

MINUTES
BRANDON TOWN MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 1, 2021, 7 PM
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM
MEETING RECORDING: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFOZ8MxLn_8

Moderator Bill Moore called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Attending the meeting were Select Board Members, Seth Hopkins, Douglas Bailey, Brian Coolidge, Tracy Wyman and Timothy Guiles, Town Manager, David Atherton, Clerk, Sue Gage and 63 attendees. Moderator Moore reminded all attending that this zoom format was an informational meeting only and that there would be no voting.

Selectman Seth Hopkins began the meeting by introducing the town report dedicatee, Seth Clifford. Mr. Clifford was honored and thankful for the recognition and has enjoyed his many years of community service.

Mr. Hopkins then presented a comprehensive budget proposal to the attendees. The budget to be voted by Australian Ballot on March 2, 2021 at the Brandon American Legion from 10 am to 7 pm, is for \$3,244, 010 of which \$2,744,135 is to be raised by property taxes.

Jeff Lewis from Aldrich & Elliot followed Mr. Hopkins with a discussion and presentation of the Waste Water bond proposal. The bond proposal is for \$5,700,000 of which nearly half may be covered by grants. Grants will become available once a positive bond vote is achieved. Mr. Lewis stated that the bond covers equipment and fixtures that are well beyond their life expectancy.

Representative Stephanie Jerome addressed the attendees about work at the state legislature, specifically programs geared toward small business recovery during COVID. Representative Butch Shaw followed Representative Jerome adding additional information about activity at the state legislature.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm



Bill Moore, Moderator



Susan Gage, Clerk