

2023 Annual Report  
Brookfield, Massachusetts

*Celebrating 350 Years*





The Town of Brookfield celebrated its 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023.

The historic Town, with its Norman Rockwell town common and lively village center, hosted four seasons of concerts, festivals and parades in 2023 to commemorate the anniversary.

The following pages offer a pictorial of this once-in-a-lifetime celebration, along with a sprinkling of historical events and photographs.

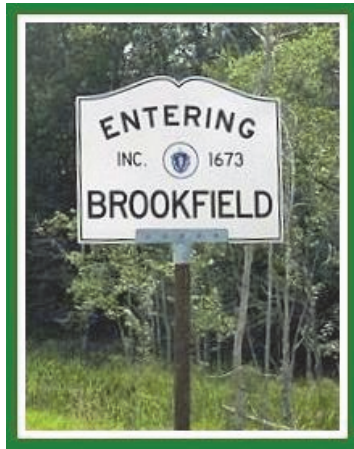


# Ode to Small Town USA

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*By Holly Chisholm*

People are oftentimes critical of small town life. While village communities cannot always compete with cities culturally, the Town of Brookfield, located in the heart of New England, offers a rich, diverse history as well as modern amenities that embrace small town life. From the Native Americans who set up huts on the Quaboag River, to the multi-cultural visitors who fish those very waters today, the Town of Brookfield is a powerful community that deserves to be celebrated.



As a longtime resident and employee of Brookfield, below is my personal observance on living and working in this wonderful small town.

I started working for The Town of Brookfield as a young mother years ago. At that time, I took a job working in the basement of the Town Hall, not realizing this would turn into a very fulfilling career. Working for the town has provided me with a strong work-life balance, stability, and the ability to help my community by contributing to the success of our small town. There have been plenty of challenges along the way, and it hasn't always been easy - but looking back, I am proud to be where I am today, and I have no regrets.

One of the most rewarding aspects of working for a small town is the chance to develop rewarding and close-knit relationships with not only your coworkers, but also the community you serve. We become familiar with one another, which makes us able to focus on individual needs.

Often, people prefer not to work in the same town that they live in. In my experience, living and working in the same town has allowed me the opportunity to connect with my community on a more meaningful level. Friends, neighbors, members of my community are the people I get to serve each day and have allowed me opportunities I would have otherwise missed.

With two young children, time is never abundant. I have been able to maintain a healthy work-life balance throughout my career. Sure, I've attended many night meetings, and work schedules don't always go as planned, but for the most part it has worked well for my family. My career has been filled with many hurrles and challenges, but the rewards have outweighed both.



Living and working in town has allowed me to help my community while supporting and raising a family. I am thankful for the opportunities and relationships that have brought me to where I am today. Most of all I am thankful to live and work in a small-town USA.

There are so many wonderful things Brookfield has to offer. From embracing the local traditions such as farmers' markets to small-town festivals (apple country fair) to the beautiful lakes, river and many hiking trails. There is something to be said about living life at a bit slower pace and enjoying all that our community has to offer. My advice to all...take advantage of the many opportunities to volunteer and serve your community and find your niche. You might just be surprised. Volunteering is also a great way to develop new friendships and be involved with the future of your town.



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## IN MEMORIAM



During 2023, several prominent veterans passed away leaving a big impact on their families, friends and the Town.

Each and every resident of the Town is a very important citizen, but Brookfield suffers a major loss each year that we lose citizens like these. Their contributions, however, continue to bless us. Please help to keep their memories alive by doing your part for Brookfield.

The following are honored for their gift of military service to the Town and to their Country. We appreciate their sacrifices in our behalf. Let us all take time to thank the dedicated military personnel in our Town and around the United States of America who continue to serve our country and protect our freedoms.

### *In Memoriam*

**Norman Labonte**

**Vietnam War**

**Marine Corps**

**Jesse M. Fimian**

**Air Force Academy**

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*“Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human to greatness.” — R.J. Palacio*

**GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICT  
REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE  
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD - 2023**



**UNITED STATES SENATORS**

Edward J. Markey  
and  
Elizabeth Warren

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
Richard E. Neal

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL 7<sup>th</sup> District**

Paul Depalo

**STATE SENATOR**

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Senatorial District  
Peter J. Durant

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

5<sup>th</sup> Worcester District  
Donald D. Berthiaume Jr.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Joseph D. Early, Jr.

\*calendar year 2023

**FACTS ABOUT BROOKFIELD:**

SETTLED: 1660 as part of the Quaboag Plantation

INCORPORATED AS A TOWN: Brookfield was 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 (per 2023 census):** 3,454

**FORM OF GOVERNMENT:**

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

TAX RATE – FY 2023: \$15.98 per thousand

Residential	92.27%	\$395,946,729.00
Commercial	2.99%	\$ 12,836,850.00
Industrial	0.91%	\$ 3,913,800.00
Personal Property	3.83%	\$ 16,451,236.00
Total Value		\$429,148,615.00
Exempt Value		\$ 37,842,900.00

Square Miles: 16.57

**STREETS AND HIGHWAYS:**

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

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

Brookfield maintains a Pre-K through grade six Elementary School and belongs to the Union 61 Tantasqua Regional School District, which includes 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, one captain, one lieutenant and twenty-four volunteer fire fighters.

**EMERGENCY SQUAD:**

Brookfield’s Emergency Squad, which is headed by Chief Donna Lafleur, includes one captain, one lieutenant and 13 EMS personnel. There are too full-time paramedics, five EMT basic. The service operates a 2020 Ford/ Horton ambulance.



**POLICE:**

During 2023, Brookfield had a 24/7 Police Department made up of its Chief, Sergeant and four full-time officers.

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:**

Brookfield has one recreational field, Lewis Field, which is located on Main Street (Route 148). Lewis Field has a pavilion, softball, soccer and baseball fields, and a basketball court, as well as facilities for outings. We also have a Town beach on Quacumquasit Pond (also known as South Pond).

**PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

The Merrick Public Library, located at 2 Lincoln Street, on the Common, provides free public access to the Internet, as well as reader’s and reference advisory service. The library is a mini-net 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. The Romanesque Banister Memorial Hall was built in 1884; the Trustees and staff continue to 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:**

Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge	508-765-9771
Hubbard Regional Hospital, Webster	508-943-2600
UMass Medical Center, Worcester	508-334-1000
Worcester Medical Center, Worcester	508-363-5000

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**  
**AS OF MAY, 2023**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3)**

Beth Coughlin Clerk May 2026  
Bradford Kadelski Vice Chair May 2025  
Thomas Regan Chair May 2024

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3)**

Holly Chisholm May 2024  
Richard Chaffee May 2025  
Robert Falter May 2026

**BOARD OF HEALTH (3)**

Christina Predella May 2026  
Maureen Lepak May 2025  
Christopher Kelleher May 2024

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3)**

Patrick O'Day May 2025  
Gary Lincoln May 2026  
Phillip Merriam May 2024

**CONSTABLES**

Richard Lapierre May 2025  
Mark Grubbs May 2025

**MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**TRUSTEES (6)**

Barbara Clancy \* May 2026  
Shelby Hill May 2026  
Rebecca Morin May 2024  
Carol Plumb May 2024  
Sally Brown May 2025  
Erica Lee Robert May 2025

**MODERATOR (1)**

William Gillmeister May 2024

**PLANNING BOARD (5)**

Christopher Kelleher May 2028  
Kevin Erkkila May 2027  
John David Holdcraft May 2024  
Christopher Gorman May 2026  
Jeff King May 2025  
Lisa Matondi Associate May 2024

**ELEM SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3)**

Nicole Chaffee May 2024  
Megan Cunningham May 2025  
Jeffrey Morin May 2026

**REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Andrew Dunn May 2025  
Danielle Lamoureux-Kane May 2024

**TOWN COLLECTOR**

Brenda Parish May 2026

**TOWN CLERK**

Michael Seery May 2025

**TRUSTEE FOR SHADE TREE FUNDS**

Michelle Clark May 2025

**WATER COMMISSIONERS (3)**

Donald R. Taft May 2026  
Robert R. Barnes May 2025  
Alan Jones May 2024

\*resigned

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND STAFF**

**ACCOUNTANT**

Laurie Bartkus

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE (9)**

Robert Barnes	2024
Jeff Clarke	2024
Martin Bannish	2024
Kaitlin Servant	2024

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Members (5) :

James Dolan	2025
Steve Novak	2026
Kenneth Cleveland	2025
Donald Haberlin, Alt.	2024
Mark Ledoux, Alt.	2024
Shelby Hill	2026
Clarence Snyder	2024

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Cassandra Buffum	2025
Ashley Leger Assistant	2025

**ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

Steve Novak	2026
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**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Jeff Taylor	2026
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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMM.**

Laurie Bartkus	2025
Beth Coughlin	2026
Martin Banish	2024
Amy Lane Carmody	2025

**CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT**

Michael P. Seery

**CEMETERY STAFF**

James Milner  
Herb Foley  
Paul Mieltowski

**CMRPC**

Kevin Erkkila, Alt.	2024
Sharon Mahoney	

**(CDBG) ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5)**

Bruce Clarke	2024
Ryan Pontbriand *	2024
William Simpson	2024
Beth Coughlin	2024

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION (7)**

Megan Metz	2026
Michael Metz	2026
Scott Chaquette	2026
Kerry Chaquette	2026
David Pratt	2026
Christopher Kelleher	2026

**COUNCIL ON AGING (7)**

Barbara Clancy	2025
Sally Brown	2025
Brenda Parish	2025
Patty King	2024
Lois O'Leary	2024
Nancy Mannix	2024
Mary Lou Knight	2026

**COUNSEL, TOWN**

K.P. Law	2025
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**CULTURAL COUNCIL** (*up to 22*)

Barbara Wilson *	2024
Rosie Kadolski *	2024
Jeanne Lytle *	2023
William Simpson	2026
Damien Sargent *	2024
Kathleen Landry *	2023
Doreen Niefert *	2024
Jonathan Landry *	2024
Jessica Clark *	2024
Noah Clark *	2024
Nick Clark *	2023
Danelle Barboza *	2025
Kathryn Ulibarri *	2024
Cassandra Lee *	2025

**CUSTODIAN, MUNICIPAL**

Paul Mieltowski

**ELECTION WORKERS**

Kathryn Latour, Warden	2024
Ashley Hazen	2025
Heidi Proulx	2025
Carol Lapierre	2024
Sandra Renaud	2024
Sabrino Grillo	2025
Karen Simpson	2024
Louise Woodard	2024
Theresa Grubbs	2024
Robert Ling	2024
Hannah Hill	2025

**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**

(*see: Wiring Inspector*)

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (BEMA)**

Keith Karrmann, Deputy	2024
Peter Martell, Director	2024

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD CHIEF**

Donna Lafleur, Chief 2026

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD OFFICERS**

Peter Martell, Captain,	2026
Matthew Graves, Lt.	2026

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD**

All until 2026 unless otherwise noted:

Terry Anderson  
 Dan Driscoll \*  
 Mark Lovely  
 Ashley Marks  
 David Martell  
 Matthew Roderick  
 Donna Lafleur  
 Peter Martell  
 Matthew Graves  
 Daniel Esser  
 Luke Quatrocelli  
 Shawn Adams  
 Ashley Leger  
 Jeffrey White

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Karen Trainor Resseguie

**FIRE CHIEF & FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Peter Martell 2024

**FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

Chief Peter Martell	2024
Asst. Chief Herbert Chaffee	2024
Lt. William MacLeod	2024 *
Lt. Jeffrey White	2024

**FIREFIGHTERS all until 2024**

Steve Budnik \*  
 Philip Chaffee  
 Charles Edge 2025  
 Daniel Esser  
 Matthew Graves  
 Donna Lafleur \*  
 Ashley Marks  
 Linda MacLeod  
 David Merlo

*(firefighters, cont.)*

Jessy Merriam  
Ray Ranellone  
Matthew Roderick  
Jay Haley  
Thomas Germain  
John Rose  
Cayla Laporte  
Luke Quatrocelli  
Damien Sargent  
Shawn Adams  
Sean Daniels  
Joseph Rodrick  
Aiden Crawford  
Cameron Courtney  
Stacey Courtney  
Noah Aubin  
Alex Stearns

**GRANT WRITER/FACILATOR**

Cathy Larocca

**HARBOR MASTER**

Nicholas Thomo 2024

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Ryan Pontbriand \* 2024

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Donald L. Herbert, full-time \*  
Lindsey Rockwood, Secretary part-time  
Michael Duval, full-time  
Eric Whittimore

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION (7)**

Carol Plumb, Chairman 2026  
Lois O’Leary 2024  
Thomas Morse 2025  
Michael Metz 2025  
Donald Faugno 2024  
Judy Hitchcock 2025  
Ronald Couture 2025

**HOMELAND SECURITY REP.**

Keith Karrmann 2024

**INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*(all expire 2024)*

Barbara Clancy, Retirees’ Representative  
Linda M. Lincoln, Senior Rep  
Lindsey Rockwood Hwy Dept  
Sgt. Sean Marino, Police Union Rep.  
Holly Chisholm, Town Hall Clerk Staff  
Dennis Clarke, Water Dept. Rep.

**LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS COMMITTEE (Cable TV) (7)**

Sharon Mahoney 2026

**MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF**

Brenda Metterville, Director  
Andrea Faugno, Library Assisant  
Katherine Simpson, Library Assistant  
Michelle Taylor, Library Assistant  
Julia Taylor, Library Assistant  
Joanne Pierce, Library Assistant  
Carrie Vanhold, Library Assistant  
Joan Sagendorph, Library Assistant, sub  
Margaret Aubin, Custodian

**MUNICIPAL CLERK**

Lois O’Leary

**BOARD OF OVERSEERS (DISPATCH)**

Michael Blanchard 2026

**PARKING CLERK/HEARING OFFICER**

Michael P. Seery 2024

**PERSONNEL BOARD (6)**

Linda Lincoln 2023  
Holly Chisholm 2023  
Doug Ford 2023  
Kelli Robbins 2023  
Amy Lane-Carmody 2023

**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**

Robert Wall 2024  
James McNeaney 2024

**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE PATROL OFFICERS**

*Terms end 2026*

Sean T. Marino Sgt, Full-time  
Angelia Rodrigues, Full -time  
Lee Murphy, Full-time  
Matthew Lapiore, Full-time  
Eggbert Pinero, Full-time

**POLICE DEPT STAFF**

Michael Blanchard, Chief 2026  
Holly Chisholm  
Administrative Assistant

**RECREATION**

Michael Lawrence, Chair 2024  
Lisa Hanrahan 2026  
Brendon Cunningham 2024  
Timothy Nye 2026  
Matthew Brown 2025  
Jeremy Hague 2024  
Mark Harris 2025  
Christopher 2026

**REGISTRARS, BOARD OF**

Shirley Sanborn 2025  
Lois O’Leary 2024  
Carol Plumb 2026

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT OFFICER**

Kathleen Bradley 2024

**SUPT. OF INSECT & PEST CONTROL**

Ryan Pontbriand \*

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
& Chief Procurement Officer**

Kelli A. Robbins

**TOWN CLERK ASSISTANT**

Linda Lincoln

**TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT**

William R. Simpson 2026  
Alan Jones 2025  
Donald Taft 2026  
Carol Plumb 2024  
Mary Lou Knight 2025

**TOWN TREASURER**

Amy Lane-Carmody

**TRANSFER STATION STAFF**

James Milner  
Ronald Wassmer  
Michael Seery  
George Hirtle\*

**TREE WARDEN**

Denis Tucker 2026

**TRENCH SAFETY OFFICER**

Ryan Pontbriand \* 2024

**VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR,  
VETERANS AGENT and VETERANS  
BURIAL AGENT**

Gary LaPine\* 2024

**WATER DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Dennis Clarke, Superintendent  
Bruce Clarke, Secondary Operator  
Jeff Beauchamp, Secondary Operator  
Joe Kenney, Secondary Operator  
Holly Chisholm, Administrative Assistant

**WIRING (Electrical), INSPECTOR**

Scot Mansfield 2024  
Paul Shepardson, Alternate 2024

**WRTA BOARD  
Advisory Committee**  
Beth Coughlin

2024

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**5 with 3 Alternates**

Timothy Simon, Chair	2028
Kenneth Cleveland, Alt.	2025
Charles Wilson	2025
Roger Mundell, Alt.	2025
David Olsen	2026
Patrick Mulhen	2026
Maureen Meriano	2028

**ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**  
Nicholas Thomo

2025





## REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

The 350th Year of Brookfield as a community was an eventful one, although thanks to the support and day to day leadership support provided by Town Administrator Kelli Robbins, the Select Board enjoyed a productive year. We enjoyed the opportunity of recognizing Brookfield's 350th year (depending on how you count the founding) and the community took time to gather and celebrate. The Selectboard was privileged to support the activities planned and executed by the Cultural Council and the 350th Anniversary Committee. Both groups worked tirelessly to celebrate this outstanding Anniversary.

With our financial books in order, we engaged in our first long-term lending in many years, consolidating the town's debt from the annual state notes to longer-term lending, stabilizing the town debt cost for the foreseeable future. The Selectboard thanks our outsource Accounting Service representative Laurie Bartkus and Town Treasurer Amy Carmody. This strong financial team, with the support of Tax Collector Brenda Parrish and department heads have successfully maintained balanced/reconciled books and built the habits needed for stable financial footing.

As part of that financial stabilization, Brookfield planned and executed our first Town Properties auction in over a decade. The funds generated and the return of properties to the tax roles will contribute to our ongoing fiscal health as a community.

When we lost our highway superintendent on the way into fall/winter, we were fortunate to find an experienced interim, Gary Kellaher, who successfully guided the department in the 4th quarter. Despite engaging a professional recruiting company, that position was still held by the interim at the time of this writing.

### Town Hall

The second floor of the Town Hall underwent major renovations as a crew spent the last several weeks of 2023 scraping, repairing, and repainting the ceiling and walls of the Great Ballroom. The historic space served as a hub of local activities and events throughout the decades that included formal dances, town meetings, and even a visit from Elsie the Cow, who, in the 1940s, was hoisted up the town hall steps for a ceremony in her honor.

Plans are currently in the works to secure handicapped accessibility to the second floor, and the hope is that the community will once again be able to attend local productions, town affairs, and celebrations.

Previous improvements to the second floor of the Town Hall included renovating space for the Town Administrator/Select Board Office, as well as relocating the Accountants Office upstairs. Thanks to the efforts of Ms. Robbins, a regional blacksmith donated several hand-forged wrought iron brackets on which to suspend office signs. As of the end of 2023, Ms. Robbins was in the process of hand-burning wooden signs to hang from the brackets. This improvement is part of an ongoing effort to replicate the historic look of the Town Hall foyer and beyond.

Also in 2023, the Town Hall chimney was repaired, with the replacement of fallen bricks that had created a safety hazard in the back parking lot. Bricks were replaced, cracks were filled, and a new concrete cap was placed to seal off the chimneys. The two chimneys were rebuilt and finished to match existing brickwork.

Following the chimney repairs, damaged slates from the Town Hall roof that had been loose and falling off due to bricks falling from the chimney, were also replaced.

### 2023 Additions

In the last months of 2023, a preliminary agreement to allow Apple Country Radio, a local radio station, to find a home in the town hall was agreed upon. The "Green Room," an area to the left of the Ballroom stage will serve as a studio for Apple Country Radio. The plan is to install the radio station antenna on the Town Hall clock tower.

Also in 2023, a MIIA Wellness Grant funded the delivery of organic and local farm fresh produce and goods to the Town Hall. The weekly supply of healthy foods allows employees from varying departments to literally "break bread" with their colleagues.

By the end of 2023, as the 350<sup>th</sup> celebrations were waning, the Cultural Council sponsored one last anniversary event – the addition of a short parade from the Town Hall to the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the common, complete with Santa Claus and a town fire engine. The community event featured a grand display of illuminated trees as well as the traditional festivities, which included a Christmas Tree lighting at the Common gazebo, photos with Santa, and refreshments.



## REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL



During the fiscal year 2023, Town Counsel worked to promptly and efficiently respond to requests for opinions and advice from Town officials on a wide variety of issues. As we have done in prior years, we also advised on various real estate transactions, assisted in contract and procurement matters and several zoning enforcement proceedings, among other matters. In addition, we have represented the Town in several pending court actions in the Worcester Superior Court, East Brookfield District Court, and the Land Court. Moreover, we have continued to advise the Select Board, other Town officials, and various Town boards and committees on open meeting law, conflict of interest, contract reviews, and labor and employment issues. Finally, we worked with Town personnel to prepare Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants, and advised the Town

during the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

The following matters were those in which Town Counsel provided a defense and/or initiated on behalf of the Town and were pending in courts of the Commonwealth during fiscal year 2023:

Daniel Plourde, et al. v. Zoning Board of Appeals

East Brookfield District Court, C.A. No. 1869CV000257

Daniel Plourde, et al. v. Zoning Board of Appeals

East Brookfield District Court, C.A. No. 2169CV00069

Town of Brookfield v. Daniel Plourde

Worcester Superior Court, C.A. No. 2085CV000487

These cases are related to the Town's efforts to regulate motocross operations at 5 Quaboag Street, in compliance with the Town's Zoning By-laws and prior court orders. These cases were ongoing as of fiscal year 2023; however, all of them have since been resolved.

Patricia Washburn, et al. v. Planning Board, et al.

Worcester Superior Court, C.A. No. 2185CV00629

This case is related to the Planning Board's initial denial of a special permit to Jeff Tasse of TCP Realty, LLC to install bulk propane tanks and build a pellet storage facility and truck depot at property located at 14 Post Road. In that related case, Mr. Tasse appealed

the Planning Board's denial, and after remand by the Land Court, the Planning Board ultimately issued a special permit in the spring of 2021. Thereafter, the Washburns and other plaintiffs appealed the special permit grant, in Worcester Superior Court. The Court issued a summary judgment decision on October 12, 2022, finding that the plaintiffs lacked standing to challenge the Planning Board's decision, while also finding that there was a genuine issue of fact as to whether the Board of Selectmen's appointment of an associate member to participate in the Board's vote on Co-Defendant Tasse's special permit application was based on "improper motive." The matter remains pending final court resolution. Under the law, Co-defendant Tasse may proceed with activities allowed under the special permit, at his own risk, while the court case remains pending.

Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc. v. Midnight Harvest Tree Nursery, LLC, Jennifer Boucher, Kenny Boucher and Town of Brookfield  
Land Court, Docket No. 19 MISC 000543

This case is an action seeking declaratory relief concerning four parcels of land, formerly known as the Cooley Hill Reservoir Parcels, and access thereto, which had been previously conveyed by the Town to private parties. This case is still ongoing today. The private parties remain engaged in discovery disputes for which the Town takes no position.

Town Counsel has continued to work to reduce municipal legal costs by preparing updates regarding changes in the law and addressing issues of general municipal interest, all at no charge to the Town. We also offer free training sessions on many issues, including topics of regular interest such as the Open Meeting, Public Records, and Conflict of Interest Laws.

As always, we strive to provide the highest quality legal services as quickly and effectively as possible and we are committed to continuing to work to provide legal advice and representation in the best interests of the Town. We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their confidence in retaining KP Law, and we appreciate the assistance and cooperation we have received on all matters from the Select Board, Town Administrator, and other Town officials, boards and personnel

## REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee represents the residents of Brookfield regarding the Town's budget. The Committee recommends a balanced budget and financial articles for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting and approves requests for transfers between accounts in the annual budget.

### 2023 highlights

The Brookfield Advisory Committee had a successful year. A balanced FY24 budget allowed the town to continue providing the level of services our citizens have come to expect.

### Membership Changes

The Advisory Committee would like to thank Kaitlin Servant for serving on the Board for her term. The Board welcomed two new members, Tim Roughan and Sarah Campbell.

### Looking Ahead

The Advisory Committee is dedicated on working towards fuller transparency by having clear communication with the Town Administrator, Accountant, Treasurer, Department Heads. We believe the Town's budget will continue to improve through proper accounting, conservative budgeting, capital planning, and the use of grants.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Clark, Chair  
Martin Bannish, Vice Chair  
Bob Barnes, Member  
Tim Roughan, Member  
Sarah Campbell, Member





## **REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

### Agricultural Commission Objectives:

1. Increase public awareness of agriculture, and the positive impact it has on the town.
2. Communicate the guiding principles of Right-to-Farm Bylaw
3. Act as a mediator in disputes that may arise between farmers and their neighbors
4. Work in close cooperation with other Town boards and committees to promote agricultural products and activities.
5. Bring awareness to farms and farmers of federal, state and other programs.
6. Tenets of the Right to Farm Bylaw

The Right to Farm bylaw is a general bylaw that encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the community by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and town agencies. Language is based on the all-state statutes and regulations protecting agricultural activities, such as MGL Chapter 40A, Section 3; Chapter 90, Section 9; Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. The bylaw restates and republishes these rights pursuant to a town's authority conferred by Article 89, or the "Home Rule Amendment" of the Massachusetts Constitution.

The Commission meets irregularly to organize activities to bring awareness to farms and farmers. Notable of these activities are the Tractor Parade timed to coincide with the Annual Garden Club Plant Sale and promotion of the local farms during the Apple Country Fair.

Respectfully Submitted, Your Agricultural Commission:

Clarence Snyder, Chairman;; Steve Novak; James Dolan; Ken Cleveland; Shelby O'Day-Hill

## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

2023 held many challenges, we received many calls about dogs and cats, including livestock and wildlife.

I'd like to give a thanks to the town of Palmer for allowing us to use their kennel. Also a big thank you to the Brookfield police department for their support. I would also like to remind

citizens to license and vaccinate their dogs for the upcoming year.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Cassandra Buffum ACO

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## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Locations Inspected: 29

The following are the totals of the various animals located in our town:

Cattle:	22
Goats:	29
Sheep:	20
Swine:	11
Equines:	116
Alpacas:	2
Poultry:	397
Rabbits:	16
Waterfowl:	16
Turkeys:	2

If any Brookfield resident not included in this inspection has farm animals they would like added to the annual Fall/Winter inspection and animal count, please contact [animalinspector@brookfieldma.us](mailto:animalinspector@brookfieldma.us).

Being added to the list provides the local Animal Inspector and the Massachusetts Department of Animal Resources a means to contact the animal owner during an emergency event, such as a natural disaster or disease outbreak.

Respectfully submitted, Steven Novak, Animal Inspector

# BROOKFIELD BOARD OF ASSESSORS

## Board of Assessors – Members

Robert G. Falter, Chair (2026)  
Holly J. Chisholm (2024)  
Richard Chaffee (2025)

## Assessing Department – Staff

Principal Assessor – Alan K. Jones M.A.A.  
Assistant Assessor– Patricia A. King

The Brookfield Assessing Department continues to operate with a three-person elected Board of Assessors, a full time Principal Assessor and a part time Assistant Assessor, also utilizing the technical assistance of our consultant, Roy Bishop of Bishop & Associates.

In May, Bob Falter was elected to another three-year term on the Board.. Bob Falter was subsequently re-elected as Chairman of our Board for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

Our new Patriot CAMA assessing software is proving to be a great addition for the Town. It is a great tool to help us assess all properties fairly. This year was the earliest we have ever had our property tax bills ready to go, relieving the last minute rushes we have had to work through in the past.

Negotiations for Personal Property solar related agreements for Brookfield solar installations are ongoing. With several more solar collection and battery storage array projects on the horizon the Town should continue to expect additional tax revenue in upcoming years.

The Senior/Veteran real estate tax work-off program allowing qualifying Brookfield residents who are property owners to work in various capacities for the Town of Brookfield in return for a property tax credit of up to five hundred dollars continued.

In 2023 we once again saw very large real estate value increases with our arms-length sales calculations showing property values increasing between 10% and 15% across the board. With many new homes being built as well as many other structures being built in Brookfield, the Town should continue to see the effects of the current building boom.

The total value of the 1473 taxed parcels in town was \$395,946,729. The Select Board once again voted to maintain a single tax rate for Residential, Commercial, Industrial parcels and Personal Property. In December the tax rate was set at \$15.20 per thousand dollars of value, marking the seventh straight year our tax rate has gone down. Our current tax rate is significantly less than the highest recent tax rate of \$19.62 in 2017. There are 124 tax exempt parcels in town.

The median value of all of the 928 single family homes in Brookfield was \$338,411 resulting in an average annual real estate tax bill of \$5,143.85.

The latest Brookfield real estate and personal property tax levy percentages and values by tax class are as follows:

Residential	92.91%	\$ 353,339,244
Commercial	3.05%	\$ 11,598,677
Industrial	0.98%	\$ 3,739,900
Personal Property	3.06%	\$ 11,621,285
Total Value	100.00%	\$ 380,299,106
Exempt Property		\$ 34,974,200

## OFFICE HOURS and CONTACT INFORMATION

(508) 867-2930 Ext 16 or Ext 23

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

First and third Wednesdays 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

The Board of Assessors and the Assessing staff remind the taxpayers of Brookfield real estate in Massachusetts is always assessed based on the full and fair cash value of the land and buildings on each parcel.

We would like to once again thank the townspeople of Brookfield for their continued cooperation and support.

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

In May, Christina Predella was elected to the Board of Health for a three-year term and Christopher Kelleher was elected to the board for a one-year term.

In January, Brianna Dunn resigned from the board to pursue a full-time job with the Mass Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). We thank Brianna for the work she did during her time on the board. The board will be assisted by All-Boards Clerk, Sarah Campbell, from January to March. In October the board welcomed Board of Health part-time clerk Pamela Woodbury.



### **Transfer Station**

We continue to encourage citizens to use the transfer station. The yearly permit fee is \$95.00 dollars and large bags are \$15.00 for a package of ten and kitchen sized bags are \$8.00 for a package of ten. The transfer station is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 6 P.M. and Saturdays 7 A.M. to 4 P.M. and is located on 7 Quaboag Street. Transfer station bags can be purchased at the Transfer Station, Tip Top Country Store or Central Package for your convenience

The board would like to thank its dedicated transfer station staff who work through all kinds of weather and sacrifice every Saturday and Tuesday to be on duty at the transfer station. We are grateful for their dedication. Staffing Members are Transfer Station Manager Jim Milner, Stephen Nickerson, and volunteer George Hirtle. We would also like to thank former Highway Superintendent Ryan Pontbriand and the highway workers for always being available to help us with keeping the bulk and metal dumpsters tamped down to help lessen our costs with shipping out material.

### **Landfill Cap Well Tests (Water and Gas)**

The board is currently contracted with Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC, who have provided service for the last 10 years. Brookfield is obligated to have quarterly well tests and bi-annual gas probes on the landfill cap through its permit with MassDEP.

### **Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition**

In 2021, Brookfield joined the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition (LRPHC). The LRPHC provides free public health services to the Towns of Leicester, Barre, Brookfield, Holden, New Braintree, North Brookfield, and Oakham. The LRPHC is funded through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The goal of the LRPHC is to assist Towns in filling in any gaps that may exist when providing comprehensive public health services to residents. Brookfield is currently utilizing LRPHC for epidemiology and Health Inspection services and began utilizing additional resources for Title V inspection services in February 2023. In addition, we now have a dedicated public health nurse from the coalition. As previously mentioned, this

program is a free service for Brookfield. Not only have we been able to save money on expenses, but we are also able to benefit from available expertise and resources to promote health within our town.

**Brookfield Cases reported to the Massachusetts Virology and Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN)**

In 2023 there were three (3) cases of babesiosis, forty-eight (48) confirmed cases of COVID-19 one (1) case of Hepatitis C, five (5) confirmed cases of influenza, and one (1) case of salmonellosis.

**Sanitary Code Inspections**

The following sanitary code inspections took place during 2023:

- Nuisance Complaints/ Plain View Inspections- 12
- Orders to Correct (Nuisance enforcement letters) - 11
- Food Service Inspections- 27
- Housing Inspections- 3

**Title V Inspections/Well Permits**

The following Title V inspections and well permits were issued:

- Perc Tests – 12
- Septic Plan Reviews – 19
- Well Permits- 3

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Lepak-Chair Christina Predella-Vice Chair Christopher Kelleher Pamela Woodbury -  
BOH Clerk



## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Single Family Dwellings 3  
Sheds 4  
Additions 4  
Roofing 23  
Garages 3  
Windows/Siding 27  
Renovations/Remodeling 25  
Stoves/Pellet/Wood 7  
Pools/In ground/ Above ground 5  
Signs 1  
Decks 6  
Demolition 3  
Barns 2  
Storage Buildings 0  
Temporary Mobile Home for fire purposes 1  
Fence 0  
Co-Locator/ Cell tower 1  
Weatherization/insulation 28  
Sheet Metal 1  
Solar Residential 27  
Seasonal Tents 1  
Pavilion 1

TOTAL 172

Total permit income \$26,050.00

Estimated value on permits \$4,863,926.16

Respectfully Submitted  
Jeff Taylor, CBO  
Inspector of Buildings



## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The elected Cemetery Commissioners and the Superintendent of the historic Brookfield Cemetery provide this annual town report with pride. The internments of loved ones, the general grounds keeping and maintenance, as well as the continued preservation efforts in the cemetery, were all done with care.

During the past year, 13 people were buried at Brookfield Cemetery. We extend our condolences to those family members and friends who have lost loved ones. The cemetery received \$3,150.00 in burial fees and \$8,000.00 in sale of lot fees. The non-expendable balance for the perpetual care fund is \$137,659.46, and the expendable balance is \$51,152.22. The total balance is \$188,811.68.

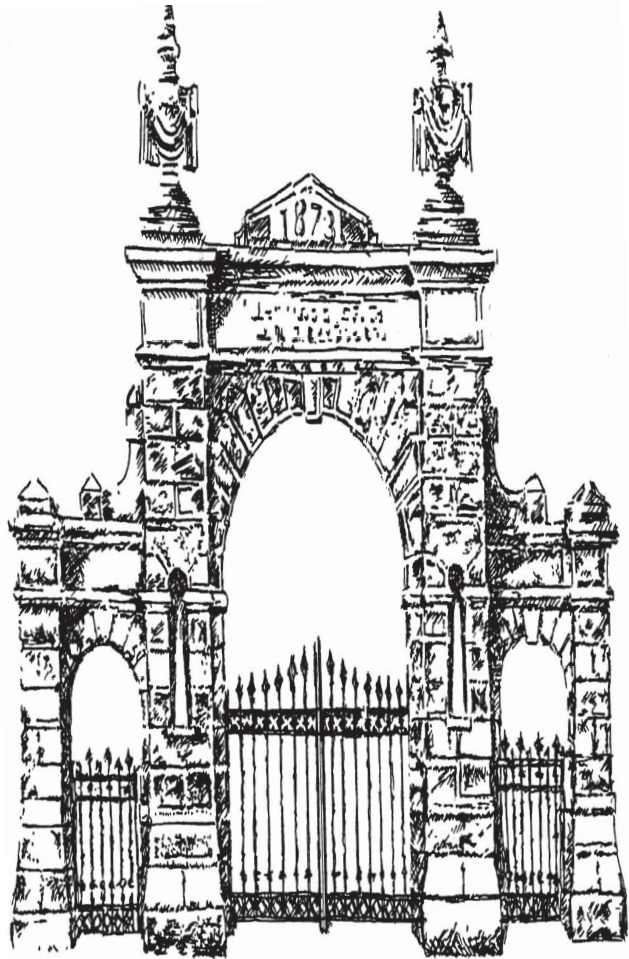
The Commissioners would like to thank Highway Superintendent Ryan Pontbriand and Donald Herbert for their help with grave openings and picking up and delivering material and plowing in the winter. Also, our dedicated staff Herb Foley Jim Milner and Paul Mielowski kept our cemetery looking great. We thank them for their efforts.

### **Cemetery Preservation**

The preservation fund is active, and donations or memorial contributions in the memory of loved ones can be put towards the fund. Please consider donating in any amount. The current amount in the Preservation account is \$46,533.83.

### **Cemetery Paving Committee**

In June 2023 the Town voted to appropriate \$60,000.00 dollars from Free Cash to be used to pave roads in the newest section of the cemetery. Subsequently the town also voted to establish a paving committee consisting of 7 residents to determine what kind of material should be used for these roads. After several meetings the committee voted to use a chip seal, blue trap rock due to it being the most durable and long-lasting seal for the cemetery roads. This was also one of the recommendations of The Town of Brookfield's Cemetery Preservation Plan.



## **Cemetery Water Line Replacement**

The Town also voted to appropriate \$20,000.00 dollars to replace the water lines at the cemetery. This is due to the lead pipes and a DEP mandate to remove them. This project will be done in conjunction with the road paving.

## **Rules and Regulations**

Please note that specific rules and regulations set by the Commissioners and voted by the townspeople have been in place for several years. Importantly the Commissioners have voted to not allow dogs at the cemetery. We have experienced several dog owners who have not picked up their dog litter, this is unacceptable, and dogs can no longer be permitted to be walked at the cemetery.

Lot purchase in the Brookfield Cemetery is limited to former and current Brookfield residents only who have resided in town a minimum of 5 years. Also, there is a type and size limit for memorial gravestones and markers that are allowed. The planting of shrubs around gravestones must be approved by the commissioners or superintendent. The planting of any tree other than a small type of shrub around a gravestone is prohibited. The Cemetery Commissioners reserve the right to remove any overgrown shrubs around gravestones. Remember to remove any flowers not in season, including artificial plants, and to maintain decorations.

For grave lot prices, detailed Rules and Regulations and general information, please call our Cemetery Superintendent Michael P. Seery at 508-867-5500 or 508-867-2930 X 12. Michael can also be reached at [mseery@brookfieldma.us](mailto:mseery@brookfieldma.us) this information is also available online from the town's website: [www.brookfieldma.us](http://www.brookfieldma.us). Just click on Cemetery commission for a link within the site. As always, please respect this historic hallowed ground when visiting the cemetery.

<b>Burials 2023</b>	<b>Full or Ash</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>Buried</b>	<b>Lot</b>
Matthew Finnegan	Ash	56	2/11/2023	3/4/2023	C-Lot 13 C
Agnes St. Cyr	Ash	89	9/29/2022	6/10/2023	A-50
Maureen Benoit	Ash	71	4/15/2023	4/27/2023	A-Lot 73
Stephen Robbie	Ash	83	3/23/2023	4/27/2023	T H SECTION
Pricilla Mundell	Ash	78	11/23/2023	5/6/2023	M-South 600-1/4
James Wilson	Ash	90	2/4/2022	5/27/2023	A-Lot 83
Jo Anne Start	Ash	81	11/16/2022	6/9/2023	D-Lot 50
Paula Woodard	Full	83	5/25/2023	6/9/2023	B-Lot 9
MindyJo Howe	Full	47	8/9/2023	8/16/2023	B-13
Sally Powell	Ash	101	7/29/2023	8/26/2023	A-42.5
Michael Carty	Ash	67	8/10/2023	9/16/2023	C-Lot 13 C
Donald Rapp	Ash	78	9/29/2013	10/7/2023	C-Lot 13-E
Audrey Rapp	Ash	86	6/18/2023	10/7/2023	C-Lot 13-E
Charles Hickman	Full	95	8/11/2023	9/5/2023	C-Lot 29

Respectfully submitted,

**Patrick J. O'Day-Chairman**

**Gary Lincoln**

**Phillip Merriam**

**Superintendent-Michael Seery**

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

The purpose of this committee, which is appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen, is to apply for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) that would be beneficial to the Town of Brookfield. As part of the competitive CDBG application process we help to gather information, select projects, determine project eligibility, and hold public meetings during the application period. If a grant is awarded, the Committee generally serves as the steering body for CDBG-funded projects, including procurement of consultants and contractors, project oversight, and community/public engagement. Brookfield continues to work with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to help us seek and administer CDBG funding. Ongoing Housing Rehabilitation activities from the Town's FY20 CDBG regional grant with North Brookfield continue to be coordinated through CMRPC's housing rehabilitation subcontractor, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC).

Community development work continued to build back its momentum in 2023 after experiencing significant challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic in years prior. Housing rehabilitation activity under the FY20 CDBG regional grant with North Brookfield advanced with five projects under construction by the end of 2023. One remaining project is expected to be under construction in early 2024, and all six projects within the FY20 program are expected to be completed by June 30, 2024.

The FY21 CDBG grant includes a single infrastructure project: the Green Street Improvements Project (GSIP), which involves the installation of a new water main and drain line, asphalt berms, and reclamation and repaving of the roadway throughout the project area. The construction component of this project was put out to bid in April 2023, and a contract was executed with the qualified low bidder, Morse Engineering and Construction Industries, Inc., in June 2023. This construction contract award was slightly higher than the available FY21 CDBG construction budget; however, the Town of Brookfield agreed to commit non-CDBG funds which will likely be needed to complete the project in 2024. A notice-to-proceed on this project was issued to the contractor in July 2023, and a community meeting was held in August on Green Street to introduce residents to the project team (Town officials, engineer, contractor, CMRPC) and to answer questions related to the improvements being made. Considerable progress was made over the summer and the project reached substantial completion in November 2023 with the installation of the new water main and drainage system, and construction of the interim/temporary pavement treatment. This grant's performance period was extended from 12/31/23 to 6/30/24 to allow time for construction of the final/permanent paving treatment in early 2024, and it may need to be extended by another six months to achieve grant closeout.

In July 2023, Brookfield received a FY22-23 CDBG award letter from the Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities (EOHLC) in the amount of \$1,200,000, and a grant contract was executed between the Town and EOHLC in August 2023. Furthermore, a contract for FY24 grant administration between the Town and CMRPC was in process in December 2023 and was fully executed in early January 2024. All required clearances (professional services contract, environmental review, and additional special conditions) were completed as of December 2023. This FY22-23 CDBG grant includes a single infrastructure project: the Kimball Street Improvements Project (KSIP), which will include the design and construction of infrastructure improvements on Kimball Street from its intersection with Mill Street to a point near its intersection with Hyde Street. Specific improvements include the replacement and repair

of sidewalks, curbs and curb ramps, the road surface, and the drainage system. A meeting with the Committee is being planned for early February 2024 to coordinate the procurement of the design and engineering component of this project. The town anticipates getting an engineer under contract in early 2024. Upon completion of the design and engineering component, the goal is to put the construction component out to bid later in 2024.

The Committee would like to thank various Town staff and members of other Town boards and committees for their assistance with community development grant projects and discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Ferguson, CMRPC

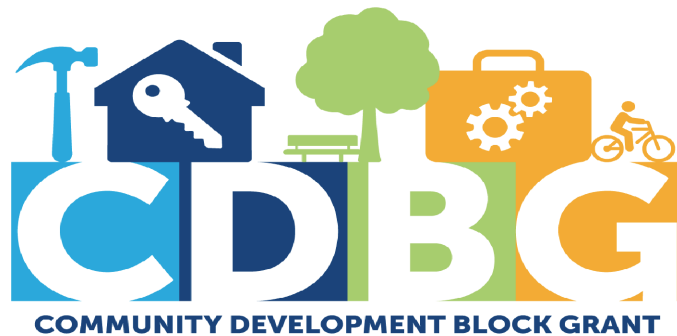
Members:

Mary Lou Knight

William Simpson

Beth Coughlin

Ryan Pontbriand (ended service in 2023)



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## REPORT OF THE CONSTABLES

All warrants in 2023 were posted as directed with no returns. Constable service was provided for all elections held at the Brookfield Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Lapierre-Elected

Mark Grubbs-Elected

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Brookfield Conservation Commission has had a productive year, marked by significant contributions to the community and the environment. As a new commission, we have been actively engaging in training programs with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) to enhance our knowledge and effectiveness in conservation efforts. Throughout the year, we have provided invaluable assistance to our residents in various areas, including the filing of Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) and Notice of Intent (NOI) applications. Our proactive approach has also helped residents avoid potential fines from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

In response to urgent environmental needs, the commission has issued three emergency permits: two for tree removal and one for culvert work. Additionally, we have issued two emergency beaver permits to address issues related to dam breaches, demonstrating our commitment to managing wildlife-related challenges effectively.

Our collaboration with the cemetery commission on the project to redo the roads in the cemetery is a testament to our dedication to community improvement and environmental stewardship.

The commission has also conducted numerous site visits, providing hands-on assistance and expertise to our residents. We have addressed two complaints from citizens, showcasing our responsiveness to community concerns.

Furthermore, we have played a crucial role in guiding citizens through the application process for various environmental permits and have provided expert advice on working in and near wetlands.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, the Brookfield Conservation Commission remains committed to protecting our natural resources and serving the community with dedication and integrity.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging in Brookfield has had a successful year. With help from local grants from The Jeppson Fund and The Brookfield Community Club, as well as state grant money, we were able to offer many programs and services to the seniors.

Some of our regular programs include weekly chair yoga, tai chi, and coffee hours, as well as a busy monthly foot clinic. In addition to those programs, we have been able to add many new events throughout the year.

In September we had an open house catered by Hearthstone Market to kick off the year. We held planting workshops with Bemis Farms and Petrie Family Farm and a painting workshop with April Small. The seniors enjoyed many Bingo luncheons during the year. We celebrated Mardi Gras and Valentines Day and had several guest speakers. We also held a Memoir Writing Workshop lead by one of our seniors, Barbara Allen. In December 60 seniors enjoyed a holiday dinner catered by Hearthstone Market. The seniors were also treated to a holiday concert with the Brookfield Elementary School Chorus.

We are excited to report that during the year attendance at our various programs totaled 1500 seniors. We are looking forward to adding more programs in the coming months.

We want to thank the Brookfield Congregational Church for their continued support and hospitality. Our program continues to grow, and we encourage all seniors to join us on Tuesdays and see what we have to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty King, Barbara Clancy, Brenda Parish, Nancy Mannix, Sally Brown, Lois O'Leary, Mary Lou Knight



## **REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL / 350<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

The mission of the Brookfield Cultural Council is to promote excellence, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, in order to improve the quality of life for Brookfield residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our community. Funding for grants was obtained from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. This year we also received funding from the town of Brookfield, and the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Earmark from Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's budget.

- \* Community Service Scholarships were awarded to three Brookfield seniors graduating from Tantasqua.
- \* Purchased and installed (with the help of the Fire Department) U.S. flags and wreaths.
- \* Organized and held Memorial Day Parade.
- \* Held seven summer concerts on the common.
- \* Held the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Fest Carving and Painting Contest at Lewis Field.
- \* Decorated the common for the holiday season.
- \* Welcomed Santa to Brookfield for our Annual Tree Lighting. This year with Santa and fire trucks leading our Crazy Christmas Hat Parade.
- \* Held our Holiday House Decorating Contest.

In addition to those yearly events, we added several more events for our 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brookfield. Those events included:

- \* Country Line Dance Lessons and Dance at Brookfield Elementary School.
- \* An Easter Egg Hunt at Lewis Field.
- \* An Ice Cream Social on the common.
- \* Children's Brookfield Photo and Essay Contest.
- \* Theatre & Art in the Park.
- \* A Classic Car show at Quaboag Valley Church.
- \* A chicken BBQ and Laser Light Show at Oakholm Brewery.
- \* The Aquariders Ski Show at South Pond
- \* Historical Walk – Library and Historical Commission
- \* Historical Reenactment on the Common - Historical Commission.
- \* 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade.
- \* 50's Dance at the Brookfield Rod & Gun Club.

The Cultural Council members greatly appreciate all the help we received from the Town Hall personnel, Fire Department, Highway Department, Police Department, the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, and the businesses who donated funds for our parade.

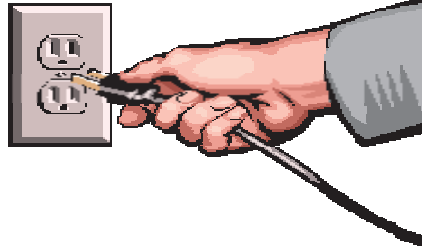
Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Lytle, William Simpson, Damien Sargent, Barbara Wilson, Doreen Neifert, Kathy Landry, Jonathon Landry, Jessica Clark, Nick Clark, Noah Clark, and Kate Ulibarri





## REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL (WIRING) INSPECTOR



- 4 NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOMES
- 14 SERVICE UPGRADES UP TO 200 AMPS
  - 1 TEMPORARY SERVICE
  - 2 ADDITIONS
- 14 REMODEL , REWIRE
  - 2 GARAGE or BARNS
  - 8 COMMERCIAL PROJECTS
  - 7 MISCELLANEOUS WIRING (SINGLE CIRCUITS)
  - 4 GENERATORS
  - 2 HOT TUB
  - 1 INGROUND POOLS
- 10 A/C UNITS
  - 2 SECURITY SYSTEMS
  - 1 FIRE DAMAGE REPAIRS
  - 3 BOILER OR FURNACES
- 24 RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ARRAY; PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM
  - 4 NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

IF YOU HAVE HAD AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, AN ELECTRICIAN OR EVEN A HANDYMAN DO ELECTRICAL WORK AT YOUR HOME AND YOU DID NOT SEE AN INSPECTOR PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY.

◀◀ YOUR FAMILY'S SAFETY IS OUR FIRST CONCERN ▶▶

Thank you,  
Scot Mansfield  
Inspector of Wires

## **BROOKFIELD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)**

We continue to urge people to look at what can disrupt their lives, as well as previous incidents and disruptions and prepare themselves and their families. Communications, heat, displacement, food, water, and medical preparedness are just some of the areas people should look at. We will always be happy to provide people with information and guidance.

Maintenance was performed as needed on the incident support trailer and the public safety boat. We were awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to provide equipment to the public safety agencies.

We continued to work with the Blackboard Connect reverse 9-1-1 system to have timely access to public notification.

As needed during threatening weather, we stayed in communication with other Brookfield public safety agencies, State agencies, and public utilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Martell, Director

Keith Karmann, Deputy Director.



## REPORT OF THE BROOKFIELD EMERGENCY SQUAD



The Brookfield Emergency Squad is an Emergency Medical Service licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health at the Paramedic level. The majority of staff are on call EMTs, Advanced EMTs, and Paramedics that sign up for shifts and respond from home or work when the need arises. Beyond that there are two full time Paramedic/Firefighters that do various EMS and fire department functions while they are on duty Sunday through Friday. All personnel are issued a radio pager to receive calls and a two-way portable radio to communicate with the dispatch center and other EMTs. Beyond this, members spend many hours of their own time working for the upkeep and improvement of our service, as well as their own training.

In 2023, the years of combined service of our staff was 204 years.

In 2023 the service responded to 776 calls. This is down from all time high of 814 in 2022, but still higher than in the past. For comparison – 635 in 2021, 547 in 2017, and 462 in 2012. In addition to the number of calls, the calls are often longer in duration. The closure of Mary Lane Hospital, the need for specialty care in Worcester and Springfield hospitals, and longer wait times once we get to the emergency room waiting for a bed assignment all lead to longer ambulance calls. In 2023 one of our crews spent over 75 minutes waiting for a room assignment at a Worcester hospital.

We continue to operate our 2020 Ford/Horton ambulance.

Calls were broken down as follows.

Advanced life support interventions – 411

Medical – 462

Trauma – 93

Refusals/cancellations/No service needed – 226.

Fire standby – 14

Carbon Monoxide alarms – 1

Mutual aid – 97

Mutual aid for Advanced Life Support services – 176

Brookfield EMS is grateful to everyone who has supported us in our efforts to provide quality emergency medical care to Brookfield. Thank you to the Fire department, the Police department, and the families, friends, and neighbors of our patients who all help us in many ways.

Please do your part by making sure that your home is clearly marked with a house number. We can assist you with that if you would like us to.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Lafleur, Paramedic, Chief

Brookfield Emergency Squad



## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



2023 was a busy year for your Brookfield Fire Department with incident responses, continuous training, fire prevention, code enforcement, and the maintenance of department vehicles, equipment, & facilities.

In 2023 the department responded to:

Fire, other - 2, Building fire - 10, Cooking fire, confined to container - 2 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue - 2, Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined - 2, Trash or rubbish fire, contained - 1, Passenger vehicle fire - 1, Forest, woods or wildland fire - 9, Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition - 1, Rescue, EMS incident, other - 24, Motor vehicle accident with injuries - 31, Lock out - 2, Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill - 1, Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) - 1, Oil or other combustible liquid spill - 1, Carbon monoxide incident - 3, Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other - 2, Power line down - 1, Service Call, other - 2, Water problem, other - 2, Smoke or odor removal - 2, Assist police - 1, Public service - 2, Unauthorized burning - 3, Cover assignment, standby - 4, Good intent call, other - 10, Dispatched & cancelled en route - 1, False alarm or false call, other - 10, System malfunction, other - 15, CO detector activation due to malfunction - 8, Unintentional transmission of alarm, other - 4, Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional - 13 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment - 1, Citizen complaint - 3

This total of 168 calls is up from 141 calls in 2022.

Inspections:

Propane storage - 39

Smoke detector/Carbon monoxide detector - 49

Department personnel spent 923 hours preparing themselves for responses by training on topics such as firefighting skills & tactics, motor pump operation, fire prevention, emergency

vehicle operation, and incident command just to name a few. Training was done in house by department instructors & officers and off site by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, and other regional resources.

We were glad to have our open house coincide with the Apple Country Fair, as well as participate in Halloween activities, and Memorial Day observances.

The department remains active with Massachusetts Fire District Seven, the Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts, The Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association.

Annual town meeting provided funding to replace firefighter protective clothing and replacement of garage doors. The 2022 Engine 1 serves us well and was a long overdue improvement. While this is a positive step, long term planning still needs to address fire truck replacement. Engine 3 is 40 years old and Tanker 1 is 28 years old.

Grant money was received from:

The Brookfield Community Club, The Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, and The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services.

The Community Club grant allowed us to finish the rehabilitation of the upstairs meeting/training room.

We welcomed Firefighters Joseph Roderick and Alex Stearns.

We said good bye to Firefighter Steven Budnik after 42 years, Lieutenant William MacLeod after 39 years, Firefighter Donna Lafleur after 31 years, and Lieutenant Dan Driscoll after 14 years.

Overall, the current staff of the department's total service adds up to over 286 years.

I would like to thank the Police Department and EMS for their help at incidents and for their assistance behind the scenes as well. I would also like to thank the citizens of Brookfield for your support, encouragement, and commitment that you have shown us throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted, Peter E. Martell



## REPORT OF THE GRANT WRITER

Brookfield received a number of grants during the course of 2023, the Brookfield Fire Department. During the course of the year, the following grants were generated by this office:

- **PARC grant** – Brookfield was awarded up to **\$98,000** in a **third** PARC grant to level the soccer fields at Lewis Field. We are in the second phase of this grant, construction, which is 90% complete and will be finished in Spring of 2024. Engineering for the field was completed in Spring of 2023.
- **Community Compact** – Brookfield has been awarded a new Community Compact IT grant for the Town Hall, totaling \$86,575. This grant will provide electronic voting devices for Town Meetings and will create a recording studio in the Great Hall which will transmit meetings and events in real time to seating in the Banquet Hall, providing enhanced use of the Great Hall and improved access to all residents.
- **American Rescue Plan Funds** – As part of this Federal program, Brookfield received \$1.03 Million to be used toward infrastructure improvements by 2024. In 2022, some of these funds were used for the Central Street Water Project, Central Street paving and some Board of Health Nursing Funds. The remaining funds are currently being used for improvements to the Great Hall, the design of an improved fire alarm system for Town Hall, and the needed repairs to the roof of the Police Station. The Grant Writer, Treasurer and Accountant are tracking these funds and providing the required reports to the Treasury Department.
- **350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Earmark** – A \$20,000 earmark was received in order to enhance the 350<sup>th</sup> celebration for Brookfield. Entertainment included the Chicken Barbecue and Laser show, a magic show, a car show and other various events. The Town of Brookfield is grateful to Representative Donnie Berthiaume for his support of the events.
- **FoRRRwD Program** – Brookfield received a grant from the DOT which will provide an additional mobile speed warning sign, a complete analysis of needed signage (and provision of signage) for high-risk roads determined by the study, and continuing analysis of electronic feedback provided by the sign.

The Grant Writer continues to work with the Select Board, the Town Administrator and Town Officials to identify and secure funds for priority projects in Brookfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy LaRocca  
Grant Writer/Facilitator



## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway department had a busy year. Multiple roadway projects and upgrades were completed. A few major wind and rainstorms caused downed trees forcing road closures, and hours of cleanup. Flooding on Quaboag Street and other areas caused by the sheer amount of rain fall this year kept the department continuously working. According to Telegram Gazette reports, 2023 was the second-wettest meteorological summer on record.

In September, long time employee and department foreman Donald Herbert retired. Donald spent 34 years with the Highway department. We wish him all the best in his retirement, and he will be greatly missed.

In addition to the added weather events and staffing shortages, the department was able to complete the usual yearly workload including roadside mowing, leaf pickup, equipment maintenance and street sweeping. During the winter months there were an estimated fifteen events resulting in plowing and/or sanding. In March, a large nor'easter came through bringing along heavy wet snow, and high winds. With assistance from the part time emergency snowplow operators, all weather events were handled without incident.

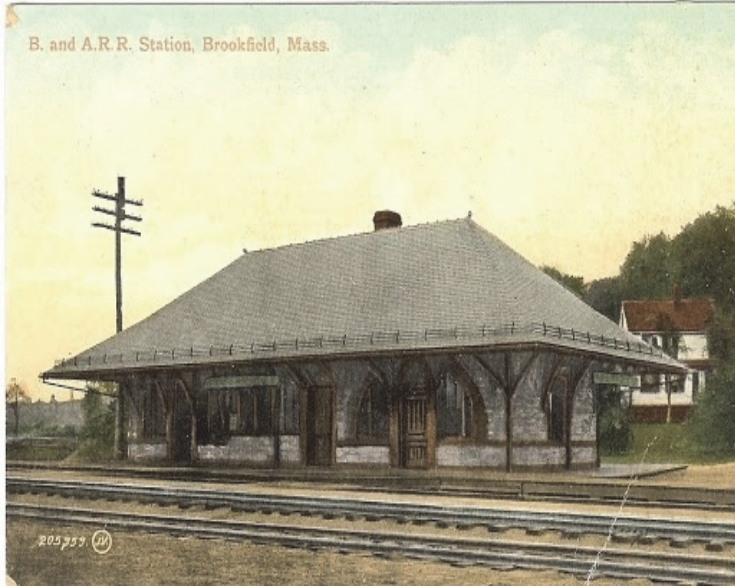
During the Fall, repairs began on the department's John Deere backhoe. The department relies on the backhoe throughout the year to assist with digging graves for the cemetery, as well as snowplowing, and other projects that require excavation work. Due to the age of the machine, there were several spots where rot had become an issue nearly rendering the machine unusable. Many long hours of cutting, welding, and custom fabricating were done on the rotted cab on the 20- year-old backhoe. In addition to some required electrical repairs, the backhoe is back in operation. This work was all completed in-house, providing cost saving for the Town.

In June, the department assisted the Tree Warden, Denis Tucker, in planting cherry trees along West Main Street.

Thank you to other department heads and personnel who assisted during the year. A special thanks to our dedicated employees for their continued support and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lindsey Rockwood





## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In 2023 the seven members of the Brookfield Historical Commission (BHC) continued to hold our monthly meetings at 18 Common Street, now known as the library annex.

Members Donald Faugno and Lois O'Leary have been spending time categorizing and organizing all of the materials that have been in storage and moved many times over the years. We are happy to have a permanent place for all of these important historical

materials.

The BHC continues to digitize certain materials for preservation including old slides from Elm Hill Farm. We thank the Brookfield Community Club for funding this important work.

Our annual gravestone cleaning had to be postponed due to inclement weather. The BHC intends to set up another date for the cleaning in 2024. Anyone interested in helping us should contact one of our members.

In August the BHC sponsored two events. The first event, in conjunction with the town's 350<sup>th</sup> celebration, was a guided walking tour of the town common area and adjacent area. We were pleasantly surprised when sixty people turned out. The second was a symposium on Brookfield featuring its Native American history. Dan Hamilton planned the event and produced a video featuring BHC member Tom Morse (Silver Fox), a Nipmuc. The event was held at the Brookfield Congregational Church and was very well attended. The BHC wishes to thank the two speakers, the Brookfield Congregational Church, Tom Morse, Donald Faugno and Dan Hamilton for making this event informative and successful.

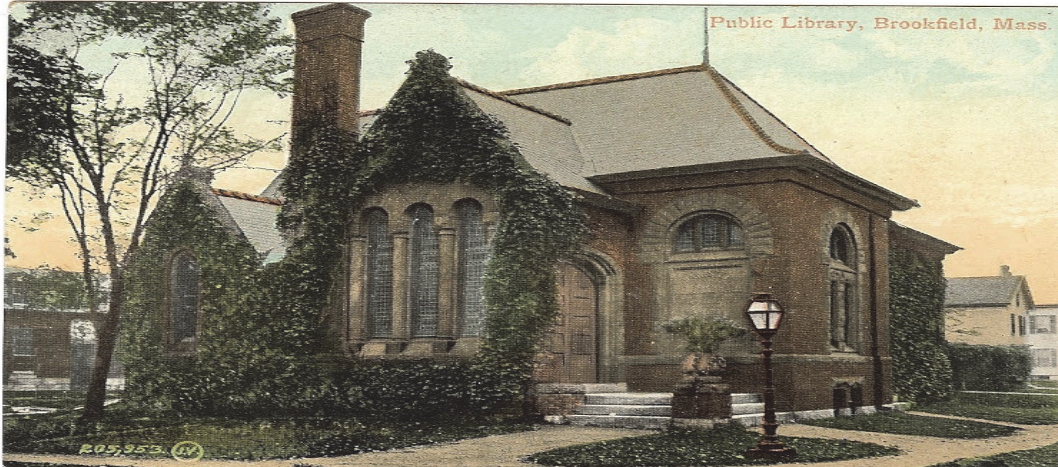
Throughout the year, the BHC has received donated materials from various residents and member Ron Couture who donated artifacts and memorabilia from Brookfield's past, including many from Elm Hill Farm. Many thanks also to Library Director Brenda Metterville for her invaluable help.

The aim of the Brookfield Historical Commission is to foster and encourage the preservation of our heritage through the conservation of historical artifacts and associated research of documents and town records.

The BHC continues to urge historic preservation in all that we do.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Plumb, Chairman, Lois O'Leary, Donald Faugno, Scully Metz, Thomas Morse, Judy Hitchcock and Ronald Couture



**ANNUAL REPORT – 2023**  
**REPORT OF THE MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BANISTER MEMORIAL HALL**  
**and Library Annex at 18 Common Street**

**TRUSTEES**

Rebecca Morin, Secretary, 2024  
Carol Plumb, 2024  
Sally Brown, Chair, 2025  
Mary Lou Knight, 2026  
Becca Beck, 2026  
Shelby O’Day Hill, 2026

**STAFF**

Brenda Metterville, Library Director  
Julia Taylor, Assistant Director  
Kate Simpson, Sr. Library Assistant  
Andrea Faugno, Library Assistant  
Amy Oldakowski, Library Assistant  
Joan Sagendorph, Library Assistant  
Margaret Aubin, Custodian

**About Us**

Our open hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are closed on Sunday and Monday, as well as holidays. Contact us by telephone (508-867-6339) or e-mail ([brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com)), or visit our website at [merrickpubliclibrary.org](http://merrickpubliclibrary.org). Follow us on social media: Twitter ([@MerrickPL](https://twitter.com/MerrickPL)) and Facebook (Brookfield Merrick Public Library).

**History**

The Merrick Public Library was established in 1867 by Pliny Merrick, who contributed his large collection of books and a sum of \$10,000. This Merrick Trust Fund still exists and the interest it earns is used to purchase reading materials for the library. In 1883, Nancy Felton donated the land on the corner of Lincoln Street and Common Street to the town for the purpose of building a library. That same year, William Banister of New York donated \$10,000, with the provision that the building be named Banister Memorial Hall. By January 1884, the building was completed and dedicated. The trustees and staff continue to maintain the historic integrity of the

library while offering modern conveniences. A new full-time position for assistant library director was approved at the annual town meeting in June 2023.

### **Library Annex and the Historic Collections**

Since 2018, the library has partnered with the Brookfield Historical Commission in an effort to create a local history and special collections museum, as well as community meeting space, at the Library Annex (18 Common Street), which was purchased in 2021 for \$249,000 from Rudy and Sarah Heller.

Many town organizations use this building for regular meetings, including: Recreation Committee, Community Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Historical Commission, Luminaries Committee, Friends of the Library, and more. Each organization has one member who is a keyholder, with a code for the security system, and each group is very respectful in their use of the building.

The museum has become more defined over the past several years, and we are looking for donations and/or loans of collections of items to display, especially those associated with Brookfield's rich cultural history. Although the Library Annex does not yet offer regular open hours, library staff members are happy to provide private tours as time and availability allow.

Robert Wilder's maps are available at both the Merrick Public Library and Library Annex, as well as online at [robertwildermaps.com](http://robertwildermaps.com). Another important site for research of the Brookfields is [quaboag-research.org](http://quaboag-research.org); this site was built by Dan Hamilton of West Brookfield, along with historians from the surrounding communities. We invite the community to spend time with these materials and thank those who continue to freely share them.

### **Building Repairs**

The library building repairs, which began in November 2022, continued into 2023 with the contractors finishing the plastering and painting. Unfortunately, the new plaster on the walls was not allowed time to dry, and within a week the bricks beneath the plaster started to show through. A request was made for the painters to come back one month after the plaster was considered dry, and although they did, the brickwork is still slightly visible. The last project of the MIIA insurance repair project was installing new carpet in the foyer and circulation desk area.

While we were closed, patrons used e-materials and visited nearby libraries, and staff came in between the work crew's hours to check the book drop, handle interlibrary loan requests, and process new materials. The library reopened on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

### **Circulation**

As a card-distributing member of C/W MARS, our patrons may use their cards at most libraries in central and western Massachusetts, as well as for ordering materials online. C/W MARS has a large amount of material available for e-readers, such as Kindles, Nooks, iPads, etc. The free library app, Libby, provides e-books and e-audios and allows multiple library cards to be added to access more materials. The free C/W MARS app allows patrons to search for, order, and renew regular library materials through their devices. The library staff provide free training to patrons on how to use devices and download electronic material. We also provide wireless

internet access and free computer use, along with free printing, photocopying, faxing, and notary public service.

The library houses new releases, hardcovers, paperbacks, audiobooks, DVDs, video games, magazines, local newspapers, and historic materials. Our collection ranges from board books for infants, to books for elementary school students and teens, to a wide-ranging assortment of adult fiction and nonfiction. As we purchase new items, we have an ebb and flow of the collection. We are constantly evaluating materials for popularity and wear and tear, as well as moving classics to the upstairs gallery or discarding. Our discarded materials are sent to the Brookfield Transfer Station for public access in their book trailer. We also offer a free jigsaw puzzle swap and free paperback swap.

## **Programs**

The Banister Book Group for adults continues to meet at the Library Annex on the last Wednesday of each month, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. During the warmer months, the group meets under the shade of a maple tree in lawn chairs. This book group has read a number of great books together and their discussions are always enthusiastic and enjoyable.

This spring we hosted field trips for Brookfield Elementary School students in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, and grade 3. We had another successful joint summer reading program, with 96 participants (18 pre-readers, 64 elementary schoolers, and 14 teens). Pre-readers filled in a sticker chart for books read to them, and were able to choose a prize for each row of books. Elementary school students completed a summer reading chart and earned a prize each time they filled in five boxes. Brookfield Elementary School students turned in their charts at school for an additional prize there. Teenagers won scratch tickets for checking out books and reviewing them. Animal Adventures, sponsored by the Brookfield Community Club and the Friends of the Library, held a traveling zoo on the common, with more than two hundred people in attendance.

Eighteen patrons participated in the National Library Pen Pal Project, where we swapped postcards with patrons at libraries in New York, Illinois, and Georgia. We held drop-in arts and crafts on Fridays in July and August, as well as children's storytime led by Shanna Desroches and chess club on Fridays.

Other programs included: Sherryl Faye presenting *Ruth Bader Ginsberg* (cut short by town losing electricity and rescheduled for the fall); George Hirtle presenting on metal detecting; Horizon Wings of Connecticut presenting *Wee Wings* for preschoolers, hosted at Willow Brook Academy; and Andrew Noone presenting on his book *Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy* (sponsored by Art and Elizabeth Jay, Greater Worcester Community Foundation). In June, the library was used as one of the filming locations for the independent film, *Birthrite*. In September, library staff, trustees, and Friends participated in Brookfield's 350th anniversary parade, some walking and some riding in Dave and Sharon Bond's 1966 GTO or Lamoureux Ford's Buick Cascada convertible. In October, new furniture and toys for the children's room were added (stove, sink, treehouse, Tegu magnetic blocks), and the Friends of the Library held their annual silent auction.

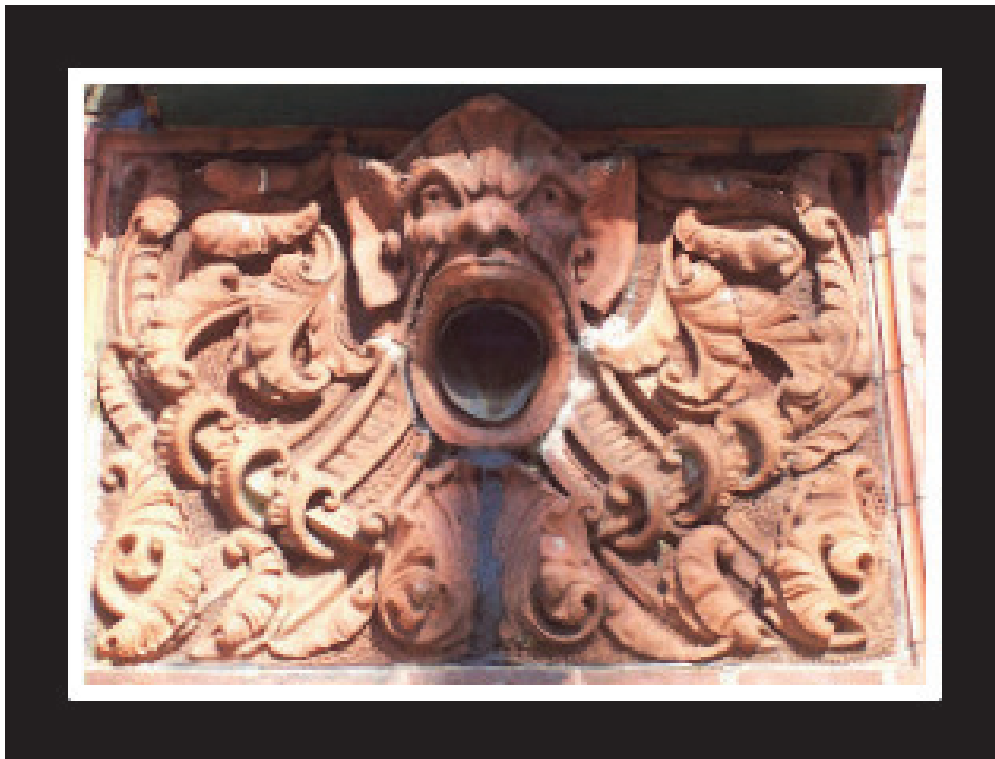
## **Friends of the Library**

The Friends of the Library continue to be a valuable financial support system outside the scope of our budget. They provide funding for several programs, such as summer reading, as

well as scholarships for Brookfield’s graduating high school students. They also sponsor the annual holiday luminary display around the common, and host an annual silent auction at the library in the fall. The Friends are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Donations may be sent to: Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 528, Brookfield, MA 01506. Please make checks out to Friends of the Merrick Public Library.

## **Community**

We continue to advertise and share about Council on Aging events with senior citizens who patronize the public library. We are a drop-off point for several community organizations, and collect food and toiletries for Brookfield’s Eucumenical Food Pantry, eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Lions Club, and new toys for Toys for Joy. Links to additional community resources are available on our website under the “Our Services” tab ([merrickpubliclibrary.org/community-resources](http://merrickpubliclibrary.org/community-resources)).



**Town of Brookfield, Massachusetts**  
**IN MEMORY OF VETERANS OF ALL WARS**  
**Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2023**

Again is a grateful nation called to refresh the memory of her fallen sons and daughters. The veterans of the republic come once more to reverently call the roll of the “mustered out” and strew with wreaths and flowers their honored graves.

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

*In Memoriam*

<b>Norman Labonte</b>	<b>Vietnam War</b>	<b>Marine Corps</b>
<b>Jesse M. Fimian</b>	<b>Air Force Academy</b>	

*“Time only enhances the lasting value and demonstrates anew the true significance of Memorial Day.”*



**Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 29, 2023**

Assembly of all marchers and all units at the Brookfield Elementary School, 35 Central Street. Parade starting at 10 AM under the direction of the Brookfield Cultural Council, the Brookfield Selectmen, the Brookfield Fire Department, the Massachusetts State Police and the Brookfield Police Department. In the event of rain, parade will be in the BES Gymnasium.

**Program at Soldiers' Monument Brookfield Cemetery  
Assembly 10:30 AM**

Pledge of Allegiance	Selectmen
Prayer	Pastor John Condon
Selection	McGann Marching Band
Gettysburg Address	Michael Tamburri
In Flanders Fields	Nekelle Ferraguto
Salute to the Dead	
In Memory	Town Clerk
Taps	
National Anthem/Raising of the Flag	
Dismissal	Selectmen

**Program on Brookfield Town Common  
Assembly 11:30 AM**

Pledge of Allegiance	Selectmen
Prayer	Pastor John Condon
Selection	The Lincoln Minute Men
Gettysburg Address	Michael Tamburri
In Flanders Fields	Sarah Regan
Salute to the Dead	
In Memory	Town Clerk
Taps	
National Anthem/Raising of the Flag	
Dismissal	Selectmen

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN MODERATOR**

The Moderator presided over the Annual Town Meeting, which was held on Thursday, 1 June 2023 at 6:30 PM, at the Brookfield Elementary School.

The 2023 Annual Town Meeting had 40 Warrant Articles. The Moderator determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Ceremonial and introductory matters were taken up: the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by the meeting members; the Moderator noted the properly served warrant; a motion was made and adopted to allow Town Counsel, the accountant, and other relevant non-Brookfield-registered voters to speak; and the rules for the meeting were read.

All 40 Warrant Articles were duly considered and acted upon. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.



## **REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD**

In 2023 the Personnel Board met on an as-needed basis. Meeting were called to approve new job descriptions to be placed on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Approving job descriptions is an ongoing process. We also determined wages for new personnel.

The Personnel Board members are committed to serve the Town employees for this year and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lincoln, Chairman  
Doug Ford, Clerk  
Holly Chisholm, Member  
Kelli A. Robbins, Member  
Amy Lane-Carmody, Member



## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

2023 was a busy year, with 14 meetings, two of which were held primarily to work on proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Bylaw dealing with marijuana facilities. The required public hearing for the proposed amendments was held April 5, 2023.

Other notable actions included monitoring the progress of the Molasses Hill Estates subdivision and continued efforts toward finalization of the proposed decommissioning agreement for an 11.2MW solar array at 0 Long Hill District, as specified in the Special Permit originally granted in March 2019 to ASD Cronin LLC.

The Board granted two Special Permits for businesses where required under the Zoning Bylaw as well as a Special Permit for tree removal along a Scenic Road. We also reviewed and signed off on five ANR ("Approval Not Required") plans, as well as responding to two public records requests and a number of inquiries about zoning bylaws and other land use questions.

In April 2023 the Board bade farewell to longtime (17 years!) member Sharon Mahoney, retiring at the end of her term of office. Board members expressed their thanks to Ms. Mahoney for her leadership and dedicated service to the Town. In April, the Select Board appointed Lisa Matondi as an Associate Member of the Planning Board; her two-year term began on June 30, 2023. In May, we welcomed newly elected Planning Board member Christopher Kelleher, who was subsequently elected Clerk of the Board.

In October we said goodbye to All-Boards Clerk Sarah Campbell, who, in her short time in the position, had proved to be a valuable point of contact for communications with the Board. Before leaving the Planning Board, Sharon Mahoney once again served as Brookfield's delegate to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, with Kevin Erkkila serving as Alternate. Upon Sharon's departure, Christopher Gorman was elected by the Board to become our CMRPC delegate. The town receives credit for representative attendance at meetings, redeemable toward the Commission's consulting services. The Board also maintains membership in both the state and national divisions of the American Planning Association.

We are grateful to Town Administrator Kelli Robbins, Assessor Al Jones, ZBA Chair Tim Simon, ZEO Nicholas Thomo and Building Inspector Jeffrey Taylor for their ongoing support. Our thanks also to Town Counsel K-P Law, Consulting Engineer John Scannell, Town Clerk Michael Seery, Town Accountant Laurie Bartkus and the Board of Selectmen for their assistance in responding to Planning Board inquiries.

The 2023 Edition of the Town of Brookfield Zoning By-laws, Subdivision Rules and Regulations, and Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board are available in hard copy from the Town Clerk or may be downloaded in PDF form from the Town of Brookfield website at <http://brookfieldma>.

The Board normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. As always, we will strive to provide the best possible service and to respond respectfully and efficiently to citizens, business owners, and applicants appearing before us.

Kevin I. Erkkila, Chair Christopher Gorman, Vice-Chair Christopher Kelleher, Clerk John David Holdcraft Jeffrey King Lisa Matondi, Associate Member

## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR



44 – Gas Permits  
43– Plumbing Permits  
87 – Permits Total

82– Inspections Total

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Wall – Inspector of Plumbing & Gas  
James McNeaney – Alternate Inspector



# **BROOKFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

7 PROUTY STREET  
P.O. BOX 306  
BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, 01506-0306  
**Chief of Police Michael K. Blanchard**



Dispatch: (508)867-1170      Station (508)867-5570      Fax: (508)867-3161

## **Brookfield Police Department 2023 Annual Report**

In April of 2023, the Brookfield Police Department began to use body worn cameras. This was made possible by a grant written by our grant writer, Cathy LaRocca. The grant was applied for in 2021 but due to a shortage of equipment and the many police departments moving towards the use of body cameras, the implementation took a lot longer than expected.

In June, Egbert Pinero was promoted from part-time to full-time patrol officer. Ofc. Pinero filled the seventh full-time position and brought the Department up to full staffing levels.

In August, Ofc. Justin Dufault resigned to take a police officer position in western Massachusetts. That position remains open and unfilled at this time due to the lack of qualified applicants. Police Departments across Massachusetts and the nation, like many other professions these days, are having trouble filling their open positions due to a lack of interested candidates.

The Brookfield Police Department had a slight decrease in calls for service this year. The total calls for service for 2023 was 6,077, as compared to 6,625 in 2022 and 4,506 in 2021. The Department also had a decrease in arrests in 2023. The total number of arrests in 2023 was 71, as compared to 104 in 2022.

The following is a summary of the activity for 2023;

Medical Calls – 355  
Alarm Calls – 101  
Motor Vehicle Accidents – 50  
Motor Vehicle Stops -421  
Larcenies – 17  
Custodial Arrests – 29  
Criminal Complaint Summons – 42

Yours in Safety,  
Chief Michael K. Blanchard

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE



The Brookfield Recreation Committee works to provide an opportunity for the residents of Brookfield to participate in enjoyable activities at various times of the year. Our primary focus is to ensure that the Town's children have access to activities and organized sports with the ultimate goal being to provide a safe, fun learning experience. We also offer public recreation programs for all ages and sponsor special events throughout the year.

We are responsible for the administration of, or are affiliated with the following youth sports programs:

Little League Baseball USA Softball  
T-Ball TRY Soccer  
TRYBIL Basketball

The success of these programs could not be accomplished without the numerous people that volunteer their time and energy to our programs. We wish to thank the volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, referees, clean-up crews, snack shack volunteers and many more for their

continued support of our youth programs. All volunteers are required to be CORI checked to participate in any capacity in any of our programs. Sign-ups for these sports and all of our events are posted in the White Tiger News (The Elementary School Newsletter), and our Facebook page.

Our annual Trick or Treat event was a success once again this year. An estimated 700 children and their parents made their way to the homes around the common and in the town center, followed by a parade, costume contest, and a bonfire at Lewis Field. Special thanks to everyone that donated candy to the folks that live in the center of town, it was greatly appreciated. As always, a huge thanks to Brookfield Police and Fire for supporting this event and ensuring the safety of all participants.

Every year the recreation committee awards scholarships to a male and a female Tantasqua graduating senior in the academic program and an additional pair of awards to students in the Tech Program for use in future studies or for trade equipment. The requirements are simple: Be a resident of Brookfield and have participated and volunteered in Brookfield Recreation. In 2023 these scholarships were awarded to: Claire Hill, Riley VonHold and Dylan Clark. We wish them all the best on the next phase of their lives.

Finally, we are looking forward to the completion of the renovation and regrading of the Soccer Field at Lewis Field. Through the tireless work of many people and the dedication of the town's grant writer, Cathy LaRocca, this project will be primarily funded by a grant from the state. We are proud of the improvements we have been able to accomplish at Lewis Field and have more in store for this year.

As always, we are looking for new faces to support our committee or to volunteer in the many capacities required to make these programs successful. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee or volunteering to be part of one of our programs, please contact any of our members at [brookfieldrec@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldrec@gmail.com), or attend one of our meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Heller House next to the library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Lawrence Lisa Hanrahan Chris Drosehn Jeremy Hague

Tim Nye Mark Harris Matt Brown Brendon Cunningham



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



## School Committee

Nicole Chaffee, Chair	Term expires 2024
Jeff Morin, Vice Chair	Term expires 2026
Megan Cunningham, Secretary	Term expires 2025

## Superintendent of Schools

Deborah J. Boyd                      320A Brookfield, Road, Fiskdale, MA 01518                      508-347-3077

## Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Jodi Bourassa                      320A Brookfield, Road, Fiskdale, MA 01518                      508-347-3077

## Director of Business and Finance

Kristen Leo                      320A Brookfield, Road, Fiskdale, MA 01518                      508-347-3077

## Special Education/Pupil Services Director

Jessica Bolduc                      320A Brookfield, Road, Fiskdale, MA 01518                      508-347-3077

## Principal

Kathleen Hosterman                      37 Central Street, Brookfield, MA 01506                      508-867-8988

## Administrative Assistant

Lisa Foley                      37 Central Street, Brookfield, MA 01506                      508-867-8988

## School Nurse & Supervisor of Attendance

Julie Lardizzone, R.N., B.S.N.                      508-867-8988

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2023**

<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Pre-S</u></b>	<b><u>K</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>U61</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Elementary	28	23	27	34	29	28	32	30	5	236
<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>PG</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>		
Tantasqua Jr. High	33	33								66
Tantasqua Sr. High			16	17	25	15	3			76
Tantasqua Technical			16	14	18	14	0			62
<b>TOTAL TRSD</b>										<b>204</b>
<b>TOTAL TRSD/U61</b>										<b>440</b>



<b>2022-2023 POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COLLEGE</b>	<b>YEARS IN BROOKFIELD AS OF 2023</b>
Principal	Kathleen Hosterman	B.A. Norwich University M.Ed., Keene State College Ed.D, Walden University	18
Kindergarten	Rebecca Choquet	B.A. Worcester State	9
Kindergarten	Kimberly Ferreira	B.S. North Adams M.S. Ed., Simmons College	12
Grade 1	Alissa DeMartino	B.E., Bay Path University	2
Grade 1	Mallory Farinato	B.S., Franklin Pierce College M.S. Ed, Anna Maria College	14
Grade 2	Donna Morin-Wermter	B.S. Worcester State	26
Grade 2	Helen Tarr	B.A., Norte Dame College M.Ed., Cambridge College	18
Grade 3	Katrina Annuziata	B.S. Worcester State M.Ed., Cambridge College	7
Grade 3	Joanne Wall	B.A. Westfield State ESA American International College	1
Grade 4	Alycia Beer	B.A. Westfield State College M.Ed., Worcester State	
Grade 4	Joanne Kuntz	B.A. Becker College	
Grade 5	Colleen Parker	B.S. Springfield College M.A. Framingham State	16
Grade 5	Sharon Thayer	B.A. Chatham College M.Ed., Anna Maria College	7
Grade 6	Amanda Richards	B.A. Anna Maria College	2
Grade 6	Peter Skaza	B.A. Westfield State University	2
Special Needs PK-6	Ariana Savluk	B.A. Worcester State M.Ed, Pay Path University	1
Special Needs 1-2	Samantha Mars	B.E. Boston University M.E. Bay Path University	3
Special Needs 3-4	Melissa Murphy	B.A. Framingham State	9



<b>2022-2023 POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COLLEGE</b>	<b>YEARS IN BROOKFIELD AS OF 2023</b>
Special Needs 5-6	Paula Casey	B.A., UMass M.Ed. Fitchburg State	12
Special Needs – Goals	Sarah Pressman	B.S. Bay Path University M.S. Ed; Bay Path University	4
Speech	Kaitlyn Smith	B.S. UMass Amherst M.S. Worcester State	13
School Psychologist	Jordan Newcomb	B.S. Franklin Pierce University M.Ed., Worcester State C.A.G.S. Worcester State	
Adjustment Counselor	Michelle LeDoux	A.S., Cape Cod Community College B.A. Worcester State M.A., American International College Ed.D. American International College	5
School Nurse	Julie Lardizzone	B.A. Assumption college BSN, Northeastern University	4
Remediation Reading	Jolene Jalbert	B.S. Worcester State M.Ed., Worcester State	12
Remediation Math	Belinda Gibson-Kiesner	B.A., Anna Maria College M.Ed., Worcester State	28
Teacher, Art	Diane Simonnds	B.A., University of Harvard M.Ed., UMass Amherst	10
Teacher, Band	Mark Weissman	B.A. Westfield State M.A UMass G.D., New England Conservatory of Music	7
Teacher, General Music	Lindsey Paras	B.A. Anna Maria College M.A. Anna Maria College	10
Teacher, Library/Media	Ashley Barringer	B.S. Worcester State	17
Teacher, Physical Ed.	Megan Clark	B.S. Springfield College	02
Union 61 / Pre-School	Janice Labuski	B.S. Worcester State	

<b>Town of Brookfield</b>	
<b>FINANCIAL SHEET FOR 2022-2023</b>	
General School Appropriations	\$3,280,221.20
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	
School Comm - Salaries & Expenses	\$4,973.39
Superintendent's Office	\$146,599.82
<u>INSTRUCTION</u>	
Principal's Salary	\$121,695.55
Clerical Salaries	\$65,074.70
Principal's Office Expenses	\$3,778.74
Teacher Salaries	\$1,022,108.67
Teacher Aides Salaries	\$54,483.58
Teacher Substitutes	\$29,919.21
Teaching Supplies & Materials	\$23,351.67
Personnel Training & Travel	\$9,020.08
Moderate Needs Coordinator, Tutors, Speech Therapists	\$292,929.40
Special Ed Aide/Tutor	\$274,577.17
Special Ed Supplies & Materials	\$1,190.56
Textbooks	\$1,042.50
Library Services	\$44,172.51
Audio Visual - Supplies & Materials	\$0.00
Technology Salary	\$41,923.50
Technology Supplies & Hardware	\$36,615.75
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>	
Guidance Counselor - Salary	\$124,401.60
Supplies & Travel	\$4,942.32
Psychological Services	
Health Services - Salaries	\$73,936.00
Health Services - Supplies	\$3,803.16
Pupil Transportation	\$153,306.00
Late Bus Transportation	
Special Education Transportation	\$ 177,221.60
Food Services	\$0.00
Field Trips	\$0.00

School Resource Officer	\$0.00
<u>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</u>	
Custodial Services	\$132,385.63
Supplies & Materials	\$16,864.68
Fuel Oil	\$27,409.93
Utility Services - Admin Office	\$57,537.16
Utility Services - School	\$0.00
Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds	\$8,812.98
Maintenance of Equipment - Admin Office	\$35,271.37
<i>Town of Holland</i>	
Maintenance of Equipment - School	\$0.00
Building Rent	\$0.00
Building Projects	\$0.00
<u>ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</u>	
New Equipment - School	\$0.00
Equipment - Share - Admin Office	\$0.00
Replacement of Equipment - School	\$6,845.62
Equipment - School Library	\$0.00
Replacement of Equipment - Admin Office	\$0.00
	\$0.00
<u>PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS</u>	
Special Education - Tuition	\$186,500.00
Vocation Tuition	\$8,696.88
Special Education-Collaborative	\$88,829.47
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,280,221.20</b>
<u>ESTIMATED STATE REIMBURSEMENTS</u>	
Chapter 70	\$1,721,083.00
Chapter 71	\$265,144.00
State Wards	\$801,561.00
Total Estimated Reimbursements	\$2,787,788.00
<b>2022-2023</b>	
Administration	\$264,147.44
Instruction	\$2,028,739.09
Other School Services	\$408,266.76

Operation & Maintenance of Plant	\$311,234.94
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	\$6,845.62
Programs with Other Districts, ( <i>Regional &amp; Private Schools</i> )	\$284,026.35
<i>Total Appropriations</i>	<b>\$3,303,260.20</b>
(Special Needs Programs Included in Budget)	
2000 Instruction	\$568,697.13
3000,4000 Series	\$330,527.60
9000 Programs with Other Districts	\$284,026.35
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,183,251.08</b>



**REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL  
BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The fiscal year from January to December 2023 has seen some significant changes at Brookfield Elementary School. Being the principal of Brookfield Elementary School for nineteen years has allowed me to build a staff with a wonderful collaborative culture that is focused on both student learning and wellbeing. I have hired many new staff members who have brought new perspectives on instructional strategies and have quickly acclimated to our TIGER culture.

Throughout the last 12 months we have also seen a resurgence of parent and family participation in our events and activities here at school. We have reorganized a Science Night, Math Night, and Literacy Night as well as in-person Parent/Guardian Conferences. Families have also participated in our annual Open House at the same numbers as pre-pandemic.

The PTO has had several successful fundraisers that have provided the playground with a new GaGa ball pit and commercial grade swing set. Their spring Walk-a-thon was a complete success and led to a visit from Willow the cow.

We have also continued to upgrade the Brookfield Elementary School facility. We have finally finished remodeling all of the bathrooms in the A building addition as well as the HVAC system in that section of the building. Our technology is continuing to improve as we add updated learning boards in each classroom and provide our students with Chromebooks to do the research and writing that is required for our learning standards. We have also transitioned our Student Information System from iPass to Power School. Although challenging, this new system will have many more features that will keep parents from having to fill out multiple forms at the beginning of every school year.

Finally, I want to thank my school committee for their continued support, and all of my staff for helping students regain many of the social skills they need to thrive within a school community. This has been the most difficult part of our rebuilding process. We are looking forward to a wonderful spring and successful growth on the academic and social goals we have set for ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Kathleen Hosterman, Ed.D, Brookfield Principal

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
*Tantasqua Regional and Union 61 School Districts*  
Brimfield Brookfield Holland Sturbridge Wales**

At the end of the last school year, we had a number of changes to our Leadership Team, as we said farewell to peers that have served our District for many years. Brenda Looney, Director of Special Education, retired after over 30 years of dedication to our students. Brenda's contributions to our district will be felt for years to come as many special education programs she implemented continue to allow our students to stay in-district and thrive. Brenda seamlessly passed the baton to Jessica Bolduc at the beginning of the year. Dr. Peter Dufresne took over as High School Principal, to replace long term teacher, administrator and community member, Leigh Joseph, who moved on to her next adventure. We wished her well as our students welcomed Dr. Dufresne and introduced him to the Warrior Way. Also joining our Leadership Team this year were Kristen Leo, Director of Business and Finance, and Coleen DeBari, Support Services, Compliance and Equity Coordinator. We are so fortunate to have such an energetic, experienced and committed team.

In addition to welcoming new staff at the beginning of the year, we recognized those that have been serving for many years....and continue to do so! We are so proud to have 46 staff members that have been serving in our District for 25 or more years and another 15 that have been with us for over 30 years. PLUS, a special recognition was given to Bob Collins, who has served as our high school custodian for 47 years and Judy Ropiak who has been a Burgess Education Assistant for **50** years!!

Following a year of "Back to Basics", all of our schools hit the ground running this year with rigorous educational programing, new initiatives and curriculum pilots.

The largest, district-wide, initiative was the implementation of Power School, our new Student Information System. Much of last year was spent training staff on the new scheduling, tracking and grading modules. Families were introduced to the parent portal over the summer and we went live at the start of the new year. This new system is much more robust and will allow for smoother communication between staff and families, as well as better interface with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We also started the new school year with a new website. While [tantasqua.org](http://tantasqua.org) is still our address, the site now has a new look along with some translation options.

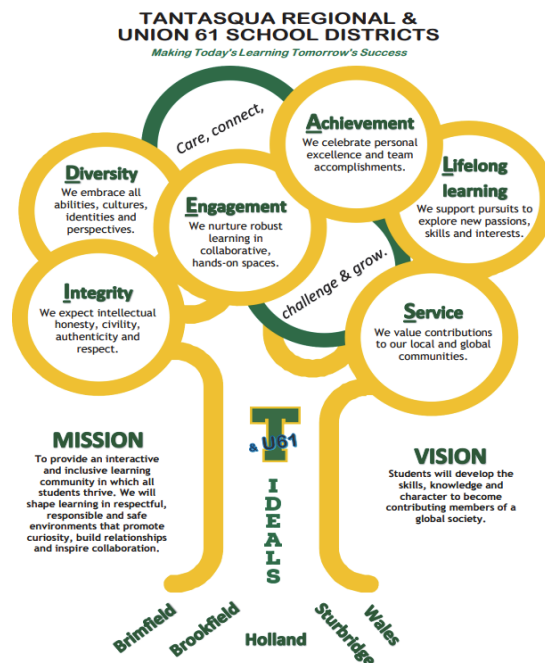
At the elementary level, our math instructors have been spending countless hours, both in and out of the classroom, piloting two math programs to identify which provides the best curriculum for all students, grades K through 5, going forward. Every elementary class in the district has been testing one program or the other, in order to provide rich feedback at year-end. Our staff input is critical and a decision will be made in time for uniform implementation for the 24-25 school year.

We spent much of last year working on a revision of our Mission and Vision Statements as well as core values. Building base activities were facilitated at the beginning of the year by each Principal, to engage staff and identify core values to then feed into a District-wide vision. Students and school committee members participated in activities at a retreat to add to the process and offer insight on the vision of a successful graduate. Our new document was presented in June and adopted by all school committees. The District will focus on these core values for years to come.

The support of our School Committees, families, and community members is invaluable to the administration and staff of the Tantasqua Regional and Union 61 School Districts. We are greatly appreciative of the efforts by all and the commitment we share as we continue to work collaboratively to achieve the ultimate goal of providing every student with opportunity for success.

Respectfully,

Deborah J Boyd, Superintendent of Schools



## REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

The Town Collector's office is legally responsible for collecting all Real Estate Tax, Excise Tax and Personal Property Tax committed by the Assessor and turning over said monies quickly and efficiently. The Collector's office is responsible for posting all receipts and maintaining an accurate cashbook and reconciling cash monthly with the Treasurer and Accountant. The Collector also Reconciles Bank statements to the cashbook, processes refunds, review all outstanding receivables, send out reminder notices, and work with different departments regarding permits of any kind.

The office also processes Park Pad Fees, Municipal Liens, Betterments, over payments and any PILOT programs. As a Town Collector I can also receive payment for Departments that are unavailable, saving tax payers an additional trip.

*\*Excise tax is based upon where your vehicle is garaged and with the information provided by you to the DMV.*

*\*Checks, money orders and on-line payments are still the safest and most efficient way to pay your bills.*

### **In order to save time and possible interest and late fees, when paying your bill:**

- Make sure all checks are payable to the Town **of Brookfield**
- Please do not staple or tape your checks
- If you are unsure what you owe, please call before sending in payment especially if you are paying after the due date.
- Make sure checks are signed and dated
- **Please include the coupon mailed to you, along with your payment**
- If you use a billing service; please update your account number **every billing cycle** as they change frequently.
- Bill pay checks takes between 5 and 10 days to be received, please plan accordingly.
- The bill is paid, when it is received, not postmarked (this is the law)

<b>Collections</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Personal Prop</b>
<b>2023</b>	\$ 447,770.47	\$ 5,756,742.56	\$ 261,280.11
<b>2022</b>	\$ 78,772.46	\$ 97,625.31	\$ 1,149.39
<b>Supplemental</b>	0	\$ 11,854.45	0
<b>Interest</b>	\$ 5,889.08	\$ 15,738.94	\$ 111.44
<b>Demands</b>	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 3,350.00	0
<b>MLC</b>	0	\$ 6,775.00	0
<b>Rollback Tax</b>	0	\$ 390.25	0
<b>Park Pad Fees</b>	0	\$ 40,032.00	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>550,032.01</b>	<b>5,932,508.51</b>	<b>262,540.94</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	\$ 4,195.97	\$ 14,558.53	-
<b>Abatement</b>	\$ 6,568.18	\$ 12,546.21	-
<b>Exemption</b>	\$ -	\$ 13,996.44	-

*Respectfully submitted,*  
**Brenda Parish,**  
**Tax Collector**





## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and citizens of Brookfield, I submit to you the following Annual Financial Report.

Our mission is to ensure that the appropriate financial and auditing controls within the Town are maintained in an efficient, cost-effective, and responsive manner. We oversee all departmental appropriations assuring that departments operate within their annual budget. In addition, we are responsible for maintaining all financial records and that they are in compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric A. Kinsherf, CPA  
[www.erickinsherfcpa.com](http://www.erickinsherfcpa.com)  
Town Accountant



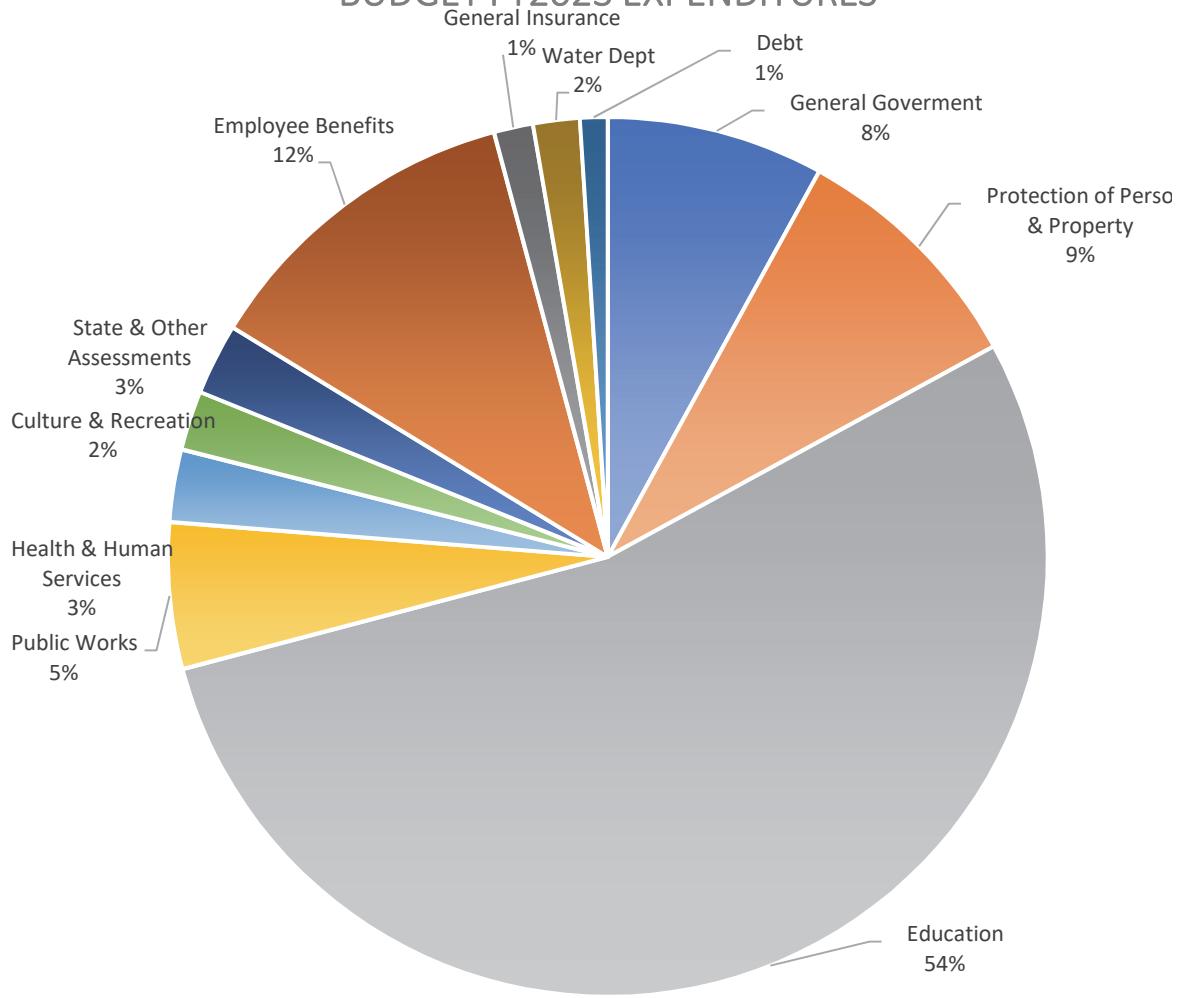
**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP**  
**June 30, 2023**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	2110435.18	1907024.81	(22768.79)	1290002.38		5284693.58
Investments						0.00
Receivables:						
Personal property taxes	969.42					969.42
Real estate taxes	172534.88					172534.88
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(127862.46)					(127862.46)
Tax liens	506150.04					506150.04
Motor vehicle excise	85687.32					85687.32
User fees		2490.53				2490.53
Due from other governments	62451.35					62451.35
Other receivables	4,695.25					4,695.25
Foreclosures/Possessions	421,057.23					421,057.23
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					1,293,337.17	1,293,337.17
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave						0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,236,118.21</b>	<b>1,909,515.34</b>	<b>(22,768.79)</b>	<b>1,290,002.38</b>	<b>1,293,337.17</b>	<b>7,706,204.31</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>						
Liabilities:						
Withholdings	76,867.34					76,867.34
Deferred revenue:						
Real and personal property taxes	45,641.84					45,641.84
Tax liens	506,150.04					506,150.04
Foreclosures/Possessions	421,057.23					421,057.23
Motor vehicle excise	85,687.32					85,687.32
User fees		2,490.53				2,490.53
Due from other governments	62,451.35					62,451.35
Other receivables	4,695.25					4,695.25
Tailings	4,218.54					4,218.54
Agency Funds				140,017.48		140,017.48
Notes payable						0.00
Bonds payable			229,000.00		1,293,337.17	1,522,337.17
Vacation and sick leave liability						0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,206,768.91</b>	<b>2,490.53</b>	<b>229,000.00</b>	<b>140,017.48</b>	<b>1,293,337.17</b>	<b>2,871,614.09</b>
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for encumbrances	176,738.30					176,738.30
Reserved for expenditures	548,825.00					548,825.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	548,237.88	20,228.46				568,466.34
Reserved for petty cash	50.00					50.00
Reserved for debt service	27,819.00					27,819.00
Undesignated fund balance	727,679.12	1,886,796.35	(251,768.79)	1,149,984.90		3,512,691.58
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>2,029,349.30</b>	<b>1,907,024.81</b>	<b>(251,768.79)</b>	<b>1,149,984.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,834,590.22</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>3,236,118.21</b>	<b>1,909,515.34</b>	<b>(22,768.79)</b>	<b>1,290,002.38</b>	<b>1,293,337.17</b>	<b>7,706,204.31</b>

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -  
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Carry Forward	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis		
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 6,051,096.00	\$ 6,051,096.00	\$ 6,174,420.43	\$ -	\$ 123,324.43
Sale of Tax Foreclosure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excise & Other Taxes	\$ -	\$ 460,000.00	\$ 460,000.00	\$ 525,997.21	\$ -	\$ 65,997.21
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ -	\$ 72,675.00	\$ 72,675.00	\$ 72,815.76	\$ -	\$ 140.76
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 264,000.00	\$ 264,000.00	\$ 297,663.16	\$ -	\$ 33,663.16
Rentals	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (150.00)
Departmental Revenue-Cemetery	\$ -	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -	\$ (6,200.00)
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ 113,500.00	\$ 113,500.00	\$ 113,369.18	\$ -	\$ (130.82)
Other	\$ -	\$ 64,555.00	\$ 64,555.00	\$ 94,512.32	\$ -	\$ 29,957.32
Fines & Forfeits	\$ -	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 4,159.41	\$ -	\$ (215.59)
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 45,781.09	\$ -	\$ 35,881.09
Intergovernmental-Comm. of Mass.	\$ -	\$ 2,543,670.00	\$ 2,543,670.00	\$ 2,547,469.00	\$ -	\$ 3,799.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,599,721.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,599,721.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,885,787.56</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 286,066.56</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Current Fiscal Year:						
General Government	\$ -	\$ 809,545.00	\$ 821,918.00	\$ 735,396.91	\$ 1,832.31	\$ 84,688.78
Protection of Persons & Property	\$ -	\$ 869,005.00	\$ 869,632.00	\$ 834,162.30	\$ 2,348.10	\$ 33,121.60
Education	\$ -	\$ 5,117,905.00	\$ 5,117,905.00	\$ 4,957,050.16	\$ 155,488.20	\$ 5,366.64
Public Works	\$ -	\$ 541,494.00	\$ 541,494.00	\$ 494,626.85	\$ -	\$ 46,867.15
Health & Human Services	\$ -	\$ 280,501.00	\$ 280,501.00	\$ 245,445.59	\$ 8,333.51	\$ 26,721.90
Culture & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 207,742.00	\$ 207,742.00	\$ 200,800.60	\$ 2,198.86	\$ 4,742.54
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 98,972.00	\$ 99,881.77	\$ 93,376.65	\$ -	\$ 6,505.12
Water Dept	\$ -	\$ 158,431.00	\$ 158,431.00	\$ 157,581.41	\$ -	\$ 849.59
State & Other Assessments	\$ -	\$ 172,673.00	\$ 172,673.00	\$ 241,449.00	\$ -	\$ (68,776.00)
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 1,175,608.00	\$ 1,161,698.23	\$ 1,113,276.79	\$ 6,537.32	\$ 41,884.12
General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 153,246.00	\$ 153,246.00	\$ 132,830.00	\$ -	\$ 20,416.00
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ 795,826.78	\$ 803,886.78	\$ 451,189.14	\$ 350,096.09	\$ 2,348.92
<b>Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,380,948.78</b>	<b>\$ 10,389,008.78</b>	<b>\$ 9,657,185.40</b>	<b>\$ 526,834.39</b>	<b>\$ 204,736.36</b>
<b>Other Expenditures:</b>						
Prior Year Articles	\$ 463,702.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225,468.34	\$ 198,141.79	\$ 40,092.84
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 227,582.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226,642.75	\$ -	\$ 940.00
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 691,285.72</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 452,111.09</b>	<b>\$ 198,141.79</b>	<b>\$ 41,032.84</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 691,285.72</b>	<b>\$ 10,380,948.78</b>	<b>\$ 10,389,008.78</b>	<b>\$ 10,109,296.49</b>	<b>\$ 724,976.18</b>	<b>\$ 245,769.20</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (691,285.72)</b>	<b>\$ (781,227.78)</b>	<b>\$ (789,287.78)</b>	<b>\$ (223,508.93)</b>	<b>\$ (724,976.18)</b>	<b>\$ 531,835.76</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>						
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 385,000.00	\$ 385,000.00	\$ 385,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,252.63	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 260,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 260,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 259,747.37</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>\$ (691,285.72)</b>	<b>\$ (521,227.78)</b>	<b>\$ (529,287.78)</b>	<b>\$ 36,238.44</b>	<b>\$ (724,976.18)</b>	<b>\$ 531,835.76</b>
<b>Audit Adjustment</b>						
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b>		<b>\$ 1,993,110.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,993,110.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,993,110.86</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Fund Balances, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ (691,285.72)</b>	<b>\$ 1,471,883.08</b>	<b>\$ 1,463,823.08</b>	<b>\$ 2,029,349.30</b>	<b>\$ (724,976.18)</b>	<b>\$ 531,835.76</b>

# BUDGET FY2023 EXPENDITURES



- General Government
- Protection of Persons & Property
- Education
- Public Works
- Health & Human Services
- Culture & Recreation
- State & Other Assessments
- Employee Benefits
- General Insurance
- Water Dept
- Debt

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
001-114-5110-000	Moderator Salary	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
001-122-5110-000	Selectmen Salary	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,500.12	\$ 499.88	\$ 499.88	
001-122-5110-001	Administrative Asst Wages	\$ 49,681.00	\$ 49,681.00		\$ 49,681.00	\$ 49,108.80	\$ 572.20	\$ 572.20	
001-122-5110-002	Municipal Clerk Wages	\$ 15,959.00	\$ 15,959.00		\$ 15,959.00	\$ 15,958.80	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20	
001-122-5110-003	Grant Writer Wages	\$ 22,931.00	\$ 22,931.00		\$ 22,931.00	\$ 21,256.20	\$ 1,674.80	\$ 1,674.80	
001-122-5700-000	Selectmen Expense	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ (527.00)	\$ 7,573.00	\$ 4,650.55	\$ 2,922.45	\$ 2,922.45	
001-122-5700-002	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00		\$ 900.00	\$ 607.00	\$ 293.00	\$ 293.00	
001-122-5700-003	Computer Maintenance	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 21,836.00	\$ 3,164.00	\$ 3,164.00	
001-122-5700-014	Grant Writer Expenses	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 725.09	\$ 474.91	\$ 474.91	
001-122-5300-000	Software Licenses	\$ 26,552.00	\$ 26,552.00		\$ 26,552.00	\$ 21,922.84	\$ 4,629.16	\$ 4,629.16	
001-122-5802-000	Computer Acquisition	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,873.97	\$ 126.03	\$ 126.03	
001-129-5110-000	Town Administrator Salary	\$ 87,368.00	\$ 87,368.00		\$ 87,368.00	\$ 87,368.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-132-5405-000	Reserve Fund	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ (19,500.00)	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-135-5205-000	Audit	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 46,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-135-5300-000	Outsourced Accounting Services	\$ 2,115.00	\$ 2,115.00	\$ (1,300.00)	\$ 815.00	\$ 435.65	\$ 379.35	\$ 379.35	
001-135-5700-000	Accountant Expense	\$ 537.00	\$ 537.00		\$ 537.00	\$ -	\$ 537.00	\$ 537.00	
001-136-5110-000	Advisory Committee-Clerk Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
001-136-5700-000	Advisory Committee Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,388.98	\$ 111.02	\$ 111.02	
001-136-5700-001	Warrant Book Print & Mail	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-141-5110-000	Assessors Stipend	\$ 57,829.00	\$ 57,829.00		\$ 57,829.00	\$ 57,829.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-141-5110-001	Principal Assessor Wages	\$ 17,776.00	\$ 17,776.00		\$ 17,776.00	\$ 17,759.14	\$ 16.86	\$ 16.86	
001-141-5110-002	Assessor Clerk Wages	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-141-5200-000	Assessor Consultant Services	\$ 5,315.00	\$ 5,315.00		\$ 5,315.00	\$ 2,822.16	\$ 2,492.84	\$ 2,492.84	
001-141-5700-000	Assessor Expense	\$ 78,154.00	\$ 78,154.00		\$ 78,154.00	\$ 77,732.75	\$ 421.25	\$ 421.25	
001-145-5110-000	Treasurer Wages	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-145-5110-001	Assistant Treasurer Wages	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 7,185.10	\$ 1,164.90	\$ 1,164.90	
001-145-5200-000	Treasurer Payroll Services	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-145-5300-001	Treasurer OPEB Evaluation	\$ 3,325.00	\$ 3,325.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 5,075.00	\$ 4,891.00	\$ 184.00	\$ 184.00	
001-145-5700-000	Treasurers Expenses	\$ 56,742.00	\$ 56,742.00		\$ 56,742.00	\$ 56,742.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-146-5110-000	Collector Wages	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,150.00		\$ 1,150.00	\$ -	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,150.00	
001-146-5150-000	Collector Certification	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-146-5700-000	Collector Expense	\$ 8,938.00	\$ 8,938.00		\$ 8,938.00	\$ 5,948.21	\$ 2,989.79	\$ 2,851.64	\$ 138.15
001-151-5249-000	Legal Services	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00		\$ 60,000.00	\$ 42,251.03	\$ 17,748.97	\$ 17,748.97	
001-158-5200-000	Treasurer/Collector Tax Titles	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 16,829.20	\$ 12,170.80	\$ 12,170.80	
001-161-5110-000	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 42,557.00	\$ 42,557.00		\$ 42,557.00	\$ 42,557.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-161-5110-001	Town Clerk - Asst Clerk Wages	\$ 5,202.00	\$ 5,202.00		\$ 5,202.00	\$ 4,879.52	\$ 322.48	\$ 322.48	
001-161-5700-000	Town Clerk Expense	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,430.99	\$ 1,169.01	\$ 1,169.01	
001-162-5110-000	Election & Registration Wages	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,048.93	\$ 451.07	\$ 451.07	
001-162-5700-000	Election & Registration Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,403.84	\$ 96.16	\$ 96.16	
001-171-5700-000	Conservation Commission	\$ 333.00	\$ 333.00		\$ 333.00	\$ 314.29	\$ 18.71	\$ 18.71	
001-174-5600-000	Central Mass Regional Planning	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,035.00		\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,034.69	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.31	
001-175-5110-001	Planning Board Salary	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
001-175-5700-000	Planning Board Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,298.98	\$ 701.02	\$ 701.02	
001-176-5700-000	Board of Appeals Expenses	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 798.15	\$ 301.85	\$ 301.85	

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-192-5110-000	Municipal Custodian Wages	\$	22,950.00		\$	22,867.00	\$	83.00	\$
001-192-5700-000	Municipal Property Maintenance	\$	9,000.00		\$	6,383.68	\$	2,616.32	\$
001-192-5701-000	Municipal Property Utilities	\$	4,210.00		\$	2,638.42	\$	1,571.58	\$
001-192-5942-000	Town Hall Improvements	\$	14,250.00	14,000.00	\$	25,310.55	\$	2,939.45	\$
001-195-5200-000	Print Town Report	\$	1,700.00	(300.00)	\$	1,400.00	\$	70.58	\$
001-199-5700-000	Municipal Heating Fuel	\$	14,486.00		\$	8,279.86	\$	6,206.14	\$
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
		\$	809,545.00	12,373.00	\$	735,396.91	\$	85,015.78	\$
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>									
001-210-5110-000	Police Wages Full Time	\$	374,778.00	(36,501.00)	\$	338,277.00	\$	23,300.89	\$
001-210-5110-001	Police Chief Salary	\$	106,875.00		\$	106,875.00	\$	-	\$
001-210-5110-003	Police Clerk Wages	\$	16,092.00	1.00	\$	16,092.96	\$	0.04	\$
001-210-5110-004	Police Wages - PT/OT	\$	52,000.00	36,500.00	\$	88,245.59	\$	254.41	\$
001-210-5700-000	Police Expenses	\$	69,166.00		\$	66,886.19	\$	2,279.81	\$
001-210-5700-001	Tuition Reimbursement	\$	10,500.00		\$	9,829.00	\$	671.00	\$
001-220-5110-000	Fire Wages	\$	57,000.00		\$	56,974.98	\$	25.02	\$
001-220-5110-001	Fire Chief Salary	\$	12,000.00		\$	12,000.00	\$	-	\$
001-220-5700-000	Fire Dept. Expenses	\$	47,500.00		\$	47,126.10	\$	373.90	\$
001-220-5700-002	Fire Utilities	\$	12,000.00		\$	11,881.92	\$	118.08	\$
001-220-5705-000	Fire Testing / Certification	\$	14,000.00		\$	13,076.45	\$	923.55	\$
001-220-5750-000	Fire Fixed Asset Repair / Replace	\$	17,500.00		\$	17,496.00	\$	4.00	\$
001-235-5200-000	Telephone Expense	\$	6,510.00	327.00	\$	6,837.00	\$	489.49	\$
001-241-5110-000	Building Inspector Salary	\$	19,589.00		\$	19,589.00	\$	-	\$
001-241-5110-007	Asst Building Inspector Wages	\$	640.00		\$	640.00	\$	163.20	\$
001-241-5700-000	Building Inspector Expenses	\$	300.00		\$	34.00	\$	266.00	\$
001-242-5110-000	Gas/Plumbing Inspector Salary	\$	4,851.00		\$	4,851.00	\$	-	\$
001-242-5110-007	Asst Gas/Plumbing Inspector Wages	\$	416.00		\$	416.00	\$	-	\$
001-242-5700-000	Gas/Plumbing Inspector Expenses	\$	453.00	300.00	\$	753.00	\$	90.25	\$
001-245-5110-000	Wiring Inspector Salary	\$	4,816.00		\$	4,816.00	\$	-	\$
001-245-5110-007	Asst Wiring Inspector Wages	\$	418.00		\$	418.00	\$	418.00	\$
001-245-5700-000	Wiring Inspector Expenses	\$	1.00		\$	1.00	\$	1.00	\$
001-249-5110-000	Zoning Enforcement Salary	\$	13,231.00		\$	13,231.00	\$	-	\$
001-249-5700-000	Zoning Enforcement Expense	\$	451.00		\$	424.80	\$	26.20	\$
001-291-5110-000	Emergency Management Salaries	\$	1,800.00		\$	1,800.00	\$	-	\$
001-291-5700-000	Emergency Management Agency	\$	5,000.00		\$	4,970.34	\$	29.66	\$
001-291-5700-001	BEMA Blackboard Connect Fee	\$	4,000.00		\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$
001-292-5110-000	Animal Control Officer Salary	\$	7,065.00		\$	7,065.00	\$	-	\$
001-292-5110-007	Asst Animal Control Officer Wages	\$	756.00		\$	756.00	\$	756.00	\$
001-292-5700-000	Animal Control Office Expense	\$	1,589.00		\$	747.00	\$	842.00	\$
001-293-5110-000	Parking Clerk Salary	\$	125.00		\$	125.00	\$	-	\$
001-293-5700-000	Parking Ticket Expense	\$	83.00		\$	83.00	\$	83.00	\$
001-294-5700-000	Tree Warden Expense	\$	5,000.00		\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$
001-296-5700-000	Shade Tree Expense	\$	2,500.00		\$	2,459.40	\$	40.60	\$
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>									
		\$	869,005.00	627.00	\$	834,162.30	\$	35,469.70	\$
<b>EDUCATION</b>									
001-310-5110-001	School Committee Salary	\$	1,500.00		\$	1,000.00	\$	500.00	\$
001-310-5110-002	Regional School Committee Salary	\$	1,000.00		\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-310-5600-000	Regional School Assessment	\$ 1,736,598.00	\$ 1,736,598.00		\$ 1,736,598.00	\$ 1,794,396.23	\$ 2,201.77	\$ 2,201.77	
001-310-5601-000	School Transportation Assessment	\$ 50,325.00	\$ 50,325.00		\$ 50,325.00	\$ 50,325.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-310-5700-000	School Expenses	\$ 3,328,482.00	\$ 3,328,482.00		\$ 3,328,482.00	\$ 3,170,328.93	\$ 158,153.07	\$ 2,664.87	\$ 155,488.20
	<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	\$ -	\$ 5,117,905.00	\$ -	\$ 5,117,905.00	\$ 4,957,050.16	\$ 160,854.84	\$ 5,366.64	\$ 155,488.20
	<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>								
001-422-5110-000	Highway Supt Wages	\$ 71,126.00	\$ 71,126.00		\$ 71,126.00	\$ 71,126.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-422-5110-001	Highway Operator Wages	\$ 157,139.00	\$ 157,139.00		\$ 157,139.00	\$ 148,535.80	\$ 8,603.20	\$ 8,603.20	
001-422-5110-003	Highway Overtime/Other Wages	\$ 6,803.00	\$ 6,803.00		\$ 6,803.00	\$ 4,982.66	\$ 1,820.34	\$ 1,820.34	
001-422-5110-004	Highway Clerk Wages	\$ 31,389.00	\$ 31,389.00		\$ 31,389.00	\$ 26,556.65	\$ 4,832.35	\$ 4,832.35	
001-422-5110-005	Highway Police Detail	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	
001-422-5110-006	Highway Seasonal Worker	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,919.03	\$ 80.97	\$ 80.97	
001-422-5700-000	Highway Expense	\$ 60,300.00	\$ 60,300.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 59,300.00	\$ 57,583.46	\$ 1,716.54	\$ 1,716.54	
001-422-5700-001	Highway Safety Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 737.93	\$ 262.07	\$ 262.07	
001-422-5700-002	Highway Utilities	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 10,547.94	\$ 1,252.06	\$ 1,252.06	
001-422-5702-000	Highway Certifications	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 957.53	\$ 242.47	\$ 242.47	
001-199-5701-000	Highway Bridges/Railings/Signs	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	
001-199-5702-000	Municipal Diesel Fuel	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00		\$ 36,000.00	\$ 26,469.06	\$ 9,530.94	\$ 9,530.94	
001-199-5702-000	Municipal Gasoline	\$ 25,039.00	\$ 25,039.00		\$ 25,039.00	\$ 18,988.02	\$ 6,050.98	\$ 6,050.98	
001-423-5110-000	Snow & Ice Wages	\$ 32,405.00	\$ 32,405.00		\$ 32,405.00	\$ 28,619.19	\$ 3,785.81	\$ 3,785.81	
001-423-5700-000	Snow & Ice Expenses	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-424-5200-000	Street Lights	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00		\$ 17,000.00	\$ 14,602.07	\$ 2,397.93	\$ 2,397.93	
001-491-5110-000	Cemetery Wages	\$ 20,116.00	\$ 20,116.00		\$ 20,116.00	\$ 18,271.67	\$ 1,844.33	\$ 1,844.33	
001-491-5110-001	Cemetery Supt Salary	\$ 6,177.00	\$ 6,177.00		\$ 6,177.00	\$ 6,177.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-491-5700-000	Cemetery Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,552.84	\$ 447.16	\$ 447.16	
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	\$ -	\$ 541,494.00	\$ -	\$ 541,494.00	\$ 494,626.65	\$ 46,867.15	\$ 46,867.15	\$ -
	<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>								
001-510-5110-000	Board of Health Salary	\$ 3,839.00	\$ 3,839.00		\$ 3,839.00	\$ 3,839.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-510-5110-001	Board of Health Clerk Wages	\$ 6,322.00	\$ 6,322.00		\$ 6,322.00	\$ 4,311.00	\$ 2,011.00	\$ 2,011.00	
001-510-5110-006	Animal Inspector Salary	\$ 1,284.00	\$ 1,284.00		\$ 1,284.00	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 214.00	\$ 214.00	
001-510-5700-000	Board of Health Expenses	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00		\$ 5,200.00	\$ 893.63	\$ 4,306.37	\$ 4,306.37	
001-515-5110-000	Transfer Station Wages	\$ 29,438.00	\$ 29,438.00		\$ 29,438.00	\$ 27,798.75	\$ 1,639.25	\$ 1,639.25	
001-515-5250-000	Well Tests	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 7,270.00	\$ 6,730.00	\$ 6,730.00	
001-515-5700-000	Transfer Station Expenses	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 120,000.00	\$ 106,547.70	\$ 13,452.30	\$ 13,452.30	\$ 8,333.51
001-541-5110-000	Outreach Worker	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-541-5110-001	COA Director	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-541-5200-000	Tri-Valley Crisis Intervention	\$ 955.00	\$ 955.00		\$ 955.00	\$ -	\$ 955.00	\$ 955.00	
001-541-5260-000	Medi-Car Consortium	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
001-541-5700-000	COA Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,237.65	\$ 262.35	\$ 262.35	
001-544-5110-000	Veterans Agent Salary	\$ 5,363.00	\$ 5,363.00		\$ 5,363.00	\$ 5,363.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-544-5740-000	Veterans Case Worker	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00		\$ 85,000.00	\$ 81,514.86	\$ 3,485.14	\$ 3,485.14	
	<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	\$ -	\$ 280,501.00	\$ -	\$ 280,501.00	\$ 245,445.99	\$ 35,065.41	\$ 26,721.90	\$ 8,333.51
	<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>								
001-610-5110-001	Library Director Wages	\$ 56,742.00	\$ 56,742.00		\$ 56,742.00	\$ 56,742.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-610-5110-002	Library Custodian Wages	\$ 9,614.00	\$ 9,614.00		\$ 9,614.00	\$ 9,614.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-610-5110-003	Library Asst Salary	\$ 57,276.00	\$ 57,276.00		\$ 57,276.00	\$ 56,505.94	\$ 770.06	\$ 770.06	
001-610-5110-004	Library Sat/HoI/Vac	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00		\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,697.62	\$ 2.38	\$ 2.38	

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001-610-5700-000	Library Expenses	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,997.48	\$ 2.52	\$ 2.52	
001-610-5700-001	Library Books/Videos	\$ 34,700.00	\$ 34,700.00		\$ 34,656.17	\$ 43.83	\$ 43.83	\$ 43.83	
001-610-5700-002	Library Utilities	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 2,845.89	\$ 154.11	\$ 154.11	\$ 154.11	
001-630-5700-000	Recreation Expenses	\$ 7,695.00	\$ 7,695.00		\$ 5,496.14	\$ 2,198.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,198.86
001-630-5803-000	South Pond Beach Expenses	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00		\$ 1,100.06	\$ 149.94	\$ 149.94	\$ 149.94	
001-691-5700-000	Historical Commission	\$ 1,655.00	\$ 1,655.00		\$ 1,150.44	\$ 504.56	\$ 504.56	\$ 504.56	
001-691-5700-001	18 Common St Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 3,886.78	\$ 2,113.22	\$ 2,113.22	\$ 2,113.22	
001-692-5700-000	Memorial Day Expenses	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-693-5700-000	Cultural Council Expenses	\$ 8,860.00	\$ 8,860.00		\$ 8,608.08	\$ 251.92	\$ 251.92	\$ 251.92	
001-693-5700-001	Benches for Town Common	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00		\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	\$ 207,742.00	\$ 207,742.00	\$ -	\$ 207,742.00	\$ 200,800.60	\$ 6,941.40	\$ 4,742.54	\$ 2,198.86
	<b>DEBT</b>								
001-710-5910-002	Fire Truck Principal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 845.00	\$ 10,845.00	\$ 10,845.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-710-5910-003	18 Common Street Principal	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00		\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	
001-710-5914-000	Police Station Principal	\$ 57,143.00	\$ 57,143.00		\$ 57,143.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-710-5915-000	Saw Mill Pond Principal	\$ 8,107.00	\$ 8,107.00		\$ 8,104.60	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.40	
001-710-5915-002	Fire Truck Interest	\$ 3,148.00	\$ 3,212.77	\$ 64.77	\$ 3,212.77	\$ 3,211.78	\$ 0.99	\$ 0.99	
001-710-5915-003	18 Common Street Interest	\$ 2,260.00	\$ 2,260.00		\$ 2,259.47	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53	
001-751-5919-000	Police Station Interest	\$ 9,368.00	\$ 9,368.00		\$ 9,367.64	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.36	
001-751-5920-000	Saw Mill Pond Interest	\$ 2,446.00	\$ 2,446.00		\$ 2,445.16	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.84	
	<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>	\$ 98,972.00	\$ 98,972.00	\$ 909.77	\$ 99,881.77	\$ 93,376.65	\$ 6,505.12	\$ 6,505.12	\$ -
	<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>								
001-820-5632-000	School Choice Tuition Sending	\$ 41,239.00	\$ 41,239.00		\$ 41,239.00	\$ 82,347.00	\$ (41,108.00)	\$ (41,108.00)	
001-820-5633-000	Charter School Tuition Assessment	\$ 113,148.00	\$ 113,148.00		\$ 113,148.00	\$ 141,616.00	\$ (28,468.00)	\$ (28,468.00)	
001-820-5634-000	RMV Surcharge	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 4,160.00		\$ 4,160.00	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
001-820-5640-000	Air Pollution	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00		\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-820-5663-000	RTA Assessment	\$ 13,226.00	\$ 13,226.00		\$ 13,226.00	\$ 13,226.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	\$ 172,673.00	\$ 172,673.00	\$ -	\$ 172,673.00	\$ 241,449.00	\$ (68,776.00)	\$ (68,776.00)	\$ -
	<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>								
001-911-5100-000	County Retirement Assessment	\$ 406,568.00	\$ 406,568.00	\$ (909.77)	\$ 405,658.23	\$ 401,218.00	\$ 4,440.23	\$ 4,440.23	
001-913-5100-000	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,143.03	\$ 12,856.97	\$ 6,319.65	\$ 6,537.32
001-914-5105-000	Group Insurance-Town Share	\$ 691,000.00	\$ 691,000.00	\$ (19,000.00)	\$ 672,000.00	\$ 643,105.84	\$ 28,894.16	\$ 28,894.16	
001-916-5115-000	Medicare - Town Share	\$ 63,040.00	\$ 63,040.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 69,040.00	\$ 66,809.92	\$ 2,230.08	\$ 2,230.08	
	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	\$ 1,175,608.00	\$ 1,175,608.00	\$ (13,909.77)	\$ 1,161,698.23	\$ 1,113,276.79	\$ 48,421.44	\$ 41,884.12	\$ 6,537.32
	<b>OTHER INSURANCE</b>								
001-945-5600-000	General Insurance	\$ 153,246.00	\$ 153,246.00	\$ -	\$ 153,246.00	\$ 132,830.00	\$ 20,416.00	\$ 20,416.00	
	<b>TOTAL OTHER INSURANCE</b>	\$ 153,246.00	\$ 153,246.00	\$ -	\$ 153,246.00	\$ 132,830.00	\$ 20,416.00	\$ 20,416.00	\$ -
	<b>WATER DEPT</b>								
001-450-5110-000	Water Commissioner Salary	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-450-5110-001	Water Clerk Wages	\$ 18,775.00	\$ 18,775.00	\$ 5.12	\$ 18,775.12	\$ 18,775.12	\$ -	\$ -	
001-450-5110-002	Water Supt Salary	\$ 84,118.00	\$ 84,118.00		\$ 84,118.00	\$ 84,118.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-450-5110-003	Water Secondary Operator Wages	\$ 7,963.00	\$ 7,963.00	\$ 660.38	\$ 8,623.38	\$ 8,623.38	\$ -	\$ -	
001-450-5110-004	Water Casual Labor	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	
001-450-5700-000	Water Expenses	\$ 45,779.00	\$ 45,779.00	\$ (665.50)	\$ 45,113.50	\$ 44,264.91	\$ 848.59	\$ 848.59	
	<b>TOTAL WATER DEPT</b>	\$ 158,431.00	\$ 158,431.00	\$ -	\$ 158,431.00	\$ 157,561.41	\$ 849.59	\$ 849.59	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$ 9,585,122.00	\$ 9,585,122.00	\$ -	\$ 9,585,122.00	\$ 9,205,996.26	\$ 379,125.74	\$ 202,387.44	\$ 176,738.30



**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
<b>FY23 ARTICLES</b>									
001-122-5110-901	All Boards Clerk Wages A6	\$	14,599.00		\$	9,409.75	\$ 5,189.25		\$ 5,189.25
001-122-5700-907	Prior Year Bills - KP A11	\$	6,087.78		\$	6,087.78	-		
001-610-5700-900	Library Building Maintenance A12	\$	25,000.00		\$	25,000.00	-		
001-220-5430-900	Fire Station Improvements A15	\$	10,000.00		\$	-	10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
001-220-5430-901	Fire Station Overhead Doors A16	\$	42,000.00		\$	-	42,000.00		\$ 42,000.00
001-220-5850-900	FD External Defibrillators A17	\$	22,000.00		\$	13,923.00	\$ 8,077.00		\$ 8,077.00
001-231-5110-004	Emergency Squad Wages A10	\$	253,000.00	11,760.40	\$ 264,760.40	\$ 264,760.39	\$ 0.01	0.01	
001-231-5700-000	Emergency Squad Expenses A9	\$	42,000.00	(11,760.40)	\$ 30,239.60	\$ 29,986.98	\$ 252.62	252.62	
001-122-5110-902	Cable Coordinator Position A7	\$	20,000.00		\$	-	20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
001-210-5850-901	Police Cruiser A18	\$	50,000.00		\$	47,651.08	\$ 2,348.92		\$ 2,348.92
001-693-5700-900	350th Celebration A19	\$	35,000.00		\$	1,186.69	\$ 33,813.31		\$ 33,813.31
001-235-5340-900	Town Hall Phone System A20	\$	10,000.00		\$	3,244.13	\$ 6,755.87		\$ 6,755.87
001-122-5700-908	Lewis Field Repairs - Grant Match A21	\$	140,000.00		\$	14,715.70	\$ 125,284.30		\$ 125,284.30
001-158-5700-901	Tax Title Expenses	\$	30,000.00		\$	28,600.37	\$ 1,399.63		\$ 1,399.63
001-913-5100-900	PY Unemployment Charges	\$	8,000.00		\$	6,623.27	\$ 1,376.73		\$ 1,376.73
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>									
		\$ -	\$ 707,686.78	\$ -	\$ 707,686.78	\$ 451,189.14	\$ 256,497.64	\$ 2,601.55	\$ 253,896.09
<b>TOTAL FY2023 BUDGET &amp; ARTICLES</b>		\$ -	\$ 10,292,808.78	\$ -	\$ 10,292,808.78	\$ 9,657,185.40	\$ 635,623.38	\$ 204,988.99	\$ 430,634.39
<b>TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</b>									
001-992-5962-000	Transfer to Special Revenue	\$	75,000.00		\$	75,252.63	\$ (252.63)		\$ (252.63)
001-996-5966-000	Transfer to Trust Funds	\$	50,000.00		\$	50,000.00	\$ -		\$ -
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</b>									
		\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,252.63	\$ 125,252.63	\$ (252.63)	\$ (252.63)	\$ -
<b>TOTAL ALL FY2023 BUDGET &amp; ARTICLES</b>		\$ -	\$ 10,417,808.78	\$ -	\$ 10,417,808.78	\$ 9,782,438.03	\$ 635,370.75	\$ 204,736.36	\$ 430,634.39
<b>FY22 &amp; PRIOR ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD</b>									
000-122-5700-900	Install Street Lights	\$	2,000.00		\$	-	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
000-192-5942-003	Town Hall Chair Lift	\$	59,945.45		\$	-	\$ 74,945.45		\$ 74,945.45
000-220-5901-000	Fire Station Repairs	\$	14,347.58	15,000.00	\$	4,430.00	\$ 9,917.58		\$ 9,917.58
000-515-5700-001	Transfer Station Concrete	\$	4,000.00		\$	-	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
001-122-5300-901	Update Master Plan	\$	16,695.00		\$	4,437.50	\$ 12,257.50		\$ 12,257.50
001-122-5700-900	PEG Cable Access	\$	3,311.99		\$	12,452.25	\$ 60,859.74		\$ 60,859.74
001-122-5805-900	Fleet Repair/Replace	\$	37,812.38		\$	17,332.04	\$ 20,480.34		\$ 20,480.34
001-158-5700-001	Tax Title Recap	\$	2,467.97		\$	2,467.97	\$ -		\$ -
001-179-5701-000	Master Plan Implementation	\$	9,232.98		\$	-	\$ 9,232.98		\$ 9,232.98
001-210-5850-900	Police Cruiser	\$	20,354.34		\$	-	\$ 20,354.34		\$ 20,354.34
001-220-5700-902	Emergency Generator	\$	33,000.00		\$	29,779.84	\$ 3,220.16		\$ 3,220.16
001-220-5700-903	FD-Air Tanks/Clothing	\$	696.23		\$	6,309.00	\$ 587.23		\$ 587.23
001-220-5870-900	FD Pumper Truck	\$	95,000.00		\$	95,000.00	\$ -		\$ -
001-294-5700-900	Tree Removal	\$	55,000.00		\$	700.00	\$ 54,300.00		\$ 54,300.00
001-422-5700-004	HWY-Personal Safety	\$	1,022.76		\$	665.96	\$ 356.80		\$ 356.80
001-422-5803-000	Highway Const (Driveway)	\$	11,411.45		\$	-	\$ 11,411.45		\$ 11,411.45
001-422-5800-900	Roads-Reconst & Improve	\$	51,518.61	5,000.00	\$	16,738.55	\$ 39,780.06		\$ 39,780.06
001-510-5700-001	BOH Building Condemnation	\$	2,792.00		\$	-	\$ 2,792.00		\$ 2,792.00

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
 GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-515-5700-900	Transfer Station Shred	\$ 14,198.73			\$ 14,198.73	\$ 9,871.68	\$ 4,327.05	\$ 4,327.05	
001-541-5110-900	COA Director	\$ 3,895.50			\$ 3,895.50	\$ 283.55	\$ 3,611.95		\$ 3,611.95
001-630-5803-900	South Pond Treatment	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -		
	TOTAL FY22 & PRIOR ARTICLES	\$ 463,702.97	\$ -	\$ 96,200.00	\$ 559,902.97	\$ 225,488.34	\$ 334,434.63	\$ 40,092.84	\$ 294,341.79
<b>FY22 ENCUMBRANCES</b>									
	ALL ENCUMBRANCES	\$227,582.75			\$ 227,582.75	\$ 226,642.75	\$ 940.00	\$ 940.00	
	TOTAL FY22 ENCUMBRANCES	\$227,582.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 227,582.75	\$ 226,642.75	\$ 940.00	\$ 940.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL BUDGET, ARTICLES &amp; ENCUMBRANCES</b>									
		\$ 691,285.72	\$ 10,417,808.78	\$ 96,200.00	\$ 11,205,294.50	\$ 10,234,549.12	\$ 970,745.38	\$ 245,769.20	\$ 724,976.18

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Fund Balances June 30, 2023		Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
<b>Special Revenue:</b>					
<b>Federal and State Grants:</b>					
004	Rural Aid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
018	School Title 1	\$ 4,872.86	\$ 46,891.02	\$ 64,937.02	\$ -
030	FEMA / Cares Covid Grant	\$ 537.29	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 44,742.56	\$ 4,872.86
031	CARES Mail in Voting	\$ 370.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 537.29
032	ARPA Covid Grant	\$ 203,636.73	\$ 515,913.19	\$ 380,616.70	\$ 370.39
035	School ESSER 2 Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,573.21	\$ 203,636.73
038	School ESSER 3 Grant	\$ 86,010.25	\$ 244,662.00	\$ 158,651.75	\$ 86,010.25
049	Veterans COLA Grant	\$ 237.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 237.00
050	Clean Lakes Grant	\$ 8.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8.30
053	Mass Preservation Grant	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
054	SMRP DEP Grant	\$ 652.87	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 7,942.96	\$ 652.87
061	Shared Streets Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156,611.18	\$ -
062	CC Records Mgmt Grant	\$ -	\$ 59,640.00	\$ 25,695.00	\$ -
063	Lewis Field PARC Grant	\$ -	\$ 65,716.63	\$ -	\$ -
064	Lewis Field Reno PARC Grant	\$ (4,389.60)	\$ -	\$ 4,389.30	\$ (4,389.30)
071	PD Radio Upgrade State Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,512.51	\$ 2,512.51	\$ -
073	PD JAG Grant	\$ -	\$ 5,995.00	\$ 8,860.00	\$ (2,865.00)
075	AHIR Demo Grant	\$ 680.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 680.00
076	Fire Dept VFA Grant	\$ 822.57	\$ 1,291.27	\$ 1,447.70	\$ 822.57
078	Covid BOH Grant	\$ 1,655.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,655.57
079	ADA Town Hall State Grant	\$ 5,037.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,037.00
081	EOPS Fire Grant	\$ 7,819.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,819.50
083	Fire Safe Grant	\$ 2,881.00	\$ 2,881.00	\$ 3,651.30	\$ 2,881.00
087	Fire Senior Safe Grant	\$ 443.41	\$ 1,777.00	\$ 3,110.87	\$ 443.41
088	FD Equipment Grant	\$ (7,697.25)	\$ 12,375.00	\$ 20,072.25	\$ (7,697.25)
089	FD AED Equipment Grant	\$ 0.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.25
120	MEIMA Cert Grant	\$ (406.54)	\$ -	\$ 2,699.00	\$ (406.54)
150	Arts Cultural Council	\$ 5,843.90	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 7,155.00	\$ 5,843.90
151	350th State Earmark	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)
161	Restoration Vital Records Grant	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280.00
175	Election/Polling Grant	\$ 2,421.12	\$ 2,220.12	\$ 2,356.26	\$ 2,421.12
190	Boat Patrol Grant	\$ 408.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 408.00
210	Police Vest Grant	\$ (944.90)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (944.90)
222	Urban Forestry Cemetery Grant	\$ 825.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 825.00
242	FEIMA/MEMA Grant	\$ 47.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47.09
244	Rice Corner Rd Culvert	\$ 15,470.83	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 15,470.83
260	COA Formula Grant	\$ 7,851.64	\$ 13,920.00	\$ 8,816.13	\$ 7,851.64
290	Library State Grant	\$ 16,053.26	\$ 9,448.30	\$ 2,505.59	\$ 16,053.26
297	BOH Grant	\$ 3,098.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,098.39
298	BOH Preparedness Grant	\$ 75.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.96
301	Complete Streets	\$ (400,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 400,000.00	\$ (400,000.00)

302	WRAP	\$	-	\$	120,676.18	\$	120,676.18	\$	-
556	CDBG Block Grant	\$	11,331.65	\$	98,924.79	\$	98,924.79	\$	11,331.65
<b>Receipts Reserved For Appropriation:</b>									
055	TNC Ride Share	\$	66.60	\$	11.80	\$	-	\$	78.40
100	Ambulance	\$	458,856.00	\$	335,406.79	\$	295,000.00	\$	499,262.79
180	Cable PEG Access	\$	\$279,461.18	\$	43,629.00	\$	90,000.00	\$	233,090.18
315	Wetlands	\$	4,015.56	\$	787.50	\$	238.96	\$	4,564.10
350	Sale of Lots	\$	4,750.34	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,750.34
<b>Revolving Funds:</b>									
006	Union 61-PreSchool Tuition	\$	62,697.65	\$	220,281.65	\$	193,257.80	\$	89,721.50
021	Extend Day	\$	12,671.21	\$	34,786.00	\$	5,231.86	\$	42,225.35
160	RHE Coop	\$	6,603.27	\$	1,665.23	\$	478.33	\$	7,790.17
261	Wire Inspection Fees	\$	5,073.75	\$	3,786.00	\$	2,930.40	\$	5,929.35
262	Planning Board Fees	\$	2,439.47	\$	200.00	\$	30.42	\$	2,609.05
263	South Pond Beach	\$	1,180.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,180.00
264	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$	-	\$	90.00	\$	-	\$	90.00
299	BOH	\$	1,070.00	\$	4,600.00	\$	4,220.00	\$	1,450.00
300	Recreation	\$	17,655.25	\$	18,135.00	\$	30,376.68	\$	5,413.57
340	Ins Under 20k	\$	4,151.88	\$	-	\$	16,500.00	\$	(12,348.12)
700	Police Detail	\$	(30,759.21)	\$	87,651.80	\$	73,271.42	\$	(16,378.83)
<b>Other Special Revenue:</b>									
002	Water	\$	189,535.77	\$	172,198.24	\$	177,067.41	\$	184,666.60
005	School Lunch	\$	122,516.01	\$	224,975.48	\$	191,807.56	\$	155,683.93
015	School Choice	\$	485,662.87	\$	314,990.00	\$	303,609.71	\$	497,043.16
085	Fire Donations	\$	1,711.03	\$	200.00	\$	376.48	\$	1,534.55
090	Police Donations	\$	3,588.93	\$	1,000.00	\$	436.07	\$	4,152.86
091	Recreation Donations	\$	2,788.00	\$	485.00	\$	900.00	\$	2,373.00
092	Agricultural Donations	\$	352.04	\$	-	\$	-	\$	352.04
093	School Donations	\$	5.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5.00
095	COA Donations	\$	-	\$	2,716.00	\$	532.17	\$	2,183.83
110	Ambulance Donations	\$	19,668.52	\$	5,855.00	\$	2,393.72	\$	23,129.80
125	SWEB Pilot Fees	\$	8,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	8,000.00
152	350th Donations	\$	-	\$	9,176.00	\$	1,670.47	\$	7,505.53
305	Dog Pound	\$	1,860.20	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,860.20
351	Cemetery Preservation	\$	45,004.40	\$	-	\$	-	\$	45,004.40
500	Septic 100K	\$	95,578.61	\$	799.58	\$	-	\$	96,378.19
600	Septic 200K	\$	48,087.53	\$	-	\$	-	\$	48,087.53
605	Conservation	\$	317.50	\$	-	\$	-	\$	317.50
780	Library Donations	\$	687.90	\$	75.00	\$	687.90	\$	75.00
781	Town Hall Gift	\$	650.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	650.00
784	Vetrans Donations	\$	250.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	250.00
795	Library Books	\$	275.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	275.00
<b>Total Special Revenue Funds</b>		\$	2,134,548.35	\$	2,717,704.06	\$	2,945,227.60	\$	1,907,024.81

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
CAPITAL PROJECTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2023	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
<b>State Grants (Other):</b>					
016 Chapter 90	\$ (151,625.99)	\$ (190,107.82)	\$ 190,397.98	\$ 151,916.15	\$ (151,625.99)
<b>Capital Projects:</b>					
370 Bond Premiums	-	-	\$ 37,808.13	\$ 37,450.00	\$ 358.13
371 Heller House	-	(229,000.00)	\$ 229,000.00	-	-
372 FD Pumper Truck	6,631.09	(291,290.00)	\$ 495,000.00	\$ 197,078.91	\$ 6,631.09
375 Town Hall Roof	10,430.26	10,430.26	-	-	\$ 10,430.26
379 Police Station	390.29	(749,687.71)	\$ 750,078.00	-	\$ 390.29
380 Saw Mill Pond	105,959.28	105,959.28	-	-	\$ 105,959.28
450 School Construction	5,088.15	5,088.15	-	-	\$ 5,088.15
<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$ (23,126.92)</b>	<b>\$ (1,338,607.84)</b>	<b>\$ 1,702,284.11</b>	<b>\$ 386,445.06</b>	<b>\$ (22,768.79)</b>

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS AND AGENCY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Fund Balances June 30, 2023		Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
<b>Trust Funds:</b>					
<i>NON EXPENDABLE TRUST</i>					
840	Bemis Library Trust	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
841	Merrick Library Trust	1,050.00	-	-	1,050.00
842	Perpetual Care	137,659.46	-	-	137,659.46
843	Estee Flower	960.01	-	-	960.01
844	New Library Trust	595.00	-	-	595.00
845	Library Trust	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
846	Crawford Library Trust	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
<i>OTHER TRUST FUNDS</i>					
750	OPEB Trust	103,772.55	60,562.93	-	103,772.55
800	G.Washington Trees Trust	28.32	(177.53)	-	28.32
801	Jeppson TH Marker Trust	1,354.00	-	-	1,354.00
803	Jeppson Police Trust	300.58	-	-	300.58
804	Jeppson Cemetery Trust	5,101.46	-	-	5,101.46
806	Jeppson COA Trust	(425.00)	-	-	(425.00)
807	Jeppson Library Trust	2,363.25	2,250.00	641.75	2,363.25
809	Jeppson Tree Trust	175.00	-	-	175.00
847	Bemis Library Trust	587.33	55.11	-	587.33
848	Estee Flower	1,629.97	66.18	-	1,629.97
850	Perpetual Care	61,646.52	10,641.52	147.22	61,646.52
855	Dr Pease Trust	2,063.41	332.71	-	2,063.41
860	Library Book Trust	4,955.05	655.04	1,376.31	4,955.05
861	Law Enforcement Trust	35.00	-	-	35.00
880	Rehab Trust	56,429.87	1,442.13	-	56,429.87
885	Firemens Relief Trust	3,360.58	49.31	-	3,360.58
<b>Stabilization Funds:</b>					
875	General	566,374.91	14,473.23	-	566,374.91
873	Capital Stabilization	165,103.13	79,096.58	-	165,103.13
874	OSRP/REC Stabilization	5,196.52	972.89	-	5,196.52
879	PUR Property Stabilization	176.91	4.52	-	176.91
871	Opioid Settlement Stabilization	16,491.07	16,491.07	-	16,491.07
<b>Agency Funds:</b>					
020	Student Activities	9,393.30	19,699.49	16,592.74	9,393.30
735	Firearms Overlay-Pistol Permits	6,505.48	6,438.00	5,875.00	6,505.48
738	Deputy Collector	(1,236.23)	9,149.00	9,118.00	(1,236.23)
739	Cooley Hill	5,000.00	2,500.00	-	5,000.00
740	Planning Board Review	78,848.00	-	183,724.00	78,848.00
<i>BID DEPOSITS</i>					
730	Driveway Permits	39,276.93	14,725.00	11,900.00	39,276.93
901	Highway Bid Bonds	2,230.00	-	-	2,230.00
<b>Total Trust Funds</b>		<b>1,290,002.38</b>	<b>239,427.18</b>	<b>229,375.02</b>	<b>1,290,002.38</b>

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### Open Meeting Law

Open Meeting Law Materials can be found on the official Commonwealth of Massachusetts website: [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) . The law is found in G.L. C. 30A 18-25.

Newly appointed committee members and elected officials are obligated to sign off on open meeting law materials that will be distributed and received when necessary.

All Town board and committee meetings can be found online at [www.mytowngovernment.org](http://www.mytowngovernment.org). This site has simplified the posting of meetings to a great degree. For those that do not use a computer, a 24/7 access line with all meeting postings and agendas can be used. The phone number is: 978-561-9995. Meeting minutes can also be found on this site and the town website at: [www.brookfieldma.us](http://www.brookfieldma.us)

### Census

The annual census was taken as usual. Unfortunately a large number of people did not respond. When this happens, this office is obligated to send out postcards to non-respondents asking them if they are still citizens of the town. If the cards are not sent back to this office the citizens are then considered inactive voters and cannot participate in an election unless they sign an affidavit. It is my hope that more people respond to the census, which in turn will save this office time and money.

### Dog Licenses

All dogs must be licensed by April 6th of every year or owners will face a \$25.00 dollar fine on top of the licensing fee.

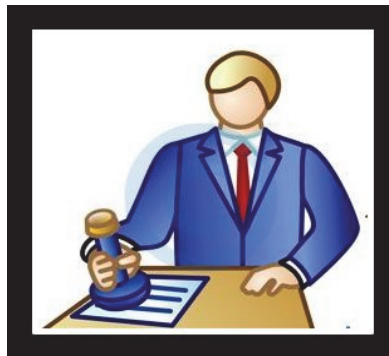
### Vital Statistics

Deaths-44      Births-25      Marriages-14

More detailed information can be found on these statistics later in this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Michael P. Seery**  
Town Clerk



**MARRIAGES & INTENTIONS 2023**  
(Filed in Brookfield)

To Whom Issued	Date of Marriage	Registered No.
Buddy Wong to Sally Benoit	January 21, 2023	1
Deanna Kearns to Corey Robideau	May 4, 2023	3
Jonathan Hawes to Kylee Pelletier-Compton	April 24, 2023	2
Danielle Tetreault to Ian Schwan	August 19, 2023	4
Sabrina Grillo to Dylan Menard	September 1, 2023	5
Scott Pustis to Allison Harbert	September 3, 2023	6
Michael Letendre Jr. to Carlie Vento	October 7, 2023	7
Kerry Gromosky to Matthew Kile	October 19, 2023	11
John Crane IV to Meghan Tucker	October 14, 2023	8
Rachel White to Jacob Gaska	October 13, 2023	9
Brandy Swanson to Joseph Parent	October 13, 2023	10
Caitlin Guyette to Bryan Maynard	November 4, 2023	12
Shannon Anderson to Zachary Edwards	December 5, 2023	13
Mark Langlois to Crystal Cronin	December 20, 2023	14



## DEATHS 2023

	Name	Date of Death	Age at Death	Military Service
1	Robert L. Gentile	Tuesday, January 17, 2023	74	
2	Debra Ross	Saturday, January 21, 2023	66	
3	Joseph Giza	Friday, January 20, 2023	73	
4	Shirley Sampson	Monday, February 6, 2023	83	
5	Brionne Bean	Thursday, February 2, 2023	33	
6	Matthew Finnegan	Saturday, February 11, 2023	58	
7	Norman Labonte	Monday, February 13, 2023	75	Vietnam War-Marine Corps-PFC
8	Anne Carty-Duffy	Friday, February 17, 2023	89	
9	Bertha Nolan	Friday, February 24, 2023	97	
10	Deann Wessell	Saturday, March 4, 2023	68	
11	Margaret Patella-Hunter	Thursday, March 16, 2023	63	
12	Arlene Beck	Tuesday, March 21, 2023	61	
13	Edward Conception	Wednesday, April 5, 2023	94	
14	Gloria Faugno	Tuesday, April 11, 2023	92	
15	Patricia Capobianco	Sunday, April 16, 2023	81	
16	Gayle Newton	Thursday, April 20, 2023	80	
17	Sandra Bonnette	Friday, May 5, 2023	71	
18	Keith Gallant	Monday, May 8, 2023	55	
19	Donna Laviollette	Monday, May 15, 2023	55	
20	Paula Woodard	Thursday, May 25, 2023	83	
21	Thomas Williams	Tuesday, May 30, 2023	57	
22	Audrey Rapp	Sunday, June 18, 2023	86	
23	Carol Devlin	Tuesday, June 6, 2023	77	
24	Roland M. Constantineau Jr.	Wednesday, July 5, 2023	65	
25	Pauline Deschenes	Sunday, July 9, 2023	94	
26	Erica Lee Robert	Tuesday, July 18, 2023	48	
27	Linda Lambert	Thursday, July 20, 2023	70	
28	Jeanne Myers	Sunday, July 30, 2023	88	
29	Michael Carty	Thursday, August 10, 2023	67	Veteran-Navy-Peacetime
30	Victoria Chisholm-Dally	Sunday, August 20, 2023	80	
31	Christopher Ingel	Thursday, September 14, 2023	56	
32	Tina Wentworth	Wednesday, Sep 20,2023	67	
33	Ted Lechowicz	Thursday, September 28, 2023	94	Navy World War II S-2
34	Suzanne Martin	Sunday, October 1, 2023	84	
35	Lisa Senecal	Saturday, October 7, 2023	48	
36	Nancy Murphy	Wednesday, October 18, 2023	59	
37	Joseph Gendreau	Saturday, October 21, 2023	87	
38	Mark Moore	Friday, October 27, 2023	58	
39	James Chaplin	Wednesday, November 8, 2023	79	

40	Steven Greenwood	Wednesday, November 15, 2023	80	
41	Carmelita Huard	Sunday, December 3, 2023	77	
42	Anne Smith	Tuesday, December 5, 2023	72	
43	Donald Kiley	Wednesday, December 27, 2023	94	Korea-Marine Corps
44	Wayne Coran	Sunday, December 31, 2023	76	

## **BUSINESS CERTIFICATES ISSUED 2023**

<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Business Name</b>	<b>To Whom Issued</b>	<b>Address</b>
April 20, 2023	Grindstone Sealcoating	Nathan Hoy & Nick Lavalley	32 Town Farm Road
May 10, 2023	Inner Harmony Natural Hair Care	Teri Ann Lavalley	8 Central Street
May 30, 2023	Dulmaine Counseling	Jesse Dulmaine	16 High Street
September 18, 2023	Jenny Dube	Jenny Dube	14 Draper Street
October 24, 2023	M. Cadieux's Home Remodeling	Matthew Cadieux	3 Pine Meadow Drive
February 14, 2023	The Riverhouse	Anna Patricia Correia	7 Fiskdale Road
January 23, 2023	Jan-Michaels Construction	Michael Manneggio	50 Molasses Hill Road
November 28, 2023	Brookfield Transfer Repair	Brenda Constantineau	7 Lakeview Ave.
December 11, 2023	Brookfield Music Company	William R. Simpson	30 North Brookfield Road

**Annual Town Election Results Report  
Monday May 1, 2023  
Brookfield Town Hall  
6 Central Street  
Brookfield MA 01506**

**Total Ballots Cast for the Election = 106 out of 2,597 Voters**

<b>Moderator-1 Year</b>	
Blanks	30
<b>William J. Gillmeister</b>	<b>71</b>
Write-Ins	5
<b>Board of Assessors- 3 Years</b>	
Blanks	12
<b>Robert G. Falter</b>	<b>94</b>
Write-Ins	0
<b>Water Commissioner-3 Years</b>	
Blanks	16
<b>Donald R. Taft</b>	<b>89</b>
Write-Ins	1
<b>Planning Board-5 Years</b>	
Blanks	26
<b>Christopher Kelleher</b>	<b>79</b>
Write-Ins	1
<b>Tax Collector-3 Years</b>	
Blanks	5
<b>Brenda C. Parish</b>	<b>100</b>
Write Ins	1
<b>Board of Health- 3 Years</b>	
Blanks	13
<b>Christina Predella</b>	<b>89</b>
Write-Ins	4
<b>Board of Health- 1 Years</b>	
Blanks	88
<b>Christopher Kelleher-Majority Write Ins</b>	<b>8</b>
Write-Ins	10
<b>Public Library Trustee-3 Years-Vote for Two</b>	
Blanks	23
<b>Barbara A. Clancy</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Shelby M. Hill</b>	<b>94</b>
Write-Ins Total	2
<b>Cemetery Commissioner-3 Years</b>	

Blanks	23
<b>Gary D. Lincoln</b>	<b>81</b>
Write-Ins	2
<b>Board of Selectmen-3 Years</b>	
Blanks	14
<b>Beth Lisa Coughlin</b>	<b>88</b>
Write-Ins	4
<b>Elementary School Committee-3 Years</b>	
Blanks	16
<b>Jeffrey Morin</b>	<b>89</b>
Write-Ins	1



<b>Election Results Report-Democratic Party</b>	
State Senate Primary	
Brookfield MA 01506	
Tuesday October 10, 2023	
Total Ballots Cast for the Democratic Ballot - 48	
Total Registered Voters in Brookfield- 2,674	
<b>Senator in General Court-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	0
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	48
Write-Ins	0

**CERTIFIED THIS 10th DAY OF OCTOBER**

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**MICHAEL P. SEERY-TOWN CLERK**

<b>Election Results Report-Republican Party</b>	
State Senator Primary	
Brookfield MA 01506	
Tuesday October 10, 2023	
Total Votes-138	
Total Registered Voters in Brookfield-2,674	
<b>Senator in General Court-Republican</b>	
Blanks	0
Peter J. Durant	111
Bruce K. Chester	26
Write- Ins	1

**CERTIFIED OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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**MICHAEL P. SEERY**

<b>Election Results Report</b>	
State Senator Worcester – Hampshire District	
Brookfield MA 01506	
Tuesday November 7, 2023	
Total Votes-485	
Total Registered Voters in Brookfield-2,684	
<b>Senator in General Court</b>	
Blanks	1
Peter J. Durant	302
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	182
Write- Ins	0

**CERTIFIED NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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**MICHAEL P. SEERY**

# Town of Brookfield

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING THURSDAY JUNE 1, 2023

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	BORROW	SOURCES FROM FUNDING	SOURCES TO FUNDING
2	\$9,977,377.99	\$9,977,377.99				Raise and Appropriate	Defray expenses of the Town for the ensuing year
3	\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00			Free Cash	Dept. of Unemployment Assistance
4	\$40,000.00			\$40,000.00		Water Dept. Water Surplus Acct.	Water Dept.-Water System Capital Expense Acct.
5	\$48,500.00			\$48,500.00		Ambulance Receipt Reserved Acct.	FY 2024 Ambulance Expense Acct.
6	\$260,590.00			\$260,590.00		Ambulance Receipt Reserved Acct.	FY 2024 Ambulance Wages Acct.
7	\$9,000.00		\$9,000.00			Free Cash	Center Line Painting
8	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00			Free Cash	Roads Improvement Account
9	\$12,825.00		\$12,825.00			Free Cash	Fire Dept. Protective Clothing
10	\$18,000.00		\$18,000.00			Free Cash	Fleet Repair/Replace Acct.
13	\$31,150.00	\$31,150.00				Raise & Appropriate	Longevity pay for Employees
14	\$70,000.00			\$70,000.00		Cable PEG Receipt Reserved Fund	Cable Costs Expenses Fees & Payroll
15	\$568.50	\$568.50				Raise & Appropriate	Plant Care Triangle Memorial Beds & Gazebo
16	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00			Free Cash	Cemetery Dept. Lawnmower Purchase
17	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00			Free Cash	Cemetery Dept. Road Repair Acct
18	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00			Free Cash	Cemetery Dept. Water Service Acct.
19	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00			Free Cash	Private Road Repair Acct
20	\$250,000.00		\$250,000.00			Free Cash	18 Common Street Acct.
22	\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00			Free Cash	OPEB Liability Trust Fund
24	\$5,586.42			\$5,586.42		Opioid Settlement Funds Special Purpose Stabilization Fund	NARCAN and or other opioid treatment expenses
26	\$75,000.00			\$75,000.00		Capital Purchase Stabilization Fund	Roof Capital Purchase Stabilization Fund
27	\$75,000.00		\$75,000.00			Free Cash	Roof Special Purpose Capital Stabilization
28	\$5,500.00		\$5,500.00			Free Cash	Accu Voting Machine Acct.
29	\$9,000.00		\$9,000.00			Free Cash	Police Station Server
30	\$42,668.00	\$42,668.00				Raise & Appropriate	Asst. Library Director Acct.
TOTALS	\$11,108,265.91	\$10,051,764.49	\$556,825.00	\$489,676.42	\$0.00		

I hereby certify that the foregoing appropriations and the provisions for the meeting the same were

VOTED AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON THURSDAY JUNE 1, 2023

Michael P. Seery  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

### Elections and Town Meetings held in 2023

Annual Town Election-Monday May 1, 2023

Annual Town Meeting-Thursday June 1, 2023

State Senate Primary-Tuesday October 10, 2023

State Senate Election-Tuesday November 7, 2023

We thank our dedicated election workers and constables that helped during the election and town meeting. The election and town meeting results can be found in this report.

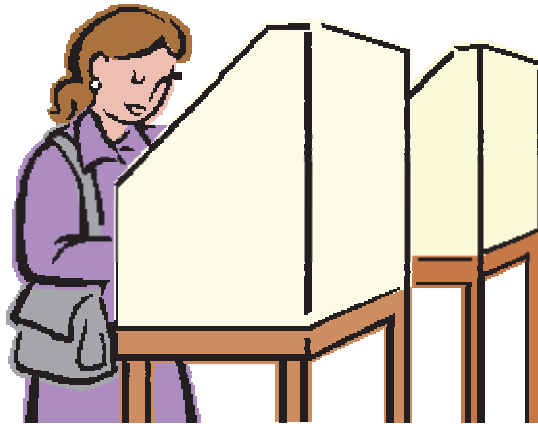
Respectfully submitted,

**Lois O’Leary, Chairman of the Board of Registrars**

**Shirley Sanborn**

**Carol Plumb**

**Michael P. Seery, Clerk of the Board of Registrars**



## BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

In 2023, the Brookfield Town Hall Improvement Committee continued to oversee the design, planning and implementation of many large and small projects throughout our great Town Hall.

In 2023 the patching and painting of the Great Hall and the balcony on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor were undertaken by an historic renovation company. There was no evidence of any lead paint in the Great Hall. The hope is to hold Town meetings and other events up there again as they were in years past.

Chief Martell provided us with a defibrillator and it has been installed in the kitchenette. The area in front of the Town Hall was repaved as part of the Central Street project making access to the front stairs a little easier. ADA issues continue to be addressed as they are encountered.

Relocations continued through year end, including the Accountant and Treasurer swapping offices and the move of the large wooden bar from the Banquet Hall to the Town Clerk's office where it originally sat for years. Additional signage was installed to help direct visitors to office locations. A new office space for the mailboxes, copier, mail machine and fax was built in the Banquet Hall, putting everything in one spot and helping reduce noise during meetings. The move of the Apple Radio studio from an old Gavitt Wire facility to a new home next to the stage are ongoing.

The King Systems record storage and disposal project was completed in 2023, with annual visits to be scheduled to keep the storage area well organized. Microfilming was done and the grant was extended. A dehumidifier was installed to help protect our records.

A storm in late winter caused damage to both of our chimneys as well as to the slate roof around them, chimney repairs were completed by Mark Shimansky and roof repairs were done by Mahan Slate in the Spring.

Volunteers Skip Neilson and Al Jones continue to maintain the old four sided Howard tower clock including the Spring and Fall setting of the clock as well as the cleaning and application of oil and grease to the clock works. A ringing mechanism failure was corrected in the Fall. As in years past maintenance and repairs to the clock were done at no cost to the Town.

The plans to install a stairlift were postponed due to the increased costs exceeding the purchasing procedure requirements. The THIC, SelectBoard, and Council on Aging are looking into the long term plans for the use of the building to determine how to best proceed with the stairlift or with another option.

New off-hour collection boxes were installed for the Tax Collector and the Board of Health.

All of the old knob and tube style wiring in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and in the clock tower were removed in advance of a potential project to insulate the third floor. Motion activated lights were installed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor also.

The new office chairs for the Banquet Hall that were purchased at a huge discount from a local used office furniture company were very well received.

### Town Hall Improvement Committee Members

William R. Simpson (2023) (Chair)  
Mary Lou Knight (2025) (Clerk)  
Don Taft (2023)  
Carol Plumb (2024)  
Al Jones (2025) (Treasurer)



The Brookfield Town Hall Improvement Committee would like to thank all of the townspeople of Brookfield for their continued support of our committee's efforts.





**REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
Payroll 2023**

<b>Name</b>	<b>YTD Gross</b>
Adams Shaun	68,129.87
Allard Jacob	7,086.54
Allen Roger P	1,050.00
Allen Serenity	4,670.06
Anderson Terry L.	21,773.44
Annunziata Katrina	79,468.40
Aubin Margaret	11,351.34
Avery Brian P	1,345.00
Barnes Robert R	600.00
Barringer Ashley B.	84,259.50
Beauchamp Jeffrey M	1,195.32
Beck Rebecca I	491.00
Blanchard Michael K.	106,143.47
Blash Rachel K	16,948.11
Brecht Timothy R	61,535.08
Budnik Steven J.	3,927.45
Buffum Cassandra M	6,475.77
Campbell Sarah E	9,409.75
Carmody Thomas M	526.60
Casey Mary E.	27,869.73
Casey Paula	89,223.55
Chaffee II Herbert A.	8,289.61
Chaffee Philip A.	3,208.81

Chaffee Richard A	500.00
Chisholm Holly J.	35,281.94
Choquet Rebecca Ellen	63,785.88
Clark Megan M	56,222.17
Clarke Dennis J.	83,707.46
Coughlin Beth	2,000.04
Couming Bonnie	4,573.00
Cournoyer Jessica	2,475.00
Courtney Cameron J	2,088.40
Courtney Stacy A	817.20
Couture Gretchen E.	21,497.30
Couture Kayla A	28,583.91
Crawford Aaiden A	826.28
Cunningham Megan J	500.00
Daniels Sean	1,099.82
Davol Elizabeth	7,245.00
Day Forris B	478.33
Decell Jamie L	854.25
DelCid Jena Marie	46,475.43
DeMartino Alissa	49,726.58
Desplaines Miranda E	325.00
Donovan Erin E	945.00
Driscoll Daniel	924.97
Dufault Justin	74,308.49
Duggan Jessica N	25,507.32
Dunham Janice E	3,675.82
Dunn Andrew	500.00
Dunn Brianna	4,472.50
Dunn Kian B	43,204.86
Duval Michael J	54,493.60
Edgette III Charles E	889.40
Ehrhard Karen Ann	24,741.15
Erkkila Kevin	500.00
Esser Daniel J.	11,334.63
Faford Elizabeth G	700.00
Falter Robert G	500.00
Fancy Rebecca L.	27,758.91
Farinato Mallory M.	85,810.82
Faugno Andrea	2,954.37

Ferreira Kimberly	86,634.00
Florence Christina L	320.04
Foley Herbert Lee	11,983.33
Foley Lisa Ann	38,437.17
Forand Kevin	38,313.60
Ford Douglas	570.00
Forgit Claudia	6,772.50
Freeland Susan M	150.00
Gaulin Louise D	242.26
Gemboski Kelly J	24,063.48
Germain Thomas	1,674.34
Ghantous Nicole	8,754.06
Gibson-Kiesiner Belinda A.	86,147.00
Gillen Sherry L.	27,272.18
Gorman Christopher	500.00
Goyette Thomas	5,407.50
Graves Matthew A.	29,449.66
Gregory Rebecca A	525.00
Grimes Ernest	14,070.18
Hague Jacqueline M.	28,444.87
Haley Jay R	46.23
Harvey Nicole I	17,404.93
Hayes Kelly A.	27,329.93
Hazen Ashley N	192.38
Herbert Donald L.	72,549.69
Hirtle George	4,915.68
Hodlin Nils C	16,219.20
Hosterman Kathleen V.	121,695.55
Jalbert Jolene M	82,026.43
Jolicoeur Adam	583.35
Jones Alan K	58,144.47
Joubert Breana L	21,493.24
Kadelski Bradford J	1,333.36
Karmann Keith	600.00
King Jeffrey	500.00
King Patricia A.	17,741.02
Labuski Janice E.	62,765.37
Lafleur Donna	36,344.16
Lamoureux-Kane Danielle	500.00

Lane-Carmody Amy Jean	77,315.42
Lapierre Carole R	213.75
Lapine Gary W	5,363.00
LaPorte-Rivera Cayla	3,650.56
Lapriore Matthew	66,932.88
Lardizzone Julie	72,514.36
LaRocca Cathy	21,114.00
Latour Kathryn	315.00
Ledoux Michelle C	78,059.12
Leger Ashley M	17,395.53
Lepak Maureen E	1,386.74
Lincoln Linda M.	5,290.00
Lovely Mark S	105.37
Lytle Jeanne E.	375.00
MacLeod Linda E.M.	1,104.11
Macleod William E.	2,751.17
Mahoney Sharon A.	500.00
Mannix Nancy E	570.00
Mansfield Scot M.	7,746.40
Marino Sean T.	93,685.34
Marks Ashley M	107.86
Mars Samantha M	59,643.17
Marshall Jeremy	3,400.32
Martell David G.	2,649.78
Martell Peter E.	104,010.36
Mason Steven L	1,050.00
McNeaney James A	416.00
Merlo David	217.89
Merriam Jesse	2,237.72
Metterville Brenda D.	56,463.75
Mieltowski Paul J	24,052.63
Morin Jeffrey S.	500.00
Morin-Wermter Donna M.	81,574.66
Murphy Lee	94,534.30
Murphy Melissa K	76,223.00
Nickerson Stephen	3,871.86
Niles Matthew R	6,525.42
Norton Adam	537.50
Novak Steven D	535.00

O'Connell Joanne	28,150.51
O'Connell Nicholas	26,487.97
Oldakowski Amy	525.00
O'Leary Lois	16,973.86
O'Neill Karen	25,483.39
Paiyagala Lalanthi N	86.08
Paras Lindsey P.	51,494.38
Parish Brenda	57,463.75
Parker Colleen Joy	86,134.00
Pinero Pina Egbert	47,690.18
Plouffe Brandon A	6,048.98
Pontbriand Ryan M.	78,852.92
Pressman Sarah D	53,538.64
Proulx Heidi L.	119.54
Quattrocelli Luke	1,211.39
Resseguie Karen	49,056.00
Richards Amanda V	48,277.61
Robbins Kelli A	86,937.90
Rockwood Lindsey	26,528.57
Roderick Joseph M	821.74
Roderick Matthew	2,430.25
Rodrigues Angelia	71,071.49
Rose Jon	156.14
Ryan-Colon Jennifer	25,646.32
Sagendorph Joan D.	3,290.52
Sargent Damien R	2,916.19
Savluk Ariana	42,717.36
Seery Michael	49,326.98
Seymour Benjamin A	262.50
Simmons Meredith K.	40,248.01
Simonds Diane Ashley	41,126.94
Simonelli Tracey A.	27,690.08
Simpson Katherine S.	13,378.98
Skaza Peter Joseph	49,529.03
Smith Kaitlyn M	74,943.12
Straight Rebecca Lee	34,916.35
Taft Donald	600.00
Tarr Helen E.	94,314.25
Taylor Jeffrey P.	19,062.40

Taylor Julia R	36,416.73
Taylor Michelle L	771.04
Thayer Sharon E	66,628.49
Thomo Nicholas	13,231.00
Thompson William F.	535.00
VonHold Carrie	27,601.03
Wall Joanne E	26,039.39
Wall Robert F.	4,851.00
Wassmer Ron	1,173.38
Watterson Carol A	774.00
Weagle Candyce H	4,388.05
Weissman Mark A	40,108.26
White Jeffrey R.	6,199.86
Whittemore Eric D	39,505.66
Woodard Louise	96.00
Young Margaret	28,597.96

**Tax Title Collections**

Tax Title Principal	\$56,184.83
Tax Title Penalties, Interest and Fees	18,757.32
Tax Foreclosure Sales	17,500.00



## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

We began the fiscal year with an Annual Tree Budget for the town of \$12,400 as well as a Warrant Article for tree work with a remaining budget of \$50,000.

The town's contractor, Rusty Tree Experts, has removed 19 hazardous trees at a cost of \$14,400 and is on track to complete up to \$55,000 worth of work with an estimated removal of 74 dead trees. The town's tree contract allows for an expenditure of up to \$55,000 this fiscal year. Our Contractor has assured me his crew will be available to complete the contract up to the \$55,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

Our contractor has been very resourceful. He has communicated with homeowners to access their property for these tree removals and has avoided the need for police details. While police details cannot always be avoided as they are necessary for safety, the contractor's efforts have resulted in savings to the town of \$2700 so far.

### Our contractor

To date I have received 37 requests from residents for trees that need to be removed. I have also identified an additional 94 dead trees on High St., Molasses Hill Rd., Town Farm Road., Webber Road., and Wells Road. An inventory of all roads in town is in progress. As the inventory is completed, I believe the number of dead trees will grow substantially.

Central Massachusetts has been dealing with the effects of widespread oak decline and Brookfield is no exception. An infestation of gypsy moth caterpillars several years ago left a lasting imprint on the region's trees. These defoliators wreaked havoc on the region's deciduous trees, in particular Oak trees. This followed by periods of draught have led to the decline and death of trees through our area.



A final note, working with National Grid 23 trees along Allen Road were removed, four of which were town trees. National Grid also plans to remove an additional 66 trees on Webber Road. as part of a utility pole installation project approved by the selected board. Many of those trees are town trees, which will result in a savings to the town.

Denis Tucker, Tree Warden



## REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S AGENT

2023 was a transitional year for the Veterans Services Program. During the summer of 2023, Gary Lapine Submitted his intent to retire from his position of Veterans Services' Agent, at the end of November; giving the town time to Search for, prepare and appoint a replacement. After meeting with the board of selectmen;

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I retired from the United States Air Force Reserves in Jan of 2017, as an Air Reserve Technician at the rank of E-8, Master Sergeant. I continued with the Air Force DoD for an additional 6 years as a Financial, Resource Advisor and fully retired in June 2023.

During the Transition Gary Lapine Prepared the files for transfer, I shadowed Gary and I attended the Massachusetts Department of Veteran Services Annual Training in Leominster MA. The transition was completed on 1 Dec 2023.

For those that qualify, the Department of Veterans Services, Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L)115 Program will help defray some home operations and medical costs. So if you are a Veteran in need of services or you know of a veteran in need of services, please feel free to reach out to me at [emoore@wbrookfield.com](mailto:emoore@wbrookfield.com) or contact me at (413) 364-7576.

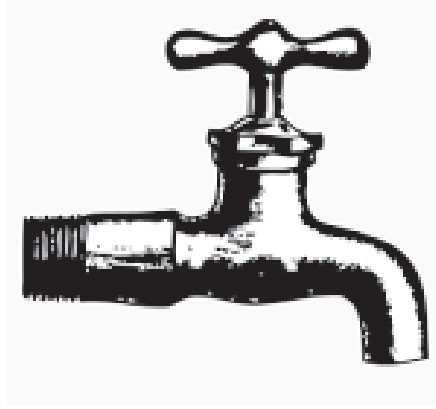
I look forward to supporting those currently receiving benefits, and improving the program so that all the town's veterans, or Veteran's family members have the information they need to continue a life with quality and pride.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen T. Moore





## REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT



### **BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023**

Commissioners:  
Donald R. Taft, Chairman (2023)  
Robert Barnes (2025)  
Al Jones (2024)

Superintendent: Dennis Clarke  
Administrative assistant: Holly Chisolm  
Secondary Operators: Jeffrey Beauchamp  
Jacob Allard, Mike Olson; Bruce Clarke

The Brookfield Water Department provides an uninterrupted supply of drinking water to Brookfield water customers. The Department maintains compliance with MassDEP and EPA water quality requirements. Water is tested daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annually for various contaminants as required per state and federal standards. The sampling and testing process is continually adjusted to maintain compliance with MassDEP and USEPA drinking water regulations.

The Treatment Plant and wellfield are checked and monitored seven days a week to maintain the system operations, which includes: system maintenance, water sampling, managing pump and well operations, maintaining flow rates and water levels, chemical injections, residual levels, and system pressures. In addition to customer service, the Department performs ongoing maintenance, backflow testing and system flushing to ensure quality water service. The Water Department is a self-sustaining department operating under the Massachusetts General Laws, allowing the Department to retain a surplus account, which is utilized for Department capital expenditures. The Water Commission meetings are held in the Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central Street, on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:00AM (or as posted). All meetings are open to the public and visitors are always welcome. Operation of the system is accomplished with a superintendent/primary operator, secondary on call operators and a part time administrative assistant. If you have questions regarding your water service, call the Water Department office at 508-867-2930.

Highlights of the 2023 Water Department actions included:

- Maintained full compliance with all state and federal drinking water standards and guidelines.
- Completed water main improvement project on Green St using CDBG grant funding.
- Hosted 5th annual regional water department meeting.
- Replaced 2 fire hydrants on Green St, 1 on River St, and 1 on Hobbs Ave.
- Added 2 new water services to our system.
- The department responded to water customers who contacted the office with questions or concerns.
- Water Commissioners approved a new rate structure while looking at ways to promote water conservation.
- Hosted an approved training class for Massachusetts licensed drinking water operators at the Police Department.
- The Water Dept team built a parade float and participated in Brookfield's 350th celebration.

The Water Department treated and pumped 29,921,600 gallons of water in 2023. We currently have 490 active water service connections in town. The system consists of the four wells, Treatment Plant, 500,000-gallon standpipe, approximately 9 miles of water mains, and 84 fire hydrants.

	FY21 REPORT July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021	À FY22 REPORT July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022	À FY23 REPORT July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023
<b>REVENUE:</b>			
Water Customers	\$123,297.90	\$128,761.47	\$144,682.47
Bulk Pool Water	\$23,483.90	\$24,092.69	\$16,303.84
Demand/ Interest	\$6,030.38	\$4,048.71	\$6,171.74
On/Off/Repair Fees	\$1,800.50	\$845.00	\$1,509.44
Backflow/ Sprinkler	\$1,988.00	\$1,455.00	\$1,155.50
New Services	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000.00
Total Collected	\$163,600.12	\$159,202.87	\$171,822.99
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Operating Expenses	\$36,457.13	\$29,017.59	44,238.98
Wages	\$99,724.06	\$102,861.90	\$113,316.50
Total Annual Exp.	\$136,181.19	\$131,879.49	\$157,555.48
<b>SURPLUS:</b>			
Annual Surplus	\$27,418.83	\$27,323.38	\$14,267.51
<b>CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT:</b>			
Capitol Expenses	\$12,844.00	\$10,559.83 \$560,068.01 ARPA Grant	\$ 9,500 \$ CDBG Grant Green St

**Thank you to all who have contributed to this Annual Town Report, with special gratitude to Lois O’Leary; Merrick Public Library director Brenda Metterville and staff; and the municipal departments.**

## **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 2023 year, this office has taken and responded to approximately 85 calls and 20 email requests.

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

There were several 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. In some cases, I was able to utilize other departments to help enforce the request to comply to avoid using Town Counsel to avoid additional expenses to the town.

I continue to respond to complaints to resolve zoning infractions and violations in the town and will work with other departments and the residents to insure that the rules and regulations set forth by the Town of Brookfield are being followed. Legal counsel will continue to be used only when absolutely necessary to help persuade residents to comply with the bylaws. Co-operation and compliance with the zoning bylaws, decisions of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, ZBA, Planning Board, Board of Health 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, Nicholas Thomo, Zoning Enforcement Officer

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

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets when a Special Permit, Variance, or Administrative Appeal is initiated. The ZBA makes rulings primarily according to the Zoning Bylaws of Brookfield and also works with the support of Selectmen, Planning, Town Administrator, Town Clerk and Assessors Office.

This year was moderately busy with 3 Variance requests, 3 Administrative Appeals, and 1 Special Permit, and two applications withdrawn after two meetings each of the board. Each one of these Hearings requires a minimum amount of research and preparation on the Town's part and that is why these actions are described as a moderately busy year.

One of the variances was for a rear building lot approval in the business district and was denied because the town zoning laws did not cover this situation. The other two variances were for dimensional variations and were denied.

The Administrative Appeals were from Zoning Enforcement Officer citations: all of these appeals were ruled in favor of the applicants but with appropriate conditions to justify the approvals. One of the approvals is being looked at because of the time delay in satisfying the conditions.

The Special Permit for a building addition on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot and was approved.

All of the Hearing decisions were done by unanimous voting which reflects much more of a firm consensus of proper action rather than any lack of diversity on the board. There are no remaining or outstanding court cases concerning this board. Also of note, the board had the additional help of an "All-Boards Clerk" this year.

Submitted on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals



**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF  
BROOKFIELD**

***ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT* June 1, 2023  
BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 37 CENTRAL  
STREET      BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**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 BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 37 CENTRAL STREET, BROOKFIELD MA, TO COMMENCE ON **THE 1st DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.** THEN AND THERE TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

**All votes unanimous unless otherwise noted.**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the annual report of the Town officials, as printed, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Town voted to accept the Annual Report.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$9,977,377.99 to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing fiscal year.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to pay prior years' unemployment charges, to the Department of Unemployment Assistance, or take any action relative thereto. *(4/5ths vote - Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0 \$8,000.00*

**The Town voted to transfer from free cash \$8,000.00 to pay a prior year's unemployment charges, to the Department of Unemployment Assistance.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$40,000.00 from the Water Department – Water Surplus Account to the Water Department - Water System Capital Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Water Department) Recommended: Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0*

**The Town voted to transfer \$40,000.00 from the Water Department-Water Surplus Account to the Water Department-Water System Capital Expense Account.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$48,500.00 from the Ambulance Receipt Reserve Account to fund the fiscal 2024 Ambulance Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0*

**The Town voted to transfer \$48,500.00 from the Ambulance Receipt Reserved Account to fund the fiscal 2024 Ambulance Expense Account.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$260,590.00 from the Ambulance Receipt Reserved Account to fund the fiscal 2024 Ambulance Wages Account, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0*

**The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$260,590.00 from the Ambulance Receipt Reserved Account to fund the fiscal 2024 Ambulance Wages Account.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to fund the center line painting Town roads, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Highway Department) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0 \$9,000.00*

**The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$9,000.00 from free cash to fund the center line painting town roads.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to fund the Roads Improvements account, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Highway Department) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0 \$25,000.00*

**The Town voted to transfer from free cash \$25,000.00 to fund the Roads Improvements account.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to purchase protective clothing for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Fire Dept) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0 \$9,500.00.00*

**The Town voted to transfer from free cash \$12,825.00 to purchase protective clothing for the fire department.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to make repairs to Tanker 1, to the Fleet Repair / Replace account, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Fire Dept) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0 \$18,000.00*

**The Town voted to transfer from free cash the sum of \$18,000.00, to the Fleet Repair/Replace account to make repairs to Tanker 1.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to set the FY2024 spending limits for the following revolving funds authorized pursuant to Chapter V, “Financial Affairs”, Section 8, of the Town’s general bylaws, or take any action relative thereto:

Authorized Revolving Funds	Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit
Board of Health Inspector/Professional Engineer Costs	\$20,000.00
Recreation	\$25,000.00
Regional Highway Equipment Cooperative	\$20,000.00
Wire Inspector Fees	\$20,000.00
Planning Board Fund	\$20,000.00
South Pond Beach	\$20,000.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$20,000.00

*Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0*

**The Town voted to set the FY2024 spending limits as presented in the warrant Article 11 for the revolving funds authorized pursuant to Chapter V, “Financial Affairs”, Section 8, of the Town’s general bylaws**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorizations for the authorized but unissued borrowing in the amount of \$206,533.05, originally approved by votes taken in Articles 20 and 21 of the 6/26/20 Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto

Authorized	Issued	Authorized unissued	
\$66,533.05	\$0.00	\$66,533.05	Article 20
\$240,000.00	\$0.00	\$130,000.00	Article 21

**The Town voted to rescind the borrowing authorizations for the authorized but unissued borrowing in the amount of \$206,533.05, originally approved by votes taken in Articles 20 and 21 of the 6/26/20 Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 13 :** To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for longevity pay for employees, or take any action relative thereto.

*Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0 \$13,100.00*

**The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$31,150.00 for longevity pay for the employees including EMT’s and Firefighters.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$70,000.00 from the Cable PEG Receipt Reserved Fund, for the purpose of funding cable related costs, expenses, fees, payroll and general oversight of public access cable for Fiscal Year 2024 or take any action relative thereto.

*(Sponsored by the Select Board and Cable Committee) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0*

**The Town voted by a moderator declared majority to transfer the sum of \$70,000.00 from the Cable PEG Receipt Reserved Fund, for the purpose of funding cable related costs, expenses, fees, payroll, and general oversight of public access cable for Fiscal Year 2024.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to fund the plantings and care of plants on the Triangle, Memorial Beds and Gazebo, or take any action relative thereto.

*(Sponsored by the Town Administrator) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0 \$568.50*

**The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$568.50 to fund the plantings and care of plants on the triangle, Memorial Beds and Gazebo.**

**ARTICLE 16:** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money, for a lawn mower for the Cemetery Department to replace the 2005 Bobcat mower, or take any action relative thereto.  
(Sponsored by the Cemetery Department) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0 \$12,000.00

**The Town voted to transfer the sum of 12,000 from free cash for a lawn mower for the Cemetery department to replace the 2005 Bobcat Mower.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money, for the Brookfield Cemetery Department to pave two cemetery roads, plus incidental costs, or take any other action relative thereto.  
(Sponsored by the Cemetery Commission and Highway Department) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0  
\$60,000.00

**The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$60,000 from free cash to the Cemetery Department to pave two roads, plus incidental costs and further to commit the motion to a committee consisting of 2 members from and appointed by the Historical Commission, 1 member from the Highway Department, 2 members from and appointed by the Cemetery Commission, 2 members at large appointed by the Select Board, and 1 member from and appointed by the Conservation Commission to report to the Select Board in 3 months.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to make Cemetery waterline repairs and upgrades, along with any incidental costs, or take any action relative thereto.  
(Sponsored by the Cemetery Commission and Water Commission) Recommended:  
Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0  
\$20,000.00

**The Town voted to transfer the sum of 20,000 from free cash to bring water services at the cemetery into compliance, along with any incidental costs.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to purchase gravel for the purpose of making various repairs for private roads that meet the town bylaw requirements, or take any action relative thereto.  
(Sponsored by the Town Administrator) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0 \$2,500.00

**The Town voted to transfer the sum of 2,500 from free cash to purchase gravel to be used only on various repairs for private roads that meet the town bylaw requirements.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, a sum of up to \$250,000 to pay off the debt associated with 18 Common Street, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Town Administrator)  
Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0

**The Town voted to transfer the sum of 250,000 from free cash to pay off debt associated with 18 Common Street.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to supplement the funding for the CDBG Grant to fix and repair various aspects of Green Street, or act anything thereto.  
(Sponsored by the Water Department, Highway Department and Town Administrator) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0  
\$54,000.00 – may pass over – other funding may be available

**The Town voted to indefinitely postpone Article 21.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund Account or take any action relative thereto. (2/3 vote -Sponsored by the Treasurer, Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0  
\$50,000.00

**The Town voted to transfer the sum of 50,000 from free cash to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund Account.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote effective Fiscal 2023 to establish an Opioid Settlement Funds Special Purpose Stabilization Fund in accordance with G.L. 40, § 5B and, further authorize the deposit of all Opioid Settlement Fund Revenue into the newly established fund, or take any action relative thereto.

*(2/3 vote - Sponsored by the Accountant & Town Administrator) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory NAI*

**The Town voted effective Fiscal 2023 to establish an Opioid Settlement Funds Special Purpose Stabilization Fund in accordance with G.L. 40, § 5B and, further authorize the deposit of all Opioid Settlement Fund Revenue into the newly established fund.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Opioid Settlement Funds Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for the purchase of NARCAN and/or other opioid treatment expenses or take any action relative thereto.

*(2/3 vote required- Sponsored by the Accountant & Town Administrator) Recommended SB 3-0 Advisory 4-0*

*\$5,586.42*

**The Town voted to appropriate the sum of 5,586.42 from the Opioid Settlement Funds Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for the purchase of NARCAN and/or other opioid treatment expenses.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Roof Capital Special Purpose Stabilization Fund in accordance with G.L. c. 40 § 5B or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Accountant & Town Administrator)*

*Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0*

**The Town voted to establish a Roof Capital Special Purpose Stabilization Fund in accordance with G.L. c. 40 § 5B, with a 2/3 vote.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$75,000.00 from the Capital Purchase Stabilization Fund to the newly established Roof Capital Special Purpose Stabilization Fund or take any action relative thereto.

*(2/3 vote - Sponsored by the Town Administrator) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0*

**The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$75,000.00 from the Capital Purchase Stabilization Fund to the newly established Roof Capital Special Purpose Stabilization Fund.**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to the newly established Roof Special Purpose Capital Stabilization, for the purpose of funding a new roof for the Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto. *(2/3 vote -Sponsored by the Select Board, Elementary School) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0*

**The Town voted to transfer the sum 75,000.00 from free cash to the newly established Roof Special Purpose Capital Stabilization, for the purpose of funding a new roof for the Elementary School.**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money for a new ACCU-Vote voting machine or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by Town Clerk) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0*

*\$5,500.00*

**The Town voted to transfer the sum of 5,500 from free cash for a new ACCU-Vote voting machine.**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money for a new server for the Police Station, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by Police Department) Recommended: Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0*

**The Town voted to transfer the sum of 9,000 from free cash for a new server for the Police Station.**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to create an Assistant Library Director position, to be added to the Town's Classification Plan at grade 5 and, to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund this new position, or take any action relative thereto.

*(Sponsored by the Library Trustees - needs two separate actions) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory \$ 42,668.00 Advisory 4-0*

**The Town voted to create an Assistant Library Director position, to be added to the Town's Classification Plan at grade 5 and, to raise and appropriate a sum of 42,688.00 to fund this new position.**



**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to create an Assistant Treasurer/Collector position, to be added to the Town's Classification Plan, at grade 5, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Treasurer, Town Administrator) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 3-1*

**The Town voted to create an Assistant Treasurer/Collector position, to be added to the Town's Classification Plan, at grade 5**

**Bylaw Changes**

**General Bylaw Changes – Simple Majority Vote**

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to delete in its entirety the following section of the General Bylaws, **Chapter II, Town Meetings Section 19**, or take any action relative thereto. *Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory NA*

*“SECTION 19.*

*The Select Board shall insert on any Annual Town Meeting Warrant any subject requested of them in writing, submitted by 10 or more registered voters. The Select Board shall insert on any Special Town Meeting warrant any subject requested of them in writing, submitted by 100 registered voters or 10 percent of the town's total number of registered voters, whichever is the lesser. Such written requests shall not be valid unless the required number of signatures of registered voters not only sign their name but also state their residence and the provisions of G.L. c. 39, s. 10 are otherwise satisfied.”*

**The Town voted to delete in its entirety the following section of General Bylaws, Chapter II Town Meetings Section 19.**

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS, CHAPTER IV ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECTION 1, AS FOLLOWS, by striking the following language and inserting in place thereof the language in bold or take any action relative thereto.

*“The said committee shall consist of ~~Seven (7)~~ **Five (5)** legal voters of the Town whose terms will be 3 years, to be appointed by the Select Board.” *(Sponsored by the Advisory Committee) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory 4-0**

**The Town voted to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS, CHAPTER IV ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECTION 1, AS FOLLOWS,**

**“The said committee shall consist of Five (5) legal voters of the Town whose terms will be 3 years, to be appointed by the Select Board.”**

**ARTICLE 34 :** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding the following:

**Chapter I, Section 7: A Quorum of any Board or Committee, whether elected or appointed, of the Town of Brookfield shall consist of a majority of the sitting members, unless otherwise governed by Massachusetts General Law.** Or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory NA*

the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding the following:

**The Town voted to amend Chapter I, Section 7: A Quorum of any Board or Committee, whether elected or appointed, of the Town of Brookfield shall consist of a majority of the sitting members, unless otherwise governed by Massachusetts General Law.**

**Personnel Bylaw Changes – Simple Majority Vote**

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to amend **Chapter XV Section 14. Vacations with Pay**, of the Personnel Bylaws, by striking the language and replacing therewith the bold language immediately following:

Section 14. Vacations with Pay

Annual vacation with pay will be granted to all full-time employees. Paid vacation time is equal to the number of hours an employee would be regularly scheduled to work during the week or day requested.

**Following the completion of one year service, vacations will be calculated on July 1 of each in the following Manner: More than one year of service:**

**The Town voted to amend Chapter XV Section 14. Vacations with Pay, of the Personnel Bylaws, by striking the language and replacing therewith the bold language immediately following:**

Vacation time will be calculated as follows

After a 3-month probation period,	3 days
Every 3rd month anniversary of starting work, until the end of the fiscal year	3 days of
<b>Total vacation days in first year not to exceed 10 days.</b>	
One to four years of service	2 weeks
Five to nine years of service	3 weeks
Ten to nineteen years of service	4 weeks
Twenty or more years of service	5 weeks

To be calculated on July 1 of each year following the first year of employment.

Or take any action relative thereto *Recommended:*

*SB 3-0, Advisory NA*

*Zoning Bylaw Changes – 2/3 Majority Vote*

**ARTICLE 36:**

**PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW CHANGES—2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Sections shown below are the only ones subject to amendments under the proposed warrant article. *Proposed additions are in ITALICS. Provisions to be eliminated are indicated by a strikethrough.*

To see if the Town will vote to AMEND Zoning Bylaw Section 8.G (“Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Facilities” and Section 4.D (6) (“Use Regulation Table”) as follows:

The Town voted by a 2/3rds majority vote declared by the moderator counting only one vote opposed to more than 50 to AMEND Zoning Bylaw Section 8.G (“Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Facilities” and Section 4.D (6) (“Use Regulation Table”) as follows:

**G. Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Facilities** 1. Purpose

- b. To minimize the adverse impacts of Marijuana Facilities on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, schools ~~and other places where children congregate,~~ and other land uses potentially incompatible with Marijuana Facilities.

3. Definitions

*\*MARIJUANA COURIER – An entity which enters into a delivery agreement with a Marijuana Retailer to deliver finished marijuana products, marijuana accessories, and marijuana branded goods directly to consumers or with a Medical Treatment Center to deliver to patients or caregivers. It cannot wholesale, warehouse, process, repack, or white label these products.*

*\*MARIJUANA GREENHOUSE – A structure enclosed with a translucent glass or plastic roof and a minimum of two glass or plastic sidewalls, without supplemental lighting, used for the outdoor cultivation, protection and/or maintenance of marijuana plants or seedlings.*

*\*MARIJUANA RETAILER – An entity licensed to purchase and transport marijuana and marijuana products, accessories and branded goods from Marijuana Facilities and to sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to Marijuana Facilities and to consumers.*

~~5. Eligible Locations for Marijuana Facilities – Marijuana Facilities Overlay District~~

~~Marijuana Facilities shall be allowed within the Marijuana Overlay District (MOD), which was established by prior vote of Town Meeting and is identified on the Town of Brookfield Zoning Map on file with the Town Clerk.~~

~~Within the MOD, all requirements of the underlying zoning district remain in effect, except where these regulations provide an alternative to such requirements. Land~~

~~within the MOD may be used for Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Facilities, in which case the requirements set forth in this Section shall apply; or a use allowed in the underlying district, in which case the requirements of the underlying district shall apply. Where the provisions of the MOD do not provide for specific regulation, the requirements of the underlying district shall apply. If the provisions of the MOD conflict with the requirements of the underlying district, the requirements of the MOD shall control.~~

## 7. Additional Requirements

### a. Use Requirements

3. ~~The hours of operation of retail Marijuana Retailers Facilities shall be set by the Special Permit Granting Authority.~~
4. ~~Retail Marijuana Facilities approved for operation shall employ a "by appointment only" system for all retail sales to recreational marijuana customers. Registered medical marijuana patients may access retail Marijuana Facilities without an appointment.~~

### c. Location and Physical Requirements

1. All aspects of a Marijuana Facility relative to the acquisition, ~~cultivation~~, possession, processing, sales, distribution, dispensing, or administration of marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational/promotional materials must take place at a fixed location within a fully enclosed building and shall not be visible from the exterior of the business.

## 8. Restrictions

- b. No use shall be allowed at a Marijuana Facility which creates a nuisance to abutters or to the surrounding area, or which creates any hazard, including but not limited to, fire, explosion, fumes, gas, smoke, odors, obnoxious dust, vapors, offensive sound or vibration, flashes, glare, objectionable effluent or electrical interference, that may impair the normal use and peaceful enjoyment of any property, structure or dwelling in the area. Cultivation and product manufacturing facilities shall install odor control technology and regularly maintain such equipment in working order. ~~such that no odors from the marijuana facility shall be detected from abutting land.~~
- c. *No new building associated with a Marijuana Facility requiring a septic system shall be constructed in a Flood Plain District, as per Section 3.A.5.b "Establishment of Districts/Flood Plain District (FP)".*

## 10. Buffer

- a. No Marijuana Facility shall be located within 500 feet of ~~the following or preexisting uses: any public or private school providing education in kindergarten or grades 1 through 12.~~
  1. ~~any public or private school providing education in kindergarten or grades 1 through 12;~~
  2. ~~any drug or alcohol rehabilitation facility;~~
  3. ~~any half way house, or similar facility;~~
  4. ~~any library, playground or athletic fields, recreational facilities, youth center, or similar facility in which children commonly congregate for regularly scheduled activities or instruction; or~~
  5. ~~any church or designated place of worship~~
- b. The distance specified above shall be measured by a straight line from the point of the front door for which the proposed Marijuana Facility is to be located to the property line of the ~~use in question school, as specified in Section 8.G.10.a.~~

## 11. Transfer/Discontinuance of Use

- b. Any permit holder under this Section shall be required to remove all material, plants, equipment and other paraphernalia upon registration or licensure revocation, expiration, termination, relocation to a new site, or any other cessation of operation, *at their own expense*, as regulated by the CCC in compliance with applicable state regulations.

12. Outside Consultants and Review Fees

- a. ~~A Special Permit review escrow deposit shall accompany the application for Special Permit. The escrow for review fees is intended to cover the Planning Board's potential cost of hiring consultants to review the applicant's compliance with the Special Permit requirements under this bylaw to include provisions set forth in Article V., Section 4 of the Brookfield Planning Board Rules and Regulations and may include legal counsel fees. The escrow deposit amount shall be set by the Planning Board on a case by case basis when such consultants or counsel are deemed necessary. Any unexpended monies in the escrow account will be returned to the applicant only after all obligations are satisfied. Failure to fulfill escrow requirements may render an application incomplete and be considered sufficient grounds for its denial.~~
- b. ~~The applicant may appeal the selection of a consultant(s) whose fees are to be paid from the escrow deposit to the Board of Selectmen. The grounds for such an appeal shall be limited to claims that the consultant selected has a conflict of interest or does not possess the minimum required qualifications. The minimum qualifications shall consist of either an educational degree in or related to the field at issue or three or more years of practice in the field at issue or a related field. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53G, the required time limits for action upon the application by the Special Permit Granting Authority shall be extended by the duration of the appeal. If no decision is made by the Board of Selectmen within one month following the filing of the appeal, the Special Permit Granting Authority's selection shall stand.~~
- e. ~~The escrow deposit shall be deposited in a special account established by the Town Treasurer pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53G. Funds from the special account shall be administered in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, § 53G, and may be expended only for the purposes described above.~~

*All costs for legal and /or engineering consultations shall be borne by the Special Permit Applicant.*

SECTION 4.

D. Use Regulation Table

Activity or Use	RR	V	BA	BB	FP	PGA
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6. Commercial and Manufacturing Use

k. Marijuana Facilities

~~SP in MOD~~

<i>i. Marijuana Cultivators (outdoor) 200' setbacks from all property lines</i>										
	SP	N	N	N	SP	PB	with			
<i>ii. Marijuana Cultivators (indoor) with 200' setbacks from all property lines</i>	SP	N		N	SP	N	PB			
<i>iii. Marijuana Adult Use Retailers</i>	N	N		SP	SP	N	PB			
					N	N	SP	SP	N	PB
					N	N	N	SP	N	PB
<i>iv. Marijuana Medical Retailers</i>	SP	SP	Y		Y	N	PB			
<i>v. Marijuana Product Manufacturers</i>										
<i>vi. Marijuana Courier</i>										
<i>vii. Marijuana Testing Facility</i>										
									<i>viii. Marijuana Social Consumption Facility</i>	

N N N SP N PB

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Or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Planning Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory NA*

The Town voted by a 2/3rds majority vote declared by the moderator counting only one vote opposed to more than 50 to **AMEND** Zoning Bylaw Section 8.G (“Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Facilities” and Section 4.D (6) (“Use Regulation Table”) as presented in the warrant.

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**ARTICLE 37**

The Town voted by a moderator declared voice majority to keep the Town Clerk position elected.

**ARTICLE 38**

Article 38 was withdrawn by the petitioner.

**ARTICLE 39**

Article 39 was approved as written in the warrant by a standing majority of 62 in favor and 32 opposed.

**ARTICLE 40**

Article 40 was defeated by a moderator declared voice majority.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm. There were 136 voters attending.

A True Copy Attest:

Michael P. Seery, Town Clerk

# Town of Brookfield

## Annual Town Meeting Article

CITIZEN PETITION: To see if the Town will vote to change the Brookfield Town Clerk position, from an elected official to an appointed official under G.L. c. 41, s. 1B. This article does NOT remove the existing employee from his/her position, and does not imply nor suggest any dissatisfaction with the work of the employee currently holding this office. It simply changes the position from being an elected official (every three years) to being an appointed official. This article if approved should be a benefit to both the employee and the Town of Brookfield

or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsoring Person's Name: Donald R. Taft  
Sponsoring Town Department: CITIZEN PETITION

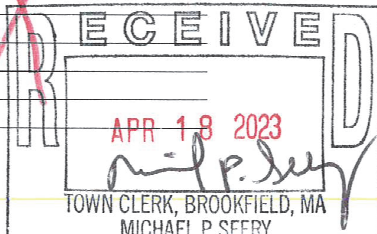
Date: March 13, 2023

This is a citizen petition to see if the voters of Brookfield will vote to change the Brookfield Town Clerk position from being an elected position to being appointed positions. This petition is in no way a suggestion nor effort to replace either of the people presently holding those titles. It simply means, that this position will be held and/or filled by appointments rather than through an election process. By making this change, it will benefit both the town. Employees will no longer have to run in town elections in order to hold their jobs. Appointed employees are not required to live in Brookfield. It will benefit the town by broadening the pool of qualified candidates to fill the position.

By signing this form below, I hereby support this citizen's petition.

	NAME (SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS
1	<u>Donald R. Taft</u>	<u>20 LAKE 21</u>
2	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>32 ALLEN RD</u>
3	<u>Mary Fournier</u>	<u>20 LAKE 21</u>
4	<u>Alan Jones</u>	<u>48 ALLEN RD</u>
5	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>13 W. Main St</u>
6	<u>Patricia King</u>	<u>56 ALLEN RD</u>
7	<u>Sally Brown</u>	<u>3 Mechanic</u>
8	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>15 W BROOKFIELD RD</u>
9	<u>C. Redella</u>	<u>80 Lake Rd.</u>
10	<u>L. E. Thorton</u>	<u>52 ALLEN RD</u>
11	<u>Rae M. Wynn</u>	<u>30 FISKDALE RD</u>
12	<u>Barbara Reynolds</u>	<u>14 Jay Run</u>
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Shirley C. Sanborn  
Lisa O'Leary  
Carol J. O'Leary



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# Names Certified

**ARTICLE 38:**

**Town of Brookfield**

**Annual Town Meeting Article**

CITIZEN PETITION: To see if the Town will vote to change the **Brookfield Tax Collector** position, from an elected official to an appointed official under G.L. c. 41, s. 1B. This article does **NOT** remove the existing employee from his/her position, and does not imply nor suggest any dissatisfaction with the work of the employee currently holding this office. It simply changes from being elected (every three years) official to being an appointed official. This article if approved should be a benefit to both the employee and the Town of Brookfield

or take any action relative thereto.

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Sponsoring Town Department: CITIZEN PETITION

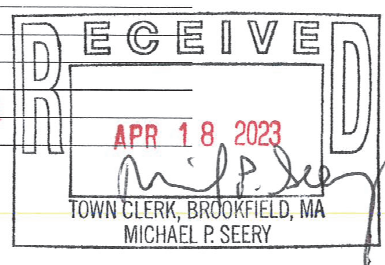
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	NAME (SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS
1 ✓	<u>Donald R. Taft</u>	<u>20 Lake St</u>
2 ✓	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>22 Azarov Rd</u>
3 ✓	<u>Mary Lou Knight</u>	<u>20 Lake St</u>
4 ✓	<u>Alan Jones</u>	<u>48 Allen Rd</u>
5 ✓	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>13 W. Main St</u>
6 ✓	<u>Palumbo</u>	<u>54 Allen Rd</u>
7 ✓	<u>Jerry Beaman</u>	<u>8 Mechanics</u>
8 ✓	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>15 W BROOKFIELD RD</u>
9 ✓	<u>C. Pedella</u>	<u>80 Lake Rd</u>
10 ✓	<u>L.S. Moulton</u>	<u>82 Allen Rd</u>
11 ✓	<u>Karen M. Mann</u>	<u>30 Fiskdale Rd</u>
12 ✓	<u>Carissa Reynolds</u>	<u>14 Fox Run</u>
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Shirley C. Sanborn  
Louise O'Leary  
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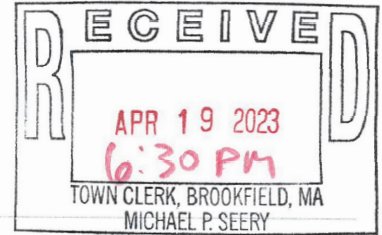


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Names Certified

**ARTICLE 39:**

**PETITION FOR INSERTION OF THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE  
IN THE WARRANT FOR THE BROOKFIELD TOWN  
MEETING DATE OF: June 1, 2023.**

DATE and TIME received



**We, the undersigned Registered Voters of the Town, hereby petition your honorable board to insert the following Article in the Warrant for the Brookfield Annual Town Meeting of June 1, 2023.**

**Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts**

**Whereas** a commission has been appointed and funded by the state to recommend changes to the state flag and seal by November 15th of 2023;

**Whereas** so many citizens of Brookfield honored and supported the return of Native artifacts discovered in 2017 and earlier;

**Whereas** the current Massachusetts seal depicts a Colonial broadsword modeled on that of Myles Standish, over the head of an "Indian" who is in fact historically inaccurate for Massachusetts;

**Whereas** after 350 years of history, Brookfield wishes to move forward with respect for all the peoples of this great Commonwealth, including those of European, Indigenous and other ancestry;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Brookfield hereby adopts this resolution in support of the work of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Flag of the Commonwealth, established by a Resolve of the General Court in 2021 and appointed by the Governor to recommend changes to the current flag and seal of Massachusetts, and in support of a new seal and flag for the Commonwealth that may better reflect our aspirations for harmonious and respectful relations between all people who now call Massachusetts home. The Town Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Sen. Nick Collins and Rep. Antonio Cabral, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration, and to Sen. Anne Gobi and Rep. Donald Berthiaume, with the request that they support the work of the aforementioned special commission and advocate for a new seal and motto for the Commonwealth.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGNERS**

For your signature to be valid, you must be a registered voter of the Town of Brookfield, and your signature must be written substantially as registered.

If you are prevented by physical disability from writing you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence.

**SIGNER'S STATEMENT**

We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the Town of Brookfield and in accordance with the provisions of law, request the above article be inserted in the warrant for the meeting of: June 1, 2023.

CHECK	I SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated above)	II NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated above)
1	<i>Myles Jeppson Zitter, Sherrin Malbon Jeppson Zitter</i>	149 Lake Rd.
2	<i>Christine A Murray</i>	10 Lane 21
3	<i>Roseann Corner</i>	11 Main St.
4	<i>Geoffrey B. Clark Jr. &amp; Ch</i>	101 Brunell Avenue Brookfield MA 01506
5	<i>Michelle A Clark</i>	101 Brunnell Ave, Brookfield MA 01506
6	<i>Forest Otter Jeppson Zitter, Forest Otter Jeppson Zitter</i>	149 Lake Rd., Brookfield, MA 01506
7	<i>Walter Rudolf Heller</i>	8 Central





ATTENTION VOTERS: Before signing, read signer information on other side.

**BROOKFIELD**

ATTENTION REGISTRARS: Before certifying signatures, see instructions to registrars below

**TOWN**

	CHECK	I SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated above)	II NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated above)
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**WARNING – criminal penalty for unlawfully signing, altering, defacing, mutilating, destroying or suppressing this petition: fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to 1 year.**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRARS**

- You must time stamp or write in date and time these papers are received
  - Check this  against the name of each qualified voter to be certified. For names not certified use the code at the right.
  - Draw a line through any blank spaces not containing signatures. Each sheet must be certified by at least three registrars. A facsimile stamp is acceptable.
  - For names not certified use the code to the right.
- N—No such registered voter at that address
  - S—unable to identify signature or address as that of voter because form of signature or address
  - T—already signed this petition

At least three Registrar names must be signed or stamped below

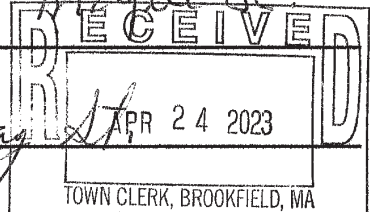
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ARTICLE 40 CONTINUED:

**PETITION FOR INSERTION OF THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IN THE WARRANT  
FOR THE BROOKFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY  
JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> 2023.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to fund and file a claim for trial of appeal 1869CV000257 in Worcester Superior Court and any and all actions necessary to adjudicate the zoning restrictions determined by the Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals against Daniel Plourde, Individually and as Manager of DP23 BULLDOGS, LLC for the property located at 5 Quaboag Street, Brookfield, MA.

(Sponsored by Citizens Against Noise Pollution. Estimated expense \$50,000 )

<u>Signature of registered voter</u>	<u>Address Registered at in the Town of Brookfield</u>
✓ 13. <u>William Neant</u>	<u>13 Oak Ave</u>
✓ 14. <u>Michelle Landelle</u>	<u>15 Pine Lane</u>
✓ 15. <u>Ignacio Longuair</u>	<u>6 Pine Lane</u>
✓ 16. <u>Martin Banniel Sr.</u>	<u>18 BRUNNELL AVE</u>
✓ 17. <u>Shandra Bonnard</u>	<u>18 BRUNNELL AVE</u>
✓ 18. <u>Jeff Clark (CLARK)</u>	<u>101 Brunnell Avenue</u>
✓ 19. <u>Michelle Clark</u>	<u>101 Brunnell Ave, 01570</u>
N 20. <u>Gretchen Couture</u> <u>Butch Couture</u>	<u>44 Lake Rd.</u>
✓ 21. <u>Evan Couture</u>	<u>44 Lake Rd.</u>
✓ 22. <u>Dandra P. Couture</u>	<u>9 South Maple St</u>
✓ 23. <u>Thursday, June 1, 2023</u> <u>Russell P. Couture</u>	<u>9 South Maple St</u> FY24 Budget
✓ 24. <u>Robert Delchris</u>	<u>19 Quaboag St</u>



## Annual Budget Town Approved FY2024

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator Salary	\$50.00
Selectmen Salary	\$6,000.00
Selectmen Administrative Assistant Wages	\$51,171.43
Selectmen Municipal Clerk Wages	\$16,437.77
Grant Writer Wages	\$23,618.93
All Boards Clerk	\$15,036.97
Selectmen Expenses	\$8,100.00
Selectmen Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	\$750.00
Grant Writer Expenses	\$1,200.00
Town Administrator Wages	\$89,989.04
Central MA Regional Planning Commission	\$1,060.55
<b>Total Selectmen</b>	<b>\$213,414.69</b>

<b>Total Technology</b>	<b>\$76,099.00</b>
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<b>Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
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<b>Legal Services</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>
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Audit	\$18,500.00
Outsourced Accounting Services	\$47,400.00
Town Accountant Expenses	\$2,115.00
<b>Total Town Accountant</b>	<b>\$68,015.00</b>

Advisory Committee Clerk Salary	\$537.00
Advisory Committee Expenses	\$200.00
Advisory Committee Warrant Books	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Advisory Committee</b>	<b>\$2,737.00</b>

Assessors - Stipends	\$1,800.00
Assessor - Principal Assessor Wage	\$59,563.87
Assessor - Clerk Wage	\$18,309.28
Assessor - Certification Stipend	\$0.00
Assessor - Consulting Expenses	\$2,500.00
Assessors - Expenses	\$5,315.00

Total Assessors	\$87,488.15
Treasurer Wages	\$80,498.62
Assistant Treasurer Wages	\$2,500.00
Actuarial Assessment for OPEB	\$5,500.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$7,100.00
Total Treasurer	\$95,598.62
Collector Wages	\$58,444.26
Collector Clerk	\$1,500.00
Collector Certification Stipend	\$1,000.00
Collector Expenses	\$7,900.00
Total Collector	\$68,844.26
Treasurer/Collector Tax Titles	\$15,000.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$50,033.71
Town Clerk Assistant Wages	\$5,358.06
Town Clerk Expenses	\$2,600.00
Total Town Clerk	\$57,991.77
Elections & Registrations Wages	\$6,000.00
Elections & Registration Expenses	\$7,000.00
Total Elections & Registration	\$13,000.00
Conservation Commission Expenses	\$333.00
Total Conservation Commission	\$333.00
Planning Board Salary	\$2,500.00
Planning Board Expenses	\$2,000.00
Total Planning Board	\$4,500.00
Board of Appeals Wages	\$700.00
Board of Appeals Expenses	\$700.00
Total Board of Appeals	\$1,400.00
Municipal Custodian Wages	\$23,638.50
Municipal Property Maintenance & Improvements	\$9,000.00
Municipal Property Utilities	\$0.00

Town Hall Improvements*	\$14,250.00
Electricity	\$52,000.00
<b>Total Town Hall</b>	<b>\$98,888.50</b>
<b>Print Town Report</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Municipal Heating Fuel</b>	<b>\$14,486.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$914,295.99</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
<b>POLICE</b>	
Police Wages Full Time	\$386,021.34
Police Chief Salary	\$112,218.75
Police Clerk Wages	\$16,574.76
Police Wages Part Time/OT	\$53,560.00
Police Expenses	\$67,910.75
Police Tuition Reimbursement	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Police</b>	<b>\$646,285.60</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Fire Wages	\$58,710.00
Fire Chief Salary	\$12,360.00
Fire Expenses	\$49,000.00
Fire - Utilities	\$6,287.85
Fire - Testing / Recertification	\$15,000.00
Fire - Fixed Asset Repair/Replace	\$18,000.00
<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>\$159,357.85</b>
<b>Telephone Contract/Leases</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
Building Inspector Stipend	\$20,176.67
Building Inspector Assistant Wages	\$640.00
Building Inspector Expenses & Training	\$300.00
<b>Total Building Inspector</b>	<b>\$21,116.67</b>
Gas & Plumbing Inspector Stipend	\$4,996.53
Gas & Plumbing Inspector Assistant Wages	\$416.00

Gas & Plumbing Inspector Expenses & Training	\$440.00
<b>Total Gas &amp; Plumbing Inspector</b>	<b>\$5,852.53</b>
Wiring Inspector Stipend	\$4,960.48
Wiring Inspector Assistant Wages	\$418.00
Wiring Inspector Expenses & Training	\$0.00
<b>Total Wiring Inspector</b>	<b>\$5,378.48</b>
Zoning Enforcement Officer Stipend	\$13,627.93
Zoning Enforcement Officer Expenses	\$451.00
<b>Total Zoning Enforcement Officer</b>	<b>\$14,078.93</b>
Emergency Management Agency Stipend	\$1,800.00
Emergency Management Agency (BEMA)	\$5,000.00
Blackboard Connect Annual fee	\$4,000.00
<b>Total Emergency Management Agency</b>	<b>\$10,800.00</b>
Animal Control Officer Salary	\$7,276.95
Animal Control Officer Assistant Wages	\$756.00
Animal Control Officer Expenses	\$1,589.00
<b>Total Animal Control Officer</b>	<b>\$9,621.95</b>
Parking Ticket Clerk & Hearing Officer Salary	\$250.00
Parking Ticket Expenses	\$83.00
<b>Total Parking Tickets</b>	<b>\$333.00</b>
<b>Tree Warden Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,400.00</b>
<b>Shade Tree Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$894,725.01</b>

### Schools

#### SCHOOLS

School Committee Salary	\$1,500.00
Regional Committee Salary	\$1,000.00
Regional School Assessment	\$1,823,996.00
Transportation	\$32,073.00

Elementary School Expenses	\$3,570,640.08
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>\$5,429,209.08</b>

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Highway	
Municipal Diesel Fuel	\$32,000.00
Municipal Gasoline	\$22,500.00
Highway Superintendent Wages	\$73,259.78
Highway Operator Wages	\$161,853.17
Highway other wages, part time & overtime	\$7,007.09
Highway Office Administrative Assistant	\$27,059.03
Highway Police Detail/Flaggers	\$2,400.00
Seasonal Worker	\$10,300.00
Highway Expenses	\$61,300.00
Highway Safety	\$0.00
Highway Utilities	\$6,017.67
Highway Certifications, DOT Physicals & License Renewals	\$1,200.00
Highway Bridges, Rails & Signs	\$1,600.00
<b>Total Highway</b>	<b>\$406,496.74</b>

Snow & Ice Wages	\$32,405.00
Snow & Ice Expenses	\$45,000.00
<b>Total Snow &amp; Ice</b>	<b>\$77,405.00</b>

Cemetery Wages	\$20,719.48
Cemetery Superintendent Salary	\$6,362.31
Cemetery Expenses	\$5,893.33
Cemetery Improvements	\$0.00
<b>Total Cemetery</b>	<b>\$32,975.12</b>

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$516,876.86</b>
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#### **HEALTH, SANITATION AND SPECIAL SERVICES**

Board of Health Salary	\$4,200.00
Board of Health Clerk Wages	\$12,373.75
Board of Health Animal Inspector Salary	\$1,250.00
Board of Health Expenses	\$6,500.00

Total Board of Health	\$24,323.75
Transfer Station Wages	\$30,321.14
Transfer Station Well Tests	\$15,500.00
Transfer Station Expenses	\$133,786.85
Total Transfer Station	\$179,607.99
Council on Aging Outreach Worker	\$1,600.00
Council on Aging Director	\$4,120.00
Council on Aging Tri valley Crisis Intervention	\$955.00
Council on Aging Medi-Car	\$0.00
Council on Aging Expenses	\$3,500.00
Total Council On Aging	\$10,175.00
Veterans Agent Salary	\$5,523.89
Veterans Agent Expenses	\$300.00
Veterans Agent Case Work	\$85,000.00
Total Veterans	\$90,823.89
<b>TOTAL HEALTH, SANITATION AND SPECIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$304,930.63</b>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	
Library Director Wages	\$65,000.00
Assistant Library Director (new FY24)	\$42,668.00
Library Custodian Wages	\$11,726.97
Library Assistant Wages	\$25,533.32
Library Saturday/Holidays/Vacation	\$2,781.00
Library Expenses	\$15,000.00
Library Books, Videos, Periodicals	\$37,000.00
Library Utilities	\$0.00
Longevity Director	\$1,500.00
Total Library	\$201,209.29
Recreation Commission Expenses	\$8,220.13
South Pond Beach Committee	\$3,000.00
Total Recreation	\$11,220.13



Historical Commission	\$2,000.00
18 Common Street expenses	\$5,116.87
<b>Total Historical Commission</b>	<b>\$7,116.87</b>

<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
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Cultural Council Expenses	\$8,860.00
<b>Total Cultural Council</b>	<b>\$8,860.00</b>

<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>\$231,906.29</b>
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**Debt and Assessments**

<b>DEBT &amp; INTEREST</b>	
Fire Truck Principal - P	\$23,292.00
18 Common Street Principal	\$0.00
Police Station Principal - P	\$33,336.00
Saw Mill Dam Principal - P	\$8,267.50
Fire Truck Interest - P	\$22,483.73
18 Common Street Interest	\$0.00
Police Station Interest - P	\$32,179.28
Saw Mill Dam Interest - P	\$2,282.26
<b>Total Debt and Interest</b>	<b>\$121,840.77</b>

<b>ASSESSMENTS &amp; OTHER MANDATED EXPENSES</b>	
Worcester County Retirement	\$443,950.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$15,000.00
Group Health & Life Insurance	\$749,044.00
Medicare: Town Share	\$70,000.00
General Insurance	\$168,570.00
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS &amp; OTHER MANDATED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,446,564.00</b>

<b>TOTAL DEBT AND ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,568,404.77</b>
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**WATER DEPARTMENT**

Water Department Commissioners Salary	\$2,100.00
Water Department Clerk Wages	\$19,333.10
Water Department Superintendent Salary	\$86,641.54

Water Department Secondary Operator Wages	\$8,201.89
Water Department Temporary Help	
Water Department Expenses	\$43,420.33
<b>Total Water Department</b>	<b>\$159,696.86</b>

<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$10,020,045.49</b>
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## 2023 MIIA Wellness Grant



Figure 1 l. to r.: Town Hall employees Holly Chisholm; Karen Trainor; and Sarah Campbell enjoy pesticide-free healthy foods from local farms, thanks to a Wellness Grant from MIIA that brings healthy choices to the Town Hall each week.





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## From the Newspaper Archives: Town Hall Burns

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**The Original Brookfield Town Hall in flames: September 4, 1902.**

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12 PAGES. TWO CENTS.

**FLAMES MARK OUT  
\$100,000 PATHWAY!**

Brookfield Town Hall and Nearby  
Property Are Reduced to Ashes.

**AMERICAN EXPRESS CO. DRIVEN  
HURRIEDLY FROM ITS HOME.**

Horsesheds in the Fire Belt That Makes it  
Hot For Band of Fighters.

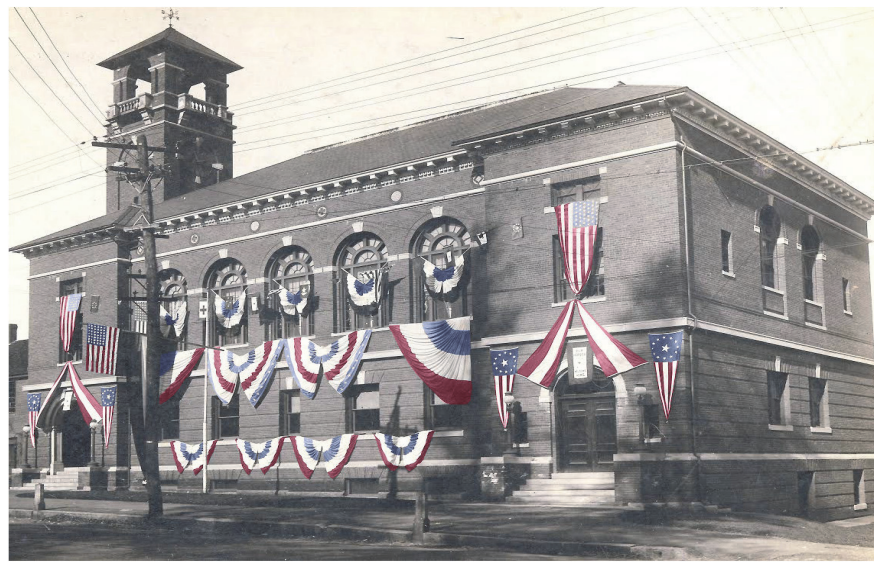
**HELP FROM NEARBY PLACES RESPOND TO THE  
GENERAL ALARM.**

Insurance, All Told, Less Than Half on Loss to Town  
and Storekeepers.



**The Original Brookfield Town Hall; erected in 1867/1868**

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**Today's Brookfield Town Hall**

# 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events

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- \* Country Line Dance Lessons and Dance at Brookfield Elementary School.
  - \* An Easter Egg Hunt at Lewis Field.
  - \* An Ice Cream Social on the common.
  - \* Children's Brookfield Photo and Essay Contest.
    - \* Theatre & Art in the Park.
    - \* A Classic Car show at Quaboag Valley Church.
- \* A chicken BBQ and Laser Light Show at Oakholm Brewery.
  - \* The Aquariders Ski Show at South Pond
- \* Historical Walk - Library and Historical Commission
- \* Historical Reenactment on the Common - Historical Commission.
  - \* 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade.
  - \* 50's Dance at the Brookfield Rod & Gun Club







Longtime resident and St. Mary's parishioner Lois O'Leary highlighted the church's parade float



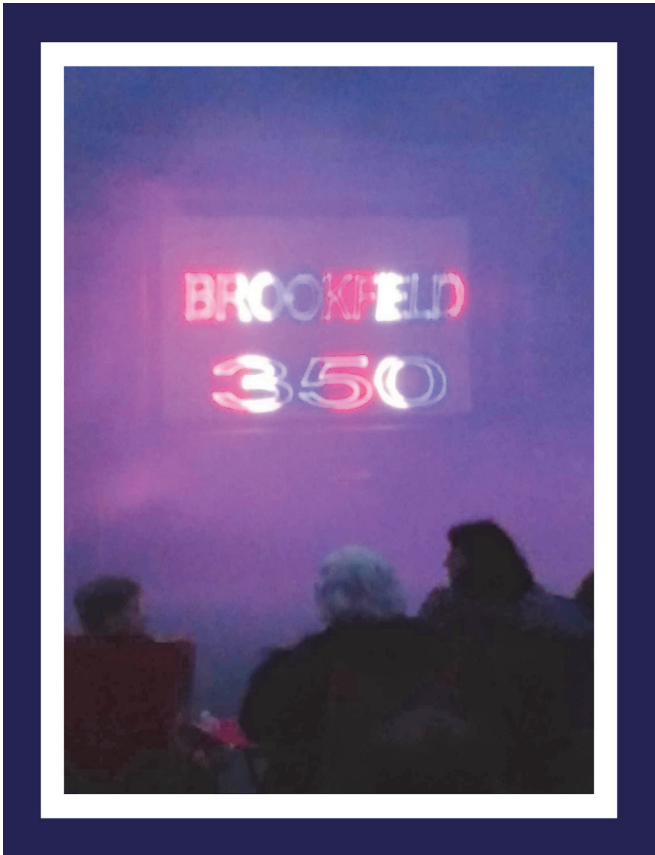
The Brookfield Water Dept claimed First Place in the 350<sup>th</sup> Parade Float Contest

# Halloween 2023: Trick or Treat





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A Laser Light Show held June 23, 2023 lit up the night sky!

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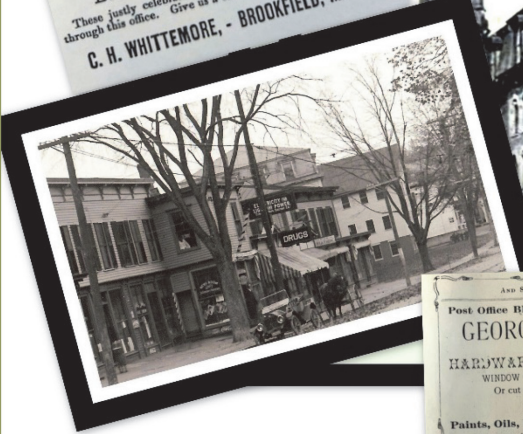
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# Everyone Loves a Parade!

