6:30-7:30 pm

\$64/ eight weeks Drop-ins always welcome \$10/class (Register at class)

www.letsgetmovin.com

MEN'S 30+ BASKETBALL

Our Men's 30+ Pick-up Basketball program will continue through **Thursday, February 18th 7:30-9:00pm** at the Phillips Exeter Academy gym in Exeter.
Cost: \$80.

YOGA MOVEMENT FOR SENIORS

Join us at the Brentwood Community Center Tuesday mornings for this **FREE** class. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am. This gentle movement class helps seniors improve range of motion, flexibility, and balance and will help relieve your aches and pains. No experience necessary. This is a great social activity too!

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYGROUP

Join us **Thursday mornings** for playgroup and some adult interaction!

Brentwood Community Center 9 am-11 am

TANG SOO DO CLASSES

Tang Soo Do is a Korean Martial Art comprised of both hard and soft techniques. It emphasizes whole body physical training. It's beneficial for self-discipline, self-defense and health. Classes are available Monday and Friday at the Brentwood Community Center.

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.

Classes are available **Monday and Friday at the Brentwood Community Center. 6:30-8:00 pm**
Enrollment is continual, so you may begin at any point.

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 information and to check availability, please contact Alicia O'Brien at 642-6400 ext. 30 or AO'Brien@brentwoodnh.gov

For information regarding programs and field rentals, please contact the Recreation Office at 642-6400 ext. 20

David Tovey - Director of Recreation

A Brentwood Newsletter Business Article

DEPOT ENERGY HOME HEATING OIL

603-642-4444

Talking with Ashley, who plays a dominant part in this family-owned and operated business, it is quickly apparent that their success hinges on customer service, reliable product delivery and price. While product differentiation is almost non-existent, this business focuses on identifying and developing underserved niches in the community. For many people, a high minimum delivery from other companies is burdensome. Depot Energy has a minimum of just 100 gallons and will accept payments through New Hampshire Fuel Assistance. In addition, Depot's prices are consistently at or near the lowest in the area, as listed on an independent comparative website. Seniors are also welcomed and given a discount of 2¢ per gallon.

Prompt, courteous delivery is a high priority and can be either on an automatic or "will call" basis. In an emergency, a delivery can be arranged outside of business hours. Depot Energy has three trucks and a bulk inventory storage tank which assure continuous availability. These are the things that have separated Depot Energy and have allowed them to grow a loyal customer base.

This reliable and economical provider of heating oil wants your patronage. Give them a call.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 4 Cemetery Trustees – 5:00 pm, Town Offices.
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices.
Nighttime Knitting / MEBMakerspace – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Library.
- Feb. 8 Library Trustees – 6:00 pm, Brentwood Library.
Seacoast Area Adoptive Families Support Group – 6:30 pm, Pilgrim UCC Church, 197 Middle Rd.
Budget Committee Public Hearing, Town and School Budgets– 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices.
- Feb. 9 **Primary Election Day** – Polls open 8:00 am – 7:00 pm at the Community Center, 190 Rte. 125.
- Feb. 10 Friends of the Library – 12:30 pm, Brentwood Library.
Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices.
- Feb. 11 Historical Society board business meeting – 10:00 am, Historical Society Museum.
Coloring for Adults – 1:00-3:00 pm, Brentwood Library.
PFG Square Dance – 6:30-8:00 pm, Swasey Central School.
Ladies & Gents Movie Night – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Library. “Bride of Spies.”
- Feb. 16 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices.
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Pilgrim Church Fellowship Hall – “Fairy Gardens.”
- Feb. 17 **Meet the Candidates Night – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Library.**
- Feb. 18 **TEDxMEB Library Live – 12 Noon–10:00 pm, live streaming of the 2016 Annual TED conference, Mary E. Bartlett Library.**
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices.
Nighttime Knitting / MEBMakerspace – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Library.
- Feb. 21 **Community Breakfast – 8:30-9:30, Pilgrim Church. Free, open to the public.**
- Feb. 23 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices.
Recreation Commission -- 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Offices.
- Feb. 24 Brentwood Seniors – 11:00 am, Community Center, 190 Rte. 125.
- Feb. 29 Brentwood Bookers – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Library.
- Mar. 1 Selectmen’s meeting -- 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices.
- Mar. 3 Cemetery Trustees – 5:00 pm, Town Offices.
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices.
- Mar. 4 **Brentwood School District Meeting – 6:00 pm, Swasey School.**
- Mar. 7 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Offices.
School Board – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library.
- Mar. 8 **Brentwood Town Elections – 8:00 am-7:00 pm, Community Center.**
- Mar. 9 Friends of the Library – 12:30 pm, Brentwood Library.
- Mar. 10 Historical Society board meeting – 10 am, Historical Society Museum.
- Mar. 12 **Town Meeting – 9:00 am, Swasey School**

The public is welcome at all above events



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