

MINUTES
BRANDON TOWN MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2022, 7 PM
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM
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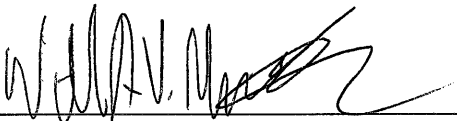
Moderator Bill Moore called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Attending the meeting were Select Board Members, Seth Hopkins, Michael Markowski, Brian Coolidge, Tracy Wyman and Timothy Guiles, Town Manager, David Atherton, Moderator, Bill Moore, Clerk, Sue Gage and 45 attendees. Moderator Moore 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 recognizing the Brandon Police Department, to whom the town report was dedicated this year. Chris Brickell, who retired from the force at the end of December, thanked the Town Manager and Selectboard for the honor and recognition.

Mr. Hopkins, Selectman Timothy Guiles, and Selectman Michael Markowski then presented a comprehensive budget proposal to the attendees. The budget to be voted by Australian Ballot on March 1, 2021, at the Brandon American Legion from 10 am to 7 pm, is for \$3,230,130 of which \$2,712,274 is to be raised by property taxes. Mr. Hopkins noted that this budget is a decrease of 1.16% from the prior year and will not raise taxes.

The Selectboard then opened the floor for questions. There were discussions about tax stabilization, paving plans, increases in appropriation requests and concerns about housing and childcare in the community. The Selectboard then invited Representatives Stephanie Jerome and Butch Shaw to speak about activity in the legislature.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

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Bill Moore, Moderator

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Susan Gage, Clerk