



Article 01 SB2

Submitted by Petition

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town on the second Tuesday of March? (3/5 Majority Vote Required)

Petition

Yes 173
No 153

52%

- The first session (deliberative session) is for explanation, discussion, debate and amendments to the proposed operating budget and warrant articles. The deliberative session (first session) is similar to the traditional town meeting but is held earlier.
- The creation of a voting session (second session) will be by ballot vote on the 2nd Tuesday of March. The second session (voting session) allows voters to cast their votes for local elections, zoning articles and all warrant articles.
- Another change is the procedure for adopting the budget. The article proposes an operating budget and a default budget. The default budget is the same as last year with certain adjustments. The adjustments are amounts the town is legally obligated to pay or were one time expenses.

Failed

Article 02 GENERAL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

Recommended by the Selectboard and Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million, Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$6,298,762) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority Vote Required)

passed

Jones: There was a warrant article in 2023 for a new full time police officer. The cost was \$101,534 and was moved into the budget for 2024. The road repair warrant article of \$350,000 was moved into the operating budget.

Article 03 CRF: MULTIPLE

Recommended by the Selectboard and Budget Committee

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000) to be added to the following existing capital reserve funds:

- CRF Information Systems Hardware: \$30,000
 - CRF Revaluation: \$25,000
 - CRF Maintenance of Town Buildings: \$50,000
 - CRF Fire Vehicles: \$50,000
 - CRF Maintenance of Town Owned Bridges: \$25,000
- (Majority Vote Required)

passed

Kleinman: The Selectboard's rationale of these Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) being lumped together opposed to others is that these are the most standard CRF which have historically passed without amendments in the past. It is an attempt to shorten the number of warrants presented at Town Meeting.

CRF Information Systems Hardware: The Town has a 5-year replacement schedule for hardware which includes items such as servers, switches, firewalls, desktop computers, and tablets for cruisers. These items equate to about \$150K over 5 years. To limit spikes in the appropriations, this article would save money to cover all costs over a 5-year period. The police and town office servers are scheduled to be replaced in 2025. Current fund balance is \$78,252.96.



CRF Revaluation: The 2020 revaluation cost was \$98K not including additional costs for abatement appeals. As the town continues to grow and more parcels/ homes are added the cost will increase as does the cost of labor. The cost was \$55.00 for each additional parcel in 2020. We have added about 300 new parcels since 2020, which adds \$16,500 to the base contract cost. This is a statutory requirement to be completed at least every 5 years. The next revaluation will be in 2025. Current fund balance is \$118,084.73.

CRF Maintenance of Town Buildings: The purpose is to fund large repairs to any of the town buildings. Anticipated projects are windows, and drainage. Current balance \$95,555.34.

CRF Fire Vehicles: The next truck to be replaced in 2025. The cost is estimated to be about \$1M. Current balance is \$292,677.22. This amount likely to be used as a down payment for a lease purchase.

CRF Maintenance of Town Owned Bridges: Bridges are inspected annually by the state. There are no bridges on the Red List. This will cover minor repairs or engineering fees should a deficiency occur. Current balance is \$21,045.21.

Article 04 CRF: POLICE FACILITY

passed

Recommended by the Selectboard 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 Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Morgan: This is to be used for design and engineering. The fund was established in 2020 for design and construction. Current balance is \$111,165.36.

Article 05 POLICE TO MUNICIPAL BUILDING CRF

*Yes 91 6820
No 41 passed*

Recommended by the Selectboard
To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund to the Multi Purpose Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the design and construction of a new municipal facility. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund. (2/3 Vote Required)

Morgan: This changes the purpose of the CRF to allow it to be used towards feasibility, design, and construction of a police facility that would also include town offices. With the growth of the town, an increased need for services, and the existing deficiencies with the town office/police space we would relocate all services to the BRC.

Article 06 CRF: HIGHWAY VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT

passed

Recommended by the Selectboard and Budget Committee
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be added to the existing Highway Vehicles/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Kelly: The cost is about \$290K to replace a new truck and the last one was replaced in 2019. Robinson anticipates needing to replace 3 trucks in the next 6 years. The fund balance is \$129,583.16.



Article 07 PUBLIC SAFETY RADIOS

passed

Recommended by the Selectboard and Budget Committee

To see if the town will vote to establish a Public Safety Radio Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for public safety radios, installation and related equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in said fund. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend. (Majority Vote Required)

Artimovich: A warrant article for \$168,000 passed last year to replace all radios for the fire department. The cost to replace police radios is about \$55,000 and \$17,000 for highway. Radios life span is about 8 years. Establishing this fund would cover the replacing cost of public safety radios over the span of 8 years and will negate a spike in appropriations that occurred last year.

Article 08 REVOLVING FUND: SOLAR

passed

Recommended by the Selectboard

To see if the town will vote to establish a Solar Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the town owned solar panels. All revenues received for said purpose from the sale of renewable energy credits will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority Vote Required)

Kelly: We have been working towards terminating our Power Purchase Agreement with Revision and buying the solar panels. Once we have acquired them, we will enter into an operation and maintenance agreement for routine service and repairs. We would like to sell the renewable energy credits and use the funds to offset the cost of maintenance and repair.

Article 09 REVOLVING FUND: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

passed

Recommended by the Selectboard

To see if the town will vote to establish an Emergency Management Equipment Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of maintaining and operating equipment for the emergency operations center. All revenues received for said purpose from the NH Department of Safety in connection with the Seabrook Station REP Plan will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority Vote Required)

Artimovich: Rick Murphy, EMD will speak to this

Article 10 COMMUNITY POWER

Recommended by the Selectboard

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Brentwood Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan, which authorizes the Selectboard to develop and implement Brentwood Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E:7). The program would provide a new default electric supply and new renewable energy supply options for customers in Brentwood with the aim to reduce electric supply rates as well as provide renewable energy supply options, if desired. There is no cost to the Town budget, and no obligation to participate. Customers can opt-out at any time and return to utility default service. (Majority Vote Required)

Kleinman: Kris Magnusson, E&E will speak to this

passed



2024
WARRANT

Article 11 PICKPOCKET ROAD: SPEED TABLES

Submitted by Petition

The following citizens request the town of Brentwood to install several speed tables along Pickpocket Rd, one of which will be in front of, or located close to 207 Pickpocket Rd. This is an effort to curtail tractor trailer traffic, speeding cars, and motorcycles. Signs for no thru trucks are completely ineffective. The weight of the trucks is breaking the pavement down, and will cause further maintenance and expense to the town. (Majority Vote Required)

failed

Petition: Advisory – NO Appropriation

Article 12 FUNDING FOR THE BRENTWOOD NEWSLETTER

Submitted by Petition

Not recommended by the Selectboard or Budget Committee

To see if the Town of Brentwood will vote to raise and appropriate a lump-sum payment of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$17,250) to provide funding to Brentwood Newsletter, Inc. for printing, postage, and distribution costs of 11 issues of the Brentwood Newsletter from April 2024 to March 2025. If approved by the legislative body at Town Meeting, payment shall be disbursed to the Brentwood Newsletter, Inc. no later than March 29, 2024. (Majority Vote Required)

Yes No passed
131 110

Petition

Article 13 HAND COUNT BALLOTS

Submitted by Petition

To the Town/City of (Please enter Town/City) Brentwood, New Hampshire. We, the undersigned duly registered voters in the Town/City of (Please enter Town/City) Brentwood, New Hampshire, hereby petition and apply for the insertion of the following petition warrant article: "Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices." This shall constitute a return to hand counting ballots and the immediate discontinuance of all electronic voting machines and electronic devices authorized for use by trial in RSA 656:40. Shall this article be passed, it shall be enacted by the town of (Please enter Town/City) Brentwood immediately. (Majority Vote Required)

Yes 53 failed
No 131

Petition

Article 14 YES MEANS YES

Submitted by Petition

The vote of the legally-convened legislative body at the annual Brentwood, NH Town Meeting SHALL be adhered to and faithfully executed by the Selectboard.

Petition: Advisory

Yes 69 failed
No 82