

Brattleboro Representative Town Meeting Finance Committee
Minutes of February 7, 2019

Members present: Franz Reichsman (chair), Elizabeth McLoughlin, Michael Hoffman
Members not present: Abbe Sweeney, Avery Schwenk

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m. The chair announced that committee member Nancy Anderson has decided to resign from the committee effective today, and therefore a quorum was present. The chair expressed the committee's thanks to Nancy (in absentia) for serving as clerk for the past year.

By consent, the approval of the minutes from January 3, 2019 was postponed to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2019 in the Cusick Conference Room of the Windham Regional Career Center.

There was discussion of the proposed 1% local option sales tax. At this point the committee members present were in favor of approving the 1% tax, as reflected in the draft report on the municipal budget. No specific action was taken.

The budget line item of \$42,119 requested by the Downtown Brattleboro Alliance and the Chamber of Commerce was discussed, and the following motion was made by Elizabeth McLoughlin:

"The Brattleboro Representative Town Meeting Finance Committee does not endorse the expenditure of \$42,119 for promoting the town, as proposed by the Downtown Brattleboro Alliance and the Chamber of Commerce and approved in the budget by the selectboard, and included as Article 14 in the agenda for Representative Town Meeting."

During the subsequent discussion a motion was made by Franz Reichsman to postpone consideration of the earlier motion until the next meeting. The motion to postpone was unanimously approved.

A draft of the municipal budget report prepared by Liz was distributed to the members present. A second draft of the BUHS District budget prepared by Franz was distributed. Approval of both will be on the agenda for next week. A report on the town school district budget also will be prepared.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Franz Reichsman.