

Say what.....

The Town of Brunswick can, and usually does, offer up the School Budget (or school bond issue) part of the overall Town Budget to a referendum, usually in June. So what you say? Well, it is the only opportunity you have to make the Town Council go back and revise the budget, not just the School Budget.

Here is the rub. For the past 5 - 10 years, on average, only 5 - 6 % of the town's voters show up to vote in the referendums. Reasons.....

1. Voters are happy with the School / Town budget and the usual property tax increases that accompany it.
2. Voters think that a vote against the School Budget is a vote against the schools or education (it is not).
3. Voters are not aware that there is a referendum.
4. Voters are too busy with their jobs and other daily responsibilities to go vote.
5. Voters just don't care one way or another.

There is a solution to #3.....you are here, on this web site.

There is also a solution to #4. It is called an **absentee ballot**. 90 days prior to the referendum you can call the Town Clerk's office, at the Town Hall, and ask them to send you an absentee ballot.....to your home! No later than 30 days prior to the referendum, you will get that ballot. Fill it out, put it in the mailbox, and you have made your voice known. It will only take a few minutes of your time and you only have to walk down to your mailbox.....twice.