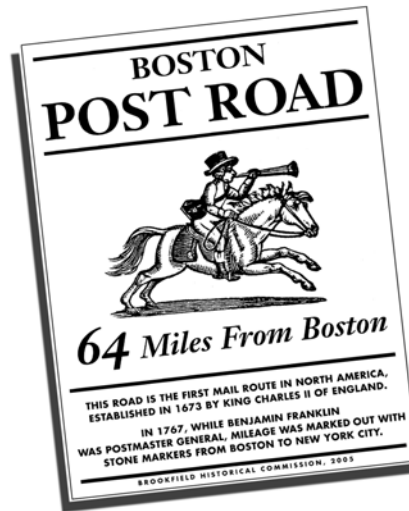


*ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MA*

**2005**



### ABOUT THE COVER

The above artwork is from one of three informational signs being placed next to the original mile markers that run along the "Old Boston Post Road" in Brookfield. The original road is now part of Route 9 and East Main Street.

"Franklin Markers" were installed upon the orders of Benjamin Franklin during his time as Post Master General. It is said that he traveled the Post Road from Boston to New York with a piece of cloth tied around the wheel of this carriage. By counting the number of revolutions, he was able to measure out a mile. Stone markers were then installed to streamline the calculations of postal fees that at the time were paid by the person receiving the mail. The rider carried the mail and blew a horn as he came upon a delivery. The horn echoed across the then quiet fields and valleys indicating the mail had arrived. Markers in the Brookfield's are part of the last surviving chain of markers in the state of Massachusetts.

The only section of the Boston Post Road that is still used daily and unpaved is East Main Street, Brookfield. The signs will be installed during April's "Patriot's Day" week since this is the most likely road that Brookfield Minutemen took to get to the Lexington Alarm in 1775. The road was part of the first mail route in North America, established in 1673 by King Charles II of England, almost one hundred years before the American Revolution.

The design for the informational signs was done as a donation from Ron Couture, and the signs are being installed by Brookfield's Historical Commission to make citizens more aware of the historic landscape they live in.

The **Boston Post Cane** was given to Mr. Leon Terry of 41 Fiskdale Road.  
See the Selectmen's report for more details.



## IN MEMORIAM

The Town lost several prominent citizens during 2005. Among those who died during this year who made significant contributions to life in Brookfield were Auguste P. Valley, Jr., Lewis B. "Bill" Terry, Allen S. Whitcomb, Nancy Jean (Hunter) Landry and Gussie L. Willett. Each and every resident of the Town is an important citizen, of course, but Brookfield suffers a major loss now that we don't have these people to call upon any more. Their contributions, however, continue to impact us. Please help to keep their memories alive by doing your part for Brookfield.



***Bill Terry***

Lewis B. "Bill" Terry was a resident of Brookfield most of his life. He attended Brookfield High School and worked on his family farm. He held many positions both elected and appointed. He was a member of the Fire Department for 36 years during which he was Captain and Assistant Fire Chief. He also worked for the Town on the Highway Department for many years and enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting.

### ***Allen Whitcomb***

Allen S. Whitcomb lived in Brookfield for 48 years. He was a former member of the Brookfields Lions Club and Rotary Club of the Brookfields. For hobbies, he made and refinished furniture and maintained and landscaped his home. For many years, Allen and his wife, Barbara, who died in 2001, were volunteer drivers for the American Cancer Society, transporting patients from the Brookfields to doctor and hospital visits and providing much-needed relief for their families.



***Nancy Landry***

Nancy was a life-long resident of Brookfield and graduated from Brookfield High School; she was on the committee for its 53 year reunion. Nancy volunteered in many places, was an active member of the Cultural Council and a member of the Brookfield Congregational Church.



***Gussie L. Willett***

Gussie L. Willett owned and operated Custom Pallets in Brookfield for 31 years; owned and operated the former Brookfield Airport and was a flight instructor. He enjoyed farming and raising livestock.

Gussie was an Army Air Corp veteran of WWII where he piloted B24's. He was also a veteran of the Korean Conflict as a flight instructor. He was a Selectman for 16 years, served on the Advisory Board for 4 years; the Tantasqua Regional School Committee for 10 years and the Zoning Board of Appeals 14 years.



***Paul Valley***

Auguste P. Valley, Jr. was born in Brookfield and attended High School here before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He was a WW II veteran, serving with the highly decorated 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division and saw extensive combat in many theatres such as North Africa; Sicily, Italy; Southern France and Germany. He worked in Brookfield for 25 years for Gavitt Wire. He was a member of the Brookfield Congregational Church; served as a Constable and volunteer fire fighter; was a member and past Master of Hayden Lodge A.F. and A.M. in East Brookfield and was a past patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Ware.

**GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICT  
AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE  
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD**

UNITED STATE SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

John F. Kerry, Boston

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Richard E. Neal

COUNCILOR – 7<sup>th</sup> District

Edward J. Markey

STATE SENATOR

Worcester, Hampden, Franklin

And Hampshire Senatorial District

Stephen M. Brewer

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Anne M. Gobi

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

John J. Conte



## **FACTS ABOUT BROOKFIELD**

**SETTLED:** 1660 as part of the Quaboag Plantation

**INCORPORATED AS A TOWN:**

Originally founded in 1660 as part of the Quaboag Plantation, Brook-field incorporated as a Town in 1673.

**LOCATION:**

Brookfield is located in Central Massachusetts bounded by North Brookfield on the North, East Brookfield on the East, Sturbridge on the South and West Brookfield, Warren and Brimfield on the West. Brookfield is 22 miles West of Worcester, 33 miles East of Springfield and 57 miles West of Boston.

**POPULATION:** 3,253

**FORM OF GOVERNMENT:**

Open Town Meeting with a three member Board of Selectmen and a full-time Administrative Assistant.

**TAX RATE – FY 2006:** \$13.50

**PROPERTY VALUATION (as of 7/1/2005):**

Residential	\$243,154,435
Commercial	10,111,850
Industrial	1,476,900
Personal Property	<u>4,673,632</u>
Total Valuation	\$259,416,817
Exempt Value	\$ 33,835,100

**SQUARE MILES:** 16.57

**STREETS AND HIGHWAYS:**

Brookfield has approximately 40 miles of paved roads, one half a mile of dirt road and two miles of private roads.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

Brookfield maintains a K-6 Elementary School and belongs to the Tantasqua Regional School District, which offers a junior high school, a high school and a vocational school.

**FIRE PROTECTION:**

The Fire Department, which is headed by Chief Peter Martell, consists of one Assistant Chief, Two Captains, three Lieutenants and twenty-one Fire Fighters.

**EMERGENCY SQUAD:**

Brookfield's Emergency Squad, headed by Chief Donna Lafleur includes one Captain, one Lieutenant and 10 EMS personnel. There are five Paramedics; seven EMT Basics and one EMT- Intermediate. The service operates a 1998 Road Rescue ambulance mounted on a Ford chassis.

**POLICE:**

Brookfield has a 24-7 Police Department with three full-time Police Officer including Police Chief, Ross Ackerman. The Department includes a Deputy Chief and 17 part-time Patrol Officers.

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:**

Brookfield has one recreational field: Lewis Field, which is located on Route 148.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

The Merrick Public Library located at 2 Lincoln Street, on the Common provides free public access to the internet, readers and reference advisory service. The Library is an affiliate member of CW/MARS, which allows our patrons to peruse the Central Massachusetts library catalog and place holds, and pick-up location from the comfort of their home. This Romanesque Banister Memorial Hall was built in 1884 and the Trustees and staff continue to help maintain the architectural integrity of this historic building while offering modern conveniences

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS****POLICE:**

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	508-867-5570

**FIRE:**

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	508-867-7306

**AMBULANCE:**

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	508-867-6036

**AREA HOSPITALS:**

Mary Lane Hospital, Ware	413-967-6211
Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge	508-765-9771
Hubbard Regional Hospital, Webster	508-943-2600
University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester	508-334-1000
Worcester Medical Center, Worcester	508-363-5000

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:**

“Dog” Officer, Eileen Vitello	508-525-5776
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## **TOWN OFFICERS 2005 (ELECTED)**

### ***BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3)***

Joseph J. Klimavich, Chairman	May 2006
Beverly A. Lund, Vice Chairman	May 2007
James W. Allen, Clerk	May 2008

### ***MODERATOR (1)***

William Frangiamore	May 2006
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### ***TOWN CLERK (1)***

Linda Lincoln	May 2007
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### ***BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3)***

Brenda McElroy	May 2007
Philip H. Peirce	May 2006
Donna Wentzell, Chairman	May 2008

### ***SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3)***

Stephen Comtois	May 2008
Patricia Sinko	May 2006
William Gillmeister	May 2007

### ***REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2)***

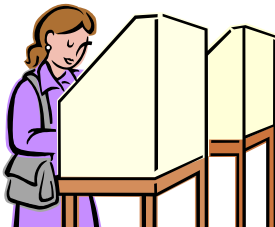
James Cooke	May 2006
Patricia Boucher	May 2007

### ***CONSTABLES (2)***

Ross Ackerman	May 2007
Joseph Murray	May 2007

### ***WATER COMMISSIONERS / WATER DEPARTMENT (3)***

Roger Charpentier, Jr., Chairman	May 2006
Robert Barnes	May 2007
Joseph Murray	May 2008



### ***BOARD OF HEALTH (3)***

Timothy McElroy	May 2006
Joseph Gadbois	Resigned 6/05
Michael Seery	May 2007
Robert Wentzell, Chairman	May 2008

### ***PLANNING BOARD (5)***

David Couture, Chairman	May 2006
Kermit Eaton	May 2007
Mary O'Connell	May 2007
Frank Smith	May 2008
Michael R. Dean	May 2008

### ***CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS and TRUSTEES FOR SHADE TREE & CEMETERY FUNDS (3)***

John McDavitt	May 2006
Peter Masuzzo	May 2007
Wayne Yaskoski, Chairman	May 2008

### ***MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY - TRUSTEES FOR (6)***

Linda Barron	May 2006
Barbara Tripple Simmons	May 2006
Sally Brown, Chairman	May 2007
Barbara Steadman	May 2007
Barbara Clancy	May 2008
Jean Dahler	May 2008

### ***HOUSING AUTHORITY (2)***

Joseph Gadbois, Chairman	May 2007
Michael Seery	May 2006
State Member	Vacant

## **APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT & Chief  
Procurement Officer**  
Donna L. Neylon

**ACCOUNTANT, TOWN**  
Louise E. (Betty) Benoit Sept. 2006

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE (no limit)**  
(Appointments expire at end of Annual Town Meeting):

Ronald Dackson	2006
Barbara Wilson	2006
William Neault	2006
Donald Faugno	2007
Susan Flash	2007
Bradford Kadelski	2007
Liisa Holm	2008
Taylor Whitcomb	2008
Robert Barnes	2008

**AGING, COUNCIL ON (6)**

Lucy Beeman	June 2008
Brenda Lague	June 2006
Barbara Clancy, Chairman	June 2007
Linda Peirce, Resigned	June 2006
Barbara Brown Palmer	June 2006
Georgia Trauschke	June 2006
Marie Jacques	June 2008

**ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (1)**

Barbara Mundell, resigned	May 2007
Sheila Frangiamore	May 2007

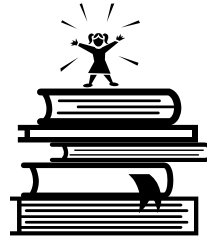
**BOARD OF HEALTH SECRETARY**  
Kim Longee

**BUILDINGS, INSPECTOR OF**

Jeff Taylor	June 2006
John Couture, Alternate	June 2006

**BY-LAW COMMITTEE (6)**

James Allen, Member-at-Large	June 06
Barbara Wilson, Advisory Comm. Rep.	June 06
Ross Ackerman, Police Dept. Rep.	June 06
Beverly A. Lund, Selectmen Rep.	June 06
Herbert Chaffee, Highway Dept. Rep.	June 06
William Neault, Member-at-Large	June 06



## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Tim Roughan, Member-at-Large	June 2006
Barbara Mundell, Treasurer Rep.	June 2006
Robert S. Phillips, Selectmen Rep.	June 2006
Peter Martell, Fire Dept. Rep.	June 2006
Donna Lafleur, EMS Rep.	June 2006
Betty Benoit, Town Accountant Rep.	June 2006
Vacant, School Committee Rep.	
Vacant, Advisory Committee Rep.	

**CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT (1)**  
Michael Seery

## **CEMETERY STAFF**

Herbert L. Foley  
John P. Lapointe, Summer Help

## **CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mary T. O'Connell, Delegate  
Joseph J. Klimavich, Alternate

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5)**

James Allen	June 2006
Herbert Chaffee	June 2006
Bruce Clarke	June 2006
Beverly Lund	June 2006
Donna Neylon	June 2006

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION (6)**

Wilfred Steadman, Chairman	June 2008
Kenneth Cleveland	June 2007
Susan Brogan	June 2007
Philip O'Toole	June 2006
Jeffrey Hescok	June 2008
1 vacancy	

## **CONSTABLE (1)**

Arthur Tatro	June 2006
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## **COUNSEL, TOWN (1)**

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	June 2006
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**CULTURAL COUNCIL (6)**

William Simpson	June 2006
Elise Provost	June 2006
Louise Woodard	June 2006
Jeanne Lytle	June 2007
Barbara Wilson	June 2007
Madelyn Swanson	June 2007

**CUSTODIAN, TOWN HALL**

Edward Howarth

**DOG & ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Eileen Vitello	June 2006
Christopher Blood, Alternate	June 2006

**ELECTION WORKERS**

Kathryn Latour, Warden	June 2006
Janeth Baribeau	June 2006
Helen Armstrong	June 2006
Carolyn Murray	June 2006
Cheryl Richardson	June 2006
Marion Lessard	June 2006
Barbara Mundell	June 2006
Debra Burnham	June 2006
Sheila Frangiamore	June 2006
Annette Lazili	June 2006
Doreen Dean	June 2006

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Keith Karrmann, Director	May 2006
Peter Martell, Deputy Director	May 2006

**EMERGENCY SQUAD CHIEF**

Donna Lafleur, Chief, EMT/Paramedic	June 2006
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**EMERGENCY SQUAD OFFICERS**

Peter Martell, Captain, EMT/Paramedic	June 2006
Matthew Graves, Lt. EMT/Paramedic	June 2006

**EMERGENCY SQUAD**All until June, 2006:

Donna M. Lafleur, Paramedic  
 Peter Martell, Paramedic  
 Matthew Graves, Paramedic  
 Terry Anderson, EMT  
 David G. Martell, Paramedic  
 Brad Bemis, Paramedic  
 Rick Phillips, EMT- Intermediate  
 Brian Ayers, EMT  
 Robert Connor, EMT  
 Jennifer Lafleur, EMT  
 Amy Bemis, EMT

Linda Fortier, EMT  
 Deborah Morgan, EMT  
 Keith Karrmann, EMT

**FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**All until June, 2006:

Donna Lafleur, Ex Officio  
 Herbert Chaffee, Ex Officio  
 Peter Martell, Ex Officio  
 Tim Roughan, Ex Officio  
 Ross Ackerman, Ex Officio  
 Ronald Couture, Member-At-Large  
 William Neault, Advisory Committee Rep.

**FINANCIAL OFFICIALS**

Nancy Lee Finney, Clerk to Treasurer  
 Nancy Lee Finney, Clerk to Tax Collector

**FIRE CHIEF & FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Peter Martell	June 2008
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**FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**Elected by Fire Dept. Members:

Peter Martell, Chief  
 Herbert Chaffee, Assistant Chief  
 David Martell, Captain  
 Keith Karrmann, Lieutenant  
 William MacLeod, Lieutenant  
 Mark Leonard, Acting Lieutenant

**FIREFIGHTERS**

Bryan Ayers	Linda Fortier
Steven Budnick	Matthew Graves
Peter Burke	Justin Chaffee
Donna Lafleur	Philip Chaffee
Paul Comptois	Robert Connor
Wallace Connor	Charles Edgette
Mike Maneggio	Marc Leonard
Scott Baldracchi	Michael Vincent
Jeffrey White	Jeffrey Evans
James Burt	Michael Steuer

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Herbert Chaffee, II	June 2006
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**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Donald L. Herbert  
 James Hanson

**HIGHWAY GARAGE CONSTRUCTION  
COMMITTEE (10)**

All expire June 2006:

Herbert Chaffee – Highway Dept. Rep.  
Beverly A. Lund – Selectmen's Rep.  
Timothy Roughan – Facilities Dev. Comm. Rep.  
Jeffrey Taylor – Building Inspector Rep.  
Maynard Baker – Member-at-Large  
William Frangiamore – Member-at-Large  
Matthew Graves - Member-at-Large  
David R. Holm – Member-at-Large  
William Neault – Member-at-Large  
Beth Sitterly – Member-at-Large

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Janice Wilson	June 2006
Carolyn Pope	June 2006
Pauline C. Merrick	June 2007
Jean Eaton	June 2008
Ron Couture	June 2008
2 Vacancies	

**HOMELAND SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE**

Keith Karrmann	June 2006
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**INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Barbara Clancy	June 2006
Carolyn Wallace	June 2005

**LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

John Carty	June 2006
Beverly A. Lund	June 2006
Joseph J. Klimavich	June 2006
James W. Allen	June 2006
1 Vacancy	

**LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS COMMITTEE**

Keith Karrmann	June 2006
John David Holdcraft	June 2006
Jean-Paul Lapointe	June 2006
Michael Seery	June 2006
Patricia Boucher	June 2007
Ronald Dackson	June 2008

**MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE**

Cheri Carty	June 2008
Susan Brogan	June 2006
Jeffrey Hescok	June 2006
Liisa Holm	June 2006



**MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF**

Brenda Metterville, Director  
Andrea Faugno  
Faith O'Keefe  
Claudia A. McNeil  
Deborah Roberts-Kirk  
James Hanson, Custodian

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Susan Brogan	June 2006
Jeffrey Hescok	June 2006
Liisa Holm	June 2006
Cheri Carty	June 2006

**PARKING CLERK / HEARING**

**OFFICER PARKING CLERK / HEARING  
OFFICER**

Linda Lincoln	June 2006
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**PERSONNEL BOARD (6)**

Philip Peirce, Chairman	June 2006
Elizabeth (Jill) Bertrand	June 2008
Beverly A. Lund	June 2006
William Neault	June 2007
2 vacancies	



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Ross B. Ackerman, Chief	June 2008
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**POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

Victor Boucher, Deputy Chief	June 2006
Robert Orne, Part-time Sergeant	June 2006

**POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Holly Chisolm, Administrative Assistant

**PATROL OFFICERS**All until June 30, 2006:

Robert Sweet, Full-time, Resigned  
 Nicholas Abair, Part-time  
 Melissa Ackerman, Part-time  
 Douglas Cutler, Part-time  
 Joseph Magierowski, Part-time, Resigned  
 Joseph Murray, Part-time  
 Robert Orne, Part-time Sgt.  
 Allen Silva, Part-time  
 Craig Swanson, Part-time  
 Colby Tytula, Part-time  
 Mitchell Mateiko, Administrative Sgt.  
 Daniel Smith, Patrol Officer  
 Kevin Gaudette, Patrol Officer  
 Christopher Welsh, Patrol Officer  
 Daniel Ausmus,  
 William Coyle,  
 Raymond Wedge,  
 Daniel Baril  
 Richard Banache

**PLUMBING, INSPECTOR OF**

Robert Wall June 2008  
 Roger Charpentier, Alternate June 2008

**QUABOAG VALLEY ASSISTANCE CORPORATION (1)**

James Allen, Rep. June 2006

**RECREATION COMMISSION (no limit)**

Doug Brown, Chair June 2006  
 Denise Senosk June 2006  
 David Proulx June 2006  
 Kerry Brenner June 2007  
 Lydia Lucas June 2008  
 Brenda McElroy June 2008  
 Keith Law June 2008

**RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF**

John W. Washburn, Groundskeeper/Custodian

**REGISTRARS, BOARD OF, WITH TOWN CLERK**

Doreen Dean, Asst. Registrar June 2006  
 Lois O'Leary June 2006  
 Nancy Lee Finney June 2006  
 Shirley Sanborn June 2007

**SAFETY COMMITTEE (6) All June, 2006**

Ross Ackerman, Police Dept. Rep.  
 Herbert Chaffee, II, Highway Dept. Rep.  
 Bruce Clarke, Water Dept. Rep.  
 Donna Lafleur, Emergency Squad Dept. Rep.  
 Beverly A. Lund, Selectmen's Rep.  
 Peter Martell, Fire Dept. Rep.  
 William Neault

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT OFFICER (2)**

Donna Lafleur June 2006  
 Robert Wentzell June 2006

**STREETS & HIGHWAYS SUPERINTENDENT, SUPERINTENDENT OF INSPECT & PEST CONTROL, AND TREE WARDEN (1)**

Herbert Chaffee, II June 2008

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Lois Moores June 2006

**TOWN HALL ROOF COMMITTEE**All expire June 2006:

Herbert Chaffee, II  
 Bruce Clarke  
 David R. Holm  
 Edward Howarth  
 James W. Allen, Selectmen's Rep.  
 Jeffrey Taylor, Building Inspector

**TOWN TREASURER**

Barbara Mundell, Resigned June 2007  
 James W. Dunbar June 2006

**TOWN TREASURER SCREENING COMMITTEE:**All Expire June, 2006:

James W. Allen, Chairman  
 Barbara Clancy  
 Linda M. Lincoln  
 Mary T. O'Connell  
 Michael Seery  
 Frank Smith  
 Barbara Wilson, Advisory Comm. Rep.  
 William Neault

**TOURISM COMMITTEE (6)**

Ron Couture, Chairman June 2006  
 Linda M. Lincoln, Vice Chairman June 2006  
 Beverly A. Lund June 2006  
 Louise Woodard June 2006  
 Sarah Heller June 2006  
 Rudy Heller June 2006

**TRANSFER STATION STAFF**

James Hanson Arthur Morin  
 William Brisebois Laszlo T. Sinko

**VETERANS' SERVICES DIRECTOR, VETERANS' AGENT****And VETERANS' BURIAL AGENT**

John Savilonis Resigned 6/06  
 Bryan Griffing June 2007

***WATER DEPARTMENT***

Bruce Clarke, Superintendent  
Donald Herbert, Secondary Operator  
Holly Chisolm, Administrative Assistant

***WIRING, INSPECTOR OF***

Scott Mansfield June 2007  
Martin Nagle, Alternate June 2007

***WORCESTER REGIONAL TRANSIT  
AUTHORITY BOARD***

Cheri Carty, Delegate June 2008

***ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (6)***

Charles Wilson, Member June 2007  
Michael Seery, Member June 2007  
Joseph Gadbois, Secretary June 2007  
Nicholas Thomo, Member June 2008  
William Frangiamore, Chairman June 2008  
Roger Mundell, Jr., Member June 2008

***ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER***

Gary Simeone June 2006





## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

2005 was an exciting year for the Town of Brookfield and one in which more than \$3 million was being infused into new town projects, highway construction and infrastructure repairs, the majority of which accomplished without sending taxpayers into their pocketbooks.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

The one exception was our new highway barn, which voters approved at the annual town meeting in May. In October, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the project, the Town's first municipal construction project since the Brookfield Elementary School addition was built more than ten years ago. In October, the Board voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow \$860,000 for a period of 15 years, (with no penalty for early payment) to fund the construction. At year-end, construction of the six-bay barn was well underway.

Replacement of the Town Hall roof, a priority due to the continuing risk to the rest of the structure and the worsening condition of the existing slate, was delayed due to a disagreement over replacement materials. The committee charged with overseeing the project studied all available materials and decided that asphalt shingles were the most cost-effective, and an option that could be pursued without going back to voters for additional funds. The Board of Selectmen, with input from the Historic Commission, favored using the original slate and delayed putting the project out to bid until it was determined that an award from the MA Historical Commission would allow the Town to replace the slate.

The Board wishes to thank the knowledgeable and committed members of that committee for their efforts to choose the most affordable solution and also to address a number of other problems with the fascia and roof windows at the same time, while bringing the project in on budget. Everyone who played a part in this process wanted the best and most affordable solution for the Town.

In Brookfield's typically frugal fashion, the rest of the work undertaken in 2005 was accomplished through state and federal grants. Even a project at Town Hall resulting in the painting of two hallways and the copy machine room, was accomplished for only the cost of materials by inmates of the West Boylston Correctional Facility.

Following are some additional highlights of the business conducted by the Board of Selectmen in calendar 2005.

## **FREE CASH CERTIFIED**

In March, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue certified that the Town of Brookfield had \$255,981.00 in free cash.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTIVITY**

Throughout 2005, the Town of Brookfield was fortunate to be engaged in a variety of activities resulting in the channeling of more than \$1.6 million in federal funds to Brookfield projects.

In January, the Board voted to continue to join the towns of Ware, Warren and Hardwick in the Ware River Valley Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for 2005. This program is administered by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and affords qualified Brookfield residents access to low-interest housing rehabilitation funds. Brookfield residents are also eligible to participate in free education programs offered by the Ware Adult Education Center in basic reading, math, GED preparation, computer literacy, creative writing, science, social studies and health education.

Infrastructure reconstruction work on Sherman, Pleasant and Lower River Streets and the design plans for the standpipe on Draper Street were completed thanks to an \$800,000 in CDBG funds obtained with the assistance of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), and the Town received an additional \$800,000 in CDBG funds to build a new, concrete standpipe, or water tower, on Draper Street.

In November, the Board voted to file a third CDBG application for infrastructure reconstruction work on Central and River Streets and Merrick Avenue.

## **GRANTS**

The Town of Brookfield applied for and received more than \$100,700 in 2005:

\$15,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, Program Division awarded to the Brookfield Fire Department.

\$12,000 State Homeland Security Local Preparedness Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, awarded to the Brookfield Fire, EMS and Police Departments.

\$60,000 in matching grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to be used toward a new slate roof for the Brookfield Town Hall.

\$11,299 in the form of a Community Policing Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

\$2,500 awarded to the Council on Aging by the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Elder Affairs for transportation outreach to Brookfield residents.



It should also be noted here that, for the second year in a row, the Town of Brookfield applied to the Office of State and Local Grant Coordination & Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for funds to purchase a new fire truck. The agency had more than 21,000 applicants, totaling some \$2.6 billion in projects. Brookfield's application was not approved.

## **CHAPTER 90 FUNDS**

In February, the Board of Selectmen approved the expenditure of \$96,036.25 in Chapter 90 funds for road repairs to Long Hill Road and East Main Street. (The Board later reconsidered the East Main Street project and voted not to pave the scenic road.) In March, the Board approved the expenditure of \$76,000 for purchase of a tractor/mower to be used in roadside brush cutting and reclamation. In April, the Board accepted an additional \$103,546 in Chapter 90 Funds from the Governor's Office.

## **NEW POLICIES**

The Board of Selectmen enacted the following new policies:

- Affirmative Action Policy (March, 2005)
- Grant Application Policy (April, 2005) Before any grant applications are filed by Department Manager or town boards, the Board of Selectmen must be apprised of the final liability to the Town and must review and approve the application.
- Back-Up Coverage (May, 2005) All department manager must notify the Board of Selectmen of their arrangements for back-up coverage in the event the department manager is absent or unavailable.
- Tuition/Education Reimbursement (July, 2005) No requests for reimbursement will be approved by the Board of Selectmen unless the town by-law has been followed: Selectmen must vote to approve reimbursement before the course is taken; the course must be directly related to the employees current position, there must be adequate funding the department's education account and the employee must provide documentation of a passing grade at the conclusion of the course.
- Free Cash certified (March, 2005) in the amount of \$255,981.00

## **TOWN AUDIT**

As we have done in each of the three previous years, the Board of Selectmen engaged Thomas Scanlon, CPA to conduct a full audit of the Town's financial condition. This year's audit, for the year ended June 30, 2005 and presented to the Board in September, indicated that most issues identified in the 2003 audit have been corrected, but a number of new items need to be addressed. Most of these items have to do with reconciliation of taxes and cash to the General Ledger, the establishment of a detailed list of tax liens, preparation of a standardized form for the procurement in excess of \$5,000; the appropriation of funds for a number of overdrawn accounts; the creation of a special fund for septic loan betterments; the maintenance of a log for driveway permits; the closure of the Town Clerk's Fee Account and an inventory of trash bags at the Transfer Station be taken periodically with once-a-week remittances of funds to be submitted to the Town Treasurer.

During the past year, a number of these recommendations were implemented and this fact should be reflected in the audit to be conducted for the year ending June 30, 2005.

## **MASTER PLAN PROCESS**

In March, the Board of Selectmen in collaboration with the Brookfield Planning Committee conducted a program by William Scanlon of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission entitled “Community Master Planning Process – A Practical Overview.”

Voters at the Annual Town Meeting later approved the creation of both an Open Space Plan Committee and a Master Plan Committee and funded the latter with an initial amount of \$5,000.00. This is a good start, but eventually the Town will need to allocate or identify additional resources to fund these important projects.

## **PRIVATE ROADS**

The matter of the Town of Brookfield performing work on private roads continues to be a growing concern. A number of situations arose in 2005 in which local residents asked the Board of Selectmen for special consideration concerning repairs to private roads. In addressing these requests, the Board followed the guidelines laid out in the Town by-laws that require the request to be submitted in writing and that all property owners abutting the requested work area must approve of and sign the request.

Residents of Oak Avenue requested grading of their private road and submitted the required request and signatures. The project was approved.

Residents of Lane 21 requested grading of their private road but failed to obtain all of the required signatures and the project was denied.

Residents of Forrest and Chestnut Streets requested grading of their road and provided all but one of the required signatures; the final approval needed being that of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which is an abutter to those streets. After a little bit of coaxing from Senator Brewer, the last signature was obtained and the project was approved.

## **WRTA SERVICE TO BROOKFIELD**

Early in the year, the Board was notified that the Worcester Regional Transportation Authority was considering discontinuing bus service to and from Brookfield. Busy trying to deal with its own budgetary shortfalls, the WRTA was proposing that the end of the line be moved on a test basis from Brookfield Common to the East Brookfield Courthouse. Concerned that it would be impossible to restore the service to Brookfield once the initial cut was made, the Board of Selectmen objected both in writing and through our legislators, and testified at a hearing on the matter that was hosted at the Brookfield Town Hall. The Board also appointed a regular user of the transit system, Cheri Carty, to serve as the Town’s representative on the Advisory Committee that was to make the decision. In May, the WRTA announced that service to Brookfield would be reduced to the four busiest daily round trips, but would not be cancelled.

## **OCTOBER FLOOD EMERGENCY**

In October, following more than a week of heavy rain, local rivers and streams started to crest and overflow, and beaver dams started to break, spilling over roadways and necessitating road and bridge closures, even forcing some local residents out of their homes. The Board of Selectmen met in emergency session early on the morning of October 15, declared a state of emergency and authorized the highway superintendent to begin making emergency repairs. Brookfield's Emergency Management Association (BEMA), under BEMA Director Keith Karrmann, swiftly moved into action. Throughout the weekend, Brookfield's volunteer firefighters and EMT's, police and many community volunteers stepped forward to help bring the situation under control. In the end, the Town incurred about \$40,000 in emergency repair expenses, most of which the Town expects will be reimbursed by the federal government.

One open issue remaining from this emergency concerns the operation of the flow barrier at the South Pond Bridge. The order of conditions for the barrier indicates that it should remain closed whenever water is flowing into South Pond. As the flood waters continued to rise, there was growing concern from some quarters that the gate should be lifted while others said the expensive gate would be damaged if we attempted to lift it under all of the pressure it was under. The Board plans to meet with the Conservation Commission and representatives of East Brookfield and Sturbridge to discuss how this should be managed should the situation ever recur.

## **SUMMARY OF LITIGATION**

### Town of Brookfield v. Labor Relations Commission

Supreme Judicial Court No. SJC-09316

The Town appealed a decision of the Labor Relations Commission which found that the Town had committed a prohibited practice in violation of G.L. c. 150E, § 10(a)(3) and (a)(1), by refusing to reappoint three police officers in retaliation for their efforts to organize a union. In January 2005, the Supreme Judicial Court issued its decision rejecting the Town's argument that the commission's decision was not supported by substantial evidence and that the commission lacked authority under G.L. c. 150E, §11, to award interest on the monetary relief. However, given the continued pendency of a related civil rights lawsuit being handled by insurance counsel on behalf of the Town, no action has been taken to obtain a judicial or administrative determination regarding if the individual former police officers are entitled to any further monies and/or reinstatement. In the meantime, the Commission has agreed that if any further monies are due to the former officers, the interest rate against the Town shall be the "floating rate" under G.L. c. 231, §6I.

### Town of Brookfield v. Ingman

Worcester Housing Court C.A. No. 05-CV-74

There is an action filed in February, 2005, to remedy violations of the Town's Zoning By-Law, §12A, at 2 Kimball Street, regarding the placement of two large tractor-trailer storage units on the property. On March 2, 2005 the parties agreed that Mr. Ingman would apply for a special permit to seek permission to allow the use, but the Defendant, instead, removed the trailers. The Zoning Enforcement Officer has inspected the site and

confirmed the removal. The next steps would be to obtain a final judgment, so that the case may be closed.

Town of Brookfield v. Severage

Worcester Housing Court C.A. No. 05-CV-80

This is an action filed in February, 2005 to remedy violations of the Town's Zoning By-law, §7.C, at 123 Town Farm Road, regarding the location of a swimming pool within the setback area. In March, 2005, the parties agreed that Ms. Severage would apply for a variance from the dimensional requirements. We are continuing to monitor the situation and will take any action that might be appropriate upon request of the Town.

Town of Brookfield v. O'Clair

Worcester Housing Court No. 04-CV-522

This is an action filed in September 2004 to remedy violations of the Town's Zoning By-Law, §§ 4.D and 8.C, at 11 Quaboag Street, regarding clearing, dumping, and other activities. The Court issued a preliminary injunction against Donald J. O'Clair on September 15, 2004 to immediately cease and desist all site clearing, preparation, and related activities. The Defendant subsequently violated the injunction and the Town filed a complaint for contempt in December, 2005. A contempt trial is currently scheduled for January 25, 2006.

Town of Brookfield v. Babb, et al.

Worcester Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-1252-B

This is an action filed in June, 2005 to compel the unit owners of the Lakeside Resort Condominium Campground to cease operation unless and until they obtain a license from the Town's Board of health and to pay outstanding real estate property taxes owed to the Town. In July 2005 the Court granted the Town's motion for a preliminary injunction and the injunction remains in effect, thereby preventing operation of the campground. The main defendant is Thomas Babb; the other defendant unit owners did not file an answer and are in default. We are continuing to monitor the situation and evaluate the Town's options.

Heather Juda v. Town of Brookfield, Brookfield Elementary School, Carrie Wallace and Kathleen Reynolds

MCAD Docket Number 04-SEM-03002

On or about November 1, 2004, the Complainant filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, Docket No. 04-SEM-03002 and a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity commission, docket No. 16CA500191, alleging that she had been discriminated against on the basis of her gender and the fact that she is a single mother. The matter was settled for \$6,000 and a settlement agreement executed in March, 2005. This case is now closed.

## **SUMMARY OF 2005 LEGAL EXPENSES:**

Service Category	Hours	Amount Expended
General Legal Services	66.60	\$ 8,399.00
General Labor Services	55.8	\$ 7,781.00
Police Unfair Labor Practice	70.7	\$ 9,799.00
Highway Garage Project	4.1	\$ 574.00
Board of Health (Wagon Wheel)	8.0	\$ 1,120.00
Board of Health (Lakeside Resort Campground)	32.8	\$ 4,592.00
Town vs. Sewerage	15.8	\$ 2,191.00
Town vs. Ingman, et al.	16.5	\$ 2,289.00
Town vs. O'Clair	29.5	\$ 4,051.50
Tax Title (Lakeside Resort Campground)	0.8	\$ 112.00
Town Hall Roof Repair	2.1	\$ 294.00
Town Meetings	26.8	\$ 3,837.45
Planning Board	50.3	\$ 5,742.00
Contracts	4.2	\$ 588.00
Assessors – Real Estate – Lake Road	0.7	\$ 98.00
Disbursements		\$10,617.91
Totals	390.6	\$62,671.86

## **OPEN MEETING VIOLATION COMPLAINT**

In October, the Board of Selectmen was notified that a complaint had been filed with the Worcester District Attorney's office alleging that the Board had violated the open meeting law by interviewing finalists for the Treasurer position in executive session. According to the law, only preliminary interviews may be held in executive session and because the Town had a screening committee for the position – and even though Selectmen were interviewing candidates for the first time -- the interviews did not qualify for executive session. Ultimately, the District Attorney ruled against the Board's use of executive session as a violation of the Open Meeting law but determined that there was no malicious intent.

## **BOSTON POST CANE**

In September, Selectman James Allen, Town Clerk Linda Lincoln and Advisory Committee Chair Donald Faugno presented Mr. Leon Terry of 41 Fiskdale Road with the Boston Post Cane. Mr. Terry was born July 8, 1909, making him at 96 the oldest resident of Brookfield. The original canes were given to communities across the state by The Boston Post to honor their oldest residents. Over the years, many of the canes have been lost but the Brookfield Historic Commission has preserved the original Brookfield cane for posterity and now awards a reproduction.

## HEARINGS

The Board of Selectmen conducted the following hearings:

- CDBG grant application hearing for \$800,000 for construction of a new standpipe on Draper Street and at the same hearing, reviewed the Brookfield Community Development Strategy (February, 2005).
- CDBG grant performance hearing concerning the \$800,000 infrastructure improvements to Sherman, Pleasant and Lower River Streets and the design for the standpipe (water tower) on Draper Street (February, 2005).
- Pole Petition Hearing concerning new poles on Wells Road and Molasses Hill Road. (May, 2005).

## CONTRACTS SIGNED

The Board of Selectmen signed the following contracts during 2005:

1. Reinhardt Associates, Engineers for the Town Hall Roof Repair Project (February, 2005)
2. Helene Karl Architects, Groton, MA for the new highway barn design. (March, 2005)
3. Central MA Regional Planning Commission, pictometry user agreement. This free program supplied by the Commonwealth of MA and distributed by CMRPC provides aerial photography imaging for use by the Board of Assessors, Planning Board and other town departments.
4. MA Department of Environmental Protection, for project 04-05/319, Phosphorous and Sediment Load Reductions at Quaboag and Quacumquasit Ponds.
5. Jack Goncalves & Son, Inc., Ludlow, MA, for the infrastructure reconstruction project at Sherman, Pleasant and Lower River Streets.
6. Department of Housing and Community Development Grant #5640 for the standpipe portion of the water project.
7. Commonwealth of MA, Mass Highway Department for \$103,000 in Chapter 90 funds.
8. Forish Construction, Westfield, MA for \$865,000, the low-bid award on construction of the new highway barn.
9. Broken Stone Company, Berlin, MA, for bituminous concrete at \$42.50/ton.
10. Crack Sealing, Inc. Raynham, MA for crack sealing at \$4.23/gallon.
11. Bond Construction Company for washed sand.
12. Central MA Regional Planning Commission for administrative services related to the CDBG standpipe grant.
13. Dufresne-Henry, supplemental contract for bidding services related to the CDBG standpipe grant.
14. ESS Group, Inc. Wellesley, MA, for Quaboag and Quacumquasit Ponds Water Quality Project.
15. National Grid, for electric services for the new highway barn.
16. NatGun, for construction of the new concrete water storage tank on Draper Street related to the CDBG standpipe grant.

## **NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTIONS**

Employees appointed by the Board of Selectmen are listed in the “Appointed Officials and Staff” section of this book; those promoted to new positions during 2005 include the following:

- Sheila Frangiamore, Casual Employee, Temporary Clerk for Town Clerk
- Sheila Frangiamore, Treasurer Clerk
- Timothy Smith, Planning Board Clerk
- Sheila Frangiamore, Casual Part-Time Employee Assistant Registrar
- James Dunbar, Treasurer
- Sheila Frangiamore, Planning Board Clerk
- James Hanson, from Casual Employee to Part-Time Highway Department Employee
- Michael Sweet, from Police Officer to Full-Time Sergeant
- Robert Orne, from Police Officer to Part-Time Sergeant
- Colby Tytula, from Part-Time Police Officer to Temporary Full-Time Officer

Snow Plow Operators (Casual, Part-Time)

Bradford Bemis	Steven Budnick
Philip Chaffee	Bruce Clarke
Dennis Clarke	Linda Fortier
Ralph Mundell	Roger Mundell, Jr.
Edward Williams	

## **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

The Board of Selectmen also re-appointed the law firm of Kopelman & Paige as Town Counsel for Fiscal Year 2006.

For other appointments and resignations received, please see the “Appointed Officials and Staff” section of this book.

## **OPEN ISSUES AT YEAR END**

Despite a very busy and productive year, we enter 2006 with a number of unresolved issues that will demand our attention. Among these are completion of the new highway barn, replacement of the Town Hall roof, removal of the old salt shed and construction of a new one, cleanup and removal of the old ambulance barn, re-purposing of the fire station and former highway barn, the purchase of a new fire truck and identification of a permanent home for the Brookfield Police Department.

We encourage all Brookfield residents to find a way to assist in one or more of these important projects and, at a minimum, to provide your support for the process that will move these projects along to the benefit of us all.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Klimavich, Chairman; Beverly A. Lund, Vice Chairman; James W. Allen, Clerk



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee met weekly during February, March, and April to review all proposed budgets with department heads and town officials. Based on this review the Committee recommended a budget for the annual town meeting. The recommended budget used two forms of funding: recurring revenue, such as property taxes, state aid, and local receipts, to fund the general budget and nonrecurring revenue, free cash, to fund articles. The recommendations continue to balance the immediate and long-range needs of the town with revenue.

The committee recommended the defeat of a proposal to purchase a new fire engine through the debt exclusion process.

### Reserve Fund:

The Reserve Fund is a sum of money appropriated each year to meet extraordinary and unforeseen expenses. It is the only money appropriated by the town with no specific requests. The Advisory Committee is responsible for approving expenditures from the fund. The major portion of the expenditures during 2005 (shown below) went to supplement an incorrectly appropriated amount of money for police department expenditures.

### 2005 Reserve Fund Expenditures:

DATE	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
1/18/2005	POLICE EXPENSE	\$5,338.67
1/18/2005	ELECTION-REGISTRATION EXPENSE	1,025.00
2/8/2005	POLICE STATION LEASE & RENOVATION	4,500.00
2/8/2005	POLICE EXPENSE	3,300.00
2/15/2005	CONSERVATION EXPENSE	100.00
4/27/2005	POLICE WAGES-PART TIME	2,500.00
5/5/2005	MUNICIPAL HEATING FUEL	1,400.26
5/5/2005	WARRANT PRINT & MAIL	24.76
5/5/2005	ELECTION-REGISTRATION EXPENSE	513.68
6/12/2005	POLICE WAGES-PART TIME	665.30
6/28/2005	MEDICARE-TOWN SHARE	4,500.00
6/28/2005	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER EXPENSE	306.89
8/1/2005	SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE	616.60
10/6/2005	SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE	616.60
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		\$25,407.76

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Faugno, Chairperson

Ross Ackerman (Alternate during 2005), Robert Barnes, Ronald Dackson, Susan Flash, Liisa Holm, Bradford Kadelski, William Neault, Barbara Wilson, Taylor Whitcomb





## **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

The Brookfield Animal Control Department received a total of 412 calls during the 2005 Calendar year.

Calls received were made by Brookfield residents, residents in surrounding towns, visitors in town, or sent through dispatch from drivers passing through town.

Our 2005 Rabies clinic was a huge success and the Wickaboug Veterinary clinic has agreed to return once more on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the Brookfield Fire Station.

Inventory in our department is as follows, 2 dog leashes, 1 rabies pole, 1 cat tongs, 1 net, two dog houses, two dog crates, rabies gloves, and 1 catch all pole.

You can reach me by calling my cell phone: 508-525-5776 or by calling the Police at 508-867-5570.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brookfield Animal Control Department  
Eileen Vitello Head Animal Control Officer  
Chris Blood Assistant Animal Control Officer

## **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

An inventory of livestock for the Town of Brookfield for the year 2005:

Cattle	13
Goats & Sheep	32
Horses	116
Chickens & Turkeys	94
Waterfowl	23
Game birds	0

Respectfully submitted,  
William (Bill) Mansfield, Animal Inspector

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors continues to be a three person working board; we hold office hours Tuesday – Wednesdays 9:00 – 2:30, Thursdays 9:00 – 12:00 and Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The tax rate dropped from \$16.26 to \$13.50 due to the new growth and interim year adjustments. Property values increased caused by the market value increases in our area.

We continue to use the Oracle-based CAMA system working with the Division of Local Services to keep our software up to date and to fine tune the system. All three Assessors attended classes sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, the Worcester County Assessing Association, and MA Assessing Association to continue to serve the citizens of Brookfield.

The Board of Assessors grants exemptions and abatements for property as well as excise tax when applicable. If you feel you need any assistance or information regarding this or any other Assessing issue, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (508) 867-2930 ext 16.

### ***Property Breakdown***

RESIDENTIAL	\$243,154,435
COMMERCIAL	\$ 10,111,850
INDUSTRIAL	\$ 1,476,900
PERSONAL PROPERTY	<u>\$ 4,673,632</u>
TOTAL VALUE OF TOWN	\$259,416,817
 EXEMPT VALUE	 \$ 33,835,100

Respectfully submitted  
Donna Wentzell, Chair  
Brenda McElroy  
Phil Peirce

## REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

There was only issue to come before the By-Law Committee this year. This issue dealt with an existing by-law under Chapter XII Miscellaneous By-Law, Section 2 - Inoperable or Unregistered Motor Vehicles which prohibits more than one inoperable or unregistered motor vehicle to be parked, stored, placed or left upon land within the Town of Brookfield without specific permission and exceptions. However, there was no provision in this existing by law that allowed for enforcement.

After reviewing the information, it was the consensus of the Committee to recommend that this by law be covered under Mass. General Laws, Chapter 40, section 21D which is currently included under Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 4 of the existing by laws.

This change would turn the enforcement over to the Police Department with fines for violations of the by-law: First offense \$25.00; Second offense \$50.00; Third offense \$100.00.

The Board of Selectmen recommended that this change be included on a warrant for the next Special Town Meeting.

The Committee would like to remind the residents that they may submit requests for changes and reviews of the existing by laws to the Board of Selectmen who will in turn submit them to the By Law Committee for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Lund  
James Allen

Barbara Wilson  
Herbert Chaffee

Ross Ackerman  
William Neault



## **REPORT OF THE LOCAL CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE**

The Brookfield Public Access Committee has made a lot of progress this year. We recently met our goal of changing all our equipment over to digital DVD from VCR format. The committee purchased two new digital DVD cameras and four DVD players to transmit our local broadcasts of Selectmen's meetings and other events in town. The committee has purchased new editing equipment along with a computer to help us edit and broadcast programs. We still have a few glitches to work out with our new programming but expect to have these resolved shortly. During this transitional period we still have several goals to meet including networking with other local Cable Access committees in the area. Sharing information and technology will enhance our output.

### Volunteers:

We are always looking for volunteers and especially need someone willing to volunteer time to help produce programming for the local cable to coincide with out-taped Selectmen's meetings.

We would like to find students who would like to learn about video production work. We would like a studio producer to train the students. We need help so that the workload can be shared and so that we can have a diverse cable access providing a good amount of programming for our local viewers.

Our committee has discussed encouraging the local merchants to advertise on one of the broadcast channels. If we do this, we think it would supply us with a little extra money that could be used for equipment and broadcast programming.

Much thanks to Dave Holdcraft and Ron Dackson who freely give their time and efforts to tape and transfer from video tape to DVD's our Selectmen's meeting and other meetings on a weekly basis. We also extend our thanks to Keith Karrmann for updating our Local Bulletin Board.

Please remember, you can always send us information of your group's events by calling or faxing the information to 508-867-0188. However, to receive a quicker

response you are now able to reach us at our new email address:

[BPA0188@charterinternet.com](mailto:BPA0188@charterinternet.com).

We are always **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** and **LOOKING FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS!!**

Respectfully Submitted,  
John D. Holdcraft

Michael P. Seery-Chairman  
Keith Karrmann

Ronald Dackson

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Single Family Dwellings.....	24
Sheds.....	8
Additions.....	9
Roofing.....	18
Garages.....	5
Windows/Siding.....	11
Renovations/Remodeling.....	12
Stoves/Pellet/Wood.....	13
Pools/In-ground/Above-ground.....	10
Signs.....	1
Decks.....	12
Demolition.....	3
Barns.....	1

TOTAL 127

Total permit income.....\$ 22,301.00

Estimated value on permits.....\$4,798,265.41

As you can see, this year the permit count is a little up from last year by 26 permits. The offset income from permit fees has taken care of the department without taxing the general fund, which is all we can really ask for.

This coming year looks like a very busy one for Gary Simeone (Zoning Enforcement Officer) and myself, there are numerous sub-divisions planned (some already approved and a very large one, 62 units in the planning stage), and we both asking that everyone be patient this year, what is a part time job will soon be a full time position only with part time people.

Just as a reminder, if you have installed a pellet or wood burning appliance and you do not have a permit or inspection, please come in to see us. It is better to be safe than to find out you may not be covered by your insurance if there is a problem.

I would also like to thank everyone in Town Hall for their help throughout the year. It makes business run much smoother with great people like we have. Thanks and let's have a great new year.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jeff Taylor  
Inspector of Buildings

## **REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

This committee is charged with reviewing and then recommending any large capital improvements that the Town needs. The committee met multiple times in 2004 to work on providing the Town options for the property on Mill Street as well as reviewing the needs for the Town Hall roof.

The committee worked to put together the presentations and articles for the warrant for the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting for the townspeople to act on. The roof and the new Highway Garage were approved at that town meeting. The Highway Garage project successfully passed a Proposition 2 ½ Over-ride vote in September of 2004. The committee proposed acquiring, by eminent domain, access to the Town Hall area from Prouty Street and sponsored an article on the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Town Meeting warrant to have the property appraised. This article was defeated.

As was presented, the plan involving the new Highway Garage is in four parts:

- 1) build a new Highway Garage by the end of 2005;
- 2) re-locate the Fire Department into the current Highway garage;
- 3) move the Emergency Squad into the existing Fire Station; and finally, once and for all,
- 4) get rid of the eyesore we've known as the Emergency Squad building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Roughan, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION**

It is with pride that the Brookfield Cemetery Commissioners and Superintendent provide this report for the Annual Town Meeting. During the past year, twenty-three people were interred to the cemetery. We offer our condolences to those who lost loved ones. They may all rest assured, knowing that we will maintain their lots and the cemetery with compassion and care.

This year, the cemetery received \$5,600 in lot purchase fees and \$8,200 in burial fees.

Our seasonal caretakers, Herb Foley and John Lapointe, returned for another year and did a wonderful job. The commissioners would also like to extend thanks also to Herb Chaffee, Donald Herbert and Bruce Clarke for their help throughout the year. Thank you also to Ron Couture, Chairman of the Historical Commission for his assistance and help in guiding some of our preservation projects. Ron has spent countless volunteer hours and resources assisting with the Historical Preservation Fund \$25,000 match campaign.

At the time of Annual Report printing, we have received \$10,900 in donations towards the \$25,000 match goal. This includes a \$3,500 grant from the Jeppson Fund managed by the Greater Worcester Community Foundation. We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to all those who have donated towards the preservation of this historical cemetery. The deadline to reach the goal is April 30, 2006. If you can make a donation, please make your check payable to the Brookfield Cemetery Preservation Fund, and send it to:

Treasurer, Town of Brookfield  
Brookfield Town Hall  
6 Central Street  
Brookfield, MA 01506

Our highest priorities are the restoration of the main gate structure and tree maintenance. As of this time, a preliminary Request for Proposal for the restoration of the main gate has been submitted for review by town council, and has been returned with necessary modifications noted. Depending on whether we reach the match goal, will determine as to what plan we will use to proceed for resubmission. It is our desire to have the gate restoration completed by year end.

We are pleased that the tree inventory has been completed, as well as a guidance outline for each tree's care. This was accomplished by Bartlett Tree funded by a grant from the Jeppson Fund.

On a beautiful Saturday last September, a gravestone cleaning day was held. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to wash and scrub away decades of grime from the stones. There are still many more to do though!

There is a type and size limit for memorial gravestones depending on the type of lot that you have. Please contact Mike Seery before you purchase a stone for details. Also, the planting of trees on lots is prohibited. Tree planting must be done in accordance with the Preservation Plan for the Cemetery.

A sign, posting rules and regulations is now visible as you enter the eastern most driveway. As a reminder, please remove any flowers not in season, including artificial ones. Decorations are only allowed on the main lot gravestone, not on head or footstones. The cemetery is closed from dusk to dawn, and no entry is permitted at night. Finally, please show courtesy to others and remember that while you are visiting the cemetery, you are on hallowed ground. Please treat it as such.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Wayne Yaskoski  
Peter N. Masuzzo  
John McDavitt



#### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

This committee was created as a requirement of a grant the town received for Water and Highway Department infrastructure improvements, etc., on the standpipe on Draper Street and drainage and pipe improvements along Pleasant, Sherman, and Lower River Streets. The Board of Selectmen re-appointed the following: William Scanlan, representative from the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission; James Allen, citizen-at-large; Herbert Chaffee, Highway Superintendent; Bruce Clarke, Water

Department Superintendent; Beverly Lund, Board of Selectmen; and Donna Neylon, Chief Procurement Officer.

The committee has continued to work to handle details for the grant for \$800,000 project to Pleasant, Sherman and Lower River Streets and saw that project through completion. We also worked on a second \$800,000 grant, this one for a standpipe project which will be constructed at the end of Draper Street during the summer of 2006 and in service by early fall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
James Allen, Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Wilfred Steadman, Chair  
Members  
Ken Cleveland  
Philip O'Toole  
Roger Mundell  
Jeff Hescok  
Susan Brogan, Secretary

The Conservation Commission met on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year 2005. These meetings began at 7:30pm and were well attended by townspeople with questions pertaining to the Wetlands Protection Act. As needed, members of the Commission performed site inspections at the proposed sites. In addition to these frequent informal questions the Commission ruled on the following:

#### FY 2005:

Building Sequence Forms signed off: 16 single family houses  
Order of Conditions Issued: 9  
Public Hearings Held: 12  
Determination of Applicability: 1  
Amended Order of Conditions: 2

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Brogan  
Secretary, Conservation Commission

## **REPORT OF THE ELECTED CONSTABLES**

All warrants were posted and affected as directed with returns made at no cost to the Town. In keeping with the Town By-Laws, all fees for constable services are surrendered back to the municipality.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Murray

Arthur Tatro

Ross Ackerman

## **REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING**

The mission of the Council on Aging is to maintain or improve the quality of life for the senior citizens in this community. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public and anyone interested is welcome to join us.

During the year 2005, the Council on Aging met the following objectives:

- We had six foot clinics with a podiatrist.
- We co-sponsored a "Spirituality and Aging" conference with West Brookfield's Council on Aging.
- We co-sponsored with the West Brookfield Senior Center, the Medica Program to provide transportation for seniors.
- We co-sponsored with the North Brookfield Senior Center, the Outreach Program to provide home visits and a variety of assistance and information to seniors.
- We sponsored three 8 week sessions of a well attended Tai Chi class held in the Town Hall.
- We applied for and received grants from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to help support some of the above mentioned programs.
- We worked closely with neighboring towns to support a HUD application for low income elder housing in the town of Spencer. This funding was awarded and Brookfield seniors will be eligible to apply for housing in a few years.
- We worked closely with Tri-Valley Elder Services to provide additional information and referrals to seniors living in Brookfield.
- We attended meetings and conferences sponsored by the Massachusetts Councils on Aging in order to increase our knowledge of elder issues and learn more about available services.

Special thanks to Lucy Beeman for her years of service as the Chairperson of the COA. She will continue to serve as a board member. Barbara Clancy has agreed to accept the position of Chairperson. The Council feels much gratitude to Marguerite Desmond for her years of cheerful service on the COA. Welcome to new members Barbara Palmer and Georgia Trauschke for volunteering their time as board members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Clancy, Chairperson

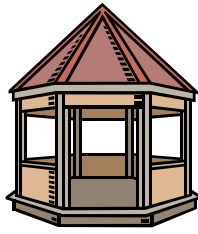
Lucy Beeman

Georgia Trauschke

Brenda Lague

Barbara Palmer





## REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

The mission of the Brookfield Cultural Council is to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for Brookfield's residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our community.

Funding for grants and events was obtained from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Town of Brookfield, booth rentals, event sponsors, and the sale of apple pies and Cat's Meows.

The members of the Brookfield Cultural Council maintained "streamlined" status with the Massachusetts Cultural Council and, all the members of the Council completed "on-line basics training" with the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

In Fiscal Year 2005, the Brookfield Cultural Council, with the Massachusetts Cultural Council, either fully- or partially-funded the following:

- Saint Mary's Church annual festival;
- "Starlab", Brookfield elementary School;
- "Junior Jazz", Brookfield Elementary School'
- Guest Artist, Marissa Grimaldi, Tantasqua Junior High School;
- Guest Artist, Joshua Gueeraz, Tantasqua Junior High School;
- Trip to Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art; and
- Two Show Choir Festivals, Tantasqua Regional High School.

In addition to the Local Cultural Council Grants, the Brookfield Cultural Council:

- Helped schedule and decorate the Common Gazebo;
- Helped with sound and lighting for various Brookfield events;
- Organized four Friday Evening Concerts on the Common, featuring Heritage String Band, Shakin' All Over, Norm Schell, and the Borelli Big Band;
- Held the second summer Apple Pie Contest on the Common;
- Purchased U.S. Flags and organized Brookfield Memorial Day Ceremonies;
- Organized the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Brookfield Christmas Home Decorating Contest;
- Welcomed Santa to Brookfield; and
- Had the Town Hall piano tuned.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Simpson, Chairman  
Elise Provost

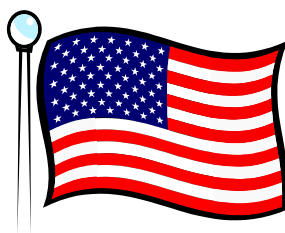
Madelyn Swanson	Louis Woodard
Barbara Wilson	Jeanne Lytle

## **REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL / WIRING INSPECTOR**

The following is a compilation of 123 Electrical Inspections performed during 2005.

21	New Single Family Homes with Overhead Service
1	Multi-family Home
38	Service Upgrades up to 200 amps
4	Temporary Service
10	Additions
12	Remodel / Rewire
5	Garage
1	Commercial Garages
8	Furnaces and Boilers
4	Miscellaneous Wiring (single circuits)
2	Generators
2	Mobile Homes
3	In-Ground Pools
4	Above-Ground Pools
1	Pool Houses
2	Sheds
4	Fire Alarm Systems
1	Security Systems
0	Restaurants
0	Parking Lots
123	TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED

Respectfully submitted,  
Scot Mansfield, Electrical/Wiring Inspector  
Martin Nagle, Alternate



## **REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD**

The Brookfield Emergency Squad provides medical care and ambulance transportation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The ambulance operates at the Basic, Intermediate or Paramedic level, as needed. Our call members respond from home after being notified by radio. We also have a full time Paramedic/Firefighter who works at the station, Monday through Friday 8-4 pm. We have 16 members on the department; 5 Paramedics, 1 Intermediate EMT and 8 Basic EMT's that provide medical care for the town. All EMT's go through many hours of training, continuing education, assist at

public functions, provide first aid classes, and blood pressure clinics. We should all be proud of this dedicated staff.

Insurance receipts and donations fund the ambulance service budget. This money is used for equipment, training and salaries. Any remaining money stays in the account for the future purchase of large equipment purchases and a new ambulance when needed.

Statistics: The ambulance responded to 428 calls during 2005. They are divided into the following categories:

Advanced Life Support.....	204
Medical Calls.....	249
Trauma.....	71
Fire Standby.....	15
Police Standby.....	6
Refusal or cancelled.....	92
Mutual Aid.....	102

Mutual Aid was given to East, West and North Brookfield, Sturbridge, Hardwick, New Braintree, and Spencer.

We want to thank everyone who has supported us in our endeavors to provide emergency care to our town. A special thanks to the Fire and Police Department for their assistance with first aid, the highway department who keeps us moving, no matter what the weather, the dispatchers at the State Police office in New Braintree, and the families, friends and neighbors of our patients who help us in many ways. “Neighbor Helping Neighbor” is truly the motto of our ambulance service.

The Emergency Squad has free File of Life packets to store your medical and emergency information. This “file” is kept on your refrigerator and would be used in case you are unable to give your information on an emergency call. Just call 867-6036.

**PLEASE, REMEMBER TO NUMBER YOUR HOUSE SO IT IS VISIBLE FROM THE STREET. PRECIOUS MINUTES CAN BE LOST WITH MISSING OR INCORRECT NUMBERS!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M. Lafleur Paramedic, Chief

Roster:

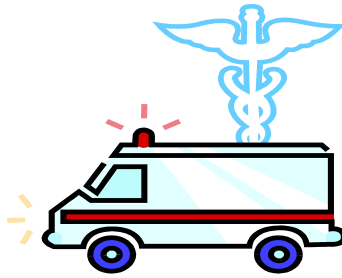
Donna M. Lafleur, Paramedic, Chief, 28 yrs

Peter Martell, Paramedic, Captain, 19 years

Matthew Graves, Paramedic, Lieutenant, 13 years

Terry Anderson, EMT, 12 years

David Martell, Paramedic, 11 years



## **REPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (BEMA)**

This year we had a blizzard in January. However, we did not have to open a shelter for any residents. The rest of the winter was uneventful.

In the spring, we applied for a grant for \$4,000 and received notice in June that we (BEMA) were awarded \$2,500 for CERT training and equipment. With this money, BEMA was able to train two new CERT members and equip them. Training was done in Spencer with other towns which included North Brookfield, East Brookfield and Spencer; all of the instructors came from these five communities. BEMA now has six CERT-trained personnel.

In October, BEMA was involved with the flooding on Quaboag Pond and the Quaboag River. A shelter was opened at the new Elementary School in East Brookfield for residents of both East Brookfield and Brookfield. No one took BEMA or EBEMA up on this offer.

BEMA has been very active with the area towns in the Western Worcester Emergency Planning Incident Committee (WWEPIC) with the planning of a number of area projects. We have also attended several training seminars across the Commonwealth.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Keith Karrmann, Director  
Peter Martell, Deputy Director



## **REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The current membership represents a total of over 239 years of service to the Town of Brookfield Fire Department.

### Calls:

Structure Fires – 16  
Brush Fires – 7  
Vehicle Fires – 1  
Illegal Fires – 3

Motor vehicle Accidents – 33  
Carbon Monoxide Alarms – 1  
Utility Problems – 3  
Rescues – 4

EMS Assists – 6  
Hazardous Materials Incidents –  
5

Investigations – 6

Mutual Aid given to other Towns – 17  
Mutual Aid utilized - 0

Total personnel training hours – 991  
Total personnel hours for department upkeep – 9492  
Total vehicle downtime – 1971 hours (over 82 days)

Inspections/Permits:

Oil Burning/Storage – 32  
Propane Storage – 23  
Smoke Detector – 77

Blasting – 4  
Open air brush burning – 473

The department received the following grants:

- Brookfield Community Club – Ventilation Saw
- Department of Homeland Security (State) – Communications Project

Personnel:

- We welcomed Firefighters Jim Burt, Jeffrey Evans.
- In addition, Lieutenant Keith Karmann was promoted to Captain, and Firefighters Richard Phillips and Brad Bemis were promoted to Lieutenant.

Station Repairs:

- The drains on the membrane roof were replaced, and the roof was inspected.
- The wooden east bay door was replaced with a modern energy efficient overhead door.

New Fire Truck Request Rejected:

- Also at Annual Town Meeting, voters approved a request for a new fire truck, as well as putting aside a sum of money, \$32,000, toward the eventual purchase of a new truck. Unfortunately this measure was made dependent on a debt exclusion vote, which failed.
- Unfortunately, we were notified in November that Brookfield's application for a grant to purchase a new fire truck was not among those approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) this year.

Requests Will Continue:

- The Fire Department will continue to place articles on the Town Meeting warrant until such time as the need for a new fire truck is addressed. When approved, the new truck will replace the 1971 pumper; a truck that was designed for 25 years of service has now been in service for over 34 years. The 1971 is obsolete, unsafe, inefficient, and not recognized by the insurance agency or any fire service organization.
- The new truck will also be used as our vehicle crash rescue truck. Currently, we are forced to respond with two vehicles to car accidents to get the necessary personnel and equipment to the scene.

- With the continued growth in Brookfield, the need to have a reliable means to replace fire apparatus must be addressed.

#### Training/Education, Public Awareness, and Other Duties:

- As noted above, many hours of departmental upkeep were done in-house, saving the Town thousands of dollars.
- Training was done both by in-house personnel as well as by other agencies off-site. Personnel performed other necessary duties such as severe weather preparation, severe weather stand-by, clearing snow from hydrants (many residents take it upon themselves to clear hydrants near their homes and this is very much appreciated, and also a good idea, as it may take some time for us to do it). I encourage neighbors to work together in this potentially life saving endeavor.
- An in-school fire prevention and public awareness program was held during Fire Prevention Week. The open house was somewhat dampened by the heavy rains and flooding that occurred that same weekend.

#### Numbering Houses:

- With the continued growth and building boom, I ask that all residents ensure that their homes are well identified with the correct house number. This is imperative for all emergency services to locate you in your time of need.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter Martell, Fire Chief



### **REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

#### Highlights of the year 2005:

The biggest project of the year was the completion of the water & drainage project funded with the community development block grant in the amount of \$800,000.00. New water pipes and drainage pipes were installed on Upper & Lower River Streets, Pleasant St and Sherman Street. Upon completion of the project, the areas that had been disturbed were loamed and seeded.

2005 also marked the beginning of the construction of the new Highway Garage on Mill Street. The Highway department and volunteers prepared the building site at a cost savings to the town of \$30,000-\$40,000.

A 2006 John Deere Tractor Mower, to be used for roadside mowing, was purchased using Chapter 90 funds. A section of Long Hill Road was repaved from the new pavement at Route

148 to 100 feet beyond the intersection of Martin Road. Drainage work was done on Harwood Cross Road.

Spring cleanup included raking of the common and mall, sweeping of streets and sidewalks and repairing of potholes. During the summer months the common and mall were mowed and trimmed as needed. Crosswalks and lines were painted. In addition to the usual fall work of catch basin cleaning, pickup of leaves and preparing the equipment for winter heavy rains, flooding and road closings caused a significant workload for the department and an unexpected depletion of the budget.

Winter keeps us very busy plowing, sanding and removing snow. A FEMA reimbursement in the amount of \$13,929.00 was obtained for the January 22 & 23, 2005 snowstorm. This money was used to defray the drain on the snow and ice budget by this storm.

For a detailed explanation of Highway Department expenditures, please see the town accountant's report. Monthly reports of the Highway Department activities are on file in the selectmen's office.

In closing, I would like to remind the town that two full-time employees do most of the work involved in maintaining Brookfield's forty miles of roads. In the not too distant future, we will need to hire another full-time employee.

I would like to thank Donald Herbert and our part-time employees. Without their assistance we could not possibly accomplish everything that needs to be done. Thank you also to all the other town departments for their help and cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herbert Chaffee, II  
Highway Superintendent



## **HIGHWAY BARN BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

After almost 3 years of work, the building is complete. It is a 6-bay garage that will serve the town for many years to come. As was originally presented, this now allows for the Fire Department to move into the old 3-bay garage in the center of town, and the ambulance to move into one of the old Fire Department bays.

As you may recall, the original plan approved by the town was to build an 8-bay garage for \$990,000. Unfortunately, in the intervening time between looking for approval from the town and getting actual construction bids, the price of steel, concrete and energy went up over 50%. The bids for the 8-bay design came in at over \$1.6 million, and the town had only appropriated \$990,000 for the building. At the 2005 spring town meeting this was discussed and a show of hands from the townspeople in attendance indicated no support for additional funding, so the committee moved ahead with the 6-bay building.

The next phase the town needs to consider is the renovation of the Town Hall. With the ambulance out of their old building it can now be torn down to allow for additional parking. We are likely looking at another \$1 million plus expenditure to provide for handicapped accessibility (required by law), repair of the ceilings from the roof leaking for so long, and other renovations.

Timothy Roughan, Chairman

Beverly Lund, Selectmen's Representative

Herbert Chaffee, II, Highway Department Rep.

Jeffrey Taylor, Building Inspector Rep.

Members-at-Large:

Maynard Baker

William Frangiamore

Matthew Graves

David R. Holm

William Neault

Beth Sitterly (Resigned Jan, 2006)

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

- The Board of Health operated the Municipal Transfer Station and Recycling Center, administered the State Title V regulations, issued permits for septic installers, septic haulers, trash haulers, mobile home parks, food establishments, and beaver dam removals.
- Yearly solid waste reports were filed and the former landfill site was monitored for pollutants. Housing, food, and septic complaints were investigated and site inspections were conducted.
- Grant programs were followed up.
- Flu shot clinics, rabies clinics, tobacco control, West Nile Virus, and emergency preparedness requirements were fulfilled.
- Percolation tests were witnessed, septic plans approved, septic system installations inspected, and Title V issues resolved.
- Operation Clean Sweep was supported.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Wentzell, Chairman Timothy McElroy      Michael Seery





## **REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The Historical Commission continues its efforts to save the most vital pieces of our local heritage. These projects cover only a few aspects of what we really need to do. We have openings on the board which we hope you may consider or, if you don't have a lot of time, perhaps there are projects that you'd like to work on. Contact us and help preserve our heritage.

### Boston Post Road Markers:

The Commission has made informational signs for Brookfield's three Boston Post Mile Markers. The original stone markers that were installed during the time that Benjamin Franklin was Post Master General mark every mile from Boston to New York.

Lettering on the original markers has been almost totally obliterated by road salt, acid rain and general ageing to the point that they are illegible. These new signs will be placed next each marker.

We hope that by pointing out our local heritage, we will encourage people to realize the hardships that past generations had to go through to establish our early community.

The historical commissions of East & West Brookfield have agreed to install the same signs, at their expense, to keep consistency. We hope Palmer, Spencer and Leicester will also join us. The Channel 5 TV program, "Chronicle" and local papers did a complete coverage of our efforts during February 2006.

### George Washington Memorial Highway Beautification Project:

We continue to work with A.P.P.L.E.Seed, Inc. in a beautification project that has brought new trees and daffodil plantings along Route 9 for the past 8 years. This year we have applied for MassPike Grants for improvements in the tree line along the Brookfield Cemetery Historic District and across the road from the cemetery.

### Central Street & Common Historical Area:

Central Street improvements are in the works and the Commission would like to re-establish the tree lines back on the historic district streets that surround the common. Keeping the "gentrified" nature of the neighborhoods is a vital ingredient in protecting the value of our town's infrastructure.

### Heritage Education and Preservation Projects:

We continue to run stories of historical nature in *The Brookfield Citizen* in an effort to reach those who are interested in preserving our local heritage and landmarks. We could use much help in this area. Those who are interested in researching and writing should contact us. Oral history projects are in the editing stages. Also, anyone who has photos of Brookfield from the 1900's to 1970's please contact us for our archive work.

### Cemetery Preservation Fund:

Our Commission continues its efforts to preserve the integrity of our historic cemetery by helping the Cemetery Commission in fundraising and workshops on stone cleaning. We need all the help we can get to keep this very worthwhile project moving, even just a few hours per month would help. A guide to the historic gravestones and a brief genealogy of historical persons is one of our projects that we need help on.

### Quaboag - Old Brookfield Path:

The Commission's work on connecting the original Quaboag Plantation site with second settlement sites along parts of the original road is becoming a reality. Sections of the path/trail are marked and ready to go and other sections just need to be marked. This project is a joint historical project in cooperation with the West Brookfield Historical Commission and the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Couture, Chairman

Members: Jeanne Eaton

Pauline Merrick

Carolyn Pope



## **REPORT OF THE MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### TRUSTEES:

Sally Brown, Chair

Linda Barron

Barbara Clancy

Jean Dahler

Barbara Steadman

Barbara Simmons

### STAFF:

Brenda Metterville, Library Director

Andrea Faugno, Library Assistant

Faith O'Keefe, Library Assistant

Debbie Kirk, Library Assistant

Joan Sagendorph, Substitute

James Hanson, Custodian

The Board of Trustees and the staff of the Merrick Public Library maintain their commitment to provide excellent reference services, timely delivery of inter-library loan materials and reader's advisory service. Citizens are reminded that their tax dollars (at the state

level) pays for access to *InfoTrac*, 1000's of full text magazine and newspaper articles—subjects include news, medical, leisure, biographies and much more! Visit the library to learn more about this resource which you can use at home. Inter-Library Loan usage continues to grow with the new Patron Placed Holds, patrons with a CW/Mars library card may select materials and location for pick-up (Brookfield Library) from home or work on the internet. Brookfield Library continues to maintain our stand alone circulating system and membership to CW/Mars as an On-line Affiliate. Over 2000 books, DVD's audio's where requested during 2005 through Inter-Library Loan.

Books, periodicals, and audios continue to circulate for two weeks. Videos' (VHS and DVD) circulate for one week, and our collection has grown to the point of over 1200 titles, patrons are encourage to check out as many as they would like at each visit.

The initiative of Food for Fines has met with great success. Patrons are encouraged to donate food to Brookfield's Food Pantry or the Friends of the Library in place of fines. This year 709 pounds of food was donated—up almost 100 pounds from the 612 pounds donated during 2004. Thanks! Patrons are still responsible for replacing lost or damaged materials. Library materials may be renewed over the telephone and messages may be left on the answering machine.

This year the library discontinued story hour but in its place we now have drop-in Arts and Crafts on Fridays. This will be a year round program due to the success with attendance and participation. We have also established a Homework Zone for students to do homework. We continue to have inter-net computers available for public use. We also offer fax service.

The successful Friends of the Library continue with their generous monetary and voluntary donations of time and funds. The on-going popularity of the Home Delivery service—every Friday a Friend of the Library delivers library materials to people unable to get out otherwise in the town of Brookfield (even on temporary schedule). Annual fundraising events sponsored by the Friends include a Silent Auction in May, Book Sale during the Apple Country Fair in October and Photo's with Santa in December. The Friends also initiated a year round book sale in the foyer of the library—newer hardcover books and videos are available for sale.

Books and material donations for the Friends book sale are accepted year round and should be placed in the foyer of the library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Metterville, Library Director

## **REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

Memorial Day calls upon a united nation to appropriately mark the last resting place of our sons and daughters who saw service while following the flag.

The Town of Brookfield's Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday, May 30, 2005 in memory of the following veteran who served our country:

## In Memoriam

Auguste P. Valley, Jr.

World War II

The parade column left Brookfield Elementary School at 10:00 AM and proceeded to the Brookfield Cemetery under the direction of the Parade Marshal, Brookfield Police Department, Brookfield Select Board and Brookfield Cultural Council.

Services were held at the Brookfield Cemetery than the column marched to the Town Common for the closing ceremony. The Gettysburg Address was recited by Katherine Chabot and Shannon Fogwill. Flanders Field was recited by Tyler Latour and Jessica Foster.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Simpson, Parade Marshal  
Louise Woodard, Assistant Treasurer  
Barbara Wilson, Assistant Secretary

Madelyn Swanson, Treasurer  
Elise Provost, Secretary  
Jeanne Lytle, Assistant Secretary



## REPORT OF THE TOWN MODERATOR

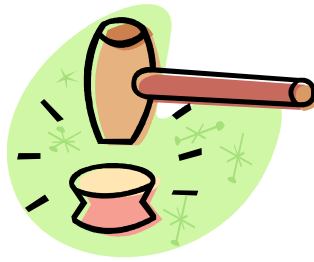
The moderator presided at the annual and special town meetings for the Fiscal Year '06.

The meetings were conducted according to parliamentary procedure as provided for by local bylaw, state laws, and *Town Meeting Time*, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, published by the Massachusetts Moderators Association.

The moderator remains a member of the Massachusetts Moderators Association.

Respectfully,

William Frangiamore, Moderator



### **REPORT OF THE PARKING CLERK AND HEARING OFFICER**

During the year of 2005 there were 55 parking tickets issued by the Police Department. There were no hearings held by the hearing officer. The hearings are held on Tuesday evenings between 6:30-7:00 P.M, and are held upon written request by offenders.

Total Receipts to the Treasurer \$1605.00

These receipts include funds from tickets issued in 2005 as well as late fees for overdue ticket payments and past due tickets from previous years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda M. Lincoln, Parking Clerk/Hearing Officer

### **REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD**

The Personnel Board marked the beginning of 2005 with two (2) active members, and concluded the year with two (2). We welcome any who wish to participate in the ongoing work of the board. We meet infrequently when the Board of Selectmen request job descriptions with appropriate grading, and the work load is generally minimal. The pay is low, but the working atmosphere is inspiring.

During this year, this board received job descriptions from various departments for re-evaluating the grades.

We continue to serve the town through the Board of Selectmen, and welcome the opportunity to greet new members to the board.

2005 members:  
Jill Bertrand  
Phil Peirce

### **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

In 2005 the Planning Board met twenty-one times and acted on a variety of land use issues. Sixty-three new or revised lots on existing or new roads were approved. These included two Special Permit approvals for two cluster subdivisions. One subdivision of six lots was approved on Route 148 and one subdivision of 31 lots was approved on Molasses Hill Road. A preliminary plan for a 61-lot subdivision on Long Hill Rd was submitted and approved.

The following changes to the Zoning Bylaw were proposed by the Planning Board for town approval at Town Meeting; Open Space Residential Development Bylaw, increase in the minimum lot size to 80,000 square-feet in the Rural Residential Zone, deletion of a provision for more than one multi-family structure on a lot, a Growth Limit Bylaw, and to deletion of a section allowing smaller than standard rear lot. The Growth Limit Bylaw would allow the Town to write its Master Plan without fear of uncontrolled growth that may be contrary to the Town's future goals and objectives. Although the proposal of developing a Master Plan was approved, all of the Zoning Bylaw changes we proposed were voted down at Town Meeting.

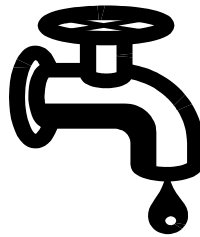
The Board also responded to a number of inquiries from the public and other Town officials concerning zoning by-laws and land use. The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission provided the Board with technical assistance on several issues. Town Counsel's advice was sought for some cases. The Board's consulting engineer, John Scannell, reviewed plans and provided guidance on both construction and regulatory issues.

The *Zoning By-Law, Subdivision Rules and Regulations, and Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board* are available on CD and in hard copy and can be purchased from the Town Clerk.

We expect to have a very busy year in 2006 and will strive to serve the citizens of Brookfield and others who appear before the Board as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

David Couture, Chairman  
 Frank Smith, Vice Chairman  
 Kermit Eaton, Treasurer  
 Michael Dean, Secretary  
 Mary T. O'Connell



## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR – 2005

Plumbing Permits	53
Gas Permits	39
Finish Inspections	15
<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>127</b>

### **PLUMBING:**

New Homes	24
Manufactured Homes	1
Renovations	19
Replacements	9

**GAS:**

Hot Water heater	3
Ranges	16
Boiler & Furnaces	16
Fireplaces	7
Ovens	0
Dryers	3
Cook tops	0
Direct Vent Heaters	3
Relocate LP Gas Service	0
Pool Heater	2

FEES COLLECTED FOR PLUMBING AND GAS:	\$4,632.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Robert Wall, Inspector of Plumbing & Gas  
 Roger Charpentier, Alternate Inspector



### REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Brookfield Police Department strives to serve the community the best they can. During 2005 we have seen a decline in crimes against persons and property due to an increase in patrolling. Unfortunately, we still need the residents to help lower it even more. One crime that hasn't gone down is drug-related incidences. This type of crime not only affects the user but the whole town. If you see a crime occur or know someone who needs help, don't hesitate to call us.

Several grants have been received to help make our town a safe place to live. We received the following grants: "Click It or Ticket", "You Drink You Drive You Lose" and "Safe Roads".

The D.A.R.E. program continues to promote drug resistance and allows the children a Resource Officer to communicate with. The Brookfield Police Department was able to raise over \$3,000 through corporate sponsors to continue the program. Once again parents, teachers, and students have welcomed the program.

The Police Department's own Holly Chisolm has brought R.A.D. to the high school and the community. R.A.D. stands for **Rape Aggression Defense**. This training is dedicated to allowing women to acquire the skills to protect themselves against an attacker.

The station has been updated and has an area designed for handicapped accessibility. This new area will better help serve the whole community. Part of the station's update is the MIRCS (Massachusetts Instant Record Checks System) unit, which will allow firearms licenses

to be processed more efficiently. We have also added a new conference area to support the communities' needs. We strive to stay diligent with Homeland Security for our area in the hope that atrocities like 9/11 will *never* happen again on American soil.

The Brookfield Police Department attended over 5,000 calls in calendar 2005. This alone shows that it is imperative we receive the proper training and funding for equipment. Here is a breakdown of some of the calls:

911/Hang-ups: 75	FIRE ALARMS: 123
ALARMS: 178	Animal calls: 97
ASSIST CITIZENS: 268	ASSAULTS: 34
BUILDING CHECKS: 891	DOMESTICS: 87
GUN SHOTS: 23	LOCK OUTS: 9
MEDICAL: 321	MV ACCIDENTS: 164
MUTUAL AID: 59	MV STOPS: 1,968
SAFETY HAZARD: 67	SUSPICIOUS ACTS: 69
WARRANTS: 37	WELFARE CHECKS: 56

Respectfully Submitted, Chief Ross Ackerman

## **REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION**

We had a busy year getting the Pavilion up and ready! Soon it will be available on a limited basis for Town's people to use. Thank you to Doug Brown for all his unrelenting work. If you have not been down, please check it out. The Recreation Committee is fortunate to have many of its members that are multi-talented and more than willing to do what they can to get the job done.

Hopefully next year we can resume our family fun day, along with a barbeque. This year, we have had another successful sports year, this is a great time to thank everyone who has coached or assisted in some way. We would never be able to offer the activities we do without your help.

This year we have added Flag Football to our organized sports under the guidance of Keith Law and Mike Lucas, about 50 girls and boys, 1st thru 6th grade played during October, November and December.

We will be adding another 4 bay swing set with toddler seats, to our playground thanks to a generous donation from the Police Association. We hope to add a bicycle rack and fence around the playground to keep dogs from littering on the ground, this is an ongoing problem.

Please pick up after your animal.

If you have any new ideas we'd like to hear them! We always welcome anyone to our meetings, they are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. If you would like to be a member, just let one of us know.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doug Brown, Chair  
Kerry Brenner  
Keith Law

Denise Senosk  
Lydia Lucas

David Proulx  
Brenda McElroy



## **REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

It is the responsibility of the Safety Committee to be concerned with improving employee and citizen safety on a town-wide basis. These responsibilities include the elimination of hazards throughout the Town in public buildings, on highways, sidewalks, and in town-owned buildings. In addition, the Committee reviews all requests for additional, deletions and/or changes to speed zones, stop signs, parking zones, etc. the Committee's findings and recommendations are then referred to the Board of Selectmen for action.

The following issues were discussed by the Safety Committee and forwarded to the Board of Selectmen with the recommendations of the Safety Committee:

- Speed limit on Rte 148 from the intersection of Old Fiskdale Road to Rte 9. Recommendation to institute speed limit of 35 mph from Old Fiskdale Road to the Railroad Bridge and 30 mph from the railroad bridge to Rte 9.
- Installation of a stop sign at the northbound intersection of Lawrence Cross Road and Rte 148. Recommendation that no such sign be installed.
- Installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Central Street and Rte 148. Recommendation that no such sign be installed.
- The issue of egress safety at the boat launch at the SE corner of the Quaboag River at the Rte 148 Bridge. Decided that only action at this time would be for Highway Department to monitor the vegetation growth and deal with as needed.
- The overall situation of visibility at the intersection of Rte 148 and Webber Road. Short term considerations would be to move the stop line, paint "STOP" on pavement, and add "Dangerous Intersection" signs in the area. The long term will include pursuing funding to redo the intersection to improve motorist visibility.
- Webber Road at Harwood Cross Road – Placement of a "YIELD" sign on Harwood Cross Road.
- The intersection of Harwood Cross Road. and Town Farm Road. – Recommendation to change right of way so that Town Farm Road is a thru way and install a "STOP" sign on Harwood Cross Road.
- The intersection of Webber Road at Town Farm Road. - Recommendation to install "DANGEROUS INTERSECTION" signs and considers, with consultation with the Rod and Gun Club, the removal of some trees to improve visibility.
- The impact of the proposed development on Molasses Hill Road. The committee and the Board of Selectmen should monitor this project as it unfolds. The committee also would ask that the Planning Board consider the Safety Committee as a body of interest in regards to projects such as this.
- The committee recommends the placement of a "STOP" sign on Wells Road. at Molasses Hill Road.
- The committee concurs with the placement of the "STOP" sign at the intersection of East Main Street at Main Street.
- The committee discussed safety aspects and possible action in the area of the Quacumquasit (South) Pond beach area. Weighing such considerations as ownership, maintenance, and liability, the committee recommends no action beyond routine roadway maintenance.

- The committee requests placement of a “STOP” sign at the intersection of Lakeview Avenue at Boyes Avenue.
- The committee discussed the intersection of Lake Road at Rice Corner Road. The committee recommends no change at this time, but asks that the Board of Selectmen be open to future re-alignment of that area as may be outlined by the Highway Superintendent.
- Discussion, at the request of the residents of 33 Fiskdale Road, the committee feels that the only option at this time is consideration of some degree of removal of the banking in that area. With the Board of Selectman’s permission the Highway Superintendent will consider options and pursue same with the property owner as time permits.
- Discussion of potential safety issues in the area of Webber Road and Old Webber Road. There was a lengthy discussion with no resolution. The issue had not been raised by any Old Webber Road residents – consensus that if an Old Webber Road resident brought forth a specific problem and potential solution; we would take it up again.
- In the same area, but separate potential issue – While researching the Old Webber Road area, some committee members observed potential traffic/safety issues related to the operation of a day-care center located nearby. The committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen, after consultation with the Police Chief, contact the business owner to address the potential issues.
- The committee discussed the Central Street aspect of the Elementary School – The committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen re-institute the “No Parking” area from the West side of Central Street from the crosswalk to Route 9. The committee further asks the Board to request the school administration to make full use of the rear parking area. If this is not successful, the committee feels that time-limited parking areas or other similar parking restrictions may need to be considered.

In closing, the Safety Committee would like to urge the public to contact the Board of Selectmen (508-867-2930 x 10) regarding any and all safety issues/concerns they may have. This would allow the Selectmen to refer the issues/concerns to the Safety Committee for its review and recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

William Neault, Chairman

Police Chief, Ross Ackerman

Highway Superintendent, Herbert Chaffee II

Fire Chief, Peter Martell, Secretary

Water Superintendent, Bruce Clark

EMS Chief, Donna Lafleur



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending December 2005

### School Committee

Patricia Sinko, Chairman	Term expires 2006
Stephen J. Comtois II, Secretary	Term expires 2008
William Gillmeister, Tantasqua Representative	Term expires 2007

### Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Kathleen H. Reynolds	320 Brookfield Road, Fiskdale	347-5977
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### Associate Superintendent

Daniel G. Durgin	320 Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale	347-3077
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### Assistant Superintendent

Katharine Fitzgerald	320 Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale	347-3077
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### Business Manager

Deborah Boyd	320 Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale	347-3077
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### Special Education/Pupil Services Director

Dr. Deborah Nowers.	320 Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale	347-3560
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### School Physician

Jeanette Tokarz, M.D.

### Principal

Kathleen Hosterman	867-8988
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### Secretary

Janice Zielinski	867-8988
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### School Nurse and Supervisor of Attendance

Elaine Gittens, R.N., B.S.N.	867-8988
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### *School Enrollment as of October 3, 2005 (includes School Choice students)*

#### *Pre-K:*

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pre-S</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Elem.</i>	35	25	39	34	36	28	50	49	296

<u>Grade</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Total</u>
TJHS	42	42	84
	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
		<u>12</u>	<u>PG</u>

<b>TSHS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>128</b>
Tech. Div.	15	12	8	9	<u>44</u>
<b>Total Enrollment</b>					<b>256</b>
Town of Brookfield					

## **SALARIES – BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>2005-2006</b>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
K. Hosterman	Principal		78,160.94
P. Achilles	Teacher	56,081.91	60,308.92
C. Allen-Start	Teacher	53,502.48	59,308.92
M. Bek	Teacher	59,141.34	62,604.80
P. Boucher	Teacher	60,461.34	64,864.80
E. Brown	Teacher/Music	59,141.34	62,544.80
K. Carey	Teacher	53,322.48	56,373.04
M. Casey	Teacher	33,649.57	40,438.13
N. Corbeil	Teacher	56,141.91	59,368.92
B. Couming	Spec. Ed.		59,308.92
E. Davol	Spec. Ed.	56,201.91	60,488.92
E. Dwyer	Teacher	53,262.48	56,313.04
K. Erikson	Teacher/Title I	59,141.34	63,544.80
L. Ford	Teacher		35,585.35
C. Forgit	Teacher	59,141.34	62,544.80
B. Gibson	Teacher	45,885.20	53,916.82
E. Gittens	School Nurse	39,260.57	41,519.72
J. Gittins	Psychologist	59,321.34	62,724.80
T. Goyette	Teacher/Phys Ed	53,082.48	56,133.04
L. Hyde	Teacher/Spec. Ed.	56,081.91	59,308.92
	UN. 61 Tuition		
D. Kane	Special Ed.	56,081.91	59,308.92
J. Labuski	Teacher 70%	29,244.01	31,702.92
	CPC Grant/Tuition		
B. Mansfield	PreK Spec Ed	50,983.55	53,916.82
D. Marchessault	Teacher	38,237.67	48,525.76
J. Monahan	Teacher	47,924.13	50,681.98
D. Morin-Wermter	Teacher	42,825.77	45,289.88
S. Nagle	Teacher	47,924.13	53,916.82
B. Plumb	Teacher 20%		10,783.36
	Instrum. Music		
T. Resseguie	Spec Ed.	32,413.66	34,278.99
M. Rice	Teacher 70%		23,995.29
	Art		
A. Sanborn	Teacher	59,861.34	63,264.80
M. Snyder	Teacher	59,141.34	62,544.80
	Remedial		
M. Sullivan	Speech	38,237.67	40,438.13

H. Tarr	Curr. Coordinator		53,916.82
G. Vermette	Teacher	56,201.91	23,266.08
K. Young	Library/Media		48,525.76
D. Brothers	Integration Asst (Tuition, Grant)	12.04	12.88
S. Gillen	Integration Asst	12.29	13.39
K. Hayes	Integration Asst	12.65	14.16
J. Lytle	Integration Asst	13.03	13.39
L. McGovern	Part Time Secretary	15.25	16.48
C. Parker	Instructional Asst	17.77	19.06
M. Simmons	Integration Asst	12.04	12.88
R. Straight	Instructional Asst	17.77	19.06
M. Young	Educational Asst	13.03	14.94
J. Zielinski	Secretary	17.20	17.72
H. Achilles	Head Custodian	17.97	19.06
R. Bouchard	Custodian	10.29	12.88
J. Juda	Custodian	10.29	12.88
R. Young	Custodian P.T.	7.50	8.76

Town of Brookfield:

***TEACHERS IN SERVICE – BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
2004-2005***

TEACHING EXP. IN

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME/COLL./DEGREE</u>	<u>BROOKFIELD AS OF 6-30-05</u>
Principal	Carolyn Wallace	2
Kindergarten	Elizabeth Dwyer	15
Grade 3	Belinda Gibson	10
	B.A., Anna Maria	
Grade 1	Pamela Achilles	36
Grade 1	Angela Sanborn	27
	B.S., Worcester State	
Grade 2	MaryAnne Bek	21
	M.Ed., Worcester State	
	B.S., Worcester State	
Grade 2	Nancy Corbeil	16
Kind/Title I	Jean Monahan	8
Grade 3	Christine Allen	18
Grade 4	Gail Vermette	19
Grade 4	Patricia Boucher	35
	M.A., Worcester State	
	B.S., Worcester State	
Grade 6	Donna Morin-Wermter	8
Grade 5	Suzanne Nagle	11
Grade 6	Karen Carey	18
Grade 6	Claudia Forget	15
	M.Ed., Worcester State	
	B.S., Worcester State	
Mod. Spec. Needs	Elizabeth Davol	28
	M.A., Assumption College	
	B.S., Wheelock College	
Computer	Diane Dodds	2
	M.A. Lesley College	

LTS		B.A. U.Mass	
Sch. Psych.	Julie Gittins	CAGS, Worcester State	19
		M.A., Clark Univ.	
		B.A., Bennington College	
Rem. Reading	Marjorie Snyder	M.S., Central Conn.	18
		A.S., Fisher Jr. College	
Art	Karen Erikson	M.Ed., Worcester State	20
		B.A., Bridgewater State	
Physical Ed.	Thomas Goyette	B.S., Bridgewater State	18
Grade 5	Mary Casey	M.Ed. Anna Maria	3
		B.S., Salem State	
Sped – K	Barbara Mansfield	B.S., Boston Univ.	11
Un. 61 SpEd	Lori Hyde	M.Ed., Harvard Univ.	9
		B.S., Univ. of Michigan	
Music	Eva Brown	M.A., Univ. of N.H.	3
		B.M., Notre Dame College	
Un. 61 PreSch	Janice Labuski	B.S., Worcester State	8
Special Needs	Theresa Resseguie	B.A. UMass.	1
Special Needs	Diane Kane	M.Ed., Fitchburg State	6
		B.A., Keene State	
Spanish	Monique Gillotti	B.S., Framingham State	6
French	Carol Plumb	M.Ed. Cambridge College	6
		B.A., U. Mass	
Inclusion	Andrea Stevens	B.A., North Adams State	4.5
Title I	Danielle Marchessault	M.Ed., Lesley College	2.5
		B.S., College of Charleston	

### Town of Brookfield

#### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2004-2005

School Appropriation July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005	\$2,430,859.00
Miscellaneous Receipts & Reimbursements	.00

#### Expenditures:

School Committee	\$ 11,830.60
Superintendent's Office	67,817.72

#### Instruction:

Principal's Office	132,498.77
Teachers' Salaries	986,318.14
Teachers, Substitutes	17,718.38
Supplies & Materials	14,157.56
Aides Salaries	20,211.68
Professional Development	40,606.27
Special Education Salaries	367,167.41
(Perceptually Handicapped & Speech)	
Supplies & Materials – Sp.Ed.	1,605.07
Textbooks/Sp.Ed.	960.99
Textbooks	11,706.17

Technology Services	40,589.88
Library Services	115.80
Audio Visual	520.00
Guidance Services	60,653.20
Psychological Services	4,850.42

Other School Services:

Health Services	40,642.88
Pupil Transportation	135,809.88
Pupil Transportation (Special Education & Phys. Handicapped)	157,894.57
Field Trips	-----

Operation and Maintenance of Plant:

Custodial Salaries	84,553.02
Supplies & Materials	6,474.96
Fuel	26,062.18
Utilities - School	53,986.41
Maintenance of Grounds	5,419.98
Maintenance of Buildings	3,654.86
Maintenance of Equipment – School	24,721.19

Acquisition of Fixed Assets:

Equipment – School	.....	.00
Equipment – Sp.Ed.	.....	.00
Equipment – Library	.....	.00
Replacement of Equipment – School		1,961.50

**Programs with Other Districts & Schools:**

Special Education	110,349.51
Vocational	<u>.00</u>

Total Appropriation Expenditures July 2004 – June 30, 2005	\$2,430,859.00
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Estimated Reimbursements:

Chapter 70	\$1,308,158.00
Chapter 71	.00
Chapter 76	<u>.00</u>

<b>Total Appropriations Est. Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$1,308,158.00</b>
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Total Expenditures	\$2,430,859.00
Less Total Estimated Receipts	<u>1,308,158.00</u>
<b>Cost to Taxpayer</b>	<b>\$1,122,701.00</b>

**Town of Brookfield****2005-2006 Budget**

Administration	\$ 88,248.00
Instruction	1,865,170.00
Other School Services	287,825.00
Operation & Maintenance	209,178.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	.00
Program with Other Districts, Regional and Private Schools	<u>111,427.00</u>
<b><i>Total Appropriations 2005-2006</i></b>	<b><i>\$2,561,848.00</i></b>

## Special Needs Programs Included in Budget:

2000	Instructional	\$ 411,343.00
3000	Other	115,000.00
7000	Equipment	.00
9000	Programs with Other Districts	<u>111,427.00</u>
		\$ 637,770.00





## **REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

2005 has been a year of changes for Brookfield Elementary School. There is a new principal, a new curriculum coordinator, new schedules, a new library/computer program, full-day Kindergarten, a fourth grade band program, a new harvest dinner, an expansion of the full-inclusion model for special education, the preparation of a District Wellness Policy which will have building based implications, a new Title I math software program called River Deep, new staff and assignment changes of others, a re-instituted and invigorated DARE program along with a school resource officer, and a number of other current and considered changes. As I consider each of these changes, I would like to share the excitement and challenges faced by Brookfield Elementary as we move forward into the new year.

Just as last year, we have been provided with eight professional development early release days. Our work has moved beyond determining the focus of needed student improvement, to training in the strategies that will guide our students to the next level of proficiency. The curriculum coordinator has met weekly with each grade level to plan and organize our educational approach and assessment strategies. We are meeting for eight hours after school to work on preparing our students to take the MCAS, to discuss reading strategies that work, and to enhance our writing program.

We have continued our STAR reading and math computerized testing program. This year we will carry out the testing cycle three times and will use the data to check student growth, both at a grade level and individually. We are making significant progress in concentrating on student needs, especially as pertains to math. Our upcoming math exemplars will help us pinpoint the math knowledge of our students. Moreover, the River Deep Title I computer math program is actively addressing the needs of struggling math students. This supplementary work will improve instruction and lead to student success.

These academic successes at Brookfield are further extended due to the complete implementation of the full-inclusion model. This year we have seen our classroom teachers and support staff becomes more of a team as they instruct our students at every level of ability. Research clearly shows that our learners achieve more when they are instructed in the total curriculum, and modifications made as needed.

The institution of a Library/Media specialist has expanded our student's exposure to technology and the World Wide Web. Students now have the advantage of being taught the finer points of research utilizing both library resources and the Internet. Students are being better prepared for their Jr. High School experience, and are gaining skills and knowledge they will need to be successful students in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The opportunity to begin full-day Kindergarten at Brookfield has been an amazing journey for our Early Childhood program. Students are able to enjoy all the special events that take place during Kindergarten, yet, there is still time to write stories, illustrate them, and share them with peers. Math now consists of anecdotes with interesting characters, problems, and outcomes. We have given our youngest learners a priceless gift; the gift of time.

It has also been a year with new opportunities to join our school and community in a positive way through our School Resource Officer. Officer Nick, as he is affectionately called by our students, has been a very strong presence on our campus this year. Students are seeing the police department as a protector of our community, and a friend to one in need.

The new Wellness Policy that is currently being worked on in our district will bring greater changes to our school in the years to come. We are already preparing for these changes by bringing in a water machine to keep our students well hydrated, beginning a new school-wide morning exercise routine on Tuesday and Thursday morning, and looking at our school lunch program for the upcoming year.

As we move forward, the fiscal and academic challenges are great. The enthusiasm and commitment by both staff and students is even greater. Our theme this year, "Brookfield Pride,"

has taken hold, and we are stepping up to the plate to confront our future with confidence and expectation.

Respectfully,  
Kathleen Hosterman

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – 2005  
*Union 61 and Tantasqua Regional School Districts***

**Brimfield Brookfield Holland Sturbridge Wales**

**MISSION**

The School Committees and staffs of the Tantasqua Regional and Union 61 School Districts continue to live out the mission of “*providing programs that promote students’ academic, civic, social, emotional and physical development.*”

**ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

In the main, in Union 61’s elementary schools, achievement trends continue to be in the right directions. In last year’s report, I highlighted some specific accomplishments of individual elementary schools. In this year’s report I would like to focus on achievement trends at the secondary level.

Below is a comparison chart that reviews the various secondary levels of achievement on MCAS, the state assessment, from 2003, at the beginning of this administration, with the 2005 results.

	<i>Percentage Proficient and Advanced</i>		<i>Percentage Needs Improvement &amp; Warning</i>	
	<u><i>Upper Performing Categories</i></u>		<u><i>Lower Performing Categories</i></u>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2005</b>
Grade 7 English Language Arts	74%	73%	26%	26%
Grade 10 English Language Arts	66%	71%	34%	29%
Grade 8 Mathematics	41%	50%	59%	50%
Grade 10 Mathematics	61%	68%	39%	32%
Grade 8 Science	36%	45%	64%	54%

(Note: due to rounding may not equal 100%)

These very real increases in student achievement are due to the collective hard work of teachers and support staff, including administrators, who have focused professional discussions around the content of our high quality School and District Improvement Plans. The increased attention to instructional planning directly related to State Frameworks and the ongoing formal and informal assessments of student learning are reaping significant rewards for the Tantasqua and

Union 61 communities. It is also only with the enormous ongoing support of community and parent / guardian groups **and** the fiscal commitments made by our towns that we have come to a place where half or better - almost three quarters in Grades 7 and 10 English and Grade 10 Mathematics - of our students score in the upper performing categories on four of the state's five secondary assessments. ***Congratulations to all involved!***

Thank you to the School Committees who understood that ongoing professional development is the only path to increased achievement. Thank you to the parents and other caretakers who had to adjust schedules slightly to accommodate opportunities for teachers to talk with each other about teaching and learning. Thank you to the curriculum leadership, both at the School Support and District Leadership Center as well as in the individual schools. Your hard work deserves to be acknowledged and commended.

In subsequent reports, principals and other school leaders will highlight activities and initiatives at the school level. In keeping with my focus for this annual report, I wish to share further information related to increases in secondary achievement.

Again, with School Committee and community support, all sophomores and juniors are taking the PSAT's. Last year, for the first time, all juniors took the PSAT's. Why? Because Tantasqua data shows clearly that youngsters who have exposure to the PSAT's score higher on the SAT's, and all youngsters deserve opportunities to achieve at the highest levels that they can as they look to move forward to the next phase after high school.

By illustration: for last year's graduating seniors, the average SAT Verbal Score was 530; the average Math score was 545. For students who had never taken the PSAT, those average scores were 508 and 522, respectively. For students who had taken the PSAT once: 536 and 543; and for those who had taken it twice: 551 and 565. There are no guarantees that taking this international assessment twice will raise anyone's scores, but there is a guarantee that all youngsters will have adequate opportunities to prepare for the SAT's, an exam, whether one likes it or not, that will have much to do with determining both the college that one may attend and the amount of scholarship support that may be forthcoming.

It has been my honor, privilege, and, most times, pleasure, to serve the Tantasqua and Union 61 communities: Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales. Other school leaders will report to members of the community on our accomplishments in the realms of the *civic, social, emotional and physical development* of our students. In the meanwhile, I encourage everyone to read the very popular electronic publication *Around the Region*, which highlights student and staff accomplishments and school events. *Around the Region* may be accessed by going to the Tantasqua.org website, and then by going to the Superintendent's Home Page, where a link is listed. I trust that a review of our many, varied and ongoing activities will lead to increased understanding of the positive ways that youngsters are being served in these school communities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen H. Reynolds, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

<b>REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR</b>						
	Uncollected 6/30/2004	Commitments (+)	Exemptions & Abatements (-)	Collections (- )	Refunds (+)	Uncollected
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>						
2005		3,246,359	16,743	3,034,591	9,176	204,200
2004			11,166	123,602	10,194	(4,650)
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL 2004</b>				14,912		
2003	59,269			16,972		12,208
2002	42,848		6,070	8,451	854	37,081
2001	22,504			3,014	468	34,865
2000	14,528			2,491		19,490
Prior Years	94,527			1,070		12,037
						93,457
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>						
2005		74,905	311	70,443	1,174	5,326
2004				560		(560)
2003	916					916
2002	1,469					1,469
2001	1,903			11		1,892
2000	949					949
Prior Years	7,521					7,521
<b>M.V. EXCISE</b>						
2005		355,593	8,690	278,407	3,767	72,262
2004	67,421	62,434	4,826	93,665	4,308	35,672
2003	15,350		538	2,761	491	12,542
2002	16,321			1,926		14,395
2001	4,055			577		3,478
2000	4,197			229		3,968
Prior Years	28,372			200		28,172
<b>ROLL BACK TAXES</b>	NONE					
<b>PARK FEES</b>	NONE	45,075		45,075		
<b>FARM ANIMALS</b>						
2005		462		462		
2004		115		115		65
<b>LIEU OF TAXES 2005</b>		431		431		

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

The year of 2005 was busy year once again with many changes. There were two elections, Annual Town Election and Debt Exclusion Election to purchase a new pumper truck for the Fire Department that was unsuccessful.

I'm continuing working towards my certification to become a Certified Municipal Clerk. This designation is through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Hopefully this title will be obtained during 2006.

During the year I also continue my education classes sponsored by the Secretary of States' Office, Massachusetts Town Clerks', Association Worcester City and Town Clerks' Association and various State Agencies.

### **VITAL STATISTICS**

Births	29
Marriages	15
Deaths	29

### **DOG LICENSES**

Issued	416
Kennels	16

Monies turned over to the Treasurer; dog licenses, kennel licenses, dog pound, late fees from dogs, marriage intentions, certified copies of vital records, town by-laws, voter lists, business certificates, homestead filings, genealogy research, residents' lists, raffle permits, reimbursement from the state for UCC filings Zoning By-Laws, Special Permits, Variances and Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Total Receipts to the Treasurer \$ 8,224.77.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Lincoln, Town Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTERS**

The Annual Town Census was taken in January and February, compiled they are as follow:

Total Residents	3,253		
Total Registered Voters	2,159		
Democrats	469	Republicans	1383
Unenrolled	1,383	Libertarian	18
Green-Rainbow	2	Green Party USA	3
Socialist	1		

Once again, please allow me to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Brookfield for their continuing support.

Respectfully submitted, Linda M. Lincoln, CMMC, Registrar	
Doreen Dean, Asst. Registrar	Nancy Lee Finney, Registrar
Lois O'Leary, Registrar	Shirley Sanborn, Registrar

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP**  
**JUNE 30, 2005**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,357,871	\$ 190,441	\$ 310,000	\$ 38,977	\$ -	\$ 2,897,290
Investments		2,292	-	541,789	-	544,081
Accounts Receivable:						
Property Taxes	394,182	-	-	-	-	394,182
Deferred Property Taxes	4,128	-	-	-	-	4,128
Excise Taxes	138,058	-	-	-	-	138,058
Tax Liens	71,318	-	-	-	-	71,318
Departmental	32	-	-	-	-	32
User Charges		5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Special Assessments		271,336	-	-	-	271,336
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(110,755)	-	-	-	-	(110,755)
Due from Other Funds		1,122,045	126,846	211,011	-	1,459,902
Due from Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	3,584	-	3,584
Loans Authorized/Unissued					1,170,000	1,170,000
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Bonds	-	-	-	-	2,820,333	2,820,333
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,854,835</b>	<b>\$ 1,591,114</b>	<b>\$ 436,846</b>	<b>\$ 795,362</b>	<b>\$ 3,990,333</b>	<b>\$ 9,668,490</b>

**Liabilities and Fund Equity**

**Liabilities:**

Warrants Payable	\$ 221,742	\$ 52,885	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 274,627
Employee Withholdings	28,284	-	-	-	-	28,284
Due to Others	1,289	-	-	44,441	-	45,730
Due to Other Funds	1,459,902	-	-	-	-	1,459,902
Due to Student Groups	-	-	-	20,800	-	20,800
Deferred Revenue:						-
Property Taxes	283,427	-	-	-	-	283,427
Other	213,537	276,336	-	-	-	489,873
Loans Authorized/Unissued Payable					1,170,000	1,170,000
Bonds Payable	-	-	310,000	-	2,820,333	3,130,333
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,208,182</b>	<b>329,221</b>	<b>310,000</b>	<b>65,241</b>	<b>3,990,333</b>	<b>6,902,976</b>

**Fund Equity:**

Reserved for Encumbrances	186,164	82,725	-	-	-	268,889
Reserved for Snow & Ice Deficit	(51,417)					(51,417)
Reserved for Deficits	50	-	-	-	-	50
Unreserved:						-
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures	154,744	158,594	126,846	-	-	440,184
Undesignated	357,111	1,020,575	-	730,122	-	2,107,808
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>646,653</b>	<b>1,261,894</b>	<b>126,846</b>	<b>730,122</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,765,515</b>

<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,854,835</b>	<b>\$ 1,591,114</b>	<b>\$ 436,846</b>	<b>\$ 795,363</b>	<b>\$ 3,990,333</b>	<b>\$ 9,668,491</b>
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**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**  
**ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES**  
**JUNE 30, 2005**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trusts	(Memorandum Only)
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Taxes	\$ 3,227,726	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,227,726
State Receipts	2,149,876	-	-	-	2,149,876
Excise and Other Taxes	384,509	-	-	-	384,509
Licenses, Permits, Fees	346,071	-	-	-	346,071
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	38,150	-	-	-	38,150
Investment Income:					
Interest and Dividends on Investments	44,714	2,297	-	18,560	65,571
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and Fees	-	1,086,424	-	1,893	1,088,317
Intergovernmental - "On Behalf Payments"	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>6,191,047</b>	<b>1,088,721</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,453</b>	<b>7,300,221</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	444,655	6,019	7,500	-	458,174
Public Safety	482,619	78,557	-	-	561,177
Public Works	411,615	137,926	743	-	550,283
Health and Human Services	42,821	8,394	-	-	51,215
Culture and Recreation	112,892	5,912	-	-	118,804
Education	3,445,364	370,240	-	-	3,815,604
Employee Benefits and Insurance	446,146	-	-	-	446,146
Water	-	91,020	-	-	91,020
State Assessments	92,257	-	-	-	92,257
Debt Service:					
Principal	712,879	-	-	-	712,879
Interest and Fiscal Charges	164,294	-	-	-	164,294
Continuing Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>6,355,542</b>	<b>698,068</b>	<b>8,243</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,061,852</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>(164,494)</b>	<b>390,653</b>	<b>(8,243)</b>	<b>20,453</b>	<b>238,369</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Operating Transfers In	124,907	-	130,000	42,000	296,907
Operating Transfers Out	(10,000)	(120,312)	-	(166,595)	(296,907)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>114,907</b>	<b>(120,312)</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>(124,595)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>(49,587)</b>	<b>270,341</b>	<b>121,758</b>	<b>(104,142)</b>	<b>238,369</b>
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>696,240</b>	<b>991,553</b>	<b>\$ 5,088</b>	<b>834,264</b>	<b>2,527,145</b>
<b>Fund Balances, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 646,653</b>	<b>\$ 1,261,894</b>	<b>\$ 126,846</b>	<b>\$ 730,122</b>	<b>\$ 2,765,514</b>



**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Taxes	\$ 3,319,220	\$ 3,227,726	\$ (91,494)
State Receipts	2,141,052	2,149,876	8,824
Excise and Other Taxes	370,600	384,509	13,909
Licenses, Permits, Fees	295,920	346,071	50,151
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	65,000	38,150	(26,850)
Interest on Investments	22,000	44,714	22,714
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>6,213,792</b>	<b>6,191,047</b>	<b>(22,745)</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
General Government	430,487	444,655	(14,168)
Public Safety	495,231	482,619	12,612
Public Works	404,899	411,615	(6,716)
Health and Human Services	52,592	42,821	9,771
Culture and Recreation	91,618	112,892	(21,274)
Education	3,461,454	3,445,364	16,090
Employee Benefits and Insurance	444,918	446,146	(1,228)
State Assessments	64,664	92,257	(27,593)
Debt Service:			
Principal	712,879	712,879	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	164,294	164,294	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>6,323,036</b>	<b>6,355,542</b>	<b>(32,506)</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>(109,244)</b>	<b>(164,494)</b>	<b>(55,251)</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>			
Operating Transfers In	124,907	124,907	-
Operating Transfers Out	(10,000)	(10,000)	-
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>114,907</b>	<b>114,907</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Budget Variance:</b>			
<b>Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>\$ 5,663</b>	<b>\$ (49,587)</b>	<b>\$ (55,251)</b>

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

				Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	Fund Balances July 1, 2004	Fund Balances June 30, 2005
	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
<b>Water</b>	\$ 119,952	\$ 91,020	\$ -	\$ 28,932	\$ 84,747	\$ 113,679
<b>Highways</b>	24,855	24,780	-	75	26,196	26,271
<b>Federal and State Grants:</b>						
School Grants						
Early Childhood	68	-	-	68	(68)	-
Special Education	59,344	49,908	-	9,436	(9,436)	-
Council on Aging	3,030	2,765	-	265	15	280
Cultural Council	2,222	2,543	-	(321)	7,690	7,369
Extend Polling Hours	416	416	-	-	-	-
Fire Safety Grants						
FF State Equipment	15,000	7,992	-	7,008	-	7,008
DCR	1,248	1,248	-	-	-	-
Safe	1,134	517	-	617	517	1,134
Federal Safety	31,500	12,694	-	18,806	-	18,806
Library	5,044	5,413	-	(369)	2,535	2,166
Public Safety Grants						
Dare	-	-	-	-	(8,444)	(8,444)
Criminal Justice	-	-	-	-	424	424
Cops UPH	-	-	-	-	219	219
Click It Ticket	1,806	2,195	-	(389)	115	(274)
Local Preparedness	3,205	9,600	-	(6,395)	-	(6,395)
Community Policing	-	-	-	-	(1,144)	(1,144)
Watch Your Car	-	-	-	-	392	392
Copsfast	-	-	-	-	118	118
Police Block	-	-	-	-	(711)	(711)
Davis	1,000	983	-	17	89	106
MEMA-Cert	1,500	1,193	-	307	(205)	102
L.E.D.A.	-	-	-	-	47	47
Public Works Grant	107,566	104,405	-	3,161	-	3,161

**Schools:**

School Lunch	61,976	62,468	-	(492)	(5,842)	(6,334)
Union 61 Tuition Revolving	224,855	203,679	-	21,176	10,883	32,059
School Choice Revolving	32,900	53,085	-	(20,185)	179,368	159,183

**Other:**

Ambulance Fund	195,116	169	(115,612)	79,335	290,565	369,900
Boat Patrol	-	-	-	-	408	408
C & D Revolving	-	-	-	-	46,053	46,053
Cable Access	10,515	695	-	9,820	5,539	15,359
Cable Equipment	50,000	1,791	-	48,209	-	48,209
Clean Lakes Fund	88	668	-	(580)	3,857	3,277
CMG Escrow Account	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conservation Filing Fees	-	-	-	-	683	683
Dog Pound	427	-	(4,700)	(4,273)	4,710	437
G.W.C.F.	-	-	-	-	12,061	12,061
Jeppson	3,154	4,586	-	(1,432)	1,721	289
325th Anniversary	-	-	-	-	8,486	8,486
Flag Pole	-	-	-	-	147	147
Gifts and Donations						
Police	-	640	-	(640)	640	-
Police-Dare	-	-	-	-	496	496
Fire	1,340	1,010	-	330	20,050	20,380
Ambulance	9,768	2,495	-	7,273	79,065	86,338
Cemetery Preservation	50,000	216	-	49,784	-	49,784
Cemetery Preservation Match	2,189	-	-	2,189	-	2,189
Library	-	-	-	-	277	277
Town Hall	-	-	-	-	650	650
L. Gadaire Gift	-	-	-	-	28	28
Insurance Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	98	98
Planning Board Revolving	2,950	1,425	-	1,525	274	1,799
Police Detail Revolving	35,247	37,823	-	(2,576)	(6,591)	(9,167)
Recreation Revolving	1,908	2,331	-	(423)	1,145	722
Recycling Revolving	-	-	-	-	(29)	(29)
Rehab Program	13,903	51	-	13,852	67,946	81,798
Sale of Lots and Graves	1,900	-	-	1,900	6,413	8,313
Septic Loan Repayment	11,596	7,266	-	4,330	120,533	124,863
Special Payback	-	-	-	-	38,180	38,180
Wetlands Fund	-	-	-	-	643	643

\$ 1,088,722	\$ 698,069	\$ (120,312)	\$ 270,341	\$ 991,553	\$ 1,261,894
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**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

	Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses						Fund Balances July 1, 2004	Fund Balances June 30, 2005
	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
TH Roof	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$	(7,500)		\$	(7,500)
Highway Facility	\$ -	\$ 743	\$ 130,000	\$	129,258		\$	129,258
School Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,088	\$	5,088
	\$ -	\$ 8,243	\$ 130,000	\$	121,758	\$ 5,088	\$	126,846

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

				Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures		Fund Balances July 1, 2004	Fund Balances June 30, 2005
	Additions	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	and Other Financing Uses		
Library Funds	\$ 1,115	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,115	\$ 12,094	\$ 13,209
Cemetery Perpetual Care	5,563	-	-	-	5,563	129,450	135,013
Flower Fund	75	-	-	-	75	1,954	2,029
Firemen's Relief Fund	81	-	-	-	81	2,373	2,454
Dr. Milman Pease Fund	20	-	-	-	20	1,472	1,492
Stabilization Fund	13,222	-	-	(166,595)	(153,373)	686,921	533,548
Stabilization Fund-Fire	327	-	-	32,000	32,327	-	32,327
Stabilization Fund-Highway	51	-	-	10,000	10,051	-	10,051
	20,454	-	-	(124,595)	(104,141)	834,263	730,122
<b>Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 20,454</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (124,595)</u>	<u>\$ (104,141)</u>	<u>\$ 834,263</u>	<u>\$ 730,122</u>

				Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		Fund Balances July 1, 2004	Fund Balances June 30, 2005
Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
\$ 219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219	\$ 9,576	\$ 9,795		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 5		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,574)	\$ (3,574)		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (15)	\$ (15)		
\$ 12,500	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,500	\$ 27,368	\$ 33,868		
\$ 6,363	\$ 7,075	\$ -	\$ (713)	\$ 11,275	\$ 10,563		
\$ 16,312	\$ 15,003	\$ -	\$ 1,308	\$ 9,697	\$ 11,005		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
\$ 35,393	\$ 28,078	\$ -	\$ 7,315	\$ 54,332	\$ 61,646		

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN BOND INDEBTEDNESS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Final Maturity Date</b>	<b>Original Amount Issued</b>	<b>Balance July 1, 2004</b>	<b>Issued During Year</b>	<b>Paid During Year</b>	<b>Loan Restructuring</b>	<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>
<b>Inside Debt Limit:</b>									
School									
Construction	4.8 - 7.5%	9/15/1994	9/15/2014	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 2,980,000	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$ -	2,705,000
<b>Outside Debt Limit:</b>									
Title V Loans	0.00%	5/28/2002	8/1/2020	\$ 129,866	122,600	-	7,267	-	115,333
					<u>\$ 3,102,600</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 282,267</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,820,333</u>

Town of Brookfield  
Undesignated Fund Balance  
June 30, 2005

Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2004	486,276
FY04 Audit Adjustment	<u>(1,546)</u>
	484,730
Add/(Deduct):	
Revenue	6,191,047
Expenditures	(6,355,543)
Other Financing Sources/Uses *	114,907
Reserve for Deficit	(50)
Reserve for Snow & Ice Deficit	51,417
FY 04 Reserve for Encumbrances	211,511
FY 05 Reserve for Encumbrances	(186,164)
FY 05 Reserve for Sub Years Expenditures	<u>(154,744)</u>
	(127,619)
<b>Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2005</b>	<b><u><u>357,111</u></u></b>

Detail: Other Financing Sources/Uses	
Transfer from Special Revenue - Ambulance Receipts	120,312
Transfer from Stabilization	4,595
Transfer to Highway Stabilization	<u>(10,000)</u>
Total:	<b><u><u>114,907</u></u></b>



*Town of Brookfield*  
*Schedule of Departmental Appropriations and Expenditures*  
*Year Ended June 30, 2005*

	<i>Beginning Encumbrance</i>	<i>Encumbrance Adj.</i>	<i>ATM Appropriation</i>	<i>Appropriation Adj.</i>	<i>Ending Encumbrance</i>	<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<b>Moderator :</b>								
Moderator Salary			52.00			52.00	0.00	52.00
<b>Total Moderator</b>	0.00		52.00		0.00	52.00	0.00	52.00
<b>Selectmen :</b>								
Selectmen Salary			6,454.00			6,454.00	6,454.00	0.00
Administrative Asst. Salary			34,253.00	(925.55)		33,327.45	29,021.46	4,305.99
Selectmen Expense			6,396.00		549.00	5,847.00	4,733.34	1,113.66
Physical Exam. Expense			400.00			400.00	0.00	400.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes			700.00			700.00	495.19	204.81
Grant Writer Expense			2,400.00			2,400.00	620.00	1,780.00
Mill St. Site Plan	12,263.49		0.00		9,868.49	2,395.00	2,395.00	0.00
<b>Total Selectmen</b>	12,263.49	0.00	50,603.00	(925.55)	10,417.49	51,523.45	43,718.99	7,804.46
<b>Reserve Fund :</b>								
Reserve Fund			20,000.00	(12,661.58)		7,338.42	0.00	7,338.42
<b>Total Reserve Fund</b>	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	(12,661.58)	0.00	7,338.42	0.00	7,338.42
<b>Town Accountant :</b>								
Town Accountant Salary			31,442.00	4,500.00		35,942.00	35,321.12	620.88
Audit			17,750.00	(912.44)	16,837.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accountant : Expense	139.43		2,432.00			2,571.43	1,812.78	758.65
Professional Service Account	19457.45		0.00	(2,300.00)	2,027.45	15,130.00	15,130.00	0.00
<b>Total Accountant</b>	19,596.88	0.00	51,624.00	1,287.56	18,865.01	53,643.43	52,263.90	1,379.53
<b>Advisory Board :</b>								
Advisory Board Expense			300.00			300.00		300.00
Advisory Board Expense			290.00			290.00	282.30	7.70
Warrant Book Print & Mail			1,500.00	24.76		1,524.76	1,524.76	0.00
<b>Total Advisory Board</b>	0.00	0.00	2,090.00	24.76	0.00	2,114.76	1,807.06	307.70
<b>Assessors :</b>								
Assessors-Salaries			38,550.00			38,550.00	38,550.00	0.00
Assessors Consulting Services			2,500.00			2,500.00	2,100.00	400.00
Assessors Expense	144.54		1,787.00	1,500.00		3,431.54	3,297.18	134.36
<b>Total Assessors</b>	144.54	0.00	42,837.00	1,500.00	0.00	44,481.54	43,947.18	534.36
<b>Treasurer :</b>								
Treasurer Salary			21,533.00	1,500.00		23,033.00	22,968.17	64.83
Treasurer Clerk Salary			14,825.00	1,108.02		15,933.02	15,933.02	0.00
Interim Treasurer Wages			3,686.00	(1,250.62)		2,435.38	0.00	2,435.38
Treasurer Payroll Service			4,500.00			4,500.00	4,228.43	271.57
Treasurer Expense			3,000.00	1,000.00		4,000.00	3,964.07	35.93
<b>Total Treasurer</b>	0.00	0.00	47,544.00	2,357.40	0.00	49,901.40	47,093.69	2,807.71
<b>Tax Collector :</b>								
Tax Collector Salary			26,022.00	119.40		26,141.40	26,141.40	0.00
Tax Collector Clerk Salary			2,420.00	46.56		2,466.56	2,466.56	0.00
Tax Collector Expense			6,652.00	(46.56)		6,605.44	6,562.75	42.69
<b>Total Tax Collector</b>	0.00	0.00	35,094.00	119.40	0.00	35,213.40	35,170.71	42.69
<b>Town Counsel &amp; Legals :</b>								
Town Counsel & Legals			30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	53,605.67	6,394.33
<b>Total Counsel &amp; Legals</b>	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	53,605.67	6,394.33
<b>Treasurer Tax Title :</b>								
Treasurer Tax Title	20,486.27		5,134.00		20,534.92	5,085.35	5,085.35	0.00
<b>Total Tax Title</b>	20,486.27	0.00	5,134.00	0.00	20,534.92	5,085.35	5,085.35	0.00
<b>Town Clerk :</b>								
Town Clerk Salary			23,390.00	100.08		23,490.08	23,490.08	0.00
Ass't Town Clerk Salary			1,181.00	754.12		1,935.12	1,692.72	242.40
Town Clerk Certification			1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Town Clerk Expense	928.10		2,742.00			3,670.10	3,588.57	81.53

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	<i>Beginning Encumbrance</i>	<i>Encumbrance Adj.</i>	<i>ATM Appropriation</i>	<i>Appropriation Adj.</i>	<i>Ending Encumbrance</i>	<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	928.10	0.00	28,313.00	854.20	0.00	30,095.30	29,771.37	323.93
<b>Election &amp; Registration :</b>								
Election & Registration Salary			4,480.00	741.73		5,221.73	5,221.73	0.00
Election & Registration Expense	115.00		3,114.00	1,538.68		4,767.68	4,742.68	25.00
<b>Total Election &amp; Registration</b>	115.00	0.00	7,594.00	2,280.41	0.00	9,989.41	9,964.41	25.00
<b>Conservation :</b>								
Conservation Expense			100.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	138.44	61.56
<b>Total Conservation</b>	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	138.44	61.56
<b>Central Mass. Regional Planning :</b>								
Central Mass. Regional Planning			650.00		0.00	650.00	649.71	0.29
<b>Total Central Mass. Regi. Plann.</b>	0.00	0.00	650.00	0.00	0.00	650.00	649.71	0.29
<b>Planning Board :</b>								
Planning Board Clerk Salary			636.00			636.00	531.27	104.73
Planning Board Expense			755.00	200.00		955.00	573.09	381.91
<b>Total Planning Board</b>	0.00	0.00	1,391.00	200.00	0.00	1,591.00	1,104.36	486.64
<b>Board Of Appeals :</b>								
Board Of Appeals Expense	90.00		1,021.00			1,111.00	630.00	481.00
<b>Total Board Of Appeals</b>	90.00	0.00	1,021.00	0.00	0.00	1,111.00	630.00	481.00
<b>Capital Improvement :</b>								
Capital Improvement Expense	18.00		18.00			36.00	0.00	36.00
<b>Total Capital Improvement</b>	18.00	0.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	36.00	0.00	36.00
<b>Town Hall :</b>								
Town Hall Custodian Salary			9,929.00			9,929.00	9,539.14	389.86
Town Hall Expense			7,915.00	40.00		7,955.00	7,951.32	3.68
Town Hall Arch. & Engineering	6,500.00		0.00		6,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Hall Improvments	27,561.37		0.00		8,064.99	19,496.38	19,496.38	0.00
Town Hall Exterior Renovations	10,000.00		0.00		10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Hall Wiring	24,152.50		0.00		2,514.79	21,637.71	21,637.71	0.00
Common/Mall Improvements	1,200.00		0.00		341.00	859.00	859.00	0.00
100th Anniversary	1,000.00	(622.73)	0.00		377.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Town Hall</b>	70,413.87	(622.73)	17,844.00	40.00	27,798.05	59,877.09	59,483.55	393.54
<b>Town Report :</b>								
Print Town Report			1,200.00			1,200.00	1,179.54	20.46
<b>Total Town Report</b>	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,179.54	20.46
<b>Municipal Heating Fuel :</b>								
Municipal Heating Fuel			18,000.00	4,285.81		22,285.81	22,212.85	72.96
Municipal Diesel Fuel			9,500.00			9,500.00	8,260.05	1,239.95
Municipal Gasoline			28,600.00	(8,500.00)		20,100.00	14,755.14	5,344.86
Municipal Bldg R&M	3,975.82		0.00			3,975.82	3,000.00	975.82
<b>Total Municipal Heating Fuel</b>	3,975.82	0.00	56,100.00	(4,214.19)	0.00	55,861.63	48,228.04	7,633.59
<b>Telephone Expense :</b>								
Telephone Expense	547.55		9,500.00			10,047.55	9,999.07	48.48
<b>Total Telephone Expense</b>	547.55	0.00	9,500.00	0.00	0.00	10,047.55	9,999.07	48.48
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	128,579.52	(622.73)	408,709.00	20,962.41	77,615.47	480,012.73	443,841.04	36,171.69
<b>Police Department :</b>								
Police Salary Full Time			65,124.00	(18,657.11)		46,466.89	38,333.08	8,133.81
Police Chief Salary			51,613.00	198.63		51,811.63	51,811.63	0.00
Police Salary Vacation Holiday			69,819.00	21,287.05		91,106.05	91,106.05	0.00
Police Clerk			7,788.00	280.32		8,068.32	8,068.32	0.00
Police Overtime Full Time			8,040.00	56.41		8,096.41	8,096.41	0.00
Police Expense	2,449.79	(168.07)	18,395.00	17,138.67	131.51	37,683.88	37,295.67	388.21
Police Station Expense			17,220.00	1,840.78		19,060.78	19,060.78	0.00

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	<i>Beginning Encumbrance</i>	<i>Encumbrance Adj.</i>	<i>ATM Appropriation</i>	<i>Appropriation Adj.</i>	<i>Ending Encumbrance</i>	<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Police New Cruiser Account			31,549.00			31,549.00	31,549.00	0.00
Police Station Lease & Renova.			0.00	4,500.00	677.58	3,822.42	3,822.42	0.00
<b>Total Police Department</b>	2,449.79	(168.07)	269,548.00	26,644.75	809.09	297,665.38	289,143.36	8,522.02
<b>Fire Department :</b>								
Fire Dept. Salary			9,894.00			9,894.00	9,773.63	120.37
Fire Cief Salary			1,163.00			1,163.00	1,162.55	0.45
Fire Salary Brush/Spec Duty			3,656.00			3,656.00	3,656.00	0.00
Fire Dept. Expense	358.00		22,800.00			23,158.00	22,935.60	222.40
Fire Dept. Testing & Recertification			2,480.00		360.00	2,120.00	2,053.85	66.15
Fire Dept. Fixed Assets / Repair			5,000.00			5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Fire Department</b>	358.00	0.00	44,993.00	0.00	360.00	44,991.00	44,581.63	409.37
<b>Emergency Squad :</b>								
Emergency Squad Salary			93,109.00		1,920.63	91,188.37	91,188.37	0.00
Emergency Services Salary	7,016.88		0.00		7,016.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emergency Squad Expense	2,936.05		20,503.00		3,910.73	19,528.32	19,528.32	0.00
<b>Total Emergency Squad</b>	9,952.93	0.00	113,612.00	0.00	12,848.24	110,716.69	110,716.69	0.00
<b>Building Inspector :</b>								
Building Inspector Salary			12,000.00			12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Ass't Building Inspector Salary			260.00			260.00	260.00	0.00
Building Inspector Expense			685.00			685.00	0.00	685.00
<b>Total Building Inspector</b>	0.00	0.00	12,945.00	0.00	0.00	12,945.00	12,260.00	685.00
<b>Gas / Plumbing Inspector :</b>								
Gas / Plumbing Inspector Salary			2,887.00	54.00		2,941.00	2,941.00	0.00
Ass't Gas / Plumbing Insp. Salary			416.00			416.00	416.00	0.00
Gas / Plumbing Inspector Expense			500.00	150.00		650.00	624.38	25.62
<b>Total Gas / Plumbing Inspector</b>	0.00	0.00	3,803.00	204.00	0.00	4,007.00	3,981.38	25.62
<b>Wiring Inspector :</b>								
Wiring Inspector Salary			2,940.00			2,940.00	2,940.00	0.00
Ass't Wiring Inspector Salary			260.00			260.00	0.00	260.00
Wiring Inspector Expense			375.00			375.00	97.88	277.12
<b>Total Wiring Inspector</b>	0.00	0.00	3,575.00	0.00	0.00	3,575.00	3,037.88	537.12
<b>Zoning Enforcement :</b>								
Zoning Enforcement Salary			7,500.00			7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Zoning Enforcement Expense			470.00			470.00	280.18	189.82
<b>Total Zoning Enforcement</b>	0.00	0.00	7,970.00	0.00	0.00	7,970.00	7,780.18	189.82
<b>BEMA Brookfield Emerg. Mgmt. Ag:</b>								
BEMA Brookfield Emerg. Mgmt. Ag:	0.00		470.00		462.00	8.00	0.00	8.00
<b>Total Brookfield BEMA</b>	0.00	0.00	470.00	0.00	462.00	8.00	0.00	8.00
<b>Animal Control Officer :</b>								
Animal Control Officer Salary			4,328.00			4,328.00	4,328.00	0.00
Animal Control Officer Expense	91.50		2,000.00	1,219.33		3,310.83	3,209.83	101.00
<b>Total Animal Control Officer :</b>	91.50	0.00	6,328.00	1,219.33	0.00	7,638.83	7,537.83	101.00
<b>Parking Clerk / Officer :</b>								
Parking Clerk / Officer Salary			212.00			212.00	212.00	0.00
Parking Ticket Expense			276.00	(200.00)		76.00	57.21	18.79
<b>Total Parking Clerk / Officer</b>	0.00	0.00	488.00	(200.00)	0.00	288.00	269.21	18.79
<b>Tree Warden :</b>								
Tree Warden Expense			1,840.00			1,840.00	1,520.00	320.00
<b>Total Tree Warden</b>	0.00	0.00	1,840.00	0.00	0.00	1,840.00	1,520.00	320.00
<b>Shade Trees :</b>								
Shade Tree Expense			1,791.00			1,791.00	1,791.00	0.00
<b>Total Shade Trees</b>	0.00	0.00	1,791.00	0.00	0.00	1,791.00	1,791.00	0.00

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	<i>Beginning Encumbrance</i>	<i>Encumbrance Adj.</i>	<i>ATM Appropriation</i>	<i>Appropriation Adj.</i>	<i>Ending Encumbrance</i>	<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	12,852.22	(168.07)	467,363.00	27,868.08	14,479.33	493,435.90	482,619.16	10,816.74
<b>Highway Department :</b>								
Highway Supt. Salary			39,728.00	152.80		39,880.80	39,880.80	0.00
Highway Operator Salary			32,084.00	112.96		32,196.96	32,196.96	0.00
Highway Salary OT/Other			3,848.00			3,848.00	3,652.48	195.52
Highway Salary P/T			8,921.00	(265.76)		8,655.24	8,588.32	66.92
Highway Expense	533.70		40,241.00			40,774.70	40,176.34	598.36
Police Detail			500.00			500.00	0.00	500.00
Plow Private Roads			1.00			1.00	0.00	1.00
Bridges / Railings / Signs			1,325.00			1,325.00	1,325.00	0.00
Roads Reconst. Const & Inprov	704.96		30,000.00		11,013.73	19,691.23	19,691.23	0.00
Rte. 148 Engineering			50,000.00		50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highway Garage-Electrical			0.00	4,595.00		4,595.00	4,595.00	0.00
Gasoline Tank	3,267.60		0.00		343.62	2,923.98	2,923.98	0.00
<b>Total Highway Department</b>	4,506.26	0.00	206,648.00	4,595.00	61,357.35	154,391.91	153,030.11	1,361.80
<b>Snow &amp; Ice :</b>								
Snow & Ice :			30,000.00			30,000.00	81,416.79	(51,416.79)
<b>Total Snow &amp; Ice</b>	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	81,416.79	(51,416.79)
<b>Street Lighting :</b>								
Street Lighting	1,079.73		10,500.00			11,579.73	11,226.92	352.81
<b>Total Street Lighting</b>	1,079.73	0.00	10,500.00	0.00	0.00	11,579.73	11,226.92	352.81
<b>Sidewalks:</b>								
Sidewalks			920.00			920.00	920.00	0.00
<b>Total Sidewalks</b>	0.00	0.00	920.00	0.00	0.00	920.00	920.00	0.00
<b>Cemetery Department :</b>								
Cemetery Dept. Salary			12,333.00			12,333.00	11,210.24	1,122.76
Cemetery Supt. Salary			4,160.00			4,160.00	4,160.00	0.00
Cemetery Dept. Expense	268.00		6,531.00	1,253.00	240.20	7,811.80	6,343.67	1,468.13
<b>Total Cemetery Dept.</b>	268.00	0.00	23,024.00	1,253.00	240.20	24,304.80	21,713.91	2,590.89
<b>Cemetery Improvements :</b>								
Cemetery Improvements	1,650.00		0.00			1,650.00	1,650.00	0.00
<b>Total Cemetery Improvements</b>	1,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	0.00
<b>Transfer Station :</b>								
Transfer Station Salary			16,897.00			16,897.00	16,715.26	181.74
Well Tests			12,000.00			12,000.00	11,800.00	200.00
Transfer Station Expense	15,150.00		99,062.00		201.00	114,011.00	113,141.73	869.27
Landfill Closure		19,612.26			19,612.26	0.00		0.00
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	15,150.00	19,612.26	127,959.00	0.00	19,813.26	142,908.00	141,656.99	1,251.01
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	22,653.99	19,612.26	399,051.00	5,848.00	81,410.81	365,754.44	411,614.72	(45,860.28)
<b>Board Of Health :</b>								
Board Of Health Salary		1,561.00	1,623.00			3,184.00	3,184.00	0.00
Board Of Health Clerk Salary			530.00			530.00	105.00	425.00
Board Of Health Health Agent			1,700.00			1,700.00	782.25	917.75
Animal Inspector Salary			926.00			926.00	926.00	0.00
B-O-H Title V Adm. Salary			1,847.00	1,000.00		2,847.00	2,634.75	212.25
B-O-H Expense			1,380.00		53.90	1,326.10	1,132.20	193.90
<b>Total Board Of Health</b>	0.00	1,561.00	8,006.00	1,000.00	53.90	10,513.10	8,764.20	1,748.90
<b>Inspector :</b>								
Inspector Salary			9,340.00	6,000.00		15,340.00	12,915.00	2,425.00
<b>Total Inspector</b>	0.00	0.00	9,340.00	6,000.00	0.00	15,340.00	12,915.00	2,425.00
<b>South Central Mass. Clinic :</b>								
Community Health Program	200.00		673.00			873.00	189.00	684.00

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	<i>Beginning Encumbrance</i>	<i>Encumbrance Adj.</i>	<i>ATM Appropriation</i>	<i>Appropriation Adj.</i>	<i>Ending Encumbrance</i>	<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<b>Total South Central Mass. Clinic</b>	200.00	0.00	673.00	0.00	0.00	873.00	189.00	684.00
<b>Outreach :</b>								
Outreach Worker Salary			1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Tri-Valley Crisis Inter. Expense			580.00			580.00	558.00	22.00
Medi - Car Consortium			2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Council On Aging Expense			138.00			138.00	124.74	13.26
<b>Total Outreach</b>	0.00	0.00	4,218.00	0.00	0.00	4,218.00	4,182.74	35.26
<b>Veterans Director :</b>								
Veterans Director Salary			607.00			607.00	607.00	0.00
<b>Total Veterans Director</b>	0.00	0.00	607.00	0.00	0.00	607.00	607.00	0.00
<b>Veterans Agent :</b>								
Veterans Agent Salary			2,437.00			2,437.00	2,437.00	0.00
Veterans Expense			600.00			600.00	305.62	294.38
Veterans Case Worker			20,000.00	(289.09)		19,710.91	13,420.00	6,290.91
<b>Total Veterans Agent</b>	0.00	0.00	23,037.00	(289.09)	0.00	22,747.91	16,162.62	6,585.29
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	200.00	1,561.00	45,881.00	6,710.91	53.90	54,299.01	42,820.56	11,478.45
<b>Library :</b>								
Library Director Salary			23,896.00	202.36		24,098.36	24,098.36	0.00
Library Custodian Salary			5,251.00	41.00		5,292.00	5,292.00	0.00
Library Asst.'s Salary			17,253.00	13.69		17,266.69	17,266.69	0.00
Library Sat/Holidays/Vacation			1,400.00	(202.36)		1,197.64	1,193.53	4.11
Library Expense			8,781.00			8,781.00	8,779.23	1.77
Library Books / Video Periodicals			13,756.00	500.00		14,256.00	14,204.65	51.35
Library Heating System	334.55	(54.69)	0.00			279.86	0.00	279.86
Library Bldg Rep & Maint			0.00	4,700.00	2,950.60	1,749.40	1,749.40	0.00
<b>Total Library</b>	334.55	(54.69)	70,337.00	5,254.69	2,950.60	72,920.95	72,583.86	337.09
<b>Recreation :</b>								
Recreation Salary			2,600.00			2,600.00	2,189.20	410.80
Recreation Expense			4,646.00			4,646.00	4,613.74	32.26
Lewis Field Maintenance Expense	1,243.40		2,200.00		170.61	3,272.79	2,363.95	908.84
Recreation Comm Playground	9,613.10		0.00			9,613.10	9,613.10	0.00
Lewis Field-Storage/Pavillion	18,435.00		0.00		3,667.23	14,767.77	14,767.77	0.00
<b>Total Recreation</b>	29,291.50	0.00	9,446.00	0.00	3,837.84	34,899.66	33,547.76	1,351.90
<b>Historical Commission :</b>								
Historical Commission	0.00		500.00		375.00	125.00	104.05	20.95
<b>Total Historical Commission</b>	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	375.00	125.00	104.05	20.95
<b>Memorial Day :</b>								
Memorial Day	0.00		1,380.00			1,380.00	1,357.00	23.00
<b>Total Memorial Day</b>	0.00	0.00	1,380.00	0.00	0.00	1,380.00	1,357.00	23.00
<b>Cultural Council :</b>								
Cultural Council Expense	599.48		4,700.00			5,299.48	5,299.48	0.00
<b>Total Cultural Council</b>	599.48	0.00	4,700.00	0.00	0.00	5,299.48	5,299.48	0.00
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	30,225.53	(54.69)	86,363.00	5,254.69	7,163.44	114,625.09	112,892.15	1,732.94
<b>School Department :</b>								
School Salary			0.00			0.00	1,718,862.09	(1,718,862.09)
Regional School Assessment			974,597.00			974,597.00	958,507.00	16,090.00
Regional School Transportation			55,998.00			55,998.00	55,998.00	0.00
School Expense			2,430,859.00			2,430,859.00	711,996.91	1,718,862.09
<b>Total School Department :</b>	0.00	0.00	3,461,454.00	0.00	0.00	3,461,454.00	3,445,364.00	16,090.00
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	0.00	0.00	3,461,454.00	0.00	0.00	3,461,454.00	3,445,364.00	16,090.00
<b>Maturing Debt / Principal :</b>								

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	<i>Beginning Encumbrance</i>	<i>Encumbrance Adj.</i>	<i>ATM Appropriation</i>	<i>Appropriation Adj.</i>	<i>Ending Encumbrance</i>	<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Maturing Debt / Principal			275,000.00			275,000.00	275,000.00	0.00
Regional School Const.			437,879.00			437,879.00	437,879.00	0.00
<b>Total Maturing / Principal</b>	0.00	0.00	712,879.00	0.00	0.00	712,879.00	712,879.00	0.00
<b>Maturing Debt / Interest :</b>								
Maturing Debt / Interest			164,294.00			164,294.00	164,293.76	0.24
<b>Total Maturing Debt / Interest</b>	0.00	0.00	164,294.00	0.00	0.00	164,294.00	164,293.76	0.24
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	0.00	0.00	877,173.00	0.00	0.00	877,173.00	877,172.76	0.24
<b>County Tax Assessments :</b>								
County Tax Assessments			0.00	3,282.00		3,282.00	3,282.00	0.00
Special Education Assessment			0.00	48,217.00		48,217.00	73,055.00	(24,838.00)
RMV Non - Rew Sercharge			0.00	2,860.00		2,860.00	4,660.00	(1,800.00)
Air Pollution Control District			0.00	593.00		593.00	593.00	0.00
R. T. A.			0.00	9,712.00		9,712.00	10,667.00	(955.00)
<b>Total County Tax Assessment</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,664.00	0.00	64,664.00	92,257.00	(27,593.00)
<b>TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,664.00	0.00	64,664.00	92,257.00	(27,593.00)
<b>County Retirement :</b>								
County Retirement Assessment			42,311.00	42,311.00		84,622.00	84,622.00	0.00
Abington Retirement	0.00		2,267.00	4,534.40	2,267.00	4,534.40	4,534.40	0.00
<b>Total County Retirement</b>	0.00	0.00	44,578.00	46,845.40	2,267.00	89,156.40	89,156.40	0.00
<b>Unemployment :</b>								
Unemployment			13,105.00		1,500.00	11,605.00	3,402.45	8,202.55
<b>Total Unemployment</b>	0.00	0.00	13,105.00	0.00	1,500.00	11,605.00	3,402.45	8,202.55
<b>Group Insurance :</b>								
Group Insurance	17,000.00		235,440.00		1,674.39	250,765.61	250,765.61	0.00
<b>Total Group Insurance</b>	17,000.00	0.00	235,440.00	0.00	1,674.39	250,765.61	250,765.61	0.00
<b>Medicare :</b>								
Medicare Town Share			28,000.00	2,987.02		30,987.02	30,950.49	36.53
<b>Total Medicare</b>	0.00	0.00	28,000.00	2,987.02	0.00	30,987.02	30,950.49	36.53
<b>General Insurance :</b>								
General Insurance			75,346.00	(1,383.62)		73,962.38	71,871.00	2,091.38
<b>Total General Insurance</b>	0.00	0.00	75,346.00	(1,383.62)	0.00	73,962.38	71,871.00	2,091.38
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	17,000.00	0.00	396,469.00	48,448.80	5,441.39	456,476.41	446,145.95	10,330.46
<b>Mass. Turnpike Tourism :</b>								
Mass. Turnpike Tourism Expense	0.00		0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Mass. Turnpike Tourism</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Unpaid Bills :</b>								
Unpaid Bills			0.00	816.01		816.01	815.18	0.83
<b>Total Unpaid Bills</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	816.01	0.00	816.01	815.18	0.83
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>211,511.26</b>	<b>20,327.77</b>	<b>6,142,463.00</b>	<b>180,572.90</b>	<b>186,164.34</b>	<b>6,368,710.59</b>	<b>6,355,542.52</b>	<b>13,168.07</b>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
LOUISE E. BENOIT, TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

### Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005

T.D. BankNorth	\$ 542,917.30	Depository Account
T.D. BankNorth	\$1,341,547.61	Money Market
T.D. BankNorth	\$ 362,201.60	Special Revenue Accounts
T.D. BankNorth	\$ 139,280.83	Stabilization Account
T.D. BankNorth	\$ 32,327.38	Stabilization Account - Fire
T.D. BankNorth	\$ 5,051.14	Stabilization Account - Hwy
Mellon Trust of New England	\$ 46,184.23	Money Market
North Brookfield Savings Bank	\$ 553,498.71	Depository Account
North Brookfield Savings Bank	\$ 29,984.10	Special Revenue Accounts
North Brookfield Savings Bank	\$ 1,598.82	Trust Funds
Bartholomew & Company	\$ 252,992.64	Stabilization Accounts
Bartholomew & Company	\$ 151,807.76	Various Trust Funds
Cash on Hand June 30, 2005	\$ 3,459,392.12	

### School Bond Issue

Debt Outstanding June 30, 2004	\$ 2,980,000.00
Payments	(275,000.00)
Debt Outstanding June 30, 2005	\$ 2,705,000.00

### *Payroll*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Wages</i>
Abair, Nicholas E.	Police Department	\$10,607.16
Achilles, Harrison	School/Head Custodian	\$40,105.75
Achilles, Pamela	School	\$56,343.53
Ackerman, Melissa J.	Police Department	\$3,665.00
Ackerman, Ross	Police Chief	\$46,874.24
Afton, Gregory C.	Town Hall Custodian	\$1,065.76
Allen, James W.	Selectman	\$1,466.56
Allen-Start, Christine	School	\$55,398.17
Anderson, Terry L.	EMT	\$5,220.82
Anderson Jr., Edward L.B.	School	\$422.50
Archambeault, Joan	Elections	\$61.32
Armstrong, Helen	Elections	\$120.82
Ausmus Jr., Daniel J.	Police	\$7,748.28
Ayers, Brian	Firefighter/EMT	\$4,737.47
Baldracchi, Scott P.	Firefighter	\$290.94
Banach, Richard M.	Police	\$1,297.50
Baribeault, Janeth	Elections	\$207.12
Baril, Daniel E.	Police - Reserve	\$808.00
Barnes, Robert R.	Water Commissioner	\$530.33
Bek, Mary Anne	School	\$55,214.76
Bemis, Amy E.	EMT	\$2,251.67

Bemis, Bradford W.	Firefighter/EMT/Highway	\$6,259.82
Benoit, Louise E.	Accountant	\$38,250.72
Bergmann, Beth A.	School	\$567.00
Besse, Kim	School	\$1,237.50
Biskup, Matthew P.	School	\$150.00
Blood, Christopher	Animal Control Alternate	\$183.05
Bouchard, Richard G.	School/Custodian	\$26,656.28
Boucher, Patricia	School	\$62,745.41
Boucher, Victor	Police	\$6,358.08
Boza, Thomas	School	\$9,823.05
Bratton, Susan E.	School	\$65.00
Brisebois, William F.	Landfill	\$4,658.65
Brothers, Dianna	School	\$9,707.88
Brown, Eva S.	School	\$61,147.81
Budnik, Steven J.	Firefighter/Highway	\$3,668.09
Burque, Peter A.	Firefighter	\$493.18
Carey, Karen	School	\$52,861.61
Casey, Mary E.	School	\$36,201.29
Chaffee, Justin L.	Highway	\$246.18
Chaffee, Philip A.	Highway	\$2,170.31
Chaffee II, Herbert A.	Highway/Firefighter	\$44,032.85
Champoux, Sharon A.	School	\$302.50
Charpentier Jr., Roger J.	Water Commissioner	\$946.34
Clarke, Bruce	Water Superintendent/Hwy	\$46,190.86
Clarke, Dennis	Highway	\$2,558.60
Cloutier, Christa A.	School	\$1,087.50
Coakley, Karen	School	\$227.50
Collins, Rosemary	School	\$21,426.89
Comptois, Paul G.	Firefighter	\$877.06
Connor, Robert S.	Firefighter/EMT	\$736.52
Connor Jr., Wallace L.	Firefighter	\$634.92
Cooke, James	School Committee	\$125.00
Corbeil, Nancy L.	School	\$55,473.56
Couming, Bonnie	School	\$18,978.88
Couture, John M.	Alternate Bldg Inspector	\$260.00
Coyle, William A.	Police	\$4,493.00
Crevier, Charles F.	Water	\$605.02
Cutler, Douglas W.	Firefighter	\$12,306.50
Davol, Elizabeth	School	\$56,988.74
Dean, Doreen	Registrar	\$35.04
Dodds, Diane C.	School	\$20,848.22
Dunbar, James J.	Treasurer	\$946.80
Dwyer, Elizabeth A.	School	\$54,644.18
Earls, Monica M.	School	\$10,521.12
Edgette III, Charles E.	Firefighter	\$283.48
Erikson, Karen	School	\$58,881.05
Evans, Jeffrey C.	Firefighter	\$96.98
Faugno, Andrea	Library	\$8,430.30
Finney, Nancy Lee	Financial Clerk/Registrar	\$11,140.26
Finney, Susan J.	School	\$19,108.10
Fogwill, Susan J.	School	\$1,952.50
Foley, Herbert Lee	Cemetery	\$10,755.95



Ford, Linda J.	School	\$12,050.51
Forgit, Claudia	School	\$61,007.81
Fortier, Linda E.M.	Firefighter/EMT	\$5950.46
Frangiamore, Sheila A.	Fin'l Clerk/Asst Town Clerk	\$7384.42
Gadbois, Joseph	Board of Health	\$270.50
Gaudette, Kevin S.	Police - Reserve	\$3,532.76
Gibson, Belinda A.	School	\$43,466.23
Gillen, Sherry L.	School	\$14,255.81
Gillmeister, William	School Committee	\$250.00
Gillotti, Monique	School	\$8,360.45
Girouard, Linda A.	School	\$2,177.50
Gittens, Elaine M.	School	\$40,285.57
Gittins, Julie	School	\$60,664.62
Goyette, Thomas	School	\$49,463.51
Graves, Matthew A.	Firefighter/EMT	\$11,951.31
Griffing, Bryan S.	Veterans' Agent	\$1,575.96
Grimes, Suellyn	School Cafeteria Manager	\$17,309.66
Hague, Jacqueline M.	School Cafeteria	\$10,261.82
Hanson, James D.	Library/Transfer Station/Hwy	\$16,894.50
Hayes, Kelly A.	School	\$14,204.79
Herbert, Donald L.	Highway/Water Departments	\$34,987.53
Hill Stone, Mary A.	School	\$192.50
Hosterman, Kathleen V.	School Principal	\$34,273.65
Howarth, Edward D.	Town Hall Custodian	\$9,793.56
Hurlbrink, Jay H.	Highway	\$3,681.60
Hyde, Lori J.	School	\$55,413.22
Juda, Joyce A.	School Custodian	\$26,451.21
Kane, Diane L.	School	\$57,510.29
Kangas, David L.	Board of Health	\$413.25
Karrmann, Keith	Firefighter	\$828.77
Kittredge, Maria A.	School	\$125.21
Klimavich, Joseph J.	Selectman	\$2,183.67
Labuski, Janice E.	School	\$31,522.71
Lafleur, Donna	EMS Chief/Firefighter	\$13,168.10
Lamoureux, Richard R.	Highway	\$273.00
Lapointe, John P.	Cemetery	\$1,094.40
Lataille, Dawn R.	School	\$450.00
Latour, Kathryn	Election Warden	\$237.51
Leonard, Mark	Firefighter	\$793.86
Lessard, Marion	Elections	\$59.50
Lincoln, Linda M.	Town Clerk	\$23,258.13
Longe, Kim D.	Board of Health	\$141.63
Luce, Clifford	Police	\$4,069.68
Lund, Beverly A.	Selectman	\$2,183.67
Lytle, Jeanne E.	School	\$14,057.15
Macleod, William E.	Firefighter	\$875.92
Magierowski, Joseph	Police	\$17,173.08
Maneggio, Michael	Firefighter	\$74.60
Manseau, Donald	Wiring Inspector	\$245.00
Mansfield, Barbara A.	School	\$50,184.86
Mansfield, Scot M.	Wiring Inspector	\$2,695.00
Mansfield, William F.	Dog Officer	\$626.00

Marchand, Kathleen A.	School	\$75.00
Marchessault, Danielle L.	School	\$16,797.42
Martell, David G.	Firefighter/EMT	\$2,432.80
Martell, Peter E.	Fire Chief/EMS Captain	\$40,992.67
Mateiko, Mitchell	Police	\$11,970.12
McCarthy, Mary P.	School	\$6,129.38
McElroy, Brenda	Assessor	\$13,001.28
McElroy, Timothy K.	Board of Health	\$1,381.86
McGovern, Lisa I.	School	\$22,484.10
McGowan, Jessica L.	School	\$988.38
Metterville, Brenda D.	Library	\$26,163.68
Miner, Tonya A.	School	\$6,964.93
Monahan, Jean E.	School	\$33,477.37
Moore, Lois A.	Tax Collector	\$24,273.66
Morin, Arthur L.	Transfer Station	\$1,741.98
Morin-Wermter, Donna M.	School	\$43,278.70
Mundell, Barbara L.	Treasurer	\$18,432.43
Mundell, Ralph E.	Highway	\$93.60
Murphy, Zachary Ryan	School	\$162.50
Murray, Carolyn L.	Elections & Registration	\$105.12
Murray, Holly J.	Admin Clerk – Water/Police	\$16,421.20
Murray, Joseph F.	Police/Water Commissioner	\$3,690.19
Muska, Theresa M.	School	\$1332.50
Nagle, Suzanne	School	\$50,248.70
Neylon, Donna L.	Admin Asst to Selectboard	\$28,946.78
O’Connell, Joanne	School	\$15,976.37
O’Keefe, Faith E.	Library	\$6,113.33
Orne, Robert A.	Police	\$11,321.40
Parker Colleen Joy	School	\$16,728.67
Paul, Beth E.	School	\$150.00
Peck, Sandra H.	School	\$150.00
Peirce, Philip H.	Assessor	\$7,547.44
Phillips, Richard S.	Firefighter/EMT	\$2,181.17
Phillips, Robert S.	Selectman	\$717.12
Plumb, Bryan W.	School	\$3,882.66
Plumb, Carol	School	\$7,664.31
Raymond, Lindsey M.	Library	\$405.00
Reinhart, Scott T.	School	\$877.50
Resseguie, Theresa E.D.	School	\$34,521.98
Rice, Maria A.	School	\$8,306.10
Richardson, Cheryl M.	Elections & Registration	\$59.50
Roberts-Kirk, Deborah A.	Library	\$2,742.54
Roesch, Elizabeth A.	School	\$130.00
Sagendorph, Joan D.	Library	\$2,320.86
Sanborn, Angela A.	School	\$61,415.95
Sanborn, Shirley E.	Elections & Registration	\$120.00
Savilonis, John C.	Veterans Agent	\$1,522.04
Seery, Michael	Cemetery Superintendent	\$4,160.00
Sexton, David W.	School	\$97.50
Silva, Allen R.	Police	\$1,794.59
Simeone, Gary M.	Zoning Enforcement Officer	\$7,575.00
Simmons, Meredith K.	School	\$13,606.60

Simonelli, Tracey A.	School	\$6,768.21
Sinko, Patricia	School Committee	\$125.00
Smith, Daniel J.	Police	\$4,911.83
Smith, Timothy D.	Planning Board Clerk	\$636.12
Snydal, Marjorie	School	\$41,313.19
Snyder, Judith A.	School	\$75.00
Stevens, Andrea B.	School	\$25,213.86
Straight, Rebecca Lee	School	\$14,803.55
Strom-Galuska, Karla A.	School	\$172.50
Sullivan, Melanie R.	School	\$37,114.59
Swanson, Craig M.	Police	\$7,395.85
Sweet, Michael H.	Police	\$2,320.42
Sweet, Patricia A.	School	\$300.00
Sweet, Robert M.	Police	\$29,125.05
Tarr, Helen E.	School	\$16,967.40
Taylor, Jeffrey P.	Building Inspector	\$12,180.00
Thompson, Lucinda S.	Highway	\$2,773.17
Tonna, Andrew	School	\$373.75
Tytula, Colby A.	Police	\$27,591.09
Vermette, Gail M.	School	\$57,630.95
Vincent, Michael Paul	Firefighter	\$335.70
Vitello, Eileen M.	Animal Control Officer	\$3,444.47
Wall, Robert F.	Plumbing/Gas Inspector	\$3,012.46
Wallace, Carolyn B.	School	\$37,157.56
Walsh, Kerri A.	School	\$150.00
Washburn Sr., John	Recreation	\$1,977.99
Wedge, Raymond R.	Police	\$1,963.50
Welsh, Christopher P.	Police	\$5,692.52
Wentworth, Billie J.	School	\$75.00
Wentzell, Donna M.	Assessor	\$13,001.28
Wentzell, Robert A.	Board of Health	\$7,173.58
White, Jeffrey R.	Firefighter	\$246.18
Williams, Edward H.	Highway	\$514.25
Wilmot, Lisa M.	School	\$112.50
Wrightson, Holly A.	Police	\$5,682.75
Yaskoski, C. Wayne	Cemetery Commission	\$43.50
Yaskoski, Christopher	Cemetery	\$442.26
Yaskoski, Liisa E.	School	\$2,392.50
Young, Karen	School	\$15,837.96
Young, Margaret	School	\$15,078.25
Young, Ryan J.	School	\$6,046.22
Zielinski, Janice	School	\$22,233.10

Respectfully submitted,  
James J. Dunbar, Treasurer

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER SCREENING COMMITTEE**

The Treasurer's Screening Committee was created by the Board of Selectmen to seek candidates for the vacant Treasurer's position and to nominate no more than three for consideration. The committee developed a job description advertisement and sought applications for the position. An initial response did not produce enough qualified candidates

so the position was re-advertised. Subsequently five were interviewed and three names were sent to selectmen. Once the position was filled the committee was disbanded.

### **REPORT OF THE TOURISM COMMITTEE**

The Tourism Committee did not meet during 2005; however, our projects are ongoing and include development of a guide to the recreational and historic sites of the town. Work has been done on a conceptual layout for a guide and text was written. The final work and printing of the brochure is yet to be done and grant applications will be filled out to cover the cost.

Our aim is to establish Brookfield as a place of destination for day trips for fishing, boating, hiking and biking along with historical sightseeing and walking trails. These types of passive activities increase sales for restaurants, soft retail and seasonal businesses and events such as “The Apple Country Fair,” “Cow Chip Festival,” “Concerts on the Common,” “Christmas at Elm Hill Farm” and other town and organizational events.

Plans are also being formulated to have flower barrels placed at strategic corners in town. These barrels would have the name of a local business printed on it for a minimal cost to the business.

If you would like to contribute to the beautification of the downtown area by sponsoring one of these barrels or would like to work on our committee, please contact any member – we will be happy to help you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Couture, Co-Chair  
Linda Lincoln, Co-Chair  
Members: Beverly Lund, Sarah Heller, Rudy Heller

### **REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL ROOF COMMITTEE**

The Roof Committee was established in July, 2004 with six members.

The committee advertised and interviewed engineering firms, then chose the firm of Reinhardt Associates of Agawam and then negotiated a lower fee. With the assistance of the engineering firm, the committee reviewed roofing options which included: slate, metal, asphalt, and composite roof materials. After taking into consideration esthetics, longevity, warranty, maintenance and ease of future repairs, and a \$300,000 budget, the committee unanimously voted to recommend a 50-year, slate-look-a-like asphalt roof shingle with a cost estimate of \$276,133 including cornice work and painting.

On April 26, 2005, the committee presented their recommendations to the Selectmen and disbanded.

Members:

Herb Chaffee	Ed Howarth	Bruce Clarke
Robert Phillips	David Holm	Jeff Taylor

## **REPORT OF SECOND TOWN HALL ROOF COMMITTEE**

The original Town Hall Roof Committee was disbanded after a favorable vote of \$310,000 to replace the roof. The matter was then placed before the Board of Selectmen who agreed to investigate the feasibility of a slate roof. This resulted in the application and awarding of a \$60,000 grant to supplement the cost from the Mass. Historical Commission (MHC). The Board of Selectmen authorized Reinhardt Associates of Agawam to redraw specifications for a slate roof in preparation for bidding. A new roof committee was then formed. They reviewed the plans with Mr. Rick Zini of Reinhardt who has redrawn the specifications and submitted them to MHC as of this writing. The committee is also seeking estimates for repairing two chimneys that were overlooked when the roof repairs were considered. At this writing plans are in the hands of the MHC. Upon approval they will be returned and the project will be put out to bid with work to begin in latespring of 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Allen  
Bruce Clarke

Herbert Chaffee  
Jeff Taylor

## **REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S AGENT**

The operating budget of \$600.00 is used for required yearly training by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This is reimbursed to the Town at Brookfield at 100% by the State. A small portion is used to cover office supplies and postage.

My other budget is used for my caseload, which varies widely and is repaid to the Town of Brookfield at 80% by the State.

Presently, I have one veteran receiving State benefits from the Town of Brookfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Griffing  
Director of Veterans Services,  
Veterans Services Agent and Burial Agent

## **REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS**

The Water Commissioners held monthly meetings as posted. Meetings are normally held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The water department treated and pumped 34.8 million gallons of water. Testing was performed monthly for bacteria and scheduled testing performed for Iron, Manganese, Arsenic, Nitrate, Lead, Copper, Sodium and Volatile Organic Compounds.

Maintenance included rerouting of the pump station metering line in order to improve accuracy. System maintenance included installation of 2500 ft. of eightinch water main, six fire hydrants, 15 service lines and valves associated with main replacement. This replaced the six inch main dated 1893. This replacement project was funded entirely by The Community Development Block Grant. This portion of the project was worth approximately \$240,000. The town's commitment to this project was the preliminary engineering and the loaming and seeding of the roadsides.

The water department's continued commitment also enabled the town to receive a Community Development Block Grant worth \$800,000 to replace the 250,000 gallon 1930 steel water tank. This tank will be replaced with a new 500,000-gallon pre-stressed concrete tank. The water department has cleared the land and worked continuously to enable us to be awarded this grant. This project will take place in 2006.

FY05 Revenue	116406.97
Expenditure	88407.57
Return to Surplus for Capital Improvements	27999.40

Submitted	Administrative Clerk
Bruce Clarke, Superintendent	Holly Chisolm

Commissioners,  
Roger Charpentier, Jr. Chairman  
Joseph Murray  
Robert Barnes

### **REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Committee reorganized in May as follows: William Frangiamore, Chairman, Gussie Willett, Vice-Chairman, Joe Gadbois, Secretary/Treasurer and Charles Wilson and Mike Seery as full member. Nick Thomo was our alternate. We would take to take this opportunity to acknowledge the passing of Gussie Willett. He was a very valued and respected member of our committee and we do miss him. Latter in the year, Mike Seery was elected Vice-Chairman, Nick was appointed as a full member and Roger Mundell Jr. was appointed as an alternate.

We acted on the following applications:

Jason Puckett received a Variance to build a house,  
David Robins received a Variance to build a house,  
Gary Knox received a Special Permit to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor,  
Joseph Krans received a Special Permit build an In-Law apartment,  
James Correia received a Special Permit to build an addition,  
Thomas Lyons received a Special Permit to build a deck,  
Robert McKeon received a Special Permit for 2 Principal Uses  
Darlene Morse received a Special Permit to build a deck,  
Brook Sutton received a variance to build a house,  
Melvin Erickson received a Special Permit to build a house and a garage.  
Angela Severage withdrew an application for a Special Permit to build a pool.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Gadbois, Charles Wilson,  
Mike Seery, William Frangiamore,  
Nick Thomo Roger Mundell

## **REPORT OF THE ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Regular office hours were maintained to assist the Building Inspector to expedite permit required projects in assuring compliance to the Town's Zoning Bylaws. During the 2005 year, this office has taken and responded to 245 calls. One Cease and Desist order from last year is still being upheld as the individual continues to incur zoning infractions at the specific property location.

Seven (7) projects were denied by the Zoning Officer and subsequently documented and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for special permit or variance approval.

Four (4) projects were denied by the Zoning Officer and subsequently documented and referred to the Planning Board for special permit approval.

There were many letters sent to individual property owners identifying specific zoning infractions and requesting that they comply with the zoning bylaws to avoid further action and possible fines. In most cases, these have been well received and the property was corrected of the violation. However, I have had to use Town Counsel to take further action in those instances where the property owner continues to ignore the requests and the violations persist.

There were two cases that had to be brought to court in order for the property owner to comply with the Zoning By-laws for the Town of Brookfield. One of the cases is complete and the violation has been removed from the property and the other is still pending a court hearing and decision.

I continue to frequently drive through the town as requested to identify possible zoning infractions and work with the residents to comply with the rules and regulations set forth by the Town of Brookfield. Legal counsel will continue to be used when necessary to help persuade residents to comply with the bylaws. Cooperation and compliance with the zoning bylaws, decisions of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, ZBA, Planning Board and respect for neighbors is appreciated and helps to reduce the cost to the Town of Brookfield when issues can be settled without the need for Town Counsel assistance.

Copies of the Town of Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, Rules and Regulations are available from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted, Gary M. Simeone, Zoning Enforcement Officer

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN HALL, BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MARCH 30, 2005**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Worcester SS:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Brookfield in the County of Worcester: GREETING:

*IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS*, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, Banquet Room, 6 Central Street in said town on Wednesday, the thirtieth day of March, two thousand and five at 7:00 p.m. O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following:

**ARTICLE 1**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$200.00 from Parking Clerk Expense Account and the sum of \$654.20 from the Interim Treasurer Account for a total of \$854.20 to the Assistant Town Clerk Salary Account, or take any action relative thereto.

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$200.00 from Parking Clerk Expense Account and the sum of \$654.20 from the Interim Treasurer Account for a total of \$854.20 to the Assistant Town Clerk Salary Account.

**ARTICLE 2**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$200.00 from available funds to the Planning Board Expense Account to cover additional costs for legal advertising and a file cabinet for land plans, or take any action relative thereto.

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$200.00 from Free Cash to the Planning Board Expense Account to cover additional costs for legal advertising and a file cabinet for land plans

**ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus Account, the sum of \$40,000.00 to establish a new account named Water System Improvements, or take any action relative thereto.

The Town voted unanimously to transfer from the Water Surplus Account, the sum of \$40,000.00 to establish a new account named Water System Improvements.

**ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,534.40 from available funds to cover retirement benefits to the Town of Abington for the years 2003 and 2004, or take any action relative thereto. (9/10<sup>th</sup> vote)



The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$4,534.40 from Free Cash to cover retirement benefits to the Town of Abington for the years 2003 and 2004.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, the sum of \$42,311.00 to pay the second half of FY 2005 Worcester Regional Retirement, or take any action relative thereto.

The Town voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$42,311.00 to pay the second half of FY 2005 Worcester Regional Retirement Assessment.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from available funds to the Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the Reserve Fund.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from available funds to the Legal Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

The Town vote voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from Free Cash to the Legal Expense Account.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from available funds to the Municipal Heating Fuel Account, or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from Free Cash to the Municipal Heating Fuel Account.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from available funds to the Board of Health Inspector's Account, or take any action relative thereto.

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from Free Cash to the Board of Health Inspector's Account.

#### **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from available funds to the Title V Administration Account, or take any action relative thereto.

The Town vote unanimously to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from Free Cash to the Title V Administration Account.

## **ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$8,500.00 from Municipal Gasoline Account to the Police Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

The Town voted by a majority to transfer the sum of \$8,500.00 from the Municipal Gasoline Account to the Police Expense Account.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall and Post Office in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of the holding of said meeting.

*HEREOF, FAIL NOT*, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 2nd day of November, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and four.

Respectfully submitted,

SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD

Beverly A. Lund  
Robert S. Phillips

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN HALL, BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Worcester, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Brookfield in the County of Worcester

Greetings:

*IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS*, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the **Town Hall, Banquet Hall**, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA on **Monday the second day of May in the year 2005** from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** then and there to act on the following article:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect all on one ballot the following officers: One Moderator for one year; One Selectmen for three years; One Assessor for three years; One Member of the Elementary School Committee for three years; One Member of the Planning Board for three years; One Member of the Board of Health for three years; One Water Commissioner for three years; Two Trustees for Merrick Public Library for three years; One Cemetery Commissioner for three years; One Trustees for Shade Tree & Cemetery Funds for three years; One member of the Housing Authority for five years; and One Member of the Planning Board for five years.

ALSO TO MEET AT THE BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 37 CENTRAL STREET, BROOKFIELD, MA ON FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the annual report of the Town officials, as printed, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Selectmen)

The Town voted unanimously to accept the annual report of the Town officials, as printed.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

*A motion was made by Board of Selectmen and Advisory Board and voted by a majority vote that the Town vote to amend Article 3 line items in the Annual Budget they are as follow:*

*Town Accountant Wages - \$38,881.00  
Police Chief Salary - \$53,162.00  
Police Full- time Overtime account to read Police Overtime account  
Assistant Building Inspector Wages - \$268.00  
Gas & Plumbing Inspector Salary - \$3,030.00  
Wiring Inspector Salary - \$3,029.00  
Assistant Wiring Inspector Wages - \$268.00  
Tree Warden - \$1,896.00  
Regional School Assessment - \$939,714.00  
Library Custodian Wages - \$5,398.00  
Municipal Gasoline - \$21,456.00  
Board of Health - \$4,000.00  
Planning Board - \$2,500.00  
Regional School Committee - \$1,500.00  
Elementary School Committee - \$1,500.00  
Election & Registrations Salaries - \$6,520.00  
Election & Registrations Expenses - \$5,900.00*

*William Gillmeister, Chairman of the School Committee, made a motion to the Brookfield Elementary School budget line item and was voted on by a majority vote it is as follows:*

*The Town voted by a majority vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,555,974.00 and that the Town agree to increase this approve amount, up to \$50,000.00, by any amount of FY 06 Chapter 70 State funding ultimately received in excess of \$1,316,184.00.*

*Selectman James Allen made a motion to round up any line items that ended in cents to the next dollar amount, the Town voted unanimously to accept the motion.*

The Town voted by a majority to raise and vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuring year.

**ARTICLES SHOWN IN THE BOXES BELOW ARE ON THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT EVERY YEAR. THEY ARE OFTEN VOTED AS A BLOCK.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 4 and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 17, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to foreclose on certain Tax Titles held by the Treasurer, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer)

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen or their agent to sell for the Town any land or building acquired by the Town by Tax Title foreclosure after first giving notice of said sale by posting a notice at the Town Hall and the Post Office 14 days at least before said sale stating what parcels are to be sold, or offered for sale and the time and place of holding said sale, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Tax Collector)

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any and to expend any State, Federal or other grants that may become available to the Town of Brookfield, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to hold the position of Health Agent, Title V Administrator, and Transfer Station Administrator and to provide compensation therefore, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health)

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Brookfield Local Public Access under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ and to authorize the license fee paid by Charter Cable and all monies raised through advertising and fundraising to be deposited in said revolving fund, provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$15,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Local Public Access Committee)

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Library Trustees under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E ½ and to receive monies derived from fines collected on overdue materials and copies and to expend these monies to pay for replacement of materials, maintenance and supplies for the copy machine provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$1,000.00, or take any action relative. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees)

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Brookfield Recreation Commission under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E ½ and to receive monies derived from registration fees and to expend these monies to pay for costs associated with sports activities provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$5,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Recreation Commission)

The Town voted unanimously to approve all of annually recurring Articles 4 through 12.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health under MGL C. 44, section 53E ½ and to receive monies derived from engineering, inspection, and review fees charged in relation to witnessing of percolation test, septic plan review, site inspections, and resolution of variances, and to expend these monies to pay all costs associated with the Inspector's/Professional Engineer's review of said activities provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$20,000.00; and further that a sum of money be raise and appropriated, transferred or borrowed to seed said revolving account to cover initial lag time of checks being deposited/cleared and invoice being paid, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health)

The Town voted unanimously to establish a revolving fund for the Brookfield Board of Health under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ and to receive monies derived from engineering, inspection, and review fees charged in relation to witnessing of percolation test, septic plan review, site inspections, and resolution of variances, and to expend these monies to pay all costs associated with the Inspector's/Professional Engineer's review of said activities provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$20,000.00.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Billing Receipts Account this was established according to Chapter 40, Section 5F, to fund the Emergency Squad Salary Account for fiscal year 2006, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$101,940.00 from the Ambulance Billing Receipts Account to fund the FY06 Ambulance Salary Account as follow

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Billing Receipts Account which was established according to Chapter 40, Section 5F to fund the Ambulance Expense Account for fiscal year 2006, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$23,600.00 from the Ambulance Billing Receipts Account, which was established according to Chapter 40, Section 5F to fund the Ambulance Expense Account for fiscal year 2006.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Billing Receipts Account to the Municipal Diesel Fuel Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$2,100.00 from the Ambulance Billing Receipts Account to the Municipal Diesel Fuel/Repairs/Maintenance Account.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Town Hall Improvement Account, or take any action relative thereto (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The Town voted unanimously raise and appropriate \$14,000.00 the sum of \$24,000.00 from Free Cash to be transferred to the Town Hall Improvement Account.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to hire a consultant to assist the Town in the development of a Master Plan for the Town of Brookfield, or take any action relative thereto (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The Town voted by a majority vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to hire a consultant to assist the Town in the development of a Master Plan for the Town of Brookfield

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to be used for the repair & maintenance of the Clock on the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The Town voted to pass over Article 19.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to be used to purchase a new photocopy machine for use in the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from Free Cash to be used to purchase a new photocopy machine for use in the Town Hall

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to create the position of Cable Access Coordinator and further to transfer a sum of money from the Cable Access Account to fund this position. (Sponsored by the Selectmen)

The Town voted to pass over Article 21.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to close the Treasurer Fees Account by transferring the sum of \$4.94 to the Stabilization Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Town Accountant)

The Town voted unanimously to close the Treasurer Fees Account by transferring the sum of \$4.94 to the Stabilization Account

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Costs to Collector Account to close the account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Accountant)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$3,573.85 from Free Cash to the Costs to Collector Account to close the account.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Town Clerk Fees Account to close the account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Accountant)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$15.25 from Free Cash to the Town Clerk Fees Account to close the account.

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the D.A.R.E. Grant Account to close the account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Accountant)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$8,444.44 from Free Cash to the D.A.R.E. Grant Account to close the account.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Police Block Grant Account to close the account, or take any action relative thereto (Sponsored by the Accountant)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of the sum of \$710.94 from Free Cash to the Police Block Grant Account to close the account.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for record preservation, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Town Clerk)

The Town voted to pass over Article 27.

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipality to enter into an inter-municipal joint purchasing agreement pursuant to G.L. Ch. 40 Section 4A for the provision of technology solutions and related consulting and support services with the community software Consortium, preserving the rights and privileges established in prior agreement(s). The duration of this agreement, in accordance to statute, shall be for no more than 25 years, with the ability of the community to withdraw from this agreement at any time. The annual obligation of the municipality under this agreement will be paid from the participating department's expense appropriations. The annual obligation is determined by membership vote pursuant to the consortium's bylaws, or takes any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Assessors)

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the municipality to enter into an inter-municipal joint purchasing agreement pursuant to G.L. Ch. 40 Section 4A for the provision of technology solutions and related consulting and support services with the community software Consortium, preserving the rights and privileges established in prior agreement(s). The duration of this agreement, in accordance to statute, shall be for no more than 25 years, with the ability of the community to withdraw from this agreement at any time. The annual obligation of the municipality under this agreement will be paid from the participating department's expense appropriations. The annual obligation is determined by membership vote pursuant to consortium's bylaws.

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the Fire Apparatus Stabilization Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$32,000 from Free Cash to the Fire Apparatus Stabilization Account.

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a new pumper for the Fire Department to replace the 1972 fire truck, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department)

The Town voted by a vote of 69 yes and 10 no to transfer the sum of \$64,000.00 from the Fire Apparatus Stabilization Account to purchase a new pumper for the Fire Department to replace the 1972 fire truck; and further that the sum of \$236,000.00 be borrowed for this purpose with the borrowed amount being contingent on the passage of a debt exclusion vote. (Total cost - \$300,000.00).

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to perform pump repairs on Fire Department Engine 3, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 to perform pump repairs on Fire Department Engine 3.

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Highway Construction, Reconstruction and Improvement of Town Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks Account to be used with or without funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Highway Department)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$30,000 from Free Cash to the Highway Construction, Reconstruction and Improvement of Town Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks Account to be used with or without funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a new one-ton truck for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Highway Department)



The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from the Highway Department Stabilization Account and further that the sum of \$30,000.00 be transferred from Stabilization to purchase a new one-ton truck for the Highway Department.

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to General Laws Chapter 114, Sec.23 to approve the issuance of regulations by the Cemetery Commission, or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery Commissioners)

The Town voted unanimously pursuant to General Laws Chapter 114, Sec.23 to approve the issuance of regulations by the Cemetery Commission.

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Personnel By-Laws, CHAPTER XV, Section 2 – Mandatory Classification, GRADES FOR POSITIONS for the following positions: Delete Patrol Officer Trainee; Matron to Grade 5, 210 points; Deputy Police Chief to Grade 12, 420 points; Patrol Officer to Grade 8, 300 points; add Reserve Officer at Grade 8. 300 points; add Special Police Officer at Grade 1; and Police Sergeant to Grade 15, 520 points or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Personnel Board)

The Town voted by a majority vote to amend its Personnel By-Laws, CHAPTER XV, Section 2 – Mandatory Classification, GRADES FOR POSITIONS for the following positions: Delete Patrol Officer Trainee; Matron to Grade 5, 210 points; Deputy Police Chief to Grade 12, 420 points; Patrol Officer to Grade 8, 300 points; add Reserve Officer at Grade 8. 300 points; add Special Police Officer at Grade 1; and Police Sergeant to Grade 15, 520 points.

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Personnel By-Laws CHAPTER XV, Section 2 – Mandatory Classification, GRADE FOR POSITIONS for the following positions: change Library Assistant to Grade 9, 315 points; delete Librarian, Grade 8, 290 points and add the new position of Library Director, Grade 15, 495 points, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Personnel Board)

A motion was made by Selectman Beverly Lund to amend Article 36 by deleting the words “delete Librarian” and Grade 8, 290 points. The motion was voted on and approved by a majority vote, the article is as follows:

The Town voted by a majority vote to amend its Personnel By-Laws CHAPTER XV, Section 2 – Mandatory Classification, GRADE FOR POSITIONS for the following positions: change Library Assistant to Grade 9, 315 points; and add the new position of Library Director, Grade 15, 495 points.

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Personnel By-Laws by adding the following new classifications under CHAPTER XV, Section 2– Mandatory Classification, GRADE FOR POSITIONS by adding the position of Fire Chief, Grade & Points, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Personnel Board)

The Town voted by a majority to amend its Personnel By-Laws by adding the following new classifications under CHAPTER XV, Section 2 – Mandatory Classification, GRADE FOR POSITIONS by adding the position of Fire Chief, Grade & points.

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Personnel By-Laws CHAPTER XV, Section 2 – Mandatory Classification, GRADE FOR POSITIONS by adding the following positions: Assistant Town Clerk, Grade 6, 230 points and Administrative Clerk– Tax Collector/Treasurer, Grade 6, 230 points, and deleting position Financial Clerk, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Personnel Board)

The Town voted by a majority vote to amend its Personnel By-Laws CHAPTER XV, Section 2 – Mandatory Classification, GRADE FOR POSITIONS by adding the following positions: Assistant Town Clerk, Grade 6, 230 points and Administrative Clerk – Tax Collector/Treasurer, Grade 6, 230 points, and deleting position Financial Clerk.

**ARTICLE 39:** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Personnel By-Laws CHAPTER XV, Section 2 – Mandatory Classification, GRADE FOR POSITIONS by adding the following new positions: Cable Access Coordinator, Part Time, Grade & points, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Personnel Board)

The Town voted to pass over Article 39.

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to expand the current three person school committee to a five person school committee to become effective in Fiscal Year 2006 upon passage; the additional terms to be one term of two years and one term of three years, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Brookfield School Committee)

The Town voted by a vote of 10 yes and 24 no to defeat Article 40.

**ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will establish an annual stipend of \$500.00 for each member of the Town’s Elementary or Regional School Committee, or take any action relative thereto. (Petition)

The Town voted to pass over Article 41.

**ARTICLE 42:** To see if the Town will establish an annual stipend of \$500.00 for each member of the Town’s Advisory Board, or takes any action relative thereto. (Petition)

The Town voted to pass over Article 42.

**ARTICLE 43:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Brookfield Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 8.E. Cluster Development, and replacing it with a new Section 8.E. Open Space Residential Development, as follows:

*8. E. Open Space Residential Development*

The Planning Board may grant a special permit for an “Open Space Residential Development” (OSRD) in accordance with the procedures and requirements of this by-law in the Rural Residential District, on one or more parcels of land in common ownership having an area of no less than ten (10) acres. OSRD may consist of any combination of single family and two-family structures in which the buildings are clustered together in one or more groups

in accordance with this by-law. The land not included in the building lots shall be preserved as Open Space.

### *1. Purpose*

The primary purpose of Open Space Residential Development is to allow greater flexibility and creativity in the design of residential subdivisions in order to:

- ?? provide the permanent preservation of open space, agricultural lands, forest lands, and other natural resources,
- ?? promote housing patterns that are designed to encourage a more efficient form of development that is less sprawling,
- ?? respects a site's physical characteristics and natural features, and minimizes the total disturbance of the site,
- ?? preserve unobstructed natural views from roadways,
- ?? encourage more affordable and diverse housing types,
- ?? protect historical features and structures from unnecessary degradation.

### **2. Dimensional Requirements:**

**a. Density.** The Basic Maximum Number of building lots in an OSRD shall not exceed the total number of building lots which could be reasonably expected to be developed upon the site under a conventional plan in full conformance with all zoning, subdivision regulations, health regulations, wetland regulations and other applicable requirements (see 5. **Application and Review** below).

**b. Lot Size.** The minimum lot size for each single-family structure in an OSRD shall be no less than 50,000 (fifty thousand) square feet; and for each two-family structure shall be no less than 60,000 (sixty thousand) square feet unless a density bonus is granted pursuant to Section c. below. Two-family dwellings shall have no more than two bedrooms in each unit.

**c. Density Bonus.** The Planning Board may award a density bonus to increase the number of dwelling units beyond the Basic Maximum Number. However, in no event shall a density bonus for the OSRD exceed twenty-five (25%) percent of the Basic Maximum Number. A density bonus may be awarded as follows:

For every four (4) dwelling units restricted to occupancy for a period of not less than 30 (thirty) years by persons over the age of fifty-five or qualifying as low or moderate income, one (1) dwelling unit may be added as a density bonus; provided, however, that this density bonus shall not exceed 25% (twenty-five percent) of the basic maximum number, and provided that no lot in the development shall, as a result of the grant of a density bonus be less than forty thousand (40,000) square feet for a single family structure or less than fifty thousand (50,000) square feet for a two-family structure.

**d. Frontage.** The minimum lot frontage shall be 150 (one hundred fifty) feet.

- e. *Setbacks. Front, side, and rear yard setbacks for single family residential structures shall be at least 50, 25, and 25 feet respectively and for two-family structures shall be at least 50, 50 and 50 feet respectively.*

### 3. Design Criteria

- a. No OSRD served by on-site sewage disposal systems shall be approved unless the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Board and the Board of Health that the potential for groundwater pollution is no greater than would be expected from the conventional subdivision with single family lots meeting normal lot size requirements located on the same parcel.
- b. Where the proposed development abuts a body of water, a portion of the shoreline, as well as reasonable access to it, shall be part of the Open Space.
- c. Residences shall be grouped so that scenic views and long views remain unobstructed, particularly those seen from roads.
- d. The removal of native vegetation shall be minimized.
- e. Disturbance of features or structures of historical significance shall be minimized.
- f. Any grading or earthmoving operation in conjunction with the proposed development shall be planned and executed in such a manner that the final contours are consistent with the existing terrain, both on and adjacent to the site.
- g. Safeguards shall be employed where needed to mitigate against environmental degradation from erosion, sedimentation, water pollution, or flooding.
- h. Roads. The principal roadway(s) serving the site shall be designed to conform to the standards of the *Town of Brookfield Subdivision Rules and Regulations*.
- i. Parking. Each dwelling unit shall be served by two (2) offstreet parking spaces.
- j. Access. OSRD shall have access on a public way or a way approved under the Subdivision Control Law.
- k. Common Driveways. Common driveways serving no more than two residential structures may be allowed in the OSRD, provided that all criteria in the *Brookfield Zoning Bylaw* Section 8.F. are met.

### 4. Open Space

- a. **Area.** The area preserved as Open Space shall be not less than thirty percent (30%) of the gross area of the entire parcel. The area required for roadways and their appurtenances and any wetland areas shall not be considered Open Space area. At least seventy (70%) percent of the Open Space shall be contiguous, unless otherwise approved by the Planning Board.

- b. **Open Space** shall be planned as large, contiguous areas whenever possible. Long thin strips or narrow areas of open space (less than one hundred [100] feet wide) shall occur only when necessary for access, as vegetated buffers along wetlands or the perimeter of the site, or as connections between large open space areas.
- c. **Subdivision.** Further subdivision of open space, or its use for other than conservation, agriculture, forestry, or non-commercial recreation shall be prohibited, and the approved plan shall be so endorsed in writing.
- d. **Ownership.** All Open Space created hereunder shall either:
  - 1. Be conveyed to the Town of Brookfield, for a park or open space use if accepted by the Town; or
  - 2. Be conveyed to a nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space; or,
  - 3. Be conveyed to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of lots or residential units within the OSRD.
- e. **Access.** Access shall be provided to the Open Space from a public way or a way approved under the Subdivision Control Law. Such access shall be at least 20 (twenty) feet wide and may be in the form of a walking or hiking/biking path.

#### 5. *Application and Review*

- a. OSRDs will be allowed only by Special Permit. All applications shall be made on the form published by the Planning Board and shall include all documents and supporting materials as required under Section 12.C. of the *Brookfield Zoning Bylaw*, as amended, and Article IV of the *Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board*, as amended.
- b. In so far as the OSRD constitutes a subdivision, both the subdivision and special permitting approval processes may run concurrently. However, subsequent approval by the Planning Board of such portions of the development as constitute a subdivision shall be required as set forth in the Subdivision Control Law, including the approval of streets and utility systems. A favorable action which may be made by the Planning Board on a special permit application, shall not, therefore, be deemed either to constitute subdivision approval under the Subdivision Control Law or the *Town of Brookfield Subdivision Rules and Regulations*, or imply that such approval will be given.
- c. The Planning Board shall require the applicant for an Open Space Residential Development to submit two preliminary plans, one of conventional design as stipulated under the Town's Subdivision Rules and Regulations, and one showing the proposed OSRD, as satisfactory evidence that the number of lots in the OSRD plan is no greater than that shown on the conventional plan. This preliminary plan shall be accompanied by the results of percolation tests (including soil logs and test locations),

as administered by the Board of Health to confirm the number and location of potentially buildable lots on the parcel.

- d. The OSRD plan shall show compliance with the requirements of this by-law and shall show any other particular features of the OSRD as requested by the Planning Board to enable the Planning Board to determine compliance with this by-law.
- e. After notice and a public hearing in accordance with the Town of Brookfield Zoning Bylaw and *Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board*, the Planning Board may grant a Special Permit with any conditions, safeguards, and limitations, if it determines:
  1. that the application is properly completed in form and content; and
  2. that all the other requirements of this section and any other applicable sections of the Town of Brookfield Zoning Bylaw are fully met; and
  3. that the OSRD plan is superior to a conventional plan in meeting one or more of the purposes of this section.

#### 6. *Waiver of Compliance*

The Brookfield Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit granting authority under this section, may waive strict compliance with such requirements of this section, where such action is in the public interest and not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this section and any other applicable sections of the *Town of Brookfield Zoning Bylaw*.

And further to amend the Zoning Bylaw to include references to Open Space Residential Development as follows:

Section 7.C. 2. ***For dimensional regulations relative to Open Space Residential Development see Section 8.E.,***

Section 8.D.7. add \*\* to RR section of table with a note below the table to read: ***\*\* for dimensional regulations for two-family homes in Open Space Residential Developments, see Section 8.E.,***

or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board)

The Town voted to defeat Article 43 by a vote of 26 yes 15 no (2/3 vote).

**ARTICLE 44:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Brookfield Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 7.B.5, or take any other action relative thereto. (deletes smaller than standard rear lot provision) (Sponsored by the Planning Board)

The Town voted to defeat Article 44 by a vote of 26 yes 15 no (2/3 vote)

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Brookfield Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.C. by changing the minimum lot area required in the Rural Residential district to ***80,000 square feet***, or takes any other action relative thereto. (increases minimum from 70,000 square feet) (Sponsored by the Planning Board)

The Town voted to defeat Article 45 by a vote of 22 yes 17 no (2/3 vote).

**ARTICLE 46:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, by **deleting Section 8.D.3.**, or take any action relative thereto. (deletes provision for more than one multi-family structure on a lot) (Sponsored by the Planning Board)

The Town voted to defeat Article 46 by a vote of 21 yes 15 no (2/3 vote)

**ARTICLE 47:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Brookfield Zoning Bylaw by **adding Section 1.1 Rate of Development Limit** to read as follows:

### **1.1 Rate of Development Limit**

- a. Purpose:** The purpose of this section is to ensure that the issuance of building permits for new residential construction will be limited for a defined period while the Town develops a comprehensive Master Plan that will assess the Town's natural resources, land use patterns, infrastructure, and services, and provide a long-range planning tool for future development in the Town. This section is adopted in response to a dramatic increase in residential growth in the community that has reduced open space, forests, and farmland, threatened sensitive habitats, diminished access to valuable natural and historic features, and strained municipal service capacity. The average annual number of single family homes constructed in Brookfield in the years 1995 – 1999 was 9; the average annual number constructed in the years 2000-2004 was 33. This dramatic increase in the rate of growth has occurred through development of lots on existing public ways rather than in subdivisions. This has meant that the Town has had little opportunity to conduct a comprehensive review of the plans and ensure that municipal services are keeping up with the development. The Master Planning process will provide a forum for a community-wide self-study that will produce a plan in which due consideration is given to the multiple interests in the community while the rural character of the town is maintained. Setting a limit on new growth for a short period will help ensure that this project is carried out in an environment less pressured by extremely rapid growth.
- b.** The rate of development will be limited as follows:
  1. The number of building permits issued for new residential structures shall not exceed thirty (30) per year for each of two consecutive twelve (12) month periods beginning July 1, 2005.
  2. No more than ten percent (10%) of the building permits authorized by Section 1. shall be issued to any one applicant or set of applicants involving one or more of the same principals within each twelve-month period. Multifamily residential developments, nursing homes and congregate care facilities shall be phased to comply with this requirement. or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board)

The town voted to defeat Article 47 by a vote of 26 yes 15 no (2/3 vote).

**ARTICLE 48:** To see if the Town will vote to establish an Open Space committee composed of nine (9) members including one member from the Conservation Commission and one member from the Recreation Commission who shall be appointed by their respective commissions and who shall serve one-year terms beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. All remaining members shall be appointed by the Selectmen and shall serve terms of three years, with initial appointments to be made as follows: two members shall be appointed for terms to expire June 30 2006; two members shall be appointed for terms to expire June 30, 2007; and three members shall be appointed for terms to expire June 30, 2008. The purpose of the committee shall be to facilitate the implementation of the Town's Open Space and Recreation five-year action plan, annually update the Open Space and Recreation Plan, seek out appropriate grants, raise funds and propose Town expenditures that further the goals of the Open Space and Recreation Plan, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Selectmen)

The Town voted by a majority vote to establish an Open Space committee composed of nine (9) members including one member from the Conservation Commission and one member from the Recreation Commission who shall be appointed by their respective commissions and who shall serve one-year terms beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. All remaining members shall be appointed by the Selectmen and shall serve terms of three years, with initial appointments to be made as follows: two members shall be appointed for terms to expire June 30 2006; two members shall be appointed for terms to expire June 30, 2007; and three members shall be appointed for terms to expire June 30, 2008. The purpose of the committee shall be to facilitate the implementation of the Town's Open Space and Recreation five-year action plan, annually update the Open Space and Recreation Plan, seek out appropriate grants, raise funds and propose Town expenditures that further the goals of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

**ARTICLE 49:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year as voted under Article 3, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Advisory Committee)  
The Town voted to pass over Article 49.

**ARTICLE 50:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Department Surplus Account to the Municipal Gasoline Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Selectmen)

The Town voted by a majority vote to transfer the sum of \$1,456.00 from the Water Department Surplus Account to the Municipal Gasoline Account.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall and Post Office in said Town, seven days at least before the time of the holding of said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Beverly A. Lund, Chairman  
Robert S. Phillips, ViceChairman  
Joseph J. Klimavich, Clerk

SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD

A True Copy, Attest  
Joseph F. Murray  
Constable of Brookfield

Worcester, SS:  
Brookfield, Massachusetts

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield by posting up attested copies of same at the U.S. Post Office on 9:20 a.m. and the Brookfield Town Hall at 9:15 a.m. on the same day April 21, 2005.

Seven days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Joseph F. Murray  
Constable of Brookfield

*The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Brookfield Elementary School. One Hundred and Twenty-Five (125) residents were in attendance. The voters unanimously voted to adjourn until May 13, 2005 at 7:00 P.M., the Meeting adjourned at 11:35 P.M.*

*The Annual Town Meeting reconvened on May 13, at 7:00 P.M. at the Brookfield Elementary School. Forty-Five (45) residents were in attendance, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.*

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: LINDA M. LINCOLN CMMC

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## FOR INFORMATION – NON-EMERGENCY

Advisory Committee	508-867-7011
Animal Control Officer	508-525-5776
Assessors	508-867-2930 Ext. 16
Building Inspector	508-867-8342
By-Law Committee	508-867-6323
Capital Improvement Planning Committee	508-867-9419
Cemetery Commission	508-867-0471
Cemetery Superintendent	508-867-0471
Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee	508-867-2930 x 10
Conservation Commission	508-867-2031-
Council on Aging	508-867-3000
Cultural Council	508-867-9233
Dog Officer	508-525-5776
Electrical Inspector	413-436-9702
Emergency Management Agency (BEMA)	508-867-6622
Emergency Medical Squad	508-867-6036
Health Board	508-867-6102
Highway Department	508-867-8357
Historical Commission	508-867-4464
Housing Authority	508-867-2826 or 0471
Library & Library Trustees	508-867-6339
Local Public Access Committee	508-867-0188
Personnel Board	508-867-9553
Planning Board	508-867-2930 Ext. 19
Plumbing Inspector	508-867-2400
Recreation Committee	508-867-4249
Schools:	
Brookfield Elementary School	508-867-8774
Tantasqua Regional Junior High	508-347-7381
Vocational School	508-347-9301
Superintendent of Schools	508-347-3077
Selectmen	508-867-2930 Ext. 10
Tax Collector	508-867-2930 Ext. 13
Town Accountant	508-867-2930 Ext. 15
Town Clerk	508-867-2930 Ext. 12
Town Treasurer	508-867-2930 Ext. 14
Veterans' Agent	413-436-9615
Water Superintendent & Staff	508-867-2930 Ext. 17
Wire Inspector	413-436-9702
Zoning Board of Appeals	508-867-7011
Zoning Enforcement Officer	508-867-2930 Ext. 18