
2020 Annual Report



Celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote Woman's Suffrage Movement: The Local Connection



Brookfield, Massachusetts

Our DEDICATION to



Lois O'Leary

“Virtually nothing on earth can stop a person with a positive attitude” – Denis Whatley

It is with pleasure that the Board of Selectmen dedicates the 2020 Town Report to Brookfield resident and Town employee, Lois O'Leary. It is especially fitting that Lois, a longtime Brookfield Registrar, should be honored with this volume, as this year's Annual Report celebrates the 100th Anniversary of women's right to vote.

Lois' joyful demeanor, quick smile, and kind words are familiar to those in the Brookfield community. As a 45 year native of Town, it seems Lois has always played an active role in aiding others, from teaching and coaching children to serving and supporting elders.

“Lois is a prime example of community service to the Town of Brookfield, through her involvement in church and community projects,” remarked Selectman Linda M. Lincoln, who also shares a 30 year friendship with Lois.

Giving back has always come naturally for the civic-minded septuagenarian who still works part time at the Town Hall following retirement from the Tantasqua Regional School District.

“Lois has the most giving heart of anyone I know. She is a person who will never say no to any task that is asked of her and does it selflessly, and to the fullest of her capabilities,” noted Selectman Linda Lincoln.

As a young wife and mother, Lois served as a Girl Scout leader, ran a 4-H Club, taught CCD, and volunteered as a soccer coach and referee. Later, Lois became one of the founding members of the Brookfield Community Club, a group that continues to fund a variety community projects as well as host the Town's annual Apple Country Fair, which attracts visitors from across New England.

Lois also served as Chair of the Elm Hill Garden Tea Party, St. Mary's Annual Cow Chip Festival, and was instrumental in organizing the Quaboag 350th Unity Tree Pow-Wow and Brookfield History Day. In addition, she has written and procured grants for several civic organizations over the years.

In 2013, Lois was honored with the Lucy Stone Award for her decades of volunteerism, and acknowledged for contributing “countless hours to civic, religious and historic events.” The coveted award is bestowed on recipients in recognition of their volunteer efforts in making the community a better place in which to live.

Lois' continued outreach to the residents of Brookfield is literally “hands on,” as each holiday season she shops, wraps and distributes dozens of gifts for needy Brookfield children in her role as Community Club member. In addition, she currently volunteers on the Town's Historical Commission and Council on Aging, serves as a Mary's Messenger for St. Mary's Church, as well as donating her time and efforts to numerous unofficial projects within the community.

Lois, who lost her beloved husband John, in 2016, keeps busy with her sons and grandchildren as well as spending time with her extended family and longtime Brookfield friends. A world traveler, Lois had to put her planned excursions on hold this year due to Covid restrictions, but anyone who knows her expects she'll be packing for a new adventure on foreign soil again soon.

For all her community service contributions, it is perhaps Lois' devotion to her “hometown” and her circle of family and friends that endears her to so many. Lois' wide smile, sense of humor, and positive attitude is contagious to all who know her.

“Lois brings sunshine to the Brookfield Town Hall,” Town Clerk Mike Seery said, adding: “It's hard to be in a bad mood when Lois is around.”

Hat's off to a lady who works hard, gives back, and never fails to make those who know her better people!

100 Year Anniversary of Woman's Right to Vote *Brookfield Native Served as Local Suffrage Leader*

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

After nearly a century of fighting for the cause, the Woman's Suffrage Movement declared victory on August 18, 1920, when women finally gained the right to vote nationally, and like men, were allowed all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

The hard-won battle has its scars, however and the fight for women's rights took its toll both mentally and physically on the women who dared to speak out.

From vile opposition that declared suffrages insane and unfit wives and mothers, to physical abuse that included imprisonment and the force feeding of those on hunger strikes, the sacrifices women made were immense. Add to that the fierce pushback from men in power, as well as women leaders of the movement dividing over strategy disputes, and it is apparent how tremendously difficult the decades-long fight was.

Local Activist and Abolitionist: Lucy Stone

A local native played a major role in paving the way for women to vote. Born in Brookfield (later incorporated as West Brookfield after splitting off from Brookfield) in 1818, Lucy Stone became a leading activist and pioneer of the abolitionist and women's rights movements.

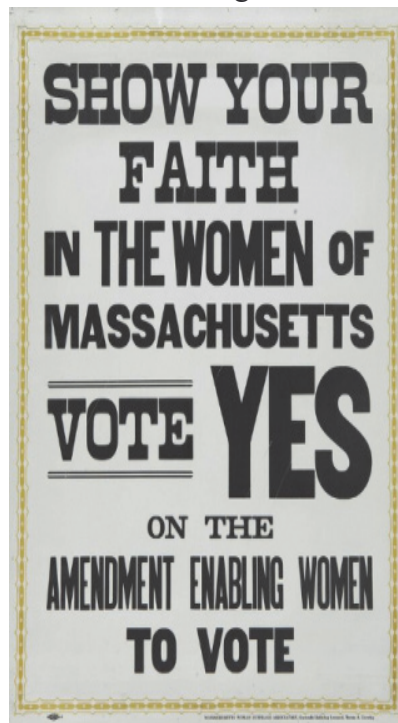
Lucy Stone dedicated her life to improving the rights of American women. She supported the Women's National Loyal League, which was founded by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony (though Stone and the two would later be at odds), and in 1866 helped found the American Equal Rights Association. She also organized and was elected president of the State Woman's Suffrage Association of New Jersey, and spent her life serving the cause. Stone died 30 years before women were finally permitted to vote (August 1920), on October 18, 1893, in Dorchester, Massachusetts.



In 1850, Stone convened the first national Women's Rights Convention. Held in Worcester, Massachusetts, the event was hailed as a significant moment for American women, and Stone was a celebrated leader. Her speech at the convention was reprinted in newspapers nationwide.

In 1868 she co-founded and became president of the State Woman's Suffrage Association of New Jersey, which would later be succeeded by the League of Women Voters of New Jersey in 1920. She also launched a New England chapter of the association and had helped found the American Equal Rights Association.

In 1855, Stone married Henry Blackwell, a committed abolitionist who'd spent two long years trying to convince his fellow activist to marry him. Though initially taking on her husband's



surname, she opted to go back to her maiden name a year after their marriage. "A wife should no more take her husband's name than he should hers," she explained in a letter to her spouse. "My name is my identity and must not be lost." At their actual wedding, both she and Henry also protested the idea via signed document that a husband has legal dominion over his wife.

The couple eventually moved to Orange, New Jersey and became the parents of a daughter, Alice Stone Blackwell.

As with any high-profile political movement, fissures emerged. After the Civil War, Stone found herself at odds with fellow suffragists Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, both former allies who deeply opposed Stone's support for the 15th Amendment. While the amendment only guaranteed Black men the right to vote, Stone backed it, reasoning that it would eventually lead to the women's vote as well. Anthony and Stanton strongly disagreed; they felt that the amendment was a half-measure, and resented what they perceived as Stone's betrayal of the women's rights movement.

In 1890, however, thanks in large part to the hard work of Stone's daughter, Alice, and Stanton's daughter, Harriot Stanton Blatch, the women's rights movement reunified through the formation of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

While Stone did live to see the end of slavery, she died 30 years before women were finally permitted to vote (August 1920), on October 18, 1893, in Dorchester, Massachusetts. Her ashes are held at a columbarium within Boston's Forest Hill Cemetery
(Lucy Stone Source: Biography.com Editors)



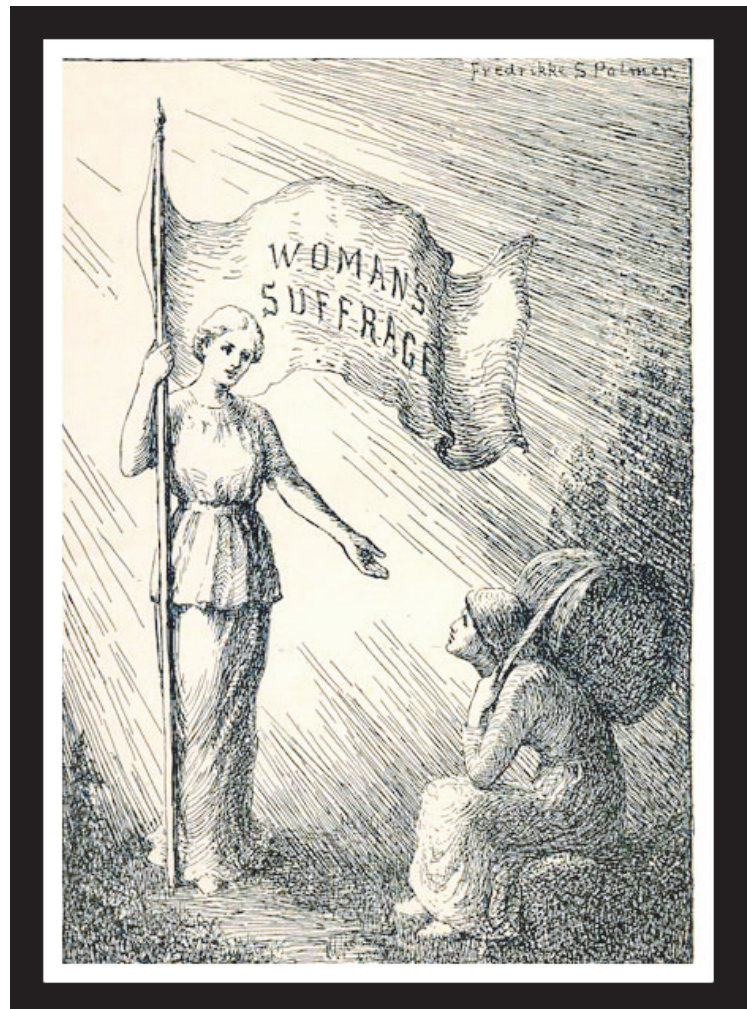
Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association

The Brookfield Connection~1920 Voting Stats:

The women registered to vote in 1920 ranged in age from 21 to 85. Two women, Marie Ellen Johnson and Caroline E. Hamilton were in their eighties.

Four women, Alice T. G. Boynton, E. Imogene Flower, Catherine May and Alice M. Bowler were twenty one.

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Number</u>
Twenties	40
Thirties	38
Forties	42
Fifties	44
Sixties	24
Seventies	7
Eighties	2
Unknown	6
Total	203



1920 Voting Stats: From Whence They Came...

The women who registered to vote in the 1920 presidential election in Brookfield were primarily born in Massachusetts.

A few were born in other states and 9 were born in other countries. The parents of those registrants were born in a wide variety of locations. The chart below summarizes the places of birth of the parents of the 202 women that registered to vote.

<u>Parents Birth States</u>		<u>Parents Birth Countries</u>	
MA.	224	Scotland	1
ME.	9	France	1
NY.	11	Ireland	59
CT.	8	Canada (Fr.)	4
VT.	22	Canada(Eng.)	4
NH.	8	Canada	1
RI.	1	New Brunswick	3
PA.	4	Wales	3
LO.	1	Germany	4
AA.	1	Turkey	1
MD.	1	England	1
NJ.	2		
Total	292	Total	82
Unknown	28		
Total	402		



Lucy Stone: Local Suffragist

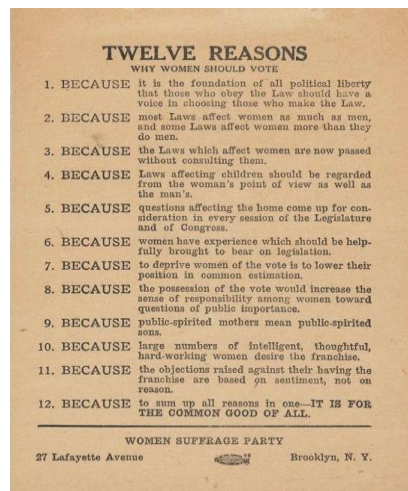


(photo: masshist.org)

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IN MEMORIAM



During 2020, several prominent citizens and veterans passed away leaving a big impact on their families, friends and the Town.

Each and every resident of the Town is an 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

<i>Ronald J. Lacaire, Sr.</i>	<i>Air Force</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>
<i>Earl J. Martin, Jr.</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Korean War</i>
<i>Edwin W. Foley</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>
<i>James E. Develin</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>
<i>William F. (Bill) Pratt</i>	<i>Air Force</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>
<i>Roger W. Jette, Sr.</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Korean War</i>
<i>Louis Courville</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>

“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 - 2020**



UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward J. Markey
and
Elizabeth Warren

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

2nd Congressional District
Richard E. Neal

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL 7th District

Paul M. Depalo

STATE SENATOR

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Senatorial District
Anne M. Gobi

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

5th Worcester District
Donald D. Berthiaume Jr.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Joseph D. Early, Jr.

*calendar year 2020

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 2020 census): 3,390

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

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

FY2020 TAX RATE - \$18.01 per thousand dollars of valuation

Residential	92.84%	\$ 282,661,205
Commercial	3.43%	\$ 10,451,693
Industrial	0.93%	\$ 2,840,600
Personal Property	2.80%	\$ 8,515,052
Total Value	100.00%	\$ 304,468,550
Exempt Value		\$ 33,962,700

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, three lieutenants and 21 volunteer fire fighters.

EMERGENCY SQUAD:

Brookfield’s Emergency Squad, which is headed by Chief Donna Lafleur, includes one captain, one lieutenant and 12 EMS personnel. There are seven paramedics; four EMT basics and one EMT-intermediate. The service operates a 2008 Horton ambulance mounted on a GMC chassis.

POLICE:

During 2020, Brookfield had a 24/7 Police Department made up by its Chief, Sergeant and three full-time officers and a varying number of part time officers throughout the year.

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:

Mary Lane Hospital, Ware 413-967-6211
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, 2020

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3)

Clarence R. Snyder III, Chair May 2021
Beth Coughlin, Vice Chair May 2023
Linda. M. Lincoln, Clerk May 2022

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3)

Holly Chisholm May 2021
Leonard Farr May 2022
Robert Falter May 2023

BOARD OF HEALTH (3)

Ronald Wassmer May 2023
George Hirtle May 2021
Michael Seery May 2022

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3)

Patrick O'Day May 2021
Gary Lincoln May 2023
Phillip Merriam May 2021

CONSTABLES

Richard Lapierre May 2023
Mark Grubbs May 2022

MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

TRUSTEES (6)

Barbara Clancy May 2023
Shelby O'Day May 2023
Matthew Bansfield May 2021
Carol Plumb May 2021
Sally Brown May 2022
Tracy Hill May 2022

MODERATOR (1)

Donald Taft May 2021

PLANNING BOARD (5)

Sharon Mahoney, Chair May 2023
Kevin Erkkila May 2022
John David Holdcraft May 2024
Russell Phaneuf May 2021
Adam Jolicoeur May 2025

ELEM SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3)

Megan Cunningham May 2021
Andrew Dunn May 2022
Jeff Morin May 2023

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Pam Fitzgerald May 2021
Megan Cunningham May 2022

TAX COLLECTOR

Brenda Parish May 2023

TOWN CLERK

Michael Seery May 2022

WATER COMMISSIONERS (3)

Donald R. Taft May 2023
Robert R. Barnes May 2022
Al Jones May 2021

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND STAFF

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT & Chief Procurement Officer

Karen Trainor Resseguie

ACCOUNTANT

Laurie Bartkus

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (9)

Robert Barnes	2021
Martin Bannish	2021
Kaitlin Servant	2021
Tom Regan	2021
Krista LeBraun	2022
Jeff Clarke	2021
Fernando Gonzalez	2021

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Members (5) :

Barbara Haberlin	2023
James Dolan	2022
Ronald Starcher	2022
Steve Novak	2023
Kenneth Cleveland	2022
Alternates	
Donald Haberlin	2021
Mark Ledoux	2021

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Sara Prideaux 2022

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

William Thompson 2021

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Alan Jones, Principal Assessor
Patty King, Asst Assessor

BOARD OF HEALTH SECRETARY

Heidi Proulx

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Jeff Taylor 2021
John Zachariewicz, Alternate 2022

BY-LAW COMMITTEE (5)

James Cooke, Chair	2021
Robert Barnes	2021
Tara Browne	2021
Harry Pearson	2021
Barbara Wilson	2021

(CIPC) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Kathleen Hosterman, Clerk	2021 <i>ex officio</i>
Beth Coughlin	2021
Cathy Larocca	2021
Carrie VonHold	2021*
Mike Seery	2022*
Al Jones	2021*
Lee Farr	2022*

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

Michael P. Seery

CEMETERY STAFF

James Milner
Herb Foley

(CDBG) ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5)

Beth Coughlin	2021
Bruce Clarke	2021
Lucinda Thompson	2021
William Simpson	2021
Mary Lou Knight	2021

CMRPC

Kevin Erkkila, Planning Bd 2021
Sharon Mahoney 2021

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (7)

Kenneth Cleveland	2022
Michael Dean	2022
Maureen Meriano	2022

CONSTABLE

Arthur Tatro 2021

COUNCIL ON AGING (9)

Barbara Clancy	2021
Frederica LaMonda	2021
Mary Falardeau	2022
Bethany Roberts	2022
Sally Brown	2022
Brenda Parish	2022

COUNSEL, TOWN

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	2021
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CULTURAL COUNCIL (up to 22)

William Simpson, Chair	2022
Barbara Wilson	2021
Rosie Kadelski	2022
Jeanne Lytle	2023
Kathleen Landry	2023
Damien Sargent	2021
Doreen Niefert	2021
Madelyn Swanson	2022

CUSTODIAN, MUNICIPAL

Paul Mielowski

ELECTION WORKERS

Kathryn Latour, Warden	2021
Sally Brown	2021
Jane Kay	2021
Carol Lapierre	2021
Sandra Renaud	2021
Sabrino Grillo	2021
Annette Lazili	2021
Karen Simpson	2021
Louise Woodard	2021
Geraldine Pisarczyk	2021
Maureen Meriano	2021

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (BEMA)

Peter Martell, Director	2021
Keith Karrmann, Deputy	2021

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD CHIEF

Donna Lafleur, Chief	2022
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD OFFICERS

Peter Martell, Captain,	2022
Matthew Graves, Lt.	2022

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUADAll until 2021 unless otherwise noted:

Donna LaFleur
Peter Martell
Matthew Graves
Terry Anderson
Dan Driscoll
Jay Haley
Micah Laird
John Glennon
Mark Lovely
Ashley Marks
David Martell
Matthew Roderick
Daniel Esser
Luke Quatrocelli
Shawn Adams
Raymond Ranellone

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Peter Martell	2022
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FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Chief Peter Martell	2022
Asst. Chief Herbert Chaffee	2022
Captain David Martell	2022
Lt. William MacLeod	2022
Lt. Jeffrey White	2022
Lt Daniel Driscoll	2022

FIREFIGHTERS All until 2021

Steve Budnik
Philip Chaffee
Daniel Driscoll
Donna LaFleur
Peter Martell
Matthew Graves
Charles Edgette
Daniel Esser
Ashley Marks
Linda MacLeod
David Merlo
Matthew Phillips

(Firefighters, cont)

Ray Ranellone
Matthew Roderick
Shawn Daniels
Micah Laird
Jeffrey White
John Rose
Michael Scott
Luke Quatrocelli
Steven Santley

GRANT WRITER/FACILITATOR

Cathy Larocca

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Ryan Pontbriand 2022

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT STAFF

Donald L. Herbert, full-time
Cindy Thompson, Admin Asst, part-time
Mike Duval, full-time

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (7)

Carol Plumb, Chairman 2023
Lois O'Leary 2021
Thomas Morse 2022
Michael Metz 2022
Donald Faugno 2021
Judy Hitchcock 2022

HOMELAND SECURITY REP.

Keith Karrmann 2021

INSURANCE ADVISORY

COMMITTEE *(all expire 2021)*

Barbara Clancy, Retirees' Representative
Linda M. Lincoln, Senior Rep
Sherry Gillen, Teachers Rep
Sgt. Steven Pariseau, Police Union Rep.
Holly Chisholm, Town Hall Clerk Staff
Dennis Clarke, Water Dept. Rep.
Donald Herbert, Highway Dept. Rep

LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS (7)

Kevin Erkkila 2021
Sharon Mahoney 2023

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

Donald Taft 2021
Maureen Lepak 2021
Russ Phaneuf 2022
Alison Welman 2022

MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF

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

MUNICIPAL CLERK

Lois O'Leary

BOARD OF OVERSEERS (DISPATCH)

Michael Blanchard 2021

PARKING CLERK/HEARING OFFICER

Michael P. Seery 2021

PERSONNEL BOARD (6)

Holly Chisholm 2021
Linda Lincoln 2021
Doug Ford 2021
Mary Lou Knight 2021
Lucinda Thompson 2021

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

Robert Wall 2021
James McNeaney, Alternate 2021

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Blanchard, Chief 2023

POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF

Holly Chisholm, Administrative Assistant

POLICE PATROL OFFICERS

Terms end 2023 unless otherwise stated

Steven Pariseau, Sgt, Full-time

Sean T. Marino, Full-time

Lee Murphy, Full-time

Matthew Lapiore, Full-time

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS

Terms end 2021 unless otherwise stated

Brian Kibbe, Part-time

Serenity Allen, Part-time

Matthew Niles, Part-time

Bryan Sterns, Part-time

Daniel Driscoll, Part-time

Bret Fortin, Part-time

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jeffrey Landine, Chair 2023

Lisa Hanrahan 2023

Jake Hill 2023

Kyle Hill 2023

Brennon Cunningham 2023

Erik Blake 2023

Jeremy Hague 2021

REGISTRARS, BOARD OF

Shirley Sanborn 2022

Lois O’Leary 2021

Carol Plumb 2023

SEXUAL HARASSMENT OFFICER

Kathleen Bradley 2021

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE (7)

Bruce Clarke 2022

Mary T. O’Connell 2022

**resigned*

SUPT. OF INSECT & PEST CONTROL

Ryan Pontbriand 2022

TREE WARDEN

Ryan Pontbriand 2021

TRENCH SAFETY OFFICER

Ryan Pontbriand 2021

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT

Bill Simpson 2023

Al Jones 2022

Donald Taft 2023

Carol Plumb 2021

Mary Lou Knight 2022

TOWN TREASURER

Sara Hunter 2021

TRANSFER STATION STAFF

James Milner

Arthur Morin

Ron Wassmer

Michael Seery

George Hirtle

VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR, VETERANS AGENT and VETERANS BURIAL AGENT

Gary LaPine 2022

WATER DEPARTMENT STAFF

Dennis Clarke - Superintendent

Bruce Clarke - Secondary Operator

Jeff Beauchamp - Secondary Operator

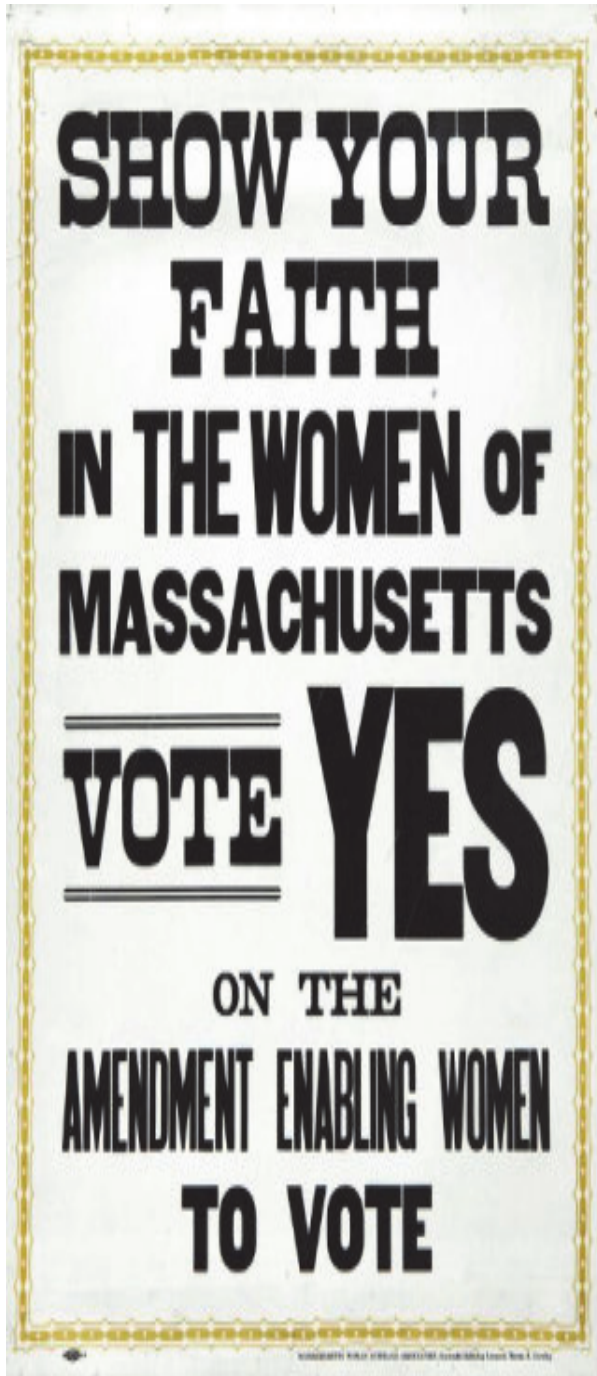
Joe Kenney, Secondary Opoerator

Holly Chisholm, Administrative Assistant

WIRING (Electrical), INSPECTOR

Scot Mansfield 2021

Paul Shepardson, Alternate 2021



WRTA BOARD

Rose Carrier 2022

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

5 with 3 Alternates

Stephen Comtois II, Chair 2021
Timothy Simon 2023
Kenneth Cleveland 2023
Charles Wilson 2025
Maureen Meriano 2023
Roger Mundell 2025
Patrick Mulhern, Alt. 2021

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Nicholas Thomo 2022

**resigned*





REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

There is no doubt this year was a challenging one, with a pandemic hitting our country in March of 2020, thereby transforming the way the Town of Brookfield does business.

With a State of Emergency declared by our governor, COVID-19 restrictions turned routine municipal protocol on its head. Initially closing the doors of the Town Hall in March, we re-opened a few months later with reduced hours, and by year's end the Town Hall was open for appointments only.

At the mercy of escalating COVID-19 cases in Brookfield, the

Board of Health successfully orchestrated the closings, re-openings, and health guidance practices through the end of 2020 and beyond.

In May, voters re-elected Beth Coughlin as a member of the Board of Selectmen, defeating two other candidates. With a re-organization of the Board, Selectman Clarence Snyder became Chair, with Ms. Coughlin Vice-Chair, and myself serving as Clerk.

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting, held on June 26, 2020, proved to be an unprecedented challenge. Due to COVID restrictions, for the first time in the Town's history, the Annual Town Meeting was held outside of Brookfield's borders. Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge hosted the meeting in its Cafetorium. Moderator Donald Taft headed a newly established Annual Town Meeting Committee that ensured COVID precautions and proper protocols were in place for the meeting.

The warrant articles were pared down to the bare essentials as per selectmen's request, with the promise of taking up funding articles at a fall Special Town Meeting.

Among the articles approved by residents at the Annual Town Meeting were authorizing the extension of the lease of property on 18 Common Street, for the Merrick Public Library as well as extending the terms of an existing option to purchase the property; and expending funds to be reimbursed by a PARC grant to equip Lewis Field with ADA compliant playground equipment.

Special Town Meeting

A Special Town Meeting was held on October 15, 2020 in the Tantasqua Cafetorium, with COVID-19 protocols once again in place. The most relevant of decisions made at the meeting was approval to fund a Town Administrator for the remainder of the fiscal year. Other articles that were approved include an appropriation to support the opening of South Pond Beach for the 2021 season and to allow fines to be collected to offset operational expenses; creating the

position of Foreman for the Highway Dept; and accepting a gift of property off Boyes Avenue from Boy Scout Troop #159.

Please note the complete warrants for the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting, including vote results can be found at the end of the Town Clerk's Annual Report.

Virtual ZOOM hosted meetings remained the norm throughout the remainder of 2020, and the occasional in-person meeting held in the Banquet Hall was limited to a proper social distancing limit of ten people. Ongoing events hosted by the Council on Aging had to adapt to the restrictions; thus the weekly Tai Chi classes moved to the Town Common in fair weather, and a Foot Clinic was held in the Firehouse. The Sunday morning AA meetings have been canceled until further notice.

Both the Town Accountant and Treasurer firms have been successful in reconciling Town finances and with ongoing economic management, are paving the way for Brookfield's fiscal future. The entire financial team (Accountant; Treasurer; Tax Collector; Assessor), as well as the Advisory Committee and Capital Planning Committee have all contributed to the Town's fiscal achievements.

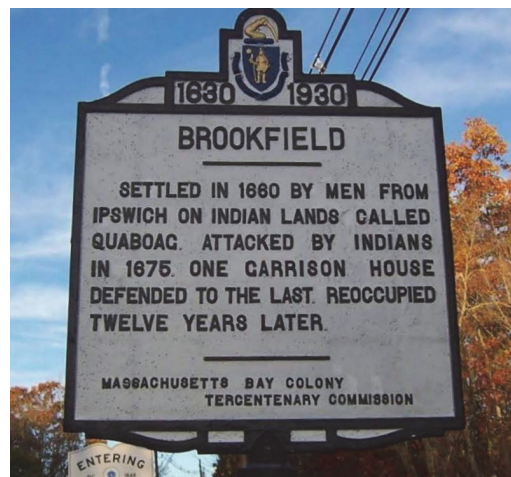
Throughout 2020, the historic town hall underwent improvements geared toward ADA compliance, thanks to the ongoing efforts of the Town Hall Improvement Committee.

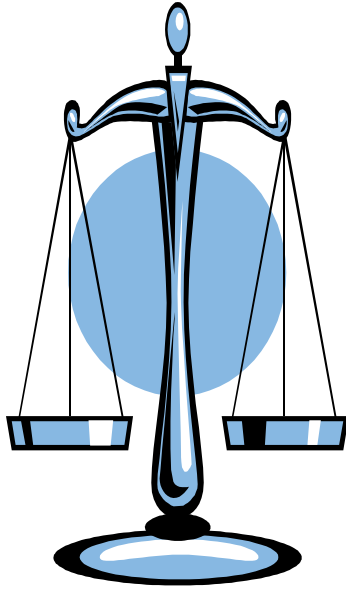
With South Pond Beach a valuable recreational resource, ongoing efforts were made this year to re-open the popular beach for the 2021 season. Contributing to the success of this goal was the passage of a funding article (as noted above) and the reconstitution of a South Pond Beach Committee.

As we close out 2020, and are still overcoming the many challenges of a global pandemic, the Town appears as resilient as ever. I have lived in this Town for over 70 years, and I have no doubt that as in the past, the Town of Brookfield will weather this storm and we can all look forward to our community's future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Selectman Linda M. Lincoln





REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

During the fiscal year 2020, Town Counsel worked to promptly and efficiently respond to requests for opinions and advice from Town officials on a wide variety of issues. We advised the Town regarding a number of procedures and questions that arose relative to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, and the resulting closure and regulation of various businesses and activities throughout the Commonwealth pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders and the current State of Emergency. As we have done in prior years, we also advised on various real estate transactions including the Lakeside Resort Condominium matter, assisted in contract matters including PILOT agreements, and several zoning enforcement proceedings, among other matters. In addition, we have represented the Town in several pending court actions in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the Worcester Superior Court, Central Housing Court, East Brookfield District Court, and the Land Court. Moreover, we have continued to advise the Board of Selectmen, other Town officials, and various Town boards and committees on open meeting law, conflict of interest, and labor and employment issues. Finally, we worked with the Selectmen to prepare Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants and advised the Town during the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

The following matters were pending in courts of the Commonwealth during fiscal year 2020, in which Town Counsel provided a defense and/or initiated on behalf of the Town:

Town of Brookfield, by and through its Zoning Enforcement Officer v. John D. Holdcraft, a/k/a David Holdcraft (26 Allen Road)
Land Court, Case No. 17 MISC 000556

Town of Brookfield, by and through its Zoning Enforcement Officer v. John D. Holdcraft, a/k/a David Holdcraft (90 Lake Road)
Land Court, Case No. 17 MISC 000557

Town of Brookfield by and through its Zoning Enforcement Officer v. John D. Holdcraft (6 South Maple Road)
Land Court, Case No. 18 MISC 000501

Town of Brookfield v. John D. Holdcraft (Consolidated Matters)
Appeals Court, No. 2019-P-1373

The three above-listed matters are all enforcement actions brought by the Town to enforce the Town's Zoning By-law and orders of the Zoning Enforcement Officer requiring the property owner to cease and desist from the open air storage of junk, salvage and debris at the subject properties.

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

East Brookfield District Court, C.A. No. 1869CV0257

This case is an appeal of the Zoning Board of Appeals' August 28, 2018 decision affirming the Zoning Enforcement Officer's order directing Daniel Plourde to cease using his property at 5 Quaboag Street for uses other than occasional youth motocross rider practicing for recreational purposes, in accordance with a prior order of the District Court.

Jeff Tasse, of TCP Realty, LLC v. Town of Brookfield Planning Board, et al.
Land Court, Docket No. 20MISC000192 (HPS)

This case is an appeal of the Planning Board's denial of a special permit for a storage, office, and propane bulk storage plant/truck terminal at the property located on parcel #61, assessors' map #6c-1 in the Business A District.

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.

Town of Brookfield, by and through its Zoning Enforcement Officer v.
Donald J. O'Clair (11 Quaboag Street)
Central Housing Court, Worcester Division, C.A. No. 20H85CV000707

Town of Brookfield, by and through its Zoning Enforcement Officer v.
Robert R. Barnes (39 South Maple Street)
Central Housing Court, Worcester Division, C.A. No. 20H85CV000547

Town of Brookfield, by and through its Zoning Enforcement Officer v.
Richard A. Bruley (74 Rice Corner Road)
Central Housing Court, Worcester Division, C.A. No. 19H85CV000726

The three above-listed matters are all enforcement actions brought by the Town to enforce the Town's Zoning By-law and orders of the Zoning Enforcement Officer requiring the property owners to cease and desist from the open air storage of junk, salvage and debris at the subject properties.

John Holdcraft v. Town of Brookfield et al.
U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Docket No. 4:17-cv-12049-TSH

(formerly Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. 1785-CV-1534)

This is an appeal of the Zoning Board of Appeal's decision finding that a Special Permit issued in 2003 for property located at 6 South Maple Street has expired by its terms, and a claim of a violation of plaintiff's state and federal civil rights (due process and 1st Amendment).

Town of Brookfield, by and through its Zoning Enforcement Officer v. James A. Matteson, Sr. (56 Long Hill Road)
Central Housing Court, Worcester Division, C.A. No. 19H85CV000728

Town of Brookfield, by and through its Zoning Enforcement Officer v. Robert R. Barnes (44 South Maple Street)
Central Housing Court, Worcester Division, C.A. No. 19H85CV000729

Town of Brookfield, by and through its Zoning Enforcement Officer v. Edward Juda & Joyce A. Juda (76 Town Farm Road)
Central Housing Court, Worcester Division, C.A. No. 19H85CV000727

These three above-listed matters were enforcement actions brought by the Town to enforce the Town's Zoning By-law and orders of the Zoning Enforcement Officer requiring the property owners to cease and desist from the open air storage of junk, salvage and debris at the subject properties. These matters were concluded in Fiscal Year 2020.

There are also several cases pending in Land Court, relative to tax title proceedings.

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, from more traditional topics, such as the Open Meeting, Public Records, and Conflict of Interest Laws, to the more cutting edge issues such as the impacts of the legalization of medical and recreational marijuana, and related efforts to regulate same, as well as municipal responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 Board of Selectmen and other Town officials, boards and personnel.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Overview: The Advisory Committee represents the residents of Brookfield regarding the Town's budget. The committee has a responsibility to recommend a balanced budget for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting, to review and recommend financial articles in the Town Meeting Warrant Books, and to approve department requests for transfers between accounts.

2020 Highlights: The Brookfield Advisory Committee had a fundamentally successful year. Despite the impacts of COVID-19 and reductions in state aid to the fiscal year 2021 (FY21) budget, we presented budgets and spending that not only avoided tax increases, but actually resulted in a small drop to the tax rate. Additionally, at the October Special Town Meeting, the Town was able to fund multiple projects, partially repay the Stabilization Fund for money "borrowed" at the June 2019 Annual Town Meeting, and all the while avoiding an increase to the tax rate.

At the start of 2020, we held our first budgeting Kickoff meeting with Town department heads. Based on this success, we repeated this effort in January for the FY22 budget.

The Town's financial position improved through the year - primarily through the efforts of our Accountant and Treasurer. While the FY19 Audit contained some expected issues, we expect to see the FY20 and FY21 audits demonstrate continued improvement.

Membership Changes: The Advisory Committee has seen its first significant membership turnover since 2017, with 4 members resigning; and 3 new members joining the Committee. But the combination of a core of experienced members with fresh perspective is an opportunity to keep us all on our toes and working for the best Brookfield possible.

Looking to 2021

1. Levy headroom stability. This contributes to a stable tax rate, which we consider to be in the best interest of residents. We will, of course, look for opportunities to reduce the tax rate while maintaining service quality and adequate reserves.
2. CIPC Coordination. With longer-term (5+ year) financing soon to become a realistic option, we want to coordinate more closely with the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) to ensure that the Town's needs are met as efficiently as possible. This ranges from investigation of different financing options (Free Cash, debt, etc...) to improved presentation of capital expenditure in the budget.
3. Budgeting Process Improvements. We will continue to develop tools, processes, and relationships to work efficiently with Town departments to recommend budgets for consideration by the Town at the Annual Town Meeting.

We continue to work towards fuller transparency and clear communication with both Town departments and residents. We believe that the financial policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Selectmen this past year will assist the town in better managing the money collected from the residents. While no system is perfect, we continue to look for areas of improvement - whether through more rigorous budgeting, better tools and experience, or listening to the suggestions of others.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tom Regan, Chairman. Jeff Clark, Vice Chairman
Martin Bannish, Bob Barnes, Fernando Gonzalez, Christa LeBrun, Kaitlin Servant.





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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Your Agricultural Commission: Lucinda Thompson, Chairman; Barbara Haberlin, Co-Chair; Steve Novak; James Dolan; Ron Starcher

Alternates/Advisors: Ken Cleveland; Donald Grimes; Donald Haberlin; Dr. Mark Ledoux, DV

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Animal control for the town of Brookfield received a total of 300 calls.

Of those calls, the majority were missing/found cat calls. 101 calls were dog related, and ten were questions regarding town laws. Four animal cruelty issues were turned over to MSPCA or Boston Animal Rescue League. 7 dogs were picked up and brought Palmer Pond.



The Brookfield Police department has been a huge help and wonderful to work with. Without them my job would be that much harder and appreciate their hard work and dedication even to the animal side of the law. I'd like to thank the Palmer ACO for allowing Brookfield to use their kennel to house the dogs of Brookfield and the care for the animals in their pound.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Prideaux, Brookfield Animal Control.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic barn inspections were cancelled by the Massachusetts Department of Animal Health. Quarantines for rabies were done on an as needed basis.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Thompson
Animal Inspector

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Board of Assessors – Members

Robert G. Falter, Chair (2023)

Holly J. Chisholm, (2022)

Leonard S. Farr (2021)

Assessing Department – Staff

Principal Assessor – Alan K. Jones M.A.A.

Assistant Assessor– Patricia A.King

The Brookfield Assessing Department operates with an elected Board of Assessors, a full time Principal Assessor and a part time Assistant Assessor.

In May, Robert Falter was re-elected to a three year term on the Board. Bob was also re-elected as Chair of the Board of Assessors. Everyone benefits from the real estate business experience and the conservation committee related knowledge Bob shares.

The long awaited conversion from the legacy server-based State of Mass developed CAMA assessing software to the new Tyler/IAS World cloud-based CAMA software occurred in 2020. This was by far the primary focus of our department this year.

Our goal of visiting almost every one of the approximately 1600 parcels in Brookfield in 2018 and 2019 helped us out tremendously with the CAMA conversion because our time in the field in 2020 was severely hampered due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. Having updated photos from all of our site visits to refer to was a huge benefit to us during the review process.

The CAMA conversion process began in earnest in early January following training sessions in December 2019 and the project was officially completed when we obtained Department of Revenue approval of our converted values in October. This conversion will continue into the first part of 2021.

In November the Dept of Revenue certified our FY2021 real estate and personal property values and in December the Board of Selectmen once again unanimously voted to maintain a single tax rate for all Residential, Commercial, Industrial parcels and Personal Property.

Negotiations for several solar PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) agreements for Brookfield solar installations are ongoing. At year end we were getting very close to finalizing the first of these 20 year agreements. With other similar large scale solar installations on the horizon the Town should expect some additional tax revenue in the upcoming years.

The Veteran and Senior real estate tax workoff program allowing qualifying Brookfield homeowners to work for the Town of Brookfield in return for a property tax credit up to 500 dollars continues to be a success.

The Mass Registry of Motor Vehicles rolled out a new software program known as ATLAS this year. We worked with the RMV as well as our excise tax vendors Jeffrey & Jeffrey and VADAR Systems to implement this program. The hope is this new software will streamline the processes and allow us to quickly correct garaging codes and billing information.

The total assessed value of the 1456 taxed parcels in the Town of Brookfield was \$304,468,550. There are 153 tax exempt parcels in our town. In December the FY 2021 tax rate was set at \$17.99 per thousand dollars of value (the previous tax rate in FY 2020 was \$18.01 per thousand) marking the fourth straight year we have been able to lower our tax rate.

The mean or average value of the 921 single family homes in Brookfield was \$242,616 resulting in an average annual real estate tax bill of \$4,365 for a single family home.

The latest Brookfield tax levy percentages and values by tax class are as follows:

Residential	92.84%	\$ 282,661,205
Commercial		3.43% \$ 10,451,693
Industrial	0.93%	\$ 2,840,600
Personal Property	2.80%	\$ 8,515,052
Total Value	100.00%	\$ 304,468,550
Exempt Value		\$ 33,962,700

OFFICE HOURS and CONTACT INFORMATION

(508) 867-2930 Ext 16 or Ext 23

Monday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Board of Assessors and the Assessing staff remind the taxpayers of Brookfield that real estate in Massachusetts is assessed based on the full and fair cash value of the land and buildings and at 100 percent of fair market value. We would like to thank the townspeople of Brookfield for their continued cooperation and support.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

In May Ron Wassmer was re-elected as a member of the Board of Health. We congratulate Ron on his 4th term.

Transfer Station

We continue to encourage citizens to use the transfer station because there is no question that it is less costly than using curbside pickup. Last year the number of annual users increased by twenty. We now have 585 households using 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 Cumberland Farms, Tip Top Country Store or Central Package for your convenience. During 2020 the Town voted to increase the sticker fee from \$85.00 dollars to \$95.00 for the first time since 2010. This will help offset expenses associated with running the transfer station.

As everyone knows 2020 has been a difficult time for businesses and life in general due to the Corona virus. The board had to issue \$1,500.00 dollars in fines associated with Covid 19 violations at the local race track.

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 and board member George Hirtle. We would also like to thank 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.

Transfer Station Well Tests

The board has a 3 year contract with ECS who have provided service for the last 7 years. Currently we are obligated to have quarterly and bi-annual well tests and gas probes on the landfill cap.

Board of Health Secretary & Health Agent

After a year of service to our board, our Secretary and Health Agent Chrissy Florence resigned in November to take a new job as director of Public Health in the Town of Palmer. Shortly thereafter the board hired Heidi Mundell as our new Secretary/Clerk and Tricia Valiton as our new Health Agent. Both have great experience and we look forward to working with them.



Sanitary Code Inspections

Nuisance Complaints-9
Nuisance enforcement letters-3
Nuisance re-inspections-4
Foodservice Inspections-16
Retail Food Inspections-11
Residential Kitchen Inspections-4
Food Pantry Inspections-2
Mobile Food inspection-1
Special Event Inspections-3
Housing Inspections-2
Housing Re-inspections-2
Housing enforcement letters-2
Attend BOH meeting-5
Covid violations-5

Flu Clinics and Community Health Program and Covid Cases

The board held one flu clinic in October this year. It went very well, 26 citizens attended and received flu vaccines. Notice was published along with an automated phone call through our Blackboard Connect service to reach as many residents as possible that our town offers this vital service. Cheryl Rawinski of Sutton is our Community Health Coordinator. There were 190 confirmed cases of the corona virus. All were resolved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael P. Seery-Chairman
Ronald Wassmer-Vice Chairman
George Hirtle
Heidi Proulx-Clerk



REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Single Family Dwellings	5
Sheds	1
Additions	8
Roofing	31
Garages	2
Windows/Siding	13
Renovations/Remodeling	21
Stoves/Pellet/Wood	5
Pools/In ground/ Above ground	3
Signs	1
Decks	6
Demolition	2
Barns	1
Storage Buildings	4
Temp Mobile for fire purposes	0
Fence	0
Co-Locator/ Cell tower	2
Weatherization/insulation	9
Sheet Metal	3
Solar Residential	11
TOTAL	95



Total permit income	\$47,657.20
Estimated value on permits	\$9,168,433.00

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 interred to the Brookfield Cemetery. We extend our condolences to those family members and friends who have lost loved ones. The cemetery received \$3,510.00 in burial fees and \$8,400.00 in sale of lot fees. The non-expendable balance for the perpetual care fund is \$137,659.46, and the expendable balance is \$18,952.54. The total balance is \$156,612.00.

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

Jeppson Grant & Urban Forestry

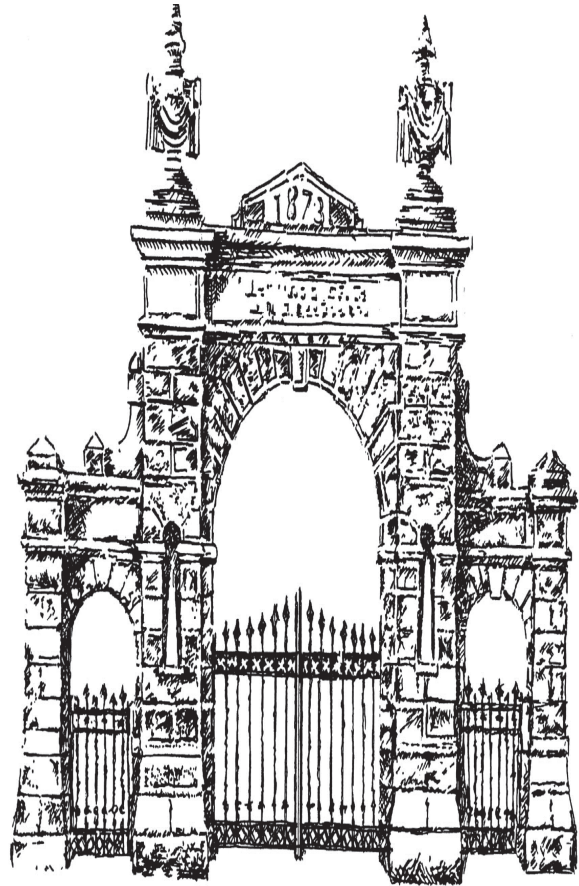
The balance for the Jeppson Grant is \$5,101.46. The balance for the Urban Forestry Grant is \$6,200.00.

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 making a donation in any amount. The current amount in the Preservation account is \$46,533.83

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 a number of owners who have not picked up their dog litter, this is unacceptable and for that 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 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 this information is also available online from the town's website: 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.

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, and hold public meetings during the application period. If a grant is awarded, the Committee generally serves as the steering body for grant-funded projects, including procurement of consultants and contractors, project oversight, and public interaction. Brookfield continues to work with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to help us seek and administer CDBG funds. Housing rehabilitation activities continue to be coordinated through CMRPC's partners at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in Springfield.

In 2020 our work faced various challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The FY 2017 CDBG grant was wrapped up at the start of the year, its activities having been finished during 2018 and 2019. In the spring, Brookfield participated in a successful six-town application led by the Town of Leicester for CDBG CARES Act funds (CDBG-CV) in large part to participate in a joint microenterprise assistance program for eligible pandemic-impacted small businesses with five or fewer employees. In addition to the CDBG-CV program, activities under the Town's FY 2018 CDBG award of \$800,000 continued. These included the Hayden Avenue/Hyde Street infrastructure construction project (replacement of stormwater drainage, water mains, roads and

sidewalks) that was substantially completed in late 2019, but minor follow-on work was completed in 2020 to address a stormwater drainage concern. Despite delays due to the pandemic and related public health restrictions, six units of housing rehabilitation assistance for income-eligible homeowners were completed, with one unit remaining to be finished in early 2021. This year the Committee assisted with development of an FY 2020 CDBG application focused on housing rehabilitation in partnership with the Town of North Brookfield. Formal announcement of this potential award has been delayed due to the pandemic but is expected in early 2021. The Committee would like to thank various Town staff and members of other Town boards such as the Highway and Water Departments, the Town Grant Writer, Accountant and Treasurer, the Council on Aging, and others for their assistance with grant projects and discussions.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Clarke, Chairman
Lucinda Thompson
Mary Lou Knight
Bethany Roberts
William Simpson



REPORT OF THE CONSTABLES

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Lapierre-Elected Mark Grubbs-Elected Arthur Tatro-Appointed



REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Brookfield Conservation Commission meets every 3rd Tuesday of each month when necessary. Working closely with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP) the Conservation Commission is the official agency specifically charged with the protection of our community's natural resources.

The Commission also advises other municipal officials and boards on conservation issues that relate to their areas of responsibility in Massachusetts. The Conservation Commission's authority comes from several sources: the Conservation Commission Act (MGL Chapter 40 section 8c) for open space protection; the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131 section 40) for protecting wetlands and waterways; and the home rule provisions of the state constitution for non-zoning wetlands bylaws.

In 2020 the Conservation Commission had a very busy year. The Commission held several site visits for every Wetlands request we received. The Conservation Commission held 5 public Hearings and received over 100 emails with Requests for Determination and/or Notices of Intent, as well as emails with general questions. The Commission, along with the assistance of the DEP, issued 2 Enforcement Orders for violations relating to the Wetlands Protection Act. There are currently 9 new houses being built in Town requiring Building Sequence Forms from the Building Inspector. There are currently 3 tear downs in on the list.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cleveland, Chairman
Michael Dean, Member
Robert Falter, Vice Chair
Maureen Meriano Member/Clerk
Zachary Edwards, Member



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Brookfield Council on Aging provides help and awareness of services for senior citizens in the town of Brookfield. We are awarded state grant and municipal grants as well as private donations at the meetings. The Town of Brookfield shares some services with West Brookfield, including those of an Outreach Worker.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions put in place in March, 2020, our weekly Tai Chi classes had to be put on hold until the sessions could resume outside on the Town Common in May. Tai Chi classes were held outdoors until the weather got too cold; we plan to continue hosting the classes on the Town Common in the spring.

The Senior Citizen program at the Congregational Church was suspended in March of 2020 due to COVID regulations. The program is expected to recommence when restrictions are lifted.

The Council on Aging was able to continue to hold monthly foot clinics in 2020. The clinics were held at the Firehouse, by appointment only.

The seniors of this community are still hopeful to have a Senior Center and anticipate this will come to pass soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Clancy
Rikki LaMonda,
Mary Falardeau,
Brenda Parish,
Sally Brown



REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

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

Due to the Global Pandemic our activities were reduced. Funding for grants and events was obtained from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

In addition to the LCC grants, the Brookfield Cultural Council:

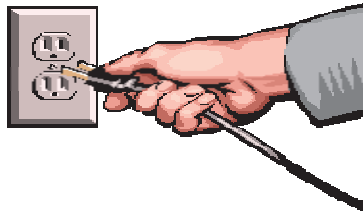
- Community Service Scholarships were awarded to two Brookfield graduating seniors in the amount of \$500.00 each.
- Purchased and installed U. S. flags and wreaths.
- Held the 13th annual Pumpkinfest Pumpkin Carving Contest on the Common, with physical distancing.
 - Welcomed Santa to Brookfield with the Tree Lighting on the Common.
 - Decorated the common.

Respectfully submitted,

William Simpson; Jeanne Lytle; Madelyn Swanson; Kathy Landry; Barbara Wilson; Rosie Kadelski; Damien Sargent; Doreen Neifert; Jonathan Landry; Michele Mandella; Nick & Jessica Clark



REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL (WIRING) INSPECTOR



Town of Brookfield
Building Department
Inspector of Wires
6 Central Street Brookfield, MA, 01506
508-867-2930 ext. 20 fax 508-867-5091

- 5 NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOMES
- 8 SERVICE UPGRADES UP TO 200 AMPS
- 2 TEMPORARY SERVICE
- 7 ADDITIONS
- 14 RENOVATIONS
- 5 GARAGE
- 4 VEHICLE CHARGER STATION
- 3 COMMERCIAL PROJECTS
- 5 MISCELLANEOUS WIRING (SINGLE CIRCUITS)
- 3 GENERATORS
- 2 POOLS
- 5 BOILER/FURNACES
- 1 HOT TUBS
- 6 SECURITY SYSTEMS/FIRE ALARMS
- 2 HOT WATER TANKS
- 3 A/C SYSTEMS
- 15 RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ARRAY; PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM

If you had an Electrical Contractor, an Electrician, or even a Handyman perform Electrical Work of any type at your home and you did not see an Electrical Inspector Please contact me immediately.

Your Family's Safety is our First Concern

Scot Mansfield, Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE BROOKFIELD EMERGENCY SQUAD



Our ambulance squad is a Paramedic level Emergency Medical Service (EMS) available for calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The squad consists of 12 members; 7 Paramedics, 1 Advanced, and 4 EMT Basics. Our staff represents 195 years of service to Brookfield EMS.

We welcomed Paramedic Shawn Adams. Due to Covid 19, the State is allowing us to operate with a first responder as a driver. Firefighter Luke Quatrocelli has been invaluable in filling this role when our staffing needed it.

We are overseen and certified by the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health. We continue to operate our 2008 Horton/GMC ambulance, but a replacement was ordered and delivered in early 2021.

Our staff consists of one full time Paramedic/Firefighter that does various EMS and Fire department jobs while he is on duty Monday through Friday. The rest of our staff is considered "on call". The on-call EMT's carry a two way radio and are alerted for calls from home or work. Beyond this, members spend many hours pf their own time working for the upkeep and improvement of our service, as well as their own training.

The ambulance responded to 614 calls.
Advanced Life Support - 245
Medical Calls - 320
Trauma - 53
Fire standby - 10
Police Standby - 5
Refusal, assistance or cancelled - 213
Mutual Aid to other towns - 170.

A major factor in 2020 was the COVID 19 pandemic. While there were very few calls directly involving COVID 19, the impact on operations overall was significant. This department stayed in communication with local Emergency Management, the Board of Health, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, our affiliate hospital Baystate Medical Center, and the Central Massachusetts Emergency Medical

Corporation to ensure that lines of communication were open so that we were able to provide the safest service to you, while also taking care of ourselves.

Brookfield EMS is grateful to everyone who has supported us in our efforts to provide quality emergency medical care to our town. We extend a special thank-you to the police, fire, and highway departments, and the families, friends, and neighbors of our patients who help us in many ways.

“Neighbor Helping Neighbor” is truly the motto of our ambulance service.

The Emergency Squad has free “File of Life” magnetic packets available to store your medical and emergency information. This “file” is kept on your refrigerator and would be used in case you are unable to give the EMT’s your information in an emergency. Just call 508-867-6036 for your copy.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna M. Lafleur, Paramedic, Chief
Brookfield Emergency Squad

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Public preparedness education continued. We always 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.

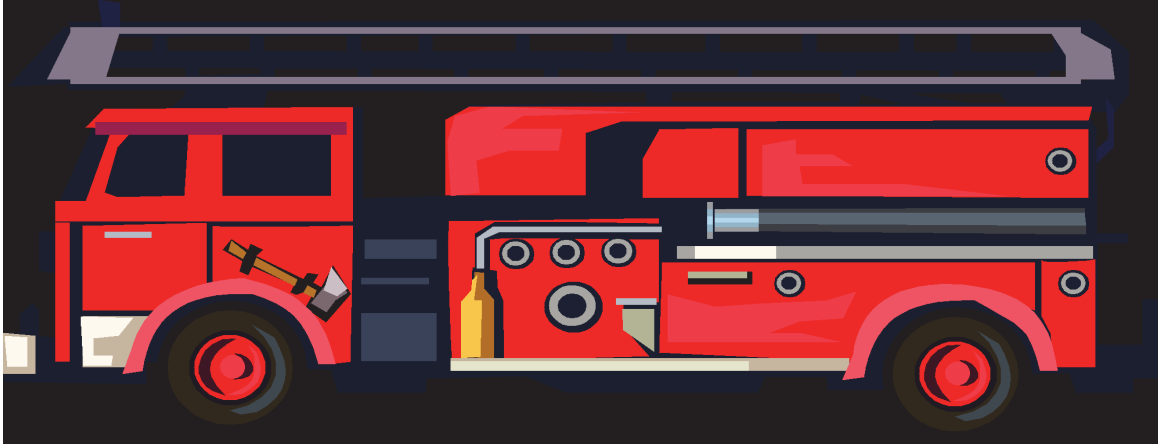
As needed during threatening weather, we stayed in communications with other Brookfield public safety agencies.

The annual town meeting approved the purchase of a standby emergency generator. We are awaiting word to see if a grant will otherwise cover this expense.

The overriding situation was the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic. We regularly communicated Brookfield’s situation to MEMA as well as requested supplies and coordinating their delivery and distribution.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Martell, Director
Keith Karmann, Deputy Director.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



2020 was a busy year for the 22 members of the fire department with incident responses, continuous training, fire prevention, code enforcement, and the maintenance of department vehicles, equipment, & facilities.

In 2020 the department responded to 142 calls:

Building fire 13, Cooking fire, confined to container 2, Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue 1, Trash or rubbish fire, contained 1, Camper or recreational vehicle (RV) fire 1, Natural vegetation fire, other 4, Forest, woods or wildland fire 3, Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire 2, Outside rubbish fire, other 1, Special outside fire, other 3, Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition 1, Medical assist, assist EMS crew 5, Emergency medical service, other 3, Motor vehicle accident with injuries 9, Motor vehicle accident with no injuries. 8, Search for person on land 2, Search for person in water 1, Extrication, rescue, other 2, Ice rescue 1, Hazardous condition, other 1, Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill 1, Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) 3, Carbon monoxide incident 9, Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other 3, Power line down 2, Water problem, other 1, Water evacuation 4, Smoke or odor removal 1, Public service assistance, other 1, Public service 2, Cover assignment, standby, moveup 1, Good intent call, other 8, Dispatched & cancelled en route 1, No incident found on arrival at dispatch address 1, Authorized controlled burning 2, Smoke scare, odor of smoke 1, Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke 2, False alarm or false call, other 2, System malfunction, other 4, Smoke detector activation due to malfunction 7, Alarm system sounded due to malfunction 1, CO detector activation due to malfunction 6, Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional 5, Detector activation, no fire - unintentional 1, Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional 6, Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO 1, Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment 1, Severe weather or natural disaster standby 1.

Inspections;

Oil burner/oil storage – 11, Propane storage – 39

Smoke detector/Carbon monoxide detector – Construction – 14 Sale - 35

Department personnel spent 643 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.

The impact of COVID 19 meant that in school interaction, open house activities, and home visits were not possible. This also included Memorial Day activities, Halloween festivities, and the Apple Country Fair, all of which were cancelled. Since home visits were not done, we expanded our house numbering program, and we are very happy with the response. In addition, during the height of Covid restrictions, we added mini parades (mostly relacing birthday parties) to keep spirits up.

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

Annual town meeting provided funding to replace firefighter protective clothing and improvements to Engine 2. Grant money was received from;

The Brookfield Community Club to purchase a battery powered saw
The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to purchase personal flotation devices and ballistic protection.
The Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation to purchase radios.
The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services for Public Fire Prevention, Fire Prevention for Senior Citizens, protective clothing.

Engine One and Engine Three are both over thirty years old. These vehicles have long surpassed their useful service lives of twenty years per industry standard. An effort should be made for the better planning to address the replacement of our aging fleet and other capital needs. Our newest fire engine, the 2007 Spartan/Crimson rescue pumper, continues to serve us well. The remainder of the fleet remains in good working condition due to the diligence of our members.

We welcomed Firefighter Sean Daniels

Overall, the department total service adds up to 427 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, Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE GRANT WRITER

Brookfield received a number of grants during the course of 2020, in addition to those generated by the Brookfield Highway Department, the Brookfield School Department and the Brookfield Fire Department. During the course of the year, the following grants were generated by this office:

- **PARC grant** – Brookfield was awarded \$98,000 in a **second** PARC as a reimbursement toward a 1.1 mile walking path for Lewis Field, in response to an expressed need for safe walking areas in Brookfield.
- **Strategic Demolition** - \$6,200 was awarded to assist with the demolition of derelict buildings at the Tobin Beach site.
- **Justice Assistance Grant** - \$13,400 was awarded to the Brookfield PD for the purchase of Body-Worn Cameras
- **FEMA Disaster Relief – COVID-19** - \$27,526.35 was awarded for assistance with Public Health and Public Safety Responses to the Corona Virus pandemic.
- **CARES Act** - \$18,930.82 was awarded for assistance with social distancing in public buildings, technology for remote work for Town employees, sanitation of public buildings and PPE for public buildings.

Several grants were managed by Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Council (CMRPC), including the FY 18 Community Block grant. These grants provided:

- Improvements to Hayden and Hyde streets
- Housing Rehabilitation for residents
- Preparation of a regional Community Block Grant application for future Housing Rehabilitation

The grant writer served as Town Liaison for the successful town designation as a Municipal Vulnerability site and approval of the Open Space Plan by the Department of Conservation Services. These designations open the door for Brookfield to apply for and receive future grant funding.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy LaRocca
Grant Writer/Facilitator

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The three major projects for the department this year were: site work and paving for the new playground at Lewis Field, paving and drainage on a portion of Molasses Hill Road and paving and drainage on a section of Fiskdale Road.

Lewis Field- the town received a PARC grant to replace the existing play area at Lewis Field. To stretch the grant as far as possible the department agreed to do all the site work for the project. This included excavation, grading, digging trenches for the electrical work, installing drainage, spreading wood chips, loam and hard pack, paving the driveway.

Molasses Hill Road- with Chapter 90 funds the department cut trees and removed twenty four stumps, raised catch basins, reclaimed and repaved and installed berm on 4,800 feet of road.

Fiskdale Road- 1,575 feet of road was reclaimed, repaved and berm was installed using Chapter 90 funds.

To keep up with the newest snow removal technology multi segmented plow blades were installed on all the plow trucks. We feel these will be advantageous for the following reasons: Plowing closer to the real shape of the road clears more snow. By clearing more snow there are two cost savings. Fewer trips over the same patch of road are required saving time, fuel and blade wear. Less salt is required to melt remaining snow and ice. Reducing salt requirements lowers both the financial and environmental costs associated with snow removal.

Roadside mowing was done as well as weekly mowing of "The Common", Washington monument, Lewis Field, Mill Station Park, Quaboag River near the Murray Bridge, Sawmill Pond dam, boat ramp & South Pond beach. The former campground was also mowed once during the year.

On an as needed basis snow was plowed, roads were swept, potholes were patched, graves were dug, drains were cleaned, equipment was repaired, signs were made, storm damage cleanup was done also leaf removal was done in the village and dumpsters at the Transfer Station were compacted.

Multiple windstorms this year required time for cleanup of trees and branches.

Nine manholes were repaired. Millings were hauled from Sturbridge. A portion of the sidewalk was rebuilt on Pleasant Street.

Tree work was done; please see the Tree Warden's Report for details.

A STRAP grant application was submitted for work to be done on Gay Road. Unfortunately the grant was not funded.

In closing I would like to thank all the other town departments for their assistance and cooperation. I would also like to thank Lee Farr, Adam Norton and the staff at the Highway Department.

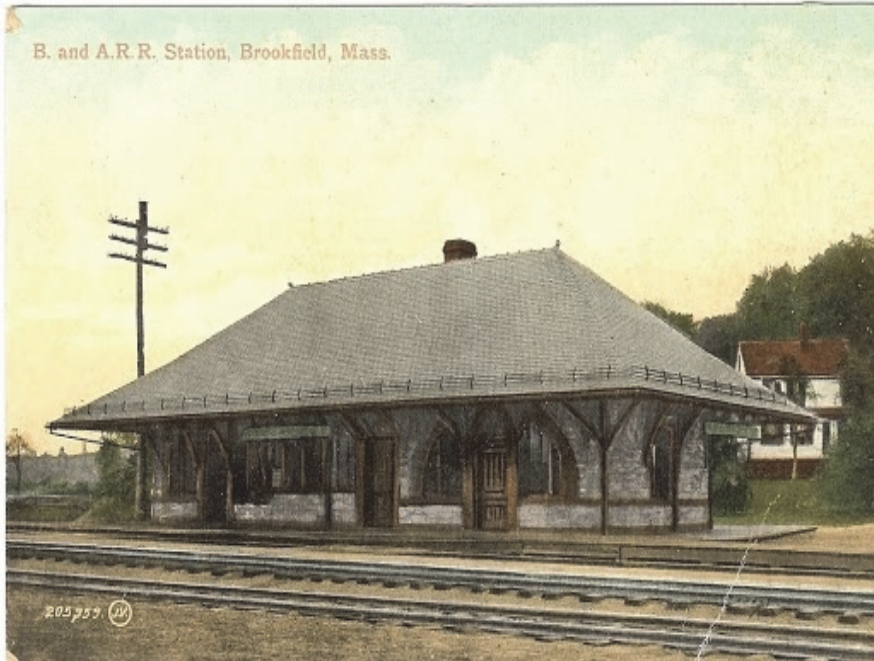
Respectfully submitted,
Ryan Pontbriand
Highway Superintendent

Donald Herbert

Michael Duval

Lucinda Thompson





REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission started 2020 on a positive note by giving a recognition award to Bertha Nolan, who was born in Brookfield and has been a resident of Brookfield for her entire life. During 2020 the BHC continued to meet either at 18 Common Street or "via " Zoom.

This year was the 100th anniversary of the women's right to vote. Donald Faugno has been working on getting relevant information of some of the 204 Brookfield women who voted for the first time. The voting list from that historical election of 1920 has been archivally preserved and it was hoped to have a display at the Presidential election in November but the pandemic prevented that from happening. Research will continue on this worthy project.

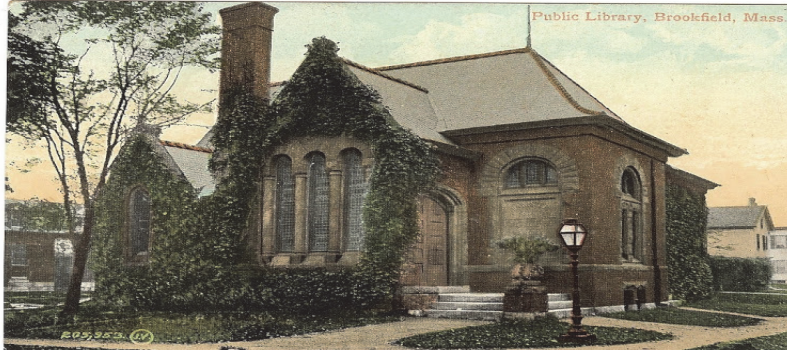
The BHC wishes to thank Barbara Wilson for a donation of old annual reports, town meeting warrants and newspaper clippings. Thanks also to Boyce May who donated old Elm Hill Farm photos. The Commission welcomes donations of archival items in order to preserve them for future generations.

An article to purchase the property at 18 Common Street had to be changed to a lease situation due to financial constraints and the pandemic. The BHC intends to work with the Merrick Public Library to have an article for the same purpose at the June 2021 annual town meeting.

The BHC's aim is to foster and encourage the preservation of our heritage through the conservation of historical artifacts and associated research of documents and town records.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Plumb, Chairman, Lois O'Leary, Clerk, Thomas Morse, Donald Faugno, Judy Hitchcock
Joseph Lariviere, and Michael Metz



REPORT OF THE MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY BANISTER MEMORIAL HALL

TRUSTEES:

Sally Brown, Chair 2022
Barbara Clancy, Secretary, 2023
Matthew Bansfield, 2021
Shelby O'Day Hill, 2023
Carol Plumb, 2021
Traci Hill, 2022

STAFF:

Brenda Metterville, Library Director
Julia Taylor, Sr. Library Assistant
Andrea Faugno, Library Assistant
Kate Simpson, Library Assistant
Joan Sagendorph, Library Assistant
Carrie VonHold, Library Assistant
Jo Ann Pierce, Library Assistant
Michelle Taylor, Library Substitute
Margaret Aubin, Custodian

(resigned in March 2020)

2020 COVID-19

Due to the pandemic the library closed on Tuesday, March 17 to safe guard our patrons and staff of the library from the spread of the virus. The town continued to issue paychecks during this state of emergency. The task of planning to reopen with Personal protective equipment (PPE), in place to minimize exposure to hazards that cause serious illness, was the task of the library director. The town established an emergency fund for departments to order and install transaction windows, face masks, hand sanitizer and disinfectants. Our new protocols included social distancing to 6 feet and mask wearing. We reopened on Tuesday June 2, 2020 when Governor Baker announced reopening protocols for all types of businesses. Our reopening was curbside pickup only, by appointment and for the first month only in house borrowing due to the delivery system not running throughout the state yet.

History

The Merrick Public Library was established in 1867 by Mr. Pliny Merrick with his large collection of books and \$10,000 Merrick Trust Fund; this fund still exists and the interest is used to purchase materials. In 1883, Mrs. Nancy Felton donated the land on the corner of Lincoln Street and Common Street to the town for the purpose of building a library. Mr. William Banister of New York donated \$10,000 in 1883, with the provision that the building be named Banister Memorial Hall. By January 1884 the building was built and dedicated. The trustees and staff continue to maintain the historic integrity of the library while offering modern conveniences.

Circulation

We are a card-distributing member of C/W Mars and 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—Kindles, Nooks, iPads, etc. The library apps *Libby* and *Overdrive* allow multiple library cards to be added, including an easy-to-get Boston Public Library e-card. Borrowed e-books/e-audios may be read through this app for easier access. The free C/W Mars app allows patrons to order and renew regular materials through their devices. The staff of the library provide free training to patrons on how to use devices and on downloading from the C/W Mars website. We provide wireless internet access and free computer use, with free printing, photocopying, and faxing.

The collection size in our library is 21,052. The number of physical items circulated in the library for FY2017 was 25,858; the circulation for FY2018 was 28,960; and the circulation for FY2019 was 30,146. Our circulation count for electronic Libby/Overdrive checkouts (this does not include Boston e-

card usage) for FY2017 was 1,415; the electronic circulation for FY2018 was 1,659; and the electronic circulation for FY2019 was 1,889. **(TO DO)**

The library houses new releases, hardcovers, paperbacks, books on CD, DVDs, Wii and X-Box games, magazines, and our historic collections. Our collections range from board books for infants to books for elementary school students and teens, and a wide-ranging adult assortment of fiction and nonfiction. As we purchase new items, we have an ebb and flow of the collections. We are constantly evaluating materials for popularity and for wear and tear, and moving classics to the upstairs gallery or discarding. Our discarded materials are sent to the Brookfield Transfer Station for public access at the Take-it-or-Leave-it.

Programs

Banister Book Group for adults continues to meet on the last Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. during the warmer months, meeting under the shade of the maple tree with our lawn chairs, social distancing while wearing masks. The knitting club and pre-school story time were cancelled.

Historic Collections

We are partnering with the Brookfield Historical Commission to create a museum, special collections, and meeting space at 18 Common Street, the Felton House.

Robert Wilder's maps are available at the library and Felton House and available online at www.robertwildermaps.com. Another important site for research of the Brookfields Quaboag Plantation is www.brookfieldsresearch.com; 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 are freely sharing. We welcome donations or loans of historic images and items.

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 programs such as the summer reading program, bird program, and essential oil programs, as well as scholarships for graduating Brookfield students. The Friends funded the *Horizon Wings: Bird Brains* in February 2020, and *History at Play's Deborah Sampson* March 2020 presentation. Due to COVID-19 other programs scheduled were cancelled. They also sponsor the holiday *Luminaries* around the common and along Route 9. Their primary fundraiser is the Silent Auction every May (cancelled in 2020). They are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations may be sent to: Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 528, Brookfield, MA 01506.

Community

We were not able to host any field trips or the fifth-grade community service project this year due to restrictions caused by Covid-19, and our weekly pre-school story hour with Shanna Desroches was also cancelled. We were able to hold a modified summer reading program in conjunction with the elementary school, and students who completed their summer reading chart received a prize bag from the library instead of choosing their own prize and book. Instead of having in-person programs we offered several curbside items for patrons to pick up, including fairy kits, craft kits, origami kits, and garden butterfly stakes. Many thanks to the Brookfield Cultural Council and the Brookfield Community Club for their support and grants. We are a drop-off point for food and toiletries (food pantry), eye glasses and hearing aids (Lions Club), new toys (Toys for JOY).

About us

The library hours for curbside pickups and in library visits (one person/one family for 20 minutes) are Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday noon to 4:00 p.m. We are closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and holidays. Contact us by telephone (508-867-6339) or e-mail (brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com), or visit us at our websites: merrickpubliclibrary.org and follow us on Twitter (@MerrickPL) and Facebook (Brookfield Merrick Public Library). Free services for all include receiving and sending faxes (508-867-2981), photocopying, printing, and notary services. We offer free paperbacks, puzzles, and magazines, located in the foyer. Items available to borrow include slide projector and screen, puppet theater, Wii, Ozobots, reading aids, book magnifier, and telescope

Town of Brookfield, Massachusetts
IN MEMORY OF VETERANS OF ALL WARS
Memorial Day, May 25, 2020

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 a 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.

<u><i>In Memoriam</i></u>		
<i>Ronald J. Lacaire, Sr.</i>	<i>Air Force</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>
<i>Earl J. Martin, Jr.</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Korean War</i>
<i>Edwin W. Foley</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>
<i>James E. Develin</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>
<i>William F. (Bill) Pratt</i>	<i>Air Force</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>
<i>Roger W. Jette, Sr.</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Korean War</i>
<i>Louis Courville</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>

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



William F. Pratt served in the US Air Force in Reconnaissance during the Vietnam conflict and received the Air Medal, one of the highest awards presented.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MODERATOR

The moderator presided over the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) held on Friday June 26, 2020 and the fall Special Town Meeting (STM) held on Friday Oct 15, 2020. Both meetings were conducted in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Brookfield Town by-laws and followed the processes and procedures as provided by the 3rd edition of, Town Meeting Times, Handbook of Parliamentary Law, as published by the Massachusetts Moderators Association.

With the governor invoked state of emergency in place due to Covid19, planning and holding both of these meetings was a bit of a challenge. With the restrictions on social distancing requirements in place, having the Town Meetings as usual at the Brookfield Elementary School was not feasible. So for the first time ever both the ATM and STM meetings were held in the auditorium at the Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge. The auditorium has a normal seating capacity of 750 and provided good ventilation and adequate space and seating capacity so as to meet the social distancing mandates. The ATM was called to order at 6:30pm a warrant consisting of 31 articles, there were 88 people in attendance, the meeting voted on and passed an annual budget of \$8.4m, the meeting concluded at 9:34pm. The STM was called to order at 6:30pm with a 30 article warrant, there were 98 people in attendance, the meeting was highlighted by the passing of the article providing financial approval for a Town Administrator, the meeting concluded at 9:04pm.

The moderator would like to thank, all of those town employees, volunteers and Tantasqua School personnel that helped make these meetings possible. All in all, with the extensive planning and preparation both meetings were held with little disruption or fanfare.

Respectfully submitted
Donald R. Taft
Brookfield, Town Moderator
May 2020 – May 2021

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

In 2020 the Personnel Board held the majority of meetings in the Police Station Meeting Room once COVID-19 restrictions were defined.

The committee fine-tuned the draft employee wage spreadsheet based on the “Collin’s report,” Classification and Compensation Study by the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management, UMass, and funded via a Community Compact Grant. The Personnel Board’s edited draft was sent the Town Accountant for review and is expected to be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen. The expectation is that the final salary budget figures will be brought before the voters at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting for approval.

The Personnel Board continued to sign Wage Authorization documents and perform necessary duties through 2020.

The Personnel Board would like to thank all Department Heads for their cooperation in our efforts to ensure that every position in the Town of Brookfield has a current job description.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lincoln, Chairman
Mary Lou Knight, Clerk, Member
Holly Chisholm, Member
Doug Ford, Member
Cindy Thompson, Member



REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

In 2020 the Planning Board met 18 times (including five Executive Sessions) to act on a variety of land use issues, including approval of Special Permits for the addition of an Accessory (“in-Law”) apartment to an existing one-family home, and for a retail bait shop. The Board also reviewed and signed off on six ANR (“Approval Not Required”) plans.

Still under review as of December 2020 were applications for amendments to previously approved Special Permit/Site Plans for large-scale solar facilities at 8 Mitchell Hill Road and in the landlocked 0 Long Hill District off of Cronin Road in Warren; and continuing action on a applicant appeal to a denied Special Permit for a bulk propane storage facility at 14 Post Road.

The Board also responded to a number of inquiries about zoning bylaws and other land use questions. Chief among these were a series of community meetings at Brookfield Congregational Church, chaired by Congregation President Clarence Snyder, about increasing Brookfield’s stock of affordable housing. Ms. Mahoney answered questions about proposed statewide housing initiatives and Brookfield’s zoning bylaws, as well as how to amend those bylaws, with particular attention to increasing affordable housing for elderly residents. Other participants included representatives from the Brookfield Council on Aging, the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), and local mobile home park residents. Unfortunately, the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic cut progress on this project short, but once the crisis has passed we anticipate continuing to explore ways to address this urgent community need.

In May we welcomed newest Planning Board member Adam Jolicoeur. Administrative Clerk Christine Weissman continued serving as an Alternate until May 30 for the purposes of acting on special permit applications, as allowed under Mass. General Law Ch. 40A, §9.

The Town of Brookfield is a member of the CMRPC. In 2020 Sharon Mahoney was reappointed as Brookfield’s CMRPC representative, with Kevin Erkkila once again serving as Alternate. 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.

For a Board whose monthly meetings at the Brookfield Town Hall regularly involve in-person public hearings and reviewing documents and plans, the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic called for a quick adjustment to the way we have traditionally operated. Both Board members and the public have adjusted to this situation in a way that has been commendable.

We are grateful to Assessor Al Jones, Conservation Commission Chair Ken Cleveland, Zoning Board Acting Chair Tim Simon, ZEO Nicholas Thomo and Building Inspector Jeffrey Taylor for their ongoing support. Our thanks also goes to Town Counsel K-P Law, Consulting Engineer John Scannell, Town Clerk Michael Seery and the Board of Selectmen for their assistance in responding to citizen and Planning Board inquiries.

The *Zoning By-law, Subdivision Rules and Regulations, and Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board* are available in hard copy and on CD from the Town Clerk, or downloaded in PDF form from the Town of Brookfield website at <http://brookfieldma.us>.

As always we will continue to strive to provide respectful and efficient service to Brookfield’s citizens, organizations, business owners, and applicants.

Sharon Mahoney, Chair
Russell Phaneuf

Kevin I. Erkkila, Vice Chair
John David Holdcraft

Adam Jolicoeur, Clerk
Christine Weissman, Associate
Member/Administrative Clerk

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR



83 – Permits Total
51 – Gas Permits
32 – Plumbing Permits

49 – Gas Inspections
44 – Plumbing Inspections

Respectfully submitted,

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



BROOKFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Police Michael K. Blanchard



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REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPT

As with everyone else, we are glad to see 2020 behind us. The Covid-19 pandemic certainly made for a very challenging year for the Brookfield Police Department. Police Departments around the country all had to deal with the same issue of trying to maintain public safety services while at the same time, keeping their officers safe and preventing them from getting covid and have it spread throughout the department causing a shortage of personnel.

Once the State shut down in mid-March, most businesses closed and there weren't as many people out on the roads. Calls for service dropped dramatically but we had to change the way we responded to those calls that still came in. During the height of the pandemic, officers handled the majority of calls that came in over the phone if possible. Citizens were not allowed in the station unless absolutely necessary. We tried to limit face to face contact with citizens as much as possible, something that is difficult for a department that embraces community policing.

The Department was able to get more than enough personal protect equipment to help protect them from covid. These items were given to us by MEMA and from donations from citizens. These items were given to the Department at no cost to us.

As the State started to open back up during the summer, the Department started eased some of the restrictions we had in place on how we handled calls, however we were still not doing a lot of the community policing programs we have done in the past.

The Brookfield Police Department had a decrease in calls for service for the first time in three years. This was clearly due to the shut down caused by the pandemic. The total calls for service for 2020 was 5,511 as compared to 6,253 in 2019 and 5,338 in 2018. The Department had an increase in arrests in 2020. The total number of arrests in 2020 was 136, as compared to 133 in 2019.

The following is a summary of the activity for 2020;

- Medical Calls – 336
- Alarm Calls – 65
- Motor Vehicle Accidents – 59
- Motor Vehicle Stops -390
- Larcenies – 11
- Custodial Arrests – 60
- Criminal Complaint Summons – 76

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
T-Ball
TRYBIL Basketball

USA Softball
TRY Soccer

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 all 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 in order 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), our Facebook page and our new website: <http://brookfieldrecreation.weebly.com/>

While COVID wreaked havoc with programs this year, the generous support of the Brookfield Elementary School and its facilities, allow us to typically run our basketball program and offer a Co-ed Adult Basketball/Volleyball program throughout the fall and winter. We hope to get back to these programs soon.

Even though our annual Trick or Treat event looked different in 2020 with no parade or costume contest, an estimated 300 -400 children and their parents safely made their way to the homes around the common and in the town center. Special thanks to Brookfield Police and Fire for supporting this event and ensuring the safety of all participants.

We would be remiss to not mention the affect that the COVID Pandemic has had on the programs organized and run by this committee. We were sadly forced to cancel our TBALL, Baseball, Softball, Basketball and Spring and Fall Soccer seasons. We are anxiously looking to resuming these activities as we move through the pandemic.

Finally, we are excited by the completion of the playground project at Lewis Field and are looking forward to the next phases of field improvement. Those improvements are slated to be a resurfacing of the basketball courts with new hoops and rims as well as a grant funded walking trail.

We are always 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 or attend one of our meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Pavilion at Lewis Field.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Landine, Chairperson

Kyle Hill

Erik Blake

Tim Nye

Brendon Cunningham

Jake Hill

Lisa Hanrahan

Jeremy Hague

Mike Lawrence



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



School Committee

Andrew Dunn, Chair	Term expires 2022
Megan Cunningham, Vice-Chair/ Tantasqua Rep.	Term expires 2021
Jeff Morin, /Secretary	Term expires 2023

Superintendent of Schools

Erin M. Nosek	320A Brookfield Road, Fiskdale	'347-5977
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Associate Superintendent

Deborah J. Boyd	320A Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale	'347-3077
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Assistant Superintendent

Jodi Bourassa	320A Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale	'347-3077
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Special Education/Pupil Services Director

Brenda Looney	320A Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale	'347-3560
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Principal

Kathleen Hosterman	"	867-8988
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Secretary

Jennifer Grybowski	'867-8988
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School Nurse and Supervisor of Attendance

Elaine Gittens, R.N., B.S.N.	"	867-8988
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School Enrollment as of October 1, 2020

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pre-S</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>U61</u>	<u>Total</u>
Elem	12	28	30	28	38	27	36	27	3	228
<u>Grade</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>PG</u>			
TJHS	32	38								70
TSHS			20	20	19	24				83
Tech.Div.			23	21	16	10				<u>70</u>
Total Tant										223
TRSD/U61 Enrollment										451



TEACHERS IN SERVICE – BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**2019-2020**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COLL./DEGREE</u>	<u>TEACHING EXP. IN BROOKFIELD AS OF 6-30-20</u>
Principal	Kathleen Hosterman	M.Ed., Keene State College B.A., Norwich Univ. Ed. D, Walden University	15
Kindergarten	Mary Casey	M.Ed., Anna Maria B.S., Salem State	18
Kindergarten	Jean Monahan	B.S., Bridgewater State	23
Grade 1	Elizabeth Dwyer	B.S., Fitchburg State	30
Grade 1	Karen O’Neill	B.A., UMass	33
Grade 2	Rebecca Choquet	B.A., Worcester State	6
Grade 2	Helen Tarr	M.Ed., Cambridge College B.A., Notre Dame College	15
Grade 3	Ashley Barringer	B.S., Worcester State	14
Grade 3	Mallory Farinato	M.S. Ed, Anna Maria College B.S., Franklin Pierce College	12
Grade 4	Claudia Forgit	M.Ed., Worcester State	32
Grade 4	Anthony Healy	B.S., Worcester State	2
Grade 5	Colleen Parker	M.A., Framingham State B.S., Springfield College	13
Grade 5	Jolene Jalbert	B.S., Worcester State M.Ed., Worcester State	9
Grade 6	Belinda Gibson- Kiesiner	M.Ed., Worcester State B.A., Anna Maria	22
Grade 6	Donna Morin- Wermter	B.S., Worcester State	27
Special Needs	Paula Casey	M.Ed., Fitchburg State B.A., UMass	9
Special Needs	Bonnie Couming	B.A., U. West FL M.Ed., Framingham State	15
Special Needs	Kimberly Ferreira	M.S. Ed, Simmons College B.S., North Adams State	9

2019-2020			TEACHING EXP. IN
<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COLL./DEGREE</u>	<u>BROOKFIELD AS OF 6-30-20</u>
Special Needs	Sarah Pressman	M.S. Ed; Bay Path University B.S; Bay Path Univerisity	1
Special Needs	Melissa Murphy	B.A., Framingham State	6
Speech	Kaitlyn Smith	M.S., Worcester State B.S., University of Massachusetts Amherst	5
Sch. Psych.	Jena DelCid	B.A. Clark University M.Ed. Worcester State C.A.G.S. Worcester State	5
Adj. Counselor	Michelle Ledoux	A.S. Cape Cod Community College B. A., Worcester State M.A. American International College Ed. D. American International College	2
Teacher, Art	Diane Simonds	B.A., Univ. of Hartford M.Ed., UMass Amherst	7
Teacher, Rem. Math	Sharon Thayer	B.A., Chatham College M.Ed, Anna Maria College	4
Teacher, Rem. Reading	Katrina Annunziata	B.S., Worcester State M.Ed., Worcester State	4
Library/Media Technology	Karen Silva	M.Ed., Worcester State M.Ed., Westfield State B.A., UMass	9
Music	Mark Weissman	B.A., Westfield State M.A, UMass G.D., New England Conservatory of Music	4
Music	Lindsey Paras	B.A., Anna Maria College M.A., Anna Maria College	6
Physical Ed.	Thomas Goyette	B.S., Bridgewater State	32
Un61 PreSch	Janice Labuski	B.S., Worcester State	23
Sch. Nurse	Julie Lardizzone	BA, Assumption College BSN, Northeastern University	1

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2019-2020

School Appropriation July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

\$3,187,823.00

Miscellaneous Receipts & Reimbursements

Expenditures: 1000 Series

School Committee	\$ 3,070.57
Superintendent's Office	\$ 133,183.15

Instruction: 2000 Series

Principal's Office	\$ 185,454.73
Teachers' Salaries	\$ 1,120,244.62
Teachers, Substitutes & Tutors	\$ 12,582.75
Supplies & Materials	\$ 24,389.68
Aides Salaries	\$ 241,491.13
Professional Development	\$ 17,166.09
Special Education Salaries (Perceptually Handicapped & Speech)	\$ 441,785.48
Supplies & Materials – Sp.Ed.	\$ 3,334.66
Textbooks/Sp.Ed.	\$ 983.18
Textbooks	\$ 13,085.19
Technology Services	\$ 62,922.65
Library Services	\$ 45,624.14
Audio Visual	\$ 1,413.00
Guidance Services	\$ 98,235.02
Psychological Services	\$ 2,563.00

Other School Services:

Health Services	\$ 64,267.91
Pupil Transportation/ Reg Day	\$ 133,484.25
Pupil Transportation/ Sped Ed (Special Education & Phys. Handicapped)	\$ 122,231.88
Programs & Assemblies	\$ 1,500.00

Operation and Maintenance of Plant:

Custodial Salaries	\$ 110,502.85
Supplies & Materials	\$ 11,832.74
Fuel	\$ 42,324.76
Utilities - School	\$ 53,517.20
Maintenance of Grounds	\$ 8,019.09
Maintenance of Buildings S&M	\$ 8,278.02
Maintenance of Equipment – School (inc tech line)/ Contracted services	\$ 50,195.82
Extraordinary Projects	

Acquisition of Fixed Assets:

Equipment – School	
Equipment – Sp.Ed.	
Replacement of Equipment – School	\$ 5,073.99

Programs with Other Districts & Schools:

Special Education	\$ 139,065.45
Vocational	\$ -

Total Appropriation Expenditures July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 **\$3,157,823.00**

Estimated Reimbursements:

Chapter 70	\$1,585,489.00
Chapter 71	
Chapter 76	
Total Appropriations Est. Reimbursements	\$1,585,489.00

Total Expenditures **\$3,157,823.00**

Less Total Estimated Receipts **\$1,585,489.00**

Cost to Taxpayer **\$1,572,334.00**

Town of Brookfield

	<u>2020-2021</u>
	<u>Budget</u>
Administration (1000)	\$133,263.00
Instruction (2000)	\$2,258,957.00
Other School Services (3000)	\$317,380.00
Operation & Maintenance (4000)	\$288,559.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets (7000)	\$7,600.00
Program with Other Districts (9000)	\$140,650.00
Regional and Private Schools (VOC)	

Total Appropriations 2020-2021 **\$3,146,409.00**

Special Needs Programs Included in Budget:

2000	Instructional	\$628,551.00
3000	Other(Health,Trans,etc)	\$317,380.00
7000	Equipment	\$7,600.00
9000	<u>Programs with Other Districts</u>	\$140,650.00
<u>TOTAL:</u>	(does not include voc)	<u>\$1,094,181.00</u>

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The 2020-2021 school year has been unique in many ways. Over the summer of 2020, I worked with a Reopening Team to prepare a plan which would allow Brookfield Elementary School students to return for multiple modes of education. The goal was to allow for in-person education for a hybrid model, as well as a fully remote model of instruction. The plan took shape and in August we finalized the plan and shared it with our families through a community wide virtual meeting.

We then used the first 10 school days of September to train and prepare for this new instructional plan. Teachers all took on this challenge and each created an online Google Classroom. All technology equipment was purchased along with over 100 iPads being distributed to students to begin the year. This ensured that all families had access to both in-person and remote learning applications. We began actual instruction on September 14th with teachers learning how to instruct to both a live audience and a virtual one at the same time. We added many new instructional skills to our tool belts.

We also upgraded all of our HVAC systems at Brookfield Elementary School, ensuring that all units were running at maximum capacity and that our filters were exchanged for the highest quality filter that could be purchased for commercial use. Our custodians went through specific training for sanitizing our facility on a daily basis, and for deep cleaning routines before weekends. The training also included an entirely new level of data collection. This protocol allowed us to track each classroom for completion of sanitizing procedures.

This year has also been unique for the new responsibilities carried by our school nurse. We have added multiple layers of safety protocols to ensure both student and staff safety in relation to the COVID 19 virus. The nurse was provided training through the Board of Health and then trained Brookfield staff to prepare for student re-entry. Our building was prepared with signage and sanitizing stations throughout. The goal from the very beginning was to ensure a place for both staff and students to carry on our daily school routines in a manner which minimized risk to the greatest degree possible. While many districts around the Commonwealth have utilized a remote only instructional model, we have been committed to providing Brookfield students an in-person option for the FY21 school year even though it has been through a hybrid structure to allow for distancing and safety.

My 16th year as an administrator has been the most challenging of my career. I can honestly say that the success of this year was fully dependent upon the wonderful and dedicated staff at Brookfield Elementary School, and our ever supportive school committee. As a team, the educational community of Brookfield has not just survived, but thrived during this pandemic. Every department rose to the occasion including the cafeteria staff, the custodial staff, the Para educators, the educational instructors and the specialists, the nurse and guidance staff, the special education staff and the office support, and finally our wonderful Brookfield parents and guardians. All took on new and additional responsibilities this year and I thank each one for their efforts and willingness to step up to the plate on behalf of Brookfield children.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kathleen Hosterman, Ed.D
Brookfield Principal

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Union 61 and Tantasqua Regional School Districts
Brimfield Brookfield Holland Sturbridge Wales

Now in my ninth year as Superintendent of Tantasqua Regional and Union 61 School Districts, I continue to be in awe of the dedication and collective efforts of our staff and the many achievements of our students. To say that this has been a most unusual year would not fully capture the significance that the COVID 19 pandemic had on us as a school system, as well as on all of us as individuals. The pandemic required all of our educators and support staff to adapt quickly to an unprecedented situation. Our students and families also needed to adapt with virtually no warning and we were so grateful for their partnership. While this time has proven to be extremely challenging, I could not be more proud of how we all came together during this time of great uncertainty, to support our amazingly resilient students. I cannot begin to appropriately thank everyone for their hard work during the spring and summer of 2020, and I am extremely grateful to all members of our educational community for their commitment to opening schools this fall, and doing all that was needed to make this happen.

The district continues to improve its curriculum, instruction and assessment work and have a very positive impact on students. Our teachers and support staff remain committed to our students as shown in their innovative and supportive classroom environments. Our teachers analyze classroom assessment data so that they may determine any curriculum or instructional adjustments, as well as identifying individual student needs. Each school offers action plans to help students close any learning gaps that may exist.

Our commitment to enhanced writing, reading, and rigorous standards based instruction continues to help our children grow in all of the academic areas. Currently, our Elementary Districts are implementing *Foundations* in grades Kindergarten through grade 2. This program is a researched based, multisensory, structured language program that provides critical groundwork for life-long literacy. Additionally, all elementary grades are engaging students seamlessly across multiple learning environments by optimizing and tailoring student learning during hybrid instruction.

In a similar learning environment, Tantasqua Junior and Senior High School teachers continue to work with curriculum that is in full alignment with the State Standards, and ensure that our students experience a strong academic program throughout their day. We have a rigorous core math program and continue to improve literacy skills by reading complex texts. Civics education is currently a new focus area across all of the secondary grade levels. A working group has been established to revise curriculum standards in an effort to align K-12 civics content. In Science, *Project Lead the Way* continues to provide hands-on, transformative learning experiences for students, and support the development of high demand knowledge and skills.

Many technology improvements were implemented over this past year. During the 2019-2020 school year, we continued to update and enhance our security system through the support of grant funding. We also continued to increase the use of GSuite for Education,

which allows students and staff to collaborate quickly and effectively. Google Classroom has been expanded into all schools. In March, the IT team had to quickly pivot to a full remote learning model. We worked with leadership in each school to deploy devices to students so that our teachers could continue the delivery of instruction. We increased our bandwidth and upgraded our firewall to meet the new demands of this model. Thanks to support from our School Committees, we ordered new Chromebooks to further enhance the variety of learning models that we encountered in the new school year. Numerous software titles were acquired to assist educators, and we supported the ongoing needs associated with remote learning.

The IT team supported multiple curriculum initiatives which required a technical component for content delivery. We continued to work on IT centralization to better serve our students and staff. We secured eRate funding for Category 1 connections. Over this past year, the technology team completed over 1,900 helpdesk tickets between the seven buildings.

Because of the support from the voters of our five towns during the 2018/19 town meeting season, Tantasqua received the approval from the MSBA for the Tantasqua Junior High doors and windows replacement project. This support allowed us to begin the implementation of the project in the spring of 2020 with completion expected by the spring of 2021. We are looking forward to the improvement these changes will bring to the educational environment.

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. The ten months between March and December 2020 will be remembered as a time of strength and collaboration as the Districts overcame and excelled in meeting the challenges and stress of the Corona Virus pandemic. We are greatly appreciative of the efforts and ideals we share as we continue to work collaboratively to achieve the goal of providing our students with every opportunity for success.

Respectfully,

Erin M. Nosek, Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

The Tax 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.

If Taxes remain unpaid by the due date, a 25.00 demand fee is added. If the demand is not paid, a real estate tax lien is filed upon the property, this is the beginning of what is known as the tax title process, when an actual lien is filed with Land Court and the process to foreclose begins, this can take many years depending on the complexity of the deed, number of heirs, available funds etc.

Excise tax is based upon where you vehicle is garaged. The Registry of Motor Vehicles overhauled their system in 2019 and again in 2020, this has caused some issues with garaging codes. In a perfect world you should pay excise to the community you live in. Last year there were 11 Motor Vehicle Commitments.

Covid19 made year 2020 a very challenging year for everyone involved! I appreciate everyone becoming flexible with their payment method, instead of using cash and taking advantage of the on-line system, using money orders or bank checks and the drop box that remains on the landing and is safe and secure. 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
- When using bill pay, please use the memo field for your account number and or address

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Parish
Tax Collector

Real Estate	Interest and			Exemptions and			Uncollected
	Committed	Collected	Fees	Betterment	Tax Title	Abatements	
2021	\$ 2,597,503.01	\$ 2,470,872.96	\$ 1,830.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,835.66
2020	\$ 2,648,386.40	\$ 2,679,991.40	\$ 19,148.67	\$ 3,299.96	\$ 37,393.59	\$ 22,443.55	\$ 78,407.68
2019	\$ -	\$ 40,578.01	\$ 7,694.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,078.51
TOTAL	\$ 5,245,889.41	\$ 5,191,442.37	\$ 28,673.32	\$ 3,299.96	\$ 37,393.59	\$ 22,443.55	\$ 227,321.85
Personal Property							
2021	\$ 69,270.82	\$ 69,270.82	\$ 14.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 322.26
2020	\$ 62,276.10	\$ 62,220.69	\$ 8.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119.64	\$ 218.25
TOTAL	\$ 131,546.92	\$ 131,491.51	\$ 22.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119.64	\$ 540.51
MV Excise							
2020	\$ 497,756.34	\$ 499,237.46	\$ 147,300.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,355.33	\$ 34,105.78
2019	\$ 3,067.52	\$ 19,115.83	\$ 14,310.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 786.05	\$ 6,864.91
TOTAL	\$ 500,823.86	\$ 518,353.29	\$ 161,610.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,141.38	\$ 40,970.69

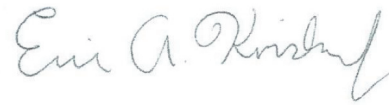
Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Parish
Tax Collector, CMMC

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
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Town Accountant



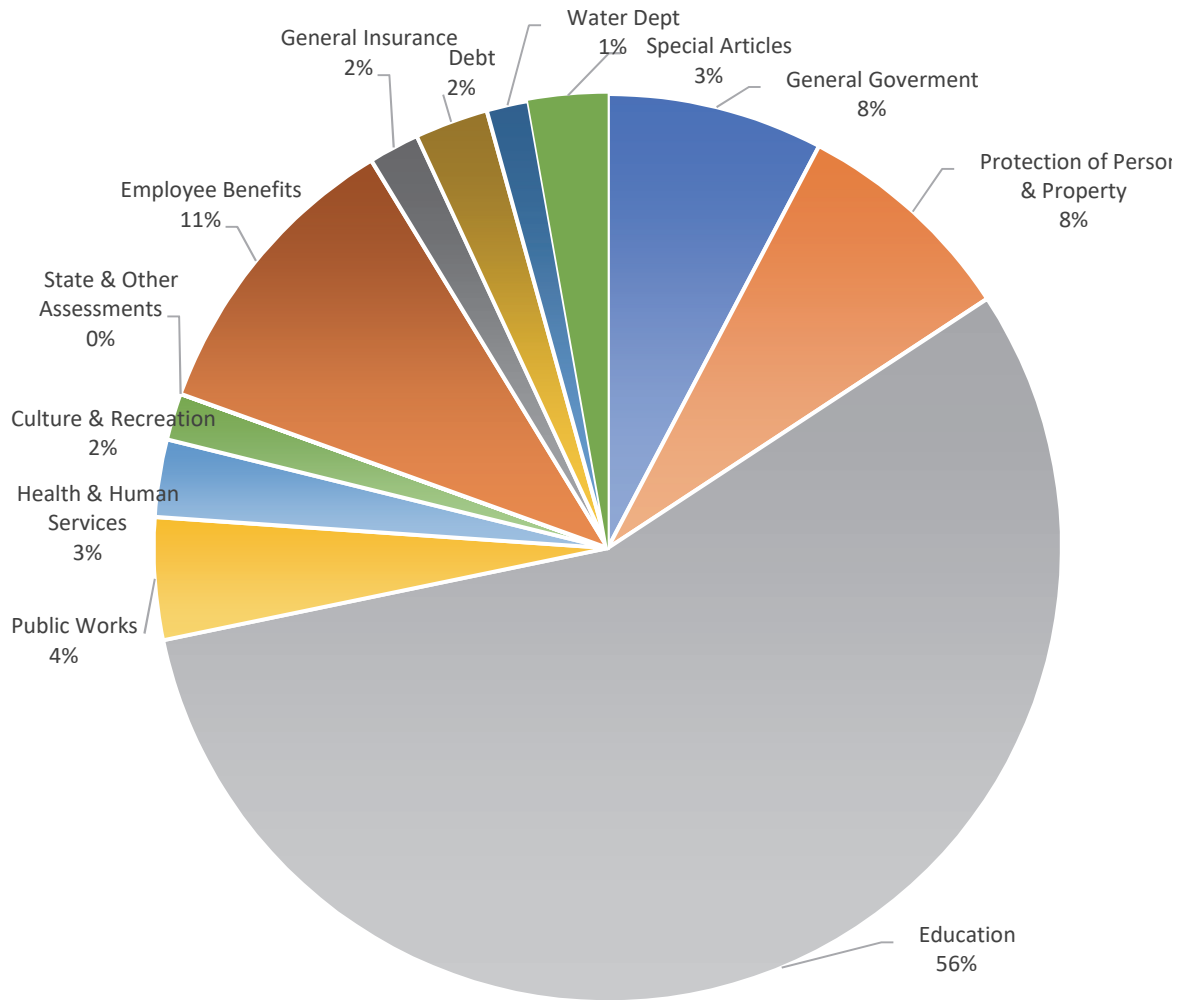
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
June 30, 2020

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	
ASSETS:						
Cash and cash equivalents	1,576,497.54	2,167,004.89	121,867.98	300,197.52		4,165,567.93
Personal property taxes	1,541.87					1,541.87
Real estate taxes	234,647.28					234,647.28
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(131,070.87)					(131,070.87)
Tax liens	601,742.72					601,742.72
Tax foreclosures	318,252.44					318,252.44
Motor vehicle excise	101,294.27					101,294.27
User Fees		82,945.30				82,945.30
Departmental	4,883.50					4,883.50
Due from other governments	50,083.71					50,083.71
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					143,975.96	143,975.96
TOTAL ASSETS	2,757,872.46	2,249,950.19	121,867.98	300,197.52	143,975.96	5,573,864.11
LIABILITIES:						
Accrued payroll and withholdings	78,985.25					78,985.25
Other liabilities						-
Agency Funds				40,664.43		40,664.43
Deferred Revenue:						-
Real and personal property taxes	105,118.28					105,118.28
Tax liens	601,742.72					601,742.72
Tax foreclosures	318,252.44					318,252.44
Motor vehicle excise	101,294.27					101,294.27
User Fees		82,945.30				82,945.30
Departmental	4,883.50					4,883.50
Other receivables - TAILINGS	4,218.54					4,218.54
Due from other governments	50,083.71					50,083.71
Bonds payable			949,126.00			949,126.00
Notes payable					143,975.96	143,975.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,264,578.71	82,945.30	949,126.00	40,664.43	143,975.96	2,481,290.40
FUND BALANCES:						
Reserved for encumbrances	94,166.20					94,166.20
Reserved for expenditures						-
Reserved for continuing appropriations	506,302.82	76,289.77				582,592.59
Reserved for petty cash	50.00					50.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit						-
Undesignated fund balance	892,774.73	2,090,715.12	(827,258.02)	259,533.09		2,415,764.92
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,493,293.75	2,167,004.89	(827,258.02)	259,533.09	-	3,092,573.71
TOTAL LIAB & FUND BALANCE:	2,757,872.46	2,249,950.19	121,867.98	300,197.52	143,975.96	5,573,864.11

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Carry Forward	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis		
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 5,318,698.40	\$ 5,318,698.40	\$ 5,333,399.99	\$ -	\$ 14,701.59
Sale of Tax Foreclosure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excise & Other Taxes	\$ -	\$ 447,668.39	\$ 447,668.39	\$ 500,255.68	\$ -	\$ 52,587.29
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 91,542.67	\$ -	\$ 51,542.67
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 249,142.31	\$ -	\$ 19,142.31
Rentals	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,850.00
Departmental Revenue-Cemetery	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,950.00	\$ -	\$ 1,950.00
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ 158,000.00	\$ 158,000.00	\$ 129,203.41	\$ -	\$ (28,796.59)
Other	\$ -	\$ 111,600.00	\$ 111,600.00	\$ 105,460.94	\$ -	\$ (6,139.06)
Fines & Forfeits	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,835.22	\$ -	\$ (8,164.78)
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 35,905.56	\$ -	\$ 20,905.56
Intergovernmental-Comm. of Mass.	\$ -	\$ 2,270,306.00	\$ 2,270,306.00	\$ 2,162,643.00	\$ -	\$ (107,663.00)
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 8,612,422.79	\$ 8,612,422.79	\$ 8,629,838.78	\$ -	\$ 17,415.99
Expenditures:						
Current Fiscal Year:						
General Government	\$ -	\$ 684,894.00	\$ 705,781.32	\$ 656,898.36	\$ 12.15	\$ 48,870.81
Protection of Persons & Property	\$ -	\$ 721,041.00	\$ 718,222.62	\$ 686,249.31	\$ 2,976.54	\$ 28,996.77
Education	\$ -	\$ 4,898,653.00	\$ 4,868,449.00	\$ 4,777,552.53	\$ 90,892.14	\$ 4.33
Public Works	\$ -	\$ 433,540.00	\$ 379,901.21	\$ 370,704.86	\$ 265.00	\$ 8,931.35
Health & Human Services	\$ -	\$ 218,689.00	\$ 238,283.13	\$ 235,345.62	\$ -	\$ 2,937.51
Culture & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 151,624.00	\$ 151,624.00	\$ 141,504.05	\$ -	\$ 10,119.95
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 237,151.00	\$ 222,767.34	\$ 222,766.10	\$ -	\$ 1.24
Water Dept	\$ -	\$ 132,300.00	\$ 132,300.00	\$ 127,209.79	\$ 20.37	\$ 5,069.84
State & Other Assessments	\$ -	\$ 97,221.00	\$ 97,221.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,221.00
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 868,545.00	\$ 919,577.75	\$ 918,931.97	\$ -	\$ 645.78
General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 145,343.00	\$ 154,873.63	\$ 154,452.88	\$ -	\$ 420.75
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ 582,501.00	\$ 596,501.00	\$ 239,231.41	\$ 287,413.43	\$ 69,856.16
Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 9,171,502.00	\$ 9,185,502.00	\$ 8,530,846.88	\$ 381,579.63	\$ 273,075.49
Other Expenditures:						
Prior Year Articles	\$ 311,789.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,393.33	\$ 218,889.39	\$ -
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 168,174.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168,174.75	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 479,963.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 317,568.08	\$ 218,889.39	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 479,963.83	\$ 9,171,502.00	\$ 9,185,502.00	\$ 8,848,414.96	\$ 600,469.02	\$ 273,075.49
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (479,963.83)	\$ (559,079.21)	\$ (573,079.21)	\$ (218,576.18)	\$ (600,469.02)	\$ 290,491.48
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 654,100.00	\$ 668,100.00	\$ 632,858.00	\$ -	\$ (35,242.00)
Operating Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,159.81	\$ -	\$ (27,159.81)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ 654,100.00	\$ 668,100.00	\$ 605,698.19	\$ -	\$ (62,401.81)
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (479,963.83)	\$ 95,020.79	\$ 95,020.79	\$ 387,122.01	\$ (600,469.02)	\$ 228,089.67
Audit Adjustment				\$ (832.72)		
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 1,107,004.46	\$ 1,107,004.46	\$ 1,107,004.46	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ (479,963.83)	\$ 1,202,025.25	\$ 1,202,025.25	\$ 1,493,293.75	\$ (600,469.02)	\$ 228,089.67

BUDGET FY2020 EXPENDITURES



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

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
001-114-5110-000	Moderator Salary	\$	50.00		\$	50.00	\$	50.00	
001-122-5110-000	Selectmen Salary	\$	6,000.00		\$	6,000.00	\$	-	
001-122-5110-001	Administrative Asst Wages	\$	44,721.00	\$	45,571.00	45,381.00	\$	190.00	
001-122-5110-002	Municipal Clerk Wages	\$	11,574.00	\$	12,614.47	12,572.47	\$	42.00	
001-122-5110-003	Grant Writer Wages	\$	19,988.00	\$	20,196.44	20,196.44	\$	-	
001-122-5700-000	Selectmen Expense	\$	9,000.00		\$	6,899.22	\$	2,100.78	\$
001-122-5700-001	Physical Exam Expense	\$	800.00	\$	718.38		\$	718.38	\$
001-122-5700-002	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$	850.00	\$	(850.00)		\$	-	
001-122-5700-003	Computer Maintenance	\$	17,000.00	\$	18,310.00	18,310.00	\$	-	
001-122-5700-004	Town Website	\$	6,000.00	\$	4,690.00	2,540.00	\$	2,150.00	
001-122-5700-005	Computer Security	\$	2,000.00	\$	(2,000.00)		\$	-	
001-122-5700-014	Grant Writer Expenses	\$	1,200.00	\$	729.09	286.93	\$	442.16	
001-122-5800-000	Consultant Expenses	\$	10,000.00		\$	10,000.00	\$	-	
001-122-5802-000	Computer Acquisition	\$	5,000.00	\$	1,711.97	1,199.25	\$	512.72	
001-132-5405-000	Reserve Fund	\$	25,000.00	\$	(25,000.00)		\$	-	
001-135-5110-000	Town Accountant Wages	\$	47,970.00	\$	34,986.00	82,956.00	\$	-	
001-135-5110-001	Accounting Clerk	\$	3,783.00	\$	(3,783.00)		\$	-	
001-135-5700-000	Accountant Expense	\$	6,800.00	\$	(3,655.18)	3,144.82	\$	-	
001-135-5960-000	Town Accountant - Professional Service	\$	1,000.00	\$	(1,000.00)		\$	-	
001-136-5110-000	Advisory Committee-Clerk Salary	\$	526.00	\$	(326.34)	199.66	\$	199.66	
001-136-5700-000	Advisory Committee Expenses	\$	500.00		\$	459.30	\$	40.70	
001-136-5700-001	Warrant Book Print & Mail	\$	1,200.00	\$	(42.00)	1,158.00	\$	-	
001-141-5110-000	Assessors Stipend	\$	1,500.00		\$	1,500.00	\$	-	
001-141-5110-001	Principal Assessor Wages	\$	48,147.00		\$	48,147.00	\$	-	
001-141-5110-002	Assessor Clerk Wages	\$	15,170.00		\$	15,170.00	\$	-	
001-141-5110-003	Assessor Certification Stipend	\$	1,000.00	\$	(1,000.00)		\$	-	
001-141-5200-000	Assessor Consultant Services	\$	1,000.00		\$	1,000.00	\$	-	
001-141-5700-000	Assessor Expense	\$	8,705.00		\$	8,705.00	\$	997.80	
001-145-5110-000	Treasurer Salary	\$	47,970.00	\$	23,634.98	71,604.98	\$	-	
001-145-5110-001	Asst Treasurer Wages	\$	20,107.00	\$	3,631.55	23,738.55	\$	-	
001-145-5110-002	Treasurer Consultant	\$	10,000.00		\$	10,000.00	\$	-	
001-145-5200-000	Treasurer Payroll Services	\$	7,100.00		\$	6,208.90	\$	891.10	
001-145-5700-000	Treasurers Expenses	\$	10,000.00		\$	9,632.20	\$	367.80	
001-146-5110-000	Collector Wages	\$	44,871.00		\$	44,871.00	\$	-	
001-146-5150-000	Collector Certification	\$	1,000.00		\$	1,000.00	\$	-	
001-146-5700-000	Collector Expense	\$	9,900.00		\$	9,193.20	\$	706.80	
001-146-5700-001	Collector Software	\$	6,860.00		\$	6,860.00	\$	-	
001-151-5249-000	Legal Services	\$	100,000.00		\$	74,073.44	\$	25,926.56	
001-158-5200-000	Treasurer/Collector Tax Titles	\$	10,000.00		\$	9,196.35	\$	803.65	
001-161-5110-000	Town Clerk Salary	\$	33,696.00		\$	33,696.00	\$	-	
001-161-5110-001	Town Clerk - Asst Clerk Wages	\$	4,287.00	\$	(2,308.88)	1,978.12	\$	989.98	
001-161-5700-000	Town Clerk Expense	\$	2,600.00	\$	1,877.00	2,510.82	\$	1,966.18	
001-162-5110-000	Election & Registration Wages	\$	5,884.00	\$	(1,024.89)	4,859.11	\$	-	
001-162-5700-000	Election & Registration Expenses	\$	6,000.00	\$	431.88	6,431.88	\$	-	
001-171-5110-001	Conservation Comm Clerk Wages	\$	938.00		\$	692.60	\$	245.40	

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward	
001-171-5700-000	Conservation Commission	\$	400.00		\$	217.50	\$	182.50	\$	
001-174-5600-000	Central Mass Regional Planning	\$	980.00		\$	970.79	\$	9.21	\$	
001-175-5110-000	Planning Board Clerk Salary	\$	3,877.00		\$	2,460.00	\$	1,417.00	\$	
001-175-5110-001	Planning Board Salary	\$	2,500.00	\$	(1,000.00)	\$	1,500.00	\$	500.00	
001-175-5700-000	Planning Board Expense	\$	2,790.00		\$	1,492.56	\$	1,297.44	\$	
001-176-5110-001	Board of Appeals Wages	\$	880.00	\$	(880.00)	\$	-	\$	-	
001-176-5700-000	Board of Appeals Expenses	\$	510.00	\$	(66.11)	\$	443.89	\$	6.69	
001-180-5700-000	Cable Advisory Expenses	\$	2,220.00	\$	(1,858.40)	\$	361.60	\$	361.60	
001-192-5110-000	Municipal Custodian Wages	\$	14,740.00	\$	664.81	\$	15,404.81	\$	-	
001-192-5700-000	Municipal Property Maintenance	\$	10,000.00		\$	8,898.79	\$	1,101.21	\$	
001-192-5701-000	Municipal Property Utilities	\$	5,000.00		\$	4,692.28	\$	307.72	\$	
001-192-5942-000	Town Hall Improvements	\$	15,000.00		\$	11,159.86	\$	3,840.14	\$	
001-195-5200-000	Print Town Report	\$	1,800.00		\$	1,546.50	\$	253.50	\$	
001-199-5700-000	Municipal Heating Fuel	\$	6,500.00	\$	2,197.55	\$	8,433.27	\$	264.28	
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$	684,894.00	\$	20,887.32	\$	705,781.32	\$	48,882.96	\$
		\$				656,898.36	\$	48,870.81	\$	12.15
	PUBLIC SAFETY									
001-210-5110-000	Police Wages Full Time	\$	242,758.00	\$	3,638.16	\$	246,396.16	\$	72.18	\$
001-210-5110-001	Police Chief Salary	\$	79,753.00		\$	79,753.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-210-5110-002	Police Wages Part Time	\$	66,146.00		\$	61,449.98	\$	4,696.02	\$	4,696.02
001-210-5110-003	Police Clerk Wages	\$	11,998.00	\$	110.60	\$	12,108.60	\$	-	\$
001-210-5110-004	Police Overtime	\$	50,500.00	\$	(8,643.76)	\$	41,856.24	\$	3,226.81	\$
001-210-5700-000	Police Expenses	\$	61,466.00	\$	4,895.00	\$	66,361.00	\$	4,887.64	\$
001-220-5110-000	Fire Wages	\$	49,746.00	\$	(4,600.00)	\$	45,146.00	\$	14,367.99	\$
001-220-5110-001	Fire Chief Salary	\$	3,634.00		\$	3,634.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-220-5700-000	Fire Dept. Expenses	\$	34,000.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	41,500.00	\$	341.05	\$
001-220-5700-002	Fire Utilities	\$	9,500.00		\$	9,500.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-220-5705-000	Fire Testing / Certification	\$	12,000.00	\$	(2,900.00)	\$	9,100.00	\$	265.70	\$
001-220-5750-000	Fire Fixed Asset Repair / Replace	\$	13,000.00		\$	13,000.00	\$	3.00	\$	3.00
001-235-5200-000	Telephone Expense	\$	6,510.00	\$	81.62	\$	6,591.62	\$	-	\$
001-241-5110-000	Building Inspector Salary	\$	17,271.00		\$	17,271.00	\$	719.65	\$	719.65
001-241-5110-007	Asst Building Inspector Wages	\$	558.00		\$	558.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-241-5700-000	Building Inspector Expenses	\$	300.00		\$	300.00	\$	175.02	\$	175.02
001-242-5110-000	Gas/Plumbing Inspector Salary	\$	4,277.00		\$	4,277.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-242-5110-007	Asst Gas/Plumbing Inspector Wages	\$	356.00		\$	356.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-242-5700-000	Gas/Plumbing Inspector Expenses	\$	790.00		\$	790.00	\$	360.12	\$	360.12
001-245-5110-000	Wiring Inspector Salary	\$	4,246.00		\$	4,246.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-245-5110-007	Asst Wiring Inspector Wages	\$	366.00		\$	366.00	\$	366.00	\$	366.00
001-245-5700-000	Wiring Inspector Expenses	\$	400.00	\$	(400.00)	\$	-	\$	-	-
001-249-5110-000	Zoning Enforcement Salary	\$	11,665.00		\$	11,665.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-249-5700-000	Zoning Enforcement Expense	\$	380.00		\$	380.00	\$	34.34	\$	34.34
001-291-5110-000	Emergency Management Salaries	\$	442.00		\$	442.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-291-5700-000	Emergency Management Agency	\$	3,500.00		\$	3,500.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-291-5700-001	BEMA Blackboard Connect Fee	\$	3,700.00		\$	3,700.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-292-5110-000	Animal Control Officer Salary	\$	6,228.00		\$	6,228.00	\$	-	\$	-
001-292-5110-007	Asst Animal Control Officer Wages	\$	701.00		\$	701.00	\$	701.00	\$	701.00
001-292-5700-000	Animal Control Office Expense	\$	2,000.00		\$	2,000.00	\$	955.79	\$	955.79

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-293-5110-000	Parking Clerk Salary	\$	250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-293-5700-000	Parking Ticket Expense	\$	100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
001-294-5700-000	Tree Warden Expense	\$	20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
001-296-5700-000	Shade Tree Expense	\$	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ -	\$ 721,041.00	\$ (2,818.38)	\$ 718,222.62	\$ 686,249.31	\$ 31,973.31	\$ 28,996.77	\$ 2,976.54
EDUCATION									
001-310-5110-001	School Committee Salary	\$	1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-310-5110-002	Regional School Committee Salary	\$	1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-310-5600-000	Regional School Assessment	\$	1,637,821.00	(204.00)	\$ 1,637,617.00	\$ 1,637,617.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-310-5601-000	School Transportation Assessment	\$	70,509.00		\$ 70,509.00	\$ 70,509.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-310-5700-000	School Expenses	\$	3,187,823.00	(30,000.00)	\$ 3,157,823.00	\$ 3,066,926.53	\$ 90,896.47	\$ 4.33	\$ 90,892.14
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$ -	\$ 4,898,653.00	\$ (30,204.00)	\$ 4,868,449.00	\$ 4,777,552.53	\$ 90,896.47	\$ 4.33	\$ 90,892.14
PUBLIC WORKS									
001-422-5110-000	Highway Supt Wages	\$	62,500.00	2,500.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-422-5110-001	Highway Operator Wages	\$	86,130.00	480.00	\$ 86,610.00	\$ 86,608.80	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.20	\$ -
001-422-5110-003	Highway Overtime/Other Wages	\$	5,625.00	(480.00)	\$ 5,145.00	\$ 4,060.93	\$ 1,084.07	\$ 1,084.07	\$ -
001-422-5110-004	Highway Clerk Wages	\$	19,797.00	4,000.00	\$ 23,797.00	\$ 23,601.60	\$ 195.40	\$ 195.40	\$ -
001-422-5110-005	Highway Police Detail	\$	3,570.00	(3,570.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-422-5110-006	Highway Seasonal Worker	\$	16,400.00	(12,717.88)	\$ 3,682.12	\$ 3,682.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-422-5700-000	Highway Expense	\$	62,100.00	(26,000.00)	\$ 36,100.00	\$ 34,722.44	\$ 1,377.56	\$ 1,377.56	\$ -
001-422-5700-002	Highway Utilities	\$	9,000.00		\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,637.54	\$ 362.46	\$ 362.46	\$ -
001-422-5702-000	Highway Certifications	\$	930.00		\$ 930.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.00	\$ -
001-422-5790-000	Highway Bridges/Railings/Signs	\$	1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 956.08	\$ 643.92	\$ 643.92	\$ -
001-199-5701-000	Municipal Diesel Fuel	\$	20,000.00	(3,907.00)	\$ 16,093.00	\$ 16,092.06	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.94	\$ -
001-199-5702-000	Municipal Gasoline	\$	26,820.00	(14,953.00)	\$ 11,867.00	\$ 11,866.04	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.96	\$ -
001-423-5700-000	Snow & Ice	\$	75,000.00	(1,274.98)	\$ 73,725.02	\$ 73,325.50	\$ 399.52	\$ 399.52	\$ -
001-424-5200-000	Street Lights	\$	12,500.00	2,284.07	\$ 14,784.07	\$ 14,784.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-491-5110-000	Cemetery Wages	\$	18,622.00		\$ 18,622.00	\$ 16,866.04	\$ 1,755.96	\$ 1,755.96	\$ -
001-491-5110-001	Cemetery Supt Salary	\$	5,446.00		\$ 5,446.00	\$ 5,446.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-491-5700-000	Cemetery Expenses	\$	6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,545.64	\$ 2,454.36	\$ 2,454.36	\$ -
001-492-5841-000	Cemetery Improvements	\$	1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$ -	\$ 433,540.00	\$ (53,638.79)	\$ 379,901.21	\$ 370,704.86	\$ 9,196.35	\$ 8,931.35	\$ 265.00
HUMAN SERVICES									
001-510-5110-000	Board of Health Salary	\$	3,764.00		\$ 3,764.00	\$ 3,763.98	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$ -
001-510-5110-001	Board of Health Clerk Wages	\$	5,970.00	(3,425.04)	\$ 2,544.96	\$ 2,544.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-510-5110-002	Board of Health - Health Agent	\$	721.00		\$ 721.00	\$ 665.84	\$ 55.16	\$ 55.16	\$ -
001-510-5110-006	Animal Inspector Salary	\$	1,188.00		\$ 1,188.00	\$ 1,188.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-510-5110-009	Board of Health Title V Admin Salary	\$	522.00		\$ 522.00	\$ 32.48	\$ 489.52	\$ 489.52	\$ -
001-510-5700-000	Board of Health Expenses	\$	4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,751.51	\$ 1,248.49	\$ 1,248.49	\$ -
001-515-5110-000	Transfer Station Wages	\$	26,332.00		\$ 26,332.00	\$ 26,148.92	\$ 183.08	\$ 183.08	\$ -
001-515-5250-000	Well Tests	\$	12,789.00	2,186.00	\$ 14,975.00	\$ 14,975.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-515-5700-000	Transfer Station Expenses	\$	96,418.00	7,050.04	\$ 103,468.04	\$ 103,426.56	\$ 41.48	\$ 41.48	\$ -
001-522-5200-002	Community Health Program	\$	950.00	(50.00)	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-541-5110-000	Outreach Worker	\$	1,569.00		\$ 1,569.00	\$ 1,569.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-541-5200-000	Tri-Valley Crisis Intervention	\$	955.00		\$ 955.00	\$ 955.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-541-5260-000	Medi-Car Consortium	\$	2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-541-5700-000	COA Expense	\$	1,400.00	\$ (768.59)	\$ 631.41	\$ 107.99	\$ 523.42	\$	523.42
001-543-5110-000	Veterans Director Salary	\$	1,083.00	\$	\$ 1,083.00	\$ 1,083.00	\$	\$	
001-544-5110-000	Veterans Agent Salary	\$	3,788.00	\$	\$ 3,788.00	\$ 3,788.00	\$	\$	
001-544-5700-0000	Veterans Expenses	\$	240.00	\$	\$ 240.00	\$	\$ 240.00	\$	240.00
001-544-5740-000	Veterans Case Worker	\$	55,000.00	\$ 14,601.72	\$ 69,601.72	\$ 69,445.38	\$ 156.34	\$	156.34
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$	218,688.00	\$ 19,594.13	\$ 238,283.13	\$ 235,345.62	\$ 2,937.51	\$	2,937.51
	CULTURE & RECREATION								
001-610-5110-001	Library Director Wages	\$	42,734.00	\$	\$ 42,734.00	\$ 42,734.00	\$	\$	
001-610-5110-002	Library Custodian Wages	\$	7,530.00	\$	\$ 7,530.00	\$ 7,530.00	\$	\$	
001-610-5110-003	Library Asst Salary	\$	32,942.00	\$	\$ 32,942.00	\$ 32,902.74	\$ 39.26	\$	39.26
001-610-5110-004	Library Sat/Hol/Vac	\$	3,761.00	\$	\$ 3,761.00	\$ 3,761.00	\$	\$	
001-610-5700-000	Library Expenses	\$	13,200.00	\$	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 13,102.44	\$ 97.56	\$	97.56
001-610-5700-001	Library Books/Videos	\$	26,500.00	\$	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 25,395.87	\$ 1,104.13	\$	1,104.13
001-610-5700-002	Library Utilities	\$	1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$	
001-630-5700-000	Recreation Expenses	\$	8,100.00	\$	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 7,297.24	\$ 802.76	\$	802.76
001-630-5803-000	South Pond Beach Expenses	\$	1,250.00	\$	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 418.57	\$ 831.43	\$	831.43
001-691-5700-000	Historical Commission	\$	1,655.00	\$	\$ 1,655.00	\$ 718.46	\$ 936.54	\$	936.54
001-692-5700-000	Memorial Day Expenses	\$	3,286.00	\$	\$ 3,286.00	\$ 1,351.85	\$ 1,934.15	\$	1,934.15
001-693-5700-000	Cultural Council Expenses	\$	8,866.00	\$	\$ 8,866.00	\$ 4,491.88	\$ 4,374.12	\$	4,374.12
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$	157,624.00	\$	\$ 157,624.00	\$ 141,504.05	\$ 10,119.95	\$	10,119.95
	DEBT								
001-710-5914-000	Police Station Principal	\$	186,800.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 186,800.00	\$ 186,800.00	\$	\$	
001-710-5915-000	Saw Mill Pond Principal	\$	7,265.00	\$	\$ 7,265.00	\$ 7,265.00	\$	\$	
001-751-5919-000	Police Station Interest	\$	40,000.00	\$ (14,583.66)	\$ 25,416.34	\$ 25,416.34	\$	\$	
001-751-5920-000	Saw Mill Pond Interest	\$	3,286.00	\$	\$ 3,286.00	\$ 3,284.76	\$ 1.24	\$	1.24
	TOTAL DEBT	\$	237,151.00	\$ (14,383.66)	\$ 222,767.34	\$ 222,766.10	\$ 1.24	\$	1.24
	ASSESSMENTS								
001-820-5632-000	School Choice Tuition Sending	\$	25,600.00	\$	\$ 25,600.00	\$	\$ 25,600.00	\$	25,600.00
001-820-5633-000	Charter School Tuition Assessment	\$	52,371.00	\$	\$ 52,371.00	\$	\$ 52,371.00	\$	52,371.00
001-820-5640-000	Air Pollution	\$	852.00	\$	\$ 852.00	\$	\$ 852.00	\$	852.00
001-820-5634-000	RMV Surcharge	\$	5,620.00	\$	\$ 5,620.00	\$	\$ 5,620.00	\$	5,620.00
001-820-5663-000	RTA Assessment	\$	12,778.00	\$	\$ 12,778.00	\$	\$ 12,778.00	\$	12,778.00
	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$	97,221.00	\$	\$ 97,221.00	\$	\$ 97,221.00	\$	97,221.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS								
001-911-5100-000	County Retirement Assessment	\$	285,203.00	\$	\$ 285,203.00	\$ 285,203.00	\$	\$	
001-913-5100-000	Unemployment Insurance	\$	14,000.00	\$ (15,523.72)	\$ (1,523.72)	\$	\$	\$	
001-914-5105-000	Group Insurance-Town Share	\$	512,177.00	\$ 66,556.47	\$ 578,733.47	\$ 578,733.47	\$	\$	
001-916-5115-000	Medicare - Town Share	\$	57,165.00	\$	\$ 57,165.00	\$ 56,519.22	\$ 645.78	\$	645.78
	TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	868,545.00	\$ 51,032.75	\$ 919,577.75	\$ 918,931.97	\$ 645.78	\$	645.78
	OTHER INSURANCE								
001-945-5600-000	General Insurance	\$	145,343.00	\$ 9,530.63	\$ 154,873.63	\$ 154,452.88	\$ 420.75	\$	420.75
	TOTAL OTHER INSURANCE	\$	145,343.00	\$ 9,530.63	\$ 154,873.63	\$ 154,452.88	\$ 420.75	\$	420.75
	WATER DEPT								
001-450-5110-000	Water Commissioner Salary	\$	1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$	
001-450-5110-001	Water Clerk Wages	\$	11,990.00	\$ 68.20	\$ 12,058.20	\$ 12,058.20	\$	\$	
001-450-5110-002	Water Supt Salary	\$	76,875.00	\$	\$ 76,875.00	\$ 76,875.00	\$	\$	

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-450-5110-003	Water Secondary Operator Wages	\$	7,175.00	\$(68.20)	\$ 7,106.80	\$ 4,861.91	\$ 2,244.89	\$ 2,244.89	
001-450-5110-004	Water Casual Labor	\$	2,760.00		\$ 2,760.00	\$ -	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 2,760.00	
001-450-5700-000	Water Expenses	\$	31,700.00		\$ 31,700.00	\$ 31,614.68	\$ 85.32	\$ 64.95	\$ 20.37
TOTAL WATER DEPT		\$ -	\$ 132,300.00	\$ -	\$ 132,300.00	\$ 127,209.79	\$ 5,090.21	\$ 5,069.84	\$ 20.37
TOTAL BUDGET		\$ -	\$ 8,589,001.00	\$ -	\$ 8,589,001.00	\$ 8,291,615.47	\$ 297,385.53	\$ 203,219.33	\$ 94,166.20
FY20 ARTICLES									
000-122-5700-900	Install Street Lights	\$	2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
000-610-5700-003	Library Lease	\$	16,500.00		\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-122-5700-900	PEG Cable Access		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 12,891.22	\$ 1,108.78	\$ -	\$ 1,108.78
001-151-5700-900	Prior Year Bill - KP Law		\$ 10,386.44	\$ 10,386.44	\$ 10,386.44	\$ -	\$ 10,386.44	\$ -	\$ 10,386.44
001-158-5700-900	Prior Year Bill - KP Law		\$ 3,741.81	\$ 3,741.81	\$ 3,741.81	\$ -	\$ 3,741.81	\$ -	\$ 3,741.81
001-176-5700-900	Prior Year Bill - Stonebridge Press		\$ 176.40	\$ 176.40	\$ 176.40	\$ -	\$ 176.40	\$ -	\$ 176.40
001-231-5700-000	Emergency Squad Expenses A19	\$	40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 31,812.13	\$ 8,187.87	transfer to RRAP	\$ -
001-231-5110-004	Emergency Squad Wages A20	\$	189,000.00		\$ 189,000.00	\$ 170,028.06	\$ 18,971.94	transfer to RRAP	\$ -
001-231-5850-900	Ambulance Purchase	\$	270,000.00		\$ 270,000.00	\$ -	\$ 270,000.00	\$ -	\$ 270,000.00
001-422-5700-900	ER Plan Saw Mill Pond	\$	8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 525,500.00	\$ 28,304.65	\$ 553,804.65	\$ 239,231.41	\$ 314,573.24	\$ -	\$ 287,413.43
TOTAL FY2020 BUDGET & ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 9,114,501.00	\$ 28,304.65	\$ 9,142,805.65	\$ 8,530,846.88	\$ 611,958.77	\$ 203,219.33	\$ 381,579.63
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS									
001-992-5962-000	Transfer to Special Revenue	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,159.81	\$ (27,159.81)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,159.81	\$ (27,159.81)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL FY2020 BUDGET & ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 9,114,501.00	\$ 28,304.65	\$ 9,142,805.65	\$ 8,558,006.69	\$ 584,798.96	\$ 203,219.33	\$ 381,579.63
FY19 & PRIOR ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD									
000-122-5805-000	Fleet Replace / Repair	\$	34,231.50		\$ 34,231.50	\$ 10,473.04	\$ 23,758.46	\$ -	\$ 23,758.46
001-179-5701-000	Master Plan Implementation	\$	11,232.98		\$ 11,232.98	\$ -	\$ 11,232.98	\$ -	\$ 11,232.98
001-192-5700-001	Muni Maint - TH Furnace	\$	8,680.00		\$ 8,680.00	\$ -	\$ 8,680.00	\$ -	\$ 8,680.00
001-192-5942-001	TH Improvements-TH Restroom	\$	42,009.98		\$ 42,009.98	\$ 40,003.62	\$ 2,006.36	\$ 2,006.36	\$ -
000-220-5700-004	FD-Air Tanks/Clothing	\$	1,176.82		\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,276.90	\$ 899.92	\$ -	\$ 899.92
001-422-5700-004	HWY-Personal Safety	\$	4,411.19		\$ 4,411.19	\$ 676.00	\$ 3,735.19	\$ -	\$ 3,735.19
000-422-5701-000	Hwy-Center Line Painting	\$	3,188.98		\$ 3,188.98	\$ 3,188.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
000-422-5800-000	Roads-Reconst & Improve	\$	11,793.81		\$ 46,793.81	\$ 7,849.64	\$ 38,944.17	\$ -	\$ 38,944.17
001-422-5803-000	Highway Const (Driveway)	\$	11,411.45		\$ 11,411.45	\$ -	\$ 11,411.45	\$ -	\$ 11,411.45
001-422-5789-000	HWY-Plow Private Roads	\$	1.00		\$ 2.00	\$ -	\$ 2.00	\$ -	\$ 2.00
001-610-5900-000	Library Bldg Repair & Maint	\$	22,303.68		\$ 22,303.68	\$ -	\$ 22,303.68	\$ -	\$ 22,303.68
001-158-5700-001	Tax Title Recap	\$	9,000.00		\$ 10,500.00	\$ 2,828.40	\$ 7,671.60	\$ -	\$ 7,671.60
000-192-5942-002	Town Hall Snow Clean	\$	25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
000-192-5942-003	Town Hall Chair Lift	\$	60,000.00		\$ 60,000.00	\$ 54.55	\$ 59,945.45	\$ -	\$ 59,945.45
000-210-5802-000	Police Radio Upgrade	\$	19,000.00		\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
000-220-5700-006	Fire Truck Replacement	\$	(1,255.31)		\$ (1,255.31)	\$ -	\$ (1,255.31)	\$ -	\$ (1,255.31)
000-220-5901-000	Fire Station Repairs	\$	24,000.00		\$ 24,000.00	\$ 7,592.56	\$ 16,407.44	\$ -	\$ 16,407.44
000-422-5700-005	HWY Generator	\$	7,102.00		\$ 7,102.00	\$ -	\$ 7,102.00	\$ -	\$ 7,102.00
000-422-5790-002	Rte 148 Walking Path	\$	1.00		\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
000-515-5700-001	Transfer Station Concrete	\$ 4,000.00	\$		\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
001-141-5700-002	Assessor Software	\$ 6,000.00	\$		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,741.64	\$ 1,258.36		\$ 1,258.36
001-510-5700-001	BOH Building Condemnation	\$ 8,500.00	\$		\$ 8,500.00	\$ 5,708.00	\$ 2,792.00		\$ 2,792.00
	TOTAL FY19 & PRIOR ARTICLES	\$ 311,789.08	\$ 58,501.00	\$ -	\$ 370,290.08	\$ 149,393.33	\$ 220,896.75	\$ 2,007.36	\$ 218,889.39
FY19 ENCUMBRANCES									
001-146-5700-800	TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	\$ 180.00	\$		\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00			
001-175-5700-800	PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE	\$ 2,044.18	\$		\$ 2,044.18	\$ 2,044.18			
001-199-5701-800	MUNI DIESEL FUEL	\$ 1,239.17	\$		\$ 1,239.17	\$ 1,239.17			
001-220-5700-800	FIRE DEPT EXPENSES	\$ 3,709.19	\$		\$ 3,709.19	\$ 3,709.19			
001-310-5700-800	SCHOOL EXPENSES	\$ 67,377.74	\$		\$ 67,377.74	\$ 67,377.74			
001-310-5700-801	SCHOOL EXPENSES	\$ 93,086.33	\$		\$ 93,086.33	\$ 93,086.33			
001-422-5700-800	HIGHWAY DEPT UTILITIES	\$ 26.00	\$		\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00			
001-422-5700-801	HIGHWAY EXPENSE	\$ 68.90	\$		\$ 68.90	\$ 68.90			
001-422-5700-801	HIGHWAY EXPENSE	\$ 225.12	\$		\$ 225.12	\$ 225.12			
001-630-5803-800	SOUTH POND BEACH EXP	\$ 218.12	\$		\$ 218.12	\$ 218.12			
	TOTAL FY19 ENCUMBRANCES	\$ 168,174.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168,174.75	\$ 168,174.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY20 ENCUMBRANCES - SPECIAL FUNDS									
002-000-5800-000	Water Dept Vehicle	\$ 8,731.42	\$		\$ 8,731.42	\$ -	\$ 8,731.42	\$ -	\$ 8,731.42
002-000-5920-000	Water - Main Improvement	\$ 56,236.87	\$		\$ 56,236.87	\$ -	\$ 56,236.87	\$ -	\$ 56,236.87
002-000-5930-000	Water - Pump Station	\$ 27,092.16	\$		\$ 27,092.16	\$ 15,770.68	\$ 11,321.48	\$ -	\$ 11,321.48
	TOTAL FY20 ENCUMBRANCES-SPECIAL FUNDS	\$ 92,060.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,060.45	\$ 15,770.68	\$ 76,289.77	\$ -	\$ 76,289.77
	TOTAL BUDGET, ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	\$ 572,024.28	\$ 9,173,002.00	\$ 28,304.65	\$ 9,773,330.93	\$ 8,891,345.45	\$ 881,985.48	\$ 205,226.69	\$ 676,758.79

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2020	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Special Revenue:					
Federal and State Grants:					
004 Rural Aid	\$ 34,566.67	\$ -	\$ 34,566.67	\$ -	\$ 34,566.67
018 School Title 1	\$ 1,440.84	\$ 4,322.56	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 47,881.72	\$ 1,440.84
030 FEMA / Cares Covid Grant	\$ (17,852.40)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,852.40	\$ (17,852.40)
050 Clean Lakes Grant	\$ 8.30	\$ 8.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8.30
052 Clean Energy Choice Grant	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00
053 Mass Preservation Grant	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
054 SMRP DEP Grant	\$ 784.17	\$ 784.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 784.17
056 Community Compact Open Checkbook	\$ -	\$ 8,350.00	\$ -	\$ 8,350.00	\$ -
075 AHIR Demo Grant	\$ 680.00	\$ -	\$ 4,255.00	\$ 3,575.00	\$ 680.00
076 Fire Dept VFA Grant	\$ 2,069.32	\$ -	\$ 2,069.32	\$ -	\$ 2,069.32
078 Covid BOH Grant	\$ (40.85)	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,040.85	\$ (40.85)
079 ADA Town Hall State Grant	\$ (27,211.14)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,211.14	\$ (27,211.14)
080 FD Turnout Gear Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,540.00	\$ 2,540.00	\$ -
081 EOPS Fire Grant	\$ 7,819.50	\$ 13,557.82	\$ -	\$ 5,738.32	\$ 7,819.50
082 FD Washer State Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ -
083 Fire Safe Grant	\$ (221.52)	\$ 1,704.31	\$ 5,110.00	\$ 7,035.83	\$ (221.52)
094 Fire Federal Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,561.90	\$ 133,561.90	\$ -
120 MEMA Cert Grant	\$ 2,340.46	\$ (118.57)	\$ 5,058.78	\$ 2,599.75	\$ 2,340.46
150 Arts Cultural Council	\$ 5,415.27	\$ 2,590.27	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 5,415.27
161 Restoration Vital Records Grant	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280.00
175 Election/Polling Grant	\$ 1,563.00	\$ 1,191.00	\$ 372.00	\$ -	\$ 1,563.00
190 Boat Patrol Grant	\$ 408.00	\$ 408.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 408.00
210 Police Vest Grant	\$ (944.90)	\$ (944.90)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (944.90)
222 Urban Forestry Cemetery Grant	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 4,125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,125.00
242 FEMA/MEMA Grant	\$ 47.09	\$ 47.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47.09
244 Rice Corner Rd Culvert	\$ 15,470.83	\$ 26,562.90	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 15,892.07	\$ 15,470.83
250 OSRP Grant	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)
260 COA Formula Grant	\$ -	\$ 1,240.90	\$ 9,345.93	\$ 10,586.83	\$ -
270 Clean Energy Grant	\$ 1,400.45	\$ 1,400.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,400.45
290 Library State Grant	\$ 4,603.77	\$ 1,048.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,603.77
297 BOH Grant	\$ 3,098.39	\$ 3,098.39	\$ -	\$ 3,189.54	\$ 3,098.39
298 BOH Preparedness Grant	\$ 75.96	\$ 75.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.96
301 Complete Streets Grant	\$ (12,249.94)	\$ (12,249.94)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (12,249.94)
556 CDBG Block Grant	\$ 5,703.94	\$ 51,202.09	\$ 792,878.59	\$ 838,376.74	\$ 5,703.94
560 Municipal Vulnerability Grant	\$ -	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Receipts Reserved For Appropriation:					
055 TNC Ride Share	\$ 51.20	\$ 25.20	\$ 26.00	\$ -	\$ 51.20
100 Ambulance	\$ 448,957.75	\$ 625,016.12	\$ 322,941.63	\$ 499,000.00	\$ 448,957.75
180 Cable PEG Access	\$ 179,755.70	\$ 149,395.94	\$ 44,359.76	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 179,755.70

Revolving Funds:									
006	Union 61-PreSchool Tuition	\$	14,563.45						14,563.45
021	Extend Day	\$	73,948.67						73,948.67
261	Wire Inspection Fees	\$	5,073.75						5,073.75
262	Planning Board Fees	\$	(20.02)						(20.02)
299	BOH	\$	(400.00)						(400.00)
300	Recreation	\$	13,854.83						13,854.83
340	Ins Under 20k	\$	3,919.28						3,919.28
620	C&D Revolving	\$	-						-
700	Police Detail	\$	(13,512.71)						(13,512.71)
Other Special Revenue:									
002	Water	\$	174,891.07						174,891.07
005	School Lunch	\$	27,333.92						27,333.92
015	School Choice	\$	430,571.29						430,571.29
057	Jeppson Lewis Field	\$	5,000.00						5,000.00
085	Fire Donations	\$	1,001.03						1,001.03
090	Police Donations	\$	2,929.63						2,929.63
091	Recreation Donations	\$	2,788.00						2,788.00
092	Agricultural Donations	\$	352.04						352.04
093	School Donations	\$	5.00						5.00
110	Ambulance Donations	\$	56,698.02						56,698.02
122	Selectmen Donations	\$	-						-
160	RHE Coop	\$	3,332.76						3,332.76
181	Cable TV Equipment	\$	-						-
305	Dog Pound	\$	1,860.20						1,860.20
310	Flag Pole	\$	-						-
315	Wetlands	\$	2,300.04						2,300.04
350	Sale of Lots	\$	4,750.34						4,750.34
351	Cemetery Preservation	\$	45,004.40						45,004.40
500	Septic 100K	\$	94,740.96						94,740.96
600	Septic 200K	\$	54,868.77						54,868.77
605	Conservation	\$	-						-
780	Library Donations	\$	687.90						687.90
781	Town Hall Gift	\$	650.00						650.00
782	Flag Fund	\$	-						-
784	Vetrans Donations	\$	250.00						250.00
786	Playground Donations	\$	2,315.12						2,315.12
795	Library Books	\$	275.00						275.00
Stabilization Funds:									
874	OSRP / Rec Stabilization	\$	12,882.75						12,882.75
875	General Stabilization	\$	471,773.05						471,773.05
879	PUR Property Improvement	\$	171.49						171.49
Total Special Revenue Funds									
		\$	2,167,004.89						2,167,004.89

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
CAPITAL PROJECTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2020	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
State Grants (Other):					
016 Chapter 90	\$ (15,892.07)	\$ (15,892.07)	\$ 77,206.87	\$ 61,314.80	\$ -
Capital Projects:					
375 Town Hall Roof	\$ 10,430.26	\$ 10,430.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,430.26
379 Police Station	\$ 390.29	\$ 390.29	\$ -	\$ 949,126.00	\$ (948,735.71)
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
Total Capital Projects	\$ 105,975.91	\$ 105,975.91	\$ 77,206.87	\$ 1,010,440.80	\$ (827,258.02)

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS AND AGENCY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

		Fund Balances		Opening Balance		Rev		Exp		Balance/Entry	
		June 30, 2020									
Trust Funds:											
<i>NON EXPENDABLE TRUST</i>											
840	Bemis Library Trust	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
841	Merrick Library Trust	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00
842	Perpetual Care	\$ 137,659.46	\$ 137,659.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 137,659.46
843	Estee Flower	\$ 960.01	\$ 960.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 960.01
844	New Library Trust	\$ 595.00	\$ 595.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 595.00
845	Library Trust	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
846	Crawford Library Trust	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
OTHER TRUST FUNDS											
800	G.Washington Trees Trust	\$ 320.54	\$ 320.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 320.54
801	Jeppson TH Marker Trust	\$ 1,354.00	\$ 1,354.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,354.00
803	Jeppson Police Trust	\$ 300.58	\$ 300.58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.58
804	Jeppson Cemetery Trust	\$ 5,101.46	\$ 5,101.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,101.46
806	Jeppson COA Trust	\$ (425.00)	\$ (425.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (425.00)
807	Jeppson Library Trust	\$ 755.00	\$ 1,810.00	\$ -	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ -	\$ 2,175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 755.00
809	Jeppson Tree Trust	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.00
847	Bemis Library Trust	\$ 518.81	\$ 1,106.67	\$ (587.86)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 518.81
848	Estee Flower	\$ 1,550.42	\$ 1,388.94	\$ 161.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,550.42
850	Perpetual Care	\$ 31,849.97	\$ 25,748.13	\$ 6,101.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,849.97
855	Dr Pease Trust	\$ 1,721.58	\$ 1,689.72	\$ 31.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,721.58
860	Library Book Trust	\$ 5,020.47	\$ 3,190.68	\$ 1,829.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,020.47
861	Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.00
880	Rehab Trust	\$ 54,697.03	\$ 48,247.66	\$ 6,449.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,697.03
885	Firemens Relief Trust	\$ 3,293.76	\$ 3,193.64	\$ 100.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,293.76
Agency Funds:											
020	Student Activities	\$ (497.54)	\$ (3,337.83)	\$ 11,665.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,824.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (497.54)
735	Firearms Overlay-Pistol Permits	\$ 6,829.48	\$ 6,298.23	\$ 8,618.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,087.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,829.48
738	Deputy Collector	\$ (701.72)	\$ (1,151.72)	\$ 9,626.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,176.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (701.72)
739	Cooley Hill	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
740	Planning Board Review	\$ 2,847.00	\$ 2,847.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,847.00
BID DEPOSITS											
730	Driveway Permits	\$ 29,687.21	\$ 26,093.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,505.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,687.21
Total Trust Funds		\$ 300,197.52	\$ 278,750.17	\$ 52,216.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,769.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,197.52

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

2020 was a busy year for this office as usual. Because of Covid-19, the Town Hall was closed the public for many weeks while employees continued to work in the building. Later the town adopted limited hours for patrons to visit the Town Hall by appointment

Open Meeting Law

Open Meeting Law Materials can be found on the official Commonwealth of Massachusetts website: 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. 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

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-41 Births-18 Marriages-7

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael P. Seery
Town Clerk



DEATHS 2020

	Name	Date of Death	Age at Death	Military Service
1	DEBRA BUDREAU	January 14, 2020	"61	
2	WILLIAM WALKER	January 18, 2020	"84	
3	JOSEPH JACKSON	January 16, 2020	"40	
4	SYLVIA JANE	January 29, 2020	"77	
5	DOROTHY DELISLE	"February 16, 2020	'85	
6	LAURA PAQUIN	February 26, 2020	"93	
7	WILFRED STEADMAN	"March 16, 2020	'89	
8	WARREN NURMI	March 17, 2020	"77	
9	LEEANNA WONG	March 7, 2020	"72	
10	NORMAN SAMPSON	"March 29, 2020	'85	
11	ALLEN E. WRIGHT	April 6, 2020	"73	
12	CHRISTINA SANTLEY	"April 7, 2020	"41	
13	RONALD MINER	April 8, 2020	"84	
14	ZACHARY SILVA	April 18, 2020	"25	
15	MERIDETH RIDDLE	April 18, 2020	"38	
16	ROGER W. JETTE	April 22, 2020	"89	KOREA ARMY VETERAN CPL
17	LOUIS COURVILLE	April 25, 2020	"75	PEACETIME ARMY
18	MARGUERITE ST. AMAND	"May 3, 2020	'70	
19	DANNY SAMPSON	April 28, 2020	"53	
20	DAVID L. BONNETTE	"May 5, 2020	'77	
21	JOSEPH E. BOLASKE	"May 11, 2020	"89	"KOREAN WAR NAVY
22	KEVIN E. SELVESKI-KIMBALL	May 12, 2020	38	" IRAQ-AFGHANISTAN WAR ARMY
23	DONALD A. PASCO	May 21, 2020	"91	KOREA ARMY CORPORAL
24	MARY LOU COLLETTE	"May 31, 2020	'66	
25	JEAN T. GAGNE	June 29, 2020	"76	
26	PHILLIP E. CHIPMAN	"June 30, 2020	'47	
27	DOLORES DAWES	August 3, 2020	"86	
28	JUDITH MOULTON	August 7, 2020	"72	
29	STEPHEN T. KILLORAN	"August 28, 2020	'59	
30	THOMAS E. JACQUES	"September 2, 2020	'78	
31	ANN L. RUST	September 11, 2020	"84	
32	WILLIAM PICKING	September 25, 2020	"81	VIETNAM-ARMY SP4 104TH IN F
33	JOANNE VINCEQUERE	"September 29, 2020	'79	
34	THOMAS J. TETRAULT	"November 7, 2020	'59	
35	KENNETH LECLAIR	"November 12, 2020	'77	
36	RAYMOND HUARD	"November 13, 2020	'87	
37	CONRAD WELLS	"November 28, 2020	'92	PEACETIME ARMY AIR FORCE
38	PAULINE STEWART	"December 13, 2020	'80	
39	JOSHEPH BEAUCHEMIN	"December 13, 2020	'72	VIETNAM MARINE CORPS -P VT.
40	GEORGE MCGOWAN	"December 10, 2020	'67	
41	FLORENCE TOUCHETTE	"December 17, 2020	'83	

MARRIAGES & INTENTIONS 2020
(Filed in Brookfield)

Intention No.	To Whom Issued	Date of Marriage	Registered No.
15	Tina L. Patnode to Ervin P. Fisher Jr.	January 1, 2020	1
1	Allan A. Rondina to Danielle P. Fischer	July 25, 2020	2
2	Jessica Chaffee to Derek Wales	August 29, 2020	3
3	Ashley Morris to Edwin Murphy III	September 26, 2020	4
4	Mark Ledoux to Leanne Small	September 16, 2020	5
5	Thomas J. Tetrault to Cheryl A. White	October 24, 2020	6
6	Steven Santley to Misty Rose	December 24, 2020	7

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES ISSUED 2020

Date Issued	Business Name	To Whom Issued	Address
January 27, 2020	Brian's Truck Equipment, Inc.	Brian Stockman	46 Quaboag Street
February 24, 2020	Joe Pecore Construction	Joseph E. H. Pecore	106 Town Farm Road
February 26, 2020	Scotty's Metal Shop	Scott Sliwoski	7 South Maple Street
March 2, 2020	Island Industries	Tyler J. M. Latour	75 Fiskdale Road
March 2, 2020	Island Storage	Tyler J. M. Latour	75 Fiskdale Road
April 1, 2020	Hayes Tree Services	Thomas Hayes	16 Long Hill Road
April 1, 2020	P M Construction	Patrick R. McLeish	3 East Main Street
April 9, 2020	Building Remodeling & Home Services	Gary LeBlond	43 Rice Corner Road
June 4, 2020	Beaver Pond Farm	Nicholas J. Clark	34 West Main Street
July 14, 2020	Backwoods Storage LLC.	Andrea L. Brown	49 & 53 Gay Road
July 30, 2020	Overlook Farm	Mark J. Ledoux	15 Long Hill Road
August 11, 2020	Assured Language Solutions	Jeffrey M. Wexler	34 Fiskdale Road
August 11, 2020	Wexler Capital Group	Jeffrey M. Wexler	34 Fiskdale Road
August 11, 2020	Wexler Financial Advisors	Jeffrey M. Wexler	34 Fiskdale Road
August 11, 2020	Wexler Financial Group	Jeffrey M. Wexler	34 Fiskdale Road
August 11, 2020	Wexler Solutions	Jeffrey M. Wexler	34 Fiskdale Road
October 27, 2020	Lisa Caron Real Estate LLC.	Lisa Caron	42 West Main Street
November 4, 2020	Joel I. Berthiaume LLC.	Joel I. Berthiaume	44 Quaboag Street
November 9, 2020	What Da Ya Need	Jay E. Martinelli	2 Lane 21

Annual Town Election Results Report	
Monday June 29, 2020	
Brookfield Town Hall	
6 Central Street	
Brookfield MA 01506	
Total Ballots Cast for the Election = 316 out of 2,424 Voters	
Moderator-1Year	
Blanks	55
Donald R. Taft	258
Write-Ins	3
Board of Selectmen-3 Years	
Blanks	1
Lisa Beth Coughlin	197
Anthony Aubin	94
Adam J. Jolicoeur	24
Write-Ins	0
Shade Tree Trustee-2 Years	
Blanks	295
Ron Couture (Write-In)	4
Write-Ins	17
Board of Assessors- 3 Years	
Blanks	53
Robert G. Falter	262
Write-Ins	1
Planning Board-5 Years	
Blanks	56
Adam J. Jolicoeur	256
Write-Ins	4
Planning Board-4 Years	
Blanks	288
John Holdcraft (Write-In)	8
Write-Ins	20
Tax Collector-3 Years	
Blanks	39
Brenda C. Parish	275
Write-Ins	2
Elementary School Committee-3 Years	
Blanks	257
Jeff Morin (Write-In)	39
Write-Ins	20
Cemetery Commissioner-1 Years	
Blanks	54
Phillip R. Merriam	260
Write-Ins	2
Cemetery Commissioner-3 Years	

Blanks	70
Gary D. Lincoln	242
Write-Ins	4
Water Commissioner-3 Years	
Blanks	27
Donald R. Taft	176
Marlene Fairbrother	111
Write-Ins	2
Board of Health- 3 Years	
Blanks	64
Ronald Wassmer	252
Write-Ins	0
Public Library Trustee-3 Years-Vote for Two	
Blanks	113
Barbara A. Clancy	264
Shelby M. Hill	253
Write-Ins Total	2

Election Results Report State Election Brookfield, MA 01506 November 3, 2020 <i>Total Ballots Cast = 2062</i> <i>Total Registered Voters = 2555</i>	
President - Vice President	
Blanks	8
Biden and Harris	946
Hawkins and Walker	16
Jorgensen and Cohen	34
Trump and Pence	1054
Write-Ins	4
Total	2062
Senator in Congress	
Blanks	50
Edward J. Markey	961
Kevin J. O'Connor	1027
Shiva Ayyadurai (<i>Write-In</i>)	21
Write-Ins	3
Total	2062
Representative in Congress	
Blanks	599

Richard E. Neal	1392
Write-Ins	71
Total	2062
Councillor	
Blanks	692
Paul M. DePalo	1322
Write-Ins	48
Total	2062
Register of Probate	
Blanks	206
Stephanie K. Fattman	1164
John B. Dolan, III	688
Write-Ins	4
Total	2062
Senator in General Court	
Blanks	69
Anne M. Gobi	1035
Steven R. Hall	957
Write-Ins	1
Total	2062
Representative in General Court	
Blanks	97
Donald R. Berthiame, Jr.	1231
Samuel Biagetti	734
Write-Ins	0
Total	2062
Question 1 - Motor Vehicle Repair (Law)	
Blanks	93
Yes	1496
No	473
Total	2062
Question 2 - Ranked -Choice Voting (Law)	
Blanks	632
Yes	1328
No	102
Total	2062

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Elections and Town Meetings held in 2020

Presidential Primary-March 3, 2020

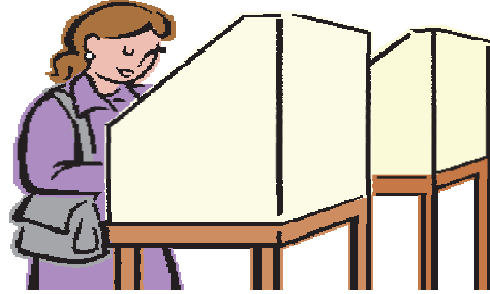
Annual & Special Town Meeting-June 26, 2020

Annual Town Election-June 29, 2020

State Primary-September 1, 2020

Special Town Meeting-October 15, 2020

State Election-November 3, 2020



There were a record number of voters that participated in the November State/Presidential Election. There were no significant issues during any elections or Town meetings. We thank our dedicated election workers and constables that helped out during these elections and town meetings. 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



REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

In 2020, in spite of the COVID-19 virus severely hampering our efforts, the Brookfield Town Hall Improvement Committee continued to oversee the design, planning and management of many large and small scale projects in our Town Hall.

A major project completed in 2020 was the complete renovation of the existing first floor bathroom including new walls, ceiling, paint/stain, flooring, sink and toilet, rebuilding the windows and installing new energy efficient LED lighting, baseboard heating and thermostat. This bathroom had not been upgraded in well over 40 years. This project was funded by a grant.

Another large 2020 project was the renovation of the ADA ramp. This included doubling up on the roof supports, pressure washing the ramp and adding 2 coats of stain, relocating the enclosed bulletin boards and installing new black aluminum double ADA railings and a new ADA compliant exterior door with a safety glass window in it. This project was also filed by a grant.

A new ADA compliant double bubbler with water bottle filling station was installed in the front lobby between the bathroom and the rear door. This was funded by a grant as well.

A huge thank you goes out to Brookfield grant writer Cathy Larocca without who almost all of the above projects would not have been possible.

Since the Town Hall doors were locked for most of the year due to the virus, we provided the townspeople with a secure way to submit tax and water payments with the mounting of secure lockboxes in the Town Hall's front vestibule. This could not have been completed without the significant contributions of Dennis Clarke (Water Dept) and Ryan Pontbriand (Highway Dept).

The windows in the Tax Collector's office were completely rebuilt by Bill Thompson and funded by the senior property tax workoff program.

Additional snow cleats were installed on parts of the town hall slate roof to help prevent heavy and potentially damaging sheets of snow from sliding off the roof. Additional snow cleat installations will be completed in coming years.

The chairlift project was finally approved by the Mass Architectural Board. The contract to install a chairlift from the first floor to the second floor has been agreed to and a structural engineer verified the necessary building supports are in place to support the installation of the new chairlift. The plan is to install the chairlift in 2021.

The Town Hall Improvement Committee continued to address the concerns that were identified in the 2018 ADA study. Town Hall work completed in 2020 adhered to the national ADA standards.

Maintenance of the tower clock including the bi-annual time adjustment and oiling and greasing of the 150 year old clock movement continues to be done on an as needed basis by Skip Neilson and Al Jones at no cost to the town. Repairs were made to a small section of the crumbling brickwork at the base of the clock tower before the situation worsened.

New upper cabinets and a new microwave were added in the new kitchenette, and we are in the process of installing evacuation instructions including a map in every Town Hall office. A new closer was installed on the front double doors to allow the 2 doors to operate independently of each other in case of emergency.

The paint and related supplies for the Water Dept office renovation were funded by the THIC, as well as the new hardwood flooring in the renovated Town Clerk's office.

Other issues our committee is working on include:

- Replacement /relocation of forced hot water furnace
- Upgrade the outdated Town Hall LAN and WiFi
- Address as many remaining ADA non-compliance issues as we can
- Review and relocation of records in basement storage room
- Overall structural integrity of Town Hall (CDBG and CIPC)
- Implementation of Janitorial Maintenance schedule
- Possible regrading in front of Town Hall to help shed rain water

Town Hall Improvement Committee Members

William R. Simpson (2023) (Chair)

Mary Lou Knight (2022) (Clerk)

Al Jones (2022) (Treasurer)

Don Taft (2023)

Carol Plumb (2021)

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

Payroll 2020

Name	YTD Gross		
		Edgettell Charles E	1146.40
Adams Shaun	1210.46	Egan Jacqueline M.	255.00
Allen Serenity	7277.68	Erkkila Kevin	500.00
Anderson Terry L.	19310.94	Esser Daniel J.	4617.07
Anderson Valerie Lee	32939.45	Falter Robert G	500.00
Annunziata Katrina	69268.30	Fancy Rebecca L.	24457.99
Aubin Margaret	7698.98	Farinato Mallory M.	77633.80
Barnes Robert R	600.00	Farr Leonard	1546.26
Barringer Ashley B.	80685.10	Faugno Andrea	4719.28
Barrows Jr Ronald	445.72	Ferreira Kimberly	82141.30
Beauchamp Jeffrey M	5314.92	Fiorucci Stephanie Marie	500.00
Bennett Paula Marie	14105.54	Fitzgerald Pamela	750.00
Blanchard Michael K.	80804.92	Florence Christina L	1782.00
Brecht Timothy R	56380.28	Foley Herbert Lee	9873.56
Brothers Dianna	28016.53	Forand Kevin	31276.48
Budnik Steven J.	3565.13	Ford Douglas	500.00
Casey Mary E.	91658.00	Forgit Claudia	89923.00
Casey Paula	80759.90	Ghantous Nicole	11596.46
Chaffee II Herbert A.	5531.51	Gibson-Kiesiner Belinda A.	80660.10
Chaffee Philip A.	1672.49	Giguere Alex R	307.83
Chaffee Richard A	419.86	Gillen Sherry L.	25046.74
Chisholm Holly J.	38092.50	Goldsmith Brett	6407.55
Choquet Rebecca Ellen	55481.90	Goyette Thomas	76463.10
Clarke Bruce	545.98	Graves Matthew A.	30763.09
Clarke Dennis J.	77178.54	Green Michael P	348.64
Coughlin Beth	2000.00	Grimes Ernest	536.89
Couming Bonnie	84038.80	Grybowski Jennifer L.	36577.60
Couture Gretchen E.	19855.92	Hague Jacqueline M.	18612.19
Cunningham Megan J	1250.00	Haley Jay R	1198.57
Daniels Sean	390.30	Harvey Nicole I	7216.34
Davol Elizabeth	3725.00	Hayes Kelly A.	25347.50
Day Forris B	1230.62	Healy Anthony	32013.60
DelCid Jena Marie	45301.55	Herbert Donald L.	54490.30
DeMartino Alissa	16768.80	Hill Hunter	1867.88
Dewey Evan	8440.91	Hill Kyle	375.00
Driscoll Daniel	9919.35	Hirtle George	10186.47
Dufault Justin	4331.39	Hosterman Kathleen V.	114527.66
Duggan Herbert	4148.92	Jalbert Jolene M	65452.20
Dunn Andrew	625.00	Jones Alan K	51022.10
Duval Michael J	42421.65	Karrmann Keith	142.00
Dwyer Elizabeth A.	80575.50	Kelley Charlene A	85.00

Kenney Joseph R	716.04	Perreault Christopher	10125.00
Kibbe Brian	5477.63	Phillips Matthew	307.36
King Patricia A.	15653.47	Pianka Grzegorz	1298.54
Labuski Janice E.	48556.90	Pierce Jo Ann	2712.64
Lafleur Donna	8756.43	Pontbriand Ryan M.	74179.74
Laird Micah W	3485.83	Portwood Nicole	765.00
Lapine Gary W	5349.50	Pressman Sarah D	49746.28
Lapriore Matthew	69989.64	Prideaux Sara M	6290.28
Lardizzone Julie	63385.30	Proulx Heidi L.	3197.65
LaRocca Cathy	20052.52	Quattrocelli Luke	12309.35
Lataille Michael S	381.14	Ranellone Raymond	179.93
Ledoux Michelle C	66326.20	Resseguie Karen	45891.28
Lincoln Linda M.	2000.00	Richer Lisa	1348.38
Lovely Mark S	7176.83	Roderick Matthew	4872.54
Lytle Jeanne E.	77.00	Rose Jon	670.13
MacLeod Linda E.M.	588.01	Sagendorph Joan D.	1233.71
Macleod William E.	2023.45	Santley Steve	144.43
Mahoney Sharon A.	500.00	Savluk Ariana	9663.66
Mansfield Scot M.	26994.79	Seery Michael	45579.93
Marino Sean T.	73357.29	Shea Samantha Lynn	77.00
Marks Ashley M	6513.17	Silva Karen M	54747.60
Martell David G.	8018.06	Simmons Meredith K.	29132.08
Martell Peter E.	79167.93	Simonds Diane Ashley	35709.90
McGovern Lisa I.	19849.59	Simonelli Tracey A.	23945.27
McNeaney James A	356.00	Simpson Katherine S.	6864.98
Meriano Maureen	1819.72	Skaza Peter Joseph	20052.30
Merlo David	400.16	Smith Douglas F	45.00
Metterville Brenda D.	42885.90	Smith Kaitlyn M	65339.70
Mieltowski Paul J	17986.37	Smith Michael	283.64
Milner James C	20816.09	Snyder Clarence R	2000.00
Monahan Jean E.	80160.10	St. Peter Lesley Marie	150.00
Morin Jeffrey S.	250.00	Stearns Bryan	8650.71
Morin-Wermter Donna M.	76603.10	Straight Rebecca Lee	32008.32
Murphy Lee	77993.53	Taft Donald	600.00
Murphy Melissa K	65339.70	Tarr Helen E.	86821.90
Niles Matthew R	15978.97	Taylor Jeffrey P.	17443.69
Norton Adam	2134.09	Taylor Julia R	12482.24
O'Connell Joanne	25618.99	Taylor Michelle L	608.78
O'Leary Lois	12011.43	Thayer Sharon E	29693.57
O'Neill Karen	79427.10	Thomo Nicholas	10872.30
Paras Lindsey P.	43559.10	Thompson Lucinda S.	23544.98
Pariseau Steven T.	92932.98	Thompson William F.	1693.76
Parish Brenda	46001.77	Tracy Leslie	1767.78
Parker Colleen Joy	82038.80	VonHold Carrie	14480.57

Wall Robert F.	4319.77	Weissman Christine Marie	2745.90
Warden Amy	194.44	Weissman Mark A	34659.20
Wassmer Ron	1254.66	Westerback Alexis	908.83
Watterson Carol A	977.50	White Jeffrey R.	3690.67
Williams Edward H.	184.50		
Wilson Joel	3730.06		
Young Margaret	25891.50		
Zachariewicz John	558.00		



REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN



In 2020 approximately 70 trees were removed from Gay Road, Town Farm Road, Allen Road, Webber Road, Old Webber Road, Lake Road, Molasses Hill Road, East Main Street, Hobbs Ave. Long Hill Road, Rice Corner Road, Schoolhouse Cross Road and between the Town Hall and the Post Office.

Brookfield's Wood Policy states in part:

If the wood can be used as firewood, the property abutter has the right of first refusal. All or part of the wood may be left as requested. This is providing that if the wood were left on site, it would not create any safety hazard to the public. The wood is left in large sections that would need to be cut and split by the recipient for use.

If the abutter does not want the wood it becomes available for neighbors and other residents.

If the wood cannot be used as firewood due to the type or condition and has no value, then it is disposed of at the town property on Herbert Rd.

Please contact the Highway Department before taking any wood.

Once the wood is left at a property the town is no longer responsible for its disposal. Please call the Highway Department 508-867-8357 with any tree related questions.

In closing I would like to thank Jim Rust of Rusty's Tree Service and Richard Chaffee of Chaffee Tree for their assistance and scheduling flexibility while working with the Highway Department to remove hazardous trees.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Pontbriand, Tree Warden



REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S AGENT

Due to the COVID pandemic, last year was especially trying for Brookfield Veterans. Referrals, the best source in advertising products and services, assisted in alleviating most situations.

The federal "Farmers to Families" food program was established through the auspices of Clear View for Veterans, an organization centered at Devens, MA,

and 35 local veteran families took part in it. Those that were able, picked up their food at the West Brookfield Senior Center, and those that could not, had their food boxes delivered.

An influx of veteran families in need stretched the budget, but we still succeeded in meeting those needs.

As always, I will continue to outreach to the Town's veterans, and no veteran or veteran's family will be refused services. Along with some volunteers, I hope to initiate a new organization, that will be better prepared to assist our local veterans.



**REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT
January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020**

Superintendent: Dennis Clarke

Administrative Assistant: Holly Chisholm

Commissioners:

Secondary/On Call Operators:

Donald R. Taft, Chairman (2023)

Jeff Beauchamp

Robert Barnes, Member (2022)

Bruce Clarke

Al Jones, Member (2021)

Joe Kenney

The Brookfield Water Department is dedicated to providing uninterrupted supply of high quality water to Brookfield residents and water customers. Throughout the COVID 19 pandemic, the Water Department continued to operate and provide water services with no disruption or interruption of water service. The Department insures and maintains compliance with MA DEP water quality requirements and performs monthly testing of the system for bacteria. The sampling and testing process has been adjusted and increased to ensure compliance with new MADEP and USEPA mandates for lead and copper testing. The pump station and wellfield located off of Herbert Road is 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 and system pressures. In addition to customer service, the Department performs ongoing maintenance, backflow testing and system flushing to insure high level 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 Water Department Office at 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/operator, three secondary on call operators and a part time administrative assistant. If you have questions regarding you water service, please call the Water Department office at 508-867-2930 X17, we will quickly respond to your call.

While dealing with COVID issues, the 2020 Water Department actions included:

- Completion of MA DEP Sanitary survey
- Increased lead and copper sampling
- Well maintenance and redevelopment of well #05G
- We worked on a system to address mail delivery of water billings and posted water bill public signage
- The department responded to water customers who contacted the office with questions or issues.

The Water Department treated and pumped approximately 31.033 million gallons of water in 2020. We currently have 485 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, 83 fire hydrants.

Approximately 80% of the annual system water usage is delivered through system service connections, the remaining 20% is accounted for through bulk water hauler distribution.

	FY 19 REPORT	FY20 REPORT
	July 1, 2018 – June 30 2019	July 1, 2019 – June 30 2020
Income:		
Water Users	\$113,448.85	\$ 97,913.70
Water Haulers	\$ 26898.00	\$ 21,123.55
Demand and Interest	\$ 3,480.10	\$ 2,214.31
ON/OFF Fee/repair	\$ 1,776.63	\$ 1,421.79
Backflow/Sprinkler	\$ 1,078.00	\$ 1,043.00
New Service	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Revenue Collected	\$147,181.58	\$124,216.35
Expenses:		
Expense Account	\$ 28,618.77	\$ 31,589.54
Wage Account	<u>\$ 83,990.89</u>	<u>\$ 95,939.51</u>
Total expenses	\$112,609.66	\$127,529.05

REPORT OF THE ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

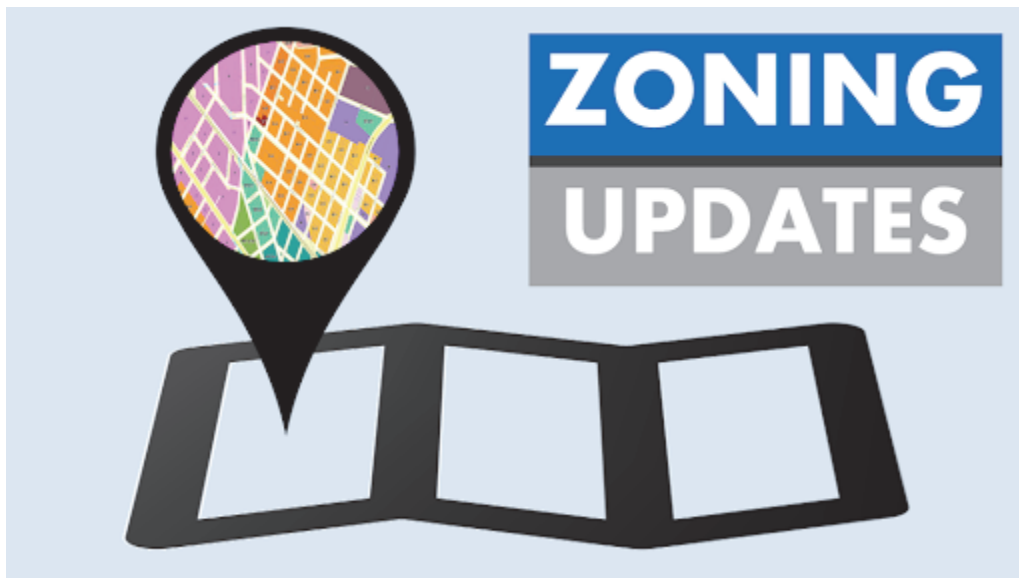
Regular office hours were maintained to assist the Building Inspector to expedite permit required projects and ensure compliance to the Town of Brookfield Zoning By-Laws. During this past 2020 year, this office has taken approximately 175 telephone calls and 100 e-mail requests.

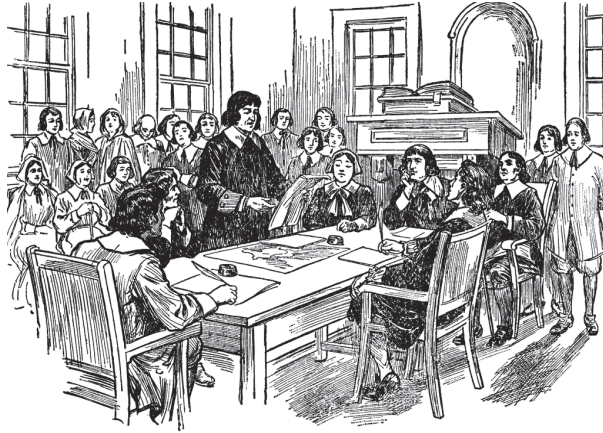
Numerous letters were sent to individual property owners and businesses for zoning infractions and requesting they comply with the zoning by-laws to avoid further action. In most situations, these issues were resolved in a timely manner without further action being taken to correct the violation. In some instances fines have been imposed to enforce compliance. Other departments were needed to intervene and help enforce the request to and avoid utilizing town counsel incurring additional expenses to the town. There are those cases where town counsel input has been necessary in order to be involved for resolution. There are cases that are currently in litigation that we are actively involved with town counsel to resolve.

I continue to respond to many complaints, give directions, and resolve zoning issues and violations within the town. I work closely with other departments and residents to ensure that the rules and regulations set forth by the town of Brookfield are being adhered to. Town counsel will continue to be utilized only when absolutely necessary to assist residents and business owners to comply with the zoning by-laws. Cooperation and compliance with the zoning bylaws, Zoning Board of appeals, The Planning Board, Board of Health, and respect for neighbors is appreciated and necessary 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 By-Laws are available from the town clerk and on the Town of Brookfield website.

Respectfully submitted, Nicholas M. Thomo - Zoning Enforcement Officer





**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Friday, June 26, 2020- 6:30 PM**

**TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
319 BROOKFIELD RD
STURBRIDGE, 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 TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, 319 BROOKFIELD RD, STURBRIDGE MA, AS VOTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 9 OF CHAPTER 92 OF THE ACTS OF 2020, TO COMMENCE ON **FRIDAY, THE TWENTY SIXTH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.** THEN AND THERE TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

NOTE: 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 of the Town officials as printed.

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 the sum of \$8,587,070.00 dollars to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, as shown in the Fiscal Year 21 budget Advisory Committee Recommendations, as contained in the Annotated Warrant.

ARTICLE 3: FY20 Article - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to pay an invoice for FY 19, or take any action relative thereto.

Requires 4/5ths vote. (Sponsored by the BOS)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate, \$10,386.44 to pay a KP Law invoice for FY 19.

ARTICLE 4: FY20 Article - To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to pay an invoice for FY 19, or take any action relative thereto.
Requires 4/5ths vote. (Sponsored by the Treasurer's Office)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$3,741.81 to pay a KP Law invoice for FY 19.

ARTICLE 5: FY20 Article - To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to pay an invoice for FY 19, or take any action relative thereto. **Requires 4/5ths vote.** (Sponsored by the ZBA)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$176.40 to pay a KP Law invoice for FY 19.

ARTICLE 6: FY20 Article - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$14,000.00 from the FY20 Cable PEG Access Fund, for the purpose of funding cable related costs, expenses, fees, payroll and general oversight of public access cable for Fiscal Year 2020, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Town Accountant)

The Town voted to appropriate \$14,000.00 from the FY20 Cable PEG Access Fund, for the purpose of funding cable related costs, expenses, fees, payroll and general oversight of public access cable for Fiscal Year 2020.

ARTICLE 7: FY20 Article - To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balances between the FY20 accounts identified below, as follows, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Town Accountant)

From Acct #	Description	New Acct#	Description	Amount
023-	Grant 632	021-	Extended Day	\$200.00
782	Flag Fund	786	Playground Donations	\$0.20
310	Flag Pole	786	Playground Donations	\$77.53
122	Selectmen Donation	786	Playground Donations	\$184.39
620	C&D Revolving	786	Playground Donations	\$1,053.00
315	Wetlands	605	Conservation	\$88.74

The Town voted to transfer the balances between the FY20 accounts as written in Article 7 of the Town Warrant.

ARTICLE 8: FY20 Article - To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, to amend the Town's General bylaw, Chapter V, and Section 8, entitled "Financial Affairs," establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, by adding the following new revolving funds to subsection f., "Authorized Revolving Funds":

Revolving Fund Program or Purpose	Representative or Board Authorized to Spend Fund	Department Receipts to be Credited to Fund
Wire Inspector Fees	Wire Inspector	Electrical and solar permit, inspection and application fees, and other fees and receipts collected by the Wire Inspector
Planning Board Fees	Planning Board	Site plan review, inspection, special permit, subdivision and application fees, and other fees and receipts collected by the Planning Board

And further, to set the FY2020 spending limits for the revolving funds as follows:

Authorized Revolving Funds	Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit
Wire Inspector Fees	\$20,000.00
Planning Board Fund	\$20,000.00

Or take any action relative thereto.

The Town voted by a moderator declared standing majority pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, to amend the Town's General bylaw, Chapter V, and Section 8, entitled "Financial Affairs," establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, by adding the following new revolving funds to subsection f., "Authorized Revolving Funds": as contained in the Annotated Warrant, and further that the Town vote to set FY2020 spending limits for the revolving funds as written in Article 8 in the Town Warrant except the phrase "Or take any action relative thereto" be omitted.

Articles shown in the box below are on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant every year and are often voted as a block. The Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee unanimously support these articles.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws,

Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to foreclose on certain Tax Titles held by the Treasurer, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen or their agent to sell for the Town any land or building acquired by the Town by Tax Title foreclosure after first giving notice of said sale, by posting a notice at the Town Hall and the Post Office, 14 days at least before said sale stating what parcels are to be sold or offered for sale and the time and place of holding said sale, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell any old and obsolete equipment or personal property by sealed bids; at public auction after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate; or at an established market, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any and to expend any State, Federal or other grants that may become available to the Town of Brookfield, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to hold the position of Health Agent, Title V Administrator, Transfer Station Monitor, and Transfer Station Administrator and to provide compensation therefore, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to fund additional betterment projects through the existing Community Septic Management Program account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to set the FY2021 spending limits for the following revolving funds authorized pursuant to Chapter V, "Financial Affairs", Section 8, of the Town's general bylaws:

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

The voted to approve articles 9 through 16 as written in the Town

Warrant, except that the phrases "or take any action relative thereto be omitted.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow the sum of \$1.00 to plow private roads, or take any action relative thereto. (*Sponsored by the Highway Dept*)
Or take any action relative thereto.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$1.00 dollar to plow private roads.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to fund the Road Construction and Reconstruction Account, or take any action relative thereto. (*Sponsored by the Highway Dept*)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500.00 to fund the Road Construction and Reconstruction Account.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Library Board of Trustees to extend the lease on certain real property, and the improvements thereon, commonly known as 18 Common Street, Brookfield, described with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 17143, Page 134, for such period of time and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen and/or the Library Board of Trustees shall determine to be appropriate; and further to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$17,500.00) Dollars for the rent for said extension; and authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Library Board of Trustees to extend the term of an existing option to purchase said property, as they deem convenient; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Library Board of Trustees to execute any and all documents to carry out the intent of this Article, or take any action relative thereto.

The Town voted by a standing 2/3rds moderator declared majority to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Library Board of Trustees to extend the lease on certain real property, and the improvements thereon, commonly known as 18 Common Street, Brookfield, described with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 17143, Page 134, for such period of time and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen and/or the Library Board of Trustees shall determine to be appropriate; and transfer from the Library Building and Maintenance Account, the sum of \$17,500.00 for the rent for said extension; and authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Library Board of Trustees to extend the term of an existing option to purchase said property, as they deem convenient; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Library Board of Trustees to execute any and all documents to carry out the intent of this Article.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to: (a) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the sum of \$119,633.05, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum under the provisions to G.L. Chapter 44, Sections 7, 8, 8C and/or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of planning, designing, improving, renovating and/or equipping the playground known as Lewis Field, and specifically for expanding the playground area and bringing the facilities in compliance with the Town’s American with Disabilities transition plan, which Field is approximately shown on a sketch plan on file with the Town Clerk and is located on [portions of] the Town-owned parcels of land on Main Street, said parcels containing a total of 14.75 acres of land, more or less, and identified on Assessors Map 006.C 1 as Lot 147, including, without limitation all costs incidental or related thereto, provided, however, that no funds shall be expended unless and until the Town has received a grant commitment in the amount of \$83,743.00 under the PARC Grant Program (301 CMR 5.00) to undertake the foregoing project; (b) transfer the care, custody and control of Lewis Field to the Board of Selectmen for, and to dedicate said Field to, park and active recreation purposes under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or its designee to apply for and accept on behalf of the Town funds granted under the PARC Grant Program and/or any other funds, gifts, grants, under any federal and/or other state program in any way connected with the scope of this this article, and enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate

the foregoing project, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Recreation Committee)*

The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$119,633.05 for the purposes stated in the warrant, with the funding sources noted below, and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$66,533.05 under the provisions to G.L. chapter 44, sections 7, 8,8C and/or any other enabling authority: provided that no funds shall be expended unless and until the Town has received a grant commitment in the amount of \$83,743.00 under the PARC Grant Program (301 CMR 5.00) to undertake the foregoing project; and further, to dedicate said Field to, park and active recreation purposes under the provisions of G.L. chapter 45, Section 3; and authorize the Board of Selectmen and/ or its designee to apply for and accept on behalf of the Town funds granted under the PARC Grant Program and/ or any other funds, gifts grants, under any federal and/ or other state program in any way connected with the scope of this article, and enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing project.

Costs:

Playground Equipment Site Prep and required electrical upgrade cost	\$119,633.05
Anticipated Project Overrun costs (10%)	\$ 11,963.31

Funding:

PARC Grant from State	\$ 83,743.00
Jeppson Grant	\$ 5,000.00
Brookfield Community Club Grant	\$ 4,000.00
Fund 874- Open Space/Rec Stabilization	\$ 12,882.75
Proceeds from Sale of Old Playground Equipment	\$ 9,100.00
Donation from the Art and Elizabeth Jay Family Foundation	\$ 16,000.00
Fund 786- Playground Donation Account	<u>\$ 2,315.12</u>
Totals	\$131,596.36 \$ 133,040.87

***Any remaining funds to be placed in the Open Space fund for future projects**

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to: (a) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the sum of up to \$140,000.00, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum under the provisions to G.L. Chapter 44, Sections 7, 8, 8C and/or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of planning, designing, improving, renovating and/or equipping the playground, and specifically for the purpose of providing a safe walking and running track at Lewis Field and providing a walking area near the Town Center in compliance with the priorities outlined in the Town’s 2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan, which Field is approximately shown on a sketch plan on file with the Town Clerk and is located on [portions of] the Town-owned parcels of land on Main Street, said parcels containing a total of 14.75 acres of land, more or less, and identified on Assessors Map 00=06.C as Lot 148, including, without limitation all costs incidental or related thereto, provided, however, that no funds shall be expended unless and until the Town has received a grant commitment in the amount of \$98,000.00 or 70% under the PARC Grant Program (301 CMR 5.00) to undertake the foregoing project, said funds to be payable in Fiscal Year 2022; (b) transfer the care, custody and control of Lewis Field to the Board of Selectmen for, and to dedicate said Park to, park and active recreation purposes under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or its designee to apply for and accept on behalf of the Town funds granted under the PARC Grant Program and/or any other funds, gifts, grants, under any federal and/or other state program in any way connected with the scope of this this article, and enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing project, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Recreation Committee)*

The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for the purposes stated in the warrant, and that to fund this appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum under the provisions to G.L. Chapter 44, Sections 7, 8, 8C and/or any other enabling authority; provided that no funds shall be expended unless and until the Town has received a grant commitment in the amount of \$98,000 under the PARC Grant Program (301 CMR 5.00) to undertake the foregoing project, said funds to be payable in Fiscal Year 2022; and further, to transfer the care, custody and control of Lewis Field to the Board of Selectmen for, and to dedicate said Park to, park and active recreation purposes under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 45, section 3; and authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or its designee to apply for and accept on behalf of the Town Funds granted under the PARC Grant Program and/or any other funds, gifts, grants, under any federal and/or other state program in any way connected with the scope of this article, and enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing project.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase protective clothing, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Fire Dept)*

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase protective clothing for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to fund necessary repair work on Engine 2, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Fire Dept)*

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,400.00 for necessary repair work on Engine 2 for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Cable PEG Access Account for the purpose of funding cable related costs, expenses, fees, payroll and general oversight of public access cable for the upcoming fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Accountant)*

The Town voted to appropriate \$31,900.00 from the Cable PEG Access Account for the purpose of funding cable related costs, expenses, fees, payroll and general oversight of public access cable for the upcoming fiscal year.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Billing Receipts Account to fund the fiscal 2021 Ambulance Wages Account, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)*

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$189,000.00 from the Ambulance Billing Receipts Account to fund the fiscal 2021 Ambulance Wages Account.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Billing Receipts Account to fund the fiscal 2021 Ambulance Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)*

The Town voted to transfer \$40,000 from the Ambulance Billing Receipts Account to fund the fiscal 2021 Ambulance Expense Account.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the a Ambulance Revenue Account to the New Ambulance Purchase Account, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)*

The Town voted to transfer \$3,400.00 from the Ambulance Revenue Account to the New Ambulance Purchase Account.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise the annual sticker fee at the Transfer Station by ten dollars, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Health)*

The Town voted to raise the Annual Sticker Fee at the Transfer Station by ten dollars.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Department - Vehicle Purchase Account (# 002-000-5800-000) to the Water Department - Water Main Maintenance Improvement Account (# 002-000-5920-000), or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Water Commissioners)*

The Town voted to transfer \$8,731.42 from the Water Department Vehicle Purchase Account to the Water Department Water Main Maintenance Improvement Account.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balances remaining in the following funds to the General Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Fund 052 Clean Energy Choice \$7,000.00 (Remaining balance from FY15 ATM - Article 19)

Fund 270 Clean Energy Grant \$1,400.45 (Remaining balance from FY11 ATM - Article 25) *(Sponsored by the Town Accountant)*

The Town voted to transfer the following sums of money previously appropriated at prior annual town meetings to the General Stabilization Fund:

*Fund 052 Clean Energy Choice \$7,000.00 (Remaining balance from FY15 ATM - Article 19)
Fund 270 Clean Energy Grant \$1,400.45 (Remaining balance from FY11 ATM - Article 25)*

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town of Brookfield Capital Plan, Capital Policies, and capital Goals for FY2021-2025, or take any action relative thereto.
(Sponsored by the CIPC)

The Town voted to accept the Town of Brookfield Capital Plan, Capital Policies, and Capital Goals for FY 2021-2025.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm. 109 registered voters attended

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Thursday, October 15, 2020
TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
319 Brookfield Road
STURBRIDGE, 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 TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, 319 BROOKFIELD RD, STURBRIDGE MA, ON **THURSDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.** THEN AND THERE TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

PLEASE NOTE ALL ARTICLES ARE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

ARTICLE 1: FY20 Article - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to pay an invoice for FY 20, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requires 9/10ths vote. (Sponsored by the Fire Dept)
\$419.06

Heating bill for FY20 was not received until FY21
(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)
(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$419.06 TO PAY A GLOBAL MONTELLO INVOICE FOR FY 20.

ARTICLE 2: FY20 Article - To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to pay an invoice for FY 20, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requires 9/10ths vote. (Sponsored by the BOS Office)
\$302.40

Invoice came in late and sent to wrong dept.
(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)
(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$302.40 TO PAY A STONEBRIDGE PRESS INVOICE FOR FY 20.

ARTICLE 3: FY20 Article - To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to pay an invoice for FY 20, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requires 9/10ths vote. (Sponsored by the Accountant)
\$360.36

FY20 invoice Commonwealth of Massachusetts for School Meals Tax fines and assessments not wired to the state by former employee.
(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)
(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$360.36 TO PAY A COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS INVOICE FOR FY 20.

ARTICLE 4: FY20 Article -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to pay a prior year bill or take any action relative thereto.

Requires 9/10ths vote.

(Sponsored by the Town Clerk)

\$300.00

To pay for Board of Health Nursing Services

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300.00 TO PAY THE TOWN OF SUTTON INVOICE FOR NURSING SERVICES FOR FY 20.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Fleet Repair/Replacement Vehicle Account to the Fleet Repair/Replacement Vehicle and Equipment Account, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Highway Dept)*

This change in name will allow for the purchase of equipment as well as vehicles.

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE FLEET REPAIR/REPLACEMENT VEHICLE ACCOUNT TO THE FLEET REPAIR/REPLACEMENT VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 38H or any other enabling authority, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town of Brookfield, to enter into an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT Agreement), for a term of 20 years, with the owner/lessee/operator of metered ground-mounted solar photovoltaic energy generating facilities located at 0 Long Hill District (property shown on Brookfield Assessors' Maps as Parcel ID 045/003.A-0000-0066.0) upon such terms as the Board of Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions as may be necessary to implement such agreements, or take any other action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Assessor's Office)*

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO ACCEPT ARTICLE 6 AS WRITTEN IN THE WARRANT.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to create the position of Foreman for the Highway Dept. or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Highway Dept.)

This change is a restructuring of the department to more accurately reflect the current day to day operations.

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO CREATE THE POSITION OF FOREMAN FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Fire Station Repairs Account, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Fire Dept.)*

\$4,000

We have had no response from the vendor that provided the original estimate. It is unsure if the remaining amount will be sufficient.

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

(CIPC supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 TO FUND THE FIRE STATION REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the Town's match of a Department of Energy Grant for a solar carport design at the Police Station, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*

\$1,500

The project is reimbursable to the Town at 80%.

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,500.00 TO FUND THE TOWN'S MATCH OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GRANT FOR A SOLAR CARPORT DESIGN AT THE POLICE STATION.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a generator for 4 Central Street, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Fire Dept.)*

\$33,000

From EMS receipts: \$5,000

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee does not support this article)

(CIPC supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$33,000.00 TO PURCHASE A GENERATOR FOR 4 CENTRAL STREET.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to cover a portion of the expense of providing an Alum treatment to South Pond, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by Board of Selectmen)*
\$25,000

The requested money is contingent upon the award of a Massachusetts DEP 319 grant for the project. The total cost of the treatment is approximately \$342,000. The MDEP 319 grant will provide a 60/40 split of state funding; the state portion of the grant will be \$205,200. The local matching portion will be \$137,800; of this the Brookfield portion would be \$25,000.

The remaining funds have already been approved or committed by the Towns of East Brookfield, Sturbridge, YMCA and QQLA.

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

(CIPC supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$25,000.00 TO FUND A PORTION OF THE EXPENSE OF PROVIDING AN ALUM TREATMENT TO SOUTH POND.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to cover a deficit in Fund 250 OSRP Grant Account, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Accountant)*
\$2,000

This was the Town's 20% match of the original grant award from FY2019, however, a funding source for the Town share was never voted on. Master Plan funds will be used to compensate OSRP

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

(CIPC supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 FROM THE MASTER PLAN ACCOUNT TO FUND A DEFICIT IN THE FUND 250 OSRP GRANT ACCOUNT.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to adopt and accept the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 32B of the *Massachusetts General Laws*, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, establishing an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund; to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to execute a declaration of trust creating an expendable trust for the purpose of holding monies appropriated to such fund; to designate the Treasurer as the trustee of such trust; to authorize the transfer of any and all monies currently held for the purpose of paying retiree health and life benefits to such trust; and to authorize the trustee to invest and reinvest the monies in such fund accordance with the Prudent Investor Rule established under Chapter 203C of the *Massachusetts General Laws*, or take any other action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Accountant)*

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO ADOPT AND ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS C. 32B, SECTION 2, AND OTHERWISE APPROVE THIS ARTICLE AS WRITTEN IN ARTICLE 13 OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to fund the position of Town Administrator for Fiscal Year 2021, or take any action relative thereto. *(Citizen Petition)*

\$75,000

(The Board of Selectmen does not support this article)

(The Advisory Committee does not support this article)

THE TOWN VOTED BY A MODERATOR DECLARED STANDING MAJORITY 69 IN FAVOR AND 27 OPPOSED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$37,500.00 TO FUND THE POSITION OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to hire a Municipal Clerk for the Tax Collector's Office for Fiscal Year 2021, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Tax Collector)*

\$2,600

Clerk hours 5-10 hours per week requested at the recommendation on the auditor for additional coverage during billing and collecting and also vacation, education and sick time.

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article 5 to 1)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,600.00 TO HIRE A MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2021.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to fund a 2 % COLA raise for non-union Town employees and police personnel covered by a collective bargaining agreement (and subject to finalization of that agreement), and bring minimum wage workers up to \$13.50/hour as of January, 2021; and make any necessary adjustments to the FY 2021 Annual Budget voted under Article 2 of the June 26, 2020 Annual Town Meeting to fund this article, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports a 1.6% COLA as recommended by Social Security)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$25,457.67 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, WITH SUCH ADJUSTMENTS TO THE VARIOUS WAGES AND SALARY BUDGET LINES CONTAINED IN THE FY 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET VOTED UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF THE JUNE 26, 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, AS SHOWN IN THE ANNOTATED WARRANT, AND FURTHER, TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT VOTED UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF THE JUNE 26, 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BUDGET LINE ITEM 199, ACCOUNT NUMBER 001-945-5600-000, GENERAL INSURANCE, BY \$40,000.00, FROM \$158,930.00 TO \$118,930.00, WITH THE OVERALL TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2021 BEING \$8,572,527.67, BEFORE ANY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT THIS OCTOBER 15, 2020 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to fund the Town Hall Improvement Account to fund a shortfall in budget, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the THIC)*
\$2,322

This will return some of the funds subtracted from the FY21 budget cuts.

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee does not support this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$2,322.00 TO FUND A SHORTFALL IN THE TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT BUDGET.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of property from Brookfield Massachusetts Boy Scout Troup #159, a duly organized Troop of the Boy Scouts of America, or the current owner, which property is located off Boyes Avenue (also known as 1 Central Avenue), shown on Assessors Map 6D, Lot 29, and described in a deed filed with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 4054, Page 381, for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of leasing, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease the property on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, which may be a nominal sum, as the Board of Selectmen deems proper, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*

THE TOWN VOTED TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF PROPERTY FROM BROOKFIELD MASSACHUSETTS BOY SCOUT TROOP #159, AS WRITTEN IN ARTICLE 18 OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to dedicate the former so-called "Lakeside/Tobin Campground," generally shown on Town of Brookfield Assessor's Map NP1-5D and as more particularly shown on a plan to be distributed at Town Meeting, as a public park in perpetuity of the Town of Brookfield, according to G.L. c. 45, Section 3, or take any action relative thereto.

Requires 2/3 vote *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO TABLE ARTICLE 19.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to support the opening of the South Pond Beach for 2021 and that any fees allowed or fines collected related to the operation of the beach be directed to the South Pond Beach budget line item to offset the operational expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*
\$1,180.00

Background: That the Town wishes to contract with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to operate the South Pond Beach from school close to Labor Day. That additional expenses to add signage, monitor activity, control trash are necessary.

<i>Signage (fees/town parking)</i>	<i>400.00</i>	
<i>Monitors (2 people/4 hours/2 weekends)</i>	<i>480.00</i>	
<i>Trash</i>		<i>300.00</i>
		<i>\$1180.00</i>

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$1,180.00 TO SUPPORT THE OPENING OF THE SOUTH POND BEACH FOR 2021 AND THAT ANY FEES ALLOWED OR FINES COLLECTED RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE BEACH BE DIRECTED TO THE SOUTH POND BEACH BUDGET LINE ITEM TO OFFSET THE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Library book/materials account to meet MGL Chapter 78, section 19B (5); 605 CMR 4.01 (5) to expend a reasonable portion of the Library's total budget on library materials, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Library Trustees)*

Materials Expenditure Standard is 19.5%.

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$719.00 TO THE LIBRARY BOOK/MATERIALS ACCOUNT TO MEET MGL CHAPTER 78, SECTION 19B (5) AND 605 CMR 4.01 (5) TO EXPEND A REASONABLE PORTION OF THE LIBRARY'S TOTAL BUDGET ON LIBRARY MATERIALS.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to fund Human Resource duties that are not covered under the current Treasurer contract, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*

\$2,500

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)
(The Advisory Committee supports this article)*

THE TOWN VOTED BY A MODERATOR DECLARED MAJORITY 41 FOR AND 21 OPPOSED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$2,500.00 TO FUND HUMAN RESOURCE DUTIES THAT ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE CURRENT TREASURER CONTRACT.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for replacement of the Police Dept security system server, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Police Dept)*

\$2,352.24

Unforeseen expenses incurred in August of 2020 for replacement of the server that operates the security system at the Police Dept.

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)
(The Advisory Committee supports this article)*

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$2,352.24 TO REPLACE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SECURITY SYSTEM SERVER.

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

\$2,029

This is required due to the early voting for the September primary and November State Election.

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)
(The Advisory Committee supports this article)*

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$2,029.00 TO FUND THE ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK ACCOUNT.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Board of Health Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Health)

\$1,159

This article as well as the transfer in the following article would restore the expense account to what the line item has reflected for many year and is necessary to pay for our Health Agent for sanitary code food inspections and Covid-19 expenses, which have skyrocketed. (funding for both articles 25 and 26 would total \$3,129.00)

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$1,159.00 TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Board of Health Clerk Account to the Board of Health Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Health)

\$1,970

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$1,970.00 FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH CLERK ACCOUNT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Dept Surplus Account to the Water Dept Operating Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

\$3,440

New mandated expenses: Mandated DEP testing: \$920; required chemical feed pump maintenance: \$730; required annual chlorine probe replacement: \$650; additional round of lead and copper sampling: \$1140

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)
(The Advisory Committee supports this article)*

THE TOWN VOTED TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$3,440.00 FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT SURPLUS ACCOUNT TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to fund a shortfall in the Highway Clerk's wages, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Highway Dept)

\$3,691

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)
(The Advisory Committee supports this article)*

This line item was underfunded at the Annual Town Meeting.

THE TOWN VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$3,691.00 TO FUND A SHORTFALL IN THE HIGHWAY CLERK'S WAGES.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter V, Financial Affairs, Section 7 of the General By-laws of the Town of Brookfield relating the Capital Improvement Committee, by striking out the number "\$5,000" and replacing it with the number "\$10,000", as shown in bold below:

The purpose of the committee shall be to study proposed capital outlays involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects which: 1) are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years, 2) have a useful life of at least five years, and 3) cost over \$5,000-\$10,000, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the CIPC)

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

(CIPC supports this article)

(The Bylaw Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED TO AMEND CHAPTER V, FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, SECTION 7 OF THE GENERAL BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD AS WRITTEN IN ARTICLE 29 OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money to the General Stabilization Account, or take any action relative thereto.

\$120,000

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article)

(The Advisory Committee supports this article)

THE TOWN VOTED BY A MODERATOR DECLARED MAJORITY TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$70,000.00 TO THE GENERAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNT.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 PM

96 VOTERS ATTENDED THE TOWN MEETING

Election Results Report-Democratic Party Presidential Primary Brookfield, MA 01506 March 3, 2020 <i>Total Ballots Cast = 503</i> <i>Total Registered Voters = 2454</i>	
Presidential Preference-Democrat	
Blanks	0
Deval Patrick	4
Amy Klobuchar	3
Elizabeth Warren	77
Michael Bennet	0
Michael R. Bloomberg	44
Tulsi Gabbard	7
Cory Booker	1
Julian Casro	0
Tom Steyer	3
Bernie Sanders	150
Joseph Biden	188
John K. Delaney	1
Andrew Yang	0
Pete Buttigieg	22
Marianne Williamson	0
No Preference	2
Write-Ins	1
Total	503

**Voted in the 1920 Election in Brookfield:
Abby Frances Blanchard Means**



Abby Frances Blanchard was born in 1874 and graduated from Brookfield High School and Wellesley College. In September 1899 she married Oliver W. Means.

It was under her direction that Elm Hill Farm flourished. The estate added orchards, flower gardens, land and Jersey cows. The most famous of the herd was “You 'll Do Lobelia”. She went to the 1939 New York World's Fair and was soon to become 'Elsie the Cow', the mascot of the Borden Company.

Mrs. Means passed away in 1964 and is buried in the family plot in the Brookfield Cemetery.

Adapted from Elm Hill Collection sent to Special Collections, UMass, Amherst

**Voted in the 1920 Election in Brookfield:
Elsie Mae Gaudette**



Photo courtesy of Belinda Eaton

Elsie Mae Gaudette was born in North Brookfield in 1898. She married George P. Eaton in 1917 in Brookfield and spent a good part of her life here. They had three children: Winnifred, Elsie, and Philip. She worked as a file clerk at the paper mill. She died in 1955 and is buried in the Brookfield cemetery.

**Voted in the 1920 Election in Brookfield:
Fannie Henshaw (Marshall) Hastings**



Photo courtesy of Jerilyn Marshall

Fannie Marshall was born in Brookfield in 1857 and graduated from Brookfield High School in 1875, two years after the building opened. Of the six graduates that year five were female.

Fannie married William B. Hastings, an 1874 graduate of the same school in 1882 in Brookfield. They had two children. Mrs. Hastings was listed as a teacher for a while. She died in 1928 at the age of 71 and is buried in the Brookfield cemetery.

**Voted in the 1920 Election in Brookfield:
Minnie Fenton**

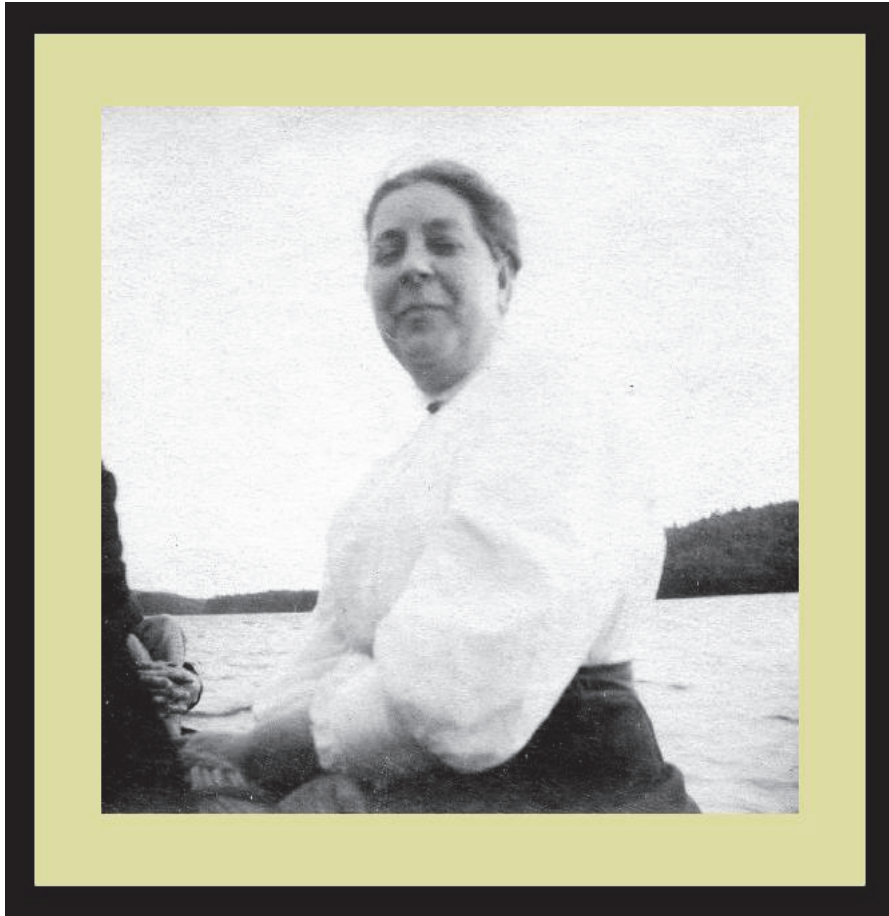


Photo courtesy of Doris Fenton

Minnie (Buckley) Fenton was born in 1871 in Killarney, Ireland. She was the grandmother of Doris Fenton. Minnie had three children, Frances, William and George. She lived on Hyde Street in Brookfield. Doris currently resides in Minnie's home.

Minnie died February 3, 1946 and is buried in the West Brookfield cemetery.

**Voted in the 1920 Election in Brookfield:
Lucy Mellon**



Mrs Lucy P. (Livermore) Mellen was born in Spencer in 1865 .She married Walter B. Mellon in 1883 and spent most of her life in Brookfield. She and her husband, Walter B. Mellon, operated the Overlook Farm in the “over-the river district” of the town for many years.

She died April 16, 1941 at the age of 76. Services were at the First Unitarian Church and burial was in the Brookfield cemetery.

**Voted in the 1920 Election in Brookfield:
Nellie Clancy**



Photo courtesy of Barbara Clancy

Nellie Clancy (aunt of Mr. George Clancy) was born on October 23, 1887 and died in 1973. Nellie was one of seven children born to John and Katherine Clancy. The family had four boys, William, Henry, Jack and Raymond and three girls, Mary, Nellie and Annie. The girls all worked to help send the brothers to college. Nellie went to school in Brookfield and attended secretarial school. After secretarial school Nellie became an office worker at the paper mill in Brookfield. She was an active member of St. Mary's Parish. Nellie remained single and lived with her sisters on Kimball St.

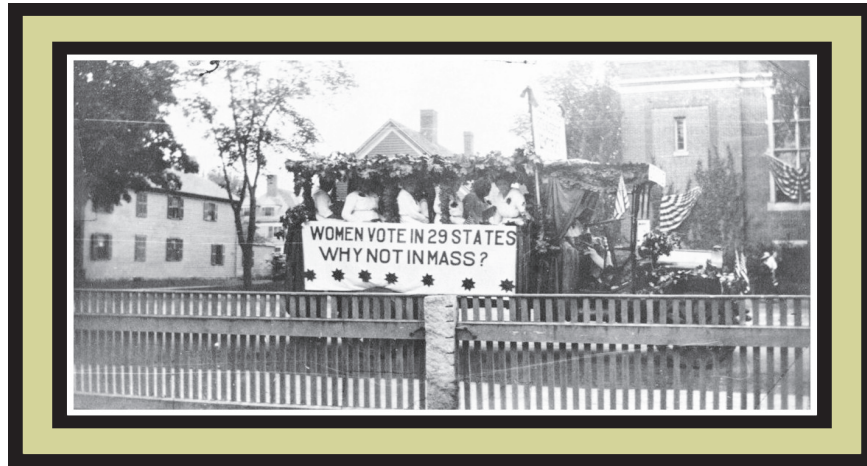
**Voted in the 1920 Election in Brookfield:
Mary Clancy**



Photo courtesy of Barbara Clancy

Mary Clancy (aunt of Mr. George Clancy) was born on August 13, 1884 and died in 1976. Mary was the second oldest of seven children born to John and Katherine Clancy. The family had four boys, William, Henry, Jack and Raymond and three girls, Mary, Nellie and Annie. The girls all worked to help send the brothers to college. Mary went to school in Brookfield and attended St. Mary's Parish. She worked as a sorter at the paper mill in Brookfield. She was a short, gentle woman who never married. In her later years she moved from Kimball St to Common St to live with George and Barbara Clancy

Did You Know? Facts and Trivia of the Suffrage Movement:



The original 1776 constitution of New Jersey gave “all inhabitants” who were “worth 50 pounds” the right to vote. This was vague, so in 1797, women with 50 pounds or more to their names were explicitly allowed to vote. This right only applied to single women. Married women did not count since their husbands legally controlled all the property they owned. In 1807, the law was changed once again, restricting the vote to only free white male citizens.

Women had few rights in the early 19th century. A woman could not attend college, own property, keep wages if she worked (pay belonged to her husband or father) or have custody of her children if she divorced her husband (for any reason), among other things.

The first women’s rights convention in the United States was held at the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York, on July 19 and 20, 1848. The building is now maintained by the National Park Service.

Charlotte Woodward was a 19-year-old farmer’s daughter at the convention, and was the only person in attendance that lived long enough to see female suffrage become legal.

Victoria Clafin Woodhull was a feminist, women’s rights advocate, proponent of free love and spiritualist that ran for president of the United States in 1872, 48 years before women could vote (her name did not appear on the ballot as she couldn’t pay the fees and wasn’t yet 35-years-old).

Anti-suffragists were mostly educated, married, wealthy and white women. They believed women needed to focus all of their attention on maintaining the home to provide a refuge from the stresses of the outside world.

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Did you Know? Facts and Trivia of the Suffrage Movement: (continued from p. 108)

Susan B. Anthony was a champion of women's suffrage who worked until she was 80 years old. Even after retiring, she ensured that women would be admitted to the University of Rochester; after fundraising efforts to pay for new facilities came up short, she offered her life insurance.

On March 3, 1916, the National American Woman Suffrage Association held a suffrage parade, organized by Alice Paul. As many as 8,000 women marched and between 1,000 and 3,000 spectators lined the streets. There were 26 horse-drawn floats, six golden chariots, 10 marching bands and six mounted brigades.

Paul also led silent protests in front of the White House to urge President Woodrow Wilson to support women's suffrage. Many participants were arrested and imprisoned. The imprisoned women held hunger strikes and endured awful living conditions and unfair treatment, like forced-feedings and threats to be transferred to "insane asylums."

In January 1918, the House of Representatives voted to give women the right to vote in national elections. Rep. Henry Barnhart of Indiana was carried in on a stretcher from a Washington, D.C. hospital after an appendectomy, staying just long enough to vote yes. The bill passed in the House but was defeated in the Senate.

It wasn't until August 18, 1920, that the 19th Amendment was ratified and granted women the right to vote, more than 70 years after the first women's rights convention.

The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote in America, was first proposed and rejected in 1878, then reintroduced every year for the next 41 years. In 1984, Mississippi became the last state to ratify it.

The U.N. first explicitly named women's suffrage as a human right in 1979.

The women's suffrage movement sprung from the abolition movement.

Not all suffragists were women, and not all anti-suffragists were men. Numerous men were committed suffragists, and some were imprisoned and force-fed just like their female comrades. Many prominent women also proclaimed disapproval for the suffrage movement, arguing that women did not want to vote and that it would mean competition with men rather than cooperation.

Facts from: Encyclopedia Britannica; Votes for Women! American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot by Winifred Conkling.

H. B. BLACKWELL AND LUCY STONE!

These uncompromising friends of Freedom and ardent advocates of Human Rights propose to meet the citizens of Vinaland at

PLUM ST. HALL,
This,
Tuesday Evening, Dec. 4,
AT 7:30.

TO PRESENT THE
Equal Rights Movement

And organize a Club.

Let no one fail to come and see and hear these pioneer Reformers, who have devoted their lives to the cause of Liberty and now in the vigor of manhood and womanhood come amongst us to ask our help to obtain for all mankind Human Rights.

It is to be regretted that they can be with us but **ONE** night.

SEATS FREE.



"I expect to plead not for the slave only, but for suffering humanity everywhere. Especially do I mean to labor for the elevation of my sex."

- Lucy Stone, 1847 -



Lucy Stone was a leader of the women's rights movement and lecturer for the abolitionist movement.

People against her message made it known during her lectures: in midwinter, someone opened a window and threw ice water on her; Stone simply wrapped a shawl around her shoulders and kept talking.

Source: Votes for Women! American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot by Winifred Conkling



Lewis Field Playground Project

Lewis Field is a 14.75 acre recreational field located at 4 Main St., Brookfield. The field is subject to multi-generational use, is sponsored by the Brookfield Recreation Committee, and includes playing fields, a picnic pavilion (which is available for gatherings free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis), and a small playground. Lewis Field is the only formal town-owned recreational facility in the town.

In 2019, the Brookfield Recreational Committee received a two-year grant covering 70% of the cost to replace and update the playground equipment. The new playground, completed in fall of 2020, is completely ADA compliant and includes a quiet cove for children sensitive to sensory overload.

With generous donations from the Jeppson Fund of Greater Worcester Community Foundation, the Brookfield Community Club and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jay, the project was completed at no cost to the taxpayers.



“Men, their rights and nothing more; Women, their rights and nothing less”

—Susan B. Anthony

