

# Brattleboro Town Finance Committee

## Minutes

December 18, 2012

4:15 PM

Green Street School Library

Present: Committee members John Wilmerding, Lisa Lorimer, Michael Bosworth, Spoon Agave (Chair)

Absent: Committee members Tim Cuthbertson, Kathryn Turnas

1. Call to order: 4:30 PM
2. Agenda: General discussions on Town and school budgets  
Annual Report
3. Approve minutes: none to approve
4. Announcements: discussion about using Green Street School regularly. Decision to remain in Municipal Bldg. Easier on Fin Dir O'Conner, access to printer and data  
Report on last SB budget meeting: not much progress. Chapman motion to use \$200,000 from Capital surplus tabled  
BUHS public meeting 6 PM Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. Discuss final budget
5. Discussion: Schools – revised Town school budget up to 3.77%. May be slight reductions.  
If this holds it would require a 7 cent tax rate increase to offset  
This is double the increase of any of the last 3 years.  
Proposing to use surplus to reduce budget further  
Insistence that they can't make more cuts  
  
Town – discussion of grants. How much might grants be responsible for capital surplus?  
TASK – Lorimer will talk to Fin Dir O'Connor about grants. Obtain accounting of grants received
6. Annual Report: ideas –  
Section on where tax revenue comes from. Focus on Income Sensitivity program  
Update on 2012 recommendations
7. Adjourn: 6:30 PM