

REPORT OF BRENTWOOD TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2026

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Brentwood in the County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held at Swasey Central School on Saturday March 14, 2026 at 9:00am the following business was conducted:

Moderator Melissa Hanlon opened the meeting at 9:11am and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There are 3441 registered voters in Brentwood, of which, 343 registered voters (10%) attended Town Meeting.

Moderator Melissa Hanlon, asked for a moment of silence for two residents who passed away this past year. Richard "Dick" Chamberlain had been the Town's Moderator for 45 years and Ken Christiansen had been a longtime Selectboard Member, as well as, had been on several boards and committees.

Paul Kleinman, Selectboard Chair, presented Andrew Artimovich, Selectboard Member, with a gift to honor his service and dedication as he retires his position after 18 years.

Daphne Woss, Town Clerk, read the 2025 Town Report dedication to Jeffrey Bryan and he was given a standing ovation.

The Moderator read the results of Tuesday's election and all who were elected came to the front and were sworn in by Town Clerk Daphne Woss.

The Moderator, Selectboard, and Budget Committee introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to use the Moderator's Rules for the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

Moderator Hanlon advised that the Town Administrator, Town Counsel, or any department heads would be allowed to speak at the meeting. Any other non-resident would need a vote by the assembly to speak.

**Article #1.** Submitted by Petition: Motion made by Jessie Armstrong and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the town on the second Tuesday of March? (3/5-majority ballot vote required).

Motion to close debate made by Robin Wrighton and duly seconded by Jim Berlo. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. Ballot voting began at 10:06am and ended at 11:06am. **Article #1 passed by ballot vote (65%). (YES 224 NO 118)** Motion made by Letty Bedard and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari to restrict reconsideration of Article #1. Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #1 passed by show of voting cards.

Motion made by Jim Hajjar and duly seconded by Caleb Labbe to move Article #12 forward. Motion to move Article #12 forward passed by show of voting cards.

**Article #12.** Submitted by Petition: Motion made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded by Letty Bedard to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Three Dollars (\$225,703) to establish a twenty-four hour per-diem firefighter/EMT position at the Fire Department, Effective April 1, 2026. This position will provide recommended staffing for a three-person engine company in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 710 and OSHA. This position will support improved emergency response capability and public safety for the Town of Brentwood. (Majority Vote Required)

Motion made by Jim Hajjar and duly seconded by Lois DeYoung to table Article #12. Moderator Hanlon advised, per Moderator's Rules, only the Petitioner can table the Article. Motion made by Jim Hajjar and duly seconded by Ched Miller to overrule Moderator's Rule #21 (A Motion to Table an Article will only be accepted by the Moderator if the sponsor of the Article makes it.) Motion to close debate to overrule made by Doug Marino and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. **Motion to overrule Moderator's Rule #21 failed by count of voting cards. (YES 89 NO 123).** Motion to close debate made by Aaron Savage and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari. Motion made by Liz Faria who presented a signed list of at least 5 registered voters, to have a ballot vote.

**Article #12 failed by ballot vote (YES 88 NO 163).** Motion made by Letty Bedard and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to restrict reconsideration of Article #12. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards.

Motion made by Matthew Bunker and duly seconded by Letty Bedard to move Article #10 forward. Motion to move Article #10 forward failed by show of voting cards.

**Article #2.** Motion was made by Paul Kleinman and duly seconded by Letty Bedard to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million, Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Nine hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$6,413,964) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required) Motion to close debate made by Liz Faria and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. **Article #2 passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Letty Bedard and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to restrict reconsideration of Article #2. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards.

Motion made by Melissa Litchfield and duly seconded by Letty Bedard to move Article #10 forward. Motion to move Article #10 forward failed by show of voting cards.

**Article #3.** Motion was made by Jim Michaud and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-four Thousand, Nine hundred fifty dollars (\$24,950) for the continuation of manual collection of Waste and Recyclable Materials. Per the Contract with Casella Waste Systems, the Town may continue with Manual Waste Collection or convert to Automated Waste Collection. The proposed 2026 Town Budget allocates the cost of manual waste and recyclable collection for the first 6 months, and automated waste and recyclable collection for the remaining 6 months. The purpose of this warrant article would be to continue with manual collection for the entire year. (Majority vote required)

Motion to close debate made by Doug Marino and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. **Article #3 passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Letty Bedard and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to restrict reconsideration of Article #3. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards.

Motion made by Doug Marino and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari to move Article #10 forward. Motion to move Article #10 forward passed by show of voting cards.

**Article #10.** Motion made by Letty Bedard and duly seconded by Paul Kleinman to see if the Town shall modify the provisions of RSA 72:30-a for 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, \$200,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$250,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$300,000. To qualify, the person must have been a 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 to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$50,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$65,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$200,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority Vote Required)

Motion to close debate made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. **Article #10 passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Letty Bedard and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to restrict reconsideration of Article #10. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards.

**Article #4.** Motion was made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) to be added to the following existing capital reserve funds:

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

Motion made by Jim Berlo and duly seconded by Michelle Siudut to amend Article #4 to read: to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the following existing capital reserve funds:

CRF Information Systems Hardware: **\$0**  
CRF Revaluation: \$25,000  
CRF Maintenance of Town Owned Buildings: \$25,000  
CRF Fire Vehicles: \$50,000  
CRF Public Safety Radios: **\$0**  
(Majority Vote Required)

Motion to close debate on amendment made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. **Amendment to Article #4 failed by show of voting cards.** Motion to close debate on Article #4, as written, made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud. **Article #4 passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to restrict reconsideration of Article #4. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards.

**Article #5.** Motion made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be added to the existing Multi-Purpose Municipal Building capital reserve fund. (Majority Vote Required) Motion made by Jim Berlo and duly seconded by Letty Bedard to amend Article #5 to read: to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be added to the existing Multi-Purpose Municipal Building capital reserve fund **with money from the Unreserved Fund Balance.** (Majority Vote Required) Motion to close debate on amendment made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. **Amendment to Article #5 failed by show of voting cards.** Motion to close debate on Article #5, as written, made by Gabrielle Kelly and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari. **Article #5 passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to restrict reconsideration of Article #5. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards.

**Article #6.** Motion made by Jim Michaud and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari 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.) Motion to close debate made by Gabrielle Kelly and duly seconded by Letty Bedard. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. **Article #6 passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Letty Bedard to restrict reconsideration of Article #6. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards.

**Article #7.** Motion made by Letty Bedard and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for the purpose of public road repair and maintenance. (Majority vote required) Motion to close debate made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. **Article #7 passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Andrew Mantegari to restrict reconsideration of Article #7. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards.

**Article #8.** Motion made by Paul Kleinman and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500) to be added to the Master Plan Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of updating the Town's Master Plan. (Majority vote required.) Motion made by Jim Berlo and duly seconded by Jim Hajjar to amend Article #8 to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500) to be added to the Master Plan Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of updating the Town's Master Plan **with money to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance.** (Majority vote required.) Motion to close debate on amendment made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. **Amendment to Article #8 passed**

**by show of voting cards.** Motion to close debate on Article #8, as amended, made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Paul Kleinman. Motion to close debate on Article #8, as amended, passed by show of voting cards. **Article #8, as amended, passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Jim Michaud and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to restrict reconsideration of Article #8, as amended. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards.

**Article #9.** Motion made by Letty Bedard and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 72:35, 1-a, to increase the optional tax credit for service-connected permanent and total disability from \$2,000 to \$2,750, pursuant to RSA 72:27-a. The said credit for service-connected total disability shall replace the Optional Veterans' Credit and/or the All-Veterans Credit, under RSA 72:28, 72:28-b, 72:28-c, and 72:36-a in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto. To qualify, the Veteran or the Veteran's Surviving Spouse must satisfy all the conditions of RSA 72:35, that pertain to eligibility for this credit, as well as those contained in any other applicable statute. (Majority Vote Required).

Motion to close debate made by Paul Kleinman and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. **Article #9 passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud to restrict reconsideration of Article #9. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards.

**Article #11.** Motion made by Letty Bedard and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to see if the town shall modify the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be \$155,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 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 \$50,000 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$65,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$200,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Motion to close debate made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud. Motion to close debate passed by show of voting cards. **Article #11 passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud to restrict reconsideration of Article #11. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards.

**Article #13.** Motion made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud to see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Prevention/Inspection Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of offsetting the cost of the Fire Prevention/Inspection Position and to expand inspection hours from eight (8) per week to sixteen (16) or twenty-four (24). All revenues received from Fire Inspection Fees 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)

Motion made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded by Letty Bedard to amend Article #13 to read: to see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Prevention/Inspection Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of offsetting the cost of the Fire Prevention/Inspection Position and to expand inspection hours from eight (8) per week to sixteen (16) or twenty-four (24) **and raise and appropriated \$1 for this Fund.** All revenues received from Fire Inspection Fees 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)

Motion to close debate on Article #13, as amended, made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Letty Bedard. Motion to close debate on Article #13, as amended, passed by show of voting cards.

**Amendment to Article #13 passed by show of voting cards.** Motion to close debate on Article #13, as amended, made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud. Motion to close debate on Article #13, as amended, passed by show of voting cards. **Article #13, as amended, passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud to restrict reconsideration of Article #13, as amended. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards

**Article #14.** Motion made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded by Robert Mantegari to see if the Town will vote to amend the Special Details Revolving Fund, established in 2009 pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, to eliminate the maximum accumulated cap of \$40,000, allowing the fund to accumulate from year to year without a specific limit, and to permit any currently accumulated Fund Balance exceeding the prior cap to remain in the Fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Motion made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded by Letty Bedard to amend Article #14 to read: to see if the Town will vote to amend the **Police Special Details Revolving Fund and/or the Special Details Revolving Fund**, established in 2009 pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, to eliminate the maximum accumulated cap of \$40,000, allowing the fund to accumulate from year to year without a specific limit, and to permit any currently accumulated Fund Balance exceeding the prior cap to remain in the Fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Motion to close debate on Article #14, as amended, made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded by Letty Bedard. Motion to close debate on amendment of Article #14, passed by show of voting cards.

**Amendment to Article #14 passed by show of voting cards.** Motion to close debate on Article #14, as amended, made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Jim Michaud. Motion to close debate on Article #14, as amended, passed by show of voting cards. **Article #14, as amended, passed by show of voting cards.** Motion made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded by Andrew Artimovich to restrict reconsideration of Article #14, as amended. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by show of voting cards

Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Daphne Woss  
Town Clerk

State of New Hampshire, County of Rockingham ss  
On this the 17 day of March, (yr.) 2020 before me  
Heather Haggett, the undersigned officer  
personally appeared Daphne Woss  
known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person  
whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and  
acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the  
purposes therein contained. In witness where in hereunto  
set my hand and official seal.

