



Budget Committee recommendations for town and Swasey School operating budgets and warrant articles

This article summarizes the Budget Committee recommendations for all town and Swasey Central School operating budgets (OB) and warrant articles (WA) with financial implications. Charts summarizing tax impacts are included with this article for your reference.

Town: The Budget Committee recommends a Town OB of \$3,504,334, an increase of \$213,212 (6.48%) over FY2016. Most departmental budgets were level-funded or had only small merit pay increases. For those departments with significant increases, most are due to changes in staffing, rising healthcare insurance and New Hampshire retirement costs, and general insurance costs. The major staff changes include a shift of the Recreation Director to a full-time employee with benefits, increased hours for Code Enforcement, increased hours for Animal Control, increased secretarial hours at the Fire Department, an allotment for a new part-time Fire Chief and the addition of a part-time employee in the Highway Department. The Selectmen recommend a budget of \$3,507,280 – an increase of \$2,946 over the Budget Committee’s recommended number.

A number of town warrant articles will be put to vote at the Town Meeting on Saturday, March 18. (See separate article for full descriptions of the warrant articles.) They include items such as charitable contributions, vehicle lease payments, appropriations to current capital reserve funds, establishment of new capital reserve funds, and a bond article for Prescott Road. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend all warrant articles with one exception: the Selectmen are requesting a new Capital Reserve Fund be created to save for replacement of fire and/or rescue vehicles and to appropriate \$50,000. At this time, the Budget Committee is in favor of creating the Capital Reserve Fund, but recommends only appropriating \$25,000 due to additional contributions that are anticipated through donations.

This year several warrant articles will be presented that represent appropriations (allocating money), however, the money is not to be raised through taxation. The Budget Committee and the Selectmen recommend both these warrant articles. First, the Fireman’s Association is looking to donate just over \$85,000 to the new Capital Reserve Fund for replacement fire/rescue vehicles. Second, a warrant article asks for appropriation of \$50,000 to the Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund to be allocated from the 2016 unreserved fund balance, money that was not spent from the 2016 budget. Although you would not be writing a tax check to pay for this, there is a tax impact because that money would normally be returned to the taxpayers.

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Key meetings, major decisions for our town and schools

The month of March brings Brentwood citizens their most important opportunities to have their voices heard, and make decisions, on matters related to town and school budgets, new and future expenditures, and who will fill public offices.

School District Meeting, Friday, March 10, 6 p.m., Swasey Central School

Residents will discuss and vote on the 2017-18 budget for Swasey Central School and warrant articles. Changes can be made based on discussion, motions from the floor, and voting on those motions.

Brentwood Town Elections, Tuesday, March 14, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Brentwood Community Center

Residents will vote on open positions in the Town of Brentwood, the Cooperative School District Board, and the Swasey School Board. They will also vote on the 2017-18 Cooperative School District budget and warrant articles, and on zoning changes proposed for the Town of Brentwood.

Town Meeting, Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m., Swasey Central School

Residents will discuss and vote on the 2017-18 town budget and warrant articles. Changes can be made based on discussion, motions from the floor, and voting on those motions. New town officials, elected on March 14, will be sworn in.

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Recycling Pickup Dates

March 7 & 8 and March 21 & 22

Waste Tonnage Figures

Tons, mixed solid waste
Tons, recycled goods

December

124.50
42.92 (26%)

January

113.67
29.41 (20.55%)

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

Fire Department Run Report for January 2017

17	Medical aid	1	Carbon monoxide alarms
7	Fire alarm activation	2	Service calls
7	Vehicle fires	1	Elevator rescue
3	Motor vehicle accidents		

Town Clerk's notes

Absentee ballots for the town and school elections on March 14 are available and must be returned no later than March 13 at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14 the town clerk/tax collector office will be closed at 4:30 p.m.

A rabies clinic will be held at the Brentwood Fire Department on April 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. You will also be able to register your dogs with the town. The vet is offering rabies only (no microchips). Rabies shots will be \$12. Registration will be \$2 for the first dog for seniors, \$6.50 for puppies or spayed/neutered dogs, and \$9 for unspayed/unneutered dogs. See the story about the rabies clinic in this issue for more information.

Dog registrations are available at the town office, or online, and need to be done prior to April 30.

OHRV registrations and hunting/fishing licenses are also available.

Phyllis Thompson – Town Clerk – Town of Brentwood

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Thank you to our mailing crew for February

Many thanks from all the community to those in the South Road / Lake Road neighborhood who assembled the February issue of the Newsletter for mailing: Ruth-Ann Cooper, Chris Cooper, Jen Sherman, Tim Sherman, Kelly Ramsdell, Nancy Potter, Tim Bond, and June Little.

Linda Rousseau on behalf of the Newsletter Committee

Newsletter deadlines

Deadline for the April issue is Wednesday, March 15. Send your news to:

Email: newsletterbrentwood@gmail.com

Mail: Brentwood Newsletter, 90 Prescott Rd., 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.

The total warrant article appropriations recommended by the Budget Committee for the Town (excluding the Town OB and Prescott Road Bond) are \$863,205, up \$205,676 from 2016. Of that increase, however, only about \$70,500 represents an actual increase in taxes. The remaining \$135,000 would come from the fire association donation and the unreserved fund balance.

Lastly, the Budget Committee considered a \$1.25 million bond article to address updates to Prescott Road. The road construction will take place in 2017 should the warrant article pass; however no appropriations, and thus no tax impacts, will be incurred in 2017. The first payment of approximately \$160,000 for the 10-year bond will be in 2018. The Budget Committee recommends this bond article.

Swasey Central School: The Swasey OB, recommended by both the Budget Committee and the Swasey School Board, is \$5,450,822, an increase of \$49,847 (0.92%) over the approved FY16/17 budget. The School Board worked diligently to keep the increase to <1% while still absorbing increases to healthcare costs and New Hampshire retirement.

There are three additional warrant articles for Swasey School: additions to capital reserve funds for maintenance, special education, and safety and security. All three (detailed below) are recommended by both Budget Committee and the Swasey School Board and are to be funded through a FY16/17 unreserved fund balance. Thus, the appropriations from these warrant articles will not increase your taxes, but rather set aside money that would otherwise be returned to the taxpayers.

The Swasey maintenance fund currently has a balance of \$82,000. The warrant article requests up to \$10,000 to be appropriated from a FY16/17 fund balance. The town has not contributed to this fund in over six years and a new roof for the school will be needed in the next several years.

The Swasey special education fund currently has a balance of \$66,000. The warrant article requests up to \$10,000 be appropriated from a FY16/17 fund balance. Again, we have not contributed to this fund in approximately six years. This fund is critical to cover unanticipated special education costs.

The Swasey safety and security fund was established in 2016 and has a balance of \$20,000. The warrant article requests up to \$10,000 be appropriated from a FY16/17 fund balance. This fund is to be used for future purchase of equipment to increase student and staff safety at Swasey.

Details regarding all Budget Committee recommendations can be found in the Budget Public Hearing presentation found online on the town website: http://www.brentwoodnh.gov/images/pmm_entities/2/Public_Hearing_2_2017_v1_1487345455.pdf

Please feel free to contact me at KSteger@brentwoodnh.gov if you have questions or comments.

Krista Steger, chair, on behalf of the Brentwood Budget Committee

Brentwood Tax Impacts – Town (2017)

	AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE from prior year	% Change	TAX IMPACT \$/\$1000 valuation	350K property cost estimate
TOWN OB	\$3,504,334 (Budcom) \$3,507,280 (Selectmen)	\$213,212 (Budcom) \$216,158 (Selectmen)	6.48% (Budcom) 6.57% (Selectmen)	\$0.38 (Budcom) \$0.39 (Selectmen)	\$133.21 (Budcom) \$135.05 (Selectmen)
TOWN WAs (Total of all WAs)	\$863,205 Budcom Recommended \$888,205 Selectmen Recommend	\$205,676 (Budcom) \$230,676 (Selectmen)	31.28%* (Budcom) 35.08% (Selectmen)	\$0.37** (Budcom) \$0.41 (Selectmen)	\$128.50*** (Budcom) \$144.12 (Selectmen)
BOND for Prescott Road	\$1.25 Million Recommended by Budcom & Selectmen	No appropriation until 2018	No appropriation until 2018	2017 = \$0 Anticipated 2018 impact = \$0.30	2017 = \$0 Anticipated 2018 = \$105.00
TOTAL TOWN		RECOMMENDED by BudCom:		\$0.75	\$262.50
		RECOMMENDED by Selectmen:		\$0.80	\$280.00

*if we remove donation from FA & bridge repair from unreserved fund balance, then only ~\$70.5k increase or 10.74%

**much of tax impact is not from taxation but rather allocating money that could be given back to you as unreserved fund balance

*** rough estimate is an increase of \$44 on \$350,000 home for Town Warrant Articles compared to 2016

Brentwood Tax Impacts – Swasey School (FY17/18)

	AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE from prior year	% Change	TAX IMPACT \$/\$1000 valuation	350K property cost estimate
SWASEY OB	\$5,450,822 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	\$49,847	0.92% (Budcom)	\$0.09 (Budcom)	\$31.14 (Budcom)
SWASEY WA #2 Maintenance Fund	Up to \$10,000 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	\$10,000		\$0.02	\$6.25*
SWASEY WA #3 Special Ed Fund	Up to \$10,000 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	\$10,000		\$0.02	\$6.25
SWASEY WA #4 Safety & Security Trust Fund	Up to \$10,000 Recommended by BudCom & Sch Board	\$10,000		\$0.02	\$6.25*
TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL		RECOMMENDED by BudCom & Sch Board		\$0.11	\$38.50

*not raised through taxation

Town warrant articles to be decided at March 18 town meeting

Warrant Article 1.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400,000 for the reconstruction of Prescott Road to include replacement of 2 bridges for the north and south tributaries to Dudley Brook and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,250,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. It is anticipated that there will be no bond payment due in 2017. The remainder of the funds (\$150,000) are to be withdrawn from the previously established Repair Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, of which the selectmen are agents to expend. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Warrant Article 2.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Three Million, Five Hundred Four Thousand, and Three Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$3,504,334) for general municipal operations. The Selectmen recommend Three Million, Five Hundred Seven Thousand, and Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$3,507,280). This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 3.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to grant an easement to ReVision Investments NH, LLC to allow ReVision

to install a solar photovoltaic system at the Brentwood Fire Department, 419 Middle Road in connection with a proposed Solar Power Purchase Agreement. This easement shall remain in place for a maximum of 30 years, and may expire earlier if the Solar Agreement expires or is terminated sooner. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 4.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of the Solar Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with RSA 35:1 to acquire a solar array to offset the town's annual electrical usage. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 5.

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)

Warrant Article 6.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of the Information Systems Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with RSA 35:1 to acquire new information systems hardware (i.e., servers, computers, etc.) for municipal operations. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 7.

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)

Warrant Article 8.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Maintenance of Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 9.

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

Warrant Article 10.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand, Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$85,058) to be added to the previously established Fire/Rescue Vehicles Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to come from unassigned fund balance and is the equivalent to the amount of a donation to the Town by the Brentwood Fireman's Association. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 11.

Recommended by the Selectmen

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 Fire/Rescue Vehicles Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. The budget committee recommends the sum of \$25,000. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 12.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the town will vote and raise to and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$23,190) for the purchase of a police cruiser and related equipment. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 13.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand, Eight Hundred Eight-Eight Dollars (\$11,888) for the purchase of Two (2) Patrol PC Rhino Tablets, related software, equipment and installation cost. Of this amount, it is anticipated that 50% (\$5,944) will be offset by an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 14.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$18,524) for the fifth year's payment of leasing a backhoe for the highway department. This lease agreement has an escape clause and in subsequent years if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 15.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to repair roads. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 16.

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 Highway Vehicles/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 17.

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 Construction of Highway Building(s) Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 18.

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. This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.

(Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 19.

Recommended by the Selectmen and 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)

Warrant Article 20.

Recommended by the Selectmen and 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)

Warrant Article 21.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Shall we modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-b for the Elderly Exemption from property tax in the Town of Brentwood based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows?

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$85,000

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$100,000

For a person 80 years of age or older, \$125,000

To qualify, the person must have been a NH resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or, if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$40,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$85,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Warrant Article 22.

Submitted by Petition:

That the Town of Brentwood adopt an additional veterans' property tax credit for honorably discharged veterans who are not eligible for the current veteran's property tax credit or the tax credit for service-connected total disability by extending the current tax credit amount to all such veterans, as provided for in the House Bill 430, signed into law effective 8/8/16.

Warrant Article 23.

Submitted by Petition:

Pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Title XX, Chapter 231, Section 127, we, the undersigned voters and/or

landowners of property abutting PRESCOTT ROAD, do hereby petition the legislative body of the town of Brentwood, New Hampshire, to see if the Town will vote to designate PRESCOTT ROAD, BRENTWOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE "Scenic" pursuant to RSA 231:157. That section of roadway to be designated "scenic" is described as follows: the entire PRESCOTT ROAD roadway.

Warrant Article 24.

To hear reports and recommendations of all committees and to take any action.

Warrant Article 25.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Exeter Regional Cooperative School District 2017/18 Budget

Please get out and vote on Tuesday, March 14 at the Brentwood Recreation Center for the Exeter Regional Cooperative school budget, which represents the largest portion of your Brentwood tax bill. Five warrant articles with financial implications will also be on the ballot.

- CMS Expansion/Renovation
- School Operating Budget
- Administrators' Contract
- Teachers' Contract
- Synthetic Field Replacement Trust Fund

School Operating Budget. Two school operating budget options will be presented at the polls—the proposed and the default: Proposed - \$56,796,662 Default – \$56,435,092 (decrease of 0.45% compared to 2016/17 operating budget)

The proposed budget is \$56,796,662, a 0.18% increase over the 2016/17 approved budget and is \$361,570 more than the default budget. The current proposed budget represents a 0.108 cents/\$1000 valuation increase. The default budget represents a 0.003 cents/\$1000 valuation increase. The additional \$361,570 in the proposed budget includes: \$18,000 for instruments, \$125,525 for technology requests, a 3% raise for non-union staff, and \$134,000 for a 1:1 Chromebook pilot program for incoming freshman. The proposed budget is recommended by the Budget

Advisory Committee.

Administrators' Contract. This collective bargaining agreement is a five-year contract representing additional employee contribution to health insurance and raises of:

- Year 1 = 2.5%
- Year 2 = 2.5%
- Year 3 = 2.5%
- Year 4 = 2.0%
- Year 5 = 2.0%

This represents an estimated increase of \$42,488 for the coming 2017/18 school year budget which equates to an increase of 0.012 cents/\$1000 valuation. The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this warrant article. This is a 'yes' or 'no' vote at the polls.

Teachers' Contract. This collective bargaining agreement is a four-year contract representing additional employee contribution to health insurance and raises of:

- Year 1 = 1.9%
- Year 2 = 2.2%
- Year 3 = 2.2%
- Year 4 = 2.2%

This represents an estimated increase of \$675,753 for the coming 2017/18 school year budget which equates to an increase of 0.183 cents/\$1000 valuation. The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this warrant article. This is a 'yes' or 'no' vote at the polls.

Synthetic Field Replacement Trust Fund. The 'new' Exeter High School is over 10 years old. The expected life span of the synthetic turf field in the stadium is approximately 12 years and is anticipated to cost \$350,000 to replace. It is anticipated the field will be replaced approximately five years from now. The current balance in the established Synthetic Field Trust fund is \$100,000. Warrant article 5 sets forth to appropriate \$50,000 to the Synthetic Field Trust Fund from a June 30, 2017 fund balance (surplus funds). While this will not represent an increase in your taxes, it will use funds that would otherwise be returned to you (0.015 cents/\$1000 valuation). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this warrant article. This is a 'yes' or 'no' vote at the polls.

Information about the CMS Renewal Project (Warrant Article 1) can be found at www.cmsrenewal.com. Warrant article 1, on the CMS renovation project and its tax impact, is discussed in a separate Newsletter article.

	Proposed	Default
Operating Budget	108	0.003
Administrators' Contract	0.012	
Teachers' Contract	0.183	
Field Replacement Trust Fund	0.015	
TOTAL	0.319	0.213
Increase for \$350,000 Home	\$111.65	\$74.55

*Krista Steger, Brentwood Representative,
ERCSD Budget Advisory Committee*

2017 Brentwood town and school meeting moderator's rules

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

We will be using the moderator's 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 recording are specifically allowed.

To be discussed, an 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 check list supervisors, and have a voting card. Non-voters 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 ensures 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 addressed 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 will then be 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 your question or comment to within a three minute limit for each time you are recognized.

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

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

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

You also may by law move to overrule the moderator if you feel that the moderator's ruling is clearly erroneous. This 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 and clearly identify the originator and information sources. Video presentations should not exceed five minutes and presenters must provide their equipment.

Doug Cowie, Moderator

Update on CMS Renewal Project and warrant article

The Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board (ERCSB) is putting forth a warrant article of approximately \$22M to support the CMS Renewal project – the expansion and renovation of the Cooperative Middle School. Your voice can be heard on Tuesday, March 14 at the polls.

The CMS Renewal Building Committee presented its findings and recommendations to the ERCSB in the fall of 2016. This recommendation included the expansion and renovation of CMS. A detailed estimate of the project cost is \$21,985,485. This is a 'not-to-exceed' figure, so the project cost will not increase during construction. The proposal includes: two pods which includes 10 classrooms, additional cafeteria space, additional gymnasium and multi-purpose room, additional administrative space, and additional music space.

I'm sure many of you question why we need to expand CMS if we have a stable enrollment of approximately 1300 children. In fact, the major needs at CMS are driven by changes to programming since the school opened in 1998 which have changed the types of spaces needed as well as required the addition of 36 adult staff. As a member of the Building Committee, I would like to communicate that needs were honestly evaluated, enrollment critically assessed, and a variety of solutions examined. Due to the large impact of this initiative and in an effort to be fully transparent, the Building Committee created a CMS Renewal Project website that details all our considerations, findings, and recommendations – www.cmsrenewal.com.

Should the warrant article pass in March of 2017, a \$21,900,000 bond will be secured in June 2017 to fund the expansion and renovation of CMS. Detailed below are the bond rate information we obtained in November of 2016 as well as the estimated tax impacts for Brentwood residents.

Length of Bond	Interest Rate*	Amount Borrowed	Total Cost w/Interest
10 year bond	2.499%	\$21,900,000	\$24,958,396
15 year bond	2.999%	\$21,900,000	\$27,212,575
20 year bond	3.250%	\$21,900,000	\$29,434,665

Length of Bond	Brentwood Tax Impact 1st Year (€/\$1000)**	First Year Increase for \$350,000 home	Brentwood Tax Impact 2nd Year (€/\$1000)	Second Year Increase for \$350,000 home
10 year bond	0.09	\$31.50	0.79	\$276.50
15 year bond	0.11	\$38.50	0.61	\$213.50
20 year bond	0.12	\$42.00	0.52	\$182.00

* interest rates provided by the NH Bond Bank in November. 2016. The final bond rate is not set until the bond is secured.

** Tax impacts are estimates based on Nov 2016 bond rates. The first year is a partial payment and thus the impact much lower than the second-year tax impact.

Krista Steger, Brentwood Representative, CMS Building Committee

Letter to the community

Save your money and preserve Prescott Road

Our taxes went up this year and now we face more increases with the CMS \$22 million Renewal Project, the Solar Generator Project, and other requests for funds. Then there's the Selectmen's proposal for changing Prescott Road for \$1.4 million, but this major expense could be dramatically reduced. Moreover, the town rejected this proposal by a large margin at the 2016 Town Meeting. That sentiment has intensified over the year resulting in a warrant article to designate Prescott as a Scenic Road at the upcoming town meeting. The Scenic Road petition was signed by nearly five times the necessary voters, by residents of Prescott Road and many others throughout the town.

We value the rural character and beauty of Prescott Road, yet the Brentwood Selectmen are intent on widening, flattening, and straightening it. The beautiful old trees on the northeastern half would be cut down and replaced by a 2,500 foot guardrail. The charm of the road, regarded by many as a town treasure, will be lost. Clearly, their proposal is not for safety reasons, as no significant accidents have occurred on Prescott, and yet, ironically, their plan would effectively turn our road into a dragway by encouraging more traffic, inviting greater speed, and endangering all who travel on the road by car, bicycle, or on foot.

Does Brentwood have a master plan by which proposals can be evaluated and prioritized? Has our regional planning association been approached for free consultation? Has the Department of

Highways been consulted for advice on achieving goals such as improving the junction at North Road? Perhaps amendments to the existing "Y" configuration could provide far less expense and disruption than the proposed "T". The Department of Highways does not have the Prescott/North Road junction on the list of the top 20 that need to be changed for safety reasons. In fact, that junction is not even up for consideration until 2035.

The Selectmen's letter (Brentwood Newsletter February issue) addresses culverts by providing data on the reasons to oppose high profile "arch/pipe" culverts, but our request was simply to investigate less costly alternatives to their recommended "box culverts." Further, there would be no need to discuss improving the appearance of guard rails, because no guard rails would be needed if the road isn't widened and the trees are not cut down. And why will the trees inevitably "not survive" asphalt reclamation for repaving? The road has been repaved in the past, and the trees still stand. Requests to the Selectmen to find alternatives and compromise on the Prescott Road proposal has resulted only in two speed signs (ill placed for visibility) reducing the speed to 25 mph as requested. Otherwise, their proposal is identical to the one the town already rejected last year.

You can reduce the impact to your taxes by voting down the Prescott Road Warrant article and supporting the Scenic Road designation. Please attend the Saturday, March 8 town meeting and vote for a win-win by limiting your tax increases and protecting the safety and beauty of Prescott Road.

Peter and Rebecca Foster

Statements from candidates for public office

Each year, the Brentwood Newsletter invites candidates for public office to submit brief statements.

Andrew Artimovich, candidate for Board of Selectmen

I would appreciate your support as I run for re-election as one of your selectman. In March 2008, the Town of Brentwood saw no candidates for two open selectman positions. I was one of the two people that braved the cold and asked for write-in votes on election day. I ended up with enough votes to be elected and since that day my opinion of the position has changed a lot. Having worked in the public safety field for 26 years, I was often critical of selectman. I now have a greater understanding and appreciation of the position and the people who serve. I still don't always agree, but enjoy the discussion and differing opinions. Please don't forget to come out and vote on March 14. Katherine B. Miller, 23 Linden Street, Exeter NH

Albert Edward Belanger, candidate for Cemetery Trustee

I have been active in the arena of Brentwood cemeteries since the 1980s. First, I was the caretaker who mowed the lawns and subsequently for several three-year terms I have been elected as one of the three Trustees of Cemeteries. This position was created in 1990 when the town accepted the gift from Alice Tonry of the cemetery and the parcel behind it she owned on Middle Road. Most folks don't realize that there are twenty-seven cemeteries in Brentwood and that the Tonry is the only "municipal" burying ground available, since the Veasey Cemetery (a bequest to the town by Benjamin Veasey in 1764) filled up in 1904. The other twenty-five cemeteries are privately owned by the families and descendants of those interred. Once more, I am available to continue to serve as one of the Cemetery Trustees.

Brian Duffy, candidate for Library Trustee

The Mary E. Bartlett Library is a cornerstone of the Brentwood Community, a gathering place for young and old and a valuable resource for all town residents. As a former clerk in a large public library, I have an understanding of how a library functions on a day-to-day basis. As a current trustee of a large, established non-profit organization, I have ongoing experience in the oversight of organizations established for the public good. I hope this experience and expertise can help the library maintain and build upon its success.

Allison Higgins, candidate for Swasey School Board

My husband and I have lived in Brentwood for nine years. We have three children, a seven-year old daughter who is in first grade at Swasey, and four-year old twin boys who will enter kindergarten in the fall of 2018. I am currently an independent health and productivity consultant. Additionally, this past fall I taught a course in Worksite Wellness at the Boston University School of Public Health, where I also had received my Doctorate in Public Health in 2010. Prior to my twins being born, I worked at Raytheon Company as the Wellness Program Manager for more than 11 years. I am running for school board because I feel like it's important to be an active member of our community and this is the role that I thought was best suited for my skills and interest at this point in my life.

Katherine B. Miller, candidate for ERCSD Moderator

If re-elected as Moderator of the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District, I will continue my efforts to run the deliberative and balloting sessions of the district fairly and efficiently. Participating in local government is an important part of our responsibilities as citizens. I pledge to do my best to ensure that voters who want to participate in the process can do so. I have lived in Exeter since 1999. I have an undergraduate degree from Brown University and a law degree from Northeastern University. I am a partner with the law firm of Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella in Exeter. My practice areas include telecommunications law, representation of NH municipalities, non-profit organizations, and individuals, especially in the area of estate planning. I served two terms on the Exeter Elementary School Board and one term on the Coop School Board.

Don Petterson, candidate for Library Trustee

For the past three years, I have been privileged to have been a trustee of Brentwood's Mary E. Bartlett library. During that time, thanks to the superb work of Library Director Betsy Solon and her colleagues, the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association named our library New Hampshire's library of the year for 2014. Betsy has resigned to become director of a larger library much closer to her town of residence. The trustees are now engaged in the difficult task of finding a fully qualified, accomplished new librarian. I ask voters to re-elect me to another three-year term.

Elza Silver, candidate for Swasey School Board

As a member of this wonderful community for nearly five years, I am excited to be a candidate for the Swasey School Board. My husband and I moved to Brentwood after two years of searching for the perfect home and community to raise our children. We have a kindergartener, a second grader, and a two-year-old eager to attend Swasey. The education and community within the school has been outstanding, and we know we made the right move in selecting Brentwood as our home. Swasey is an integral part of our community. Not only is it a place our children go to learn and grow, it is also an important piece of our property values. As a School Board member, I would work to enhance our education opportunities in our school while also being mindful of the cost associated to tax payers throughout the town. I would be honored to receive your vote on March 14.

Marc Wilson, candidate for Library Trustee

My name is Marc Wilson. I am the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library and I am running for reelection. Currently, the board is searching for a new library director which is perhaps the most important responsibility of the trustees. This presents a challenge, but it is also an opportunity for us to ensure that the library will continue to meet the needs of our town. I am looking forward to helping develop a strategic plan that will address the role of the library in our community in the digital age. Serving on the library Board of Trustees is a privilege and an honor. I see it as an opportunity for me to lend my expertise as an educator and contribute to the community I have called home for 26 years. I ask for your continued support on election day.

Solar panel project aims to reduce electricity costs to town over decades

Editor's note: We are reprinting this article from last month's Brentwood Newsletter at the request of the committee that has put it forth as a warrant article. We believe rerunning the article is reasonable to give voters the opportunity to thoroughly consider this unique and complex project.

At the upcoming town meeting, there will be two warrant articles related to the installation of solar panels on the land between the fire station and Route 125. These warrant articles will be put forth by the Selectmen with the full support of the Selectmen, Library Trustees, Conservation Commission, Fire Chief, Town Building Inspector, and, hopefully the other town boards once we have had a chance to meet with them. This article will give you the background and rationale for moving forward with solar panels for the town at this time.

After reading this article, you are likely to have questions and comments. Two informational sessions will be held to review this proposal and the warrant articles. The first session will be held on February 23 at 7 p.m. at the Mary E. Bartlett Library located at 22 Dalton Road. The second meeting will be on March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Town Offices at 1 Dalton Road. Specific questions can be emailed to conservation@brentwoodnh.gov

An ad-hoc committee consisting of the undersigned was formed following the 2016 town meeting to research the economic feasibility of the town installing solar panels to generate electricity to offset the power usage by all the municipal buildings excluding Swasey School. The goal was to determine if the town could save tax money by installing a solar generator and, if so, how could the town minimize its power bills at the least cost to the taxpayers?

We first had to get educated. We met and spoke with other towns and local businesses that have solar installations like Exeter, East Kingston, and Swampscott Soda to get a sense of their experience with solar. We met with Eversource, the town's electric utility to understand the finer points of how solar panels could offset the town's power usage and how it works with multiple building locations. We decided that based on the positive feedback from everyone we spoke to that it would be worthwhile sending out a request for proposal so we could get actual designs and figures for the town's specific needs.

In September, the Board of Selectmen approved a request for proposal which requested two different scenarios for solar panel locations and two different ownership options. Scenario 1 was for all the panels to be ground-mounted at the fire station and scenario 2 was roughly half the panels ground-mounted at the fire station and the other half roof-mounted at the town office. The two ownership options were for the town to own the panels from the start and finance the purchase with a 20-year bond and

the second was a power purchase agreement with the option for the town to purchase the panels at a later date.

Three proposals were received and all three vendors were invited to present to the committee in November. It became clear from the proposals that over the useful life of the solar panels, the town could save substantial money through the installation and ownership of solar panels. Furthermore, all vendors conveyed that the optimal cost effective location was a large ground-mounted solar array at the fire station in the field between the fire station and Route 125.

While all were worthy, Revision Energy, a local Brentwood business located on Route 125, was selected. Revision came in with the lowest cost solution for ownership in addition to many other factors including their staff. Revision has more than 40 employees located in their Brentwood office, a staff of licensed engineers and 13 industry-certified professionals. Some of their customers include Colby Sawyer College, Town of Durham, Town of Windham, Town of Hopkinton, Appalachian Mountain Club, The Nature Conservancy, Maine Audubon, Throwback Brewery, and Eastman's Corner.

The system proposed is a 99 kilowatt system sized to generate roughly 100% of the power that the municipal buildings in town currently use on an annual basis. There will be 388 solar panels with inverters, optimizers, and an online monitoring system that Revision Energy, the town, and taxpayers will have access to in order to see how much power is being generated through an internet application. The panels have a 25-year warranty and may last as long as 40 years.

Over a recent 12-month period, the town (excluding Swasey School) used 156,104 kilowatt hours (kWh) of energy for a total cost of \$26,728. Of this amount, roughly 75% or \$20,000 annually is recoverable through the solar generation as the remaining 25% must be paid and represents the cost of transmission, distribution and peak demand penalties. The proposed system is estimated to produce 164,816 kWh of energy the first year with a 0.5% reduction anticipated each year thereafter. All live electrical parts of the system will be enclosed to prevent shock or injury.

The cost for the town to buy the system outright is \$283,356 with a possible state rebate of \$62,010 for a net purchase price of \$221,346. **Financing the purchase with a bond over 20 years would result in a payback period of 11 years with a 20-year saving of \$238,756 and 40-year savings of \$941,014.**

The Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), assuming the town decides to buy the system after six years, was the lower cost option and had other benefits. Under the PPA, Revision Energy would purchase, install, and own the solar generator at the fire station. The town would sign a 20-year agreement with Revision

to purchase all the power generated from the solar system at a rate that is sharply discounted from today's current rates. Specifically, the contract for years 1 and 2 would be at \$0.08 per kWh versus the \$0.129 per kWh rate the town currently pays to Eversource for an immediate estimated 38% reduction in electric power costs. There is a price escalator of 2% a year in year 3 and after.

The town will have the option to purchase the system after year 6 for a price of \$102,062 or just 36% of the original total project cost. The savings in years 1 to 6 are estimated at \$48,737 with projected savings in year 7 of \$20,000 per year assuming the town exercises its option to purchase the system. **Under this scenario, the payback period is nine years with projected savings over 20 years of \$301,738 and savings over 40 years of \$1,003,987.** The PPA also has the added benefits that Revision Energy does the installation, gets the system up and running and covers all the maintenance for the years that they own it. If the town purchases the system, the town would then be required to cover maintenance costs which is estimated at \$1,500 per year and insurance which is estimated to be \$800 per year.

The first warrant article will ask for your approval to authorize the Selectman to enter into the Power Purchase Agreement with Revision Energy as described above.

The second warrant article will ask for you to create a reserve account for the purchase of the solar panel system at the end of year 6 and fund it with 1/6 of the purchase amount per year or roughly \$17,000. Since the town will be saving roughly \$7,000 per year under the PPA, the net cost of this warrant article is actually more like \$10,000.

Why should the town do this now? Now is the right time for many reasons. First, there is currently room under the state limit on the amount and size of solar power installations. Second, there are beneficial reimbursement rates from the utility guaranteed for the next 20 years. Third, installation prices have come down dramatically and the panels are more efficient. Fourth, we received a very attractive proposal from a local Brentwood business. Lastly, the sooner we start the sooner we start saving tax dollars.

Malcolm Allison, Budget Committee
Jane Byrne, former Selectwoman
Emily Schmalzer, Conservation Commission
Robert Wofchuck, Conservation Commission

Sixth Annual Brentwood Roadside Clean-Up April 22

Before we know it, the snow will melt to reveal the road sides

littered with trash. The Brentwood Conservation Commission and many residents take pride in our town and pick up the litter. Join us for our Sixth Annual Roadside Clean-Up on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to noon. We will meet at the Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Road, at 10 a.m. to select locations that are in need and head out in groups. You can head out to your own street or neighborhood. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided at the Pilgrim Church.

To enjoy our hard work and our neighbors, please join us back at the Pilgrim Church for a hamburger and hotdog BBQ and ice cream from noon to 1 p.m.

As our clean-up will fall on Earth Day, this year we are holding a poster contest. We encourage families and students to prepare a post (poster board size) to show what Earth Day means to them. Yes, this is a broad topic but we are excited to see what you come up with. Posters can be turned in ahead of time at the Town Hall or brought that day to the Pilgrim Church. We will display posters at the Town Hall and around town.

Call Heather at 498-9469 if you have questions or to add locations to our list of areas to target during our clean-up event.

Heather Dudley-Tatman, Brentwood Conservation Commission

Rabies clinic in Brentwood on Saturday, April 22

Brentwood Animal Control announces that a rabies clinic will take place on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Brentwood Fire Station, 419 Middle Road. The clinic is being held in cooperation with Edgefield Veterinary Hospital of Hampstead, New Hampshire.

A rabies test cost per pet will be \$12. The vaccine will be good for only one year without proof of prior vaccination (you must bring your Rabies Vaccination Certificate with you). Your pets should be on a leash or in a carrier.

The Town Clerk will also be on hand for residents to license their pets. The fee for a dog registration is \$6.50 for a spayed or neutered dog and puppies under six months old and \$9 for an unaltered dog. For owners over 65 years old, the registration fee for the first dog is \$2.

Dog licenses must be renewed by April 30 each year.

The rabies clinic is open to the public, regardless of residency. Contact the Brentwood Police Department, 642-8817, for more information.

Chief Wayne Robinson for the Brentwood Police Department

Lions Club, Grace Ministries offer networking event on reducing community drug addiction

The Lions Club and Grace Ministries International invite Brentwood residents to a networking event on Saturday, March 18 to help create awareness, strength, and momentum against drug addiction. If you have questions about how you can learn to support our community in the areas of positive youth development, please consider attending this event entitled "Making a Difference for Youth Networking Forum."

Our goal is to bring experts from a variety of fields who will provide information that can assist you and your family to learn how to overcome potential or actual drug abuse and addictions. We will also share how we plan to help bring youth mentoring to our community and how you can help be an answer to this growing epidemic. Qualified guest speakers from all over New England will be with us as well as vendors and mentors.

This free event will be held at Grace Ministries, 263 Route 135, Brentwood. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and guest speakers will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Local vendors will be providing food.

Contact Lindsey Messina at Austin17House@gmail.com for more information, or visit Facebook page Austin17House, Register @ EventBright, Search Event "Making a Difference for Youth."

Mark Anderson

Town Report Dedicated to Kevin Lemoine



Kevin Lemoine, seated, center, poses immediately after learning that the 2016 Annual Report of the town of Brentwood had been dedicated to him. Standing, left to right are his son Gary, mother Vivian, father Norman and selectman Ken Christiansen. Chief of Brentwood's Fire Department since 2001, Kevin's service to the department started 22 years before that in 1979. He is now retiring, and Brentwood is grateful for his 38 years of dedicated service, will miss him, and wishes him many happy years ahead.

Brentwood women and men take to the streets in marches throughout the country



"This is what democracy looks like!" chanted the crowds gathered at the January 21, 2017 Women's March on Washington and sister-events throughout the country. The marches were the largest single-day demonstrations in U.S. history, with a worldwide participation estimated at 5 million people of all genders, as well as all faiths, races, and orientations. The marches were partly about feminism, but also about basic human and American values, and so much more. Women marched as diverse representatives of one half of the population. Others joined them and marched for social justice, the rights of immigrants, Muslims, African-Americans, the LGBTQ community, access to healthcare, education, safety, and environmental justice, to name some of the issues of concern.

Brentwood residents were well represented at many of these events. Anita, Kate, Liz, Tracey, Laurel, Ilse, and Audrey marched in Washington. Suzanne, Ibby, Emily, Sigrid, and Emily marched in Boston. Anna marched in New York City. Trina, Rachael, and Eric marched in Concord. Laurie marched in Sarasota. Sue, Jon, Sarah, and Katie marched in Portsmouth. All the marchers share a pride in having participated, a camaraderie in taking action, a desire for change and a sense of patriotism for our country in that we have the right to assemble and speak for ourselves, our families, and the ideals we wish to uphold. This was not about rejecting the results of the election, but about upholding the core values of our country going forward.

The Brentwood Democratic Committee is our town's officially-recognized body within the state Democratic party, and serves as the forum for Brentwood residents interested in upholding progressive ideals in state and federal policy, to meet and organize. We meet monthly and welcome like-minded individuals to join our group for good food, drinks, conversation, and action. There are many ways to be involved, even if you have not committed to a party affiliation. Please join us if you are feeling the urge to participate more actively. Find us on Facebook or at Brentwoodnhdems@gmail.com.

Liz McConnell, Brentwood Democratic Committee

UNH hockey, winter artwork, movie night, and box top fundraisers keep Swasey PFG and students busy

Hello, February and snow! It seems the groundhog was correct in the prediction for more winter, enabling lots of outdoor activities in the snow. Inside at Swasey, students are working on creating beautiful artwork under the direction of art teacher Crystal Buswell for the upcoming Square One Art fundraiser. This very popular program gives students the opportunity to see their artwork become a part of various items: mugs, stationary, and aprons to name a few. Watch for the Wednesday folders for more information.

Community events are very popular with students and parents at Swasey. In January, attendees to the University of New Hampshire men's hockey game enjoyed watching and cheering on the team to victory. Swasey has many hockey players and I'm sure some were thinking they might be playing for UNH one day.

February had a first-time movie night. This was a new event to the PFG calendar and was very well received, with many sitting on blankets munching popcorn while watching the movie.

Action Kids at the Brentwood Gym is always a great night for some exercise with fellow schoolmates. This will take place in March.

A popcorn party will go to the class who clips the most box tops. After you have clipped the box tops, send them into school. Box top money is used to support many worthy projects, such as the shade structure. The PFG would like to thank Anne Postage and Tammy MacNeil for the great idea of the popcorn party. Please keep on clipping box tops!

Sheila S. Lane, for the Swasey Parent Faculty Group

Plans for Brentwood 275th Celebration developing; ideas, volunteers, participants welcome

The 275th Celebration Committee continues to organize events for the weekend of September 16 and 17, 2017 to celebrate Brentwood's founding. The committee invites all town organizations and businesses to participate in events and activities of the weekend.

Would any of our town eateries and restaurants want to host a luncheon or supper on that weekend? Offer special meal deals or activity for \$2.75, \$27.50, 2 for \$7.50, \$275, etc.?

Are you interested in purchasing commemorative T-shirts? Mugs? Something special? Please let the committee know of your interest.

Are there any bands or musical groups that would like to entertain the crowds?

Would your business sponsor a demonstration or open house on either Saturday or Sunday of our celebration weekend? We want everyone to know about the great people, services, and businesses here in Brentwood and invite you to get the word out by participating in the celebration weekend.

Call Lisa Swasey at 778-9724 for more information or email at: Brentwoodnh275th@gmail.com to give your input or to inform us of your activity so we can advertise it for you. Volunteers are still needed, so give me a call.

We have secured producers for our variety show which will be held on Saturday evening September 16 at the Grace Ministries Church auditorium. It is never too early to be thinking about a skit or routine to share with an audience. We will let you know more as the show gets closer.

The application form for participation in the Brentwood parade, which will take place on Sunday, September 17 at 1 p.m., is posted on the Brentwood website. If you plan to participate, or would like to invite a celebrity or group of entertainers, please fill out an application. Please email Brentwoodnh275th@gmail.com for more information or a copy of the application.

Lisa Zack-Swasey

Book Lovers' Bash a sweet success

Many thanks to everyone who came out for the Friends of the Library's Book Lovers' Bash on the Saturday morning before Valentine's Day. What a great new event this turned out to be, despite the awful weather. Special thanks to our volunteer bakers for their delicious and festive goodies. We'd also like to give special recognition to Dunkin' Donuts, Brentwood Country Store, and Water Street Books for their generous support. "Surprise" books were well-received by all and some folks went home with special gift cards inside their selected books.

The next Friends meeting will be Monday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Brentwood Library. All are welcome!

Lenore Smith, President, Friends of the Library

Swasey Central news: students to sing at March 10 annual school district meeting



We hope you can attend the annual school district meeting on Friday March 10 at 6 p.m. The school budget and other articles will be explained and voted on and your participation in this process is encouraged. Swasey's second graders will

sing "This Land is Your Land" to kick off the meeting.

We are currently accepting school registrations for all new students for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact the SCS office at 642-3487 to get information on registering.

Grade 3

In February, grade three enjoyed reading mysteries, looking for clues, and trying to figure out which suspects were guilty. Students finished writing their research reports on topics related to the solar system. They began by taking notes, sorting their information by topic, and writing paragraphs that shared what they had learned in interesting ways. Our social studies unit in February focuses on slavery. This period of our country's history is a serious one, and students are usually surprised by what they learn. Within the unit, we focus on heroes in the process of abolition, and on into civil rights. Third graders completed a math unit on geometry, focusing on area and perimeter, and understanding quadrilaterals. We participated in the STEM marble challenge, working in teams, attempting to create a marble run that would keep a marble running through it for the longest time. We made a special Valentine Week visit to Senior Class Adult Day Services where we completed a craft project and shared a song with the members.

Grade 4

It was a great month to be a fourth grader, from fraction studies to the S.E.E. field trip's shocking experiences, the stations, the Lego project, and the New Hampshire history presented about the Amoskeag Mills. Also all students are getting a chance to study the book *Ember*. This writing ties into our electricity lessons so well and we are going to have three STEM activities based on the book. This month also hosted many famous people in the hallways as our Wax Museum came alive at the push of a button. Stay tuned for the MFA Field trip and Lasers & Lights.

Grade 5

As with many other grade levels, Swasey's fifth graders are taking part in the "Projects by Jen" Marble Run Challenge.

Students, in groups of three, work together to create a successful marble run, with the goal of having the longest run. In social studies, we continue to learn about explorers who ventured out into the world during the Age of Discovery. Students are working in groups to create presentations explaining the goals, accomplishments, and historical impact of the explorers on the Americas. We have moved on to decimals and coordinate grids in math. Each of the three fifth grade classrooms looks forward to playing one another in a game of Human Battleship. Finally, students researched a topic of their choice and wrote informational texts (feature articles, picture books) to share their learning. Topics students chose to research ranged from wild hedgehogs to World War II.

Art

Kindergarten has been having lots of fun creating magical snowman made out of model magic. They focused on creating large, medium, and small snowballs. All that rolling and building is so important for strengthening their fine motor skills.

Our first-grade students have been experiencing how the primary colors (red, yellow, and blue) mix to create the secondary colors (green, orange, and violet). They have been exploring mixing colors in a variety of different art mediums. Using marbles to mix the primary paints on paper was their favorite by far!

Second grade students have been learning about the life and artwork of Dutch artist Piet Mondrian. They are creating a composition using only vertical and horizontal black lines. Next the shapes created are filled in with only the primary colors (red, yellow, and blue).

Our third graders have been working on symmetrical cursive name alien/monsters creations. Next, they will use everyday objects to create an overlapping design that will be painted in watercolors.

The fourth grade has been working on a unit about color mixing and color schemes in a wide variety of art media. Soon we will be studying one of my favorite artists, Georgia O'Keeffe.

Our fifth graders will be learning about the life and artwork of one of the most influential artists, the great Pablo Picasso. They will be creating their own Picasso inspired portrait collage.

On March 7, fourth and fifth graders will travel to Boston for a field trip to The Museum of Fine Arts. Fourth grade will take an MFA highlights tour to support learning in the art room. Grade five will take an Art of the Americas tour to support their classroom social studies units of Explorers, Colonial America, and the Revolutionary War.

In March, the Exeter Arts Committee will host the Youth Art Month Show showcasing art by students across SAU16, including 50 Swasey students. The show will be open from Noon to 4 p.m. March 11-12, March 18-19, and March 25.

Music

Ms. Dozet continues to oversee the general music program at SCS, with Mr. Robinson teaching our Friday classes. Kindergarten through second grade continue with songs, movement, and activities that emphasize steady beat. Other concepts explored this month include improvisation with the popular Eric Carle book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* The children had opportunities for solo singing with "Brown Bear..." and also with "Closet Key" where dynamics were also explored. In the upper grades, solo singing, improvisation, and dynamics were explored with "Closet Key. Students also continued with rhythm reading and notation with games like "Rhythmic Telephone." Second graders have begun to rehearse for their performance at our school district meeting on March 10 at 6 p.m. They will sing "This Land Is Your Land" at the beginning of the meeting.

Ron Kew, Principal

Brentwood Gardeners will focus on spring bulbs

The Brentwood Gardeners will turn their attention in March to something we'll all be more than ready to think about – spring bulbs. Torie Freeman will help us review what we think we already know about them, share some new information because there's always something more to learn, and lead us in a fun craft using bulbs.

Every yard and garden in Brentwood would do its owners proud with a sudden burst of color in the spring. Any resident is more than welcome to come and hear the talk about bulbs. The meeting will take place Tuesday, March 21, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room of the Pilgrim UCC Church, 197 Middle Road.

The Gardeners' community project is keeping the town's municipal gardens well fed, well maintained, and well flowered. As you drive by the various traffic islands and triangles, the Highway Department, and Town Offices, watch for the color from all the bulbs we planted last fall.

For more information please contact the Gardeners' co-presidents, Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 772-4534 or lindarou@comcast.net.

Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners

Historical Society eagerly awaits "The Colonial Tavern Experience"

On Thursday, April 13, a lot of folks in Brentwood will head out for a night at the tavern.

The Brentwood Museum on Crawley Falls Road will take on the flavor of a colonial inn and tavern, of which there were several here in town. The Historical Society members will have a warm welcome for Mike Welch, guest speaker. Dressed in colonial style, he will begin with a PowerPoint presentation on the inns and taverns of yesterday, touching on how important they were in the life of the community, the laws and restrictions that governed them, and anecdotes about daily life in them. He will sing some of the old favorite shanties of the day, accompanying himself on a lute or guitar.



Mike Welch, guest speaker, will recall the day of Brentwood taverns and inns.

To end the evening, everyone will be offered a sample of "Innkeeper's Pie," a hearty dessert snack, and a small cup of ale. The public is invited to this charming program. There is no admission fee, although donations are always appreciated. For more information, please call Alma Vahey, president, at 679-8635.

Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society



Third Annual Arkell 5k race May 13

The Third Annual Officer Stephen Arkell Community 5k Race will take place Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the officer Stephen Arkell Memorial Scholarship. This year, two \$2000 scholarships will be awarded to Exeter High school students. For more information about the race or how to apply for the scholarship please visit officearkell5k.org. Donations can also be made online.

Chief Wayne Robinson

Sympathy

Deep sympathy and friendship are extended by their friends and neighbors to the family of **James Phillip “Jim” Rioux**, 53, of Idyllwood Drive, who passed away January 31, 2017, in Hampton after a long illness. He was born in Salem, Mass. and graduated from St. Johns Prep in Danvers, and from Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a BS in Marine Transportation. He served six years as an officer in the Naval Reserve in the shipping and marine transportation industry in Portsmouth and Boston. An avid skier, he was a member of the Ski Patrol at Black Mountain and Gunstock Mountain for more than 20 years. Funeral services were private. A public Celebration of Life is planned for the spring.

Sincere sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Carl D. Van Kampen**, 76, of Deer Hill Road, who died February 13, 2017, at Langdon Place in Exeter. Born in Chicago, Ill. and raised in Cicero, Ill., he served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1964, with a tour of duty overseas during the Vietnam War. He received an associate degree from DeVry University in Chicago, and worked for more than 40 years as a tester and telephone builder for Western Electric, AT&T, and Lucent Technologies. He settled in Brentwood in the late 1980s. A member of the First Baptist Church of Brentwood, he was known as an avid model train enthusiast and belonged to several train clubs.

Sincere sympathy and friendship are extended by their friends and neighbors to the family of **John “Eddie” E. Surette, Jr.**, 68, of Crawley Falls Road, who died February 13, 2017, at his home. Born and raised in Lynn, Mass., he graduated from Essex Agricultural School. He served in the U.S. Navy for several years, where he specialized in computers. He was employed for more than 30 years with Fiduciary Trust in Boston, and later owned and operated Brair Professional Services in Brentwood for 20 years. He had lived in Brentwood since the late 1970s.

Turkey supper at First Baptist Church March 25

The First Baptist Church of Brentwood, 201 North Road, will hold our Turkey Supper on Saturday, March 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The dinner will include roast turkey, real mashed potatoes, stuffing, string beans, cranberry sauce, strawberry shortcake, coffee, tea, or punch. Come join us for an evening of good food and fellowship. Donations will be accepted to support the general fund. Pastor John Hastings can be reached at 332-0755 or at the church at 679-5259.

Black History Month and Women’s History Month celebrated at Bartlett Memorial Library

This time of year we always like to send a shout of thanks out to the fantastic crew at Public Works. Thank you, gentlemen, for keeping our parking lot cleared and our roadways safe. We appreciate you!

In celebration of both Black History Month and Women’s History Month, we are screening an important documentary film on March 9 at 7 p.m.: *Alice’s Ordinary People*. It tells the story of Chicago resident Alice Tregay and other “ordinary” people who effected extraordinary change for human rights. We are thrilled to announce that the filmmaker, Craig Dudnick will be able to join us for the evening and will lead a short discussion after the 60-minute film. Free and open to the public.

Winter weather forced us to cancel several programs in February, but we are happy to bring one of them to you this month instead. **Cooking with Chocolate** will take place on Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m. Join Chef Liz Barbour as she uses chocolate as the main ingredient in recipes that are not just for dessert. Enjoy a cooking demonstration of two delicious recipes and samples. Please register for this event so we may provide enough samples for everyone! Call 642-3355 or stop by the library front desk to register.

Ladies & Gents Night Movie will be held on Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. We will show Jackie, a 2016 Academy Award-nominated film about the life of Jacqueline Kennedy.

The Brentwood Bookers meet on March 27 at 7 p.m. Please be sure to check the library website for the next title on their list.

Wednesday @ One Cinema will feature viewer’s choice films this month.

The Library Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 20. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

Preschool Story Times will continue this winter on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., and also Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

The Knitting Group continues to gather each Tuesday from 1 p.m.–3 p.m. They will also meet at 7 p.m. on two Thursdays: March 9 and March 23. New members (and crocheters!) are always welcome – no experience required.

Please note the library will be closed on Saturday, March 18 so that patrons and staff may attend **Annual Town Meeting** (9 a.m. at Swasey School).

For the latest library news and events, including inclement weather closings, be sure to check our website at www.brentwoodlibrary.org.

Library Staff

Easter Egg Hunt is on at Brentwood Recreation

Bunny Breakfast

This year's Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 15. Egg Hunt begins at 8:45 a.m., breakfast is from 9-10:30 a.m. Breakfast cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. The Egg Hunt is free to town residents. The Easter Bunny will be there to visit with kids. Parents are welcome to bring their cameras.

Mommy & Me Fitness Class

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Community Center, starting in February. Babies are to be ages 3 and younger. This class is designed for mothers who want to work out, but would like to still interact with their baby or they simply have no one to watch their children. This class will incorporate strength and cardio exercises that involve you and your child. Exercises can be adjusted for all levels of fitness and of course depending on what your baby will feel most comfortable with as well. First class is free. Drop in rate is \$10 per class. If you buy five classes in advance your fifth one is free.

Ski/Snowboard Club

Dates, prices, and destinations are available on Facebook, "Brentwood Ski Club," and on our website. Contact the Recreation Department if you would like more information. Our last trip is on Saturday, March 11 at Pat's Peak (Hawaiian Weekend). Note: this is for night skiing. Pay One Price (POP) applies. Registration deadline for this trip is Tuesday, March 7. Thank you to our Ski Club Committee members for a great season.

Ice Skate Rink

Thank you to our current sponsors: Rick Schlager, Blue Water Mortgage, Stratham Tire, Telly's Restaurant, Brentwood Fence, Seacoast Mills, and ConvenientMD Urgent Care. Thank you to our Ice Rink Committee members and everyone who has helped out with this project. The rink has been opened since the start of January and is getting lots of use. Be safe, be respectful, and have fun!

Seniors

Our next senior luncheon will be held at the community center on Wednesday, March 22, at 11 a.m. The Foxwoods Casino trip has been scheduled for Monday, April 10.

Youth Volleyball

The Recreation Department will be reinstating Youth Volleyball, for girls in grades 4 and 5. Starting March 8, Youth Volleyball will be offered at the Swasey gymnasium, on Wednesday nights, from 6-7 p.m. This program will run six weeks, with the last session on April 12. Visit our website or give us a call to register your children. Fee: \$10/child. 12 participants maximum, six participants minimum.

Spring Baseball & Softball Youth Baseball and Softball registration is now closed. A coaches' meeting will be held Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m. in the Sanborn Room at the Town Offices. Thank you to our current sponsor, Brentwood Chiropractic Center. P.C. field clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 (Sunday, April 9 rain date).

Foxwoods Casino Trip

Spring Casino trip to Foxwoods in Connecticut is scheduled for Monday, April 10. Bus will depart from the Community Center parking lot at 7:30 a.m. sharp, and will return to the community center around 7:30 p.m. \$35/person. Register online or in person at the town offices. Please call the Recreation Department to reserve your seats.

Youth Field Hockey

Thanks to a grant from USA Field Hockey, the Recreation Department will be offering Spring Field Hockey. This program will be designed to demonstrate the fundamentals of field hockey. Equipment will be provided and practices will be held at the Brentwood Recreation Complex, once the warmer weather returns (dates TBA). If you would like more information, or to join this new and growing program, please contact the Recreation Office.

Brentwood Summer Day Camp

The Recreation Department is forming a seven week 2017 Summer Day Camp for students entering grades K-6. The camp will be held at the Brentwood Recreation Complex and run Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with before- and after-care (additional fee). Registration for residents begins on March 15. Non-resident registration opens March 22. A parent handbook can be found on the recreation website. If you would like more information, please contact the Recreation Office.

ONGOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYGROUP. Thursday mornings, 9-11 a.m. Located at the Brentwood Community Center, this is a playgroup for young children and their parents.

ADULT YOGA CLASS. Brentwood Community Center. Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Join Cheryl Rossman to relax and rejuvenate. \$64/eight-week session or \$10/class. For more information: www.letsgetmovin.com

YOGA MOVEMENT FOR SENIORS. Free. Brentwood Community Center. First and third Tuesdays of the month at 10 a.m., second and fourth Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

TANG SOO DO CLASSES. Mondays and Fridays. Brentwood Community Center, 6:30-8 p.m. 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.

Want to be a sponsor?

Sponsors help us create and offer affordable, quality programs. If you or your business would like to become a sponsor for the Brentwood Recreation Department, please contact the Recreation Director for more information.

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.

Have a good idea for a new program?

The Recreation Department is always looking for new instructors and new programs to implement. If you believe your program/event idea would be beneficial to our community, please contact the Recreation Department. It is simple to get a program started, all you need to do is let us know!

For information regarding programs, field rentals, or building rentals, please contact the Recreation Office

David Tovey, Brentwood Recreation Director

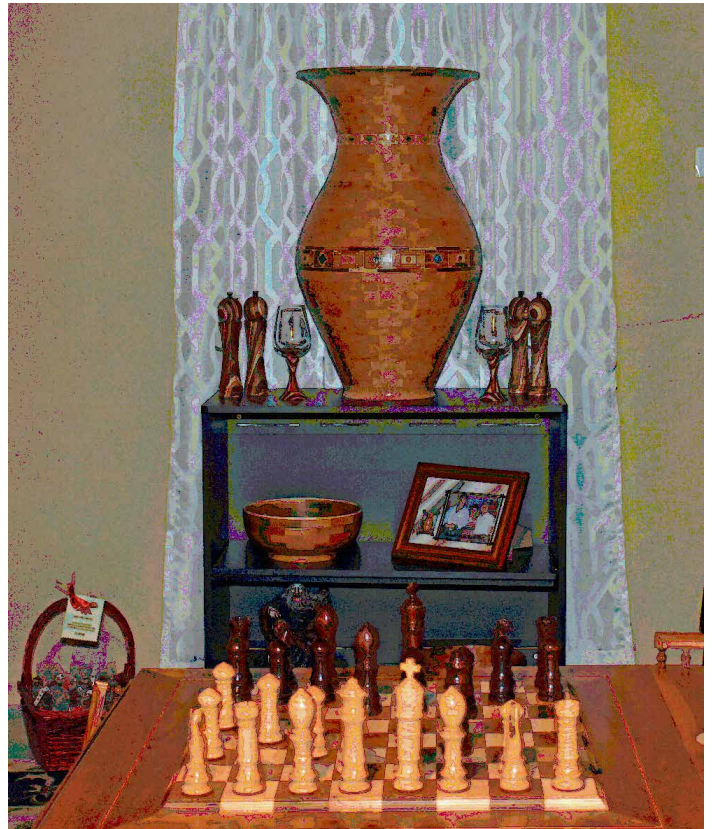
NEW ENGLAND CUSTOM WOOD TURNING A HIDDEN GEM

There is a hidden gem in Brentwood that few area residents know about. Located at 313 Route 125 is New England Custom Wood Turning. The entrance to Don Briere's shop is in the back of what was the Brentwood Machine building (also accessible from Scrabble Road). There are signs on Route 125, but at 55 mph and without knowing about Don and his craft, it's easy to slide by. When you do, you miss the opportunity to see a master craftsman at work and examine his truly wonderful creations.

Don Briere is a master wood turner, a juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, and a member of the New Hampshire Furniture Masters. He has twice been the winner of Best In Show for his pieces displayed in the Living With Crafts Gallery at the renowned annual Sunapee Fair.



Don meticulously designs and creates his incredible segmented wood pieces, such as floor vases, table vases, bowls of various sizes, wood stemmed wine glasses, salt and pepper mill sets, cheese servers and bird house ornaments. The largest of his vases contain up to 2,000 pieces of domestic and exotic woods, such as cherry, birdseye maple, flame birch, walnut, bubinga, purpleheart and padouk. Don incorporates precious stone into his pieces as well. The results of his labor are indeed works of art. They are colorful and intriguing one-of-a-kind pieces which become treasured additions to any wood lover's home. The pieces are functional as well, such as the salt and pepper mills, wine glasses and cheese servers. The vases of various sizes make phenomenal focal points as containers for seasonal flower arrangements of all kinds, such as marsh reeds, pussy willows, dried hydrangeas, and winter greens for the holidays.



Come in and visit Don Briere while he creates his beautiful wood art. He is generous with his time and will answer questions about his creative and skilled process. You may even want to try your hand at the lathe. Don also does consignment work and will design and create a special piece just for you. Don't miss this hidden gem we have in Brentwood - New England Custom Woodturning at 313 Route 125, Room 2.

Shop and Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm.

A Brentwood Newsletter Business Article

Calendar of Events

- Mar. 6 **School Board**, 6:30 p.m., Swasey School Library
Trails Committee, 7 p.m., Town Offices
- Mar. 7 **Selectmen's meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Mar. 8 **Conservation Commission**, 7 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Mar. 9 **Documentary Movie**, *Alice's Ordinary People*, with dir. Craig Dudnick, 7 p.m., Library
- Mar. 10 **Brentwood School District Meeting**, 6 p.m., Swasey School Gymnasium
- Mar. 13 **Absentee ballots** due at Town Clerk's office by 5 p.m.
Friends of the Library, 6:30 p.m., Brentwood Library
- Mar. 14 **Brentwood Town Elections**, Polls open 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., Community Center, 190 Route 125
- Mar. 16 **Planning Board**, 7 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
Ladies & Gents Movie, Jackie, 7 p.m., Brentwood Library
- Mar. 18 **Town Meeting**, 9 a.m., Swasey School Gymnasium
Drug addiction networking event, 6:30 p.m., Grace Ministries, 263 Rte. 125
- Mar. 20 **Library Trustees**, 6 p.m., Brentwood Library
- Mar. 21 **Selectmen's meeting**, 6 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
Parent-Faculty Group, 6:30 p.m., Swasey School Library
Brentwood Gardeners 7 p.m., Pilgrim Church Fellowship Hall
- Mar. 22 **Brentwood Seniors Luncheon**, 11 a.m., Community Center
- Mar. 25 **Turkey Supper**, 4:30-6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Corner of North Rd. and Rte. 125
- Mar. 27 **Brentwood Bookers**, 7 p.m., Brentwood Library
- Mar. 28 **Selectmen's meeting**, 6 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
Recreation Commission, 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Offices
- Apr. 3 **School Board**, 6:30 p.m., Swasey School Library
- Apr. 4 **Selectmen's meeting** 6 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Apr. 6 **Cemetery Trustees**, 5 p.m., Town Offices
Planning Board 7 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices

Wednesdays @ One Cinema, Brentwood Library

Viewer's choice films

Knitters, Tuesdays 1-3 p.m., Library

Thursdays, Mar. 9 and 23, 7 p.m., Library

Yoga Movement for Seniors, Free, Community Center

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10 a.m.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 9 a.m.

Brentwood residents and their guests are warmly welcome at all of these events.

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