



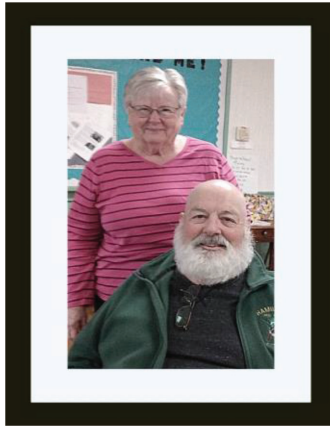
# 2022 Annual Report Brookfield, Massachusetts



## Points of Interest



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*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. ~ Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*

From serving on local committees to delivering holiday turkeys to food pantries, a Brookfield couple remains active in retirement by “giving back” to the local community and beyond.

Mary Lou Knight and Don Taft bid farewell to the hustle and bustle of the corporate world when they retired a dozen years ago, trading suburbia for Brookfield’s rural lakeside community - and never looked back. The pair are familiar faces in Brookfield as they often attend municipal board meetings, actively participate in local programs, coordinate community activities, and generally can be counted on to “pitch in” when help is needed.

The civic minded couple’s volunteerism has not gone unnoticed, as attested by a 2022 Lucy Stone Award, an honor bestowed on the pair by the Quaboag Historical Society in recognition of their community service.

With an eye toward Brookfield’s future, the couple has successfully advocated for a town administrator; are proponents of preserving open spaces in Town, and serve as staunch supporters of seniors, most recently evaluating the need for a local senior center.

*“Mary Lou Knight and Don Taft are partners in life and partners in their volunteer work” – Kermit Eaton*

Working as a team, both personally and within the community, the two share duties on various civic endeavors, including Brookfield’s 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration; the Town’s festive Luminaries on the Common display; and South Pond activities. The couple make it an annual tradition to provide Thanksgiving turkeys to the needy, and in 2022, collected and distributed 35 turkeys and raised \$1,255 for food resources in Brookfield, East Brookfield and Sturbridge.

Don’s managerial experience and engineering skills serve him well as a member of the Town Hall Improvement Committee, a group that has been instrumental in the ongoing renovations and restoration of the historic meeting house. He also currently serves as Chairman of the Water Commissioners, is an active member of Quaboag & Quacumquisit Lake Association, and President of the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club in Sturbridge. Recently, Don treated area seniors to an afternoon pontoon boat tour of South Pond, navigating both the waters and the history of the local lakes.

Previously, Mr. Taft brought his expertise to the Police Station Building Committee, co-chaired the Campground Clean-up Committee; and headed QQLA. He also served as Brookfield’s Town Moderator.

Mary Lou’s financial background is beneficial in her current roles as Treasurer of the Council on Aging and QQLA; she is also a member of the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee; and alongside Don, tackles the many Town Hall improvement challenges and tasks. Mary Lou is a past member of the Personnel Board, and held a seat on the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

“Mary Lou and Don have been two of the true ‘go to’ people for the Town of Brookfield.,” remarked Select Board Chair Beth L. Coughlin, adding: “Their contributions to various boards, committees, and citizen action groups, complemented by their involvement in supporting agencies such as QQLA and Friends of the Brookfield Town Hall, represent an amazing contribution to the community at large.”

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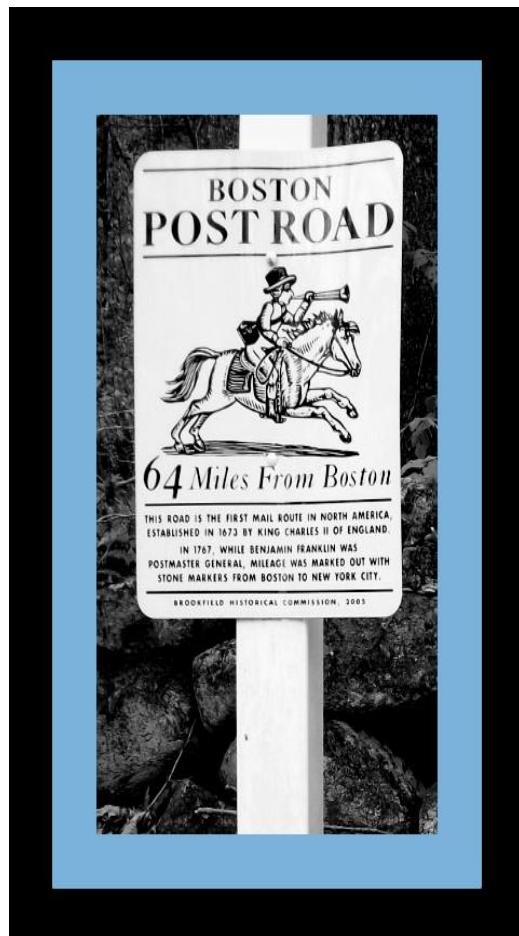
# Brookfield Points of Interest

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The Town of Brookfield boasts a rich heritage, as do many of the old New England cities and villages. Aside from its deep historic roots, what sets Brookfield apart are the many diverse points of interest that make the centrally-located Massachusetts town not only a topic of local lore, but a hidden treasure destination.

From the birth of a universal advertising icon to the scandalous murder of a wealthy farmer, four of Brookfield's interest points spotlighted below confirm the Town's fascinating claims to fame are anything but ordinary.

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## ***Boston Post Road Markers: Ben Franklin's Local Connection***

Founding father Benjamin Franklin literally left his mark on the region. When Benjamin Franklin served as Postmaster in the 1760s, he set stone markers from New York to Boston as a method to set postal rates according to mileage. These original stone markers incised with "Miles to Boston" can be found along Route 9 and Route 67 in the Brookfields, the town of Warren, and beyond.

Franklin figured the distance by attaching a device to measure wheel rotations to a wagon wheel. Every mile was marked and numbered along the route on a stone marker. The recipient of the mail was charged postage fees according to how many miles the postal carrier must travel to deliver it. The Boston Post Road was the first postal route between the two cities.

Today, some of the original Franklin markers still exist, with three the earliest historic stones located in Brookfield, though numbers aren't always legible. In addition, several towns have acknowledged the historic postal route by erecting Boston Post Road signs on the site.

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James Devereux, owner of Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn in Spencer, penned the following Tour of Franklin Markers that takes readers from Spencer through Brookfield to West Brookfield in search of the historic markers.

*Back in the mid 1700s, before the Revolution, Ben Franklin was put in charge of the Colonial post system by the British Government. In an effort to overcome the suspicions of his Yankee customers, who were sure they were being cheated on postage that was assessed by the mile, he rode the Boston Post Road in a carriage with a homemade odometer attached to the wheel. At every mile, a stake was driven into the ground and a crew followed behind and replaced the stake with a stone marker.*

*The stone markers, now referred to as Franklin Markers, indicated the miles to Boston. Over the years, the Boston Post Road, which was no more than a cow path back then, has changed, with bits and pieces of it still remaining along our highway system of today. The original road was established in 1639 when the first General Highway Act was passed. The Road was upgraded in the 1700s and the value of the road was demonstrated in 1775 by the haste in which the Minutemen responded to the alarm in Lexington.*

*The mile markers in our area are by far the best example of this historic endeavor's presentation. Most markers along the route from New York to Boston have disappeared, but right here in Central Massachusetts, from the West Brookfield western town line to Spencer's eastern town line you will find markers for Mile 69 down to Marker 57. The towns' Historical Societies have installed signs to point out the markers to aid in the search*

*We start the tour of Mile Markers on the eastern end of the area and head west. It should be noted too, that more markers exist in the town of Warren the west, and the town of Leicester to the east, but this tour is of the Spencer/Brookfields.*



Benjamin Franklin Milestone. In an attempt to regulate postage fees in the 1760's, Benjamin Franklin, assistant postmaster general, directed that red sandstone markers be placed every mile from Boston to New York. Although the Boston Post Road has changed greatly over the last 250 years, Brookfield's three markers remain standing. The one pictured here is located on East Main Street.

(Photograph by and courtesy of Kate Simpson.)

*Spencer is our start off point and we begin at the Spencer/Leicester town line and locate marker 57, located in the flower garden by the main entrance to the beautiful Spencer Country Inn. The Inn sits on a knoll off Route 9. Enter their driveway and you will find the marker directly opposite the gazebo area. Now it is onto marker 58 going back to Route 9 and turning left or west on Route 9; travel just about one mile. The marker will be on your right just before Paxton Road and at the residential address of 325 Main St.*

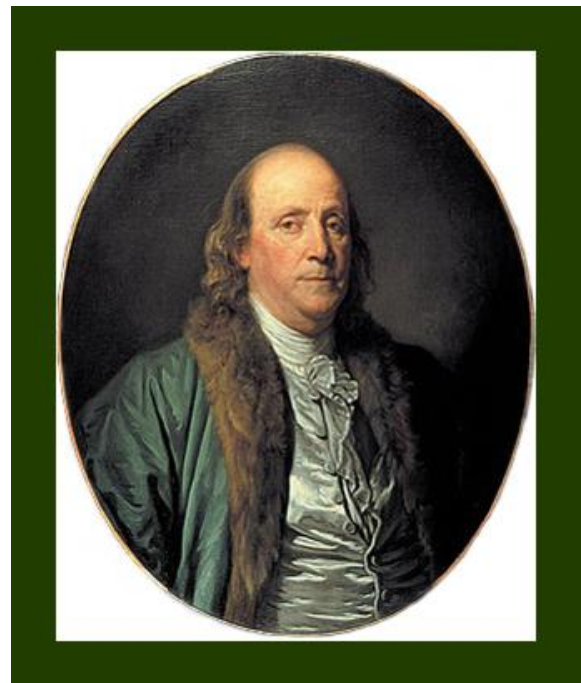
*Now we continue west on Route 9 to downtown Spencer and pull into the Shopper's Village Parking Lot and walk over to the sign and in a flower garden (in season), there you will find Marker 59. Continue on Route 9 west by the police and fire barn and the property of the Catholic cemetery will start. You are now going down an incline and watch for the driveway into the cemetery on your right, opposite Spencer Industrial Park. Park your car in the cemetery and walk back out to Route 9 and just down the sidewalk a short distance you will find Marker 60. Interesting to note, the Historical Society placed a sign here to denote the historical marker a few years ago, and the paint on the sign is peeling, but Franklin's marker remains much the same as it did back in the mid 1700s.*

*Marker 61 is located as we continue west on Route 9, on your left near the auto parts store. Continue on Route 9 into the town of East Brookfield and on your right in a stone wall at residential address of 320 Main Street you will find marker 62. The Historical Society has placed a beautiful bronze marker to identify the Franklin Marker here. It is in the wall, but it gives you an idea of how much of the marker is buried in the ground. It looks like the crew following Franklin had their work cut out for them. To find Marker 63, we turn off Route 9 onto North Brookfield Road. It is the second right after Ken's Citgo station. Follow the road down to Bay Path Golf Course which will be on your left. The marker is on your right just before mailbox 191 and at telephone pole 18.*

*Now we proceed to the next town, which is North Brookfield and watch for Slab City Road, which will be your third left after the golf course. Here about 5/10ths of a mile you will find Marker 64. This road and Foster Hill Road, which we will be on shortly, are probably how things looked to Ben Franklin back when he moved slowly along marking the miles.*

*Now, we move along on Slab City Road into Brookfield, and on your right will be Marker 65. The marker is well marked by the Historical Society. Follow this road out to Route 148 and turn left onto Route 148 and follow it to the junction of Route 9, turning right onto Route 9. Watch for a beautiful farmhouse on the left with a picket fence around it. Just before the farm, you will find Marker 66. You will be at pole number 23. Now, continue west on Route 9 and turn right only West Brookfield Road at Pillsbury Funeral Home. This road becomes Foster Hill Road once you enter the town of West Brookfield.*

*The ride on this road and Slab City Road make the trip well worthwhile. Marker 67 will be on your right just a short way up Foster Hill Road. It is well marked and the*

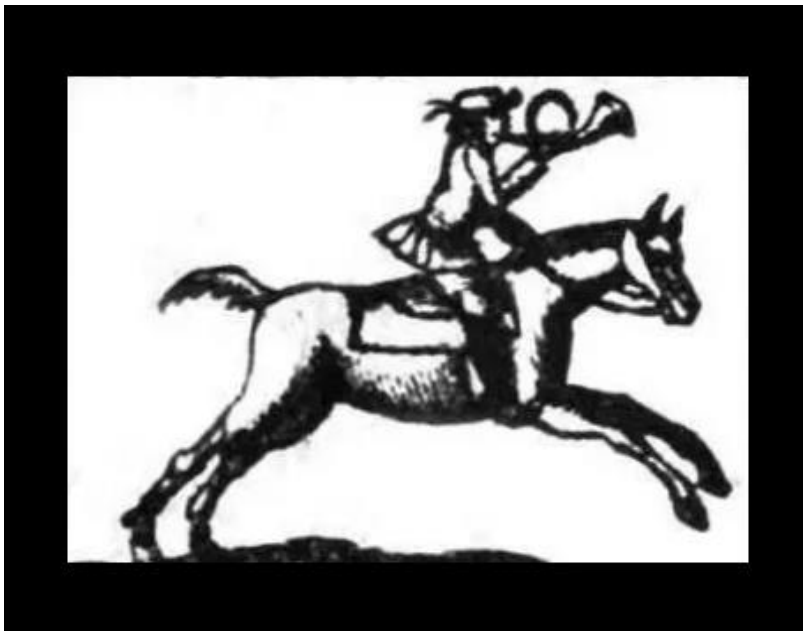


*day I was there it was sitting in a bed of day lilies in full bloom. I hope they will be smiling at you when you come by.*

*Continue on Foster Hill Road and experience the breathtaking views of fields on both sides of the road by Indian Rock Farm. Watch for John Pritchard Lane on your left and stop at the park there. There is a small picnic area and notation of site of the home and law office of Jedediah Foster, Rev. and Patriot. The judge wrote the first draft of the Massachusetts Constitution.*

*Now follow the road on into the town of West Brookfield and rejoin Route 9 west to the beginning of the West Brookfield town common. Here you will find Marker 68. The marker has been entombed with stone. Be sure to check out the beautiful common and homes surrounding it. Now continue on Route 9 west to just before Warepoint Road. There is a residents/insurance company here and in the middle of their front yard encircled in shrubs is Marker 69. It is on your right and a restaurant is directly across the street. If you want to go into the next town of Warren, there are three markers there also.*

*I hope you enjoyed this tour. A closing note: If you use your odometer to measure between points and you don't get an exact mile, please do not blame Mr. Franklin. The reason for the distance differences is due to the changing pathos of our roadways in the past 250 plus years. The markers have not moved; we have moved the roads by them. ~ James Devereux*





## *Brookfield's Spooner Well* *A Scandalous 18<sup>th</sup> Century Murder*

Proclaimed “the most extraordinary crime ever perpetrated in New England,” the murder of wealthy farmer Joshua Spooner in 1778 orchestrated by his wife Bathsheba, not only shocked the village of Brookfield, but its ramifications are etched in the annals of Massachusetts’ history.

A drunkard husband, a young, lonely wife, and a chance meeting with an ailing Revolutionary War soldier set the stage for what would be a sensational scandal that rocked the foundation of the little central Massachusetts Town.

At the time of the incident, Bathsheba lived in a lofty house on East Main Street, which she shared with her husband, their three children, and several household servants. Bathsheba’s doomed marriage to the well-to-do gentlemen farmer had been arranged by her father, Chief Justice Timothy Ruggles, a prominent but controversial Massachusetts loyalist.

History hints that Joshua Spooner may have been an “abusive drunk” as he spent many a night consuming far too many spirits at nearby Cooley Tavern. In fact, Bathsheba herself confessed she harbored an “utter aversion” to her husband.

As historical documents reveal, in the spring of 1777, Continental Army soldier Ezra Ross, 16, who served under General George Washington, was passing through Brookfield on his way home to Ipswich. Traveling by foot, he suddenly fell ill with fever, and Bathsheba took him into her home and nursed the young soldier back to health.

Once recovered, Ross returned home but came back to Brookfield, staying at the Spooner homestead on several occasions in 1777, keeping close company with Bathsheba when her husband was at the Tavern or traveling out of town.

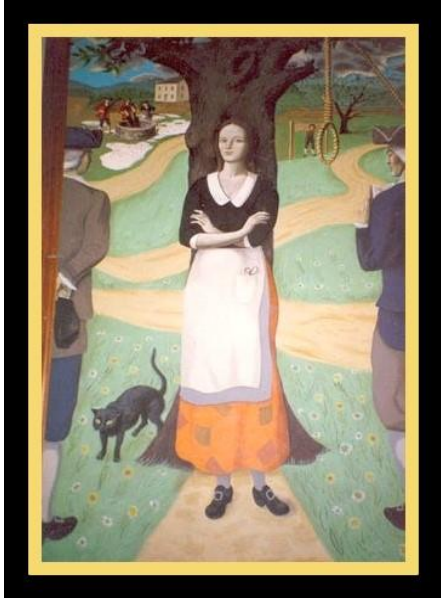
In February of 1778, while Mr. Spooner was away on a trip, Bathsheba invited two passers-by into the Spooner home. British deserters from the 9th Regiment of Foot, 35 year old Sergeant James Buchanan and Private William Brooks, 27, were traveling through Brookfield on their way to the city to look for work. When a snowstorm hit, they accepted Bathsheba’s offer of accommodation. Written accounts disclose that about that time, Bathsheba realized she was pregnant with Ross’ child, and was frantic with worry, lest her husband find out. Thus, in desperation, the young wife offered the two men \$1,000 to murder her husband.

On March 1, 1778, when Joshua Spooner returned home from an evening of overindulging at Cooley’s Tavern, Ross, Brooks, and Buchanan beat Spooner to death on his own doorstep, tossing his lifeless body down the home’s water well.



**The Spooner Well marker is located off Route 148, on the left side of East Main Street when traveling northeast.**

That night, the three men were drinking at a tavern in Worcester, wearing Spooner's clothing along with his monogrammed sterling silver boot buckles, a doomed choice of attire. The next day Brooks, Buchanan and Ross were all arrested.



**Bathsheba Spooner was the first woman in American history to be executed following the Declaration of Independence.**  
*Portrait by Sante Graziani*

Court records show Bathsheba was charged with inciting, abetting, and procuring the manner of the murder; Brooks was charged with assault on Spooner, and inflicting the wounds from which he died; with Ross and Buchanan charged with aiding and abetting the crime. They were arraigned and pleaded not guilty, although all but Bathsheba eventually confessed.

The trial, which took place on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1778, in Worcester, was the first capital trial held under the United States government in Massachusetts.

The trial lasted one full day, with a guilty verdict returned on April 25<sup>th</sup>. All four were sentenced to death by hanging. A June 4<sup>th</sup> execution was postponed due to Bathsheba's claim of pregnancy. She petitioned the court to allow her to deliver her baby.

While a June examination from a panel of women did not prove her pregnancy, a subsequent exam found a minority of the panel confirmed Bathsheba was indeed with child.

Nonetheless, the July 2<sup>nd</sup> execution of Bathsheba, Ross, Buchanan, and Brooks took place in Washington Square in Worcester, garnering a curious audience of about 5,000 spectators.

An autopsy confirmed Bathsheba's claim, confirming she was carrying a five month old male fetus.

While the Spooner murder made newspaper headlines, the 32 year old's death by hanging made history, as Bathsheba Spooner was the first woman in the newly independent America to be executed.

*A marker located on East Main St., at the site of the Spooner homestead reads:*

**SPOONER WELL**  
*Joshua Spooner murdered and thrown down this well,  
March 1, 1778 by three Revolutionary soldiers at the  
urging of his wife, Bathsheba.  
All four were executed at Worcester, July 2, 1778.*

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*Sources:*

*The case of Bathsheba Spooner. Green, Samuel Swett. (Worcester, Mass.: American Antiquarian 1889)*

*Murdered by his Wife, by Deborah Havas (University of Massachusetts Press, 1999)*

*The Most Extraordinary Murder by Chaim M. Rosenberg, Journal of the American Revolution, September 20, 2018.*

*Merrick Public Library staff, Brookfield, MA*

## George Washington *ALMOST* Slept Here The Snub that Sent the Father of Our Country Packing



The Brookfield Inn, located on Route 9 (presently Willowbrook Academy), boasts an impressive past as a self-sustaining hostelry, but perhaps the historic inn is best known by locals for what didn't happen here.

As the story goes, in the autumn of 1789 George Washington and his two personal secretaries along with six servants who accompanied his carriage, traveled through New England, on a route that took them riding east from West Brookfield, into the village of Brookfield. Following a hearty supper at Ye Old Tavern (then called the Hitchcock Tavern), the newly elected President and his weary group found upon the Brookfield Inn on Main Street (Rte. 9).

When the aging innkeeper, Mrs. Mercy Wheeler Bannister, who was suffering from a migraine, was called down to accommodate the travelers (unaware the "president" at her doorstep was the Founding Father), she sent a message to have the group move on. This hasty decision proved to be one she would forever regret, as Brookfield's loss was Spencer's gain, for Washington and his group traveled on to spend the night at Isaac Jenks' tavern in Spencer (site of the former Massasoit Hotel).

Mrs. Bannister's ill-timed slight and Spencer's subsequent triumph have long remained familiar local lore. In fact, a Century after the fact, the citizens of Spencer celebrated Brookfield's rebuff, as an untitled poem, penned by a Spencer citizen for the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Mrs. Bannister's blunder, attests:

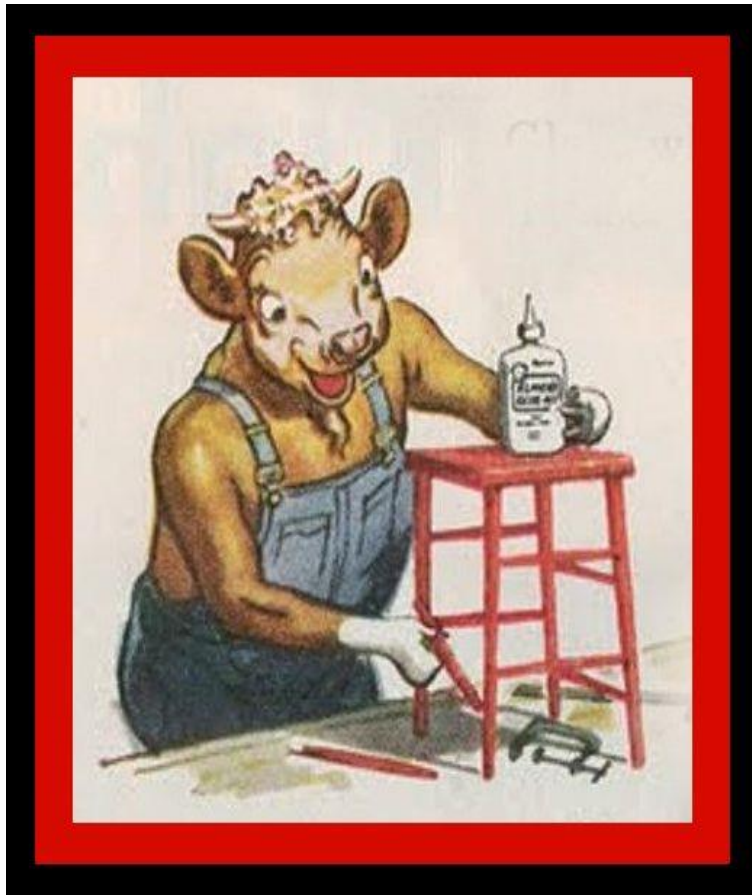


*A kitchen and an L beside  
But you've all seen just a house  
There's one just like it on the hill;  
As Washington then saw it,  
You can see it standing still.  
But I am traveling on too fast;  
His chariot wheels we see  
Are drawing near to Brookfield -  
I think there then were three.  
He came to Brookfield own  
Hoping to pass the night;  
But good old Mrs. Bannister  
Was in a sorry plight;  
She had a dreadful headache,  
The landlord was from home,  
She thought 'twas from a college,  
A president had come.  
And so without inquiry  
She sent the message down  
She "could not well accommodate,  
He must go to the next town."  
But when a little later  
And he had passed from sight,  
She heard 'twas General Washington  
Who wished to pass the night - With sorrow and dismay  
And great chagrin she said  
"Bless me! One look at that good man  
Would have cured my aching head"  
We thank old lady Bannister  
And will prize her memory  
For letting our first President  
Try Spencer's hospitality*

*Mrs. Upham  
Spencer, 1889*

## Elmer's Glue: Marketing Mascot has Roots in Brookfield

*From East Main Street to Madison Avenue*



While it's well known that Elsie the Cow of Borden fame was plucked from obscurity at Brookfield's Elm Hill Farm to become a beloved advertising mascot, lesser known is that another Brookfield bovine has been a household name for decades.

Hot on the coattails of Elsie's worldwide fame in the 1940s, Elsie's "husband" Elmer was discovered at Elm Hill Farm in Brookfield and plunged into a public relations gig that earned him a place in pop culture history.

Elmer's smiling image remains a familiar sight on his namesake bottles of white glue, both at home and at school.

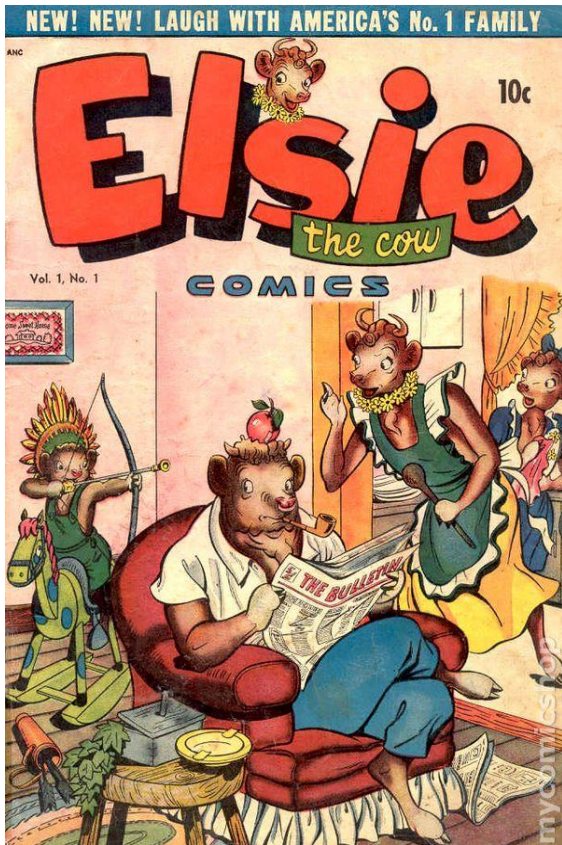
Borden, the dairy company, delved into the glue business in the 1940s, and fate

intervened once again at Brookfield's Elm Hill Farm. Since white glue used to be produced from the milk protein casein, a cow (especially one related to a famous advertising icon) seemed a logical match to promote it. Undoubtedly, Borden was hoping Elmer could do for glue what Elsie did for their dairy products. Suffice to say they weren't disappointed, as Elmer has retained his mascot status on the front of the glue bottles long after casein has been replaced by modern ingredients.



When Elsie and Elmer's calf Beulah was born in 1941, (and welcomed with a "baby" shower thrown by film company RKO at the Brown Derby), the bovine family of marketing mascots was born, as was a myriad of clever Madison Avenue promotions. From cheese and chocolate milk to white school glue,

the family, which later expanded to include Beauregard and twin calves Larabee and Lobelia, became household symbols of prosperity in the post WW-2 advertising era.



In the mid 1950s, an Elsie and family comic book was born. Distributed by Borden, and drawn by artist Al Fago, the colorful funnies depict Elsie, Elmer, and the kids in an array of relatable, humor-filled situations.

Today, the Elm Hill Farm natives remain endearing images for a generation of baby boomers. Many of the promotional items inspired during Elsie and Elmer's heyday are highly sought after by collectors, and have earned their status as nostalgic collectibles.



## IN MEMORIAM



During 2022, several prominent veterans passed away leaving a big impact on their families, friends and the Town.

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

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

### *In Memoriam*

**Ralph T. Long**

**Korean War Navy**

**Kenneth E. Grimes**

**Peacetime Army**

**Stanley “Matt” Dulmaine, Jr.**

**Vietnam Air Force**

**John T. “Jack” Watterson**

**Vietnam Air Force**

**Douglas L. McNeely**

**Vietnam Era Coast Guard**

**Roy J. Couture, Jr.**

**Vietnam Era Army Reserve**

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

**GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICT  
REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE  
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD - 2022**



**UNITED STATES SENATORS**

Edward J. Markey  
and  
Elizabeth Warren

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

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

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

Paul Depalo

**STATE SENATOR**

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

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

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

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Joseph D. Early, Jr.

\*calendar year 2022



**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 2022 census):** 3,454

**FORM OF GOVERNMENT:**

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

TAX RATE – FY 2022: \$16.43 per thousand

Residential	92.91%	\$353,339,244.00
Commercial	3.05%	\$ 11,598,677.00
Industrial	0.98%	\$ 3,739,900.00
Personal Property	3.06%	\$ 11,621,285.00
Total Value	100.00%	\$380,299,106.00
Exempt Value		\$ 34,974,200.00

Square Miles: 16.57

**STREETS AND HIGHWAYS:**

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

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

Brookfield maintains a Pre-K through grade six Elementary School and belongs to the Union 61 Tantasqua Regional School District, which includes a junior high school, a high school and a vocational school.

**FIRE PROTECTION:**

The Fire Department, which is headed by Chief Peter Martell, consists of one assistant chief, one captain, three lieutenants and twenty four volunteer fire fighters.

**EMERGENCY SQUAD:**

Brookfield’s Emergency Squad, which is headed by Chief Donna Lafleur, includes one captain, one lieutenant and 13 EMS personnel. There are seven paramedics; five EMT basics and one EMT-intermediate. The service operates a 2008 Horton ambulance mounted on a GMC chassis.

**POLICE:**

During 2022, Brookfield had a 24/7 Police Department made up of its Chief, Sergeant and four 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:**

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, 2022**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3)**

Beth Coughlin Chair May 2023  
Linda M. Lincoln Vice Chair May 2025  
Adam Jolicoeur Clerk May 2024

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3)**

Holly Chisholm May 2024  
Richard Chaffee May 2025  
Robert Falter May 2023

**BOARD OF HEALTH (3)**

Ronald Wassmer May 2023  
George Hirtle May 2024  
Maureen Lepak May 2025

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3)**

Patrick O'Day May 2025  
Gary Lincoln May 2023  
Phillip Merriam May 2024

**CONSTABLES**

Richard Lapierre May 2025  
Mark Grubbs May 2025

**MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**TRUSTEES (6)**

Barbara Clancy May 2023  
Shelby Hill May 2023  
Rebecca Morin May 2024  
Carol Plumb May 2024  
Sally Brown May 2025  
Erica Lee Robert May 2025

**MODERATOR (1)**

William Gillmeister May 2023

**PLANNING BOARD (5)**

Sharon Mahoney, Chair May 2023  
Kevin Erkkila May 2027  
John David Holdcraft May 2024  
Christopher Gorman May 2026  
Jeff King May 2025

**ELEM SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3)**

Nicole Chaffee May 2024  
Megan Cunningham May 2025  
Jeff Morin May 2023

**REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Andrew Dunn May 2025  
Danielle Lamoureux-Kane May 2024

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Brenda Parrish May 2023

**TOWN CLERK**

Michael Seery May 2025

**TRUSTEE FOR SHADE TREE FUNDS**

Michelle Clark May 2025

**WATER COMMISSIONERS (3)**

Donald R. Taft May 2023  
Robert R. Barnes May 2025  
Al Jones May 2024

\*resigned

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND STAFF**

**ACCOUNTANT**

Laurie Bartkus

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE (9)**

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

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Members (5) :

Barbara Haberlin,	2023
James Dolan	2025
Steve Novak	2023
Kenneth Cleveland	2025
Donald Haberlin, Alt.	2023
Mark Ledoux, Alt.	2023
Shelby Hill	2023
Clarence Snyder	2024

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Cassandra Buffum	2025
Ashley Leger Assistant	2025

**ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

Steve Novak	2023
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**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Jeff Taylor	2024
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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMM.**

Laurie Bartkus	2025
Kathleen Hosterman	2023
Beth Coughlin	2023
Martin Banish	2024
Amy Lane Carmody	2025

**CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT**

Michael P. Seery

**CEMETERY STAFF**

James Milner  
Herb Foley  
Paul Mieltowski

**CMRPC**

Kevin Erkkila,	2023
Sharon Mahoney	2023

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

Bruce Clarke	2023
Mary Lou Knight	2023
Ryan Pontbriand	2023
William Simpson	2023
Beth Coughlin	2023

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION (7)**

**No members at this time**

**COUNCIL ON AGING (9)**

Barbara Clancy	2025
Sally Brown	2025
Brenda Parish	2025
Patty King	2024
Lois O’Leary	2024
Nancy Mannix	2024
Douglas Ford	2024

**COUNSEL, TOWN**

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	2025
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**CULTURAL COUNCIL** (*up to 22*)

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

**CUSTODIAN, MUNICIPAL**

Paul Mielowski

**ELECTION WORKERS**

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

**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**

(*see: Wiring Inspector*)

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (BEMA)**

Keith Karrmann, Deputy	2024
Peter Martell, Director	2024

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD CHIEF**

Donna Lafleur, Chief 2023

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD OFFICERS**

Peter Martell, Captain,	2023
Matthew Graves, Lt.	2023

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD**

All until 2023 unless otherwise noted:

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

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Karen Trainor Resseguie

**FIRE CHIEF & FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Peter Martell	2023
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**FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

Chief Peter Martell	2023
Asst. Chief Herbert Chaffee	2023
Lt. William MacLeod	2023
Lt. Jeffrey White	2023
Lt. Daniel Driscoll	2023

**FIREFIGHTERS all until 2024**

Steve Budnik  
 Philip Chaffee  
 Charles Edgette  
 Daniel Esse2015

*(firefighters, continued)*

Matthew Graves  
Donna Lafleur  
Ashley Marks  
Linda MacLeod  
David Merlo  
Jessy Merriam  
Ray Ranellone  
Matthew Roderick  
Jay Haley  
Thomas Germain  
John Rose  
Cayla Laporte  
Luke Quatrocelli  
Damien Sargent  
Shaw Adams  
Sean Daniels  
Blake Caron  
Aiden Crawford  
Cameron Courtney  
Stacey Courtney

**GRANT WRITER/FACILATOR**

Cathy Larocca

**HARBOR MASTER**

Nicholas Thomo

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Ryan Pontbriand 2022

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Donald L. Herbert, full-time  
Lindsey Rockwood, Secretary part-time  
Michael Duval, full-time  
Eric Whittemore, custodian

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION (7)**

Carol Plumb, Chairman 2023  
Lois O'Leary 2024  
Thomas Morse 2025  
Michael Metz 2025  
Donald Faugno 2024  
Judy Hitchcock 2025  
Ron Couture 2025

**HOMELAND SECURITY REP.**

Keith Karrmann 2024

**INSURANCE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

*(all expire 2022)*

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

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

Sharon Mahoney 2023

**MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF**

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

**MUNICIPAL CLERK**

Lois O'Leary

**BOARD OF OVERSEERS (DISPATCH)**

Michael Blanchard 2023

**PARKING CLERK/HEARING  
OFFICER**

Michael P. Seery 2023

**PERSONNEL BOARD (6)**

Linda Lincoln 2024  
Holly Chisholm 2024  
Doug Ford 2024  
Kelli Robbins 2023  
Amy Lane-Carmody 2023

**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**

Robert Wall 2024  
James McNeaney 2024

**POLICE PATROL OFFICERS**

*Terms end 2023*

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

**POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS**

Term ends 2023  
Serenity Allen, Part-time  
Eggbert Pinero, Part-time  
Jeremy Marshall, Part-time  
Daniel Driscoll, Part-time  
Matthew Niles, Part-time  
Justin Dufault, Part-time

**POLICE DEPT STAFF**

Administrative Assistant  
Holly Chisholm

**RECREATION**

Jeffrey Landine, Chair 2023  
Lisa Hanrahan 2023  
Brendon Cunningham 2023  
Timothy Nye 2023  
Matthew Brown 2025  
Jeremy Hague 2024  
Michael Lawrence 2024  
Taylor Whitcomb 2025

**REGISTRARS, BOARD OF**

Shirley Sanborn 2025  
Lois O’Leary 2024  
Carol Plumb 2023

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT OFFICER**

Kathleen Bradley 2024

**SUPT. OF INSECT & PEST CONTROL**

Ryan Pontbriand

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Michael Blanchard, Chief 2023

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
& Chief Procurement Officer**

Kelli A. Robbins

**TOWN CLERK, ASSISTANT**

Linda M. Lincoln

**TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT**

Bill Simpson 2023  
Al Jones 2025  
Donald Taft 2023  
Carol Plumb 2024  
Mary Lou Knight 2025

**TOWN TREASURER**

Amy Lane-Carmody

**TRANSFER STATION STAFF**

James Milner  
Ron Wassmer  
Michael Seery  
George Hirtle

**TREE WARDEN**

Ryan Pontbriand 2023

**TRENCH SAFETY OFFICER**

Ryan Pontbriand 2024

**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 Operator  
Holly Chisholm, Administrative Assistant

**WIRING (Electrical), INSPECTOR**

Scot Mansfield 2024  
Paul Shepardson, Alternate 2024

**WRTA BOARD  
Advisory Committee**

Beth Coughlin 2025

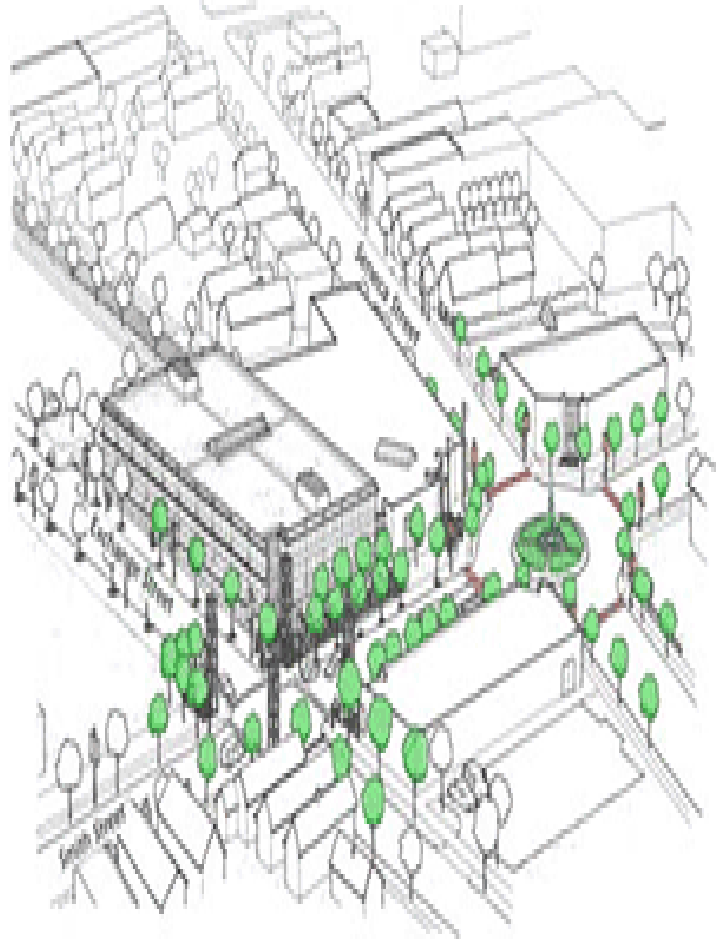
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**5 with 3 Alternates**

Timothy Simon, Chair 2023  
Kenneth Cleveland 2023  
Charles Wilson 2025  
Roger Mundell, Alt. 2025  
David Olsen 2026  
Patrick Mulhen 2026  
Maureen Meriano 2023

**ZONING ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICER**

Nicholas Thomo 2025







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

The Board is pleased to present the annual report for our town, which highlights the significant events and accomplishments over the past year.

Regretfully, we received the resignations of Linda Lincoln and Adam Jolicoeur from the Select Board. We are grateful for their dedication and service to the community, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

In a special election held to fill the vacant positions, Bradford Kadelski and Thomas Regan were elected as new Select

Board Members. We welcome them and look forward to their contributions to the town.

Our town hall has been the focus of significant reorganization and improvement efforts to create a more efficient and user-friendly environment for town employees and residents alike. We remain committed to updating and repairing the Town Hall, a crucial step towards improving the quality of the building.

The town's acquisition of a new Fire Truck signifies our continued efforts towards ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our residents. We commend the tireless efforts of our firefighters in keeping our town safe.

We have had some changes with town employees, including the appointment of a new All Boards Clerk, Police, and Highway Department. We appreciate their contributions and look forward to working with them to achieve our common goals.

Our Council on Aging continues to see growth and programming, providing valuable services and activities for our senior citizens. We thank the Council on Aging for their dedication to improving the lives of our residents.

The Central Street Road Reconstruction project, which commenced last year, remains ongoing and promises to significantly enhance the safety and accessibility of our roads. We commend the efforts of those involved in this vital project.

Lastly, we are thrilled to inform you that we have resumed all in-person meetings. This development marks a pivotal step towards improving communication and fostering collaboration among town officials and residents.

Overall, the town has had a productive and successful year, and we look forward to continued progress and growth in the future. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth L. Coughlin, Chair  
Thomas E. Regan, Vice Chair  
Brad J. Kadelski, Clerk

## REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL



During the fiscal year 2022, Town Counsel worked to promptly and efficiently respond to requests for opinions and advice from Town officials on a wide variety of issues. We worked with the new Town Administrator to ensure that she was informed of new and pending matters predating her arrival.

As we have done in prior years, we also advised on various real estate transactions, assisted in contract matters and several zoning enforcement proceedings, among other matters. In addition, we have represented the Town in several pending court actions in the Worcester Superior Court, 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, contract reviews, and labor and employment issues. Finally, we worked with Town personnel to prepare Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants, and advised the Town during the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

The following matters were pending in courts of the Commonwealth during fiscal year 2022, in which Town Counsel provided a defense and/or initiated on behalf of the Town:

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

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

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

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

Town of Brookfield v. Daniel Plourde

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

These cases are related to the Town's efforts to regulate motocross operations at 5 Quaboag Street, in compliance with the Town's Zoning By-laws and prior court orders.

Patricia Washburn, et al. v. Planning Board

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

This case is related to the Planning Board's denial of a special permit to Jeff Tasse of TCP Realty, LLC to install bulk propane tanks and build a pellet storage facility and truck depot at property located at 14 Post Road. This denial was subject to two prior lawsuits, which were resolved in FY21, when the special permit was granted after remand by the Court. That grant of a special permit was subsequently appealed by abutters, in the above-referenced action.

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

This case is an action seeking declaratory relief concerning four parcels of land, formerly known as the Cooley Hill Reservoir Parcels, and access thereto, which had been previously conveyed by the Town to private parties.

Ryan and Kaitlin Servant v. Zoning Board of Appeals  
Worcester Superior Court, C.A. No. 1985CV01229

This is an appeal of a Zoning Board of Appeals' denial of a special permit application seeking approval to remove a small structure located on a non-conforming lot and replace it with a larger single family home.

The below-listed cases are enforcement actions brought by the Town to enforce the Town's Zoning By-laws and/or orders of the Zoning Enforcement Officer:  
Town of Brookfield, by and through its Zoning Enforcement Officer v.  
Brian K. Leighton (4 Hayden Avenue)  
Central Housing Court, Worcester Division, C.A. No. 21H85CV000231  
Town of Brookfield, by and through its Zoning Enforcement Officer v.  
David L. and Rebecca L. Straight (17 Rice Corner Road)  
Central Housing Court, Worcester Division, C.A. No. 21H85CV000516

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

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

## REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

### 2022 Highlights

The Brookfield Advisory Committee had a successful year. While inflation continued to drive up expenses, wages, and insurance costs, a balanced FY23 budget allowed the town to continue providing the level of services our citizens have come to expect.

The Town's financial position improved through the year with coordination between our Accountant, Treasurer, Town Administrator and Department Heads.

### Membership Changes

A bylaw change approved at the Annual Town Meeting reduced the Advisory Committee membership to 7 members. The committee currently has five members and we continue to look for town residents to join us to better serve our friends, neighbors, and fellow residents.

### Looking Ahead

We believe the town's financial situation continues to improve through proper accounting, conservative budgeting, long term financial debt and capital planning, the strategic use of grants, and processing the backlog of tax title properties. We continue to work towards fuller transparency and clear communication with the Select Board, the Town Administrator, and Department heads and anticipate a healthy financial position going into the FY24 budget planning season.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Clark, Chair  
Martin Bannish, Vice Chair  
Bob Barnes, Member  
Kaitlin Servant, Member  
Adam Jolicoeur, Member





## **REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

### Agricultural Commission Objectives:

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

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

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



Respectfully Submitted, Your Agricultural Commission:

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

## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

2022 held many challenges, we received many calls about dogs and cats, including livestock and wildlife.

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



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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cassandra Buffum ACO

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## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Locations Inspected:	30
Cattle:	16
Goats:	23
Sheep:	20
Swine:	8
Equines:	159
Alpacas:	2
Poultry:	595
Rabbits:	26
Waterfowl:	21
Quail:	10
Turkeys:	0

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Novak  
Animal Inspector

# BROOKFIELD BOARD OF ASSESSORS

## Board of Assessors – Members

Robert G. Falter, Chair (2023)  
Holly J. Chisholm, (2024)  
Richard Chaffee (2025)

## Assessing Department – Staff

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

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

In May, Richard Chaffee was elected to a three-year term on the Board replacing Bruce Clarke. We would like to thank Bruce for his service to the Town as an Assessor. Bob Falter was re-elected as Chairman of our Board.

In 2022, working closely with the Division of Local Services arm of the Department of Revenue, we completed our second CAMA assessing software conversion in three years, successfully migrating from the MassIT cloud-based software solution of Tyler/IAS World to a server based version of Patriot AssessPro software. The new software has proven to be a big improvement over the older CAMA software packages we used in previous years. The new Patriot CAMA software should serve the town well for many years to come.

Negotiations for solar related agreements for Brookfield solar installations are ongoing. With several solar and battery storage arrays on the horizon the Town should expect additional tax revenue in the upcoming years.

The Veteran/Senior real estate tax workoff program allowing qualifying Brookfield homeowners to work in various capacities for the Town of Brookfield in return for a property tax credit up to 500 dollars continued.

In 2022 we once again saw real estate values increases with our calculations showing property values once again increased between 10% and 15%. Many new homes being built as well as many other higher value structures being built in town should continue to feed the current building boom.

The total value of the 1463 taxed parcels in town was \$380,299,106. The Select Board once again voted to maintain a single tax rate for Residential, Commercial, Industrial parcels and Personal Property. In December the tax rate was set at \$15.98 per thousand dollars of value, the sixth straight year our tax rate has gone down and significantly less than the highest tax rate of \$19.62 back in 2017. There are 129 tax exempt parcels in town.

The average value of the 924 single family homes in Brookfield was \$301,863 resulting in an average annual real estate tax bill of \$4,824.

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

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

## OFFICE HOURS and CONTACT INFORMATION

**(508) 867-2930 Ext 16 or Ext 23**

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

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

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

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

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

In May Maureen Lepak was elected as a member of the Board of Health. We congratulate Maureen on her first term. In December, George Hirtle resigned from the Board citing personal reasons. We thank George for all the work he has done over the past four years.

In January of 2023 Christine Predella was appointed to the Board to take over the vacancy left by George until the next town election, We welcome Christine to the Board of Health!

### **Transfer Station**

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

The board would like to thank its dedicated transfer station staff who work through all kinds of weather and sacrifice every Saturday and Tuesday to be on duty at the transfer station. We are grateful for their dedication. Staffing Members are Transfer Station Manager Jim Milner, Stephen Nickerson and 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 9 years. Currently we are obligated to have quarterly and bi-annual well tests and gas probes on the landfill cap.

### **Board of Health Secretary**

After a year of service to our board, our Secretary Brianna Dunn has left the board to pursue a new career opportunity. We thank Brianna for her dedication and hard work and wish her great success in her new role. The board will be assisted by the All-Boards Clerk, Sarah Campbell, going forward. We look forward to working with Sarah and the additional continuity her role brings to our residents.





## **Sanitary Code Inspections**

Nuisance Complaints- 3  
Nuisance enforcement letters- 5  
Nuisance re-inspections- 2  
Foodservice Inspections- 5  
Retail Food Inspections- 1  
Residential Kitchen Inspections- 1  
Food Pantry Inspections-  
Mobile Food inspection- 6  
Special Event Inspections- 1  
Housing Inspections- 4  
Housing Re-inspections-1  
Housing enforcement letters- 2  
Attendance at BOH meetings- 2

## **Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition**

**In 2021, Brookfield joined the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition (LRPHC). The LRPHC provides free public health services to the Towns of Leicester, Barre, Brookfield, Holden, New Braintree, North Brookfield, and Oakham. The LRPHC is funded through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The goal of the LRPHC is to assist Towns in filling in any gaps that may exist when providing comprehensive public health services to residents. Brookfield is currently utilizing LRPHC for epidemiology and Health Inspection services, and will utilize additional resources for Title V inspection services beginning in February 2023. In addition, we now have a dedicated public health nurse from the coalition. As previously mentioned, this program is a free service for Brookfield. Not only have we been able to save money on expenses, but we are also able to benefit from available expertise and resources to promote health within our town.**

There were 320 confirmed cases of COVID-19 last year. There were 15 cases of influenza.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Lepak-Chair  
Ronald Wassmer-Vice Chairman  
Christine Predella- Member  
Sarah Campbell -Secretary**

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Single Family Dwellings 9  
Sheds 4  
Additions 5  
Roofing 26  
Garages 3  
Windows/Siding 12  
Renovations/Remodeling 23  
Stoves/Pellet/Wood 30  
Pools/In ground/ Above ground 6  
Signs 0  
Decks 5  
Demolition 2  
Barns 0  
Storage Buildings 2  
Temporary Mobile Home for fire purposes 1  
Fence 0  
Co-Locator/ Cell tower 2  
Weatherization/insulation 22  
Sheet Metal 6  
Solar Residential 11  
Seasonal Tents 1  
Bill Board

TOTAL 171

Total permit income \$25,676.00  
Estimated value on permits \$6,871,656.00  
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, 15 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 \$5,150.00 in burial fees and \$4,500 in sale of lot fees. The non-expendable balance for the perpetual care fund is \$137,659.46, and the expendable balance is \$51,152.22. The total balance is \$188,811.68.

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

### Cemetery Preservation

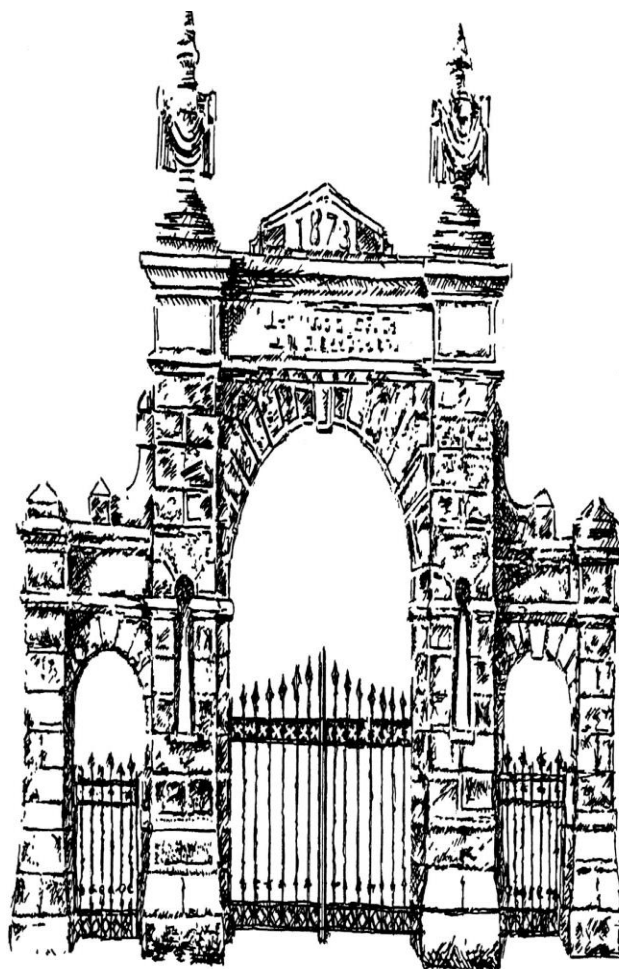
The preservation fund is active, and donations or memorial contributions in the memory of loved ones can be put towards the fund. Please consider donating in any amount. The current amount in the Preservation account is \$46,533.83

### Rules and Regulations

Please note that specific rules and regulations set by the Commissioners and voted by the townspeople have been in place for several years. Importantly the Commissioners have voted to not allow dogs

at the cemetery. We have experienced several dog owners who have not picked up their dog litter, this is unacceptable, and dogs can no longer be permitted to be walked at the cemetery.

Lot purchase in the Brookfield Cemetery is limited to former and current Brookfield residents only who have resided in town a minimum of 5 years. Also, there is a type and size limit for memorial gravestones and markers that are allowed. The planting of shrubs around gravestones must be approved by the commissioners or superintendent. The planting of any tree other than a small type of shrub around a gravestone is prohibited. The Cemetery Commissioners



reserve the right to remove any overgrown shrubs around gravestones. Remember to remove any flowers not in season, including artificial plants, and to maintain decorations.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
**Patrick J. O’Day-Chairman**  
**Gary Lincoln**  
**Phillip Merriam**  
**Superintendent-Michael Seery**

<b>Burials 2022</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>Buried</b>	<b>Lot</b>
Alfred Hurtubise	77	1/2/2022	1/24/2022	Sect. A-67-B
William L. Ayers	100	1/20/2022	1/24/2022	Sect. C-Lot 18
Christopher Plouffe	51	2/11/2022	2/18/2022	Sect. E-Lot 15
Ruth Boniface	96	3/6/2022	3/12/2022	Sect. D-Lot 75
Luann Hurlbrink	66	3/16/2022	3/24/2022	T.H. Section
Daniel Leahy	56	3/21/2022	3/26/2022	T.H. Section
Douglas Martell	74	3/25/2022	4/1/2022	Sect. A=Lot 39
Beverly Macleod	91	3/25/2022	4/1/2022	Sect. C-Lot 9B
Douglas McNeely	82	5/1/2022	5/5/2022	Sect. J. Lot 1
Carl A. Gustafson	83	2/6/2022	5/17/2022	Sect. C. Lot 52A
Nancy Lee Finney	83	1/29/2022	5/27/2022	Sect. B-Lot 20
Wilma Lincoln	84	5/11/2022	6/17/2022	Sect. D-Lot 9A
Eugenia Ambach	96	2/27/2022	6/18/2022	Section A-Lot 60
Gordon Leao	85	8/11/2022	10/3/2022	Section C-Lot 44
Maxine Wescott	97	11/28/2022	12/10/2022	Sect. C-Lot 46

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**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 2022, community development work was challenging due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, some effort advanced relative to a FY2020 CDBG approved grant with Brookfield participating in a joint housing rehabilitation assistance program with the Town of North Brookfield. Improvements to approximately seven households are currently in process. From June-September 2021, projects were considered for the FY2021 CDBG program. It was determined that comprehensive improvements were needed to Green Street and that the area was eligible through the CDBG program. The application was submitted in September 2021 and approved in January 2022. Administrative efforts occurred through the spring of 2022, and an engineering firm was hired in the fall of 2022. The project will replace stormwater drainage, water mains, and roads. The project will encompass the entirety of Green Street and part of Grove Street. Construction advertising is scheduled for early spring of 2023 with the physical improvements scheduled for the summer and fall of 2023. Consideration of an FY22-23 CDBG was underway as of the end of 2022. The application date is March 3, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Dunphy, CMRPC

Members:  
Mary Lou Knight  
William Simpson  
Beth Coughlin  
Ryan Pontbriand

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### REPORT OF THE CONSTABLES

All warrants in 2022 were posted as directed with no returns. Constable service was provided for all elections held at the Brookfield Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Lapierre-Elected      Mark Grubbs-Elected



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

There was no active Conservation Committee in 2022



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The senior group in Brookfield has had an active year. Candyce Weagle was appointed Director to the Council and group. Chair yoga, tai chi, an active foot clinic and a Tuesday morning coffee hour have encouraged seniors to come to the Congregational Church weekly. Approximately 575 seniors have participated in these activities.

We also express thanks to the local grants (Jeppson Fund and The Brookfield Community Club) for their support. State grant money has also helped us play an active role in the community.

August began with an ice cream social. It was well attended and much enjoyed. Don Taft gave many seniors a ride in his pontoon boat around South Pond.

We began the year with a welcome meal catered by Hearthstone Caterers from Sturbridge. The seniors had a Fall and Christmas workshops led by Tina Bemis of Bemis Farms. Fall decorations and swags were made. A Christmas dinner was well attended and enjoyed. Again, Hearthstone Caterers served a delicious meal. Celebrations for Valentine's Day and Saint Patrick's Day are planned.

Again, our thanks to the Congregational Church for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clancy, Nancy Mannix, Brenda Parrish, Patty King, Sally Brown, Doug Ford, Lois O'Leary



## REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

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

Funding for grants and events was obtained from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

In addition to LCC grants, The Brookfield Cultural Council:

- Community Service Scholarships were awarded to town Brookfield graduating seniors.
- Purchased and installed U.S. flags and wreaths.
- Organized and held Memorial Day Parade.
- Held five summer concerts on the common.
- Held the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkinfest Pumpkin Carving Contest on the Common.
- Bought six new park benches on the common (along with the Brookfield Community Club and installation from the Highway Department).
- Decorated the Common.
- Welcomed Santa to Brookfield for the Annual Tree Lighting on the Common.
- Held our Holiday House Decoration Contest.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Lytle, William Simpson, Damien Sargent, Kathy Landry, Jonathan Landry, Doreen Neifert, Rosie Kadelski, Nick Clark, Jessica Clark, Noah Clark, Barbara Wilson, Cassandra Lee, and Danielle Barboza





## REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL (WIRING) INSPECTOR



<u>10</u>	<u>NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOMES</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>SERVICE UPGRADES UP TO 200 AMPS</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>TEMPORARY SERVICE</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>REMODEL , REWIRE</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>GARAGE or BARNS</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL PROJECTS</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS WIRING (SINGLE CIRCUITS)</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>GENERATORS</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>POOLS</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>A/C UNITS</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>SECURITY SYSTEMS/FIRE ALARMS</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>FIRE DAMGED PROPERTYS</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>BOILER OR FURNACES</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ARRAY; PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM</u>
<b><u>93</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL ELECTRICAL PERMITS GIVEN OUT IN 2022</u></b>

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

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

Thank you,  
Scot Mansfield  
Inspector of Wires

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

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 communication with other Brookfield public safety agencies, State agencies, and public utilities.

Covid 19 continued to be a steady cause of concern and preparedness. 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 Karrmann, Deputy Director.



## 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. We are overseen and certified by the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health.

Our staff consists of two full time Paramedic/Firefighters that do various EMS and Fire department jobs while they are on duty Sunday 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 of their own time working for the upkeep and improvement of our service, as well as their own training.

The ambulance responded to 814 calls. This an all-time high. This is up from 635 in 2021, 547 in 2017, and 462 in 2012. In addition to more calls, the calls are often longer in duration. The closure of Mary Lane Hospital took our closest hospital away. Nationally, EMS calls are up, leading to longer wait times in the emergency room, even for us. Crews have reported waiting over 30 minutes regularly in Worcester hospitals waiting for a room assignment and to give a patient report to the staff.

Our calls broke down as follows.

Advanced Life Support - 384

Medical Calls - 439

Trauma – 92

Fire standby - 16

Police Standby - 2

Refusal, assistance or cancelled - 173

Mutual Aid to other towns – 191. This included East Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield, Ware, Leicester, Sturbridge, Warren, Holland, and Brimfield.

ALS Intercepts - 136  
Carbon Monoxide alarms- 1

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



## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



2022 was a busy year for the 30 members of the fire department with incident responses, continuous training, fire prevention, code enforcement, and the maintenance of department vehicles, equipment, & facilities.

In 2022 the department responded to:

- Building fire 5
- Cooking fire, confined to container 3
- Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue 2
- Oil burner issue 2
- Natural vegetation fire, other 4
- Outside rubbish fire, other 1
- Special outside fire, other 1
- Emergency medical service, other 25
- Motor vehicle accident 33
- Rescue other 10, Hazardous condition, other 1
- Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) 1
- Carbon monoxide incident 3
- Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other 1
- Power line down 1
- Public service 9
- Good intent call, false alarm, or false call, other 17
- System malfunction, other 14,
- Mutual aid 8
- Inspections; Oil burner/oil storage – 29
- Propane storage – 37
- Smoke detector/Carbon monoxide detector – 56

Department personnel spent 1221 hours preparing themselves for responses by training on topics such as firefighting skills & tactics, motor pump operation, fire prevention, emergency vehicle operation, and incident command just to name a few. Training was done in house by department instructors & officers and off site by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, and other regional resources.

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

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

Annual town meeting provided funding to replace firefighter protective clothing and replacement of garage doors. The new Engine 1 was delivered and put in service. While this is a positive step, long term planning still needs to address fire truck replacement. Engine 3 is 39 years old, and Tanker 1 is 27 years old.

After manufacturing delays, a new natural gas generator was delivered. Complete installation is expected in early 2023. Once completed, this will be the first time that the entire EMS, Fire, and Emergency Management facility will have complete emergency power.

The roof over the second-floor portion of the brick building suffered a significant leak, which resulted in even more significant water damage to the interior. An insurance claim was filed and as a result a new roof was installed and the meeting/training room and the kitchen were completely renovated including a new ceiling, new overhead lighting, new ceiling fans, a new floor, a new natural gas kitchen stove with exhaust hood, and all new kitchen cabinets with countertop.

Grant money was received from;

The Brookfield Community Club, The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, The Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, and The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services

We welcomed Firefighter Cameron Courtney, Stacey Courtney, and Aiden Crawford Overall, the department's total service adds up to over 391 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 2022, in addition to those generated by the Brookfield Highway 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 up to **\$98,000** in a **third** PARC grant to level the soccer fields at Lewis Field. The second PARC grant Was completed on time in June 2022. The Walking Path was opened and dedicated in July of 2022.
- **Community Compact** – Brookfield was awarded the following Community Compact Grants in FY21:
  - **CC Justice Grant:** \$9,400 for Body – Worn Cameras for the Brookfield PD. This grant was extended to FY23 due to nation-wide supply chain issues, and will be completed in early 2023.
  - **CC Best Practice Grant:** \$20,251 for three traffic signs designed to reduce and track speeding. This grant was completed in 2022.
  - **CC IT Grant:** \$59,400 for the design and implementation of a digital record management system for Town archives. This grant will be completed in early 2023.
- **American Rescue Plan Funds** – As part of this Federal program, Brookfield received \$1.03 Million to be used toward infrastructure improvements by 2024. In 2022, some of these funds were used for the Central Street Water Project, Central Street paving and some Board of Health Nursing Funds. The Grant Writer, Treasurer and Accountant are tracking these funds and providing the required reports to the Treasury Department
- **Cybersecurity Program** – Brookfield completed a year-long in-kind training for all employees and town officials aimed at identifying threats to cybersecurity generated through the town email system.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy LaRocca  
Grant Writer/Facilitator



## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department consists of the Superintendent, three full time employees, and a part time administrative assistant. This primary workforce maintains all public roadways encompassing approximately forty miles. Routine operations include vehicle and equipment maintenance and repairs, roadside mowing, patching potholes, road sign repair/replacement, street sweeping and roadside cleanup, compacting of dumpsters at the Transfer Station, assisting with digging of graves, cleanup of downed trees, and Fall leaf pickup. Also, weekly mowing of the Town Common, Lewis Field, Police Station, Library, South Pond, North Pond, Mill Pond, the Old Lakeside Campground, and Town Hall. During the winter months, operations expand to include plowing and salting of roadways and Town parking lots before, during and after weather events.

2022 highlights include the Central Street Complete Streets, and Route 9 and Central Street Shared Streets projects. A majority of the project has been completed and remaining work will be concluded in the Spring. In addition, the Highway department hired a third full time employee, Eric Whittemore, who was welcomed to the Department in September. Also, this year, a restoration project was done on the 91' Mack dump truck. Areas of rot were cut out, and new pieces were custom fabricated resulting in an almost fully restored cab. Doing this work in-house resulted in substantial savings to the Town. With funding available through the Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP), the Highway Department purchased an asphalt hotbox trailer allowing for more efficient pothole repairs. Also, in the Spring, the Department applied for and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from DER (Division of Ecological Restoration) for the first phase in a two-phase process required to replace a culvert on Rice Corner Cross Road.

In closing, I would like to thank all Town Departments and personnel for their help throughout the year. Special thanks as well to the part-time and full-time staff for their continued dedication.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ryan Pontbriand, Highway Superintendent





## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In 2022, the seven members of the Brookfield Historical Commission (BHC) continued to hold our monthly meeting at 18 Common Street, now known as the Library Annex. Members Donald Faugno and Lois O’Leary have been spending time categorizing and organizing all the materials that have been in storage and moved many times over the years. We look forward to having a permanent place for all of these historical materials.

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

A second printing of Ron Couture’s booklet “Amasa Blanchard” was done and is available free of charge at the library.

The BHC continues to digitize certain materials for preservation including old slides from Elm Hill Farm.

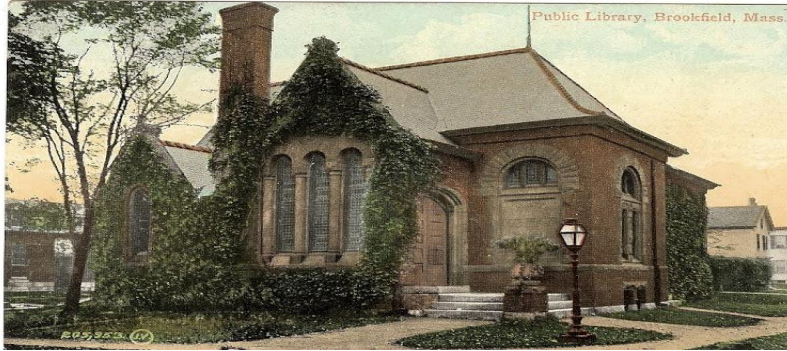
We thank the Brookfield Community Club for funding this important work.

Sharon Mahoney donated a hand carved sign (done by Phil Peirce) to the BHC. This sign is the logo of A.P.P.L.E. Seed, a nonprofit community organization that produced the monthly Brookfield Citizen and has since disbanded.

The aim of the Brookfield Historical Commission is to foster and encourage the preservation of our heritage through the conservation of historical artifacts and associated research of documents and town records. The commission continues to urge historic preservation in all that we do.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Plumb, Chairman, Lois O’Leary, Donald Faugno, Scully Matz, Thomas Morse, Judy Hitchcock and Ron Couture



**ANNUAL REPORT – 2021**  
**REPORT OF THE MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BANISTER MEMORIAL HALL**  
**and Library Annex at 18 Common Street**

**TRUSTEES:**

Sally Brown, Chair, 2025  
Barbara Clancy, Secretary,  
Shelby O’Day Hill, 2023  
Rebecca Morin, 2024  
Carol Plumb, 2024  
Erica Roberts, 2025

**STAFF:**

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

**Building Repairs**

This calendar year ended as we started with the ServiceMaster crew and BlueSky contractors repairing the repairs completed last December 2021 and January 2022. The library closed on November 15 and 16, 2021, so an examination could be made of water damage that was discovered in the foyer, the north wall where DVDs are shelved, and the eastern wall of the gallery where juvenile and young adult graphic novels are shelved. The damage was more extensive than originally thought, and the library closed temporarily so repairs could be made to the plaster walls and carpets. Roof repairs, and additional downspouts were added and repairs completed in July of 2022 by Jack Mahan. The work this second time was completed through MIIA, the town’s insurance company, and overseen and organized by Orry Osinger of BluSky. A ServiceMaster team spent two weeks preparing the interior of the building for the necessary plaster work. They boxed and moved some materials to an outdoor storage pod and covered the remaining library collection in plastic for protection, laid out cardboard over all the flooring, and set out industrial dehumidifiers. After Service Master, the plaster team came in to remove and replace the damaged plaster, followed by the painters. And new carpeting was added this year. No library materials were damaged. Mark Shamansky, local mason, repointed the entire library building, where needed. While we were closed, patrons used e-materials and visited nearby libraries, and staff came in between the work crew’s hours to check the book drop and handle interlibrary loan requests and process new materials as they came in.. We reopened Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

**History**

The Merrick Public Library was established in 1867 by Judge and Esq.. 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 constructed 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 CW Mars and patrons may use their cards at most libraries in central and western Massachusetts, as well as for ordering materials online. CW Mars has a large amount of material available for e-readers—Kindles, Nooks, iPads, etc. The free library app *Libby* provides e-books and e-audios in the Libby and Kindle format, and allows multiple library cards to be added to access more materials, including an easy-to-get Boston Public Library e-card. The free CW Mars app allows patrons to order and renew regular materials through their devices. The library staff provide free training to patrons on how to use devices and download electronic material. We provide wireless internet access and free computer use, with free printing, photocopying, and faxing and Notary Public service.

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

### **Programs**

Banister Book Group for adults continues to meet on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. During the warmer months, this group meets under the shade of a maple tree with our lawn chairs. We shared a number of great books read together with enthusiastic discussions.

This year we hosted field trips for Brookfield Elementary School students in grades 2 and 3. For summer reading we again held a shared program with the elementary school, and students who completed their summer reading charts received a prize bag from the library and from the school. We also offered sticker charts for pre-readers and scratch-off prizes for teenagers. We had 99 participants across the three age groups. Thanks to a grant from the Brookfield Community Club, we were able to hand out terrarium kits, miniature baking kits, and crystal maple tree kits. Thanks to the Friends of the Library we were able to host Mike Piazza and his Flying High Dogs on the common. We also hosted Willow Brook Academy for trick-or-treating.

### **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, now called the Library Annex—which was purchased in 2021 for \$249,000 from Sarah and Rudy Heller.

Robert Wilder's maps are available at the library and Library Annex, as well as online at [www.robertwildermaps.com](http://www.robertwildermaps.com). Another important site for research of the Brookfields and Quaboag Plantation is [www.quaboag-research.org](http://www.quaboag-research.org); this site was built by Dan Hamilton of West

Brookfield, along with historians from the surrounding communities. We invite the community to spend time with these materials and thank those who 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 several programs, such as summer reading and nature programs, as well as scholarships for Brookfield's graduating high school students. The Friends also sponsor the holiday luminary display around the common and along Route 9. Their primary fundraiser is an annual Silent Auction, it now takes place during the month of October, but collects items year round for this fundraiser. 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 continue to share Council on Aging events with the senior citizens who patronize the public library including the jigsaw puzzles for our puzzle swap and paperback book swap. Many thanks to these groups for their continued support. We are a drop-off point for food and toiletries (Eucumenical Food Pantry), eyeglasses and hearing aids (Lions Club), and new toys (Toys for Joy).

### **About Us**

Our open hours are Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are closed on Sunday and Monday, as well as holidays. Contact us by telephone (508-867-6339) or e-mail ([brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com)), or visit our website ([merrickpubliclibrary.org](http://merrickpubliclibrary.org)). Follow us on social media: 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, Legos, Magformers, Ozobots, reading aids, book magnifier, and telescope.



**Town of Brookfield, Massachusetts**  
**IN MEMORY OF VETERANS OF ALL WARS**  
**Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2022**

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

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

*In Memoriam*

<b>Ralph T. Long</b>	<b>Korean War</b>	<b>Navy</b>
<b>Kenneth E. Grime</b>	<b>Peacetime</b>	<b>Army</b>
<b>Stanley “Matt” Dulmaine, Jr.</b>	<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>Air Force</b>
<b>John T. “Jack” Watterson</b>	<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>Air Force</b>
<b>Douglas L. McNeely</b>	<b>Vietnam Era</b>	<b>Coast Guard</b>
<b>Roy J. Couture, Jr.</b>	<b>Vietnam Era</b>	<b>Army Reserve</b>

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

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**Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30, 2022**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance	Selectmen
Prayer	Pastor John Condon
Selection	The Lincoln Minute Men
Gettysburg Address	Tyler Neifert
In Flanders Fields	Noah Wexler
Salute to the Dead	
In Memory	Town Clerk
Taps	Jenny Dube
National Anthem/Raising of the Flag	Jack Gordon
Dismissal	Selectmen

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

Pledge of Allegiance	Selectmen
Prayer	Pastor John Condon
Selection	The Lincoln Minute Men
Gettysburg Address	Taylor Abair
In Flanders Fields	Noah Wexler
Salute to the Dead	
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**Brookfield Memorial Day Parade**

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN MODERATOR**

The Moderator presided over the Annual Town Meeting, which was held on Thursday, 3 June 2022 at 6:30 PM, at the Brookfield Elementary School and over a Special Town Meeting held on Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 6 PM at the Brookfield Elementary School.

The 2022 Annual Town Meeting had 44 Warrant Articles. The Moderator determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Ceremonial and introductory matters were taken up: the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by the meeting members; the Moderator noted the a properly served warrant; a motion was made and adopted to allow Town Counsel, the accountant, and other relevant non-Brookfield-registered voters to speak; and the rules for the meeting were read.

All 44 Warrant Articles were duly considered and acted upon. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

The Special Town Meeting had 2 Warrant Articles. The Moderator determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order shortly after 6 PM, Thursday, 10 November 2022. Ceremonial and introductory matters were taken up: the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by the meeting members; the Moderator noted a properly served warrant; a motion was made and adopted to allow Town Counsel, the accountant, and other relevant non-Brookfield-registered voters to speak; and the rules for the meeting were read.

Both Warrant Articles were duly considered and acted upon. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.



## **REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD**

In 2022 the Personnel Board met on an as-needed basis. Meeting were called to approve new job descriptions to be placed on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Approving job descriptions is an ongoing process.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

2022 was a very busy year, with 15 meetings, three of which had to do solely with responding to two separate proposed amendments to the Marijuana Zoning Bylaw submitted by citizen's initiative, as well as Board-recommended edits to other parts of the Bylaw to bring them into conformity with current practices. The Board also began work on its own proposed amendments to the Marijuana Bylaw for vote at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Other notable actions included monitoring the progress of the Molasses Hill Estates subdivision; the review and granting of a Special Permit to ZP Battery DevCo, LLC for a 5MW battery storage project for 68 South Maple Street; and a still-ongoing review of proposed amendments to the Special Permit originally granted in March 2019 to ASD Cronin LLC for a 11.2MW solar array at 0 Long Hill District.

The Board also reviewed and signed off on two ANR ("Approval Not Required") plans, as well as responding to a number of inquiries about zoning bylaws and other land use questions.

On March 22 we lost Daniel Leahy, former Chair of the Planning Board. A contractor and builder, Dan was first elected to the Board in May 2007, serving as Chair from 2009 to 2015. His knowledge of the building trades as well as his expertise in the interpretation of engineered plans and drawings, stood the Board in good stead. Dan was generous with his time and unfailingly courteous and helpful both to other Board members and to everyone who appeared before the Board at meetings. We shall miss him.

In April 2022, the Board regrettably accepted member Adam Jolicoeur's resignation, and in May we welcomed newest Planning Board member Jeff King, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jolicoeur. Unfortunately, at the time of this writing, the position of Associate Member, which Mr. King previously held, is still vacant.

In October we also welcomed Sarah Campbell, who was appointed to the newly created position of "All-Boards Clerk," and has become a valuable addition to the team.

Chair Sharon Mahoney once again served as Brookfield's delegate to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, with Kevin Erkkila 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.

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

The 2022 Edition of the *Town of Brookfield Zoning By-laws, Subdivision Rules and Regulations*, and *Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board* are available in hard copy from the Town Clerk or may be downloaded in PDF form from the Town of Brookfield website at <http://brookfieldma.us>.

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

Sharon Mahoney, Chair  
John David Holdcraft

Kevin I. Erkkila, Clerk  
Jeffrey King

Christopher Gorman  
Sarah Campbell, All Boards Clerk



## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR



43 – Gas Permits  
45 – Plumbing Permits  
88 – Permits Total

44 – Gas Inspections  
56 – Plumbing Inspections  
100 – Inspections Total

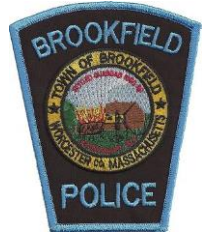
Respectfully submitted,

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



# **BROOKFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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



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

## **Brookfield Police Department 2022 Annual Report**

Due to the Police Reform Act that was signed by the Governor in 2020 that requires all police officers in Massachusetts to be trained to the same level, the Brookfield Police Department began the process of moving to an entirely full-time police Department and not relying on the use of part time officers. The Police Reform Act eliminates part-time officers and requires the they receive additional training that brings them up to the same training level that full-time officers receive. Two full time police officer positions were added to the budget to bring the number of full-time officers up from five to seven. The Department went from having ten part time officers to only three. Once both full time positions are filled, the Department will no longer have any part time officers.

Reserve Officer Justin Dufault was promoted to full-time status to fill one of the new positions in December. Reserve Officer Egbert Pinero will be promoted to full-time status in early 2023 once he completes required training to fill the seventh full-time position.

The Brookfield Police Department received an approximately \$22,000 grant to purchase body worn cameras. The grant was prepared by the Town's grant writer, Cathy LaRooca. It allowed the Department to purchase ten body worn cameras and a new server to run and store the camera footage. Due to a shortage of supply, the Department received the cameras but is waiting on the arrival of the server before we can start to use the cameras. The server is anticipated to arrive in early 2023 and the Department hopes to have the cameras in use by early spring of 2023.

The Brookfield Police Department had an increase in calls for service for the first time in two years. The total calls for service for 2022 was 6,625 as compared to 4,506 in 2021 and 5,511 in 2020. The Department also had a decrease in arrests in 2022. The total number of arrests in 2022 was 104, as compared to 106 in 2021.

The following is a summary of the activity for 2022;

Medical Calls – 403  
Alarm Calls – 110  
Motor Vehicle Accidents – 60  
Motor Vehicle Stops -659  
Larcenies – 12  
Custodial Arrests – 55  
Criminal Complaint Summons – 49

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  
TRY Soccer

USA Softball T-Ball  
TRYBIL Basketball

The success of these programs could not be accomplished without the numerous people that volunteer their time and energy to our programs. We wish to thank the volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, referees, clean-up crews, snack shack volunteers and many more for their continued support of our youth programs. All volunteers are required to be CORI checked to participate in any capacity in any of our programs. Sign-ups for these sports and all of our events

are posted in the White Tiger News (The Elementary School Newsletter), The Quaboag Current, and our Facebook page.

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

Every year the recreation committee awards scholarships to a male and a female Tantasqua graduating senior in the academic program and an additional pair of awards to students in the Tech Program for use in future studies or for trade equipment. The requirements are simple: Be a resident of Brookfield and have participated and volunteered in Brookfield Recreation. In 2022 these scholarships were awarded to: Taima-Jay Coulombe, Noah Genest and Abigail Hill. We wish them all the best on the next phase of their lives.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Landine  
Mike Lawrence  
Tim Nye  
Brendon Cunningham

Lisa Hanrahan  
Matthew Brown  
Jeremy Hague



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



## School Committee

Nichole Chaffee, Chair	Term expires 2024
Jeff Morin, Vice-Chair	Term expires 2023
Nicole Chaffee /Secretary/Tantasqua Rep.	Term expires 2025

## Superintendent of Schools

Deborah J. Boyd	320A Brookfield Road, Fiskdale	347-3077
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## Associate Superintendent

Jodi Bourassa	320A Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale	347-3077
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## Assistant Superintendent

Stephen Nembirkow	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

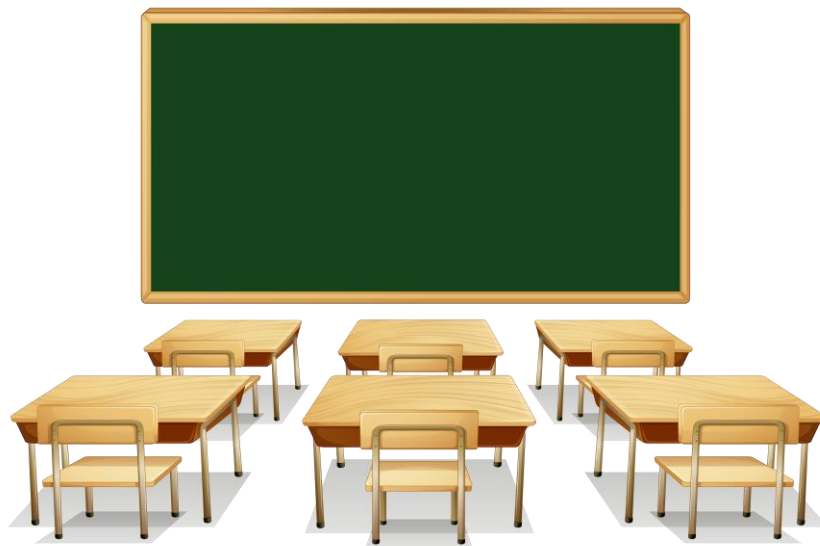
Lisa Foley		867-8988
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## School Nurse and Supervisor of Attendance

Julie Lardizzone, R.N., B.S.N.	867-8988	867-8988
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*School Enrollment as of October 1, 2022 (Brookfield residents)*

<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	26	22	32	25	32	32	35	28	3	235
<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	37	33								70
TSHS			14	25	17	20	2			78
Tech.Div.			16	21	14	14				<u>65</u>
Total Tant										213
<b>TRSD//U61 Enrollment</b>										<b>448</b>



**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD**  
**TEACHERS IN SERVICE – BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

<b>2022-2023</b>			<b>TEACHING EXP. IN</b>
<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>COLL./DEGREE</u></b>	<b><u>BROOKFIELD AS OF 6-30-23</u></b>
Principal	Kathleen Hosterman	B.A., Norwich Univ M.Ed., Keene State College Ed. D, Walden University	18
Kindergarten	Kim Ferreira	B.S., North Adams State M.S. Ed., Simmons College	12
Kindergarten	Rebecca Choquet	B.A., Worcester State	9
Grade 1	Alissa DeMartino	B.E., Bay Path University	3
Grade 1	Mallory Farinato	B.S., Franklin Pierce College M.S. Ed, Anna Maria College	15
Grade 2	Donna Morin- Wermter	B.S., Worcester State	30
Grade 2	Helen Tarr	M.Ed., Cambridge College B.A., Notre Dame College	18
Grade 3	Katrina Annunziata	B.S., Worcester State M. Ed., Worcester State	7
Grade 3	Kian Dunn	B.A. Southern NH University M.A. Merrimack College	1
Grade 4	Rachel Blash	A.S. Quinsigamond Comm. College B. E. Bay Path University	1
Grade 4	Belinda Gibson- Kiesiner	B.A., Anna Maria M.Ed., Worcester State	25
Grade 5	Colleen Parker	B.S., Springfield College M.A., Framingham State	16
Grade 5	Nils Hodlin	B.A. UMASS- Boston M.E. Bay Path University	1
Grade 6	Amanda Richards	B.A., Anna Maria College	2
Grade 6	Sharon Thayer	B.A., Chatham College M.Ed, Anna Maria College	7
Special Needs	Paula Casey	B.A., UMass M.Ed., Fitchburg State	12

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COLL./DEGREE</u>	<u>TEACHING EXP. IN BROOKFIELD AS OF 6-30-22</u>
Special Needs	Ariana Savluk	B.A., Worcester State M.Ed., Bay Path University	1
Special Needs	Samantha Mars	B.E. Boston University M.E. Bay Path University	2
Special Needs	Sarah Pressman	B.S.; Bay Path University M.S. Ed; Bay Path University	43
Special Needs	Melissa Murphy	B.A., Framingham State	9
Speech	Kaitlyn Smith	B.S., University of Massachusetts Amherst M.S., Worcester State	8
Sch. Psych.	Jena DelCid	B.A., Clark University	8
		M.Ed., Worcester State	
		C.A.G.S. Worcester State	
Adj. Counselor	Michelle Ledoux	A.S., Cape Cod Community College B. A., Worcester State M.A., American International College Ed. D. American International College	5
Teacher, Art	Diane Simonds	B.A., Univ. of Hartford M.Ed., UMass Amherst	10
Teacher, Rem. Math	Peter Skaza	B.A., Westfield State University	2
Teacher, Rem. Reading	Jolene Jalbert	B.S., Worcester State M.Ed., Worcester State	12
Library/Media	Ashley Barringer	B.S., Worcester State Technology	17
Music	Mark Weissman	B.A., Westfield State M.A, UMass G.D., New England Conservatory of Music	7
Music	Lindsey Paras	B.A., Anna Maria College M.A., Anna Maria College	9
Physical Ed.	Megan Clark	B.S., Springfield College	2



<b>2021-2022</b>			<b>TEACHING EXP. IN</b>
<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>COLL./DEGREE</u></b>	<b><u>BROOKFIELD AS OF 6-30-22</u></b>
Un61 PreSch	Janice Labuski	B.S., Worcester State	26
Sch. Nurse	Julie Lardizzone	BA, Assumption College	4
BSN, Northeastern University			

### **TOWN OF BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL SHEET**

General School Appropriations                   \$                   3,228,636.00

#### **EXPENDITURES**

##### ADMINISTRATION

School Comm - Salaries & Expenses       \$                   4,863.67  
 Superintendent's Office                       \$                   133,357.27

##### INSTRUCTION

Principal's Salary                             \$                   118,699.77  
 Clerical Salaries                             \$                   61,572.72  
 Principal's Office Expenses                 \$                   563.66  
 Teachers Salaries                             \$                   1,188,860.50  
 Teacher Aides Salaries                     \$                   51,723.10  
 Teacher Substitutes                         \$                   24,339.48  
 Teaching Supplies & Materials             \$                   19,611.38  
 Personnel Training & Travel                 \$                   9.29  
 Moderate Needs Coordinator, Tutors,  
     Speech Therapists                         \$                   293,990.63  
 Special Ed Aide/Tutor                       \$                   177,952.04  
 Special Ed Supplies & Materials           \$                   1,713.30  
 Textbooks                                     \$                   8,054.79  
 Library Services                             \$                   41,241.44  
 Audio Visual - Supplies & Materials       \$                   340.33  
 Technology Salary                            \$                   40,900.89  
 Technology Supplies & Hardware           \$                   4,877.41

##### GUIDANCE SERVICES

Guidance Counselor - Salary               \$                   121,366.00  
 Supplies & Travel                            \$                   681.54

Psychological Services		
Health Services - Salaries	\$	64,696.00
Health Services - Supplies	\$	1,307.15
Pupil Transportation	\$	143,603.96
Late Bus Transportation		
Special Education Transportation	\$	112,918.83
Food Services	\$	
Field Trips	\$	
School Resource Officer	\$	

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE  
OF PLANT

Custodial Services	\$	126,652.47
Supplies & Materials	\$	2,930.83
Fuel Oil	\$	41,857.93
Utility Services - Admin Office	\$	67,835.80
Utility Services - School	\$	-
Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds	\$	6,667.63
Maintenance of Equipment - Admin Office	\$	28,938.23

*Town of Holland*

Maintenance of Equipment - School	\$	7,700.74
Building Rent	\$	-
Building Projects	\$	-

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

New Equipment - School	\$	-
Equipment - Share - Admin Office	\$	-
Replacement of Equipment - School	\$	-
Equipment - School Library	\$	-
Replacement of Equipment - Admin Office	\$	-
	\$	-

PROGRAMS WITH OTHER  
SCHOOLS

Special Education - Tuition	\$	36,000.00
Vocation Tuition	\$	13,075.43
Special Education-Collaborative	\$	77,215.31
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,220,055.10</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		

ESTIMATED STATE  
REIMBURSEMENTS

Chapter 70	\$	1,781,023.00
Chapter 71	\$	-
State Wards		
Total Estimated Reimbursements	\$	,781,023.00

**2022-2023**

Administration	\$	48,875.00
Instruction	\$	1,915,600.27
Other School Services	\$	340,583.00
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	\$	297,229.73
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	\$	-
Programs with Other Districts, ( <i>Regional &amp; Private Schools</i> )	\$	153,617.00
<i>Total Appropriations</i>	\$	<i>3,328,482.00</i>

(Special Needs Programs Included in Budget)

2000 Instruction	\$	2,080,128.27
3000,4000 Series	\$	637,812.73
9000 Programs with Other Districts	\$	153,617.00
TOTAL:	\$	3,328,482.00



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

The 2022-2023 school year has been a transition back to our roots. As our superintendent described it, we went "back to basics." This was more difficult to achieve than we anticipated with continued illnesses and high absenteeism, as well as a struggle with the more structured routines. I am happy, however, to report that these changes began to take shape following the first of the year. The entire educational staff has worked tirelessly to regain our footing for academic excellence, and the guidance department has been there every step of the way to support our students' social, emotional, and behavioral needs.

Both staff and students are enjoying clear expectations and procedures that allow us to bring back our freedom of activities and choices. This year we were able to resume freedom of choice for bus and cafeteria seating. We brought back our Holiday Shop and our Sing-A-Long. Parents were welcome back into the building to be our personal shopper assistants. We performed full concerts again both for the holidays and in the spring. Children again have freedom of choice for playmates during recess. Although the rules are more rigorous, the privileges have been returned to our school community.

The Brookfield Parent/Teacher Organization has had a great year and has introduced a new fundraiser event with our very first December Craft Fair. They voted to fund a BMX Rider Assembly for our entire student body. This is the first outside visitor in two years. The assembly focuses on dreams, hard work, and accomplishments. We also have even bigger plans for our Spring Walk-A-Thon. I would like to thank the PTO for their continued support and effort on behalf of Brookfield students.

When I reflect on my 18 years as the principal of Brookfield Elementary school I am amazed by all of the changes that have occurred over the years. Still, I continue to feel privileged to work in a community that honors education, the values of family, community and history, while maintaining a forward look to meeting the needs of those who have joined us along the way. Brookfield is a great place to work and live.

I want to thank all who have made Brookfield Elementary School a success. From school staff, to the highway and water departments who worked tirelessly to have roads ready to begin the school year, to the town hall staff who have consistently supported our goals, to the police and fire departments who have ensured that the school remains a safe facility. Many other departments have worked behind the scenes to ensure the school continues to be fully supported and well run. I will never regret the decision I made back in 2005 to come on board as the principal of Brookfield Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kathleen Hosterman, Ed.D

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

At the end of the last calendar year, our schools said a fond farewell to Dr. Erin Nosek as she retired after serving for ten years as our Superintendent of Schools. She has already been missed and will be remembered for always being a strong advocate for our students. She has certainly earned some time away from public education and we all wish her well in her new endeavors.

Now, as I am completing my first 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. While much of last year was focused on health and safety, this year we came full circle with a Back to Basics mantra. We committed to taking the time to rediscover how children learn best and how rewarding the field of education is.

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 identify any curriculum or instructional adjustments needed, as well as identifying individual student needs. Each school is focusing on processes and procedures through the multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) model provided by the DESE.

Post Covid, MTSS is designed to help schools identify struggling students early and intervene quickly. It focuses on the “whole child.” We support academic growth along with behavior, emotional needs, and absenteeism. The tiers of support through interventions are significant components in the MTSS process. Time and intensity of services increase through the tiers. This framework creates learning environments where students receive a variety of identified supports and accommodations in order to reach optimal success.

In keeping with our ‘Back to Basics’ theme, the District returned this year to full, in person conference style professional development. That is, all teachers and support staff attended numerous professional development opportunities. Full-day professional development sessions as well as early release days, provide many opportunities for training in current best practice in an effort to gain access in ready-to-use digital tools for our current day’s learning environments. Our district’s mission to promote and support our staff and students is evidenced by the many high-quality, professional learning activities throughout Tantasqua and Union 61.

Many technology improvements were implemented over this past year. During the 2021-2022 school year, we continue to increase the use of GSuite for Education, which allows students and staff to collaborate quickly and effectively. With the support of our school committees, we continue to expand wireless devices to further support a variety of learning models that we may encounter in the 22-23 school year. The IT team supported multiple curriculum initiatives which required a technical component for content delivery. We continued to work on IT centralization to better support our students and staff. We secured eRate funding for Category 1 connections. During the school year we evaluated and chose a new SIS (Student Information System). This system will go live for the 2023-2-24

school year. Over this past year, the technology team completed over 2,100 helpdesk tickets between the seven buildings.

Due to the support from the voters of our five towns during the 2021/22 town meeting season, Tantasqua and all of the elementary districts have been able to continue to support our students with well-rounded educational options. This support allowed us to continue to offer and expand courses offerings, athletic, arts, clubs and other extra-curricular activities for all of our students.

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 last two years 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 by all and the commitment we share as we continue to work collaboratively to achieve the goal of providing every student with every opportunity for success.

Respectfully,

Deborah J Boyd  
Superintendent of Schools



## REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

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

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

Excise tax is based upon where your 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 park your car most of the time. The is a Registry issue, not a Town of Brookfield error.

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.
- The bill is paid, when it is received, not postmarked.
- When using bill pay, please use the memo field for your account number and or address.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Parish  
Town Collector





## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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





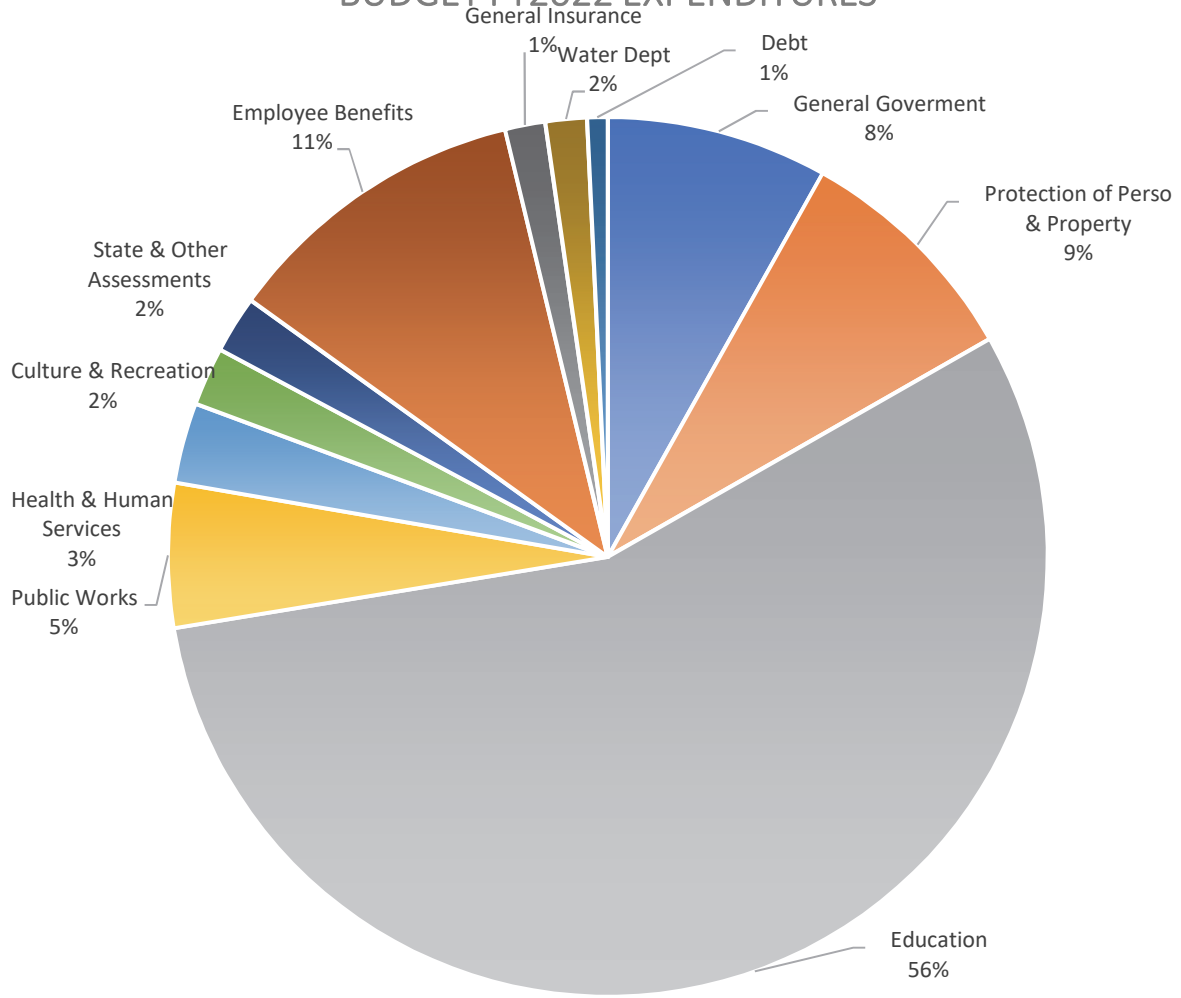
**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP**  
**June 30, 2022**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	2,121,214.96	2,795,698.18	124,625.16	637,645.97		5,679,184.27
Investments						0.00
Receivables:						
Personal property taxes	552.82					552.82
Real estate taxes	161,928.93					161,928.93
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(151,008.11)					(151,008.11)
Tax liens	558,196.60					558,196.60
Rollback taxes	582.64					582.64
Motor vehicle excise	90,579.15					90,579.15
User fees		18,301.60				18,301.60
Due from other governments	53,989.06					53,989.06
Other receivables	6,895.25					6,895.25
Foreclosures/Possessions	421,057.23					421,057.23
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					124,351.77	124,351.77
Total Assets	<u>3,263,988.53</u>	<u>2,813,999.78</u>	<u>124,625.16</u>	<u>637,645.97</u>	<u>124,351.77</u>	<u>6,964,611.21</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>						
Liabilities:						
Withholdings	123,885.56					123,885.56
Deferred revenue:						
Real and personal property taxes	11,473.64					11,473.64
Tax liens	558,196.60					558,196.60
Rollback taxes	582.64					582.64
Foreclosures/Possessions	421,057.23					421,057.23
Motor vehicle excise	90,579.15					90,579.15
User fees		18,301.60				18,301.60
Due from other governments	53,989.06					53,989.06
Other receivables	6,895.25					6,895.25
Tailings	4,218.54					4,218.54
Agency Funds				314,715.73		314,715.73
Notes payable					124,351.77	124,351.77
Bonds payable			1,463,233.00			1,463,233.00
Total Liabilities	<u>1,270,877.67</u>	<u>18,301.60</u>	<u>1,463,233.00</u>	<u>314,715.73</u>	<u>124,351.77</u>	<u>3,191,479.77</u>
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for encumbrances	227,582.75					227,582.75
Reserved for expenditures	491,287.78					491,287.78
Reserved for continuing appropriations	463,702.97	39,714.46				503,417.43
Reserved for petty cash	50.00					50.00
Reserved for debt service	27,819.00					27,819.00
Undesignated fund balance	782,668.36	2,755,983.72	(1,338,607.84)	322,930.24		2,522,974.48
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,993,110.86</u>	<u>2,795,698.18</u>	<u>(1,338,607.84)</u>	<u>322,930.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,773,131.44</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>3,263,988.53</u>	<u>2,813,999.78</u>	<u>124,625.16</u>	<u>637,645.97</u>	<u>124,351.77</u>	<u>6,964,611.21</u>

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -  
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Carry Forward	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis		
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 5,836,436.00	\$ 5,836,436.00	\$ 5,890,552.04	\$ -	\$ 54,116.04
Sale of Tax Foreclosure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excise & Other Taxes	\$ -	\$ 475,000.00	\$ 475,000.00	\$ 470,607.62	\$ -	\$ (4,392.38)
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ -	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 109,996.79	\$ -	\$ 61,996.79
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 275,519.31	\$ -	\$ 519.31
Rentals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Departmental Revenue-Cemetery	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,300.00	\$ -	\$ 6,300.00
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 118,784.72	\$ -	\$ 784.72
Other	\$ -	\$ 31,264.00	\$ 31,264.00	\$ 86,341.91	\$ -	\$ 55,077.91
Fines & Forfeits	\$ -	\$ 6,736.00	\$ 6,736.00	\$ 4,579.20	\$ -	\$ (2,156.80)
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,386.73	\$ -	\$ 5,386.73
Intergovernmental-Comm. of Mass.	\$ -	\$ 2,453,185.00	\$ 2,453,185.00	\$ 2,495,184.00	\$ -	\$ 41,999.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,258,621.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,258,621.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,478,402.32</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 219,781.32</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Current Fiscal Year:						
General Government	\$ -	\$ 796,928.00	\$ 803,514.08	\$ 704,198.20	\$ 17,575.59	\$ 81,740.29
Protection of Persons & Property	\$ -	\$ 760,172.00	\$ 766,122.00	\$ 747,203.03	\$ 388.36	\$ 18,530.61
Education	\$ -	\$ 5,043,536.00	\$ 5,043,536.00	\$ 4,824,881.72	\$ 209,323.38	\$ 9,330.90
Public Works	\$ -	\$ 471,324.00	\$ 489,756.78	\$ 460,054.77	\$ -	\$ 29,702.01
Health & Human Services	\$ -	\$ 274,932.00	\$ 274,932.22	\$ 255,892.13	\$ 295.42	\$ 18,744.67
Culture & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 190,823.00	\$ 190,823.00	\$ 186,459.85	\$ -	\$ 4,363.15
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 98,563.00	\$ 90,130.00	\$ 65,468.28	\$ -	\$ 24,661.72
Water Dept	\$ -	\$ 144,862.00	\$ 144,862.00	\$ 131,879.49	\$ -	\$ 12,982.51
State & Other Assessments	\$ -	\$ 184,948.00	\$ 184,948.00	\$ 182,594.00	\$ -	\$ (27,646.00)
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 1,143,751.00	\$ 1,121,561.00	\$ 981,403.71	\$ -	\$ 140,157.29
General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 148,782.00	\$ 141,282.00	\$ 128,411.15	\$ -	\$ 12,870.85
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ 846,396.00	\$ 853,549.92	\$ 534,658.57	\$ 328,144.57	\$ 20,430.01
<b>Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,105,017.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,105,017.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,203,104.90</b>	<b>\$ 555,727.32</b>	<b>\$ 345,868.01</b>
<b>Other Expenditures:</b>						
Prior Year Articles	\$ 269,311.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,322.28	\$ 135,558.40	\$ 4,430.93
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 133,581.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,258.06	\$ -	\$ 323.00
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 402,892.67</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 262,580.34</b>	<b>\$ 135,558.40</b>	<b>\$ 4,753.93</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 402,892.67</b>	<b>\$ 10,105,017.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,105,017.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,465,685.24</b>	<b>\$ 691,285.72</b>	<b>\$ 350,621.94</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (402,892.67)</b>	<b>\$ (846,396.00)</b>	<b>\$ (846,396.00)</b>	<b>\$ 12,717.08</b>	<b>\$ (691,285.72)</b>	<b>\$ 570,403.26</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>						
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ 136,000.00	\$ 136,000.00	\$ 136,316.77	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 144,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 144,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 143,683.23</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>\$ (402,892.67)</b>	<b>\$ (702,396.00)</b>	<b>\$ (702,396.00)</b>	<b>\$ 156,400.31</b>	<b>\$ (691,285.72)</b>	<b>\$ 570,403.26</b>
<b>Audit Adjustment</b>						
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b>		<b>\$ 1,836,710.55</b>	<b>\$ 1,836,710.55</b>	<b>\$ 1,836,710.55</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Fund Balances, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ (402,892.67)</b>	<b>\$ 1,134,314.55</b>	<b>\$ 1,134,314.55</b>	<b>\$ 1,993,110.86</b>	<b>\$ (691,285.72)</b>	<b>\$ 570,403.26</b>

# BUDGET FY2022 EXPENDITURES



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

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
001-114-5110-000	Moderator Salary	\$	50.00		\$	50.00	\$	-	-
001-122-5110-000	Selectmen Salary	\$	6,000.00		\$	6,000.00	\$	-	-
001-122-5110-001	Administrative Asst Wages	\$	46,913.00		\$	46,913.00	\$	338.04	338.04
001-122-5110-002	Municipal Clerk Wages	\$	15,070.00		\$	14,934.36	\$	135.64	135.64
001-122-5110-003	Grant Writer Wages	\$	21,653.00		\$	19,626.32	\$	2,026.68	2,026.68
001-122-5700-000	Selectmen Expense	\$	8,100.00		\$	6,647.11	\$	1,452.89	1,452.89
001-122-5700-001	Physical Exam Expense	\$	800.00		\$	-	\$	800.00	800.00
001-122-5700-002	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$	690.00		\$	626.45	\$	63.55	63.55
001-122-5700-003	Computer Maintenance	\$	21,079.00	\$ (1,005.98)	\$	20,073.02	\$	-	-
001-122-5700-004	Town Website	\$	1,930.00		\$	1,929.38	\$	0.62	0.62
001-122-5700-014	Grant Writer Expenses	\$	1,200.00		\$	-	\$	1,200.00	1,200.00
001-122-5700-015	Town Email / 365	\$	6,840.00	\$ 40.78	\$	6,880.78	\$	-	-
001-122-5802-000	Computer Acquisition	\$	6,000.00	\$ (1,688.72)	\$	4,311.28	\$	279.31	279.31
001-129-5110-000	Town Administrator Salary	\$	82,500.00		\$	82,500.00	\$	-	-
001-132-5405-000	Reserve Fund	\$	35,000.00	\$ (27,000.00)	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00	8,000.00
001-135-5205-000	Audit	\$	15,000.00		\$	(1,855.00)	\$	16,855.00	\$ 16,855.00
001-135-5300-000	Outsourced Accounting Services	\$	46,200.00		\$	46,100.00	\$	100.00	100.00
001-136-5700-000	Accountant Expense	\$	5,500.00		\$	3,022.28	\$	2,477.72	2,477.72
001-136-5110-000	Advisory Committee-Clerk Salary	\$	537.00		\$	-	\$	537.00	537.00
001-136-5700-000	Advisory Committee Expenses	\$	200.00		\$	-	\$	200.00	200.00
001-136-5700-001	Warrant Book Print & Mail	\$	2,000.00		\$	191.00	\$	1,809.00	1,809.00
001-141-5110-000	Assessors Stipend	\$	1,500.00		\$	1,500.00	\$	-	-
001-141-5110-001	Principal Assessor Wages	\$	54,607.00		\$	54,607.00	\$	-	-
001-141-5110-002	Assessor Clerk Wages	\$	16,786.00		\$	16,683.38	\$	102.62	102.62
001-141-5200-000	Assessor Consultant Services	\$	1,000.00		\$	1,000.00	\$	-	-
001-141-5700-000	Assessor Expense	\$	8,705.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$	23,705.00	\$	5,249.31	5,249.31
001-145-5110-000	Treasurer Wages	\$	7,100.00	\$ 45,472.10	\$	45,472.10	\$	2,989.55	2,989.55
001-145-5200-000	Treasurer Payroll Services	\$	83,000.00	\$ (45,472.10)	\$	37,527.90	\$	595.35	595.35
001-145-5300-000	Outsourced Treasurer Services	\$	7,100.00		\$	7,097.25	\$	-	-
001-145-5700-000	Treasurers Expenses	\$	7,100.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$	53,581.00	\$	1,052.75	383.67
001-146-5110-000	Collector Wages	\$	53,581.00		\$	53,581.00	\$	-	669.08
001-146-5110-001	Collector Clerk Wages	\$	2,600.00		\$	2,600.00	\$	2,600.00	2,600.00
001-146-5150-000	Collector Certification	\$	1,000.00		\$	1,000.00	\$	-	-
001-146-5700-000	Collector Expense	\$	9,650.00		\$	9,416.59	\$	233.41	215.64
001-146-5700-001	Collector Software	\$	4,990.00		\$	4,990.00	\$	-	-
001-151-5249-000	Legal Services	\$	80,000.00		\$	45,208.92	\$	34,791.08	34,791.08
001-161-5110-000	Town Clerk Salary	\$	40,186.00		\$	40,186.00	\$	151.21	151.21
001-161-5110-001	Town Clerk - Asst. Clerk Wages	\$	4,912.00		\$	4,061.61	\$	850.39	850.39
001-161-5700-000	Town Clerk Expense	\$	2,600.00		\$	1,747.53	\$	852.47	852.47
001-162-5110-000	Election & Registration Wages	\$	6,053.00		\$	3,473.90	\$	2,579.10	2,579.10
001-162-5700-000	Election & Registration Expenses	\$	6,000.00		\$	5,607.76	\$	392.24	392.24
001-171-5110-001	Conservation Comm Clerk Wages	\$	1,960.00		\$	303.75	\$	1,656.25	1,656.25
001-171-5700-000	Conservation Commission	\$	333.00		\$	238.73	\$	94.27	94.27
001-174-5600-000	Central Mass Regional Planning	\$	1,020.00		\$	1,019.95	\$	0.05	0.05
001-175-5110-000	Planning Board Clerk Salary	\$	1,960.00	\$ (1,710.00)	\$	250.00	\$	-	-
001-175-5110-001	Planning Board Salary	\$	2,500.00		\$	1,500.00	\$	1,000.00	1,000.00
001-175-5700-000	Planning Board Expense	\$	2,332.00	\$ 1,710.00	\$	4,042.00	\$	1,074.29	1,074.29

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward	
001-176-5110-001	Board of Appeals Wages	\$	1,960.00		\$	1,960.00	\$	1,061.40	\$	
001-176-5700-000	Board of Appeals Expenses	\$	1,100.00		\$	1,100.00	\$	457.16	\$	
001-192-5110-000	Municipal Custodian Wages	\$	21,671.00	\$	17,690.00	\$	39,274.23	\$	86.77	
001-192-5700-000	Municipal Property Maintenance	\$	9,000.00		\$	9,000.00	\$	287.51	\$	
001-192-5701-000	Municipal Property Utilities	\$	5,000.00		\$	5,000.00	\$	2,004.49	\$	
001-192-5942-000	Town Hall Improvements	\$	14,250.00		\$	14,250.00	\$	1,172.77	\$	
001-195-5200-000	Print Town Report	\$	1,710.00		\$	1,710.00	\$	10.00	\$	
001-199-5700-000	Municipal Heating Fuel	\$	7,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	8,304.01	\$	1,695.99	
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	\$	796,928.00	\$	6,586.08	\$	803,514.08	\$	704,198.20	\$
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	\$	257,518.00	\$	6,500.00	\$	264,018.00	\$	263,845.50	\$
001-210-5110-000	Police Wages Full Time	\$	90,000.00		\$	90,000.00	\$	-	\$	
001-210-5110-001	Police Chief Salary	\$	15,195.00	\$	145.50	\$	15,340.50	\$	-	
001-210-5110-003	Police Clerk Wages	\$	121,312.00	\$	(6,645.50)	\$	114,666.50	\$	9,365.74	
001-210-5110-004	Police Wages - PT/OT	\$	66,466.00	\$	340.00	\$	66,806.00	\$	66,355.47	
001-210-5700-000	Police Expenses	\$	5,000.00		\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	
001-210-5700-001	Tuition Reimbursement	\$	51,584.00	\$	3,110.00	\$	54,694.00	\$	54,691.67	
001-220-5110-000	Fire Wages	\$	3,892.00		\$	3,892.00	\$	-	\$	
001-220-5110-001	Fire Chief Salary	\$	34,000.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	36,500.00	\$	36,442.10	
001-220-5700-000	Fire Dept. Expenses	\$	9,500.00		\$	9,500.00	\$	-	\$	
001-220-5700-002	Fire Utilities	\$	12,000.00		\$	12,000.00	\$	-	\$	
001-220-5705-000	Fire Testing / Certification	\$	15,000.00		\$	15,000.00	\$	-	\$	
001-220-5750-000	Fire Fixed Asset Repair / Replace	\$	6,510.00		\$	6,510.00	\$	5,038.02	\$	
001-235-5200-000	Telephone Expense	\$	18,498.00		\$	18,498.00	\$	-	\$	
001-241-5110-000	Building Inspector Salary	\$	598.00		\$	598.00	\$	-	\$	
001-241-5110-007	Asst Building Inspector Wages	\$	300.00		\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	
001-241-5700-000	Building Inspector Expenses	\$	4,581.00		\$	4,581.00	\$	-	\$	
001-242-5110-000	Gas/Plumbing Inspector Salary	\$	382.00		\$	382.00	\$	-	\$	
001-242-5110-007	Asst Gas/Plumbing Inspector Wages	\$	440.00		\$	440.00	\$	21.78	\$	
001-242-5700-000	Gas/Plumbing Inspector Expenses	\$	4,548.00		\$	4,548.00	\$	1,895.00	\$	
001-245-5110-000	Wiring Inspector Salary	\$	392.00		\$	392.00	\$	392.00	\$	
001-245-5110-007	Asst Wiring Inspector Wages	\$	1.00		\$	1.00	\$	1.00	\$	
001-249-5110-000	Zoning Enforcement Expenses	\$	12,494.00		\$	12,494.00	\$	-	\$	
001-249-5110-001	Zoning Enforcement Salary	\$	380.00		\$	380.00	\$	44.30	\$	
001-249-5700-000	Emergency Management Salaries	\$	474.00		\$	474.00	\$	23.00	\$	
001-291-5110-000	Emergency Management Agency	\$	3,500.00		\$	3,500.00	\$	3.67	\$	
001-291-5700-001	BEMA Blackboard Connect Fee	\$	3,800.00		\$	3,800.00	\$	50.36	\$	
001-292-5110-000	Animal Control Officer Salary	\$	6,671.00		\$	6,671.00	\$	555.88	\$	
001-292-5110-007	Asst Animal Control Officer Wages	\$	714.00		\$	714.00	\$	714.00	\$	
001-292-5700-000	Animal Control Office Expense	\$	1,589.00		\$	1,589.00	\$	1,589.00	\$	
001-293-5110-000	Parking Clerk Salary	\$	250.00		\$	250.00	\$	125.00	\$	
001-293-5700-000	Parking Ticket Expense	\$	83.00		\$	83.00	\$	83.00	\$	
001-294-5700-000	Tree Warden Expense	\$	10,000.00		\$	10,000.00	\$	-	\$	
001-296-5700-000	Shade Tree Expense	\$	2,500.00		\$	2,500.00	\$	900.00	\$	
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	\$	760,172.00	\$	5,950.00	\$	766,122.00	\$	747,203.03	\$
	<b>EDUCATION</b>	\$	1,500.00		\$	1,500.00	\$	500.00	\$	
001-310-5110-001	School Committee Salary	\$	1,000.00		\$	1,000.00	\$	250.00	\$	
001-310-5110-002	Regional School Committee Salary	\$	1,748,474.00		\$	1,748,474.00	\$	-	\$	
001-310-5600-000	Regional School Assessment	\$			\$		\$		\$	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	81,740.29	\$	17,575.59	\$	81,740.29	\$	17,575.59	\$

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-310-5601-000	School Transportation Assessment	\$ 63,926.00	\$ 63,926.00		\$ 63,926.00	\$ 63,926.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 209,323.38
001-310-5700-000	School Expenses	\$ 3,228,636.00	\$ 3,228,636.00		\$ 3,228,636.00	\$ 3,010,731.72	\$ 217,904.28	\$ 8,580.90	\$ 209,323.38
	<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	\$ -	\$ 5,043,536.00	\$ -	\$ 5,043,536.00	\$ 4,824,881.72	\$ 218,654.28	\$ 9,330.90	\$ 209,323.38
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>									
001-422-5110-000	Highway Supt Wages	\$ 67,163.00	\$ 67,163.00		\$ 67,163.00	\$ 67,163.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-422-5110-001	Highway Operator Wages	\$ 107,058.00	\$ 107,058.00	\$ 514.30	\$ 107,572.30	\$ 107,572.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-422-5110-003	Highway Overtime/Other Wages	\$ 6,424.00	\$ 6,424.00	\$ (514.30)	\$ 5,909.70	\$ 2,119.12	\$ 3,790.58	\$ 3,790.58	\$ -
001-422-5110-004	Highway Clerk Wages	\$ 29,640.00	\$ 29,640.00		\$ 29,640.00	\$ 28,661.68	\$ 978.32	\$ 978.32	\$ -
001-422-5110-005	Highway Police Detail	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 2,400.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 2,040.00	\$ -
001-422-5110-006	Highway Seasonal Worker	\$ 17,650.00	\$ 17,650.00		\$ 17,650.00	\$ 11,720.59	\$ 5,929.41	\$ 5,929.41	\$ -
001-422-5700-000	Highway Expense	\$ 60,300.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 56,300.00	\$ 54,792.04	\$ 1,507.96	\$ 1,507.96	\$ -
001-422-5700-001	Highway Safety Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 937.10	\$ 62.90	\$ 62.90	\$ -
001-422-5700-002	Highway Utilities	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 13,095.24	\$ 1,704.76	\$ 1,704.76	\$ -
001-422-5702-000	Highway Certifications	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00		\$ 900.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 635.00	\$ 635.00	\$ -
001-422-5790-000	Highway Bridges/Railings/Signs	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,219.86	\$ 380.14	\$ 380.14	\$ -
001-199-5701-000	Municipal Diesel Fuel	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 23,266.28	\$ 1,733.72	\$ 1,733.72	\$ -
001-199-5702-000	Municipal Gasoline	\$ 25,039.00	\$ 25,039.00		\$ 25,039.00	\$ 19,045.25	\$ 5,993.75	\$ 5,993.75	\$ -
001-423-5110-000	Snow & Ice Wages	\$ 30,600.00	\$ 30,600.00		\$ 30,600.00	\$ 30,557.84	\$ 42.16	\$ 42.16	\$ -
001-423-5700-000	Snow & Ice Expenses	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 8,432.78	\$ 8,432.78	\$ 53,432.78	\$ 53,432.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-424-5200-000	Street Lights	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,649.70	\$ 3,350.30	\$ 3,350.30	\$ -
001-491-5110-000	Cemetery Wages	\$ 18,995.00	\$ 18,995.00		\$ 18,995.00	\$ 17,825.36	\$ 1,169.64	\$ 1,169.64	\$ -
001-491-5110-001	Cemetery Supt Salary	\$ 5,833.00	\$ 5,833.00		\$ 5,833.00	\$ 5,833.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-491-5700-000	Cemetery Expenses	\$ 5,922.00	\$ 5,922.00		\$ 5,922.00	\$ 5,538.63	\$ 383.37	\$ 383.37	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	\$ -	\$ 471,324.00	\$ 18,432.78	\$ 489,756.78	\$ 460,054.77	\$ 29,702.01	\$ 29,702.01	\$ -
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>									
001-510-5110-000	Board of Health Salary	\$ 3,839.00	\$ 3,839.00	\$ 0.22	\$ 3,839.22	\$ 3,839.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-510-5110-001	Board of Health Clerk Wages	\$ 5,970.00	\$ (630.00)	\$ (630.00)	\$ 5,340.00	\$ 4,709.00	\$ 631.00	\$ 631.00	\$ -
001-510-5110-002	Board of Health - Health Agent	\$ 700.00	\$ (681.61)	\$ (681.61)	\$ 18.39	\$ 18.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-510-5110-006	Animal Inspector Salary	\$ 1,212.00	\$ 1,212.00		\$ 1,212.00	\$ 1,212.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-510-5110-009	Board of Health Title V Admin Salary	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-510-5700-000	Board of Health Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,181.61	\$ 2,181.61	\$ 6,181.61	\$ 4,952.53	\$ 1,229.08	\$ 1,099.08	\$ 130.00
001-515-5110-000	Transfer Station Wages	\$ 27,798.00	\$ (870.00)	\$ (870.00)	\$ 26,928.00	\$ 25,968.26	\$ 959.74	\$ 959.74	\$ -
001-515-5250-000	Well Tests	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,650.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -
001-515-5700-000	Transfer Station Expenses	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 120,000.00	\$ 116,188.77	\$ 3,811.23	\$ 3,811.23	\$ -
001-522-5200-002	Community Health Program	\$ 950.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	\$ -
001-541-5110-000	Outreach Worker	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-541-5200-000	Tri-Valley Crisis Intervention	\$ 955.00	\$ 955.00		\$ 955.00	\$ -	\$ 955.00	\$ 955.00	\$ -
001-541-5260-000	Medi-Car Consortium	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-541-5700-000	COA Expense	\$ 1,104.00	\$ 1,104.00		\$ 1,104.00	\$ 618.14	\$ 485.86	\$ 320.44	\$ 165.42
001-544-5110-000	Veterans Agent Salary	\$ 5,064.00	\$ 5,064.00		\$ 5,064.00	\$ 5,064.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-544-5700-000	Veterans Expenses	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00		\$ 240.00	\$ -	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ -
001-544-5740-000	Veterans Case Worker	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00		\$ 85,000.00	\$ 75,096.82	\$ 9,903.18	\$ 9,903.18	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	\$ -	\$ 274,932.00	\$ 0.22	\$ 274,932.22	\$ 255,892.73	\$ 19,040.09	\$ 18,744.67	\$ 295.42
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>									
001-610-5110-001	Library Director Wages	\$ 53,581.00	\$ 53,581.00		\$ 53,581.00	\$ 53,581.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-610-5110-002	Library Custodian Wages	\$ 9,078.00	\$ 9,078.00		\$ 9,078.00	\$ 9,078.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-610-5110-003	Library Asst Salary	\$ 54,085.00	\$ 54,085.00		\$ 54,085.00	\$ 51,824.22	\$ 2,260.78	\$ 2,260.78	\$ -
001-610-5110-004	Library Sal/Hoi/Vac	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,550.00		\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,205.74	\$ 344.26	\$ 344.26	\$ -
001-610-5700-000	Library Expenses	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00		\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,990.77	\$ 9.23	\$ 9.23	\$ -

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-610-5700-001	Library Books/Videos	\$	33,729.00	\$	33,729.00	\$	33,685.14	\$	43.86
001-610-5700-002	Library Utilities	\$	2,400.00	\$	2,400.00	\$	2,396.25	\$	3.75
001-630-5700-000	Recreation Expenses	\$	7,695.00	\$	7,695.00	\$	7,594.80	\$	100.20
001-630-5803-000	South Pond Beach Expenses	\$	1,250.00	\$	1,250.00	\$	735.33	\$	514.67
001-691-5700-000	Historical Commission	\$	1,655.00	\$	1,655.00	\$	1,471.69	\$	183.31
001-692-5700-000	Memorial Day Expenses	\$	3,300.00	\$	3,300.00	\$	2,596.94	\$	703.06
001-693-5700-000	Cultural Council Expenses	\$	8,500.00	\$	8,500.00	\$	8,299.97	\$	200.03
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	\$	190,823.00	\$	190,823.00	\$	186,459.85	\$	4,363.15
	<b>DEBT</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
001-710-5914-000	Police Station Principal	\$	55,000.00	\$	2,143.00	\$	57,143.00	\$	-
001-710-5915-000	Saw Mill Pond Principal	\$	8,025.00	\$	8,025.00	\$	3,952.69	\$	4,072.31
001-751-5919-000	Police Station Interest	\$	33,012.00	\$	(10,576.00)	\$	3,050.40	\$	19,385.60
001-751-5920-000	Saw Mill Pond Interest	\$	2,526.00	\$	2,526.00	\$	1,322.19	\$	1,203.81
	<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>	\$	98,563.00	\$	(8,433.00)	\$	65,468.28	\$	24,661.72
	<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
001-820-5632-000	School Choice Tuition Sending	\$	22,113.00	\$	22,113.00	\$	41,239.00	\$	(19,126.00)
001-820-5633-000	Charter School Tuition Assessment	\$	115,248.00	\$	115,248.00	\$	124,288.00	\$	(9,040.00)
001-820-5634-000	RMW Surcharge	\$	4,680.00	\$	4,680.00	\$	4,160.00	\$	520.00
001-820-5640-000	Air Pollution	\$	892.00	\$	892.00	\$	892.00	\$	-
001-820-5663-000	RTA Assessment	\$	12,015.00	\$	12,015.00	\$	12,015.00	\$	-
	<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	\$	154,948.00	\$	154,948.00	\$	182,594.00	\$	(27,646.00)
	<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
001-911-5100-000	County Retirement Assessment	\$	371,251.00	\$	50,000.00	\$	366,903.98	\$	54,347.02
001-913-5100-000	Unemployment Insurance	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	-	\$	20,000.00
001-914-5105-000	Group Insurance-Town Share	\$	691,000.00	\$	(73,990.00)	\$	551,491.20	\$	65,518.80
001-916-5115-000	Medicare - Town Share	\$	61,500.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	63,008.53	\$	291.47
	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	\$	1,143,751.00	\$	(22,190.00)	\$	961,403.71	\$	140,157.29
	<b>OTHER INSURANCE</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
001-945-5600-000	General Insurance	\$	148,782.00	\$	(7,500.00)	\$	128,411.15	\$	12,870.85
	<b>TOTAL OTHER INSURANCE</b>	\$	148,782.00	\$	(7,500.00)	\$	128,411.15	\$	12,870.85
	<b>WATER DEPT</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
001-450-5110-000	Water Commissioner Salary	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	-
001-450-5110-001	Water Clerk Wages	\$	15,195.00	\$	15,195.00	\$	15,194.40	\$	0.60
001-450-5110-002	Water Supt Salary	\$	79,432.00	\$	79,432.00	\$	79,432.00	\$	-
001-450-5110-003	Water Secondary Operator Wages	\$	7,519.00	\$	7,519.00	\$	6,435.51	\$	1,083.49
001-450-5110-004	Water Casual Labor	\$	1.00	\$	1.00	\$	-	\$	1.00
001-450-5700-000	Water Expenses	\$	40,915.00	\$	40,915.00	\$	29,017.58	\$	11,897.42
	<b>TOTAL WATER DEPT</b>	\$	144,862.00	\$	144,862.00	\$	131,879.49	\$	12,982.51
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$	9,228,621.00	\$	(7,153.92)	\$	8,668,446.33	\$	553,020.75
	<b>FY22 ARTICLES</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
001-122-5300-900	Vacation Data Research	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
001-122-5300-901	Update Master Plan	\$	16,695.00	\$	16,695.00	\$	-	\$	16,695.00
001-122-5700-903	Municipal Computers	\$	32,653.92	\$	32,653.92	\$	32,653.92	\$	-
001-122-5700-904	Policy Book Printing	\$	700.00	\$	700.00	\$	-	\$	700.00
001-122-5700-905	Town Match Lewis Field	\$	42,000.00	\$	42,000.00	\$	32,611.19	\$	9,388.81
001-122-5805-900	Fleet Repair / Replace	\$	35,000.00	\$	35,000.00	\$	-	\$	35,000.00
001-122-5820-900	Purchase Heller House	\$	24,500.00	\$	24,500.00	\$	24,354.92	\$	145.08
001-141-5300-900	Assessors Recertification	\$	6,500.00	\$	6,500.00	\$	6,500.00	\$	-
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$	9,228,621.00	\$	(7,153.92)	\$	8,668,446.33	\$	553,020.75
	<b>TOTAL CARRY FORWARD</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	227,562.75

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-192-5700-900	Replace Hot Water Boiler	\$	42,000.00		\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ -		
001-192-5700-901	TH Snow Cleats	\$	55,000.00		\$ 55,000.00	\$ 49,850.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 5,150.00	
001-210-5850-900	Police Cruiser	\$	55,000.00		\$ 55,000.00	\$ 34,645.66	\$ 20,354.34		\$ 20,354.34
001-220-5870-900	FD Pumper Truck	\$	95,000.00		\$ 95,000.00		\$ 95,000.00		\$ 95,000.00
001-231-5110-004	Emergency Squad Wages	\$	238,000.00	\$ 728.93	\$ 238,728.93	\$ 238,728.93	\$ -		
001-231-5700-000	Emergency Squad Expenses	\$	42,000.00	\$ (728.93)	\$ 41,271.07	\$ 40,954.30	\$ 316.77	\$ 316.77	
001-294-5700-900	Tree Removal	\$	60,000.00		\$ 60,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 55,000.00		\$ 55,000.00
001-422-5120-900	Highway Position Coverage	\$	9,000.00		\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,953.88	\$ 46.12	\$ 46.12	
001-422-5700-901	Center Line Painting	\$	7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -		
001-515-5700-900	Transfer Station Shed	\$	25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,801.27	\$ 14,198.73		\$ 14,198.73
001-541-5110-900	COA Director	\$	4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 104.50	\$ 3,895.50		\$ 3,895.50
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>		\$ -	\$ 795,548.92	\$ -	\$ 795,548.92	\$ 534,658.57	\$ 260,890.35	\$ 20,746.78	\$ 240,143.57
<b>TOTAL FY2022 BUDGET &amp; ARTICLES</b>		\$ -	\$ 10,024,169.92	\$ (7,153.92)	\$ 10,017,016.00	\$ 9,203,104.90	\$ 813,911.10	\$ 346,184.78	\$ 467,726.32
<b>TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</b>									
001-992-5962-000	Transfer to Special Revenue	\$	86,000.00		\$ 86,000.00	\$ 86,316.77	\$ (316.77)	\$ (316.77)	
001-996-5966-000	Transfer to Trust Funds	\$	50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</b>		\$ -	\$ 136,000.00	\$ -	\$ 136,000.00	\$ 136,316.77	\$ (316.77)	\$ (316.77)	\$ -
<b>TOTAL ALL FY2022 BUDGET &amp; ARTICLES</b>		\$ -	\$ 10,160,169.92	\$ (7,153.92)	\$ 10,153,016.00	\$ 9,339,421.67	\$ 813,594.33	\$ 345,868.01	\$ 467,726.32
<b>FY21 &amp; PRIOR ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD</b>									
000-122-5700-900	Install Street Lights	\$	2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
000-122-5805-000	Fleet Replace / Repair	\$	13,285.42		\$ 13,285.42	\$ 10,473.04	\$ 2,812.38		\$ 2,812.38
000-192-5942-003	Town Hall Chair Lift	\$	59,945.45		\$ 59,945.45	\$ -	\$ 59,945.45		\$ 59,945.45
000-220-5901-000	Fire Station Repairs	\$	19,577.68		\$ 19,577.68	\$ 5,230.10	\$ 14,347.58		\$ 14,347.58
000-515-5700-001	Transfer Station Concrete	\$	4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
001-122-5110-9000	Human Resource Position	\$	2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
001-122-5700-900	PEG Cable Access	\$	22,777.13		\$ 22,777.13	\$ 19,465.14	\$ 3,311.99		\$ 3,311.99
001-122-5700-906	Prior Year Bills	\$	188.74		\$ 188.74	\$ 188.74	\$ -		
001-146-5110-900	Muni Clerk Tax Coll Office	\$	2,048.75		\$ 2,048.75	\$ 305.50	\$ 1,743.25	\$ 1,743.25	
001-158-5700-001	Tax Title Recap	\$	15,537.90		\$ 15,537.90	\$ 43,069.93	\$ 2,467.97		\$ 2,467.97
001-179-5701-000	Master Plan Implementation	\$	9,232.98		\$ 9,232.98	\$ 6,881.46	\$ 9,232.98		\$ 9,232.98
001-192-5700-001	Muni Maint - TH Furnace	\$	6,881.46		\$ 6,881.46	\$ 6,881.46	\$ -		
001-220-5700-900	FD Engine 2 Repairs	\$	618.74		\$ 618.74	\$ 618.74	\$ -		
001-220-5700-902	Emergency Generator	\$	33,000.00		\$ 33,000.00	\$ -	\$ 33,000.00		\$ 33,000.00
001-220-5700-903	FD-Air Tanks/Clothing	\$	3,628.41		\$ 3,628.41	\$ 7,932.18	\$ 696.23		\$ 696.23
001-422-5700-004	HWY-Personal Safety	\$	1,327.70		\$ 1,327.70	\$ 304.94	\$ 1,022.76		\$ 1,022.76
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	\$	3.00		\$ 4.00	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	
001-422-5800-900	Roads-Reconst & Improve	\$	28,751.12		\$ 81,751.12	\$ 30,232.51	\$ 51,518.61		\$ 51,518.61
001-510-5700-001	BOH Building Condennation	\$	2,792.00		\$ 2,792.00	\$ -	\$ 2,792.00		\$ 2,792.00
001-610-5900-000	Library Bldg Repair & Maint	\$	4,803.68		\$ 4,803.68	\$ 4,620.00	\$ 183.68	\$ 183.68	
001-630-5803-900	South Pond Treatment	\$	25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00
<b>TOTAL FY21 &amp; PRIOR ARTICLES</b>		\$ 269,311.61	\$ 88,001.00	\$ -	\$ 357,312.61	\$ 129,322.28	\$ 227,990.33	\$ 4,430.93	\$ 223,559.40
<b>FY21 ENCUMBRANCES</b>									
001-135-5205-800	Audit	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323.00	
001-145-5200-800	Payroll Services	\$ 323.00			\$ 323.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323.00	



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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-145-5700-800	Treasures Expense	\$1,385.28			\$ 1,385.28	\$ 1,385.28	\$ -		
001-158-5200-800	Tax Title	\$450.00			\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -		
001-158-5700-800	Tax Title Recap	\$2,133.70			\$ 2,133.70	\$ 2,133.70	\$ -		
001-171-5110-800	Conservation Clerk Wages	\$229.50			\$ 229.50	\$ 229.50	\$ -		
001-175-5110-800	Planning Board Salary	\$500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -		
001-176-5700-800	Board of Appeals Expense	\$147.00			\$ 147.00	\$ 147.00	\$ -		
001-192-5700-800	Muni Property Maint	\$129.45			\$ 129.45	\$ 129.45	\$ -		
001-220-5700-801	Fire Expenses	\$750.00			\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -		
001-291-5700-800	Emergency Mgmt	\$106.76			\$ 106.76	\$ 106.76	\$ -		
001-310-5700-803	School Expenses	\$97,940.12			\$ 97,940.12	\$ 97,940.12	\$ -		
001-691-5700-800	Historical Comm	\$1,300.00			\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -		
001-693-5700-800	Cultural Council	\$4,191.75			\$ 4,191.75	\$ 4,191.75	\$ -		
001-911-5100-800	Retirement	\$5,870.00			\$ 5,870.00	\$ 5,870.00	\$ -		
001-913-5100-800	Unemployment	\$3,124.50			\$ 3,124.50	\$ 3,124.50	\$ -		
<b>TOTAL FY21 ENCUMBRANCES</b>		<b>\$133,581.06</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 133,581.06</b>	<b>\$ 133,258.06</b>	<b>\$ 323.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET, ARTICLES &amp; ENCUMBRANCES</b>		<b>\$ 402,892.67</b>	<b>\$ 10,248,170.92</b>	<b>\$ (7,153.92)</b>	<b>\$ 10,643,909.67</b>	<b>\$ 9,602,002.01</b>	<b>\$ 1,041,907.66</b>	<b>\$ 350,621.94</b>	<b>\$ 691,285.72</b>

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

		Fund Balances		Opening Balance		Rev		Exp		Balance/Entry	
		June 30, 2022									
<b>Special Revenue:</b>											
<b>Federal and State Grants:</b>											
004	Rural Aid	\$ 18,046.00	\$ 1,733.33	\$ 36,780.17	\$ 20,467.50	\$ 18,046.00					
018	School Title 1	\$ 4,615.42	\$ 3,501.73	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 38,886.31	\$ 4,615.42					
025	School ESSER Grant	-	\$ 7,470.30	\$ 4,297.00	\$ 11,767.30	-					
026	School Summer Learning Grant	-	\$ (3,255.57)	\$ 9,638.00	\$ 6,382.43	-					
030	FEMA / Cares Covid Grant	\$ 537.29	\$ 10,089.34	\$ 3,302.08	\$ 12,854.13	\$ 537.29					
031	CARES Mail in Voting	\$ 370.39	\$ 370.39	-	-	\$ 370.39					
032	ARPA Covid Grant	\$ 68,340.24	-	\$ 515,913.20	\$ 447,572.96	\$ 68,340.24					
035	School ESSER 2 Grant	\$ 60,573.21	\$ -	\$ 294,161.00	\$ 233,587.79	\$ 60,573.21					
036	School SOA Grant	-	\$ 25,603.57	-	\$ 25,603.57	-					
037	School P-EBT Grant	-	-	\$ 614.00	\$ 614.00	-					
049	Veterans COLA Grant	\$ 237.00	-	\$ 6,162.00	\$ 5,925.00	\$ 237.00					
050	Clean Lakes Grant	\$ 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	-	-	-					
054	SMRP DEP Grant	\$ 4,745.83	\$ 3,685.83	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 4,745.83					
061	Shared Streets Grant	\$ 156,611.18	-	\$ 156,611.18	-	\$ 156,611.18					
062	CC Records Mgmt Grant	\$ (33,945.00)	-	-	-	\$ (33,945.00)					
063	Lewis Field PARC Grant	\$ (65,716.63)	-	-	-	\$ (65,716.63)					
072	PD State Grant	-	-	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	-					
073	PD JAG Grant	-	-	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 13,400.00	-					
074	PD Traffic Signs Grant	-	\$ 20,251.00	-	\$ 20,251.00	-					
075	AHIR Demo Grant	\$ 680.00	\$ 680.00	-	-	\$ 680.00					
076	Fire Dept VFA Grant	\$ 979.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 1,956.00	\$ 979.00					
078	Covid BOH Grant	\$ 1,655.57	\$ 1,850.11	-	\$ 194.54	\$ 1,655.57					
079	ADA Town Hall State Grant	\$ 5,037.00	\$ (17,727.00)	\$ 22,764.00	-	\$ 5,037.00					
080	FD Turnout Gear Grant	-	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 10,000.00	-	-					
081	EOPS Fire Grant	\$ 7,819.50	\$ 7,819.50	-	-	\$ 7,819.50					
083	Fire Safe Grant	\$ 3,651.30	\$ 241.48	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 265.18	\$ 3,651.30					
087	Fire Senior Safe Grant	\$ 1,777.28	\$ 1,565.59	\$ 2,555.00	\$ 2,343.31	\$ 1,777.28					
089	FD AED Equipment Grant	\$ 0.25	-	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,499.75	\$ 0.25					
120	MEMA Cert Grant	\$ 2,292.46	\$ 2,292.46	\$ 2,699.86	\$ 2,699.86	\$ 2,292.46					
150	Arts Cultural Council	\$ 6,598.90	\$ 4,965.27	\$ 12,198.63	\$ 10,565.00	\$ 6,598.90					
161	Restoration Vital Records Grant	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	-	-	\$ 280.00					
175	Election/Polling Grant	\$ 2,557.26	\$ 2,557.26	-	-	\$ 2,557.26					
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	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 4,125.00	-	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,025.00					
242	FEMA/MEMA Grant	\$ 47.09	\$ 47.09	-	-	\$ 47.09					
244	Rice Corner Rd Culvert	\$ 15,470.83	\$ 15,470.83	-	-	\$ 15,470.83					
260	COA Formula Grant	\$ 2,747.77	\$ 179.32	\$ 9,348.00	\$ 6,779.55	\$ 2,747.77					
270	Clean Energy Grant	-	\$ 1,400.45	-	\$ 1,400.45	-					

290	Library State Grant	\$	9,110.55	\$	8,231.66	\$	8,290.04	\$	9,110.55
297	BOH Grant	\$	3,098.39	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,098.39
298	BOH Preparedness Grant	\$	75.96	\$	-	\$	-	\$	75.96
556	CDBG Block Grant	\$	11,331.65	\$	27,018.30	\$	27,018.30	\$	11,331.65
<b>Receipts Reserved For Appropriation:</b>									
055	TNC Ride Share	\$	66.60	\$	7.60	\$	-	\$	66.60
100	Ambulance	\$	458,856.00	\$	310,348.52	\$	280,000.00	\$	458,856.00
180	Cable PEG Access	\$	279,461.18	\$	41,588.58	\$	-	\$	279,461.18
<b>Revolving Funds:</b>									
006	Union 61-PreSchool Tuition	\$	62,697.65	\$	232,725.90	\$	179,010.60	\$	62,697.65
021	Extend Day	\$	12,671.21	\$	14,583.00	\$	30,403.91	\$	12,671.21
261	Wire Inspection Fees	\$	5,073.75	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,073.75
262	Planning Board Fees	\$	2,439.47	\$	1,500.00	\$	536.40	\$	2,439.47
263	South Pond Beach	\$	1,180.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,180.00
299	BOH	\$	1,070.00	\$	4,300.00	\$	3,250.00	\$	1,070.00
300	Recreation	\$	17,655.25	\$	13,150.00	\$	10,551.86	\$	17,655.25
340	Ins Under 20k	\$	4,151.88	\$	232.60	\$	-	\$	4,151.88
700	Police Detail	\$	(30,759.21)	\$	143,272.50	\$	146,171.00	\$	(30,759.21)
<b>Other Special Revenue:</b>									
002	Water	\$	189,535.77	\$	159,595.70	\$	155,218.49	\$	189,535.77
005	School Lunch	\$	122,516.01	\$	245,473.89	\$	168,085.84	\$	122,516.01
015	School Choice	\$	485,662.87	\$	234,452.00	\$	290,222.00	\$	485,662.87
057	Jeppson Lewis Field	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,500.00	\$	-
085	Fire Donations	\$	1,711.03	\$	360.00	\$	-	\$	1,711.03
090	Police Donations	\$	3,588.93	\$	300.00	\$	-	\$	3,588.93
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	\$	19,668.52	\$	14,333.93	\$	1,010.41	\$	19,668.52
124	Lewis Field Donations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,500.00	\$	-
125	SWEB Pilot Fees	\$	8,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	\$	8,000.00
160	RHE Coop	\$	6,603.27	\$	5,862.34	\$	2,957.08	\$	6,603.27
305	Dog Pound	\$	1,860.20	\$	1,860.20	\$	-	\$	1,860.20
315	Wetlands	\$	4,015.56	\$	3,118.06	\$	-	\$	4,015.56
350	Sale of Lots	\$	4,750.34	\$	4,750.34	\$	-	\$	4,750.34
351	Cemetery Preservation	\$	45,004.40	\$	44,984.40	\$	-	\$	45,004.40
500	Septic 100K	\$	96,378.19	\$	95,578.61	\$	-	\$	96,378.19
600	Septic 200K	\$	48,087.53	\$	48,087.53	\$	-	\$	48,087.53
605	Conservation	\$	317.50	\$	317.50	\$	-	\$	317.50
780	Library Donations	\$	687.90	\$	687.90	\$	-	\$	687.90
781	Town Hall Gift	\$	650.00	\$	650.00	\$	-	\$	650.00
784	Vetrans Donations	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	-	\$	250.00
795	Library Books	\$	275.00	\$	275.00	\$	-	\$	275.00
<b>Stabilization Funds:</b>									
873	Capital Stabilization	\$	86,006.55	\$	86,006.55	\$	-	\$	86,006.55
874	OSRP / Rec Stabilization	\$	4,223.63	\$	2,850.34	\$	-	\$	4,223.63
875	General Stabilization	\$	551,901.68	\$	(6,877.64)	\$	-	\$	551,901.68
879	PUR Property Improvement	\$	172.39	\$	177.93	\$	(5.54)	\$	172.39
<b>Total Special Revenue Funds</b>									
		\$	2,802,698.18	\$	2,672,648.00	\$	2,287,475.69	\$	2,795,698.18

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
CAPITAL PROJECTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2022	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
<b>State Grants (Other):</b>					
016 Chapter 90	\$ (190,107.82)	\$ (331,130.14)	\$ 331,420.30	\$ 190,397.98	\$ (190,107.82)
<b>Capital Projects:</b>					
371 Heller House	-	-	-	-	-
372 FD Pumper Truck	192,865.00	-	229,000.00	229,000.00	-
373 Playground	-	3,391.26	484,155.00	3,391.26	192,865.00
374 Lewis Field	-	(15,838.08)	-	(12,446.82)	-
375 Town Hall Roof	10,430.26	10,430.26	3,391.26	-	-
379 Police Station	390.29	390.29	-	-	10,430.26
380 Saw Mill Pond	105,959.28	105,959.28	750,078.00	750,078.00	390.29
450 School Construction	5,088.15	5,088.15	-	-	105,959.28
<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$ 124,625.16</b>	<b>\$ (221,708.98)</b>	<b>\$ 1,798,044.56</b>	<b>\$ 1,451,710.42</b>	<b>\$ 124,625.16</b>

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS AND AGENCY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

		Fund Balances June 30, 2022		Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
<b>Trust Funds:</b>							
<i>NON EXPENDABLE TRUST</i>							
840	Bemis Library Trust	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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
<i>OTHER TRUST FUNDS</i>							
750	OPEB Trust	\$ 43,209.62	\$ -	\$ 43,209.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,209.62
800	G.Washington Trees Trust	\$ 205.85	\$ 320.54	\$ (114.69)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 205.85
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	\$ 755.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 755.00
809	Jeppson Tree Trust	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.00
847	Bemis Library Trust	\$ 532.22	\$ 613.51	\$ (81.29)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 532.22
848	Estee Flower	\$ 1,563.79	\$ 1,644.81	\$ (81.02)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,563.79
850	Perpetual Care	\$ 51,152.22	\$ 47,850.92	\$ 3,301.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,152.22
855	Dr Pease Trust	\$ 1,730.70	\$ 1,772.24	\$ (41.54)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,730.70
860	Library Book Trust	\$ 5,676.32	\$ 5,489.77	\$ 186.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,676.32
861	Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.00
880	Rehab Trust	\$ 54,987.74	\$ 56,753.12	\$ (1,765.38)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,987.74
885	Firemens Relief Trust	\$ 3,311.27	\$ 3,431.62	\$ (120.35)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,311.27
<b>Agency Funds:</b>							
020	Student Activities	\$ 6,286.55	\$ 731.45	\$ 13,058.51	\$ 7,503.41	\$ 6,286.55	\$ 6,286.55
735	Firearms Overlay-Pistol Permits	\$ 5,942.48	\$ 7,354.48	\$ 7,013.00	\$ 8,425.00	\$ 5,942.48	\$ 5,942.48
738	Deputy Collector	\$ (1,267.23)	\$ (1,270.72)	\$ 6,941.49	\$ 6,938.00	\$ (1,267.23)	\$ (1,267.23)
739	Cooley Hill	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
740	Planning Board Review	\$ 262,572.00	\$ 2,218.00	\$ 260,594.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 262,572.00	\$ 262,572.00
<i>BID DEPOSITS</i>							
730	Driveway Permits	\$ 36,451.93	\$ 28,751.93	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 36,451.93	\$ 36,451.93
901	Highway Bid Bonds	\$ 2,230.00	\$ -	\$ 2,230.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,230.00
<b>Total Trust Funds</b>		\$ 637,645.97	\$ 318,722.18	\$ 346,530.20	\$ 27,606.41	\$ 637,645.97	\$ 637,645.97

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### Open Meeting Law

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

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

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

### Census

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

### Dog Licenses

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

### Vital Statistics

Deaths-39 Births-27 Marriages-19

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Michael P. Seery**  
Town Clerk



## MARRIAGES & INTENTIONS 2022

(Filed in Brookfield)

Intention No.	To Whom Issued	Date of Marriage	Registered No
1	LUKE MCGARR TO RACHAEL ST. LOUIS	February 22, 2022	1
2	ALISSA HAYES TO RICHARD ROLLINS	April 1, 2022	2
3	FELICITY MELILLO TO CHAD ZGRADDEN	June 4, 2022	5
4	ALICIA COTE TO JOSEPH LETOURNEUX	June 4, 2022	4
5	SARAH ANDERSON TO MICHAEL WRONA	May 21, 2022	3
6	NICHOLAS CLEVELAND TO NICHOLLE MOORE	May 28, 2022	6
7	CONNOR MORROW TO AMANDA SNOW	June 11, 2022	7
8	ELEANOR BLODGET TO BRIAN FOURNIER	July 16, 2022	8
9	KIM CASAGRANDA TO ERIC J. SMITH	August 21, 2022	9
10	ANDREW DORAN TO DINNEA DIGRIGOLI	September 24, 2022	11
11	SPENCER CURBELO TO CATHERINE CANCELMO	October 6, 2022	17
12	TAIYA PATNODE TO DAYTONA BARROWS	Saturday, September 24, 2022	15
13	HANNAH FORGIT TO RYAN PONTBRIAND	Saturday, September 24, 2022	12
14	MICHAEL WHALEN TO KELSEY NIEMIC	Tuesday, September 20, 2022	10
15	SEAN MATT TO BRYANNA REILLY	Saturday, September 24, 2022	13
16	DYLAN POND TO PATRICIA KAMENDULIS	Saturday, September 24, 2022	14
17	PAIGE CONSTANTINEAU TO DYLLON TATRO	Sunday, October 2, 2022	16
18	JENNIFER FEDIRIKO TO DWAYNE JOHNSON	Monday, December 26, 2022	18
19	ROBIN McCANN TO BRIAN LIVELY JR	Monday, December 26, 2022	19

## DEATHS 2022

	Name	Date of Death	Age at Death	Military Service
1	Mark G. Christo	Sunday, January 2, 2022	63	
2	Janet F. Boucher	Wednesday, January 5, 2022	99	
3	Beverly Wentworth	Wednesday, January 19, 2022	85	
4	Vernon Dumbar	Thursday, January 20, 2022	74	
5	Harris Gray	Sunday, January 23, 2022	88	
6	Nancy Lee Finney	Saturday, January 29, 2022	83	
7	James W. Wilson	Friday, February 4, 2022	90	
8	Claire Picking	Sunday, February 6, 2022	81	
9	Craig Thompson	Thursday, February 24, 2022	61	
10	Esther Krasnecky	Saturday, March 12, 2022	97	
11	Luann Hurlbrink	Monday, March 14, 2022	66	
12	Helen L. Earle	Saturday, March 19, 2022	84	
13	Daniel Leahy	Monday, March 21, 2022	56	
14	Beverly Macleod	Friday, March 25, 2022	90	
15	Jeanine M. Clark	Monday, March 28, 2022	66	
16	John Watterson	Friday, April 1, 2022	79	Vietnam-Air Force-E1
17	Kristie Czesnowski	Friday, April 1, 2022	49	
18	Roy Couture	Friday, April 29, 2022	85	
19	Douglas McNeely	Sunday May 1, 2022	81	Vietnam-Coast Guard-E6
20	JoAnn Gorham	Saturday, April 23, 2022	79	
21	Daniel R. Dally	Sunday, April 24, 2022	72	
22	Eleanor M. Gadbois	Tuesday, April 26, 2022	75	
23	Wilma J. Lincoln	Wednesday, May 11, 2022	84	
24	Bonnie S. Olson	Tuesday, May 24, 2022	70	
25	Timothy Vincequere	Saturday, May 28, 2022	77	
26	Craig Webster	Wednesday, June 15, 2022	84	
27	Wendy Waegall	Saturday, July 2, 2022	64	
28	Paulette John	Sunday, July 3, 2022	79	
29	Robert Fenneuff	Tuesday, July 5, 2022	61	
30	Marion Planta	Wednesday, July 6, 2022	92	
31	Kenneth Gates	Monday, July 11, 2022	83	Vietnam-Navy
32	Michael J. Drab	Saturday, July 16, 2022	73	
33	Patricia A. Tuttle	Tuesday, July 26, 2022	94	
34	Michelle Duvall	Sunday, August 14, 2022	68	
35	Peter Carbone	Monday, September 5, 2022	85	
36	Peter Bard	Monday, October 31, 2022	89	Korea
37	Troy Miner	Saturday, November 19, 2022	59	
38	Neal Day	Monday, December 12, 2022	73	Vietnam
39	Daniel Burgos	Tuesday, December 27, 2022	52	



## BUSINESS CERTIFICATES ISSUED 2022

Business Name	To Whom Issued	Address
Brookfield Barks	Rachel White	13 Pine Lane
Greg's Repair	Greg Braconier	28 Lake Road
J.P. McCarthy & Sons	John McCarthy	4 West Brookfield Road
Final Touch Interior Painting	Anthony Casucci	14 Martin Road
JSM Stoneworks LLC	Joshua Murphy	11A South Maple Street
JWS Logging Company LLC	Jeremy Smith	1 Lincoln Street
Steves Performance & Mobile Marine	Steven Thibeault	14 Post Road
Pacman Electrical LLC	Phillip Chaffee	29 Fiskdale Road
Unique Painting & Service	Sugeiry Lopez	176 Rice Corner Road
Brookfield Barks	Rachel White	13 Pine Lane
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<b>Annual Town Election Results Report</b>	
<b>Monday May 2, 2022</b>	
<b>Brookfield Town Hall</b>	
<b>6 Central Street</b>	
<b>Brookfield MA 01506</b>	
<b>Total Ballots Cast for the Election = 400 out of 2,594 Voters</b>	
<b>Moderator-1Year</b>	
Blanks	145
<b>William J. Gillmeister</b>	<b>236</b>
Write-Ins	19
<b>Board of Selectmen-3 Years</b>	
Blanks	106
<b>Linda M. Lincoln</b>	<b>287</b>
Write-Ins	7
<b>Shade Tree Trustee</b>	
Blanks	375
<b>Michelle Clark</b>	<b>15 of 25 Write in votes</b>
Write-Ins	<b>25</b>
<b>Board of Assessors- 3 Years</b>	
Blanks	97
<b>Richard A. Chaffee</b>	<b>297</b>
Write-Ins	6
<b>Planning Board-5 Years</b>	
Blanks	98
<b>Kevin Erkkila</b>	<b>287</b>
Write-Ins	15
<b>Planning Board-3 Years</b>	
Blanks	315
<b>Jeffrey King</b>	<b>75 of 85 Write in votes</b>
Write Ins	85
<b>Elementary School Committee-3 Years</b>	
Blanks	88
<b>Megan J. Cunningham</b>	<b>310</b>
Write-Ins	2
<b>Cemetery Commissioner-3 Years</b>	
Blanks	94
<b>Patrick J. O'Day</b>	<b>306</b>
Write-Ins	0
<b>Water Commissioner-3 Years</b>	
Blanks	101
<b>Robert R. Barnes</b>	<b>296</b>
Write-Ins	3
<b>Board of Health- 3 Years</b>	
Blanks	116
<b>Maureen E. Lepak</b>	<b>283</b>

Write-Ins	1
<b>Public Library Trustee-3 Years-Vote for Two</b>	
Blanks	244
<b>Sally M. Brown</b>	<b>304</b>
<b>Erica L. Robert</b>	<b>252</b>
Write-Ins Total	53
<b>Town Clerk</b>	
Blanks	82
<b>Michael P. Seery</b>	<b>316</b>
Write-Ins	2
<b>Regional School Committee</b>	
Blanks	3
<b>Andrew H. Dunn</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>William J. Gillmeister</b>	<b>155</b>
Write-Ins	0
<b>Constable- 3 Years-Vote for Two</b>	
Blanks	240
<b>Mark C. Grubbs</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>Richard A. Lapierre</b>	<b>278</b>
<b>Write- Ins</b>	<b>1</b>

Certified this 5th Day of May 2022: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Michael P. Seery-Town Clerk**



<b>Election Results Report-Democratic Party</b>	
<b>State Primary</b>	
<b>Brookfield MA 01506</b>	
<b>Tuesday September 6, 2022</b>	
<b>Total Ballots Cast for the Democratic Ballot = 200</b>	
<b>Governor-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	2
S.R. Chang -Diaz	41
Maura Healey	234
Write-Ins	1
<b>Lieutenant Governor-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	5
Kimberley Driscoll	111
Tami Gouveia	50
Write-Ins	0
<b>Attorney General-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	5
Andrea Joy Campbell	113
S.E. Liss-Riordan	124
Quentin P. Lesser	112
Write-Ins	0
<b>Secretary of State-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	0
William F. Galvin	192
Tanisha M. Sullivan	86
Write-Ins	0
<b>Treasurer-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	29
Deborah B. Goldberg	249
Write-Ins	0
<b>Auditor-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	14
Christopher Dempsey	104
Diana DiZoglio	160
Write-Ins	0

<b>Representative in Congress-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	27
Richard E. Neal	251
Write-Ins	0
<b>Councillor-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	36
Paul M. Depalo	240
Write-Ins	0
<b>Senator in General Court-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	19
Anne M. Gobi	259
Write-Ins	0
<b>Representative in General Court-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	220
Write-Ins	58
<b>District Attorney-Democrat</b>	
Blanks	41
Joseph D. Early Jr.	236
Write-Ins	0
<b>Sheriff -Democrat</b>	
Blanks	46
David M. Fontaine	232
Write-Ins	0

**CERTIFIED THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**MICHAEL P. SEERY-TOWN CLERK**

<b>Election Results Report-Republican Party</b>	
<b>State Primary</b>	
<b>Brookfield MA 01506</b>	
<b>Tuesday September 6, 2018</b>	
<b>Governor-Republican</b>	
Blanks	4
Geoff Diehl	105
Chris Doughty	108
Write-Ins	0
<b>Lieutenant Governor-Republican</b>	
Blanks	7
Leah V Allen	62
Kate Campanale	148
Write-Ins	1
<b>Attorney General-Republican</b>	
Blanks	35
James R. McMahon III	179
Write-Ins	0
<b>Secretary of State-Republican</b>	
Blanks	37
Rayla Campbell	177
Write-Ins	3
<b>Treasurer-Republican</b>	
Blanks	195
Write-Ins	1
<b>Auditor-Republican</b>	
Blanks	46
Anthony Amore	169
Write-Ins	3
<b>Representative in Congress-Republican</b>	
Blanks	41
Dean James Martilli	173
Write-Ins	3
<b>Councillor-Republican</b>	

Blanks	41
Gary Galonek	173
Write-Ins	3
<b>Senator in General Court-Republican</b>	
Blanks	42
James A. Amorello	173
Write- Ins	
<b>Representative in General Court-Republican</b>	
Blanks	28
Donald Berthiaume Jr.	185
Write-Ins	4
<b>District Attorney-Republican</b>	
Blanks	181
Write-Ins	36
Sheriff	
Blanks	38
Lewis G. Evangelidis	175
Write-Ins	4

CERTIFIED SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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MICHAEL P. SEERY



<b>Election Results Report</b>	
<b>STATE ELECTIONS</b>	
<b>Brookfield MA 01506</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER 8, 2022</b>	
<b>Total Ballots Cast for the Election = 1,481</b>	
<b>GOVERNOR &amp; LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b>	
Diehl & Allen	744
Healey & Driscoll	684
Reed & Everett	44
Write-Ins	0
Blanks	29
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>	
Andrea Joy Campbell	668
James R. McMahon III	783
Shannon Erika Liss-Riordan	0
Write-Ins	1
Blanks	29
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>	
William Francis Galvin	726
Rayla Campbell	683
Juan G. Sanchez Jr.	50
Tanisha M. Sullivan	0
Write-Ins	0
Blanks	22
<b>TREASURER</b>	
Deborah B. Goldberg	804
Cristina Crawford	482
Write-Ins	191
Blanks	4
<b>AUDITOR</b>	
Anthony Amore	740
Diana Dizoglio	544
Gloria A. Caballero-Roca	51
Dominic Giannone, III	39
Daniel Werner Riek	47
Christopher S. Dempsey	0
Write-Ins	0
Blanks	33
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>	
Richard E. Neal	705
Dean James Martilli	742

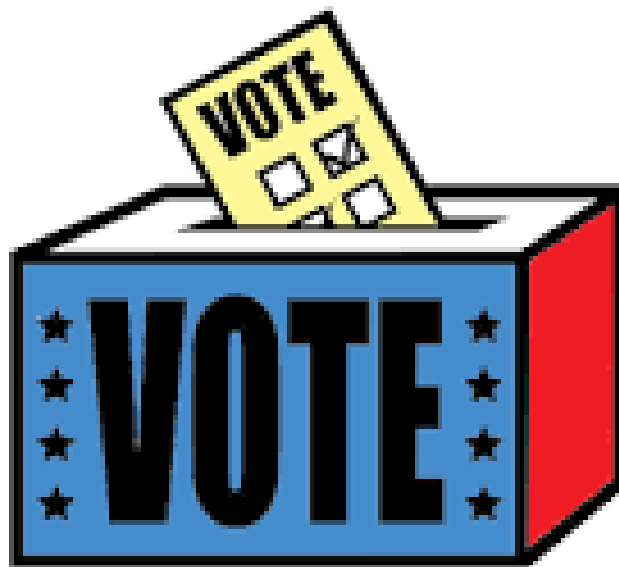


Alex B. Morse	0	
Write Ins	1	
Blanks	33	
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>		
Paul M. Depalo	629	
Gary Galonek	810	
Write Ins	0	
Blanks	42	
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>		
Joseph D. Early Jr.	1003	
Write Ins	27	
Blanks	451	
<b>SHERRIFF</b>		
Lewis G. Evangelidis	920	
David M. Fontaine	519	
Write Ins	0	
Blanks	42	
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>		
Anne M. Gobi	783	
Steven R. Hall	678	
Write Ins	0	
Blanks	20	
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>		
Donald R. Berthiaume Jr.		1139
Write Ins	29	
Blanks	313	
<b>QUESTION 1 ADDITIONAL TAX ON INCOME OVER 1 MILLION DOLLARS</b>		
Yes	607	
No	827	
Blanks	47	
<b>QUESTION 2 DENTAL BENEFITS LAW</b>		
Yes	890	
No	553	
Blanks	38	
<b>QUESTION 3 ALCOHOL RETAIL REFORM LAW</b>		
Yes	543	
No	879	
Blanks	59	
<b>QUESTION 4 REPEAL DRIVER'S LICENSE LAW</b>		
Yes	562	
No	866	
Blanks	53	
<b>QUESTION 5<sup>TH</sup> WORCESTER DISTRICT-CARBON CASH BACK</b>		
Yes	486	

No	820
Blanks	175

<b>Special Town Election Results Report</b>	
Tuesday November 8, 2022	
Brookfield Town Hall	
6 Central Street	
Brookfield MA 01506	
Total Ballots Cast for the Election = 1,240 out of 2,613 Voters	
<b>Board of Selectmen-3 Years</b>	
Blanks	204
<b>Bradford Jay Kadelski</b>	<b>1,014</b>
<b>Board of Selectmen-2 Years</b>	
Blanks	164
<b>Thomas E. Regan</b>	<b>1,049</b>
Write- Ins	27

Certified this 10th Day of November 2022: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Michael P. Seery-Town Clerk**



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2022 STATE PRIMARY

SS.

To the Constables of the City/Town of BROOKFIELD

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at: THE BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL LOCATED AT 6 CENTRAL STREET BROOKFIELD MA 01506

On **TUESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

GOVERNOR	For this Commonwealth
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	For this Commonwealth
ATTORNEY GENERAL	For this Commonwealth
SECRETARY OF STATE	For this Commonwealth
TREASURER	For this Commonwealth
AUDITOR	For this Commonwealth
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	FIRST DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	WORCESTER
DISTRICT	
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	FIFTH DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	MIDDLE DISTRICT
SHERIFF	WORCESTER COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.  
(month)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**BETH L. COUGHLIN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**LINDA M. LINCOLN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**ADAM J. JOLICOUER**  
**SELECTBOARD OF BROOKFIELD**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2022.  
**RICHARD A. LAPIERRE-CONSTABLE**

**POSTED AT THE BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL AND THE BROOKFIELD POST OFFICE**

Warrant must be posted by **August 30, 2022** (at least *seven days prior* to the **September 6, 2022** State Primary)

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

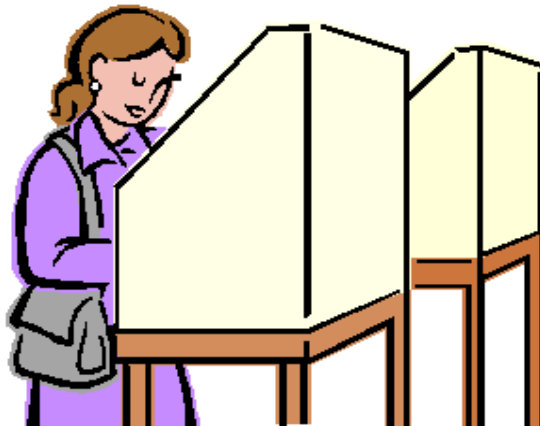
Elections and Town Meetings held in 2022:

Annual Town Election-Monday May 2, 2022  
Annual Town Meeting-Thursday June 3, 2022  
State Primary-Tuesday September 6, 2022  
State Election-Tuesday November 8, 2022  
Town Election-Thursday November, 10, 2022

There were no issues during any of the 4 elections or Town meetings. We thank our dedicated election workers and constables that helped during the election and town meeting. The election and town meeting results can be found in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois O'Leary, Chairman of the Board of Registrars  
Shirley Sanborn  
Carol Plumb  
Michael P. Seery, Clerk of the Board of Registrars



## REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

In 2022, the Brookfield Town Hall Improvement Committee continued to oversee the design, planning and management of many large and small projects throughout our Town Hall.

We continued to address Town Hall ADA issues throughout the year including installing a transformer on the ADA ramp entry door to help it open quicker, replacing failing ADA door handles and improving the lighting on the second floor stairway, landing and ramp. New ADA tables for meetings in the Banquet Hall were ordered but only one table arrived and it arrived damaged and was returned to the distributor. We will continue to look into replacing the tables.

A series of office relocations and buildouts continued through year end. Relocations included the Accountant, Board of Health, Municipal Clerk, Grant writer, all Board's Clerk, Select Board, Town Administrator and Treasurer, with the last two offices now residing on the second floor in completely renovated offices. New signage will be installed to direct visitors to the new office locations.

In 2022 King Systems completed their review of our record storage areas ending with a large amount of documentation being shredded. The basement record storage room is now organized and it is much easier to find information down there. King Systems will be in on an annual basis to review documentation and shred what needs to be destroyed to help prevent us from ending up with a mess again.

The front lobby and the small lobby outside of the Janitor's office were repainted this year. The Janitor's office was completely cleaned and reorganized, and a workbench brought in to help with janitorial tasks.

The original contractor selected to install a stairlift to the second floor has been replaced by a new contractor and plans are to on begin work on the installation of the lift in 2023.

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

Other issues our committee is continuing to work on include:

- Upgrade Banquet Hall lighting with LED lighting**
- Repair hump in lobby floor**
- Upgrade security system**
- Town Hall tower bell support replacement project**
- Front door renovation/replacement**
- Addressing ADA compliance issues as they arise**
- Replace curtain in front lobby with new curtains on the second floor at the top of the stairs to help save heat**
- Regrade in front of Town Hall to better shed rainwater**
- Town Hall smoke detectors installation**
- Elevator installation**
- Basement dehumidifier installation**
- Renovation of the large hall on second floor of Town Hall**
- Overall structural integrity of Town Hall (CDBG and CIPC)**
- implementation of a Janitorial Maintenance schedule**



### Town Hall Improvement Committee Members

William R. Simpson (2023) (Chair)  
Mary Lou Knight (2022) (Clerk)  
Don Taft (2023)  
Carol Plumb (2024)  
Al Jones (2022) (Treasurer)

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



**REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
Payroll 2022**

<b>Name</b>	<b>YTD Gross</b>
Adams Shaun	64,041.38
Allard Jacob	3,415.06
Allen Serenity	4,406.70
Anderson Terry L.	19,671.21
Annunziata Katrina	71,299.25
Aubin Margaret	10,398.82
Avery Brian P	430.00
Barnes Robert R	600.00
Barringer Ashley B.	82,659.85
Beauchamp Jeffrey M	3,894.05
Bek Rebecca I	86.00
Blanchard Michael K.	98,612.67
Blash Rachel K	16,948.11
Brecht Timothy R	59,562.72
Budnik Steven J.	4,106.05
Buffum Cassandra M	5,200.26
Campbell Sarah E	2,261.00
Carmody Thomas M	526.60
Caron Blake T	347.30
Casey Mary E.	72,400.79
Casey Paula	85,399.08
Chaffee II Herbert A.	6,187.66
Chaffee Philip A.	2,543.34

Chisholm Holly J.	33,042.30
Choquet Rebecca Ellen	63,005.36
Clark Megan M	47,688.14
Clarke Bruce	795.59
Clarke Dennis J.	81,372.66
Coughlin Beth	2,000.00
Couming Bonnie	59,615.71
Cournoyer Jessica	375.00
Courtney Cameron J	1,103.22
Courtney Stacy A	381.36
Couture Gretchen E.	20,579.46
Couture Kayla A	25,754.19
Cunningham Megan J	375.00
Daniels Sean	684.42
Davol Elizabeth	9,628.33
Day Forris B	628.86
Decell Jamie L	584.25
DeLcid Jena Marie	53,491.68
DeMartino Alissa	48,953.79
Donovan Erin E	735.00
Dowgielewicz Brett Charles	1,912.82
Dowgielewicz Cole John	1,730.48
Driscoll Daniel	1,934.09
Dufault Justin	49,970.07
Duggan Jessica N	24,419.61
Dunham Janice E	15,722.31
Dunn Andrew	375.00
Dunn Brianna	7,140.00
Dunn Kian B	17,413.92
Duval Michael J	54,196.11
Dwyer Elizabeth A.	105.00
Edgette III Charles E	1,713.14
Ehrhard Karen Ann	3,298.82
Erkkila Kevin	500.00
Esser Daniel J.	12,586.90
Falter Robert G	500.00
Fancy Rebecca L.	27,186.18
Farinato Mallory M.	85,760.29
Faugno Andrea	3,199.27

Ferreira Kimberly	85,260.29
Foley Herbert Lee	11,941.04
Foley Lisa Ann	36,643.49
Forand Kevin	35,831.48
Ford Douglas	570.00
Forgit Claudia	6,582.50
Freeland Susan M	150.00
Gaulin Louise D	584.27
Gemboski Kelly J	9,839.76
Germain Thomas	2,168.54
Ghantous Nicole	24,204.82
Gibson-Kiesiner Belinda A.	83,809.85
Gillen Sherry L.	26,819.17
Gillmeister William	50.00
Goguen Sarah	27,756.90
Gorman Christopher	500.00
Goyette Thomas	5,985.00
Graves Matthew A.	27,268.93
Grimes Ernest	16,975.53
Hague Jacqueline M.	28,363.89
Haley Jay R	50.60
Harvey Nicole I	19,058.93
Hayes Kelly A.	26,854.00
Hazen Ashley N	192.38
Herbert Donald L.	72,448.45
Hirtle George	5,763.53
Hodlin Nils C	16,219.20
Hosterman Kathleen V.	120,211.45
Jalbert Jolene M	79,453.02
Jolicoeur Adam	1,833.33
Jones Alan K	56,540.27
Joubert Breana L	6,842.76
Kadelski Bradford J	333.34
Karrmann Keith	451.00
King Patricia A.	17,401.46
Labuski Janice E.	47,625.82
Lafleur Donna	36,204.83
Lamoureux-Kane Danielle	375.00
Lane-Carmody Amy Jean	74,671.37



Lapierre Carole R	213.75
Lapine Gary W	5,213.52
LaPorte-Rivera Cayla	4,393.53
Lapriore Matthew	66,345.60
Lardizzone Julie	67,894.42
LaRocca Cathy	19,584.56
Latour Kathryn	315.00
Ledoux Michelle C	77,610.64
Leger Ashley M	16,342.91
Leger Christopher Michael	840.79
Lepak Maureen E	106.68
Lincoln Linda M.	6,167.13
Lovely Mark S	483.82
Lyon Sarah F	52.38
MacLeod Linda E.M.	1,148.00
Macleod William E.	2,152.95
Mahoney Sharon A.	500.00
Mannix Nancy E	759.00
Mansfield Scot M.	3,166.04
Marino Sean T.	94,525.65
Marks Ashley M	283.05
Mars Samantha M	53,765.80
Marshall Jeremy	5,521.04
Martell David G.	3,176.00
Martell Peter E.	95,991.39
McNeaney James A	382.00
Merlo David	260.10
Merriam Jesse	2,163.33
Metterville Brenda D.	54,889.45
Mieltowski Paul J	41,457.51
Milner James C	25,718.55
Monahan Jean E.	69,622.07
Morin Jeffrey S.	375.00
Morin-Wermter Donna M.	79,608.06
Murphy Lee	95,298.00
Murphy Melissa K	70,146.14
Muzarol Jr. Claude J.	931.96
Muzarol Jr. Claude J.	739.49
Nickerson Stephen	3,717.81

Niles Matthew R	13,430.37
O'Connell Joanne	27,583.58
O'Connell Nicholas	36,570.67
O'Leary Lois	16,554.91
O'Neill Karen	66,099.35
Paras Lindsey P.	51,005.91
Parish Brenda	56,889.45
Parker Colleen Joy	84,760.29
Pinero Egbert	57,786.08
Pontbriand Ryan M.	77,677.21
Pressman Sarah D	52,024.75
Prideaux Sara M	1,667.76
Proulx Heidi L.	119.54
Quattrocelli Luke	4,593.00
Resseguie Karen	47,683.20
Richards Amanda V	47,686.72
Robbins Kelli A	82,183.90
Rockwood Lindsey	26,997.53
Roderick Matthew	1,286.77
Rodrigues Angelia	73,237.48
Rose Jon	575.43
Ryan-Colon Jennifer	23,981.05
Sagendorph Joan D.	2,990.17
Sargent Damien R	3,819.56
Savluk Ariana	17,563.92
Seery Michael	48,012.86
Simmons Meredith K.	40,849.50
Simonds Diane Ashley	40,629.43
Simonelli Tracey A.	27,081.15
Simpson Katherine S.	12,585.80
Skaza Peter Joseph	48,938.14
Smith Kaitlyn M	70,296.14
Spence Shelbia	602.00
St. Peter Lesley Marie	125.00
Stearns Bryan	2,675.12
Straight Rebecca Lee	34,529.72
Taft Donald	600.00
Tarr Helen E.	89,786.08
Taylor Jeffrey P.	18,516.92

Taylor Julia R	36,125.46
Taylor Michelle L	1,537.54
Thayer Sharon E	61,214.51
Thomo Nicholas	12,862.52
Thompson William F.	1,141.00
VonHold Carrie	26,589.71
Wall Robert F.	4,716.00
Wassmer Ron	1,279.90
Watterson Carol A	774.00
Weagle Candyce H	1,994.05
Weissman Mark A	39,129.47
White Jeffrey R.	6,304.32
Whittemore Eric D	11,992.88
Woodard Louise	28.50
Young Margaret	27,871.35
Zachariewicz John	598.00

**Tax Title Collections**

Tax Title Principal	80,083.54
Tax Title Penalties, Interest, and Fees	53,287.00



## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In 2022 approximately 40 hazardous trees were removed by the Tree Warden from Lake Road, Long Hill Road, Rice Corner Road, Lamb Street, and Lincoln Street. Simultaneously, hazardous trees over the utility lines were identified and brought to National Grid's attention. As a result, many trees town wide have been removed by National Grid contractors. We have seen a noticeable improvement in damage and downed trees during storms.

In closing I would like to thank Chaffee Tree and White's Tree Care for their assistance and scheduling flexibility while working with the Highway Department to remove hazardous trees. Also, I would like to thank National Grid's forestry division for their continued support and efforts in the Town of Brookfield.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Pontbriand, Served as Tree Warden until November 30, 2022

December 12, 2022: Notified National Grid's Senior Supervisor of Central Forestry, Brande Tarantino, that I was appointed as the new Tree Warden for the Town of Brookfield. Discussed with Brande National Grid's annual vegetation management/Hazard tree removal plan for the Town. Currently National Grid is performing maintenance pruning on Circuit 408L1 which comes out of Sturbridge. There is no planned maintenance work on any other Circuits that feed Brookfield for the following fiscal year which runs April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.



December 13, 2022: Contacted Bill Stendrup, Davey Resource Group INC, to discuss his experience as Brookfield's Tree Warden and seek any advice which he had to offer from his experience.

December 21, 2022: Received a call from Ralph Nichols, 12 Howard Street, about a town tree which was damaged during a prior storm taking down power lines. National Grid restored service but left debris which remained on his property. I contacted the Highway Department Superintendent, Ryan Pontbriand, who promptly responded to the property and cleaned the debris.

A risk assessment of the Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*) tree at this location was completed and assessed as high risk and should be removed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denis Tucker, Tree Warden



## REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S AGENT

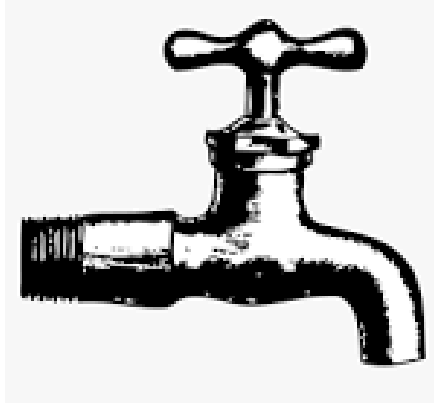
Calendar year 2022 saw an increase in requests from the Veteran Community to investigate ways to deal with the economy. Applications for Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115 Benefits, while maintaining approximately the same number of recipients, the losses due to passing and new applications were level.

The major problem in any given calendar year is to reach out to our disabled veterans and those who are housebound that need assistance. As we live in an area that has more than 50% of residents that are of retirement age, there is an increased concern. Some may need assistance in their daily lives such as personal hygiene or household chores. Others may need assistance to mow or rake lawns and minor home repairs.

For those veterans and widows of veterans who are in need of assistance, I am only a phone call away (508)344-5592. For the residents of the Town of Brookfield, if you know of a veteran or a widow of a veteran that is need of services, please contact me. Thank you.



## REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT



### **BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**

Commissioners:

Donald R. Taft, Chairman (2023)

Robert Barnes (2025)

Al Jones (2024)

Superintendent: Dennis Clarke

Administrative assistant: Holly Chisolm

Secondary Operators:

Jeffrey Beauchamp, Jacob Allard, Bruce Clarke

The Brookfield Water Department provides an uninterrupted supply of drinking water to Brookfield water customers.

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

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

Highlights of the 2022 Water Department actions included:

- Maintained full compliance with all state and federal drinking water standards and guidelines.
- Completed water main replacement project on Central St using ARPA Grant funding.
- Hosted 4th annual regional water department meeting.

- Design phase for water main replacement on Green St in FY24 using CBDG grant funding.
- The department responded to water customers who contacted the office with questions or concerns.
- In an effort to extend the life of our source water wells the Water Commissioners suspended bulk pool truck water sales. This is due to a decrease in well performance and a reduction in available water.

The Water Department treated and pumped 29,921,600 gallons of water in 2022. We currently have 487 active water service connections in town. The system consists of the four wells, Treatment Plant, 500,000-gallon standpipe, approximately 9 miles of water mains, and 82 fire hydrants.

REVENUE:	FY20 REPORT July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020	FY21 REPORT July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021	FY22 REPORT July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022
Water Customers	\$97,913.70	\$123,297.90	\$128,761.47
Bulk Pool Water	\$21,214.31	\$23,483.90	\$24,092.69
Demand/ Interest	\$2,214.31	\$6,030.38	\$4,048.71
On/Off/Repair Fees	\$1,421.79	\$1,800.50	\$845.00
Backflow/ Sprinkler	\$1,043.00	\$1,988.00	\$1,455.00
New Services	\$500.00	\$1,000	\$0
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$124,216.35</b>	<b>\$163,600.12</b>	<b>\$159,202.87</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Operating Expenses	\$31,589.54	\$36,457.13	29,017.59
Wages	\$95,393.51	\$99,724.06	\$102,861.90
<b>Total Annual Exp.</b>	<b>\$127,529.05</b>	<b>\$136,181.19</b>	<b>\$131,879.49</b>
<b>SURPLUS:</b>			
Annual Surplus	\$(3,312.71)	\$27,418.83	\$27,323.38
<b>CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT:</b>			
Capitol Expenses	\$0	\$12,844.00	\$10,559.83 \$560,068.01 ARPA Grant

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

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

Regular office hours were maintained to assist the Building Inspector to expedite permit required projects in assuring compliance to the Town's Zoning Bylaws. During the 2022 year, this office has taken and responded to approximately 85 calls and 25 email requests.

Three (3) projects were denied by the Zoning Officer and subsequently documented and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for special permit or variance approval.

Two (2) projects were denied by the Zoning Officer and subsequently documented and referred to the Planning Board for special permit approval.

There were several letters sent to individual property owners identifying specific zoning infractions and requesting that they comply with the zoning bylaws to avoid further action and possible fines. In most cases, these have been well received and the property was corrected of the violation. In some cases, I was able to utilize other departments to help enforce the request to comply to avoid using Town Counsel to avoid additional expenses to the town.

I continue to respond to complaints to resolve zoning infractions and violations in the town and will work with other departments and the residents to insure that the rules and regulations set forth by the Town of Brookfield are being followed. Legal counsel will continue to be used only when absolutely necessary to help persuade residents to comply with the bylaws. Co-operation and compliance with the zoning bylaws, decisions of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, ZBA, Planning Board, Board of Health and respect for neighbors is appreciated and helps to reduce the cost to the Town of Brookfield when issues can be settled without the need for Town Counsel assistance.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicholas Thomo  
Zoning Enforcement Officer

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## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets when a Special Permit, Variance, or Administrative Appeal is initiated. This year was busy for the first 8 months with 6 hearings and one executive session. After that, ZBA activity stopped as there were no applications for the rest of the year.

The 6 hearings were for one special permit for a second principal use (approved), and 5 dimensional variances of which 4 were approved and one denied. All of the above actions were voted unanimously (whether denied or approved) except one variance that was approved 4-1.

One long standing court case involving the ZBA is ongoing in court presently.

The ZBA makes rulings primarily according to the Zoning Bylaws of Brookfield and also works with the support of Selectmen, Planning, Town Administrator, Town Clerk and Assessors Office.

Submitted on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals





**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
Friday, June 3, 2022  
BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
37 CENTRAL STREET  
BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

WORCESTER, SS:

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER  
GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO NOTIFY AND WARN THE INHABITANTS OF SAID TOWN, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS AND IN TOWN AFFAIRS, TO MEET AT BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 37 CENTRAL STREET, BROOKFIELD MA, TO COMMENCE ON FRIDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR 2022 AT 6:30 P.M. THEN AND THERE TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

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 unanimously 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, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, in the fiscal Year 23 budget as amended in the budget handout.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2, 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 fund 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

Board of Appeals All fees or fines collected associated with the Board of appeals functions, purpose, hearings, and proceedings

And further, to set the FY2023 spending limits for the revolving fund as follows:

Authorized Revolving Funds Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit

Board of Appeals \$20,000.00

Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to amend Chapter V, Section 8 of the General By-Laws to add new revolving funds and to set the FY2023 spending limits of these revolving funds, as printed in Article 3 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to set the FY2023 spending limits for the following revolving funds authorized pursuant to Chapter V, "Financial Affairs", Section 8, of the Town's general bylaws:

Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to set the FY 2023 spending limits for these revolving funds, authorized pursuant to Chapter V, Financial Affairs, Section 8, of the Town's general bylaws, as printed in Article 4 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to: Rename existing water account

002-000-5920-000 WATER-MAIN IMPROVEMENT

to:

002-000-5920-000 WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL EXPENSES.

or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Water Commission) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to rename the existing Water account

002-000-5920-000 WATER-MAIN IMPROVEMENT

to:

002-000-5920-000 WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL EXPENSES.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to create an All-Boards Clerk position, to be added to the Town's Classification Plan as a Grade 3 position, and to raise and appropriate, a sum of \$14,599.00 to fund this new position, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town voted by a moderator declared voice majority to create an All Boards Clerk position, to be added to the Town's Classification Plan as a Grade 3 position and raise and appropriate, a sum of \$14,599 to fund this new position.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to create a Cable Coordinator position, to be added to the Town's Classification Plan and grade in the future, and to appropriate from the Cable PEG Access Fund, for purpose of funding payroll, a sum of \$20,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board and Cable Committee) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to create a Cable Coordinator position, to be added to the Town's Classification Plan and grade in the future, and to appropriate from the Cable PEG Access Fund, for purpose of funding payroll, a sum of \$20,000.00.

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

South Pond Beach \$20,000.00

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$70,000.00 from the 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 2023 or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board and Cable Committee) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to appropriate \$70,000.00 from the 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 2023.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$42,000.00 from the Ambulance Revenue Account to fund the fiscal 2022 Ambulance Expense Account or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer \$42,000.00 from the Ambulance Revenue Account to fund the fiscal 2023 Ambulance Expense Account.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$244,000.00 from the Ambulance Revenue Account to fund the fiscal 2022 Ambulance Wages Account or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer \$253,000 from the Ambulance Revenue Account to fund the Fiscal 2023 Ambulance Wages Account.

Free Cash

ARTICLE 11: FY21 Article - To see if the Town will vote to transfer, from Free Cash, a sum of money to fund prior year invoices or take any other action relative thereto.

Requires 4/5ths vote. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

KPLaw - \$6,087.78

The Town unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash \$6,087.78 to fund a prior year invoice for KP Law.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to, transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$25,000 to the Library Building Repair and Maintenance Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$25,000 to the Library Building Repair and Maintenance Account.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer, from Free Cash a sum of \$5,000.00 to fund the Road Construction and Reconstruction Account or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Highway Dept) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer, from Free Cash a sum of \$5,000.00 to fund the Road Construction and Reconstruction Account.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer, from Free Cash a sum of \$6,200.00 to purchase protective clothing or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Fire Dept) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer, from Free Cash a sum of \$6,200.00 to purchase protective clothing.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer, from Free Cash a sum of \$10,000.00 for Fire Station Improvements or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Fire Dept) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash \$10,000.00 for Fire Station improvements.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer, from Free Cash a sum of \$42,000 to replace overhead doors at the fire station or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Fire Dept) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash \$42,000.00 to replace overhead doors at the fire station.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer, from Free Cash a sum of \$22,000.00 to purchase semi-automatic external defibrillators or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Fire Dept) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash \$22,000.00 to purchase semi-automatic external defibrillators.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer, from Free Cash a sum of \$50,000.00 for the purchase and outfit new police cruiser or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Police Dept) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash \$50,000.00 to purchase and outfit a new police cruiser.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, a sum of \$35,000.00 for the Cultural Council to use for the Town of Brookfield's 350th Anniversary celebrations and activities, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Cultural Counsel)

Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash \$35,000.00 to

for the Cultural Council to use for the Town of Brookfield's 350th Anniversary celebrations and activities.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, a sum of up to \$10,000.00 to replace the town hall telephone system or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash \$10,000.00 to replace the town hall telephone system.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, a sum of up to \$140,000.00, contingent upon receipt of said grant to make repairs to and expand the usable area of the upper fields through proper levelling, drainage and grading allowing for greater field utilization and proper leveling of the current soccer field, located at Lewis Field (dedicated to active recreation purposes under MGL Chapter 45, Section 3) And to authorize the Select Board or their designee to file on behalf of the Town of Brookfield, any and all grants and/or reimbursements deemed necessary from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Urban Self-Help Act (301 CMR 5.00) and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this article, and the Town of Brookfield and Select Board or their designee, be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Brookfield to affect said project. This project is eligible for 70% reimbursement under the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Recreation Department and Select Board, article language approved by the Grant Supervisor at the Division of Conservation Services)

Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash \$140,000 (eligible for 70% reimbursement) contingent upon receipt of grant for repairs and expansion of Lewis field as printed in Article 21 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$50,000.00 to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund Account or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer, Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash \$50,000.00 to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund Account.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$75,000.00 to Capital Stabilization for the purpose of funding a new roof for the Elementary School or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board, Elementary School)

Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town voted by a moderator declared voice majority to transfer from Free Cash \$75,000.00 to Capital Stabilization for the purpose of funding a new roof for the Elementary School.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$15,000.00 from Free Cash to fund the difference in cost for the platform lift or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended:

Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash \$15,000.00 to fund the platform lift for the Town Hall.

Bylaw Changes

General Bylaw Changes – simple majority

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS AS FOLLOWS, by striking the following term or terms wherever they appear, “Board of Selectmen” and “Selectman” using in place thereof “Select Board” throughout the General Bylaws of the Town of Brookfield or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS AS FOLLOWS, by striking the following term or terms wherever they appear, “Board of Selectmen” and “Selectman” using in place thereof “Select Board” throughout the General Bylaws of the Town of Brookfield.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS, CHAPTER IV ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECTION 1, AS FOLLOWS, by inserting punctuation and words in bold as follows, “There shall be an Advisory Committee for the Town, to which shall be referred, all financial articles in any warrant hereafter issued for a Town Meeting. The Select Board, after drawing a warrant for a Town Meeting, shall immediately forward a copy thereof to each member of said committee, which shall consider all financial articles in the warrant and make such report, in print or otherwise to the Town Meeting as it deems for the best interest of the Town,” or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS, CHAPTER IV ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECTION 1, as printed in Article 26 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS, CHAPTER IV ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECTION 1, AS FOLLOWS, by striking the following sentence in its entirety, “The said committee shall consist of nine legal voters of the

Town to be appointed as provided in Section 2.” and adding in place thereof, “The said committee shall consist of Seven (7) legal voters of the Town whose terms will be 3 years, to be appointed by the Select Board.” (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS, CHAPTER IV ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECTION 1, as printed in Article 26 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS, CHAPTER IV ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECTION 1, AS FOLLOWS, by striking the section in its entirety and replacing therewith, “SECTION 2. Annually, the Select Board in office at the close of the Annual Town Meeting shall, within thirty days, appoint members whose term of office shall expire at the close of the Annual Town Meeting after their initial appointment. Said committee shall choose its own officers and shall, with the exception of its secretary, serve without pay.” (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS, CHAPTER IV ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECTION 2 AS FOLLOWS, by striking the section in its entirety and replacing therewith, “SECTION 2. Annually, the Select Board in office at the close of the Annual Town Meeting shall, within thirty days, appoint members whose term of office shall expire at the close of the Annual Town Meeting after their initial appointment. Said committee shall choose its own officers and shall, with the exception of its secretary, serve without pay.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS, Chapter V, Section 7 Capital Improvement Planning Committee, as follows, by striking after the words “one member of the Advisory Board, one member of the Select Board, the Treasurer, one member of the Brookfield School Committee (or its designee) and” three members of the community” and inserting in place thereof “one member of the community. Should no member of the Community be forthcoming the Town Administrator shall stand as a member until such time as a member of the community is appointed.” or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board)

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS, Chapter V, Section 7 Capital Improvement Planning Committee as printed in Article 29 of the warrant.

Personnel Bylaw Changes

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS, Chapter XV, Section 2. Mandatory Classification, GENERAL GOVERNMENT by inserting the positions of ACCOUNTANT AND TREASURER IN GRADE 6 or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS, Chapter XV, Section 2 as printed in Article 30 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAW, Chapter XV, Section 2. Mandatory Classification, POLICE FIRE EMS, by inserting the following, POLICE CHIEF, EMS CHIEF, FIRE CHIEF into the appropriate sections, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS, Chapter XV, Section 2 as printed in Article 31 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAW, Chapter XV, Section 2. Mandatory Classification by striking the following, P3 Part-time Police and P2 Part-time Police and inserting in place thereof, P3 Police Sergeant, P2 Patrol Officer, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS, Chapter XV, Section 2 as printed in Article 32 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw, CHAPTER XV, Section 3, Employee Categories by striking as follows, (A) Full Time: An employee whose regular and continuous work schedule consists of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week, and inserting "twenty" (20), in place thereof, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS, Chapter XV, Section 3 as printed in Article 33 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw, CHAPTER XV, Section 3, Employee Categories by striking "(B) Part Time with Benefits (20-35hours): An employee whose regular and continuous work schedule averages more than twenty (20) but less than thirty-five (35) hours per week for a fiscal year." in its entirety, and reletter the remaining sub paragraphs as needed, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS, Chapter XV, Section 3 as printed in Article 34 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw, CHAPTER XV, by striking after the phrase "Part-time" "employees with benefits" and "(20-35)" wherever it appears, in relation to part-time employees with benefits, within the Personnel Bylaw, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS, Chapter XV, as printed in Article 35 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS Chapter XV. Section 12, Holidays with Pay as follows:

By striking, after the words "hours for" "the following twelve (12) holidays: New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, Washington's Birthday, Patriots Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day After Thanksgiving, Christmas" and replacing therewith, "all Massachusetts Legal Holidays as amended from time to time, plus the day after Thanksgiving", or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS, Chapter XV, Section 12 as printed in Article 36 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS Chapter XV. Section 16 by striking in its entirety, "All part-time (20-35) employees shall be granted ten (10) sick days per year. These sick days cannot be accumulated," or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS, Chapter XV, Section 16 as printed in Article 37 of the warrant.

Zoning Bylaw Changes 2/3 vote for each

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS AS FOLLOWS, by striking the following term or terms wherever they appear, "Board of Selectmen" and "Selectman" using in place thereof "Select

Board” throughout the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Brookfield or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Select Board) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS, as printed in Article 38 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS Section 2, Definitions, ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, by striking “The Building Inspector for the Town of Brookfield or,” or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Building Inspector) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS Section 2, as printed in Article 39 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws in Section 4, District and Use Regulation, B. Prohibited Uses – All Districts by striking the following,

c. More than one Principal Use on a lot may be allowed by Special Permit issued by the Board of Appeals. or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board and Board of Appeals) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS in Section 4 as printed in Article 40 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws in Section 4, District and Use Regulation, B. Prohibited Uses – All Districts by inserting an additional column listing the permit granting authority (PGA) as stated within the Zoning Bylaws, to appear as follows;

D. Use Regulation Table

RR V BA BB FP PGA

or take any action relative thereto. Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS in Section 4 as printed in Article 41 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS Section 4 District and Use Regulations, D. Use Regulation Table, 7. Other Uses, by striking, “a. Any use which meets the intent & purposes of this bylaw.” and inserting in place thereof, “a. Any use which meets the intent & purposes of the zoning district in which the permit is sought.” or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board and Board of Appeals) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS in Section 4 as printed in Article 42 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS Section 13, Administration, A. Enforcement by striking in the first sentence after the words “by the” “Building Inspector, or his agent, or a zoning enforcement officer”, and inserting in place there of, “Zoning Enforcement Officer”, or take any action relative thereto. . (Sponsored by the Planning Board and Board of Appeals) Recommended: SB 3-0, Advisory

The Town unanimously voted to AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS in Section 13, as printed in Article 43 of the warrant.

ARTICLE 44: CITIZENS’ PETITION

PETITION FOR ARTICLE FOR TOWN MEETING

The undersigned registered voters of the Town of Brookfield request that the following article be placed in the warrant for the next town meeting scheduled to commence on May 2, 2022

ARTICLE: AMEND ZONING BYLAW TO ALLOW INDOOR MARIJUANA CULTIVATION AND MARIJUANA PRODUCT MANUFACTURING ON PARCELS TEN ACRES OR GREATER

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Brookfield by amending the text of Section 8.G.4(b) as written herein below:

SECTION 8.G.4

b. A Special Permit is required for all Marijuana Facilities, except for Indoor Marijuana Cultivators and Marijuana Product Manufacturers located on any parcel of land within the Town that is ten (10) acres or more in size.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Brookfield by deleting the text of Section 8.G.5 in its entirety and replacing it with the text below:

SECTION 8. G.5 Eligible Locations for Marijuana Facilities – Marijuana Facilities Overlay District and Large Parcels (10 Acres or Greater)

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

Within the MOD, all requirements of the underlying zoning district remain in effect, except where these regulations provide an alternative to such requirements. Land within the MOD may be used for Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Facilities, in which case the requirements set forth in this Section shall apply; or a use allowed in the

underlying district, in which case the requirements of the underlying district shall apply. Where the provisions of the MOD do not provide for specific regulation, the requirements of the underlying district shall apply. If the provisions of the MOD conflict with the requirements of the underlying district, the requirements of the MOD shall control.

b. Adult Use or Medical Marijuana Indoor Cultivation Facilities and Marijuana Product Manufacturer shall be allowed on any parcel of land within the Town that is ten (10) acres or more in size. All requirements of the underlying zoning district remain in effect, except where these regulations provide an alternative to such requirements.

And, to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Brookfield by adding in a new line to Section 4.D(6) USE REGULATION TABLE to read as follows:

SECTION 4.D(6) USE REGULATION TABLE

Activity or Use RR V BA BB FP

m. Indoor Marijuana Cultivator (Adult Use and/or Medical) Y on Parcels 10 acres +

n. Marijuana Product Manufacturer Y on Parcels 10 acres +

Or take any action relative thereto.

The Town voted to defeat Article 44 as amended by a standing majority of 33 opposed and 9 in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm. 66 registered voters attended.

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD**  
***SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT***  
**BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**37 CENTRAL STREET**  
**BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**WORCESTER, SS:**

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Brookfield Elementary School, 37 Central Street, Brookfield, MA to Commence on Thursday the 10th Day of November, in the year 2022 at 6 P.M. Then and there to act on the following Articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** Citizen's Petition –  
see attached

**THE TOWN VOTED BY A STANDING MAJORITY OPPOSED 51 TO 34 IN FAVOR TO DEFEAT ARTICLE ONE.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from FREE CASH 30,000.00 for Tax Title Expenses or take any action relative thereto.

**THE TOWN UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$30,000.00 FOR TAX TITLE EXPENSES.**

**NOTE: ARTICLE TWO WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AND VOTED ON FIRST BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT FROM THE REGISTERED VOTERS AT TOWN MEETING.**

**90 VOTERS WERE PRESENT AT THE TOWN MEETING**

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 P.M.**

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

**MICHAEL P. SEERY**  
**TOWN CLERK**

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**THE COMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

WORCESTER, SS:

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO NOTIFY AND WARN THE INHABITANTS OF SAID TOWN, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS AND IN TOWN AFFAIRS, TO MEET AT THE **TOWN HALL BANQUET HALL**, 6 CENTRAL STREET, BROOKFIELD, MA ON **TUESDAY THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR 2022 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.** THEN AND THERE TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect all on one ballot the following officers: One Selectmen for three years; and One Selectman for two years.

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

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this

11th day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

Respectfully Submitted,

**SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD**

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**Beth L. Coughlin, Chairman**

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**Adam Jolicoeur, Clerk**

**A True Copy, Attest:**

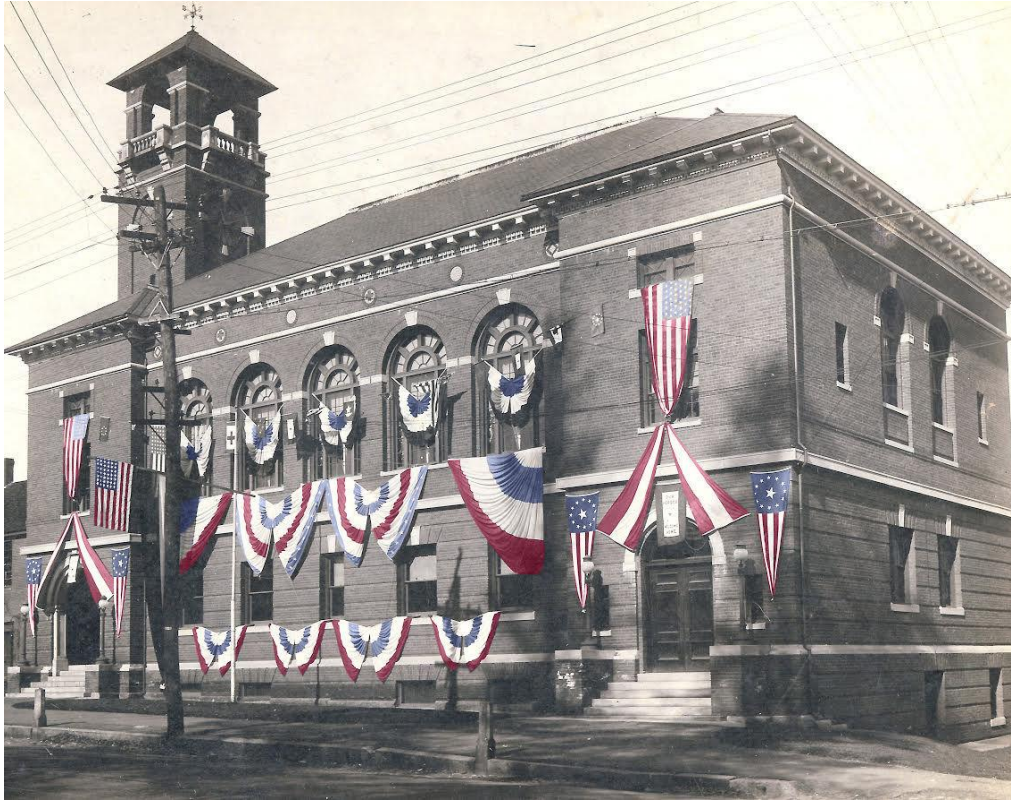
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**Richard A. Lapierre**, Constable of Brookfield  
Worcester, SS:  
Brookfield, Massachusetts

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield by posting up attested copies of same at the U.S. Post Office on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 and at the Brookfield Town Hall on the same day. Seven days at least before the date of the election, as within directed.

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**Richard A. Lapierre**, Constable of Brookfield

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## FY 23 BUDGET

Account #	Description	FY23 Budget
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
001-114-5110-000	Moderator Salary	\$50.00
001-122-5110-000	Selectmen Salary	\$6,000.00
001-122-5110-001	Selectmen Administrative Assistant Wages	\$49,681.00
001-122-5110-002	Selectmen Municipal Clerk Wages	\$15,959.00
001-122-5110-003	Grant Writer Wages	\$22,931.00
001-122-5110-901	All Boards Clerk	\$14,599.00
001-122-5700-000	Selectmen Expenses	\$8,100.00
001-122-5700-002	Selectmen Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	\$900.00
001-122-5700-003	Selectmen Computer Maintenance	\$25,000.00
001-122-5700-004	Town Website	\$0.00
001-122-5700-014	Grant Writer Expenses	\$1,200.00

001-122-5700-015	Email/365 (Computer security FY21)	\$0.00
001-129-5110-000	Town Administrator Wages	\$87,368.00
001-174-5600-000	Central MA Regional Planning Commission	\$1,035.00
001-180-5700-000	Cable Advisory	\$0.00
<b>Total Selectmen</b>		<b>\$232,823.00</b>
001-122-5300-000	software licensing	\$26,552.00
001-122-5802-000	computer acquisition	\$2,000.00
<b>total technology</b>		<b>\$28,552.00</b>
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001-132-5405-000	<b>Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
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001-151-5249-000	<b>Legal Services</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>
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001-135-5205-000	Audit	\$17,500.00
001-135-5300-000	Outsourced Accounting Services	\$46,200.00
001-135-5700-000	Town Accountant Expenses	\$2,115.00
<b>Total Town Accountant</b>		<b>\$65,815.00</b>
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001-136-5110-000	Advisory Committee Clerk Salary	\$200.00
001-136-5700-000	Advisory Committee Expenses	\$537.00
001-136-5700-001	Advisory Committee Warrant Books	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Advisory Committee</b>		<b>\$2,737.00</b>
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001-141-5110-000	Assessors - Stipends	\$1,500.00
001-141-5110-001	Assessor - Principal Assessor Wage	\$57,829.00
001-141-5110-002	Assessor - Clerk Wage	\$17,776.00
001-141-5110-003	Assessor - Certification Stipend	\$2,500.00
001-141-5200-000	Assessor - Consulting Expenses	\$5,315.00
001-141-5700-000	Assessors - Expenses	
<b>Total Assessors</b>		<b>\$84,920.00</b>
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001-145-5110-000	Treasurer Wages	\$78,154.00
001-145-5110-001	Assistant Treasurer Wages	\$2,500.00

001-145-5200-000	Treasurer Payroll Services	\$7,100.00
001-145-5300-001	Actuarial Assessment for OPEB	\$5,500.00
001-145-5700-000	Treasurer Expenses	\$3,325.00
<b>Total Treasurer</b>		<b>\$96,579.00</b>
001-146-5110-000	Collector Salary	\$56,742.00
001-146-5110-001	Collector Clerk	\$1,500.00
001-146-5150-000	Collector Certification Stipend	\$1,000.00
001-146-5700-000	Collector Expenses	\$8,938.00
<b>Total Collector</b>		<b>\$68,180.00</b>
001-158-5200-000	<b>Treasurer/Collector Tax Titles</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
001-161-5110-000	Town Clerk Salary	\$42,557.00
001-161-5110-001	Town Clerk Assistant Wages	\$5,202.00
001-161-5700-000	Town Clerk Expenses	\$2,600.00
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>		<b>\$50,359.00</b>
001-162-5110-000	Elections & Registrations Wages	\$6,000.00
001-162-5700-000	Elections & Registration Expenses	\$6,000.00
<b>Total Elections &amp; Registration</b>		<b>\$12,000.00</b>
001-171-5110-001	conservation Comm-Clerk Wages	\$0.00
001-171-5700-000	Conservation Commission Expenses	\$333.00
<b>Total Conservation Commission</b>		<b>\$333.00</b>
001-175-5110-001	Planning Board Salary	\$2,500.00
001-175-5700-000	Planning Board Expenses	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Planning Board</b>		<b>\$4,500.00</b>
001-176-5110-001	Board of Appeals Wages	\$0.00
001-176-5700-000	Board of Appeals Expenses	\$1,100.00

	<b>Total Board of Appeals</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>
001-192-5110-000	Municipal Custodian Wages	\$22,950.00
001-192-5110-000	Municipal Property Maintenance & Improvements	\$9,000.00
001-192-5701-000	Municipal Property Utilities	\$4,210.00
001-192-5942-000	Town Hall Improvements*	\$14,250.00
001-192-5701-001	Electricity	
	<b>Total Town Hall</b>	<b>\$50,410.00</b>
001-195-5200-000	<b>Print Town Report</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
001-199-5700-000	<b>Municipal Heating Fuel</b>	<b>\$14,486.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$824,494.00</b>
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
	<b>POLICE</b>	
001-210-5110-000	Police Wages Full Time	\$374,778.00
001-210-5110-001	Police Chief Salary	\$106,875.00
001-210-5110-003	Police Clerk Wages	\$16,092.00
001-210-5110-005	Police Wages Part Time/OT	\$52,000.00
001-210-5700-000	Police Expenses	\$69,166.00
001-210-5700-001	Police Tuition Reimbursement	\$10,500.00
	<b>Total Police</b>	<b>\$629,411.00</b>
	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	
001-220-5110-000	Fire Wages	\$57,000.00
001-220-5110-001	Fire Chief Salary	\$12,000.00
001-220-5700-000	Fire Expenses	\$47,500.00
001-220-5700-002	Fire - Utilities	\$12,000.00
001-220-5705-000	Fire - Testing / Recertification	\$14,000.00
001-220-5750-000	Fire - Fixed Asset Repair/Replace	\$17,500.00
	<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>\$160,000.00</b>

001-235-5200-000	<b>Telephone Contract/Leases</b>	<b>\$6,510.00</b>
001-241-5110-000	Building Inspector Salary	\$19,589.00
001-241-5110-007	Building Inspector Assistant Wages	\$640.00
001-241-5700-000	Building Inspector Expenses & Training	\$300.00
<b>Total Building Inspector</b>		<b>\$20,529.00</b>
001-242-5110-000	Gas & Plumbing Inspector Salary	\$4,851.00
001-242-5110-007	Gas & Plumbing Inspector Assistant Wages	\$416.00
001-242-5700-000	Gas & Plumbing Inspector Expenses & Training	\$453.00
<b>Total Gas &amp; Plumbing Inspector</b>		<b>\$5,720.00</b>
001-245-5110-000	Wiring Inspector Salary	\$4,816.00
001-245-5110-007	Wiring Inspector Assistant Wages	\$418.00
001-245-5700-000	Wiring Inspector Expenses & Training	\$1.00
<b>Total Wiring Inspector</b>		<b>\$5,235.00</b>
001-249-5110-000	Zoning Enforcement Officer Salary	\$13,231.00
001-249-5700-000	Zoning Enforcement Officer Expenses	\$451.00
<b>Total Zoning Enforcement Officer</b>		<b>\$13,682.00</b>
001-291-5110-000	Emergency Management Agency Stipend	\$1,800.00
001-291-5700-000	Emergency Management Agency (BEMA)	\$5,000.00
001-291-5700-001	Blackboard Connect Annual fee	\$4,000.00
<b>Total Emergency Management Agency</b>		<b>\$10,800.00</b>
001-292-5110-000	Animal Control Officer Salary	\$7,065.00
001-292-5110-007	Animal Control Officer Assistant Wages	\$756.00
001-292-5700-000	Animal Control Officer Expenses	\$1,589.00
<b>Total Animal Control Officer</b>		<b>\$9,410.00</b>

001-293-5110-000	Parking Ticket Clerk & Hearing Officer Salary	\$125.00
001-293-5700-000	Parking Ticket Expenses	\$83.00

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***Total Parking Tickets*** **\$208.00**

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001-294-5700-000	<b>Tree Warden Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
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001-296-5700-000	<b>Shade Tree Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
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***TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY*** **\$869,005.00**

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**Schools**

**SCHOOLS**

001-310-5110-001	School Committee Salary	\$1,500.00
001-310-5110-002	Regional Committee Salary	\$1,000.00
001-310-5600-000	Regional School Assessment	\$1,736,598.00
001-310-5601-000	Transportation	\$50,325.00
001-310-5700-000	Elementary School Expenses	\$3,328,482.00

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***TOTAL SCHOOLS*** **\$5,117,905.00**

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Highway**

001-199-5701-000	Municipal Diesel Fuel	\$36,000.00
001-199-5702-000	Municipal Gasoline	\$25,039.00
001-422-5110-000	Highway Superintendent Wages	\$71,126.00
001-422-5110-001	Highway Operator Wages	\$157,139.00
001-422-5110-003	Highway other wages, part time & overtime	\$6,803.00
001-422-5110-004	Highway Office Administrative Assistant	\$31,389.00
001-422-5110-005	Highway Police Detail/Flaggers	\$2,400.00
001-422-5110-006	Seasonal Worker	\$10,000.00
001-422-5700-000	Highway Expenses	\$60,300.00
001-422-5700-001	Highway Safety	\$1,000.00
001-422-5700-002	Highway Utilities	\$10,800.00
001-422-5702-000	Highway Certifications, DOT Physicals & License Renewals	\$1,200.00

001-422-5790-000	Highway Bridges, Rails & Signs	\$1,600.00
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<b>Total Highway</b>		<b>\$414,796.00</b>
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001-423-5110-000	Snow & Ice Wages	\$32,405.00
001-423-5700-000	Snow & Ice Expenses	\$45,000.00
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<b>Total Snow &amp; Ice</b>		<b>\$77,405.00</b>
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001-424-5200-000	<b>Street Lights</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>
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001-491-5110-000	Cemetery Wages	\$20,116.00
001-491-5110-001	Cemetery Superintendent Salary	\$6,177.00
001-491-5700-000	Cemetery Expenses	\$6,000.00
001-492-5841-000	Cemetery Improvements	\$0.00
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<b>Total Cemetery</b>		<b>\$32,293.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>		<b>\$541,494.00</b>
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**HEALTH, SANITATION AND SPECIAL SERVICES**

001-510-5110-000	Board of Health Salary	\$3,839.00
001-510-5110-001	Board of Health Clerk Wages	\$6,322.00
001-510-5110-002	Board of Health Agent	\$0.00
001-510-5110-006	Board of Health Animal Inspector Salary	\$1,284.00
001-510-5700-000	Board of Health Expenses	\$5,200.00
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<b>Total Board of Health</b>		<b>\$16,645.00</b>
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001-515-5110-000	Transfer Station Wages	\$29,438.00
001-515-5250-000	Transfer Station Well Tests	\$14,000.00
001-515-5700-000	Transfer Station Expenses	\$120,000.00
001-522-5200-002	Community Health Program	
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<b>Total Transfer Station</b>		<b>\$163,438.00</b>
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001-541-5110-000	Council on Aging Outreach Worker	\$1,600.00
001-541-5110-001	Council on Aging Director	\$4,000.00
001-541-5200-000	Council on Aging Tri valley Crisis Intervention	\$955.00
001-541-5260-000	Council on Aging Medi-Car	\$2,000.00
001-541-5700-000	Council on Aging Expenses	\$1,500.00

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***Total Council On Aging*** **\$10,055.00**

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001-544-5110-000	Veterans Agent Salary (did not seek increase)	\$5,363.00
001-544-5700-000	Veterans Agent Expenses	\$0.00
001-544-5740-000	Veterans Agent Case Work	\$85,000.00

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***Total Veterans*** **\$90,363.00**

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***TOTAL HEALTH, SANITATION AND SPECIAL SERVICES*** **\$280,501.00**

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**CULTURE AND RECREATION**

001-610-5110-001	Library Director Wages	\$56,742.00
001-610-5110-002	Library Custodian Wages	\$9,614.00
001-610-5110-003	Library Assistant Wages	\$57,276.00
001-610-5110-004	Library Saturday/Holidays/Vacation	\$2,700.00
001-610-5700-000	Library Expenses	\$14,000.00
001-610-5700-001	Library Books, Videos, Periodicals	\$34,700.00
001-610-5700-002	Library Utilities	\$3,000.00

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***Total Library*** **\$178,032.00**

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001-630-5700-000	Recreation Commission Expenses	\$7,695.00
001-630-5803-000	South Pond Beach Committee	\$1,250.00

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***Total Recreation*** **\$8,945.00**

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001-691-5700-000	Historical Commission	\$1,655.00
	18 Common Street expenses	\$6,000.00



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<b>Total Historical Commission</b>	<b>\$7,655.00</b>
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001-692-5700-000	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
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001-693-5700-000	Cultural Council Expenses	\$8,860.00
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001-693-5700-001	Bench project	\$750.00
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<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>\$209,397.00</b>
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**Debt and Assessments**

**DEBT & INTEREST**

001-710-5910-002	Fire Truck Principal - T	\$10,000.00
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001-710-5910-003	18 Common Street Principal - T	\$6,500.00
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001-710-5914-000	Police Station Principal - T	\$57,143.00
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001-710-5915-000	Saw Mill Dam Principal - P	\$8,017.00
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001-751-5915-002	Fire Truck Interest - T	\$3,148.00
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001-751-5915-003	18 Common Street Interest - T	\$2,260.00
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001-751-5919-000	Police Station Interest - T	\$9,368.00
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001-751-5920-000	Saw Mill Dam Interest - P	\$2,446.00
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<b>Total Debt and Interest</b>	<b>\$98,882.00</b>
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**ASSESSMENTS & OTHER MANDATED EXPENSES**

001-911-5100-000	Worcester County Retirement	\$406,568.00
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001-913-5100-000	Unemployment Insurance	\$15,000.00
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001-914-5105-000	Group Health & Life Insurance	\$691,000.00
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001-916-5115-000	Medicare: Town Share	\$63,040.00
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001-945-5600-000	General Insurance	\$153,246.00
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<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS &amp; OTHER MANDATED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,328,854.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL DEBT AND ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,427,736.00</b>
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**WATER DEPARTMENT**

001-450-5110-000	Water Department Commissioners Salary	\$1,800.00
001-450-5110-001	Water Department Clerk Wages	\$18,770.00
001-450-5110-002	Water Department Superintendent Salary	\$84,118.00
001-450-5110-003	Water Department Secondary Operator Wages	\$7,963.00
001-450-5110-004	Water Department Temporary Help	\$1.00
001-450-5700-000	Water Department Expenses	\$45,779.00

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***Total Water Department*** **\$158,431.00**

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# Local Happenings

## Brookfields' Union | June 4, 1892

- Oscar Bemis has a new order wagon.
- Small boys are now enjoying the warm weather by going swimming.
- The High School Cadets have selected Dr. Newhall as permanent drill master.
- Some very good sized fish of various kinds are now being taken from the river.
- The band fair at the east village this week attracted a good attendance from this town.
- Bicycle riders were passing through town all day Sunday on their way to the Worcester races Monday.
- The boating season is now fairly opened and these splendid moon lit evenings are thoroughly enjoyed by many boating parties.
- The Oakland Gardens have been purchased by C.L. Vizard and are being put in good shape for the season. H.M. Henshaw is to have charge. The gardens will be more than ever, the place for an outing this summer.
- Liveryman Boyd's remodeled stable on Central Street is now completed and furnishes him with much needed room and accommodations for both horses and vehicles. His stable is about as well equipped in every respect as any in the county.
- Work at the brick yards is rushing.
- G.W. Oakes has opened the ice cream season.
- June 23rd, is now set as the date for the B.H.S. graduating exercises.
- Work on the Mulvey house is progressing rapidly. It will soon be ready for occupancy.
- The planting, so much delayed by the lateness of the season is now being pushed for all it is worth.
- The W.C.T.U. who so generously furnished free settees on the common object to their being used as a resort for beer drinkers.
- Harper Bros. give a tent show on the new baseball grounds next Thursday, June 9th, at the popular prices, 10 and 20 cents.
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## Brookfields' Union : *Newspaper Pages from the Past*

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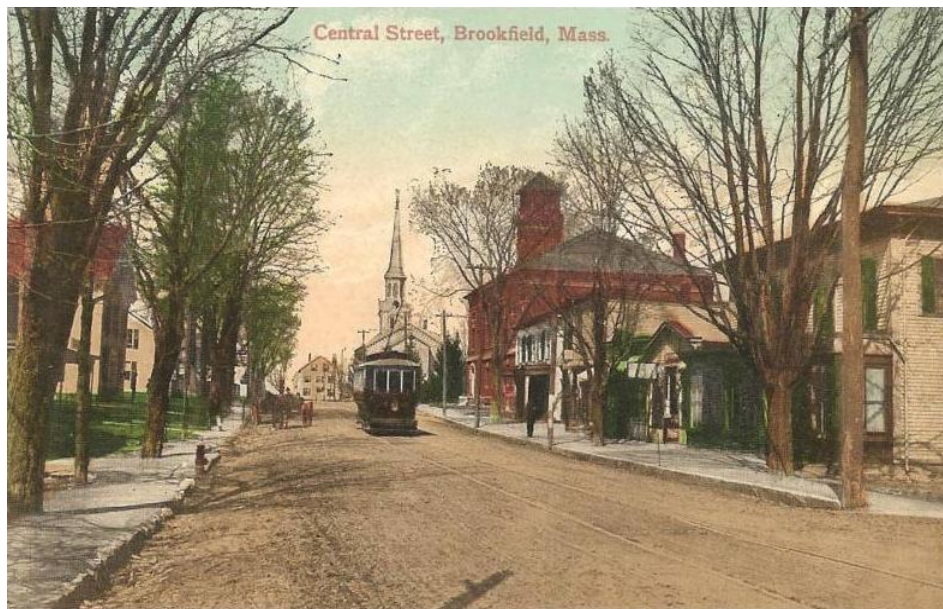
### Electric Lights Coming to Central St. Businesses

*Brookfields' Union* | *April 2, 1892* - Probably within two weeks several of our business places will be lit by electricity. The work preliminary to it is already well advanced and is being pushed along by the projectors and proprietors of the new business, Messrs. John E. Hobbs and Wm. Croft.

It is doubtless known by many that Mr. Hobbs built last year a dynamo large enough to run 60 incandescent lights and has been thoroughly tested and proven entirely successful. During the past few weeks the scheme for putting it into practical use has been perfected, and now the work is being prosecuted with vigor. H.P. Gerald is putting up a small building in the rear of his blocks on Central Street for the power station and wires are already strung connecting the various buildings in which the light is to be used. So far as known the following places are to have them, viz: H.P. Gerald's drug store, Hooker's and Howe Brothers barber shops, E.T. Hayden and P.T. McDonald's tailoring and Clark's clothing establishment, J.E. Hobbs' jewelry store, C.L. Vizard's pool and billiard rooms, J.W. Livermore's furniture store and THE UNION printing office.

The venture will be watched with interest and all must wish the young men success in their new enterprise. THE UNION ventures the prediction that this will be the nucleus from which will speedily follow the adoption of electric lights generally, not only by individuals but by the town within a short time too.

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## *Newspaper Pages from the Past* **Brookfield Times: Pages from the Past**

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### **Brookfield Times | July 19, 1895**

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The new Hotel Metropole, T.F. Murphy, proprietor, had a grand opening, Wednesday evening, about six-hundred being present and many from out of town.

The grounds were handsomely decorated with Japanese lanterns. Music was furnished by the Brookfield Brass Band the entire evening. An elaborate lunch was furnished the public. Among the visitors from other towns were Mr. Shumway, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Hitchcock of Warren, Mr. John Dunphy of Milford, Mr. Wm. Murphy of Grafton, Mr. Quigley of North Brookfield, and others.

The hotel has twenty-one finely fitted up rooms, the furniture all being first class. A billiard hall opens off from the office. It is undoubtedly the nicest hotel between Worcester and Springfield.

During the evening, Mr. Murphy was presented with a beautiful Howard clock by his business friends.

The new hotel is now open to the public and starts off with nearly every room engaged. Mr. Brownlie, the popular and experienced clerk, will be pleased to meet his old friends and do it all in his power to make their stay at Hotel Metropole something to remember with pleasure.

