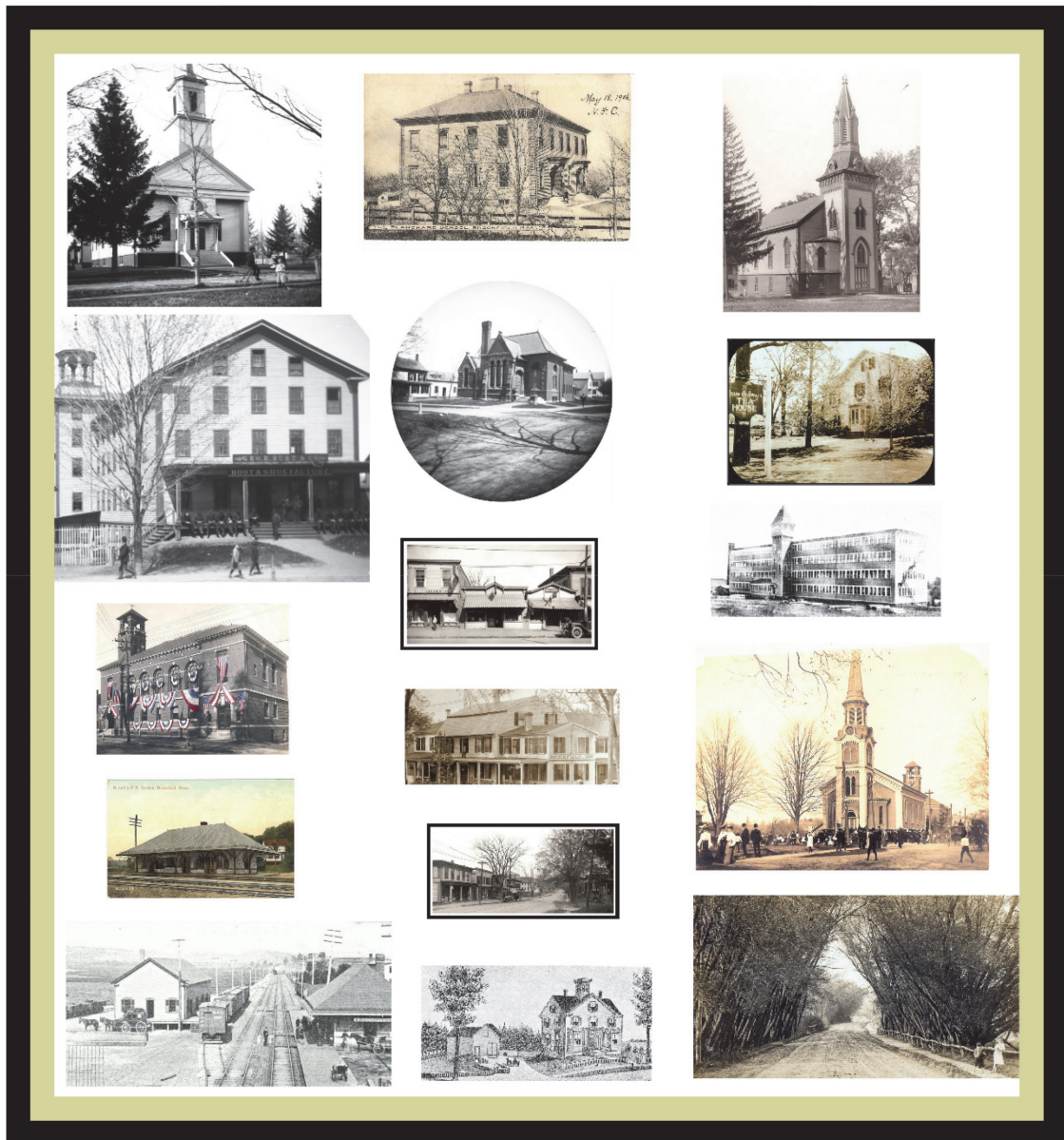


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Tribute to Historic Brookfield





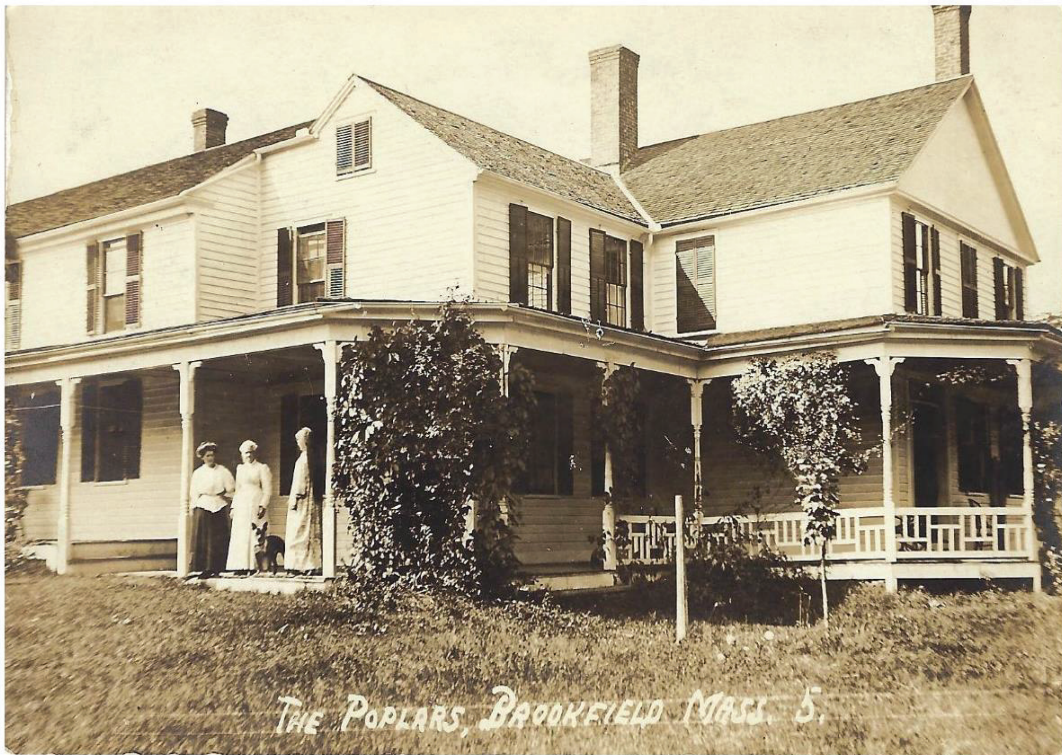
Brookfield boasts many historic buildings, houses, and aged structures. While some are still standing, others are merely a memory, preserved in snapshots and sepia photos. It is these old photographs, featuring familiar structures - some long gone and some remaining - that this year's Annual Town Report will highlight.

The following pages offer an armchair journey through images of Brookfield's past. How many of these stately structures have survived to the present, and are they recognizable?



Where is this Farmhouse located?

What was the name of the recent farm that sold eggs, asparagus blueberries, and popcorn from this residence?



Where is this house located?

Hint: It's on a main thoroughfare in Brookfield

What was the name of the recent farm that sold eggs, asparagus blueberries, and popcorn from this location?

Hint: The name honored a nearby body of water

Where is This House Today? And Who is Louise Galloway?



Where is this house today?

Hint: It still stands and is located on a main street in Brookfield

Who is Louise Galloway?

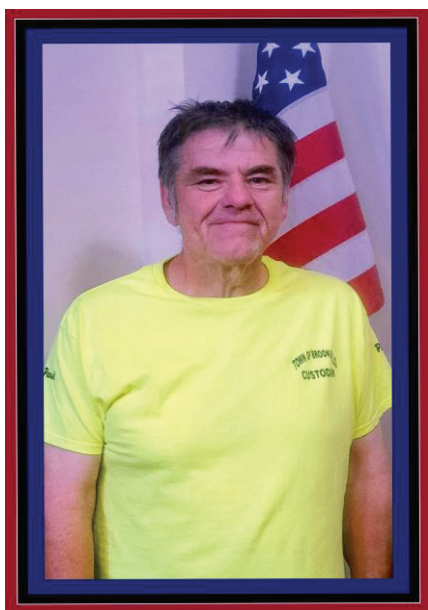
Hint: She was a stage actress

Brookfield's Custodian: A Decade of Dedication

"There are many that want to do great things, but the unsung hero is the one who is willing to do little things."

Paul Mielowski rises each morning with one short term goal: to make the day a bit easier for others.

Paul, who celebrated a decade as Brookfield's Custodian in 2024, makes it his mission to literally serve the employees in Town Hall, as his duties go far beyond emptying wastebaskets and washing floors. The Ware native is a familiar face at the Town Hall, Police Station, and Highway Dept., all of which he maintains, making the workplace safe, clean, and enjoyable.



At first glance, Paul, an imposing six foot three inches tall, may seem physically intimidating, but his broad smile and quick laugh swiftly belies any such thoughts.

"Paul is the nicest guy I know," Brookfield's IT Manager Jacob Gorham remarked, adding: "He is always willing to help out others without complaint."

It would be hard pressed to find a more devoted employee, as Paul often works beyond his paid hours, comes in on weekends when needed, and is always ready to lend his fellow staff members a helping hand, a strong arm, and even a sympathetic ear or voice of encouragement.

From assembling voting booths and monitoring administrative supplies to shoveling snow, moving furniture, and hauling trash, Paul does it purposefully and with pride.

"I have never seen a person as dedicated as Paul is to the Town and to the work he does," noted Police Chief Michael Blanchard.

Select Board Member Richard Chaffee echoed the Chief's praise, adding that he has seen Paul shoveling snow at 3 a.m., and still at Town Hall washing floors that same afternoon.

He is an industrious, humble achiever; cleaning, scrubbing, setting up for meetings, and performing numerous chores under the radar - efforts that often go unrecognized. Paul also strives to save the taxpayers of Brookfield money. Despite record inflation, his custodial maintenance budget has been level funded for the entire decade he's been on board.

Prioritizing the needs of others is a hallmark of Brookfield's custodian, and it is this intention that recently earned him a letter of commendation from the Town Administrator and Select Board Chair. Citing a recent town hall project in which Paul volunteered to singlehandedly relocate a large room of furniture and equipment that was not under his purview, the Town officials wrote:

"Your selfless actions are an example of your work ethic and dedication to accomplish any task set before you. Your actions have provided a worthy example for all Town employees to follow and emulate."

Congratulations to Paul and all the unrecognized employees committed to making the Town of Brookfield a better place for all!

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IN MEMORIAM



During 2024, 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

James O'Donnell
Lawrence Hatstat
Richard Menard
Judith Haseltine
Richard Mollison
Robert Jodoin
Michael Carty*
Ted Lechowicz*
Donald Kiley *

Vietnam
Korea
Korea
Peacetime
Peacetime
Korea
Navy
Navy
Marine

National Guard
Air Force
Army -PFC
Army
Air Force
Air Force
Peacetime
World War II
Korea

**inadvertently omitted from 2023 Annual Town Report Memorial Page*

“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 - 2024**



UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward J. Markey
and
Elizabeth Warren

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

2nd Congressional District
Richard E. Neal

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL 7th District

Paul Depalo

STATE SENATOR

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

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

5th Worcester District
Donald D. Berthiaume Jr.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Joseph D. Early, Jr.

*calendar year 2024

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 2024 census): 3,439

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

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

TAX RATE – FY 2024: \$15.48 per thousand

Residential	92.47 %	\$404,603,793.00
Commercial	2.85%	\$ 12,487,482.00
Industrial	0.84%	\$ 3,690,400.00
Personal Property	3.84%	\$ 16,799,219.00
Total Value	100.00%	\$437,580,894.00
Exempt Value		\$ 37,665,500.00

Square Miles: 16.57

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS:

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

PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

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

FIRE PROTECTION:

The Fire Department, which is headed by Chief Peter Martell, consists of one assistant chief, one captain, one lieutenant and twenty-two volunteer fire fighters.

EMERGENCY SQUAD:

Brookfield’s Emergency Squad, which is headed by Chief Donna Lafleur, includes one captain, one lieutenant and 15 EMS personnel. There are too full-time paramedics, five EMT basic. The service operates a 2020 Ford/ Horton ambulance.

POLICE:

During 2024, Brookfield had a 24/7 Police Department made up of its Chief, Sergeant and five full-time officers.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY:

The Merrick Public Library, located at 2 Lincoln Street, on the Common, provides free public access to the Internet, as well as readers 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, 2024

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3)

Bradford J. Kadelski Chair May 2025
Beth L. Coughlin Vice Chair May 2026
Richard. Chaffee Clerk May 2027

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3)

Holly Chisholm May 2027
Richard Chaffee May 2025
Robert Falter May 2026

BOARD OF HEALTH (3)

Christina Predella May 2026
Maureen Lepak May 2025
Kimberly Hurley Simons May 2027

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3)

Patrick O'Day May 2025
Gary Lincoln May 2026
Phillip Merriam May 2027

CONSTABLES

Peter Martell May 2025
Donna Lafleur May 2025

MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

TRUSTEES (6)

Mary Lou Knight May 2025
Shelby Hill May 2026
Rebecca Morin May 2027
Carol Plumb May 2027
Sally Brown May 2025
Erica Lee Robert May 2026

MODERATOR (1)

William Gillmeister May 2025

PLANNING BOARD (5)

Bruce Clarke May 2028
Kevin Erkkila May 2027
Christopher Gorman May 2026
Jeff King 4 May 2025
Lisa Matondi May 2029

ELEM SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3)

Nicole Chaffee May 2027
Megan Cunningham May 2025
Jeffrey Morin May 2026

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Andrew Dunn May 2025
Danielle Lamoureux-Kane May 2027

TOWN COLLECTOR

Brenda Parish May 2026

TOWN CLERK

Michael Seery May 2025

TRUSTEE FOR SHADE TREE FUNDS

Michelle Clark May 2025

WATER COMMISSIONERS (3)

Donald R. Taft May 2026
Robert R. Barnes May 2025
Alan Jones May 2027

*resigned

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND STAFF

ACCOUNTANT

Laurie Bartkus

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (9)

Robert Barnes	2027
Jeff Clarke	2027
Martin Bannish	2027
Sarah Campbell	2027
Timothy Roughan	2027

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Members (5) :

James Dolan	2025
Steve Novak	2026
Barbara Haberlin .	2027
Lea Moreau	2025
Shelby Hill Clarence	2026
Snyder	2027

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Cassandra Buffum	2025
Deborah Young Assistant	2025

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Steve Novak	2026
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BUILDING INSPECTOR

Jeff Taylor	2026
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMM.

Laurie Bartkus	2025
Beth Coughlin	2026
Martin Banish	2027

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

Michael P. Seery

CEMETERY STAFF

James Milner
Herb Foley
Paul Mielowski

CMRPC

Kevin Erkkila, Alt.	2025
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(CDBG) ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5)

Mary Lou Knight	2025
William Simpson	2025
Beth Coughlin	2025

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (7)

Megan Metz	2026
Michael Metz	2026
Scott Choquette *	2026
Kerry Choquette*	2026
Sarah Campbell	2026
William Meeker	2026

COUNCIL ON AGING (7)

Sandra Rich	2027
Sally Brown	2025
Brenda Parish	2025
Patty King	2027
Lois O'Leary	2027
Nancy Mannix	2027
Mary Lou Knight	2026
Linda Lincoln	2027
Martha Brunell	2027

COUNSEL, TOWN

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

William Simpson	2026
Amie Vogel	2027
Brandon Vogel	2027
Crystal Roberts	2027
Michelle Mandella	2027
Emma Wendt	2027
Dina LeDuke	2027

CUSTODIAN, MUNICIPAL

Paul Mielowski

ELECTION WORKERS

Kathleen Landry	2027
Barbara Palmer	2027
Tyler Latour	2027
Carol Lapierre	2027
Patrick Mulhern	2027
Karen Simpson	2027
Louise Woodard	2027
Sharon Mahoney	2027
Robert Ling	2027
Hannah Hill	2025

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

(*see: Wiring Inspector*)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (BEMA)

Keith Karrmann, Deputy	2025
Peter Martell, Director	2025

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD CHIEF

Donna Lafleur, Chief	2026
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD OFFICERS

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD

All until 2026 unless otherwise noted:

Terry Anderson
 Cameron Courtney
 Mark Lovely
 Ashley Marks

David Martell
 Matthew Roderick
 Donna Lafleur
 Peter Martell
 Matthew Graves
 Daniel Esser
 Luke Quatrocelli
 Shawn Adams
 Ashley Leger
 Jeffrey White
 Cayla Hurley

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Karen Trainor Resseguie

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Peter Martell	2025
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FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Chief Peter Martell	2025
Asst. Chief Herbert Chaffee	2025
Lt. Jeffrey White	2025
Lt. Matthe Roderick	2025
Lt. Dniel Esser	2025

FIREFIGHTERS (all until 2025)

Philip Chaffee
 Charles Edgette
 Colton Hurlbrink
 Matthew Gr~~2025~~
 Jarod Maldonado
 Ashley Marks
 Linda MacLeod
 David Merlo
 Jessy Merriam
 Thomas Germain
 John Rose
 Cayla Laporte
 Luke Quatrocelli
 Damien Sargent
 Shawn Adams
 Sean Daniels
 Joseph Rodrick
 Aiden Crawford

(firefighters, cont.)

Cameron Courtney
Stacey Courtney
Noah Aubin
Alex Stearns

GRANT WRITER/FACILATOR

Lindsey Rockwood

HARBOR MASTER

Nicholas Thomo 2025

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Peter DeFlorio
Lindsey Rockwood, Interim

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT STAFF

Donald L. Herbert, full-time *
Lindsey Rockwood, Admin Asst
Michael Duval, full-time

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (7)

Carol Plumb, Chairman 2026
Lois O’Leary 2027
Thomas Morse 2025
Michael Metz 2025
Judy Hitchcock 2025
Ronald Couture 2025

HOMELAND SECURITY REP.

Keith Karrmann 2025

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE *(all expire 2025)*

Linda M. Lincoln, Senior Rep
Lindsey Rockwood Hwy Dept
Lee Murphy, Police Union Rep..
Holly Chisholm, Town Hall Clerk Staff
Dennis Clarke, Water Dept. Rep.
Rebecca Choquet; Claudia Forget
Michael Seery; Paula Casey
Paula Casey
Sharon Ashleigh

POLICE DEPT STAFF

Administrative Assistant
Holly Chisholm

LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS COMMITTEE (Cable TV) (7)

Sharon Mahoney 2026

MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF

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

MUNICIPAL CLERK

Lois O’Leary

BOARD OF OVERSEERS (DISPATCH)

Michael Blanchard 2026

PARKING CLERK/HEARING OFFICER

Michael P. Seery 2025

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

Robert Wall 2024
James McNeaney 2024

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Blanchard, Chief 2026

POLICE PATROL OFFICERS

Terms end 2026

Sean T. Marino Sgt.
Lee Murphy
Matthew Lapiore
Egbert Pinero
Patrick Clement

RECREATION

Michael Lawrence, Chair 2027
Lisa Hanrahan 2026
Brendon Cunningham 2026
Timothy Nye 2026
Matthew Brown 2025
Jeremy Hague 2027
Mark Harris 2025
Christopher Drosehn 2026

REGISTRARS, BOARD OF

Shirley Sanborn 2025
Lois O’Leary 2027
Carol Plumb 2026

SEXUAL HARASSMENT OFFICER

Kathleen Bradley 2025

SUPT. OF INSECT & PEST CONTROL

Peter DeFlorio *

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Ronald Aponte

TOWN CLERK ASSISTANT

Linda Lincoln

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT

William R. Simpson 2026
Alan Jones 2025
Donald Taft 2026
Carol Plumb 2027
Mary Lou Knight 2025

TOWN TREASURER

Sharon Ashleigh

TRANSFER STATION STAFF

James Milner
Stephen Anderson

TREE WARDEN

Denis Tucker * 2026

TRENCH SAFETY OFFICER

Peter DeFlorio * 2025

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

Ellen Moore* 2025

WATER DEPARTMENT STAFF

Dennis Clarke, Superintendent
Bruce Clarke, Secondary Operator
Jeff Beauchamp, Secondary Operator
Jacob Allard, Secondary Operator
Holly Chisholm, Administrative Assistant

WIRING (Electrical), INSPECTOR

Scot Mansfield 2025
Paul Shepardson, Alternate 2025

WRTA BOARD

Advisory Committee

Beth Coughlin 2025

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

5 with 3 Alternates

Timothy Simon, Chair	2028
Charles Wilson	2025
Roger Mundell, Alt.	2025
David Olsen	2026
Patrick Mulhern	2026
Maureen Meriano	2028
Joseph Lariviere	2029

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Nicholas Thomo	2025
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REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD



Brookfield's New Administrator

The Town of Brookfield welcomed a new Town Administrator, Ronald Aponte, in 2024. Mr. Aponte, a Belchertown resident and 21 year veteran of the Belchertown Select Board, brings with him not only decades of town government experience at the highest level, but a resume that includes eight years heading his hometown's financial board, and a 33 year tenure as IT manager at Mass Mutual.

Since he settled into the position in May, Mr. Aponte has been praised for his management style by the Town Hall staff. By encouraging employee input and feedback while allowing departments to work independently, the Town Administrator has cultivated an environment that boosts both morale and productivity. In addition, Mr. Aponte, who has spent many successful years behind a select board table, has the unique capacity to understand and respond to various government matters from both sides of an issue.

"So far, my tenure as the Brookfield Town Administrator has been challenging yet rewarding," Mr. Aponte remarked. "My workload has been significant, but I am grateful that everyone, employees, volunteers and citizens, have been so helpful in making my transition as smooth as possible," he stated, adding:

"My principal observation is that the Town of Brookfield is very fortunate to have so many dedicated employees and volunteers because they make Brookfield what it is at its core... the prototypical Rockwellian New England small town with a rich tradition and a bright future."

Changes in Officers and Employees

Richard A. Chaffee was elected as a member of the Select Board in May of 2024. Mr. Chaffee, a longtime Brookfield resident, is a former Brookfield Police Officer, and previously served as a Selectman from 1994 to 1997. Mr. Chaffee owns and operates a construction company in West Brookfield.

The Town welcomed Treasurer Sharon Ashleigh to the Town's financial team in April, 2024. Ms. Ashleigh has over ten years of municipal experience, currently serving as Treasurer for the town of Holland. She previously served as Treasurer/Collector for Southbridge; Brimfield and Barre.

All Boards Clerk Christopher DeFalco resigned in December, 2024 to take a full time position in the Brimfield Select Board Office.

Town Hall

2024 found the second floor Town Hall painting project completed, with the historic Great Ballroom's walls and windows repaired and boasting a fresh coat of paint.

Relocation of Town Hall offices continued through 2024, with the Board of Health once again taking up residence in the small second floor office, and the Town Accountant and Treasurer sharing the former Selectmen's Office on the first floor.

Plans for Apple Country Radio to set up a studio in the "Green Room" area of the Ballroom stage moved forward this year, with the new Cable Studio expected to share the space with the radio station.

The Town Hall foyer's floor board "hump" was reduced, making the walk to Town offices safer for visitors and employees alike. And the Town Hall Improvement Committee created a partition enclosure in the Banquet Room to confine the departmental mail slots and provide a common area for such tasks as copying, printing, and faxing.

This year, the MIIA Wellness Grant continued to supply the Town Hall break room with weekly deliveries of organic and local farm fresh produce and goods.

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

During the fiscal year 2024, Town Counsel worked to promptly and efficiently respond to requests for opinions and advice from Town officials on a wide variety of issues. We advised the Town with respect to contract and procurement matters; public records, conflict of interest, and open meeting law questions; host community agreements; local by-law and regulation adoption; and labor/collective bargaining and employment matters, among other issues. We also assisted the transition to a new Town Administrator. 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.



In addition, we represented the Town in court actions in the Worcester Superior Court and the Land Court, which were pending during fiscal year 2024:

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

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

Tasse of TCP Realty, LLC to install bulk propane tanks and build a pellet storage facility and truck depot at property located at 14 Post Road. In that related case, Mr. Tasse appealed the Planning Board's denial, and after remand by the Land Court, the Planning Board ultimately issued a special permit in the spring of 2021. Thereafter, the Washburns and other plaintiffs appealed the special permit grant, in Worcester Superior Court. The Court issued a summary judgment decision on October 12, 2022, finding that the plaintiffs lacked standing to challenge the Planning Board's decision, while also finding that there was a genuine issue of fact as to whether the Board of Selectmen's appointment of an associate member to participate in the Board's vote on Co-Defendant Tasse's special permit application was based on "improper motive." The matter remains pending final court resolution. Under the law, Co-defendant Tasse may proceed with activities allowed under the special permit, at his own risk, while the court case remains pending.

This case is related to the Planning Board's initial denial of a special permit to Jeff

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

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

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

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



REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report of the Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee represents the residents of Brookfield regarding the Town's budget. The Committee, through a nine month review and analysis process, 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.

2024 highlights

The Brookfield Advisory Committee had a successful year. A balanced FY25 budget allowed the town to continue providing the level of services our citizens have come to expect.

Looking Ahead

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

Respectfully submitted,

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





REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Commission wishes to pay tribute to founding and longtime member of the Agricultural Committee, Kenneth Cleveland. Ken devoted countless hours to promote Brookfield and as important its farming community. Ken was a founding member of Central Mass Grown, Buy Local organization promoting farms and farmers of Worcester County. He was a fixture at the State House on AG Day and at local fairs. Ken, in his way, can be credited in Worcester County, ranked 6th in the country in direct sales of farm products to consumers.

The Commission wishes to acknowledge the leadership of Shelby Hill in organizing Brookfield's inaugural Youth Ag Day August 10, 2024. Shelby and the exhibitors provided an important learning experience for the youth of the region. The success of the program enables scheduling the Common for August 9th, 2025 to grow the offering. This activity grows on the yearly youth seed distribution and tractor parade during the Garden Club's plant sale. Thanks to Oakholm Farm in their continuing support.

In FY24 the AG Commission voted to endorse and accept the USDA local soils report prepared by Al Averill soil scientist from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. NRCS determined participating in the soils of local importance program may benefit local farms when applying for NRCS grants. With this action completed, it enables owners of cropland, pastureland, hay land or forest land to be in position to apply for grants and other programs to further improve their production.

All this was made possible by the Agricultural Commission following these 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
4. Work in close cooperation with other Town boards and committees to promote agricultural activities.
5. Bring awareness to farms and farmers of federal, state and other programs.
6. Encourage the pursuit of agriculture, promoting agriculture based economic opportunities, and protecting farmlands within the community by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and town agencies.

Respectfully Submitted, Your Agricultural Commission: Clarence Snyder, Chairman; Jim Dolan; Barbara Haberlin; Lea Moreau; Steve Novak; Shelby O'Day-Hill

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

As Assistant Animal Control Officer, I responded to 9 calls.
Oct – Dec, 2024)

Reminder of the town leash law: A leash law is a regulation that requires dogs to be on a leash in public places. The purpose of leash laws is to keep people and pets safe.



Dogs must be licensed annually if they are at least six months old. You can apply for a license through the Town Clerk's Office.

What you need to apply: Proof of rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian; Proof of spaying or neutering, if applicable; The appropriate fee.

Benefits of licensing:

- *Licensing helps prevent the spread of rabies*
- *Licensing increases the chances of reuniting with your lost pet*
- *Licensed dogs can be tracked by Animal Control or the Police Department*

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Young
Brookfield ACO

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Locations Inspected:	23
The following are the totals of the various animals located in our town:	
Cattle:	13
Goats:	35
Sheep:	6
Swine:	10
Equines:	109
Alpacas:	3
Poultry :	539
Waterfowl:	7
Turkeys:	2

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Novak, Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Board of Assessors – Members

Robert G. Falter, Chair (2026)
Holly J. Chisholm (2027)
Richard Chaffee (2025)

Assessing Department – Staff

Assistant Assessor– Patricia A. King

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

In May, Holly Chisholm was elected to another three-year term on the Board. Bob Falter was re-elected as Chairperson of our board for the sixth consecutive year.

In May our Principal Assessor Al Jones retired. The Board of Assessors would like to thank Al for his many years of dedicated service to the town of Brookfield. The Assessors Office would not be where it is today without all his efforts and hard work.

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

In 2024 we started to see the real estate values of our arms-length sales leveling off. Because of this trend, we saw the average property value increase by only 2% to 3% across the board. This increase is significantly lower than the past 2 years.

The total value of the 1473 taxed parcels in town was \$404,603,793. 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 \$15.48 per thousand dollars of value. Although that is a slight increase over last year, it remains significantly less than the highest recent tax rate of \$19.62 in 2017. There are 125 tax exempt parcels in town. The median value of all the 935 single family homes in Brookfield was \$342,173 resulting in an average annual real estate tax bill of \$5,297.25.

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

Residential	92.47%	\$ 404,603,793
Commercial	2.85%	\$ 12,487,482
Industrial	0.84%	\$ 3,690,400
Personal Property	3.84%	\$ 16,799,219
Total Value	100.00%	\$ 437,580,894
Exempt Value		\$ 37,665,500

OFFICE HOURS and CONTACT INFORMATION

(508) 867-2930 Ext 16 or Ext 23

Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

First and third Wednesdays 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the townspeople of Brookfield for their continued cooperation and support.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH



The Board of Health is charged with protecting the public health and well-being of the community, in accordance with federal, state and local public health laws and regulations. The duties of the board cover a wide range of public health control and prevention activities, including disease surveillance; the promotion of sanitary conditions in housing, recreational facilities, and food establishments; elimination of nuisances; the protection of the environment; and numerous other responsibilities.

The three-member elected Board of Health is the health policy making arm for the town. The board members are tasked with enacting local health regulations and presiding over administrative hearings concerning health department licensed and permitted activities. In May, Kim Simons was elected to the Board of Health for a three-year term. Pam Woodbury also returned to support the board as a part time clerk.

Transfer Station

We continue to encourage citizens to use the transfer station. The yearly permit fee remained unchanged at \$95.00 dollars and bags at \$15.00 for a package of ten. The transfer station is open on Tuesdays from 2 to 6 P.M. and Saturdays 7 A.M. to 4 P.M. and is located on 7 Quaboag Street. Transfer station bags can be purchased at the Transfer Station, Tip Top Country Store or Central Package for your convenience.

The board would like to thank its dedicated transfer station staff who work through all kinds of weather and sacrifice every Saturday and Tuesday to be on duty at the transfer station. We are grateful for their dedication. Staffing Members are Transfer Station Manager Jim Milner, Stephen Nickerson, and volunteer George Hirtle. We would also like to thank our Highway Department 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.

The board would like to personally thank Lindsay Rockwood for assisting the board throughout the waste management and recycling vendor selection and contracting process using COMMBUYS, the State's Statewide Contracts System. The system was established by the Massachusetts Operational Services Division to offer state-negotiated pricing and other tangible benefits, such as prompt pay discounts. Her knowledge and assistance resulted in a significant time savings for the board and allowed the Town to obtain the best value at competitive prices. Thank you Lindsay!

Landfill Cap Well Tests (Water and Gas)

The board hired a third-party inspector to inspect the transfer station and old landfill last summer, which helped to inform the Town of any gaps or issues to correct. The board worked with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to make necessary improvements, including the clearing of brush around the old landfill to ensure adequate access to the landfill caps. This work was able to be completed using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The Board would like to thank the Select Board for approving the allocation of the funds.

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

Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition

Brookfield has been a member of the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition (LRPHC) since 2021. The LRPHC provides public health support 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 (MDPH). Brookfield signed a new Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with LRPHC in 2024. 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 public health nursing services, epidemiology, Title V inspection, and health inspection services. Each year, a board member is nominated to represent the town on the LRPHC Advisory Board.

Brookfield participated in the selection and hiring of the Regional Health Director for LRPHC, Mishel Caisapanta, in 2024. The board welcomes Ms. Caisapanta, who has been in the public health field since 2015. In her role, she provides strategic leadership for public health programs and works closely with the coalition staff and municipalities. She is committed to empowering and supporting local public health staff through training, mentoring, and resources to provide consistent, and quality services across the region.

Her extensive experience includes roles as Public Health Trainer Manager for the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), Public Health Inspector for the City of Framingham, and Environmental Health Agent for the

Town of Natick. She is skilled in grant administration and inspectional oversight. She currently serves as an Executive Board Member and is the Treasurer for the Massachusetts Environmental Health Association (MEHA). Mishel has been recognized with the National Environmental Health Association Certificate of Merit and MEHA President's Award for her outstanding contributions to the field of public health.

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

As mandated by the State Department of Public Health, local health departments must report, investigate and track all communicable disease occurrences in their jurisdictions. In 2024 there were twenty-six (26) confirmed cases of novel coronavirus one (1) case of hepatitis C, one (1) case of legionellosis, sixteen (16) confirmed cases of influenza, and one (1) case of pertussis.

Permits

The following permits were issued in 2024

Septic Installers – 21

Septic/Offal Haulers – 8

Food Service Establishments – 15

Mobile Food Establishments – 14

Temporary Food – 27

Tobacco - 2

Sanitary Code Inspections

The following sanitary code inspections took place during 2024:

Nuisance Complaints/ Plain View Inspections- 9

Orders to Correct (Nuisance enforcement letters) - 5

Housing Inspections- 8

Food Establishment - 14

Title V Inspections/Well Permits

The following Title V inspections and well permits were issued:

Percolation Tests – 17

Septic Plan Reviews – 19

Title V Inspections – 45

Certificates of Compliance - 8

Well Permits- 8

Local Health Regulations

The following local health regulations were enacted in 2024:

Regulation to Ensure the Sanitary and Safe Operation of Marijuana Establishments and the Sale of Marijuana and Cannabidiol

Regulation of Marijuana Establishments to Prevent Nuisance

Respectfully Submitted,

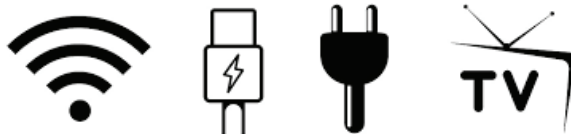
Maureen Lepak-Chair

Christina Predella-Vice Chair

Kim Simons – Board member, LRPHC Advisory Board

Pamela Woodbury -BOH Clerk

REPORT OF THE BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY MEDIA



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Respectfully submitted,

Jacob, *Cable Studio Coordinator*
Brookfield Community Media

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Single Family Dwellings 11
Sheds 1
Additions 9
Roofing 35
Garages 4
Windows/Siding 18
Renovations/Remodeling 16
Stoves/Pellet/Wood 12
Pools/In ground/ Above ground 2
Signs 2
Decks 11
Demolition 1
Barns 0
Storage Buildings 0
Temporary Mobile Home for fire purposes 0
Fence 0
Co-Locator/ Cell tower 0
Weatherization/insulation 20
Sheet Metal 4
Solar Residential 25
Seasonal Tents 2
Pavilion 0

TOTAL 173

Total permit income \$28,781.00
Estimated value on permits \$5,793,896.00

Respectfully Submitted
Jeff Taylor, CBO
Inspector of Buildings



REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

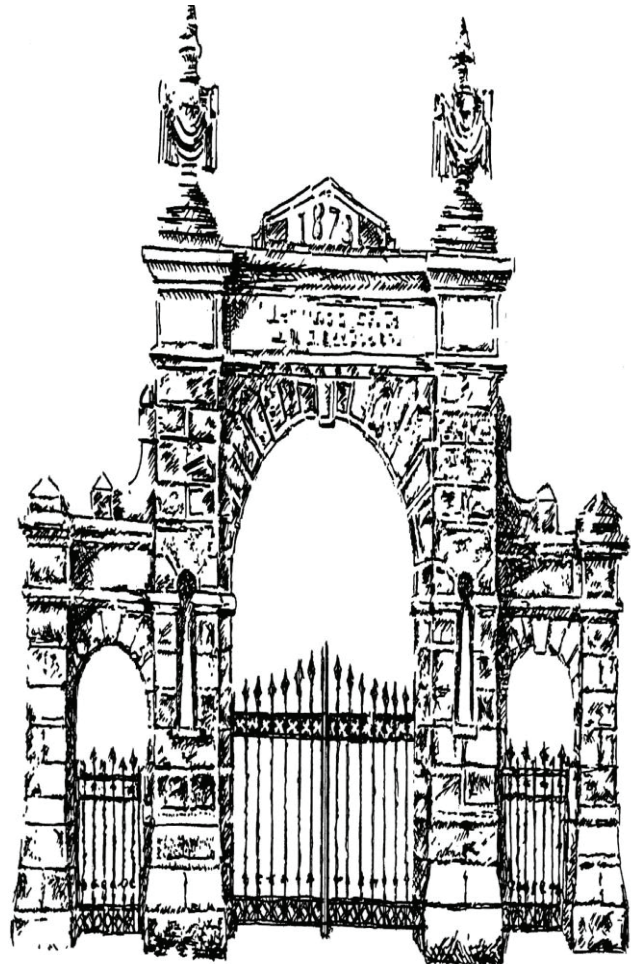
The elected Cemetery Commissioners and the Superintendent of the historic Brookfield Cemetery provide this annual town report with pride. The interments of loved ones, the general grounds keeping and maintenance, as well as the continued preservation efforts in the cemetery, were all done with care.

During the past year, 14 people were buried at Brookfield Cemetery. We extend our condolences to those family members and friends who have lost loved ones. The cemetery received \$3,650.00 in burial fees and \$4,750.00 in sale of lot fees. The non-expendable balance for the perpetual care fund is \$137,659.46, and the expendable balance is \$76,653.94. The total balance is \$214,313.40

The Commissioners would like to thank our dedicated Highway Department for their help with grave openings and picking up and delivering material and plowing in the winter. As always our dedicated caretakers Herb Foley and Jim Milner 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 any amount. The current amount in the Preservation account is \$45,004.40



Cemetery Water Line Replacement

At the Annual Town Meeting in 2023 the Town voted to approve the sum of \$20,000.00 from free cash to replace the old lead water lines with new PVC water lines to meet DEP standards. In the spring of 2024 this project was completed by Water Superintendent Dennis Clarke who along with volunteers Ralph Mundell and Bruce Clarke managed to finish this project in a short amount of time with very little disruption of cemetery operations. The commissioners extend their thanks for a job well done!

Rules and Regulations

Please note that specific rules and regulations set by the Commissioners and voted for by the townspeople have been in place for several years. Importantly the Commissioners have voted not to 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 for 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. 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 that are not in season, including artificial plants, and to maintain decorations.

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

Burials 2024	Full or Ash	Age	Died	Buried	Lot
VIRGINIA OLDS	FULL	94	2/11/2024	2/20/2024	D-46
PAULINE WALKER	ASH	86	2/24/2024	3/5/2024	C-13-A
RICHARD KALLADIAN	ASH	51	12/11/2024	5/20/2024	TH
NEATA CAMPBELL	FULL	99	5/29/2024	6/26/2024	C-2
BEVERLY CARLIEL	ASH	84	1/3/2024	6/29/2024	C-6
GERALD ERNEST	FULL	94	8/9/2024	8/12/2024	D-54
FRANKIE KILLMER	ASH	33	4/16/2024	8/31/2024	TH-1
DORIS LEO	ASH	86	9/11/2024	9/24/2024	C-44
WILLIAM LYTLE	ASH	70	7/3/2024	9/24/2024	A-78
ERIN HALSDORFF	ASH	38	10/11/2021	11/17/2024	D-73
MEAGHAN FICKETT	ASH	39	9/23/2024	11/17/2024	D-73
GARY JOHNSON	ASH	57	10/16/2024	11/17/2024	D-46 N
PETER GOLEMBOSKI	FULL	58	10/8/2024	12/17/2024	A-28
GLORIA FAUGNO	ASH	92	4/11/2023	12/22/2024	B-45 N

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

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

The purpose of this committee, which is appointed by the Board of Selectmen, is to apply for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) that would be beneficial to the Town of Brookfield. As part of the competitive CDBG application process we help to gather information, select projects, determine project eligibility, and hold public meetings during the application period. If a grant is awarded, the Committee generally serves as the steering body for CDBG-funded projects, including procurement of consultants and contractors, project oversight, and community engagement. Brookfield continues to work with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to help us seek and administer CDBG funding.

Overview and Status of Brookfield's CDBG Grants Under Management

FY2020: Housing Rehabilitation activities under the Town's FY2020 CDBG regional grant with North Brookfield reached substantial completion at the end of 2024. Overall, seven projects were completed: three in Brookfield, and four in North Brookfield. With the FY2020 grant now in the closeout phase, Brookfield's Housing Rehabilitation program is now closed, although the Town may consider applying for Housing Rehabilitation funding in future rounds of CDBG.

FY2021: The Green Street Improvement Project was completed in June 2024, under the Town's FY2021 CDBG grant. This was a design and construction project which upgraded approximately 750 feet of 8-inch water main to replace the existing undersized and deteriorated lines, and approximately 560 feet of 12-inch drainpipe to improve stormwater drainage. Two new fire hydrants were installed and final paving of the road surface was completed.

FY2022-23: The Kimball Street Improvement Project, under the Town's FY2022-23 CDBG grant, made significant headway in 2024. Funding for this project covers the design and construction of infrastructure improvements, including upgrades to sidewalks, curbs, curb ramps, road surface, and drainage system. Procurement for engineering services was launched in late Spring of 2024, and a contract with Weston & Sampson, Inc. was executed in August 2024. This project's initial kick off meeting was held in September 2024, with the engineering firm, Town staff, and CMRPC. Preliminary design is anticipated to be completed in January 2025 with final design expected by March 31, 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Ferguson, CMRPC
John O'Leary, CMRPC

Members listed on Town website with terms expiring in 2025:

Mary Lou Knight; William Simpson; Beth Coughlin; Bruce Clarke



REPORT OF THE CABLE STUDIO COORDINATOR

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Respectfully submitted,

Jacob, Gorham, *Cable Studio Coordinator*
Brookfield Community Media



REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee was established by the Brookfield Select Board on August 1st, 2024. The Select Board appointed Christopher Drosehn to a one year term (2025), Elizabeth Olesin to a two year term (2026), and Steven Karmann to a three year term (2027). Bradford Kadelski was nominated as the Select Board liaison, and Jacob Gorham, the Brookfield IT manager, was nominated as an ex-officio member to provide guidance and to the committee.

The purpose of the Communications Committee is to assist and advise the Select Board and Town Administrator with the town's website, social media presence, and to facilitate information dissemination between the town and its residents.

This year, we accomplished the following:

- Collaborated with town officials to update information on the town website.
- Reached out to town departments, public bodies, and organizations to learn about their communication needs.
- Assessed the municipal website vendor market and provided a report and recommendations to the Select Board for our new website vendor.
- Drafted a social media policy, so the town may better engage in social media outlets.

In the coming year we will continue to improve town communications, with a particular focus in establishing effective public outreach procedures, increasing accessibility to municipal information, and improving high-need communication channels for critical town resources, and assisting with the upcoming replacement for the town website.

Thank you Brookfield for a wonderful year, and we look forward to continuing to serve the community in 2025.

Communications Committee



REPORT OF THE CONSTABLES

All warrants in 2024 were posted as directed with no returns. Constable service was provided for all elections held at the Brookfield Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur C. Tatro - Appointed

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Brookfield Conservation Commission has had a productive year, marked by significant contributions to the community and the environment. As a commission, we have been actively engaging in training programs with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) to enhance our knowledge and effectiveness in conservation efforts.

Throughout the year, we have provided invaluable assistance to our residents in various areas, including the filing of Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) and Notice of Intent (NOI) applications.

In response to urgent environmental needs, the commission has issued one emergency permit for a septic system.

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

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

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

Bill Meeker- Chair
Scully Metz

Sarah Campbell- Vice Chair
Steven Karrmann

Megan Metz
Kristin Reeves- Hall

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging in Brookfield has had another successful year in 2024. With help from local grants from The Jeppson Fund and The Brookfield Community Club, as well as state grant money, we were able to offer many valuable services and fun interactive programs to our seniors.

In addition to our popular Chair Yoga and Tai chi classes, we added Functional Fitness to our exercise programs this year. We have coffee hour every Tuesday morning, where we have a variety of speakers and programs throughout the year. With the help of the Leicester Public Health Coalition, we now offer free BP/Glucose Screenings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Our monthly foot clinic continues to grow, and we have expanded it to two Tuesdays a month. Our program that started out 3 years ago with Yoga and coffee hour on Tuesday morning, has grown to offer programs three days a week on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. We hope to keep that momentum going into 2025.

In September we had an open house catered by Hearthstone Market to kick off the year. During the year we held two planting workshops with Bemis Farms, enjoyed Bingo luncheons, a magic show, and had several guest speakers. We also held our second Memoir Writing Workshop lead by one of our seniors, Barbara Allen. Over the summer the seniors went on a field trip to Atkins Farm for lunch and shopping and in October, a group of seniors carved pumpkins for the town's Halloween Celebration. In December they sent holiday cards to service men and women who cannot be home for the holidays and decorated ornaments for the towns annual tree lighting. We held our Annual Holiday Luncheon in December. Over fifty of our seniors enjoyed a delicious luncheon catered by Hearthstone Market, where they enjoyed music courtesy of Brookfield resident Rob Marona. The Brookfield Elementary School Chorus treated the seniors to a holiday concert as well.

In November we were happy to welcome Amie Vogel as our new COA program director. We are excited to see what new and interesting ideas she has for the seniors.

We are excited to report that in 2024 we had 964 seniors participate in programs from January to June and 1544 from July through December. Total participants for the 2024 calendar year were 2508, with 150 individuals. That is a substantial increase over 2023 when we had approximately 1500 participants. Our program continues to grow, and we hope to add more exciting programs in 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patty King, Brenda Parish, Nancy Mannix, Sally Brown, Lois O'Leary, Mary Lou Knight, Sandi Rich, Linda Lincoln, and Martha Brunnell- Brookfield COA



REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL / 350TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

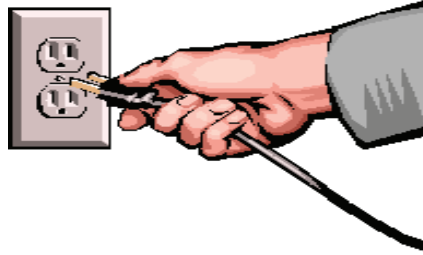
Cultural Council began 2024 with just three active members after particularly high 2023 turnover, and ended the year with ten active members.

Through the efforts and dedication of those members, Cultural Council was able to

- Create and adopt a new mission statement in early 2024 Plan and execute Brookfield's 2024 Memorial Day observances
- Facilitate the creation of a Memorial Day Committee, which will be responsible for Memorial Day in 2025 and beyond
- Plan and execute an Art Circus on the town common Award scholarships to two Tantasqua graduates Update the criteria for our 2025 scholarships to reflect our organizational values and updated mission statement
- Organize and execute the 2024 Summer Concert Series, funded by the four Mass Cultural Council grants awarded in 2023 Create and execute the first annual Town Rummage Sale
- Create and execute a new Halloween event in cooperation with the Brookfield Recreation Committee and Merrick Public Library
- Award a total of ten Mass Cultural Council grants to worthy recipients from our community
- Decorate our beloved gazebo for the fall and then the winter holidays Plan and execute a town tree lighting
- Use our public facing platform to support and promote other community organizations a
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REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL (WIRING) INSPECTOR



10 NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOMES
20 SERVICE UPGRADES UP TO 200 AMPS
1 TEMPORARY SERVICE
7 ADDITIONS
9 REMODEL , REWIRE
3 GARAGE or BARNS
4 COMMERCIAL PROJECTS
1 MISCELLANEOUS WIRING (SINGLE CIRCUITS)
6 GENERATORS
1 EV CHARGER
1 INGROUND POOLS
14 A/C UNITS
0 SECURITY SYSTEMS
0 FIRE DAMAGE REPAIRS
3 BOILER OR FURNACES
29 RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ARRAY; PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM
1 WOOD STOVE
5 SEWER PUMPS

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 (BEMA)

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

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

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

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

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



REPORT OF THE BROOKFIELD EMERGENCY SQUAD



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

We continue to operate our 2020 Ford/Horton ambulance.

In 2024, the years of combined service of our staff was over 194 years.

In 2024 the service responded to 810 calls. This is down from an all-time high of 814 in 2022, but still higher than in the past.

For comparison – 776 in 2023, 635 in 2021, 547 in 2017, and 462 in 2012.

Calls were broken down as follows.

Advanced life support interventions – 421

Medical – 507

Trauma – 85

Refusals/cancellations/No service needed – 216.

Fire standby – 13

Police standby - 6

Carbon Monoxide alarms – 3

Mutual aid – 117

Mutual aid for Advanced Life Support services – 162

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Lafleur, Paramedic Chief
Brookfield Emergency Squad



REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



2024 was a busy year for your Brookfield Fire Department with incident responses, continuous training, fire prevention, code enforcement, and the maintenance of department vehicles, equipment, & facilities.

With 208 calls, 2024 was the busiest ever, up from 168 calls in 2023 and 141 calls in 2022.

In 2024 the department responded to:

Fire, other - 1, Building fire - 10 , Cooking fire, confined to container - 2 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue - 3, Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined - 2, Trash or rubbish fire, contained - 2, Vehicle fire - 2, Forest, woods or wildland fire - 18, Rescue, EMS incident, other – 49, Motor vehicle accidents – 29, False alarms – 18, Detector issues – 35, Service calls – 12, Electrical issue – 2 Power line down – 2 Flammable gas leak – 3, Water search – 1 Carbon monoxide issue – 2, Combustible liquid spill – 2, Hazardous condition other – 3, Mutual aid station coverage – 4.

The high activity of the fall brush fire season resulted in our responding as part of regional teams to Holden, Spencer, and Monson.

Department personnel spent 1423.5 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.

The annual town meeting provided funding to replace firefighter protective clothing and upgrades to the fire station.

The 2022 Engine 1 serves us well and was a long overdue improvement. Tanker 1 is undergoing some necessary upgrades. While these are positive steps, long term planning still needs to address fire truck replacement. Engine 3 is 41 years old, and Tanker 1 is 29 years old.

Grant money was received from;

The Brookfield Community Club – “EZ” up tent.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation – Protective clothing

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services – Protective clothing

We welcomed Firefighters Jarod Moldanado and Colton Hurlbrink.

We said goodbye to Captain David Martell

Overall, the current staff of the department’s total service adds up to over 292 years.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Peter E. Martell



REPORT OF THE GRANT WRITER

This year the Town of Brookfield was awarded \$1,008,411.95 in grant funding. \$1,000,000.00 was awarded through a MA Works grant for the upgrades and resurfacing of Gay Road, and \$8,411.95 for purchasing PPE and other safety equipment for the Highway Department.

Ongoing projects utilizing grant funds include \$86,575.00 for the addition of a sound studio on the second floor of Town Hall to allow for meetings to be held upstairs, and \$1,035,000.00 Community Development Block grant for drainage and surface repairs to Kimball Street.

Other grant funded projects that were closed out this year include the PARC #3 grant for the upgraded soccer field at Lewis Field, and a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for multiple upgrades to Green Street.

Earlier this year, the Town's long time Grant Writer, Cathy LaRocca, retired. Cathy truly delivered in her efforts as grant writer. Securing millions of dollars in funds for countless projects for the Town. We wish Cathy the absolute best in her next chapter!

The Grant Writer continues to work with other Town officials and department heads to identify available grant funds to secure for priority projects that benefit the Town of Brookfield. While also continuing to aid with procurement procedures for other departments and securing statewide contracts.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsey Rockwood



REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department was met with many difficult challenges in 2024. Despite being fronted with a constant shortage of man power and a high turnover of leadership, projects across Town were completed.

Projects including unclogging cross culverts, upgrades to road side drainage, repairs to gravel roads, garage cleanup, and replacing of outdated road signs. The small crew also handled snow and ice events without incident. The Department successfully completed its annaul tasks as well such as grass mowing, road side mowing, pothole patching, leaf pickup, start of catch basin cleaning, and assisting with tree trimming and removal.

A special thank you to our devoted employees who stayed committed during this year despite the challenges faced.

Respectfully submitted,

Interim Highway Superintendent Lindsey Rockwood



REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In 2024 the members of the Brookfield Historical Commission (BHC) held our monthly meetings at the library or the police station meeting room due to unresolved disability accommodations at the library annex. The BHC and the library director are working on accessibility improvements to the building so that it can be used by town boards.

Donald Faugno completed the MACRIS project of the town's

historic properties. MACRIS stands for Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System. The properties are sorted by street name and are collated in binders. The MACRIS is available for viewing at the Merrick Public Library.

Our annual gravestone cleaning had to be postponed again because of repairs being made to cemetery roads and new water lines being installed. The BHC intends to set up another date for cleaning in the spring of 2025. Anyone interested in helping should contact one of our members.

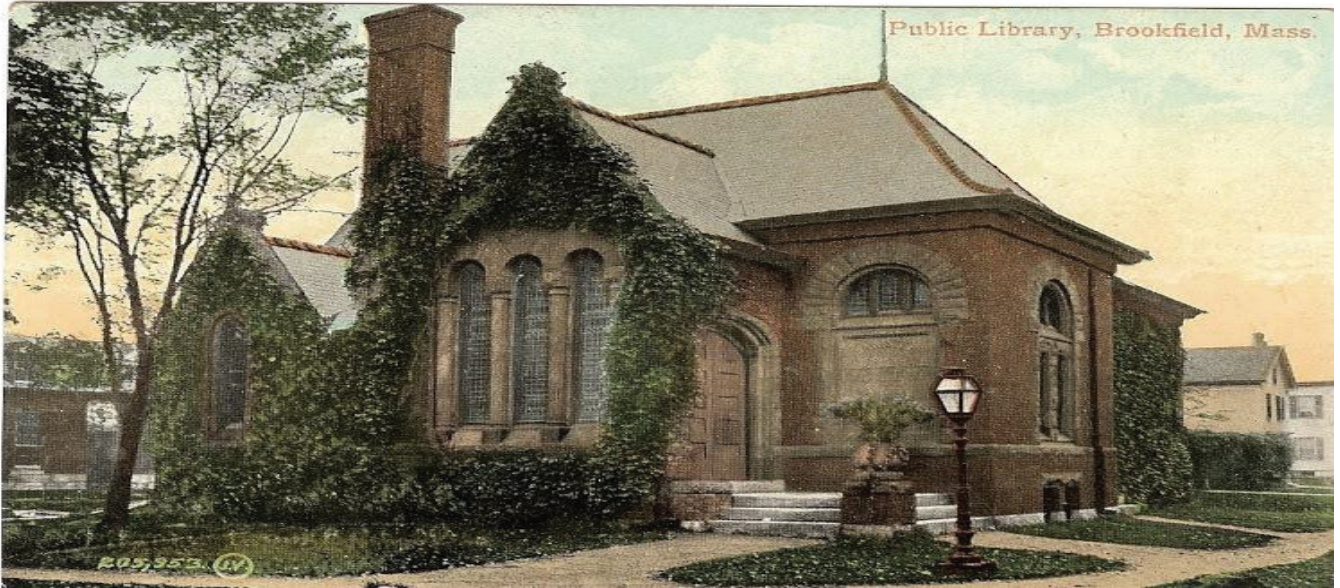
The BHC continues to digitize certain materials for preservation including old slides from Elm Hill Farm. We thank the Brookfield Community Club for funding this important work for several years.

The BHC has purchased a scanner to scan old historic documents. Donald Faugno has been working on scanning old documents from the town hall. The BHC is grateful to Donald Faugno who decided not to be reappointed to another term but will continue to work on historical projects.

Sharon Mahoney, owner of Apple Country Radio, came before the BHC to ask for permission to erect an antenna on the town hall cupola. She will be moving the station to the second floor of the town hall. The Selectmen approved the antenna placement contingent upon whether this was allowable under the historic preservation restriction on the building. The Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the request. This will not affect the ability of the town to pursue historical grants for the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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



ANNUAL REPORT – 2024
REPORT OF THE MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BANISTER MEMORIAL HALL
and Library Annex at 18 Common Street

TRUSTEES

Shelby Hill (Chair)
Rebecca Morin (Secretary)
Carol Plumb
Sally Brown
MaryLou Knight
Rebecca Beck

STAFF

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

About Us

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

History

The Merrick Public Library was established in 1867 by Pliny Merrick, who contributed his large collection of books and a sum of \$10,000. This Merrick Trust Fund still exists and the interest it earns is used to purchase reading materials for the library. In 1883, Nancy Rice Felton donated the land on the corner of Lincoln Street and Common Street to the town for the purpose

of building a library. That same year, William Banister of New York donated \$20,000, with the provision that the building be named Banister Memorial Hall. By January 1884, the building was completed and dedicated. The trustees and staff continue to maintain the historic integrity of the library while offering modern conveniences.

Library Annex & Historic Collections

Since 2018, the library has partnered with the Brookfield Historical Commission in an effort to create a local history and special collections museum, as well as community meeting space, at the Library Annex (18 Common Street).

Many town organizations used this building for regular meetings, including: Recreation Committee, Community Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Historical Commission, Luminaries Committee, Friends of the Library, and more. Each organization has one member who is a keyholder, with a code for the security system, and each group is very respectful in their use of the building. Effective 2024, the town-appointed groups have no further meetings until ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) issues are addressed by the Trustees.

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

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

Circulation

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

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

Brookfield Transfer Station for public access in their book trailer. We also offer a free jigsaw puzzle swap and free paperback swap in the foyer.

The library also provides free or discounted admission to several museums and sites in New England, including: American Heritage Museum, Basketball Hall of Fame, Battleship Cove, Boston Children's Museum, Davis Farmland, DCR Parks, EcoTarium, Eric Carle Museum, Historic New England, Holyoke Children's Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory, New England Air Museum, New England Botanic Garden, Norman Rockwell Museum, Old Sturbridge Village, Roger Williams Park Zoo, Springfield Museums, Trustees of Reservations, USS Constitution Museum, Worcester Art Museum, and Worcester Historical Museum.

Programs

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

This spring we hosted a field trip for Brookfield Elementary School kindergarteners to learn about the library and get library cards, and a field trip for students in grade 3 to learn about the history of Brookfield, which included a visit to the Library Annex to see historical artifacts.

We had another successful summer reading program, with 134 participants (27 pre-readers, 78 elementary schoolers, and 29 teens). Pre-readers filled in a sticker chart for books read to them, and were able to choose a prize for each row of ten books. Elementary school students completed a summer reading chart and earned a prize each time they filled in five boxes. Brookfield Elementary School students turned in their charts at school for an additional prize there. Teenagers won scratch tickets for checking out books and reviewing them. We also held drop-in events on Fridays in July and August that included arts and crafts, a visit from a goat and bunny from Oakholm Farm, an Oreo taste test, and Work of Art cookie painting. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the summer reading program.

Children's storytime led by Shanna Desroches was held on Friday mornings, from January through May, and Music & Movement with Julie Stepanek began in October. Chess club continued to meet on Friday afternoons. As Halloween fell on a Thursday this year, and we were open until 8 o'clock, we handed out treats to trick-or-treaters. Thank you to the Brookfield Community Club for the grant to purchase these items.

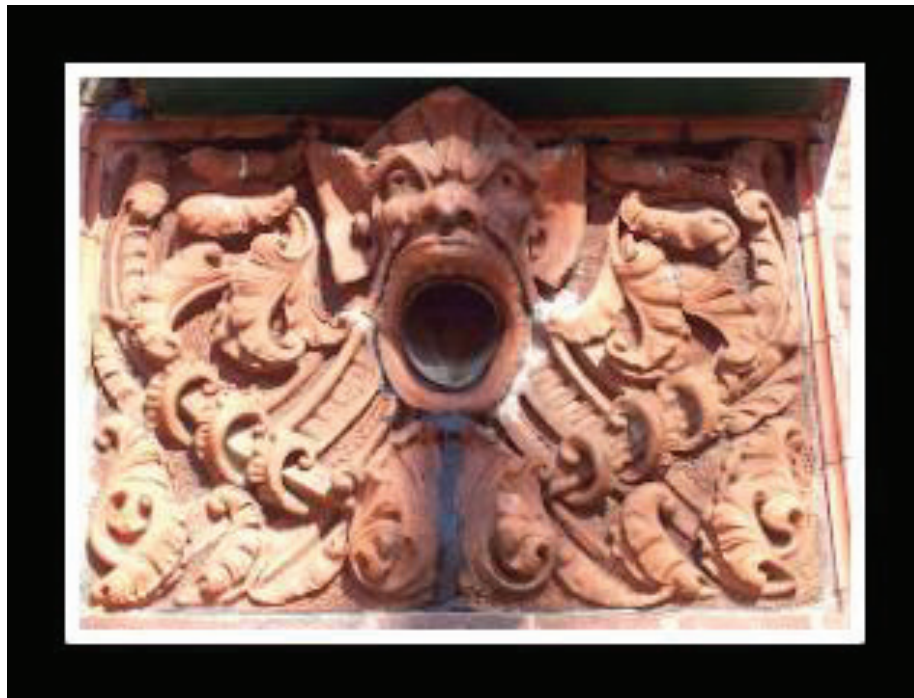
Other programs included: "The Best Small Museums in Massachusetts" with Alison O'Leary; "The Artist, the Farmer, the Hunter, and the Good Guy" with Diane Buzzell, an author from North Brookfield; "Victorian Gossip Girl" with Judith Kalaora (History at Play); a Horizon Wings bird program; "Inns and Adventures" with Alison O'Leary; and "What Is Bigfoot?" with Ronny Le Blanc. The Friends of the Library and some library staff participated in the Annual Agricultural Fair for Brookfield in August, and offered a Book Sale at the Annex during the town-wide Rummage Sale. The Friends also held their annual silent auction inside the library during the month of October.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library continue to be a valuable financial support system outside the scope of our budget. They provide funding for several programs, such as summer reading, as well as scholarships for Brookfield's graduating high school students. They also sponsor the annual holiday luminary display around the common, and host an annual silent auction at the library in the fall. The Friends are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Donations may be sent to: Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 528, Brookfield, MA 01506. Please make checks out to Friends of the Merrick Public Library.

Community

We continue to advertise and share news about Council on Aging events with senior citizens of the community, through the library's monthly newsletter, the *Banister Bulletin*. Hard copies of the newsletter are available online, inside the library, and on the exterior of the main entrance to the library. We are a drop-off point for several community organizations; we collect food and toiletries for Brookfield's Eucumenical Food Pantry, eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Lions Club, and new toys for Toys for Joy. Links to additional community resources are available on our website under the "Our Services" tab (merrickpubliclibrary.org/community-resources).



Town of Brookfield, Massachusetts
IN MEMORY OF VETERANS OF ALL WARS
Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2024

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

James O'Donnell
Lawrence Hatstat
Richard Menard
Judith Haseltine
Richard Mollison
Robert Jodoin

Vietnam
Korea
Korea
Peacetime
Peacetime
Korea

National Guard
Air Force
Army -PFC
Army
Air Force
Air Force

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



Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 27, 2024

Assembly of all marchers and all units at the Brookfield Elementary School, 35 Central Street. Parade starting at 10 AM under the direction of the Brookfield Cultural Council, the Brookfield Selectmen, the Brookfield Fire Department, the Massachusetts State Police and the Brookfield Police Department. Grand Marshal Beth Coughlin.

Program at Soldiers' Monument Brookfield Cemetery

Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep — Sean Mulligan
Reading the Names of the Honored Dead - Brad Kadelski
Amazing Grace - Edie Simpson
An offering from Brian Oxman
[i carry your heart with me (i carry it in)] — Amie Vogel
Words from Beth Coughlin
Taps - Grant MacFarlane
Raising of the Flag - Beth Coughlin

Program on Brookfield Town Common

Going Home - Edie Simpson
Pledge of Allegiance - Brookfield Pack 159 Cub Scouts
National Anthem - McGann Marching Band
The Gettysburg Address - Samantha White
In Flanders Fields - Anna Kadelski
An offering from Brian Oxman and Alyssa Lee
Grand Old Flag - McGann Marching Band
Raising of the Flag - Beth Coughlin

REPORT OF THE TOWN MODERATOR

The Moderator presided over the Annual Town Meeting, which was held on Thursday, 6 June 2024 at 6:30 PM, and a Special Town Meeting on 12 November 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Brookfield Elementary School.

The Annual Town Meeting had 43 Warrant Articles. The Moderator determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Ceremonial and introductory matters were taken up: the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by the meeting members; the Moderator noted the properly served warrant; a motion was made and adopted to allow Town Counsel, the accountant, and other relevant non-Brookfield-registered voters to speak; and the rules for the meeting were read.

All 43 Warrant Articles were duly considered and acted upon and the meeting adjourned. The Special Town Meeting of 12 November had three Warrant Articles. A quorum became present some time after the 7:00 PM time of the meeting and was called to order with the usual formalities.

This, however, was the first meeting after a Bylaw change requiring the use electronic voting. The Moderator took some time to instruct the members on the use of the voting devices. The three articles on the warrant were then duly taken up and disposed of.



REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

In 2024 the Brookfield Planning Board held 13 meetings. Notable actions included review and acceptance of the 2024 addendum to the Town's Master Plan, monitoring the progress of the Molasses Hill Estates subdivision and the finalization of the proposed decommissioning agreement for an 11.2MW solar array at 0 Long Hill District, as specified in the Special Permit originally granted in March 2019 to ASD Cronin LLC. In July, the Board granted an amendment to that Special Permit, necessitated by required changes to the site plan for storm water management structures. The Board also approved a two-year extension of a Special Permit for a battery storage project awaiting approval from National Grid and reviewed and endorsed two ANR ("Approval Not Required") plans that included the creation of rear lots. The Planning Board received and responded to an Open Meeting Law complaint and a number of inquiries about zoning bylaws and land use.

April 2024 saw the departure of two-term Board member John David Holdcraft. In May, Lisa Matondi, who had been serving as the Board's appointed Associate Member, became an elected member of the Planning Board. In June, Board members elected Kevin Erkkila as Chair, Christopher Gorman as Vice-Chair, and Christopher Kelleher as Clerk of the Planning Board. In July, the Board received notice of Mr. Kelleher's resignation; Christopher Gorman was subsequently elected to the post of Clerk by the Board and, in September, the Planning and Select Boards jointly elected Bruce Clarke to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Board until the next town election, in 2025. In addition to having served Brookfield for many years as a Water Commissioner, Mr. Clarke had previously served on the Planning Board in the early 2000s. Kevin Damon briefly served as the Board's Associate member, stepping down in November. As of year-end, the position was vacant.

Once again, Mr. Gorman served as Brookfield's delegate to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, with Mr. Erkkila appointed as the Alternate delegate. The town receives credit for representative attendance at meetings, redeemable toward the Commission's consulting services.

We are grateful to Town Administrators Kelli Robbins and Ronald Aponte, Assessor Al Jones, Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Tim Simon, Zoning Enforcement Officer Nicholas Thomo and Building Inspector Jeffrey Taylor for their support. Our thanks also to Town Clerk Michael Seery, Consulting Engineer John Scannell, Town Counsel (KP Law), Town Accountant Laurie Bartkus and the Brookfield Select Board for their assistance in responding to Planning Board needs and inquiries.

The current editions 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 Brookfield Planning Board normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. For zoning inquiries, contact us at planningboard@brookfieldma.us. As always, we will strive to provide the best possible service and to respond respectfully and efficiently to citizens, business owners, and applicants appearing before us.

Kevin I. Erkkila, Chair
Bruce Clarke

Christopher Gorman, Vice-Chair & Clerk
Jeffrey King

Lisa Matondi

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR



46 – Gas Permits
48 – Plumbing Permits
94 – Permits Total

90– Inspections Total

Respectfully submitted,

James McNeaney – Inspector of Plumbing & Gas
Troy Allen – Alternate Inspector



BROOKFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

7 PROUTY STREET

P.O. BOX 306

BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, 01506-0306

Chief of Police Michael K. Blanchard

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Brookfield Police Department 2024 Annual Report

During 2024, the Brookfield Police Department was under staffed. When fully staffed, the Department consists of seven full time officers, including the Chief and Sergeant. We started the year off down an officer due to a resignation in August of 2023. Hiring has been difficult for Police Departments across the country for the past few years. There is far viewer people interested in entering the law enforcement field.

In May, Officer Angelia Rodrigues resigned from the Department leaving the Department down two officers. Patrick Clements was hired in June, but soon resigned in October to return to a previous job he had.

In October, we hired John Marty as a full-time officer. He was attending the Municipal Police Training Committee in Boylston, MA as a self-sponsor. He was hired by Brookfield in October and graduated from the academy on December 6th. He then began a twelve-week Field Training Program under the supervision of our training officer, Lee Murphy. We are still in the process of filling the remaining open position.

The Brookfield Police Department had a slight decrease in calls for service for the third year in a row. The total calls for service for 2024 were 5,877 as compared to 6,077 in 2023 and 6,625 in 2022. The Department arrests remained about the same, with 70 arrests in 2024 as compared to 71 in 2023. The total number of arrests in 2022 was 104.

The following is a summary of the activity for 2024:

Medical Calls – 370

Alarm Calls – 49

Motor Vehicle Accidents – 52

Motor Vehicle Stops - 263

Larcenies – 10

Custodial Arrests – 39

Criminal Complaint Summons – 31

Yours in Safety,

Chief Michael K. Blanchard

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE



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

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

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

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

Our annual Trick or Treat event was a success once again this year. An estimated 700 children and their parents made their way to the homes around the common and in the town center, followed by a parade and a costume contest 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 2024 these scholarships were awarded to: Riley Landine and Alexa Perron. We wish them all the best on the next phase of their lives.

The renovation of the soccer field was completed in 2024 and we are excited to get the kids back out on the new field this spring! Upgrades at Lewis Field for this spring and summer include a new retaining wall behind one of the dugouts on the baseball field, more fence repairs, and new appliances for the snack shack.

The committee is also excited to announce the launch of our new website, <https://brookfieldrecreationcommittee.sportngin.com/> This new website will allow us to stream line registrations and will be the primary source for information for all of our programs.

As always, we are looking for new faces to support our committee or to volunteer in the many capacities required to make these programs successful. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee or volunteering to be part of one of our programs, please contact any of our members at brookfieldrec@gmail.com, or attend one of our meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the BES Cafeteria meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Lawrence Lisa Hanrahan Chris Drosehn Jeremy Hague
Tim Nye Mark Harris Matt Brown Brendon Cunningham Alex Olesin



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



School Committee

Nicole Chaffee, Chair	Term expires 2027
Jeff Morin, Vice Chair	Term expires 2026
Megan Cunningham, Secretary	Term expires 2025

Superintendent of Schools

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

Jodi Bourassa	320A Brookfield, Road, Fiskdale, MA 01518	508-347-3077
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Director of Business and Finance

Kristen Leo	320A Brookfield, Road, Fiskdale, MA 01518	508-347-3077
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Special Education/Pupil Services Director

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

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

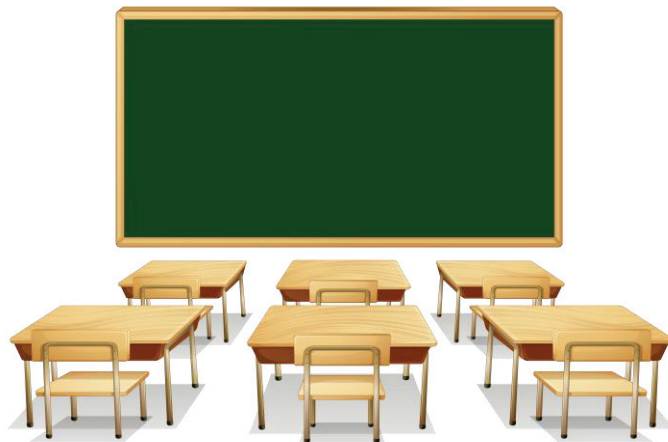
Lindsay Sayer	37 Central Street, Brookfield, MA 01506	508-867-8988
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School Nurse & Supervisor of Attendance

Julie Lardizzone, R.N., B.S.N.		508-867-8988
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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2024

<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>
Elementary	32	26	23	25	34	30	31	30	4	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>	<u>Total</u>		
Tantasqua Jr. High	33	36								69
Tantasqua Sr. High			14	16	15	23	1			69
Tantasqua Technical			22	12	15	18	0			67
TOTAL TRSD										204
TOTAL TRSD/U61										439



2022-2023 POSITION	NAME	COLLEGE	YEARS IN BROOKFIELD AS OF 2024
Principal	Kathleen Hosterman	B.A. Norwich University M.Ed., Keene State College Ed.D, Walden University	18
Kindergarten	Rebecca Choquet	B.A. Worcester State	09
Kindergarten	Kimberly Ferreira	B.S. North Adams M.S. Ed., Simmons College	12
Grade 1 02	Alissa DeMartino	B.E., Bay Path University	
Grade 1	Mallory Farinato	B.S., Franklin Pierce College M.S. Ed, Anna Maria College	14
Grade 2	Donna Morin-Wermter	B.S. Worcester State	26
Grade 2	Helen Tarr	B.A., Norte Dame College M.Ed., Cambridge College	18
Grade 3	Katrina Annuziata	B.S. Worcester State M.Ed., Cambridge College	07
Grade 3	Joanne Wall	B.A. Westfield State ESA American International College	01
Grade 4	Alycia Beer	B.A. Westfield State College M.Ed., Worcester State	01
Grade 4	Joanne Kuntz	B.A. Becker College	
Grade 5	Colleen Parker	B.S. Springfield College M.A. Framingham State	16
Grade 5	Sharon Thayer	B.A. Chatham College M.Ed., Anna Maria College	07
Grade 6 02	Amanda Richards	B.A. Anna Maria College	
Grade 6	Peter Skaza	B.A. Westfield State University	02
Special Needs PK-6	Ariana Savluk	B.A. Worcester State M.Ed, Pay Path University	01
Special Needs 1-2	Samantha Mars	B.E. Boston University M.E. Bay Path University	03
Special Needs 3-4	Melissa Murphy	B.A. Framingham State	09

2022-2023 POSITION	NAME	COLLEGE	YEARS IN BROOKFIELD AS OF 2024
Special Needs 5-6	Paula Casey	B.A., UMass M.Ed. Fitchburg State	12
Special Needs – Goals	Sarah Pressman	B.S. Bay Path University M.S. Ed; Bay Path University	04
Speech	Kaitlyn Smith	B.S. UMass Amherst M.S. Worcester State	13
School Psychologist	Jordan Newcomb	B.S. Franklin Pierce University M.Ed., Worcester State C.A.G.S. Worcester State	
Adjustment Counselor	Michelle LeDoux	A.S., Cape Cod Community College B.A. Worcester State M.A., American International College Ed.D. American International College	05
School Nurse	Julie Lardizzone	B.A. Assumption college BSN, Northeastern University	04
Remediation Reading	Jolene Jalbert	B.S. Worcester State M.Ed., Worcester State	12
Remediation Math	Belinda Gibson-Kiesner	B.A., Anna Maria College M.Ed., Worcester State	28
Teacher, Art	Diane Simonnds	B.A., University of Harvard M.Ed., UMass Amherst	10
Teacher, Band	Mark Weissman	B.A. Westfield State M.A UMass G.D., New England Conservatory of Music	07
Teacher, General Music	Lindsey Paras	B.A. Anna Maria College M.A. Anna Maria College	10
Teacher, Library/Media	Ashley Barringer	B.S. Worcester State	17
Teacher, Physical Ed.	Megan Clark	B.S. Springfield College	02
Union 61 / Pre-School	Janice Labuski	B.S. Worcester State	30

Town of Brookfield	
FINANCIAL SHEET FOR 2023-2024	
General School Appropriations	\$3,548,408.51
EXPENDITURES	
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	
School Comm - Salaries & Expenses	\$4,393.86
Superintendent's Office	\$122,751.38
<u>INSTRUCTION</u>	
Principal's Salary	\$127,040.98
Clerical Salaries	\$68,562.36
Principal's Office Expenses	\$3,726.77
Teachers Salaries	\$1,134,473.88
Teacher Aides Salaries	\$57,328.57
Teacher Substitutes	\$28,359.35
Teaching Supplies & Materials	\$27,800.57
Personnel Training & Travel	\$10,244.14
Moderate Needs Coordinator, Tutors, Speech Therapists	\$281,273.62
Special Ed Aide/Tutor	\$281,768.00
Special Ed Supplies & Materials	\$2,533.19
Textbooks	\$19,522.44
Library Services	\$47,456.34
Audio Visual - Supplies & Materials	\$0.00
Technology Salary	\$51,709.44
Technology Supplies & Hardware	\$38,488.95
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>	
Guidance Counselor - Salary	\$147,826.00
Supplies & Travel	\$11,470.05
Psychological Services	

Health Services - Salaries	\$75,887.00
Health Services - Supplies	\$1,173.56
Pupil Transportation	\$156,372.10
Late Bus Transportation	
Special Education Transportation	\$ 198,829.83
Food Services	\$0.00
Field Trips	\$0.00
School Resource Officer	\$0.00
<u>OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</u>	
Custodial Services	\$135,620.46
Supplies & Materials	\$8,699.88
Fuel Oil	\$55,164.81
Utility Services - Admin Office	\$88,378.59
Utility Services - School	\$0.00
Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds	\$10,638.57
Maintenance of Equipment - Admin Office	\$39,803.51
<i>Town of Holland</i>	
Maintenance of Equipment - School	\$0.00
Building Rent	\$0.00
Building Projects	\$0.00
<u>ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</u>	
New Equipment - School	\$0.00
Equipment - Share - Admin Office	\$0.00
Replacement of Equipment - School	\$7,274.44
Equipment - School Library	\$0.00
Replacement of Equipment - Admin Office	\$0.00
	\$0.00
<u>PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS</u>	
Special Education - Tuition	\$191,915.15
Vocation Tuition	\$0.00

Special Education-Collaborative	\$111,920.72
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS EXPENDITURES	\$3,548,408.51
ESTIMATED STATE REIMBURSEMENTS	
Chapter 70	\$1,911,736.00
Chapter 71	\$338,345.00
State Wards	\$832,930.00
Total Estimated Reimbursements	\$3,083,011.00
2022-2023	
Administration	\$245,124.36
Instruction	\$2,179,627.11
Other School Services	\$432,262.49
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	\$376,794.77
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	\$7,274.44
Programs with Other Districts, (Regional & Private Schools)	\$303,835.87
Total Appropriations	\$3,544,919.04
(Special Needs Programs Included in Budget)	
2000 Instruction	\$572,394.39
3000,4000 Series	\$355,201.93
9000 Programs with Other Districts	\$303,835.87
TOTAL:	\$1,231,432.19



REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

I am now in my twentieth year as principal of Brookfield Elementary School. The school has continued its systematic improvement of technology, the facility, and academic achievement. We now have learning devices for all students at every grade level. In addition, our building has new siding that beautifully sports our school colors of blue and white. Finally, we made tremendous progress in our MCAS testing results seeing growth for all, particularly students receiving support.

In the way of personnel recognition, we thank Mr. Tim Brecht for over 18 years of excellence in keeping our building clean, painted, and well-maintained. Mr. Brecht will retire at the end of the FY25 school year. He will be difficult to replace, particularly his pride in ensuring that Brookfield Elementary School is always cared for in the way it deserves.

One other highlight over the past year has been the work of our PTO. They continue to do amazing work for our staff and school. While they have completed a number of smaller projects, they have been fundraising for two years to provide the school with a wonderful addition to the playground. In the upcoming school year, they will complete the fundraising necessary to build a pavilion for our students. Our open playground, which currently has no shade, will finally have a place of respite during the hot spring and summer months.

This has been a wonderful, supportive place to work in for the past two decades, and I am truly grateful for the town's commitment to education, family, and community. From the very beginning of my tenure, even in some lean years, I have seen the citizens of Brookfield come together to care for and support our school.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kathleen Hosterman, Ed.D
Brookfield Principal

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Tantasqua Regional and Union 61 School Districts
Brimfield Brookfield Holland Sturbridge Wales

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I present the 2024 Annual Report for the Tantasqua Regional & Union 61 School District. This year has been one of stability, progress, and meaningful accomplishments across our district. I am particularly proud to report that we experienced no administrative turnover last year, maintaining a strong and committed leadership team. This level of consistency in leadership is rare and invaluable, and it significantly benefits our schools and communities.

As I reflect on the events, celebrations, and achievements of this year, I do so with immense pride and appreciation. Our district has continued to shine in academics, community engagement, and extracurricular activities. Below, I am pleased to highlight some of the many milestones and initiatives from the past year.

Academic and Programmatic Achievements

- **Curriculum Advancements:**
 - Our elementary schools successfully piloted new math curriculum options, involving nearly all students and teachers, with full implementation planned for next year.
 - Grades 5-7 explored a new history program, also slated for implementation next year.
- **School Policies and Innovations:**
 - Our junior high school introduced a cell phone pouch program, designed to reduce distractions during the school day.
 - Our senior high school implemented new attendance and cell phone use policies, improving focus and engagement among students.
- **Community and Belonging Initiatives:**
 - District-wide teams were formed to enhance the sense of belonging for all students and staff, fostering inclusivity and connection.
 - All schools participated in a variety of impactful community service projects, emphasizing the value of giving back.

Celebrations and Notable Moments

On a lighter and more celebratory note, our schools enjoyed many memorable moments this year:

- One elementary school welcomed and celebrated a World War II veteran on his 100th birthday.
- Another elementary class proudly won the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's "Name a Snow Plow" contest with their creative entry, *The Snolar Express*.
- One elementary school hosted its first-ever Back-to-School Carnival, bringing families together in a festive atmosphere.
- Many of our schools continued to host highly successful school-wide jogathons, walkathons, and Color Runs.

Athletic and Extracurricular Highlights

- BOTH our high school girls’ and boys’ basketball teams were crowned champions of the Clark Tournament.
- BOTH our junior high boys’ basketball and girls’ softball teams celebrated undefeated seasons.
- Our high school student council earned the prestigious Gold Council of Excellence award.
- Representatives from our high school will participate in the SkillsUSA national competition in Atlanta, GA, and attend the Washington D.C. conference for Sandy Hook Promise, including a visit to the White House.

Community Support

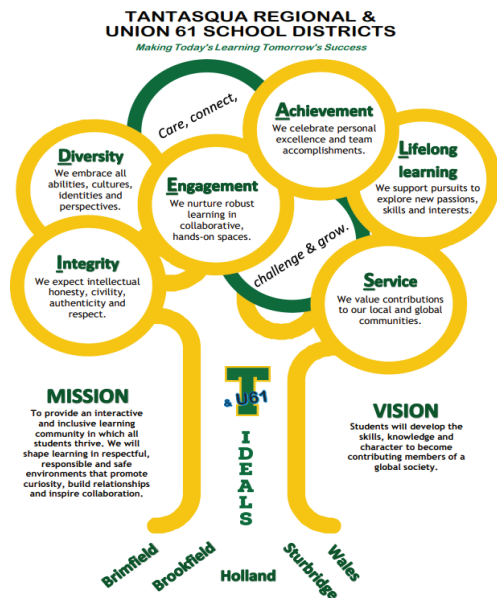
This year also marked our first district-wide Senior Stroll, where graduates donned their caps and gowns to revisit their elementary schools—a heartwarming moment of reflection and connection.

We are deeply grateful to our member towns for their continued support of our budget requests. The confidence and trust demonstrated by our town officials and voters enable us to provide exceptional educational experiences for our students. Your faith in our schools allows us to thrive and prepare our students for a bright future.

As I look back on this incredible year, I am filled with gratitude for our dedicated staff, engaged families, supportive communities, and, most importantly, our amazing students. Together, we have made great strides in creating a vibrant and inclusive learning environment.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to the Tantasqua and Union 61 School Districts. I am excited about what lies ahead and look forward to another successful year of growth and achievement.

Respectfully,
Deborah J. Boyd
 Superintendent of Schools



REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Parish
Town Collector

	Tax Committed	Payment	Abatement/Exemptions	Refunds	Interest /Fees
Motor Vehicle					
2024	\$ 548,038.59	\$ 495,164.36	\$ 10,117.52		\$ 10,021.00
2023	\$ 80,789.25	\$ 80,798.25	\$ 5,845.93		\$ 21,372.05
<2023	\$ -	\$ 13,047.00	\$ 327.27	10821.07	\$ 15,890.99
Real Estate					
2024	\$ 6,273,000.16	\$ 6,112,933.68	\$ 21,198.12	\$ 8,089.57	\$ 10,884.60
2023	\$ -	\$ 87,166.17	\$ 12,462.55	\$ 7,553.09	\$ 13,459.06
<2023		\$ 9,805.69	\$ -		\$ 2,832.03
Subsequent	\$ 8,282.23	\$ 8,282.23	\$ -		\$ -
Rollback	\$ 1,218.86	\$ 1,218.86	\$ -		\$ -
Personal Prop	8282.23	8282.23	0	0	0
2024	\$ 250,058.78	\$ 251,195.31	\$ 3,241.00		\$ 18.65
PP Refunds				\$ 2,112.94	\$ -
2024 Pad Fees	\$ 41,760.00	\$ 41,760.00	0		
MLC Fee		\$ 4,850.00			
Grand Total	\$ 7,203,147.87	\$ 7,106,221.55	\$ 53,192.39	\$ 28,576.67	\$ 74,478.38



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
Town Accountant



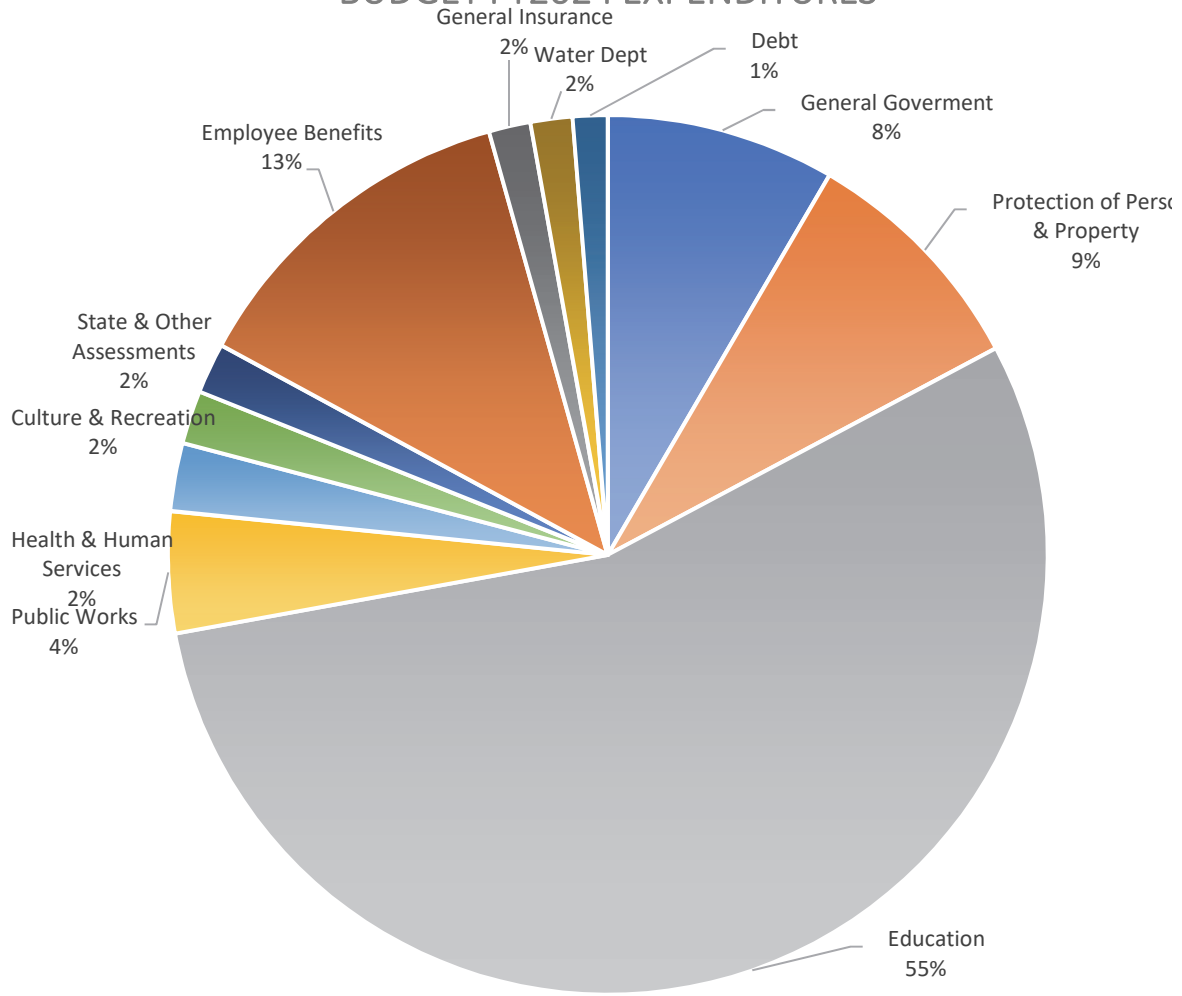
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	2,440,772.91	2,310,909.01	125,098.13	1,500,310.11		6,377,090.16
Receivables:						
Personal property taxes	(221.70)					(221.70)
Real estate taxes	195174.46					195174.46
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(125233.25)					(125233.25)
Tax liens	520265.30					520265.30
Motor vehicle excise	94704.21					94704.21
User fees	(5690.00)	15560.59				9870.59
Utility liens added to taxes						0.00
Due from other governments	75356.36					75356.36
Other receivables	2295.25					2295.25
Foreclosures/Possessions	177512.23					177512.23
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					1228441.67	1228441.67
Total Assets	3374935.77	2326469.60	125098.13	1500310.11	1228441.67	8555255.28
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Withholdings	112153.27					112153.27
Deferred revenue:						
Real and personal property taxes	69719.51					69719.51
Tax liens	520265.30					520265.30
Foreclosures/Possessions	177512.23					177512.23
Motor vehicle excise	94704.21					94704.21
User fees	(5690.00)	15560.59				9870.59
Utility liens added to taxes						0.00
Due from other governments	75356.36					75356.36
Other receivables	2295.25					2295.25
Tailings	4218.54					4218.54
Agency Funds				145911.02		145911.02
Bonds payable					1228441.67	1228441.67
Total Liabilities	1050534.67	15560.59	0.00	145911.02	1228441.67	2440447.95
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for encumbrances	214721.62					214721.62
Reserved for expenditures	539446.06	32509.86				571955.92
Reserved for continuing appropriations	372164.38					372164.38
Reserved for petty cash	50.00					50.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit						0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit						0.00
Undesignated fund balance	1198019.04	2278399.15	125098.13	1354399.09		4955915.41
Total Fund Equity	2324401.10	2310909.01	125098.13	1354399.09	0.00	6114807.33
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	3374935.77	2326469.60	125098.13	1500310.11	1228441.67	8555255.28

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Carry Forward	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis		
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 6,485,967.49	\$ 6,485,967.49	\$ 6,619,700.07	\$ -	\$ 133,732.58
Sale of Tax Foreclosure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excise & Other Taxes	\$ -	\$ 483,500.00	\$ 483,500.00	\$ 575,808.51	\$ -	\$ 92,308.51
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 65,719.53	\$ -	\$ 5,719.53
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,807.61	\$ -	\$ 2,807.61
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 293,800.00	\$ 293,800.00	\$ 288,783.08	\$ -	\$ (5,016.92)
Rentals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Departmental Revenue-Cemetery	\$ -	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 132,002.07	\$ -	\$ 27,002.07
Other	\$ -	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 91,638.72	\$ -	\$ 63,638.72
Fines & Forfeits	\$ -	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 6,570.14	\$ -	\$ 2,770.14
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 107,770.07	\$ -	\$ 64,770.07
Intergovernmental-Comm. of Mass.	\$ -	\$ 2,757,916.00	\$ 2,757,916.00	\$ 2,746,549.84	\$ -	\$ (11,366.16)
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 10,270,283.49	\$ 10,270,283.49	\$ 10,646,599.64	\$ -	\$ 376,316.15
Expenditures:						
Current Fiscal Year:						
General Government	\$ -	\$ 914,295.99	\$ 901,088.25	\$ 800,141.07	\$ 39,314.58	\$ 61,632.60
Protection of Persons & Property	\$ -	\$ 894,725.01	\$ 904,725.04	\$ 836,245.83	\$ 3,130.01	\$ 65,349.20
Education	\$ -	\$ 5,429,209.08	\$ 5,429,209.08	\$ 5,222,635.97	\$ 161,503.50	\$ 45,069.61
Public Works	\$ -	\$ 516,876.86	\$ 516,876.95	\$ 424,194.29	\$ 200.90	\$ 92,481.76
Health & Human Services	\$ -	\$ 304,930.63	\$ 304,930.63	\$ 237,775.43	\$ 9,686.63	\$ 57,468.57
Culture & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 189,238.29	\$ 189,238.29	\$ 186,192.72	\$ 80.00	\$ 2,965.57
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 121,840.77	\$ 121,840.77	\$ 121,840.76	\$ -	\$ 0.01
Water Dept	\$ -	\$ 159,696.76	\$ 159,696.76	\$ 146,777.08	\$ -	\$ 12,919.68
State & Other Assessments	\$ -	\$ 218,519.00	\$ 218,519.00	\$ 176,046.75	\$ -	\$ 42,472.25
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 1,277,994.00	\$ 1,277,994.00	\$ 1,210,928.07	\$ -	\$ 67,065.93
General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 168,570.60	\$ 166,128.22	\$ 146,003.00	\$ -	\$ 20,125.22
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ 882,887.92	\$ 906,537.92	\$ 670,867.96	\$ 87,220.15	\$ 22,624.81
Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 11,078,784.91	\$ 11,096,784.91	\$ 10,179,648.93	\$ 301,135.77	\$ 490,175.21
Other Expenditures:						
Prior Year Articles	\$ 548,237.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279,430.10	\$ 285,750.23	\$ 108,882.55
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 176,738.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 176,558.30	\$ -	\$ 180.00
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 724,976.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 455,988.40	\$ 285,750.23	\$ 109,062.55
Total Expenditures	\$ 724,976.18	\$ 11,078,784.91	\$ 11,096,784.91	\$ 10,635,637.33	\$ 586,886.00	\$ 599,237.76
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (724,976.18)	\$ (808,501.42)	\$ (826,501.42)	\$ 10,962.31	\$ (586,886.00)	\$ 975,553.91
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 384,676.42	\$ 384,676.42	\$ 402,676.42	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00
Operating Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 136,359.93	\$ -	\$ (11,359.93)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ 259,676.42	\$ 259,676.42	\$ 266,316.49	\$ -	\$ 6,640.07
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (724,976.18)	\$ (548,825.00)	\$ (566,825.00)	\$ 277,278.80	\$ (586,886.00)	\$ 982,193.98
Audit Adjustment				\$ 17,773.00		
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 2,029,349.30	\$ 2,029,349.30	\$ 2,029,349.30	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ (724,976.18)	\$ 1,480,524.30	\$ 1,462,524.30	\$ 2,324,401.10	\$ (586,886.00)	\$ 982,193.98

BUDGET FY2024 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, 2024**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
001-114-5110-000	Moderator Salary	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
001-122-5110-000	Selectmen Salary	\$ 6,000.00			\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,999.85	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	
001-122-5110-001	Administrative Asst Wages	\$ 51,171.43			\$ 51,171.43	\$ 50,585.60	\$ 585.83	\$ 585.83	
001-122-5110-002	Municipal Clerk Wages	\$ 16,437.77		\$ 776.44	\$ 17,214.21	\$ 16,308.21	\$ 906.00	\$ 906.00	
001-122-5110-003	Grant Writer Wages	\$ 23,618.93			\$ 23,618.93	\$ 20,832.64	\$ 2,786.29	\$ 2,786.29	
001-122-5110-004	All Boards Clerk	\$ 15,036.97			\$ 15,036.97	\$ 10,212.53	\$ 4,824.44	\$ 4,824.44	
001-122-5700-000	Selectmen Expense	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 475.00		\$ 8,575.00	\$ 8,337.93	\$ 237.07	\$ 237.07	
001-122-5700-002	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 750.00			\$ 750.00	\$ 591.26	\$ 158.74	\$ 158.74	
001-122-5700-014	Grant Writer Expenses	\$ 1,200.00			\$ 1,200.00	\$ 505.87	\$ 694.13	\$ 694.13	
001-129-5110-000	Town Administrator Salary	\$ 89,989.04			\$ 89,989.04	\$ 85,159.18	\$ 4,829.86	\$ 4,829.86	
001-132-5405-000	Reserve Fund	\$ 35,000.00	\$ (22,150.00)		\$ 12,850.00	\$ -	\$ 12,850.00	\$ 12,850.00	
001-135-5205-000	Audit	\$ 18,500.00			\$ 18,500.00	\$ -	\$ 18,500.00	\$ -	\$ 18,500.00
001-135-5300-000	Outsourced Accounting Services	\$ 47,400.00			\$ 47,400.00	\$ 47,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-135-5700-000	Accountant Expense	\$ 2,115.00	\$ (1,325.12)		\$ 789.88	\$ 222.99	\$ 566.89	\$ 566.89	
001-136-5110-000	Advisory Committee-Clerk Salary	\$ 537.00			\$ 537.00	\$ -	\$ 537.00	\$ 537.00	
001-136-5700-000	Advisory Committee Expenses	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 31.90	\$ 168.10	\$ 168.10	
001-136-5700-001	Warrant Book Print & Mail	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
001-141-5110-000	Assessors Stipend	\$ 1,800.00			\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-141-5110-001	Principal Assessor Wages	\$ 59,563.87			\$ 59,563.87	\$ 58,420.50	\$ 1,143.37	\$ 1,143.37	
001-141-5110-002	Assessor Clerk Wages	\$ 18,309.28	\$ 1,522.89		\$ 19,832.17	\$ 19,726.56	\$ 105.61	\$ 105.61	
001-141-5200-000	Assessor Consultant Services	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-141-5700-000	Assessor Expense	\$ 5,315.00	\$ (1,522.89)		\$ 3,792.11	\$ 3,585.62	\$ 206.49	\$ 206.49	
001-145-5110-000	Treasurer Wages	\$ 80,498.62			\$ 80,498.62	\$ 67,048.83	\$ 13,449.79	\$ 13,449.79	
001-145-5110-001	Assistant Treasurer Wages	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
001-145-5300-001	Treasurers OPEB Evaluation	\$ 5,500.00			\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00
001-145-5700-000	Treasurers Expenses	\$ 7,100.00			\$ 7,100.00	\$ 7,087.13	\$ 12.87	\$ 12.87	
001-146-5110-000	Collector Wages	\$ 58,444.26			\$ 58,444.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-146-5110-001	Collector Clerk Wages	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,400.00)		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
001-146-5150-000	Collector Certification	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-146-5700-000	Collector Expense	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 1,400.00		\$ 9,300.00	\$ 9,116.09	\$ 183.91	\$ 183.91	
001-151-5249-000	Legal Services	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 1,665.94		\$ 61,665.94	\$ 56,941.37	\$ 4,724.57	\$ -	\$ 4,724.57
001-155-5300-000	Technology	\$ 76,099.00			\$ 76,099.00	\$ 73,835.88	\$ 2,263.12	\$ -	\$ 2,263.12
001-158-5200-000	Treasurer/Collector Tax Titles	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,521.76	\$ 478.24	\$ 478.24	
001-161-5110-000	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 50,033.71			\$ 50,033.71	\$ 50,033.71	\$ -	\$ -	
001-161-5110-001	Town Clerk - Asst Clerk Wages	\$ 5,358.06	\$ 600.00		\$ 5,958.06	\$ 5,905.93	\$ 52.13	\$ 52.13	
001-161-5700-000	Town Clerk Expense	\$ 2,600.00			\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,599.06	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.94	
001-162-5110-000	Election & Registration Wages	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,250.00		\$ 8,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-162-5700-000	Election & Registration Expenses	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,493.06	\$ 6.94	\$ 6.94	
001-171-5700-000	Conservation Commission	\$ 333.00			\$ 333.00	\$ 90.76	\$ 242.24	\$ 242.24	
001-174-5600-000	Central Mass Regional Planning	\$ 1,060.55			\$ 1,060.55	\$ 1,060.55	\$ -	\$ -	
001-175-5110-001	Planning Board Salary	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
001-175-5700-000	Planning Board Expense	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,036.63	\$ 963.37	\$ 963.37	
001-176-5110-000	Board of Appeals Wages	\$ 700.00			\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	
001-176-5700-000	Board of Appeals Expenses	\$ 700.00			\$ 700.00	\$ 363.51	\$ 336.49	\$ 336.49	
001-192-5110-000	Municipal Custodian Wages	\$ 23,638.50			\$ 23,638.50	\$ 23,556.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 82.50	
001-192-5210-000	Electricity	\$ 52,000.00			\$ 52,000.00	\$ 44,163.49	\$ 7,836.51	\$ 7,536.50	\$ 300.01
001-192-5700-000	Municipal Property Maintenance	\$ 9,000.00			\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,622.56	\$ 1,377.44	\$ 1,115.56	\$ 261.88
001-192-5942-000	Town Hall Improvements	\$ 14,250.00			\$ 14,250.00	\$ 6,936.94	\$ 7,313.06	\$ 823.06	\$ 6,490.00
001-195-5200-000	Print Town Report	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,345.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00	
001-199-5700-000	Municipal Heating Fuel	\$ 14,486.00			\$ 14,486.00	\$ 11,717.91	\$ 2,768.09	\$ 1,493.09	\$ 1,275.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ -	\$ 914,295.99	\$ (13,207.74)	\$ 901,088.25	\$ 800,141.07	\$ 100,947.18	\$ 61,632.60	\$ 39,314.58
PUBLIC SAFETY									
001-210-5110-000	Police Wages Full Time	\$ 386,021.34			\$ 386,021.34	\$ 344,105.39	\$ 41,915.95	\$ 41,915.95	
001-210-5110-001	Police Chief Salary	\$ 112,218.75			\$ 112,218.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-210-5110-003	Police Clerk Wages	\$ 16,574.76			\$ 16,574.76	\$ 16,573.44	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.32	
001-210-5110-005	Police Wages - PT/OT	\$ 53,560.00			\$ 53,560.00	\$ 45,573.38	\$ 7,986.62	\$ 7,986.62	
001-210-5700-000	Police Expenses	\$ 67,910.75			\$ 67,910.75	\$ 64,849.91	\$ 3,060.84	\$ 97.58	\$ 2,963.26
001-210-5700-001	Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,417.95	\$ 5,582.05	\$ 5,582.05	
001-220-5110-000	Fire Wages	\$ 58,710.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 68,710.00	\$ 67,522.04	\$ 1,187.96	\$ 1,187.96	
001-220-5110-001	Fire Chief Salary	\$ 12,360.00			\$ 12,360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-220-5700-000	Fire Dept. Expenses	\$ 49,000.00			\$ 49,000.00	\$ 48,998.57	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.43	
001-220-5700-002	Fire Utilities	\$ 6,287.85			\$ 6,287.85	\$ 4,418.22	\$ 1,869.63	\$ 1,844.50	\$ 25.13
001-220-5705-000	Fire Testing / Certification	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,888.13	\$ 111.87	\$ 111.87	
001-220-5750-000	Fire Fixed Asset Repair / Replace	\$ 18,000.00			\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-235-5200-000	Telephone Expense	\$ 8,000.00			\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,396.41	\$ 2,603.59	\$ 2,461.97	\$ 141.62
001-241-5110-000	Building Inspector Salary	\$ 20,176.67			\$ 20,176.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-241-5110-007	Asst Building Inspector Wages	\$ 640.00			\$ 640.00	\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00	
001-241-5700-000	Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
001-242-5110-000	Gas/Plumbing Inspector Salary	\$ 4,996.53	\$ 0.03		\$ 4,996.56	\$ 4,996.56	\$ -	\$ -	
001-242-5110-007	Asst Gas/Plumbing Inspector Wages	\$ 416.00			\$ 416.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-242-5700-000	Gas/Plumbing Inspector Expenses	\$ 440.00			\$ 440.00	\$ 358.53	\$ 81.47	\$ 81.47	
001-245-5110-000	Wiring Inspector Salary	\$ 4,960.48			\$ 4,960.48	\$ 4,960.48	\$ -	\$ -	
001-245-5110-007	Asst Wiring Inspector Wages	\$ 418.00			\$ 418.00	\$ -	\$ 418.00	\$ 418.00	
001-249-5110-000	Zoning Enforcement Salary	\$ 13,627.93			\$ 13,627.93	\$ 13,627.93	\$ -	\$ -	
001-249-5700-000	Zoning Enforcement Expense	\$ 451.00			\$ 451.00	\$ 89.80	\$ 361.20	\$ 361.20	
001-291-5110-000	Emergency Management Salaries	\$ 1,800.00			\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-291-5700-000	Emergency Management Agency	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,998.52	\$ 1.48	\$ 1.48	
001-291-5700-001	BEMA Blackboard Connect Fee	\$ 4,000.00			\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-292-5110-000	Animal Control Officer Salary	\$ 7,276.95			\$ 7,276.95	\$ 7,276.95	\$ -	\$ -	
001-292-5110-007	Asst Animal Control Officer Wages	\$ 756.00			\$ 756.00	\$ -	\$ 756.00	\$ 756.00	
001-292-5700-000	Animal Control Office Expense	\$ 1,589.00			\$ 1,589.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 1,424.00	\$ 1,424.00	
001-293-5110-000	Parking Clerk Salary	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-293-5700-000	Parking Ticket Expense	\$ 83.00			\$ 83.00	\$ -	\$ 83.00	\$ 83.00	
001-294-5700-000	Tree Warden Expense	\$ 12,400.00			\$ 12,400.00	\$ 12,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-296-5700-000	Shade Tree Expense	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,407.20	\$ 92.80	\$ 92.80	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ -	\$ 894,725.01	\$ 10,000.03	\$ 904,725.04	\$ 836,245.83	\$ 68,479.21	\$ 65,349.20	\$ 3,130.01
EDUCATION									
001-310-5110-001	School Committee Salary	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
001-310-5110-002	Regional School Committee Salary	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
001-310-5600-000	Regional School Assessment	\$ 1,823,996.00			\$ 1,823,996.00	\$ 1,823,996.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-310-5601-000	School Transportation Assessment	\$ 32,073.00			\$ 32,073.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-310-5700-000	School Expenses	\$ 3,570,640.08			\$ 3,570,640.08	\$ 3,365,066.97	\$ 205,573.11	\$ 44,069.61	\$ 161,503.50
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$ -	\$ 5,429,209.08	\$ -	\$ 5,429,209.08	\$ 5,222,635.97	\$ 206,573.11	\$ 45,069.61	\$ 161,503.50
PUBLIC WORKS									
001-422-5110-000	Highway Supt Wages	\$ 73,259.78			\$ 73,259.78	\$ 59,789.76	\$ 13,470.02	\$ 13,470.02	
001-422-5110-001	Highway Operator Wages	\$ 161,853.17	\$ (3,204.51)		\$ 158,648.66	\$ 115,477.04	\$ 43,171.62	\$ 43,171.62	
001-422-5110-003	Highway Overtime/Other Wages	\$ 7,007.09			\$ 7,007.09	\$ 2,445.94	\$ 4,561.15	\$ 4,561.15	
001-422-5110-004	Highway Clerk Wages	\$ 27,059.03	\$ 3,204.51		\$ 30,263.54	\$ 29,744.18	\$ 519.36	\$ 519.36	
001-422-5110-005	Highway Police Detail	\$ 2,400.00			\$ 2,400.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 2,196.00	\$ 2,196.00	
001-422-5110-006	Highway Seasonal Worker	\$ 10,300.00			\$ 10,300.00	\$ 10,298.60	\$		

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-423-5700-000	Snow & Ice Expenses	\$	45,000.00	\$ 4,741.57	\$ 49,741.57	\$ 49,741.57	\$ -		
001-491-5110-000	Cemetery Wages	\$	20,719.48	\$	20,719.48	\$ 18,212.11	\$ 2,507.37	\$ 2,507.37	
001-491-5110-001	Cemetery Supt Salary	\$	6,362.31	\$ 0.09	\$ 6,362.40	\$ 6,362.40	\$ -		
001-491-5700-000	Cemetery Expenses	\$	5,893.33	\$	5,893.33	\$ 5,893.33	\$ -		
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$ -	\$ 516,876.86	\$ 0.09	\$ 516,876.95	\$ 424,194.29	\$ 92,682.66	\$ 92,481.76	\$ 200.90
HUMAN SERVICES									
001-510-5110-000	Board of Health Salary	\$	4,200.00	\$	4,200.00	\$ 3,743.31	\$ 456.69	\$ 456.69	
001-510-5110-001	Board of Health Clerk Wages	\$	12,373.75	\$	12,373.75	\$ 2,144.00	\$ 10,229.75	\$ 10,229.75	
001-510-5110-006	Animal Inspector Salary	\$	1,250.00	\$	1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -		
001-510-5700-000	Board of Health Expenses	\$	6,500.00	\$	6,500.00	\$ 3,989.36	\$ 2,510.64		\$ 2,510.64
001-515-5110-000	Transfer Station Wages	\$	30,321.14	\$	30,321.14	\$ 29,791.83	\$ 529.31	\$ 529.31	
001-515-5250-000	Well Tests	\$	15,500.00	\$	15,500.00	\$ 13,520.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 1,980.00	
001-515-5700-000	Transfer Station Expenses	\$	133,786.85	\$	133,786.85	\$ 92,724.19	\$ 41,062.66	\$ 33,886.67	\$ 7,175.99
001-541-5110-000	Outreach Worker	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
001-541-5110-001	COA Director	\$	4,120.00	\$	4,120.00	\$ 2,700.69	\$ 1,419.31	\$ 1,419.31	
001-541-5200-000	Tri-Valley Crisis Intervention	\$	955.00	\$	955.00	\$ -	\$ 955.00	\$ 955.00	
001-541-5700-000	COA Expense	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00	\$ 3,376.37	\$ 123.63	\$ 123.63	
001-544-5110-000	Veterans Agent Salary	\$	5,523.89	\$	5,523.89	\$ 5,523.89	\$ -		
001-544-5700-000	Veterans Agent Expenses	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
001-544-5740-000	Veterans Case Worker	\$	85,000.00	\$	85,000.00	\$ 78,011.79	\$ 6,988.21	\$ 6,988.21	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		\$ -	\$ 304,930.63	\$ -	\$ 304,930.63	\$ 237,775.43	\$ 67,155.20	\$ 57,468.57	\$ 9,686.63
CULTURE & RECREATION									
001-610-5110-001	Library Director Wages	\$	65,000.00	\$	65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -		
001-610-5110-002	Library Custodian Wages	\$	11,726.97	\$	11,726.97	\$ 11,433.80	\$ 293.17	\$ 293.17	
001-610-5110-003	Library Asst Salary	\$	25,533.32	\$	25,533.32	\$ 25,533.32	\$ -		
001-610-5110-004	Library Sat/Hol/Vac	\$	2,781.00	\$	2,781.00	\$ 2,776.70	\$ 4.30	\$ 4.30	
001-610-5190-000	Longevity Library Staff	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -		
001-610-5700-000	Library Expenses	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -		
001-610-5700-001	Library Books/Videos	\$	37,000.00	\$	37,000.00	\$ 36,994.51	\$ 5.49	\$ 5.49	
001-630-5700-000	Recreation Expenses	\$	8,220.13	\$	8,220.13	\$ 8,220.13	\$ -		
001-630-5803-000	South Pond Beach Expenses	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$ 2,270.40	\$ 729.60	\$ 649.60	\$ 80.00
001-691-5700-000	Historical Commission	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$ 1,427.91	\$ 572.09	\$ 572.09	
001-691-5700-001	18 Common St Expenses	\$	5,116.87	\$	5,116.87	\$ 5,116.87	\$ -		
001-692-5700-000	Memorial Day Expenses	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -		
001-693-5700-000	Cultural Council Expenses	\$	8,860.00	\$	8,860.00	\$ 7,419.08	\$ 1,440.92	\$ 1,440.92	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		\$ -	\$ 189,238.29	\$ -	\$ 189,238.29	\$ 186,192.72	\$ 3,045.57	\$ 2,965.57	\$ 80.00
DEBT									
001-710-5910-002	Fire Truck Principal	\$	23,292.00	\$	23,292.00	\$ 23,292.00	\$ -		
001-710-5914-000	Police Station Principal	\$	33,336.00	\$	33,336.00	\$ 33,336.00	\$ -		
001-710-5915-000	Saw Mill Pond Principal	\$	8,267.50	\$	8,267.50	\$ 8,267.50	\$ -		
001-751-5915-002	Fire Truck Interest	\$	22,483.73	\$	22,483.73	\$ 22,483.73	\$ -		
001-751-5919-000	Police Station Interest	\$	32,179.28	\$	32,179.28	\$ 32,179.28	\$ -		
001-751-5920-000	Saw Mill Pond Interest	\$	2,282.26	\$	2,282.26	\$ 2,282.25	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01	
TOTAL DEBT		\$ -	\$ 121,840.77	\$ -	\$ 121,840.77	\$ 121,840.76	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01	\$ -
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS									
001-911-5100-000	County Retirement Assessment	\$	443,950.00	\$	443,950.00	\$ 435,950.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	
001-913-5100-000	Unemployment Insurance	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00	\$ 9,374.39	\$ 5,625.61	\$ 5,625.61	
001-914-5105-000	Group Insurance-Town Share	\$	749,044.00	\$	749,044.00	\$ 696,878.63	\$ 52,165.37	\$ 52,165.37	
001-916-5115-000	Medicare - Town Share	\$	70,000.00	\$	70,000.00	\$ 68,725.05	\$ 1,274.95	\$ 1,274.95	
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ -	\$ 1,277,994.00	\$ -	\$ 1,277,994.00	\$ 1,210,928.07	\$ 67,065.93	\$ 67,065.93	\$ -

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
OTHER INSURANCE									
001-945-5600-000	General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 168,570.60	\$ (2,442.38)	\$ 166,128.22	\$ 146,003.00	\$ 20,125.22	\$ 20,125.22	\$ -
TOTAL OTHER INSURANCE		\$ -	\$ 168,570.60	\$ (2,442.38)	\$ 166,128.22	\$ 146,003.00	\$ 20,125.22	\$ 20,125.22	\$ -
WATER DEPT									
001-450-5110-000	Water Commissioner Salary	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-450-5110-001	Water Clerk Wages	\$ -	\$ 19,333.10	\$ 2.58	\$ 19,335.68	\$ 19,335.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-450-5110-002	Water Supt Salary	\$ -	\$ 86,641.54	\$ -	\$ 86,641.54	\$ 86,641.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-450-5110-003	Water Secondary Operator Wages	\$ -	\$ 8,201.89	\$ (2.58)	\$ 8,199.31	\$ 8,133.61	\$ 65.70	\$ 65.70	\$ -
001-450-5700-000	Water Expenses	\$ -	\$ 43,420.23	\$ -	\$ 43,420.23	\$ 30,566.25	\$ 12,853.98	\$ 12,853.98	\$ -
TOTAL WATER DEPT		\$ -	\$ 159,696.76	\$ -	\$ 159,696.76	\$ 146,777.08	\$ 12,919.68	\$ 12,919.68	\$ -
TOTAL BUDGET		\$ -	\$ 10,195,896.99	\$ (5,650.00)	\$ 10,190,246.99	\$ 9,508,780.97	\$ 681,466.02	\$ 467,550.40	\$ 213,915.62
FY24 ARTICLES									
001-231-5700-000	Emergency Squad Expenses A5	\$ -	\$ 48,500.00	\$ -	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 40,423.59	\$ 8,076.41	\$ 7,270.41	\$ 806.00
001-231-5110-004	Emergency Squad Wages A6	\$ -	\$ 260,590.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 278,590.00	\$ 274,500.48	\$ 4,089.52	\$ 4,089.52	\$ -
001-422-5700-901	Center Line Painting A7	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-122-5190-900	Longevity Pay A13	\$ -	\$ 31,150.00	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 36,800.00	\$ 36,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-122-5700-909	Plantings & Maint A15	\$ -	\$ 568.50	\$ -	\$ 568.50	\$ 568.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-491-5700-900	Cemetery Mower A16	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,983.98	\$ 16.02	\$ 16.02	\$ -
001-491-5700-901	Pave/Improve 2 Cemetery Roads A17	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
001-491-5700-902	Cemetery Water Lines A18	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 4,011.87	\$ 15,988.13	\$ -	\$ 15,988.13
001-422-5700-902	Gravel for Private Roads A19	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-710-5910-900	Debt Payoff 18 Common St A20	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 238,751.14	\$ 11,248.86	\$ 11,248.86	\$ -
001-231-5700-900	Purchase Narcan/Opioid Treatment A24	\$ -	\$ 5,586.42	\$ -	\$ 5,586.42	\$ 579.98	\$ 5,006.44	\$ -	\$ 5,006.44
001-161-5700-900	ACCU Vote Machine A28	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,560.00	\$ 940.00	\$ -	\$ 940.00
001-210-5700-901	Police Station Server A29	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,520.42	\$ 4,479.58	\$ -	\$ 4,479.58
001-610-5110-900	Asst Library Dir Wages A30	\$ -	\$ 42,668.00	\$ -	\$ 42,668.00	\$ 42,668.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 757,062.92	\$ 23,650.00	\$ 780,712.92	\$ 670,867.96	\$ 109,844.96	\$ 22,624.81	\$ 87,220.15
TOTAL FY2024 BUDGET & ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 10,952,959.91	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 10,970,959.91	\$ 10,179,648.93	\$ 791,310.98	\$ 490,175.21	\$ 301,135.77
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS									
001-992-5962-000	Transfer to Special Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,359.93	\$ (11,359.93)	\$ (11,359.93)	\$ -
001-992-5962-000	Transfer to Roof Stabilization A27	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-996-5966-000	Transfer to Trust Funds	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS		\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 136,359.93	\$ (11,359.93)	\$ (11,359.93)	\$ -
TOTAL ALL FY2024 BUDGET & ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 11,077,959.91	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 11,095,959.91	\$ 10,316,008.86	\$ 779,951.05	\$ 478,815.28	\$ 301,135.77
ASSESSMENTS/RECAP									
001-158-5700-001	Tax Title Recap	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 16,113.75	\$ 13,886.25	\$ 13,886.25	\$ -
001-820-5632-000	School Choice Tuition Sending	\$ -	\$ 82,347.00	\$ -	\$ 82,347.00	\$ 72,789.00	\$ 9,558.00	\$ 9,558.00	\$ -
001-820-5633-000	Charter School Tuition Assessment	\$ -	\$ 90,460.00	\$ -	\$ 90,460.00	\$ 71,432.00	\$ 19,028.00	\$ 19,028.00	\$ -
001-820-5634-000	RMV Surcharge	\$ -	\$ 3,360.00	\$ -	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 3,360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-820-5640-000	Air Pollution	\$ -	\$ 943.00	\$ -	\$ 943.00	\$ 943.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-820-5663-000	RTA Assessment	\$ -	\$ 11,409.00	\$ -	\$ 11,409.00	\$ 11,409.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS		\$ -	\$ 218,519.00	\$ -	\$ 218,519.00	\$ 176,046.75	\$ 42,472.25	\$ 42,472.25	\$ -
FY23 & PRIOR ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD									
000-122-5700-900	Install Street Lights	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
000-192-5942-003	Town Hall Chair Lift	\$ -	\$ 74,945.45	\$ -	\$ 74,945.45	\$ 2,230.00	\$ 72,715.45	\$ -	\$ 72,715.45
000-220-5901-000	Fire Station Repairs	\$ -	\$ 9,917.58	\$ -	\$ 9,917.58	\$ 8,194.56	\$ 1,723.02	\$ -	\$ 1,723.02
001-122-5110-901	All Boards Clerk Wages	\$ -	\$ 5,189.25	\$ -	\$ 5,189.25	\$ 339.10	\$ 4,850.15	\$ 4,850.15	\$ -
001-122-5110-902	Cable Coord Wages	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-122-5700-908	Lewis Field Grant Match	\$ -	\$ 125,284.30	\$ -	\$ 125,284.30	\$ 28,189.30	\$ 97,095.00	\$ 97,095.00	\$ -
001-158-5700-901	Tax Title Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,399.63	\$ -	\$ 1,399.63	\$ 1,399.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-122-5300-901	Update Master Plan	\$ -	\$ 12,257.50	\$ -	\$ 12,257.50	\$ 7,715.00	\$ 4,542.50	\$ -	\$ 4,542.50
001-122-5700-900	PEG Cable Access	\$ -	\$ 60,859.74	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 130,859.74	\$ 65,427.78	\$ 65,431.96	\$ -	\$ 65,431.96
001-122-5805-900	Fleet Repair/Replace	\$ -	\$ 20,480.34	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 38,480.34	\$ 10,473.04	\$ 28,007.30	\$ 28,007.30	\$ -
001-179-5701-000	Master Plan Implementation	\$ -	\$ 9,232.98	\$ -	\$ 9,232.98	\$ 3,857.50	\$ 5,375.48	\$ -	\$ 5,375.48
001-220-5430-900	Fire Station Improvements	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 545.42	\$ 9,454.58	\$ -	\$ 9,454.58
001-220-5430-901	FD Overhead Doors	\$ -	\$ 42,000.00	\$ -	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 36,506.00	\$ 5,494.00	\$ -	\$ 5,494.00
001-220-5850-900	FD Defibrillators	\$ -	\$ 8,077.00	\$ -	\$ 8,077.00	\$ 3,650.50	\$ 4,426.50	\$ -	\$ 4,426.50
001-220-5700-902	Emergency Generator	\$ -	\$ 3,220.16	\$ -	\$ 3,220.16	\$ -	\$ 3,220.16	\$ -	\$ 3,220.16
001-220-5700-903	FD-Air Tanks/Clothing	\$ -	\$ 587.23	\$ 12,825.00	\$ 13,412.23	\$ 13,412.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
001-235-5340-900	TH Phone System	\$ -	\$ 6,755.87	\$ -	\$ 6,755.87	\$ 1,202.00	\$ 5,553.87	\$ 5,553.87	\$ -
001-294-5700-900	Tree Removal	\$ -	\$ 54,300.00	\$ -	\$ 54,300.00	\$ 48,606.60	\$ 5,693.40	\$ -	\$ 5,693.40
001-422-5700-004	HWY-Personal Safety	\$ -	\$ 356.80	\$ -	\$ 356.80	\$ 350.00	\$ 6.80	\$ 6.80	\$ -
001-422-5800-900	Roads-Reconst & Improve	\$ -	\$ 39,780.06	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 64,780.06	\$ 9,653.25	\$ 55,126.81	\$ -	\$ 55,126.81
001-510-5700-001	BOH Building Condemnation	\$ -	\$ 2,792.00	\$ -	\$ 2,792.00	\$ -	\$ 2,792.00	\$ -	\$ 2,792.00
001-541-5110-900	COA Director	\$ -	\$ 3,611.95	\$ -	\$ 3,611.95	\$ 125.21	\$ 3,486.74	\$ -	\$ 3,486.74
001-693-5700-900	350th Celebration	\$ -	\$ 33,813.31	\$ -	\$ 33,813.31	\$ 17,552.98	\$ 16,260.33	\$ -	\$ 16,260.33
001-913-5100-900	PY Unemployment Charge	\$ -	\$ 1,376.73	\$ -	\$ 1,376.73	\$ -	\$ 1,376.73	\$ 1,376.73	\$ -
TOTAL FY23 & PRIOR ARTICLES		\$ 548,237.88	\$ 125,825.00	\$ -	\$ 674,062.88	\$ 279,430.10	\$ 394,632.78	\$ 108,682.55	\$ 285,750.23
FY23 ENCUMBRANCES									
ALL ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 176,738.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 176,738.30	\$ 176,558.30	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ -
TOTAL FY23 ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 176,738.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 176,738.30	\$ 176,558.30	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ -
TOTAL BUDGET, ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 724,976.18	\$ 11,203,784.91	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 11,946,761.09	\$ 10,771,997.26	\$ 1,174,763.83	\$ 587,877.83	\$ 586,886.00

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2024	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Special Revenue:					
Federal and State Grants:					
004 Rural Aid	23,429.80	-	135,329.25	111,899.45	23,429.80
009 Circuit Breaker	11,764.00	-	29,537.00	17,773.00	11,764.00
018 School Title 1	1,558.27	4,872.86	40,000.00	43,314.59	1,558.27
030 FEMA / Cares Covid Grant	537.29	537.29	-	-	537.29
031 CARES Mail in Voting	277.56	370.39	-	92.83	277.56
032 ARPA Covid Grant	145,704.54	203,636.73	-	57,932.19	145,704.54
038 School ESSER 3 Grant	5,245.05	86,010.25	228,088.00	308,853.20	5,245.05
049 Veterans COLA Grant	237.00	237.00	-	-	237.00
050 Clean Lakes Grant	8.30	8.30	-	-	8.30
053 Mass Preservation Grant	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
054 SMRP DEP Grant	5,202.87	652.87	4,550.00	-	5,202.87
064 Lewis Field Reno PARC Grant	(84,000.00)	(4,389.30)	13,300.00	92,910.70	(84,000.00)
065 CC Recording Studio	75,005.00	-	86,575.00	11,570.00	75,005.00
073 PD JAG Grant	-	(2,865.00)	2,865.00	-	-
075 AHIR Demo Grant	680.00	680.00	-	-	680.00
076 Fire Dept VFA Grant	3,322.57	822.57	2,500.00	-	3,322.57
078 Covid BOH Grant	1,655.57	1,655.57	-	-	1,655.57
079 ADA Town Hall State Grant	5,037.00	5,037.00	-	-	5,037.00
081 EOPS Fire Grant	7,819.50	7,819.50	-	-	7,819.50
083 Fire Safe Grant	(145.75)	2,881.00	-	3,026.75	(145.75)
087 Fire Senior Safe Grant	(187.21)	443.41	-	630.62	(187.21)
088 FD Equipment Grant	-	(7,697.25)	7,697.25	-	-
089 FD AED Equipment Grant	0.25	0.25	-	-	0.25
120 MEMA Cert Grant	(436.42)	(406.54)	2,670.12	2,700.00	(436.42)
150 Arts Cultural Council	5,843.90	5,843.90	6,400.00	6,400.00	5,843.90
151 350th State Earmark	-	(10,000.00)	10,000.00	-	-
161 Restoration Vital Records Grant	280.00	280.00	-	-	280.00
175 Election/Polling Grant	209.83	2,421.12	348.00	2,559.29	209.83
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	825.00	825.00	-	-	825.00
242 FEWA/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	10,465.13	7,851.64	14,448.00	11,834.51	10,465.13
290 Library State Grant	13,580.73	16,053.26	10,541.15	13,013.68	13,580.73
297 BOH Grant	3,098.39	3,098.39	-	-	3,098.39
298 BOH Preparedness Grant	75.96	75.96	-	-	75.96
301 Complete Streets	-	(400,000.00)	400,000.00	-	-
556 CDBG Block Grant	11,331.65	11,331.65	546,104.63	546,104.63	11,331.65
055 TNC Ride Share	121.60	78.40	43.20	-	121.60
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

100	Ambulance	\$	538,511.94	\$	499,262.79	\$	366,339.15	\$	327,090.00	\$	538,511.94
180	Cable PEG Access	\$	203,499.37	\$	\$233,090.18	\$	40,409.19	\$	70,000.00	\$	203,499.37
315	Wetlands	\$	3,850.58	\$	4,564.10	\$	233.85	\$	947.37	\$	3,850.58
350	Sale of Lots	\$	4,750.34	\$	4,750.34	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,750.34
Revolving Funds:											
006	Union 61-PreSchool Tuition	\$	85,532.10	\$	89,721.50	\$	286,191.90	\$	290,381.30	\$	85,532.10
021	Extend Day	\$	65,706.82	\$	42,225.35	\$	56,263.26	\$	32,781.79	\$	65,706.82
160	RHE Coop	\$	5,389.72	\$	7,790.17	\$	2,317.72	\$	4,718.17	\$	5,389.72
261	Wire Inspection Fees	\$	4,501.35	\$	5,929.35	\$	2,335.00	\$	3,763.00	\$	4,501.35
262	Planning Board Fees	\$	3,884.57	\$	2,609.05	\$	1,275.52	\$	-	\$	3,884.57
263	South Pond Beach	\$	1,180.00	\$	1,180.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,180.00
264	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$	477.60	\$	90.00	\$	387.60	\$	-	\$	477.60
299	BOH	\$	1,450.00	\$	1,450.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,450.00
300	Recreation	\$	12,970.81	\$	5,413.57	\$	29,719.00	\$	22,161.76	\$	12,970.81
340	Ins Under 20k	\$	6,714.38	\$	(12,348.12)	\$	36,503.56	\$	17,441.06	\$	6,714.38
700	Police Detail	\$	(41,240.77)	\$	(16,378.83)	\$	45,596.32	\$	70,458.26	\$	(41,240.77)
Other Special Revenue:											
002	Water	\$	151,793.32	\$	184,666.60	\$	142,716.53	\$	175,589.81	\$	151,793.32
005	School Lunch	\$	243,777.70	\$	155,683.93	\$	291,101.25	\$	203,007.48	\$	243,777.70
015	School Choice	\$	501,040.90	\$	497,043.16	\$	322,483.00	\$	318,485.26	\$	501,040.90
085	Fire Donations	\$	1,734.55	\$	1,534.55	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$	1,734.55
090	Police Donations	\$	4,252.86	\$	4,152.86	\$	100.00	\$	-	\$	4,252.86
091	Recreation Donations	\$	2,373.00	\$	2,373.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,373.00
092	Agricultural Donations	\$	352.04	\$	352.04	\$	-	\$	-	\$	352.04
093	School Donations	\$	5.00	\$	5.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5.00
095	COA Donations	\$	2,193.83	\$	2,183.83	\$	10.00	\$	-	\$	2,193.83
110	Ambulance Donations	\$	34,543.66	\$	23,129.80	\$	12,700.00	\$	1,286.14	\$	34,543.66
125	SWEB Pilot Fees	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	8,000.00
152	Cultural Council Donations	\$	2,037.12	\$	7,505.53	\$	2,110.23	\$	7,578.64	\$	2,037.12
305	Dog Pound	\$	1,860.20	\$	1,860.20	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,860.20
351	Cemetery Preservation	\$	45,004.40	\$	45,004.40	\$	-	\$	-	\$	45,004.40
500	Septic 100K	\$	96,378.19	\$	96,378.19	\$	-	\$	-	\$	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	\$	275.00	\$	75.00	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$	275.00
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
Total Special Revenue Funds		\$	2,310,909.01	\$	1,907,024.81	\$	3,015,323.43	\$	2,646,633.03	\$	2,310,909.01

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
CAPITAL PROJECTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2024	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
State Grants (Other):					
016 Chapter 90	\$ 2,871.74	\$ (151,625.99)	\$ 174,289.56	\$ 19,791.83	\$ 2,871.74
Capital Projects:					
370 Bond Premiums	\$ 358.13	\$ 358.13	-	-	\$ 358.13
372 FD Pumper Truck	\$ 0.28	\$ 6,631.09	-	\$ 6,630.81	\$ 0.28
375 Town Hall Roof	\$ 10,430.26	\$ 10,430.26	-	-	\$ 10,430.26
379 Police Station	\$ 390.29	\$ 390.29	-	-	\$ 390.29
380 Saw Mill Pond	\$ 105,959.28	\$ 105,959.28	-	-	\$ 105,959.28
450 School Construction	\$ 5,088.15	\$ 5,088.15	-	-	\$ 5,088.15
Total Capital Projects	\$ 125,098.13	\$ (22,768.79)	\$ 174,289.56	\$ 26,422.64	\$ 125,098.13

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS AND AGENCY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

		Fund Balances June 30, 2024				
		Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry	
Trust Funds:						
<i>NON EXPENDABLE TRUST</i>						
840	Bemis Library Trust	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	
841	Merrick Library Trust	1,050.00	-	-	1,050.00	
842	Perpetual Care	137,659.46	-	-	137,659.46	
843	Estee Flower	960.01	-	-	960.01	
844	New Library Trust	595.00	-	-	595.00	
845	Library Trust	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	
846	Crawford Library Trust	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	
<i>OTHER TRUST FUNDS</i>						
750	OPEB Trust	171,607.56	67,835.01	-	171,607.56	
800	G.Washington Trees Trust	28.32	(177.53)	-	28.32	
801	Jeppson TH Marker Trust	1,354.00	-	-	1,354.00	
803	Jeppson Police Trust	300.58	-	-	300.58	
804	Jeppson Cemetery Trust	5,101.46	-	-	5,101.46	
806	Jeppson COA Trust	1,862.50	2,287.50	-	1,862.50	
807	Jeppson Library Trust	2,503.48	2,287.50	2,147.27	2,503.48	
809	Jeppson Tree Trust	175.00	-	-	175.00	
847	Bemis Library Trust	715.54	128.21	-	715.54	
848	Estee Flower	1,757.72	127.75	-	1,757.72	
850	Perpetual Care	76,653.94	15,041.46	-	76,653.94	
855	Dr Pease Trust	2,407.31	343.90	34.04	2,407.31	
860	Library Book Trust	5,826.62	871.57	-	5,826.62	
861	Law Enforcement Trust	35.00	-	-	35.00	
880	Rehab Trust	59,212.44	2,782.57	-	59,212.44	
885	Firemens Relief Trust	3,564.76	204.18	-	3,564.76	
Stabilization Funds:						
875	General	594,310.74	27,935.83	-	594,310.74	
872	Roof Stabilization	158,216.83	158,216.83	-	158,216.83	
873	Capital Stabilization	94,138.15	4,035.02	75,000.00	94,138.15	
874	OSRP/REC Stabilization	5,832.74	636.22	-	5,832.74	
879	PUR Property Stabilization	185.65	8.74	-	185.65	
871	Opioid Settlement Stabilization	15,344.28	4,439.63	5,586.42	15,344.28	
Agency Funds:						
020	Student Activities	12,851.34	17,278.39	13,820.35	12,851.34	
735	Firearms Overlay-Pistol Permits	5,761.98	5,944.00	6,687.50	5,761.98	
738	Deputy Collector	(1,342.23)	11,411.00	11,517.00	(1,342.23)	
739	Cooley Hill	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	
740	Planning Board Review	78,758.00	-	90.00	78,758.00	
<i>BID DEPOSITS</i>						
730	Driveway Permits	42,651.93	10,875.00	7,500.00	42,651.93	
901	Highway Bid Bonds	2,230.00	-	-	2,230.00	
Total Trust Funds		1,500,310.11	332,512.78	122,382.58	1,500,310.11	

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 . 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.

This office received a significant number of open meeting law complaints and public record requests during the year.

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

Census

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

Dog Licenses

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

Vital Statistics

Deaths-43 Births-21 Marriages-12

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael P. Seery
Town Clerk



MARRIAGES & INTENTIONS 2024 (Filed in Brookfield)

To Whom Issued	Date of Marriage	Registered No.
Jillian Hope to Jerome Rudzinski	January 20, 2024	1
Jonathan Gallant to Kelly Moulin	June 1, 2024	2
James Hatstat to Cynthia Joubert	June 8, 2024	3
Matthew Brown to Katelynn Morris	August 10, 2024	4
Cody Morris to Sabrina Pepper	September 15, 2024	5
Kevin Harrington to Vanessa Varjian	October 5, 2024	6
Emily Rodrigue & Andrew Carbone	October 20, 2024	8
Jeffrey Huston to Rhonda Lariviere	November 24, 2024	11
Roderick Craig to Elaine Ribeiro	October 23, 2024	7
Dylan Packard & Celena Vicuna	November 3, 2024	9
Tyler Ferraguto to Amanda M. Gordon	December 22, 2024	12
Brendan Miller to Annie Watkins	November 19, 2024	10

DEATHS 2024

	Name	Date of Death	Age at Death	Military Service
1	Timothy Cash	Tuesday, January 9, 2024	53	
2	Nancy Neault	Saturday, January 13, 2024	86	
3	Paula Miranda	Tuesday, January 23, 2024	93	
4	Paul Julian	Monday, January 22, 2024	76	
5	Blanche Kiley	Monday, February 5, 2024	88	
6	Barbara Grummell	Tuesday, February 6, 2024	76	
7	Virginia Olds	Sunday, February 11, 2024	94	
8	Angel Diaz	Friday, February 23, 2024	48	
9	James O'Donnell	Sunday, March 3, 2024	74	Vietnam National Guard
10	Lawrence Hatstat	Wednesday, March 13, 2024	93	Korea Air Force
11	Patricia Anderson	Friday, March 15, 2024	87	
12	Esther Chaffee	Sunday, April 7, 2024	74	
13	Patsy Brown	Tuesday, April 9, 2024	85	
14	Frankie Killmer	Tuesday, April 16, 2024	33	
15	Lorraine Laperriere	Tuesday, April 16, 2024	93	
16	Stephen Szaban	Friday, April 26, 2024	86	
17	Richard Menard	Sunday, May 5, 2024	90	Korea Army-PFC
18	Kenneth Cleveland	Saturday, May 18, 2024	81	
19	Frederick Slaunwhite	Saturday, May 18, 2024	69	
20	Evelyn Sullivan	Tuesday, June 4, 2024	91	
21	Douglas Walker	Monday, June 10, 2024	76	
22	Terry Richards	Thursday, June 13, 2024	64	
23	Judith Haseltine	Friday, June 21, 2024	70	Army Peacetime

24	Thomas Groccia	Saturday, July 6, 2024	35	
25	Patrick McLeish	Saturday, July 6, 2024	31	
26	Richard Mollison	Saturday July 6, 2024	66	Air Force Peacetime
27	Dora Bard	Thursday, July 11, 2024	97	
28	Robert Jodoin	Tuesday, July 30, 2024	86	Korea-Air Force
29	Immaculata Antanavica	Sunday, July 28, 2024	29	
30	Keith Spence Jr.	Saturday, August 10, 2024	58	
31	Robert Jewell	Tuesday, September 10, 2024	71	
32	Henry Merchant	Monday, September 16, 2024	81	
33	Roland Lucier	Wednesday, October 2, 2024	72	
34	Michael Gallant	Friday, October 11, 2024	62	
35	Gary Johnson	Wednesday, October 16, 2024	57	
36	Kylie Laviolette	Tuesday, October 15, 2024	22	
37	Marilyn O'Coin	Sunday, October 27, 2024	78	
38	Douglas Wiles	Monday November 18, 2024	64	
39	Charles Cogen	Monday November 18, 2024	72	
40	Florence Hickey	Thursday, November 28, 2024	89	
41	Richard Turnbull	Sunday, December 8, 2024	84	
42	Jean Johnson	Saturday, December 14, 2024	92	
43	Michael Casati	Saturday, December 21, 2024	49	

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES ISSUED 2024

Date Issued	Business Name	To Whom Issued	Address
January 2, 2024	Gold Star Family Cleaners	Kimberly Simons	11 Molasses Hill Road
January 3, 2024	CRZ	Chad R. Zgraddon	131 Rice Corner Road
January 8, 2024	America's 4/20	Martin Wolons	13 Maple Street
February 21, 2024	Zuidema's Landscaping Services	Joseph Zuidema	2 Kimball Street-Apt. 1
February 1, 2024	Brian's Truck Equipment Inc.	Brian Stockman	46 Quaboag Street
February 21, 2024	CL Interiors	Christa Lebrun	118 Rice Corner Road
April 9, 2024	Oak Rose Designs	Nicole Mendicino	25 West Main Street
April 9, 2024	Brave Ambitions Coaching	Nicole Mendicino	25 West Main Street
May 13, 2024	Net Zero	Martin Wolons	13 Maple Street
May 13, 2024	Zeronize	Martin Wolons	13 Maple Street
July 2, 2024	Tip Top Country Store	Rudolf & Sarah Heller	8 Central Street
July 9, 2024	John Shea's Appliance Repair	John Shea	11 Hayden Ave
July 16, 2024	Quaboag Equipment	Charles K. Wilson	25 Fiskdale Road

August 6, 2024	B & R Bookkeeping Services	Bret Ulibarri	98 Rice Corner Road
August 6, 2024	Tasse Fuel Corp.	Jeff Tasse	14 Post Road
August 14, 2024	Victory Self Storage	Roger Mundell	52 South Maple Street
September 10, 2024	Five Town Renovation	Nicholas Mazzone	46 Fiskdale Road
October 9, 2024	Jason Roscoe	David Ryan Metcalf	33 Webber Road
October 28, 2024	Lisa Caron Real Estate LLC.	Lisa Caron	42 West Main Street
November 12, 2024	What Da Ya Need	Jay E. Martinelli	2 Lane 21
November 14, 2024	Tip Top Cooperative Inc.	Constance Martell	8 Central Street
November 18, 2024	Diva Dance School	Michelle Mandella	1 Post Road

Annual Town Election Results Report

Monday May 6, 2024

Brookfield Town Hall

6 Central Street

Brookfield MA 01506

Total Ballots Cast for the Election = 558 out of 2,740 Voters

Moderator-1 Year

Blanks	
William J. Gillmeister	
Write-Ins	
Board of Assessors- 3 Years	
Blanks	
Holly J. Chisholm	
Write-Ins	
Water Commissioner-3 Years	
Blanks	
Alan K. Jones	
Write-Ins	
Cemetery Commissioner-3 Years	
Blanks	
Phillip R. Merriam	
Write-Ins	
Board of Selectmen-3 Years	
Blanks	
Thomas E. Regan	217
Richard A. Chaffee	336
Write-Ins	

Board of Health- 3 Years	
Blanks	
Kimberly Hurley Simons	
Write-Ins	
Library Trustee-3 Years-Vote for Two	
Blanks	
Carol J. Plumb	
Rebecca L. Morin	
Write-Ins	
Library Trustee-2 Years-Vote for One	
Blanks	136
Rebecca I. Beck	421
Write-Ins	3
Library Trustee-1 Year-Vote for One	
Blanks	121
Mary Lou Knight	437
Write-Ins	1
Elementary School Committee-3 Years	
Blanks	
Nicole M. C. Chaffee	
Write-Ins	
Planning Board-5 Years	
Blanks	
Lisa Joy Matondi	
Write-Ins	

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Election Results Report-Democratic Party Presidential Primary Brookfield, MA 01506 Tuesday March 5, 2024 <i>Total Ballots Cast = 14</i> <i>Total Registered Voters = 2,684</i>	
Presidential Preference-Libertarian	
Blanks	2
Jacob George Hornberger	2
Michael D. Rectenwald	0
Chase Russell Oliver	0
Michael Ter Maat	0
Lars Damian Mapstead	2
No Preference	4
Write-Ins	4
Total	14
State Committee Man-Libertarian	
Blanks	13
No Nomination	0
Write-Ins	1
Total	14
State Committee Woman-Libertarian	
Blanks	13
No Nomination	0
Write-Ins	1
Total	14
Town Committee-Libertarian	
Blanks	14
Write-Ins	0
Total	14

Certified this 7th Day of March 2024:

 Michael P. Seery - Town Clerk

Election Results Report-Republican Party Presidential Primary Brookfield, MA 01506 March 5, 2024 Total Ballots Cast = 504 Total Registered Voters = 2,684	
Presidential Preference-Republican	
Blanks	1
Chris Christie	3
Vivek Ramaswamy	2
Asa Hutchinson	0
Donald Trump	368
Ron Desantis	0
Ryan Binkley	3
Nikki Haley	125
No Preference	2
Write-Ins	0
Total	504
State Committee Man-Republican	
Blanks	109
Michael Paul Fountain	274
Jesse Michael Barnaby	118
Write-Ins	3
Total	504
State Committee Woman-Republican	
Blanks	107
Rebecca E. Connors	150
Stephanie R. Mulroy	244
Write-Ins	3
Total	504
Town Committee-Republican	
Blanks	504
Write-Ins	0
Total	504

Certified this 7th Day of March 2024:

Michael P. Seery - Town Clerk

Election Results Report-Libertarian Party
Presidential Primary
Brookfield, MA 01506
Tuesday March 5, 2024
Total Ballots Cast =
Total Registered Voters =

Presidential Preference-Libertarian

Blanks	0
Deval Patrick	4
Amy Klobuchar	3
Elizabeth Warren	77
Michael Bennet	0
Michael R. Bloomberg	44
Tulsi Gabbard	7
Cory Booker	1
Julian Casro	0
Tom Steyer	3
Bernie Sanders	150
Joseph Biden	188
John K. Delaney	1
Andrew Yang	0
Pete Buttigieg	22
Marianne Williamson	0
No Preference	2
Write-Ins	1
Total	503

State Committee Man-Democrat

Blanks	131
William Shemeth, III	370
Write-Ins	2
Total	503

State Committee Woman-Democrat

Blanks	137
Laura L. Jette	363
Write-Ins	3
Total	503

Town Committee-Democrat

Blanks	11931
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D.M.Lamoureux-Kane	306
Mary T. O'Connell	286
Peter S. O'Connell	288
Michael Scully Metz	284
Sean T. Mulligan	274
Geoffrey B. Clark	265
Margo W. Mulligan	279
Kristin A. Peterson	279
Brenda K. Turner	268
Sarah N. Heller	294
George A. Hirtle	272
Megan C. Metz	282
Beth Lisa Coughlin	296
David G. Martell	277
Carol J. Plumb	294
Donna Gale Sullivan	278
Rudolf Heller	302
Donald D. Faugno	284
Tara E. Brown	272
Timothy D. Kane	290
Write-Ins	4
Total	17605

Certified this 3rd Day of March 2020:

Michael P. Seery - Town Clerk

Election Results Report
State Election
Brookfield, MA 01506
November 5, 2024
Total Ballots Cast = 2107
Total Registered Voters = 2842

President - Vice President	
Ayyadurai & Ellis	9
De La Cruz & Garcia	6
Harris & Walz	930
Oliver & Termaat	16
Stein & Caballero-Roca	8
Trump & Vance	1109
Write-In	12
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	16
Total	2107
Senator in Congress	
Elizabeth Warren	890
John Deaton	1170
Write-In	2
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	44
Total	2107
Representative in Congress	
Richard Neal	1122
Nadia Donya Milleron	783
Write-In	11
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	191
Total	2107
Councillor	
Paul M. Depalo	961
Andrew J. Couture	1001
Write-In	4
Overvotes	0

Undervotes	141
Total	2107
Register of Deeds	
Kathryn M. Toomey	1486
Write-In	37
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	584
Total	2107
Senator in General Court	
Peter J. Durant	1288
Sheila H. Dibb	722
Write-In	3
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	94
Total	2107
Representative in General Court	
Donald R. Berthiaume Jr.	1600
Write-In	38
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	468
Total	2107
Question 1 - Audit the Legislature (State Auditor)	
Yes	1402
No	570
Overvotes	3
Undervotes	132
Total	2107
Question 2 -Eliminate MCAS Test Requirement-	
Yes	1300
No	742
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	64
Total	2107

Question 3-Transport Drivers to Unionize	
Yes	962
No	1022
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	123
Total	2107
Question 4-Legalize Certain Psychedelic Substances	
Yes	856
No	1159
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	91
Total	2107
Question 5- Increase Minimum Wage for Tipped Work	
Yes	589
No	1436
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	81
Total	2107
Clerk of Courts Worcester County	
Dennis P. McManus	1478
Write-In	44
Overvotes	2
Undervotes	583
Total	2107

Certified this 14th Day of November 2024

Michael P. Seery-Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

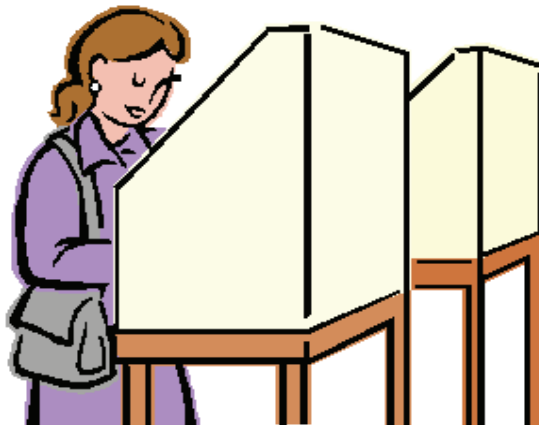
Elections and Town Meetings held in 2024

Presidential Primary-Tuesday March 5, 2024
Annual Town Election-Monday May 6, 2024
Annual Town Meeting-Thursday June 6, 2024
State Primary-Tuesday September 3, 2024
State Presidential Election-Tuesday November 5, 2024
Special Town Meeting-Thursday November 12, 2024

We thank our dedicated election workers and Brookfield Police Officers that helped during the elections and town meetings. The election and town meeting results can be found in this report. We would also like to note and extend our thanks to our Election Warden Kathryn Latour and our Election Clerk Sandra Renaud for their many years of dedicated service running our elections as both decided to retire this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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



BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

In 2024, the Brookfield Town Hall Improvement Committee (THIC) continued to oversee the design, planning and implementation of many projects both large and small throughout our great Town Hall.

The general cleanup of the Great Hall was completed. The cleanup filled a dumpster with a wide assortment of items deemed unusable and of no value to the Town. The scraping and repainting of the Great Hall walls and ceilings including the stage area was completed in 2024. Throughout the year we continued to work with the Town Administrator, Council on Aging and the Select Board on ways to improve access to the second floor for all residents and visitors with the hope that Town Meetings and other events can make use of this impressive space in the near future.

The natural gas lines on the rear of the building were painted by Don Taft. Howard Whitcomb repaired and repainted the Town Hall front doors in the vestibule. Years of harsh weather had severely damaged both of these doors. The main stairway to the second floor along with the open area at the top of the stairs was repainted this past year as well.

During the year we continued to work on addressing the recommendations detailed in the ADA accessibility report and the Air Quality report. The THIC plans on continuing work on these two important areas going forward. All ADA and Air Quality issues will continue to be documented and dealt with as they arise.

Phil Chaffee of Pacman Electric was able to remove all knob and tube wiring on the third floor and in the bell tower and rewire these areas with up to code wiring. This will be necessary if we move forward with blown in insulation project for the walls and ceilings on the upper floors of Town Hall. Ceiling mounted motion activated lights were installed on the third floor also. The recently constructed common print/mail/fax room built with low wall cubicles outside the Assessor's office in the Banquet Hall continues to be a benefit to Town Hall employees.

The move of the Apple Radio studio from an old Gavitt Wire facility to its new home next to the stage is ongoing. Electrical and communications wiring for this space were completed by the Tantasqua Electrical Dept under the watchful eyes of Scott Mansfield.

Skip Neilson and Al Jones continued to maintain the approximately 150 year old four sided Howard tower clock including the Spring and Fall setting of the clock as well as the cleaning and application of oil and grease to the clock works. Skip and Al were able to repair the ringing mechanism failure that was causing the clock to ring an extra time on every hour. As always maintenance and repairs to the clock were done at no cost to the Town.

Several office relocations were completed throughout the year in an effort to improve the working environment.

A new dehumidifier was installed in the communications room in the basement to help protect our voice and data systems.

Town Hall Improvement Committee Members

William R. Simpson (2026) (Chair)

Mary Lou Knight (2025) (Clerk) Carol Plumb (2024)

Don Taft (2026) Al Jones (2025) (Treasurer)

As always 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. We would also like to thank Cathy Larocca for all of her invaluable help with securing grants over the past years.



**REPORT OF THE TREASURER
Payroll 2024**

NAME		YTD GROSS
Adams	Shaun	72351.39
Allard	Jacob	4943.25
Allen	Roger	2250
Allen	Serenity	170.32
Anderson	Terry	22065.3
Annunziata	Katrina	82658.32
Aponte	Ronald	8942.3
Ashleigh	Sharon	7040
Aubin	Margaret	11695.06
Aubin	Noah	1787.39
Avery	Brian	9987.32
Barnes	Robert R	600
Barringer	Ashley	86943
Beauchamp	Jeffrey	3150.85
Beck	Rebecca	90
Beer	Alycia	48762.7
Blanchard	Michael	112083.99
Bourque	Mitchell	2393.75
Brecht	Timothy	62212.19
Budnik	Steven	579.61
Buffum	Cassandra	7866.18
Campbell	Sarah	6167.94
Casey	Paula	93427.06
Chaffee	Richard	933.32
Chaffee	Philip	3648.49
Chaffee II	Herbert	7364.5
Chisholm	Holly	36489.1
Choquet	Rebecca	72168.3
Clark	Megan	42531
Clarke	Bruce	146.55
Clarke	Dennis	86574.46
Clements	Patrick	4704.88
Cloutier	Monica	6300
Corder	Michael	4584
Coughlin	Beth	1999.95
Couming	Bonnie	2205
Cournoyer	Jessica	2625
Courtney	Cameron	4799.61

Courtney	Stacy	1340.38
Couture	Kayla	33261.64
Couture	Gretchen	22664.21
Crawford	Aaiden	1070.58
Cunningham	Macy	990
Cunningham	Megan	500
Daniels	Sean	228.96
Davol	Elizabeth	6667.5
Day	Forris	698.03
Defalco	Christopher	4090.14
Deflorio	Peter	12800
DelCid	Jena	8177.1
DeMartino	Alissa	57654
Doros	Benjamin	5603.94
Dufault	Justin	8461.76
Duggan	Jessica	35822.18
Dunn	Andrew	500
Dunn	Kian	7739.64
Duval	Michael	60777.65
Edgette III	Charles	866.23
Ehrhard	Karen	6597.64
Erkkila	Kevin	500
Esser	Daniel	15658.96
Falter	Robert	600
Fancy	Rebecca	27731.5
Farinato	Mallory	88951.94
Faugno	Andrea	2814.42
Ferreira	Kimberly	89937
Foley	Lisa	47161.81
Foley	Herbert	13263.48
Forand	Kevin	41783.53
Ford	Douglas	600
Forgit	Claudia	2542.5
Gemboski	Kelly	30712.3
Germain	Thomas	1627.92
Gibson-Kiesiner	Belinda	88643
Gillen	Sherry	27525.83
Gorham	Jacob	34089.25
Gorman	Christopher	500
Goyette	Thomas	6352.5
Graves	Matthew	32492.56
Grimes	Ernest	16623.6
Hague	Jacqueline	31385.09

Haley	Jay	85.68
Harvey	Nicole	150
Hayes	Kelly	30129.19
Hazzard	Nicole	175
Herbert	Donald	14880
Hirtle	George	607.02
Hosterman	Kathleen	124737.94
Jalbert	Jolene	81072
Jones	Alan	60120.05
Joubert	Breana	33580.38
Kadelski	Bradford	1999.95
Karrmann	Keith	600
Kellaher	Gary	24574
Kelleher	Christopher	1889.42
King	Patricia	19667.04
King	Jeffrey	500
Kuntz	Laura	42181
Labuski	Janice	67305.16
Lafleur	Donna	36558.24
Lane-Carmody	Amy	60370.99
Langlois	Robert	1800
Lapine	Gary	2301.65
LaPorte-Rivera	Cayla	2327.17
Lapriore	Matthew	63607.79
Lardizzone	Julie	75499.76
LaRocca	Cathy	17848.48
Latour	Tyler	230.86
Ledoux	Michelle	87406.94
Leger	Ashley	8200.04
Lepak	Maureen	1283.33
Lincoln	Linda	6749.56
Macleod	William	366.26
MacLeod	Linda	400.23
Maldonado	Jared	217.2
Mannix	Nancy	600
Mansfield	Scot	8071.48
Marino	Sean	93156.35
Marks	Ashley	305.97
Mars	Samantha	58598
Martell	David	1410.54
Martell	Peter	111140.4
Martelli	Nicholas	30747.94
Mason	Steven	1350

McAndrew	Joseph	1437.6
McNeaney	James	416
Merlo	David	353.5
Merriam	Jesse	3487.48
Metterville	Brenda	64802.45
Meunier	Lisa	175
Mieltowski	Paul	24183
Milner	James	26141.69
Monahan	Jean	2572.5
Moore	Ellen	3222.24
Morin	Jeffrey	500
Morin-Wermtter	Donna	82318.48
Mulhern	Patrick	445.23
Murphy	Melissa	78279
Murphy	Lee	74334.75
Newcomb	Jordan	51422.94
Nickerson	Stephen	6592.23
North	Samantha	367.5
Norton	Adam	1287.5
Novak	Steven	1250
O'Connell	Joanne	28092.9
Oldakowski	Amy	6012.48
O'Leary	Lois	17182.67
O'Neill	Karen	1207.5
Paras	Lindsey	52522.34
Parish	Brenda	58399.11
Parker	Colleen Joy	89437
Pinero Pina	Egbert	60272.14
Plumb	Carol	90.7
Pontbriand	Ryan	23025.12
Predella	Christina	1389.42
Pressman	Sarah	58582.58
Quattrocelli	Luke	314.45
Regan	Thomas	2833.32
Resseguie	Karen	50557.2
Richards	Amanda	49736.4
Robbins	Kelli	76078.18
Rockwood	Lindsey	33583.24
Roderick	Matthew	3465.82
Roderick	Joseph	3835.76
Rodrigues	Angelia	62682.26
Rodriguez	Yadira	8097.66
Rose	Jon	228.48

Ryan-Colon	Jennifer	27949.02
Sagendorph	Joan	3298.43
Sargent	Damien	3298.94
Savluk	Ariana	51521.58
Seery	Michael	57893.86
Simmons	Meredith	35535.83
Simonds	Diane	41642.62
Simonelli	Tracey	28055.59
Simpson	Katherine	13221.4
Skaza	Peter	49886.64
Smith	Kaitlyn	77835.82
Stearns	Alexander	2626.6
Straight	Rebecca Lee	34712.7
Strause	Audra	285
Taft	Donald	600
Tarr	Helen	95126
Taylor	Julia	45069.72
Taylor	Samantha	3412.5
Taylor	Jeffrey	20176.67
Thayer	Sharon	70203.12
Thomo	Nicholas	14763.59
VonHold	Carrie	28897.37
Wall	Joanne	57745.03
Wall	Robert	4996.56
Watterson	Carol	240
Weagle	Candyce	2825.9
Weissman	Mark	41086
White	Jeffrey	4724.37
Whittemore	Eric	40380.91
Woodard	Louise	90.7
Woodbury	Pamela	2144
Young	Margaret	29297.78

Tax Title Collections

Tax Title Principal 33518.07

Tax Title Penalties, Interest and Fees 7051.85

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The Town of Brookfield under this fiscal year 2025 tree contract, has completed the removal of 51 trees on Gay, Long Hill, Molasses Hill, and Webber Roads and Pleasant Street. This work addressed safety concerns from hazardous trees threatening residents, roads, and infrastructure.

These removals required significant coordination and effort, and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Highway Department for their outstanding support throughout the process. Tree work is among the most challenging and hazardous professions, demanding physical strength, precision, and constant vigilance. The crew often operates in high-risk environments using heavy equipment, a woodchipper and chainsaws and adding to the difficulty, tree work is frequently performed in less-than-ideal weather conditions. I would like to thank our Foreman Mike Duval, and Operators Mike Corter, Ben Doros, and our Part-time staff Ernie Grimes, and Damien Sargent for their hard work.

Unfortunately, Our Operators Mike and Ben have left their positions with the town. Although they have moved on to other positions, their hard work, professionalism, and teamwork will not be forgotten. I thank them for their service and wish them both the absolute best in their future endeavors.

I would like to recognize and commend the exceptional commitment demonstrated by our Contractor Rusty's Tree Service during this year's tree removal operations. Their dedication to safety, professionalism, and excellence has been evident in every aspect of their work.

In addition to completing tree removals efficiently and to the highest standards, the contractor went above and beyond by taking the time to work closely with the Highway Departments staff members. Their willingness to provide hands-on guidance and training not only enhanced the skills of our team but also strengthened our department's overall capabilities.

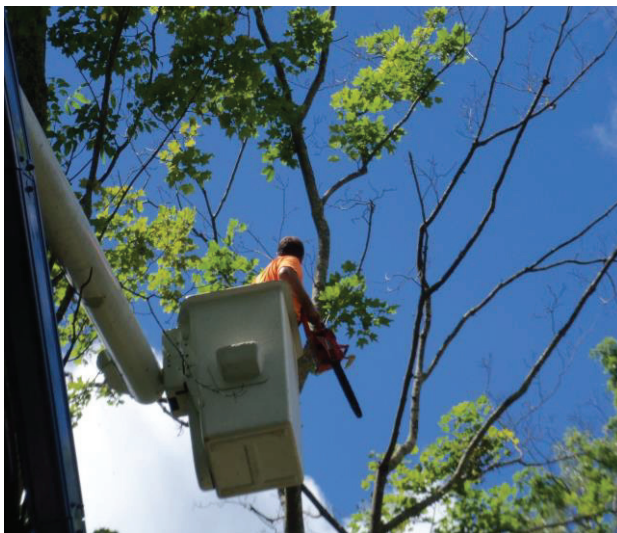
Special thanks and recognition belong to our Interim Highway Superintendent Lindsey Rockwood, whose leadership and dedication were instrumental in ensuring these operations were completed efficiently and safely. Ms. Rockwood has been and is an asset to our town and I hope she remains with us in the future.

I am proud to report that our team's operations were completed successfully without any incidents or injuries. This achievement is a testament to the professionalism and dedication of our Highway Department and Contractor, who consistently prioritize safety while performing one of the most challenging and hazardous types of work.

Finally, If you know of a hazardous tree, please report it to the Tree Warden by contacting the Highway Department.

Safety First!

Denis Tucker, Tree Warden





REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S AGENT

Calendar year 2024 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, and Welcome Home Bonus, 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.

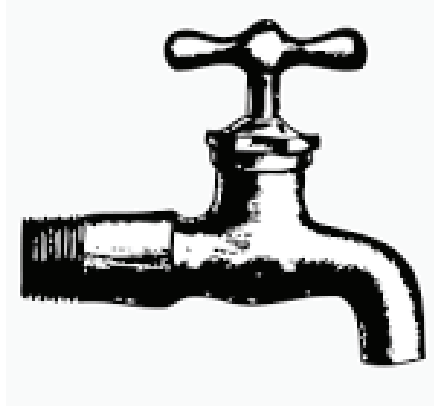
As we live in an area that has more than 50% of residents that are of retirement age, there is increased concern. Some may need assistance in their daily lives such as personal hygiene, household chores, or food pantry access. Others may need assistance to mow, rake lawns, snow removal, and minor house repairs.

For those Veterans and widows of Veterans who are in need of assistance, I am only a phone call away (774) 534-1231 or (508) 791-1213 ext 1115. For the residents of the Town of Brookfield, if you know of a Veteran or a widow of a Veteran that is in need of services, please contact me. Thank You

V/r,
Craig Makynen



REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT



January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Commissioners:
Donald R. Taft, Chairman (2026)
Robert Barnes (2025)
Al Jones (2027)

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 2024 Water Department actions included:

- Maintained full compliance with all state and federal drinking water standards and guidelines.
- Hosted 6th annual regional water department meeting.
- The department responded to water customers who contacted the office with questions or concerns.
- Replaced the entire water system within the cemetery. The project consisted of nearly 2,000' of water line and 8 new spigots mounted on posts. The project was completed in house with Superintendent Dennis Clarke and with help from two volunteers, Bruce Clarke and Ralph Mundell. Directional drilling was used for one area that required minimal surface disruption. The project was completed on time and under budget.

The Water Department treated and pumped 22,184,800 gallons of water in 2024. We currently have 490 active water service connections in town. The system consists of the four wells, Treatment Plant, 500,000-gallon standpipe, approximately 9 miles of water mains, and 81 fire hydrants.

	FY22 REPORT July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022	FY23 REPORT July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023	FY24 REPORT July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024
REVENUE:			
Water Customers	\$128,761.47	\$144,682.47	
Bulk Pool Water	\$24,092.69	\$16,303.84	
Demand/ Interest	\$4,048.71	\$6,171.74	
On/Off/Repair Fees	\$845.00	\$1,509.44	
Backflow/ Sprinkler	\$1,455.00	\$1,155.50	
New Services	\$0	\$2,000.00	
Total Collected	\$159,202.87	\$171,822.99	
EXPENSES:			
Operating Expenses	\$29,017.59	\$44,238.98	\$44,809.68
Wages	\$113,316.50	\$113,316.50	\$118,744.59
Total Annual Exp.	\$131,879.49	\$157,555.48	\$163,554.27
SURPLUS:			
Annual Surplus	\$27,323.38		
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT:			
Capitol Expenses	\$10,559.83 \$560,068.01 ARPA Grant	\$ 9,500 \$ CDBG Grant Green St	

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



REPORT OF THE ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Regular office hours were maintained to assist the Building Inspector to expedite permit required projects in assuring compliance with the Town's Zoning Bylaws. During the year 2024, this office has taken and responded to approximately ninety calls and twenty- five email requests.

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

There were several letters sent to individual property owners identifying specific zoning infractions and requesting they comply with the zoning bylaws to avoid further actions 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 utilizing town counsel and avoid further 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 ensure the rules and regulations set forth by the Town of Brookfield are being followed. Legal counsel will continue to be utilized only when necessary to help persuade residents to comply with the bylaws. Cooperation and compliance with the zoning bylaws, decisions of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Zoning Board of Appeals, 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 are available on line and through the Town Clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted, Nicholas Thomo, Zoning Enforcement Officer

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

This year was not a busy one with only 4 Special Permits and one letter concerning a previous Administrative Appeal. Each one of these Hearings requires a minimum amount of research and preparation on the board's part to deliver a proper decision but we usually have a few more Hearings than this year.

One of the special permits was for an historical retro business sign and the other three were for decks on pre-existing, non-conforming lots. A substantial part of Brookfield is classified as pre-existing and non-conforming for either lot sizes or structure positioning on those lots. The letter mentioned above recognized that a property owner had neatened up his yard at least to a minimum degree and no further action was called for.

A dangerous situation does exist regarding a falling down house that was not properly dealt with at a 2023 ZBA Hearing in that the conditions allowing a time delay for demolition were not sufficiently strict to ensure appropriate action. This is an ongoing concern.

All of the Hearing decisions were done by unanimous voting which again this year reflects much more of a firm consensus of proper action rather than any lack of diversity on the board. There are no remaining or outstanding court cases concerning this board. Also of note, the board had the additional help of an "All-Boards Clerk" this year. This board has had two different all-boards clerks in the recent past and they have performed well. We are in the process of looking for our third.

Submitted on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

THURSDAY JUNE 6, 2024

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

37 CENTRAL STREET

BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, SS:

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

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO
NOTIFY AND WARN THE INHABITANTS OF SAID TOWN, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS AND IN
TOWN AFFAIRS, TO MEET AT BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 37 CENTRAL STREET,
BROOKFIELD MA, TO COMMENCE ON **THE 6th DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.** THEN
AND THERE TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

PLEASE NOTE: **ALL VOTES UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

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

The Town voted to accept the Annual Report of the Town officials, as printed.

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

*The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,462,383.69 to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing
fiscal year.*

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to pay prior years'
bills, or take any action relative thereto.

1. Catalis Tax & CAMA, Inc. , \$8,500.00 - Assessing software
2. LocaliQ, New England, \$146.06 - newspaper hearing notices
3. Atlas Technical Consultants \$725.00 – repeat well testing
(Sponsored by the Board of Assessors; Zoning Board of Appeals; Board of Health)

Requires 4/5ths vote

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$9,371.06 from Free Cash to pay the following prior years bills:

1. Catalis Tax & CAMA, Inc. , \$8,500.00 - Assessing software

2. *LocaliQ, New England, \$146.06 - newspaper hearing notices*
3. *Atlas Technical Consultants \$725.00 – repeat well testing*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Department – **Water Surplus Account** to the Water Department - **Water System Capital Expense Account** or take any action relative thereto.
(Sponsored by the Water Department)

\$40,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article (3-0, one abstain)

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to fund the fiscal 2025 Ambulance Expense Account or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)

\$50,925.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$50,925.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to fund the fiscal 2025 Ambulance Expense Account

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the **Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund** to fund the fiscal 2025 Ambulance Wages Account, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)

\$273,615.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$278,831.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to fund the fiscal 2025 Ambulance Wages Account

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the **Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund** to cover a deficit in the fiscal year 2024 ambulance wages account, or take any relative action thereto.

(Sponsored by EMS Chief Donna LaFleur)

(no figure available at press time)

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$18,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to cover a deficit in the fiscal year 2024 ambulance wages account

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to purchase **Protective Clothing** for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Fire Department)

\$25,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase protective clothing for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Equipment Replace/Repair Account, to fund future equipment repair or replacement needs, or take any action relative thereto.

(sponsored by the Select Board)

\$82,000

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee does not support this article 3-2

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$82,000 from Free Cash to the Equipment Replace/Repair Account, to fund future equipment repair or replacement needs.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to purchase a **Thermal Imager** for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Fire Department)

\$11,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$11,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase a thermal imager for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balances from the following accounts

000-220-5901-000 Fire Station repairs \$1723.02

001-220-5430-900 Fire station improvements \$9454.58

001-220-5430-901 overhead doors \$5494.00

001-220-5700-902 generator \$3220.16

001-220-5850-900 defibrillators \$4426.50

Total	\$24,318.26
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To a Fire Department Building Repair and Maintenance Account, for maintenance and repairs of the building including, pest control and remediation, or take any action relative thereto.

This is a reallocation of existing funds into a single article account.

(Sponsored by the Fire Department)

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted by a moderator declared voice majority to transfer the sum of \$24,318.26 from the balances of several Fire Department accounts to a Fire Department Building Repair and Maintenance Account, for maintenance and repairs of the building including, pest control and remediation, as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to fund the center line painting for town roads, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Highway Department)*

\$10,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to fund the center line painting for Town roads.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to fund the Road Construction and Reconstruction Account, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Highway Dept)

\$79,000 (54,000 which is for paving Green St.)

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted by a 54 to 27 standing majority to transfer the sum of \$79,000.00 from Free Cash to fund the Road Construction and Reconstruction Account.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to purchase an updated fuel recording system which would replace the current manual system, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Highway Dept)

\$40,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article 3-2

The Town voted to postpone indefinitely Article 14 by a moderator declared voice majority.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to purchase gravel for the purpose of making various repairs for private roads that meet the town bylaw requirements, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by Highway Dept.)

\$3,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article 3-1

The Town voted by a moderator declared voice majority to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase gravel for the purpose of making various repairs for private roads that meet the town by-law requirements.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to the Library Building Repair and Maintenance Account, for maintenance and repairs of both 2 Lincoln Street and 18 Common Street buildings including, pest control and remediation, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Library Trustees)

\$25,000.00

The Library Annex, 18 Common Street, is in need of painting (house and barn) and some small interior repairs, and the public library needs extensions on the new downspouts from the gutter system and other small fixes. The wasp and bat exclusion is completed as permitted and needed in the Spring from the annex but not the library. Bat exclusion is @ \$3000. Painting estimates \$20,000.

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted by a moderator declared voice majority to transfer the sum of \$45,000.00 from Free Cash to the Library Building Repair and Maintenance Account, for maintenance and repairs of both 2 Lincoln Street and 18 Common Street buildings including, pest control and remediation with \$20,000.00 for ADA compliance.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money for the removal of hazardous trees in Town, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by Tree Warden)

\$55,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$55,000.00 from Free Cash for the removal of hazardous trees in town.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the **Cable PEG Access Receipts Reserved Fund**, for the purpose of funding cable related costs, expenses, fees, payroll and general oversight of public access cable for Fiscal Year 2025, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

\$70,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$80,000.00 from the Cable PEG Access Receipts Reserved Fund, for the purpose of funding cable related costs, expenses, fees, payroll and general oversight of public access cable for Fiscal Year 2025.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to fund the plantings and care of plants on the Triangle, Memorial Beds and Gazebo, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

\$575.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$1,575.00 from Free Cash to pay for American flags, plantings, and care of plants throughout the town.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to demolish and clean up the Town owned former roller skating rink on Pine Lane, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

\$8,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted by a moderator declared voice majority to transfer the sum of \$8,000.00 from Free Cash to demolish and clean up the Town owned former roller-skating rink on Pine Lane.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to permanently mark 601 MSL Flood level highwater mark at both the Quaboag and Quacumquasit Boat ramps, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

\$500.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from Free Cash to permanently mark 601 MSL Flood level highwater mark at both the Quaboag and Quacumquasit Boat ramps.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm the vote of the June 1, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, under Article 18 to make Cemetery waterline repairs and upgrades, along with any incidental costs, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Cemetery Commission and Water Commission)

\$20,000.00 previously voted

The work will be performed by a qualified contractor with assistance from in-house personnel.

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to reaffirm the vote of the June 1, 2023, Annual Town Meeting under Article 18 to make Cemetery waterline repairs and upgrades, along with any incidental costs.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will adopt G.L. c. 59, § 21A, Additional compensation of assessors for courses of study, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by Board of Assessors 4-0)

Certification compensation is \$1,000.00

This will bring the Assessor in line with the same certification compensation granted to the positions of Tax Collector and Treasurer.

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to adopt Mass General Law c. 59 § 21A, Additional compensation of assessors for courses of study.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to adopt G.L. c. 59, §5(50), as amended by Chapter 653 § 40 of the Acts of 1989 (Assessment of New Construction), or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Assessors)

Chapter 653 community adoption – Allows the Board of Assessors to include supplemental real estate billing that occurs between January 1st and June 30th of the current fiscal year in the following fiscal year New Growth statistics which are reported to Dept of Revenue, rather than having to hold off until the second year following. This has been recommended by the Dept of Revenue. This article does not add any new real estate taxes, it simply allows the Town to receive credit for all their New Growth a year earlier. The Board of Assessors voted 2 to 0 (one member absent) in favor of this article.

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to adopt Mass General Law c. 59, §5(50), as amended by Chapter 653 § 40 of the Acts of 1989 (Assessment of New Construction).

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town of Brookfield will accept G.L. c. 64N, § 3 to impose an excise on the retail sales of Marijuana for adult use at a rate not greater than 3%, to take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter following 30 days after acceptance by the Town or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to accept Mass General Law. c. 64 N § 3 to impose an excise on the retail sales of Marijuana for adult use at a rate of 3% to take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter following 30 days after acceptance by the Town.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town of Brookfield will vote to adopt MGL, Chapter 87, pertaining to governing public shade trees, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

General Law, Chapter 87 is the most important law governing public shade trees. It outlines the powers of the Tree Warden, procedures for removing shade trees, procedures for planting public trees, and penalties for violating provisions of the law. While the statutory scheme operates without local acceptance, current grant programs the Town is exploring require evidence of “acceptance” by the Town of Chapter 87.

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to adopt Mass General Law, Chapter 87, pertaining to governing public Shade trees.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to set the FY2025 spending limits for the following revolving funds authorized pursuant to Chapter V, “Financial Affairs”, Section 8, of the Town’s general bylaws:

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

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to set the FY2025 spending limits for the following revolving funds authorized pursuant to Chapter V, “Financial Affairs”, Section 8, of the Town’s general bylaws as written above.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to take first steps to securing property to support a dedicated space for senior activities, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted by a moderator declared voice majority to authorize the Select Board to take the first steps to securing property to support a dedicated space for senior activities.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to repurpose the remaining funds originally voted under Article 28 of the June 28, 2018, Annual Town Meeting and under Article 24 of the June 3, 2022, Annual Town Meeting, for the platform lift, now to be used for the purpose of creating handicap access to the 2nd floor of town hall or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

\$72,715.45

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to repurpose the remaining funds of \$72,715.45 originally voted under Article 28 of the June 28, 2018, Annual Town Meeting and under Article 24 of the June 3, 2022, Annual Town Meeting, for the platform lift, now to be used for the purpose of creating handicap access to the 2nd floor of town hall.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to install a Fire Alarm system for Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

\$80,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article 4-1

The Town voted by a moderator declared voice majority to transfer the sum of \$80,000.00 from Free Cash to install a Fire Alarm system for the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the remaining funds voted at the June 3, 2022 Annual Town Meeting under Article 19 for the 350th Celebration to be reallocated to Technology Upgrades, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Accountant)

\$16,260.33

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted by a moderator declared voice majority to transfer the remaining funds of \$16,260.33 voted at the June 3, 2022, Annual Town Meeting under Article 19 for the 350th Celebration to be reallocated to Technology Upgrades.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Opioid Settlement Funds Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for the purchase of NARCAN and/or other opioid treatment expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Town Accountant)

\$10,904.65.

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

2/3rds vote required

The Town voted to appropriate \$10,904.65 from the Opioid Settlement Funds Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for the purchase of NARCAN and/or other opioid treatment expenses.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to grant a non-exclusive easement for the purpose of accessing, installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing a septic system and such other necessary and related appurtenances and equipment within Town-owned land on or around River Street, more particularly described as a "Proposed Septic Easement in Favor of Lot 5 (1,503 SF)" on a survey plan entitled "Plan of Land (Easement Plan) of Map 6C-2 Lot 5 Owner: William J. and Karen I. Simpson 37 River Street Town of Brookfield Worcester County Commonwealth of Massachusetts" dated March 13, 2023, prepared by Levesque Geomatics Inc., on file with the Town Clerk, such easement being for the benefit of the real property known as Assessor's Parcel Map 6C, Lot 5, 37 River Street, Brookfield, Massachusetts, all on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

2/3rds vote required

The Select Board supports this article

See map in warrant book

The Town voted to authorize the Select Board to grant a non-exclusive easement within Town owned land as printed in Article 33 of the Annual Town Warrant.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to grant a non-exclusive easement for the purpose of accessing, installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing a septic system and such other necessary and related appurtenances and equipment within Town-owned land on or around Lake Road, more particularly described as serving "Parcel 147A 11,369 S.F. Part of County Layout" on a survey plan entitled "Plan of Land 147 Lake Road Brookfield MA" dated 1-22-24, prepared by hs&t group, inc. on file with the Town Clerk, such easement being for the benefit of the real property known as 147 Lake Road, Brookfield, Massachusetts, all on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

2/3rds vote required

The Select Board supports this article

See map in warrant book

The Town voted to authorize the Select Board to grant a non-exclusive easement within Town owned land as printed in Article 34 of the Annual Town Warrant.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund Account, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Treasurer, Select Board)

\$50,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$70,000.00 from Free Cash to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund Account.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum to Roof 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)

\$60,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$60,000.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding a new roof for the Elementary School.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation to provide as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill so submitted, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

Age 65 Exemption

Assistant Fire Chief - Brookfield

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Herbert A. Chaffee, II., a member of the fire department of the town of Brookfield, may continue to serve in such position until February 23, 2030, until the date of his retirement, or until the date he is relieved of his duties by the select board of the town of Brookfield, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of such position. The town of Brookfield may, at its own expense, require that Herbert A. Chaffee, II., be examined by an impartial physician designated by the town of Brookfield to determine such capability. No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Herbert A. Chaffee, II., under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent to his reaching the age of 65 and, upon retirement, Herbert A. Chaffee, II, shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired upon reaching the age of 65, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Fire Dept)

The Select Board supports this article

The Town voted to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation as printed in Article 37 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 38: *To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws - CHAPTER XII Miscellaneous By-Law, SECTION 4. "Pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, section 8B, there is hereby established a Council on Aging, consisting of seven (7) members appointed by the Select Board annually as provided herein, initial terms to be as follows: " by striking the following, "seven (7)" and replacing it with "nine (9)," or take any action relative thereto.*

(Sponsored by the Council on Aging)

The intent is to increase the size of the Council on Aging from a 7-member committee to a 9-member committee.

The Select Board supports this article

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaws - CHAPTER XII Miscellaneous By-Law, SECTION 4, as printed in Article 38 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to have State Representative Donald R. Berthiaume Jr. file legislation to have the Commonwealth establish and fund a passenger rail station on Mill Street in Brookfield or take any action relative thereto. *(Citizen Petition)*

The Town voted to not adopt Article 39 by a standing majority of 36 opposed and 10 in favor.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise the Town Moderator's salary to \$100 per meeting or take any action relative thereto. (*Citizen Petition*)

The Town voted to raise the Town Moderator's salary to \$100.00 per meeting.

Please Note: Because the moderator's salary is contained in the budget which has already been voted on any vote on this article is non-binding and only advisory.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to replace Chapter X, Section 8 of the Town Bylaws with the following: Any use of the public roadways in Brookfield for any event, including but not limited to a marathon, parade, bicycle, or race must receive the approval of the Brookfield Board of Selectmen. The Board may approve a request for public road use only after holding a public hearing to determine if there's sufficient resident support for the event. The selectmen may require the event organizer to post a bond or retain a police detail at the organizer's expense. Any unauthorized use of the public highways shall be subject to the following fines: \$50 for an individual violator and \$500 for an event organizer, or take any action relative thereto. (*Citizen Petition*)

The Town voted by a moderator declared voice majority to not accept Article 41.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to add the following section to Chapter II of the Town Bylaws: Electronic voting buttons will be used at all Town Meetings to tally and record all votes during the proceedings or take any action relative thereto. (*Citizen Petition*).

The Town voted to amend Chapter II of the General By-Laws by striking Section 13 and inserting the following:

Section 13: Electronic voting buttons will be issued at all Town Meetings to tally and record all votes during the proceedings. If the electronic voting buttons fail, the Moderator shall declare the vote as it appears to him. If the Moderator is unable to decide the vote by the sound of the voices, or if his decision is immediately questioned, he shall determine the vote by ordering a standing vote and he may appoint tellers to make and return the count.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding Chapter XV, section 27, Longevity Pay, and add adding the following language:

Longevity stipends will be paid at the end of a fiscal year to all regular, full, and part-time time employees for years of continuous service.

Town Personnel Policies and Procedures may provide further definition of the calculation of continuous service and the schedule for payment of longevity pay,

Years 5-7	\$600.00
Years 8-11	\$750.00
Years 12-14	\$1,000.00
Years 20 and beyond	\$1,500.00

or take any action relative thereto. (*Citizen Petition*)

The Advisory Committee does not support this article as no funding source is identified.

The Town voted to not accept Article 43 by a Moderator declared voice majority.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 11:08 P.M. 95 voters attended. 2, 726 Registered voters.

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 day of in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Four.

MICHAEL P. SEERY, TOWN CLERK

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
NOVEMBER 12, 2024

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
37 CENTRAL STREET
BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS:

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

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO NOTIFY AND WARN THE INHABITANTS OF SAID TOWN, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS AND IN TOWN AFFAIRS, TO MEET AT BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 37 CENTRAL STREET, BROOKFIELD MA, TO COMMENCE ON **THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.** THEN AND THERE TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash to fund and implement the cost items of the first fiscal year of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Brookfield and the Police Union, beginning in FY24, or to take any other action related thereto.

The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$26,980.07 from Free Cash to fund and implement the cost items of the first fiscal year of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Brookfield and the Police Union, beginning in FY24.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Roof Stabilization Account, for the purpose of funding a new roof for the Elementary School, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town voted by a majority 27 to 3 to transfer \$400,000 from Free Cash to the Roof Stabilization Account, for the purposes of funding a new roof for the Elementary School.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to revoke Article 23 of the June 1, 2023, Special Town Meeting establishing an Opioid Settlement Fund Special Purpose Stabilization Fund and transfer all remaining funds into the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Account or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town voted by a 27 to 4 2/3rds majority to revoke Article 23 of the June 1, 2023 Special Town Meeting establishing an Opioid Settlement Fund Special Purpose Stabilization Fund and transfer all remaining funds into the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Account.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. 32 registered voters were in attendance.

Certified this 14th day of November 2024

Michael P. Seery
Town Clerk

Line Num	Account Number	Description	Advisory Recommended	Select Board Recommended	Amendment 1	Amendment 2
		Annual Budget Recommendations FY2025				
		GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
1	001-114-5110-000	Moderator Salary	\$50.00	\$50.00		
2	001-122-5110-000	Selectmen Salary	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00		
3	001-122-5110-001	Selectmen Administrative Assistant Wages	\$52,808.92	\$53,218.29		
4	001-122-5110-002	Selectmen Municipal Clerk Wages	\$16,963.78	\$17,095.28		
5	001-122-5110-003	Grant Writer Wages	\$24,374.74	\$24,563.69		
6	001-122-5110-004	All Boards Clerk	\$15,518.15	\$15,638.45		
7	001-122-5700-000	Selectmen Expenses	\$8,359.20	\$8,100.00		
8	001-122-5700-002	Selectmen Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	\$670.80	\$650.00		
9	001-122-5700-001	Grant Writer Expenses	\$1,238.40	\$1,200.00		
10	001-129-5110-000	Town Administrator Wages	\$92,868.69	\$93,588.60		
11	001-174-5600-000	Central MA Regional Planning Commission	\$1,121.86	\$1,087.07		
12	001-122-5700-001	physicals	\$1,032.00	\$1,000.00		
13		Total SelectBoard	\$221,006.54	\$222,191.38		
14	001-155-5300-000	Total Technology	\$75,402.70	\$75,402.70		
15	001-132-5405-000	Reserve Fund	\$30,000.00	\$25,000.00		
16	001-151-5249-000	Legal Services	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00		
17	001-135-5205-000	Audit	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00		
18	001-135-5300-000	Outsourced Accounting Services	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00		
19	001-135-5700-000	Town Accountant Expenses	\$2,115.00	\$2,115.00		
20		Total Town Accountant	\$68,615.00	\$68,615.00		
21	001-136-5110-000	Advisory Committee Clerk Salary	\$537.00	\$558.48		
22	001-136-5700-000	Advisory Committee Expenses	\$200.00	\$200.00		
23	001-136-5700-001	Advisory Committee Warrant Books	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		
24		Total Advisory Committee	\$3,237.00	\$3,258.48		

Line Num	Account Number	Description	Advisory Recommended	Select Board Recommended	Amendment 1	Amendment 2
25	001-141-5110-000	Assessors - Stipends	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	
26	001-141-5110-001	Assessor - Principal Assessor Wage	\$61,469.91	\$61,946.42	\$0.00	
27	001-141-5110-002	Assessor - Clerk Wage	\$18,895.18	\$19,041.65	\$35,000.00	
28		Assessor - Certification Stipend	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
29	001-141-5200-000	Assessor - Consulting Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
30	001-141-5700-000	Assessors - Expenses	\$5,315.00	\$5,315.00	\$31,303.08	
31		Total Assessors	\$90,980.09	\$91,603.08	\$71,603.08	
32	001-145-5110-000	Treasurer Wages	\$51,600.00	\$62,400.00		
33	001-145-5110-001	Assistant Treasurer Wages	\$2,500.00	\$2,600.00		
34	001-145-5300-001	Actuarial Assessment for OPEB	\$5,500.00			
35	001-145-5700-000	Treasurer Expenses	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00		
		Total Treasurer	\$66,700.00	\$72,100.00		
36	001-146-5110-000	Collector Wages	\$60,314.48	\$60,782.03		
37	001-146-5110-001	Collector Clerk	\$1,500.00	\$1,560.00		
38	001-146-5150-000	Collector Certification Stipend	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
39	001-146-5700-000	Collector Expenses	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00		
40		Total Collector	\$71,214.48	\$71,742.03		
41	001-158-5200-000	Treasurer/Collector Tax Titles	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		
42	001-161-5110-000	Town Clerk Salary	\$50,033.31	\$52,035.00		
43	001-161-5110-001	Town Clerk Assistant Wages	\$5,529.00	\$5,572.00		
44	001-161-5700-000	Town Clerk Expenses	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00		
45		copier printer lease		\$2,340.00		
46		Total Town Clerk	\$58,162.31	\$62,547.44		
47	001-162-5110-000	Elections & Registrations Wages	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00		
48	001-162-5700-000	Elections & Registration Expenses	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00		
49		Total Elections & Registration	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		

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50	001-171-5700-000	Conservation Commission Expenses	\$333.00	\$333.00		
51		Total Conservation Commission	\$333.00	\$333.00		
52	001-175-5110-001	Planning Board Salary	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		
53	001-175-5700-000	Planning Board Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
54		Total Planning Board	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00		
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55	001-176-5110-001	Board of Appeals Wages	\$0.00	\$0.00		
56	001-176-5700-000	Board of Appeals Expenses	\$750.00	\$750.00		
57		Total Board of Appeals	\$750.00	\$750.00		
58	001-192-5110-000	Municipal Custodian Wages	\$24,394.93	\$24,584.04		
59	001-192-5700-000	Municipal Property Maintenance & Improvements	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00		
60	001-192-5701-000	Municipal Property Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00		
61	001-192-5942-000	Town Hall Improvements*	\$14,250.00	\$14,250.00		
62	001-192-5210-000	Electricity	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00		
63		Total Town Hall	\$99,644.93	\$99,834.04		
64	001-195-5200-000	Print Town Report	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00		
65	001-199-5700-000	Municipal Heating Fuel	\$32,960.00	\$32,960.00		
66		TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$914,806.05	\$922,137.14		
		PUBLIC SAFETY				
		POLICE				
67	001-210-5110-000	Police Wages Full Time	\$413,506.06	\$413,506.06		
68	001-210-5110-001	Police Chief Salary	\$115,585.31	\$115,585.31		
69	001-210-5110-003	Police Clerk Wages	\$17,237.75	\$17,237.75		
70	001-210-5110-005	Police Wages Part Time/OT	\$57,373.47	\$57,373.47		

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71	001-210-5700-000	Police Expenses	\$67,910.75	\$67,910.75		
72	001-210-5700-001	Police Tuition Reimbursement	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		
73		Total Police	\$681,613.34	\$681,613.34		
		FIRE DEPARTMENT				
74	001-220-5110-000	Fire Wages	\$68,628.00	\$69,160.00		
75	001-220-5110-001	Fire Chief Salary	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00		
76	001-220-5700-000	Fire Expenses	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00		
77	001-220-5700-002	Fire - Utilities	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00		
78	001-220-5705-000	Fire - Testing / Recertification	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00		
79	001-220-5750-000	Fire - Fixed Asset Repair/Replace	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00		
80		Total Fire Department	\$181,128.00	\$181,660.00		
81	001-235-5200-000	Telephone Contract/Leases	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00		
82	001-241-5110-000	Building Inspector Stipend	\$20,176.00	\$20,983.74		
83	001-241-5110-007	Building Inspector Assistant Wages	\$640.00	\$640.00		
84	001-241-5700-000	Building Inspector Expenses & Training	\$600.00	\$600.00		
85		Total Building Inspector	\$21,416.00	\$22,223.74		
86	001-242-5110-000	Gas & Plumbing Inspector Stipend	\$4,996.53	\$5,196.39		
87	001-242-5110-007	Gas & Plumbing Inspector Assistant Wages	\$416.00	\$416.00		
88	001-242-5700-000	Gas & Plumbing Inspector Expenses & Training	\$440.00	\$440.00		
89		Total Gas & Plumbing Inspector	\$5,852.53	\$6,052.39		
90	001-245-5110-000	Wiring Inspector Stipend	\$4,960.48	\$5,158.90		
91	001-245-5110-007	Wiring Inspector Assistant Wages	\$418.00	\$418.00		
92	001-245-5700-000	Wiring Inspector Expenses & Training	\$0.00	\$0.00		
93		Total Wiring Inspector	\$5,378.48	\$5,576.90		
94	001-249-5110-000	Zoning Enforcement Officer Stipend	\$13,627.93	\$14,173.05		
95	001-249-5700-000	Zoning Enforcement Officer Expenses	\$451.00	\$451.00		

Line Num	Account Number	Description	Advisory Recommended	Select Board Recommended	Amendment 1	Amendment 2
96		Total Zoning Enforcement Officer	\$14,078.93	\$14,624.05		
97	001-291-5110-000	Emergency Management Agency Stipend	\$2,550.00	\$1,872.00		
98	001-291-5700-000	Emergency Management Agency (BEMA)	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00		
99	001-291-5700-001	Blackboard Connect Annual fee	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00		
100		Total Emergency Management Agency	\$13,050.00	\$12,372.00		
101	001-292-5110-000	Animal Control Officer Salary	\$7,276.95	\$7,568.03		
102	001-292-5110-007	Animal Control Officer Assistant Wages	\$756.00	\$756.00		
103	001-292-5700-000	Animal Control Officer Expenses	\$1,589.00	\$1,589.00		
104		Total Animal Control Officer	\$9,621.95	\$9,913.03		
105	001-293-5110-000	Parking Ticket Clerk & Hearing Officer Salary	\$250.00	\$250.00		
106	001-293-5700-000	Parking Ticket Expenses	\$80.00	\$80.00		
107		Total Parking Tickets	\$330.00	\$330.00		
108	001-294-5700-000	Tree Warden Expenses	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		
109	001-296-5700-000	Shade Tree Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		
110		TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$957,169.23	\$959,065.44		
		Schools				
		SCHOOLS				
111	001-310-5110-001	School Committee Salary	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		
112	001-310-5110-002	Regional Committee Salary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
113	001-310-5600-000	Regional School Assessment	\$1,798,566.00	\$1,798,566.00		
114	001-310-5601-000	Transportation	\$50,219.00	\$50,219.00		
115	001-310-5700-000	Elementary School Expenses	\$3,843,141.00	\$3,843,141.00		
116		TOTAL SCHOOLS	\$5,694,426.00	\$5,694,426.00		

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		PUBLIC WORKS				
		Highway				
117	001-199-5701-000	Municipal Diesel Fuel	\$32,000.00	\$32,960.00		
118	001-199-5702-000	Municipal Gasoline	\$23,175.00	\$23,175.00		
119	001-422-5110-000	Highway Superintendent Wages	\$81,600.00	\$81,600.00		
120	001-422-5110-001	Highway Operator Wages	\$167,032.47	\$168,327.30		
121	001-422-5110-003	Highway other wages, part time & overtime	\$7,007.09	\$7,287.37		
122	001-422-5110-004	Highway Office Administrative Assistant	\$31,551.52	\$28,141.39		
123	001-422-5110-005	Highway Police Detail/Flaggers	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00		
124	001-422-5110-006	Seasonal Worker	\$12,000.00	\$10,712.00		
125	001-422-5700-000	Highway Expenses	\$63,139.00	\$63,139.00		
126	001-422-5700-001	Highway Safety	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		
127	001-422-5700-002	Highway Utilities	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
128	001-422-5702-000	Highway Certifications, DOT Physicals & License Ren	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		
129	001-422-5790-000	Highway Bridges, Rails & Signs	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00		
130		Total Highway	\$428,905.08	\$426,742.06		
131	001-423-5110-000	Snow & Ice Wages	\$32,405.00	\$33,701.20		
132	001-423-5700-000	Snow & Ice Expenses	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00		
133		Total Snow & Ice	\$77,405.00	\$78,701.20		
134	001-491-5110-000	Cemetery Wages	\$21,382.50	\$21,548.26		
135	001-491-5110-001	Cemetery Superintendent Salary	\$6,362.31	\$6,616.80		
136	001-491-5700-000	Cemetery Expenses	\$5,893.33	\$5,900.00		
		Cemetery Improvements	\$0.00	\$0.00		
137		Total Cemetery	\$33,638.14	\$34,065.06		
138		TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$539,948.22	\$539,508.32		
		HEALTH, SANITATION AND SPECIAL SERVICES				

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139	001-510-5110-000	Board of Health Salary	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00		
140	001-510-5110-001	Board of Health Clerk Wages	\$11,361.58	\$12,868.70		
141	001-510-5110-002	Board of Health Agent	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00		
142	001-510-5110-006	Board of Health Animal Inspector Salary	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00		
143	001-510-5110-009	Board of Health Expenses	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00		
144		Total Board of Health	\$24,711.58	\$27,218.70		
145	001-515-5110-000	Transfer Station Wages	\$30,630.91	\$31,533.99		
146	001-515-5250-000	Transfer Station Well Tests	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		
147	001-515-5700-000	Transfer Station Expenses	\$138,138.32	\$138,138.32		
148		Total Transfer Station	\$183,769.23	\$184,672.31		
149	001-541-5110-000	Council on Aging Outreach Worker	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00		
150	001-541-5110-001	Council on Aging Director	\$12,602.45	\$12,384.00		
151	001-541-5200-000	Council on Aging Tri valley Crisis Intervention	\$955.00	\$955.00		
152	001-541-5260-000	Council on Aging Medi-Car	\$0.00	\$0.00		
153	001-541-5700-000	Council on Aging Expenses	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00		
154		Total Council On Aging	\$18,657.45	\$18,439.00		
155	001-544-5110-000	Veterans Agent Salary	\$5,523.89	\$5,744.85		
156	001-544-5700-000	Veterans Agent Expenses	\$300.00	\$300.00		
157	001-544-5740-000	Veterans Agent Case Work	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00		
158		Total Veterans	\$90,823.89	\$91,044.85		
159		SERVICES	\$317,962.15	\$321,374.85		
		CULTURE AND RECREATION				
160	001-610-5110-001	Library Director Wages	\$67,080.00	\$67,080.00		
161	001-610-5110-900	Assistant Library Director (new FY24)	\$44,033.00	\$44,374.72		
162	001-610-5110-002	Library Custodian Wages	\$12,096.58	\$12,196.05		
163	001-610-5110-003	Library Assistant Wages	\$26,350.00	\$26,554.65		

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164	001-610-5110-004	Library Saturday/Holidays/Vacation	\$2,870.00	\$2,892.24		
165	001-610-5700-000	Library Expenses	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00		
166	001-610-5700-001	Library Books, Videos, Periodicals	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00		
167	001-610-5700-002	Library Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00		
168	001-610-5190-000	Longevity Director Library Staff	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		
169		Total Library	\$216,929.58	\$217,597.66		
170	001-630-5700-000	Recreation Commission Expenses	\$8,631.00	\$8,631.00		
171	001-630-5803-000	South Pond Beach Committee	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		
172		Total Recreation	\$11,631.00	\$11,631.00		
173	001-691-5700-000	Historical Commission	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
174	001-691-5700-001	18 Common Street expenses	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00		
175		Total Historical Commission	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00		
176	001-692-5700-000	Memorial Day	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00		
177	001-693-5700-000	Cultural Council Expenses	\$8,860.00	\$8,860.00		
178		Total Cultural Council	\$8,860.00	\$8,860.00		
179		TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$248,920.58	\$249,588.66		
		Debt and Assessments				
		DEBT & INTEREST				
180	001-710-5910-002	Fire Truck Principal - P	\$34,277.00	\$34,277.00		
181	001-710-5910-003	18 Common Street Principal	\$0.00	\$0.00		
182	001-710-5914-000	Police Station Principal - P	\$23,949.00	\$23,949.00		
183	001-710-5915-000	Saw Mill Dam Principal - P	\$8,434.00	\$8,434.00		
184	001-751-5915-002	Fire Truck Interest - P	\$31,239.00	\$31,239.00		
185	001-751-5915-003	18 Common Street Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00		
186	001-751-5919-000	Police Station Interest - P	\$21,827.00	\$21,827.00		

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187	001-751-5920-000	Saw Mill Dam Interest - P	\$2,117.00	\$2,117.00		
188		<i>Total Debt and Interest</i>	\$121,843.00	\$121,843.00		
		ASSESSMENTS & OTHER MANDATED EXPENSES				
189	001-911-5100-000	Worcester County Retirement	\$476,686.00	\$476,686.00		
190	001-913-5100-000	Unemployment Insurance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		
191	001-914-5105-000	Group Health & Life Insurance	\$775,000.00	\$775,000.00		
192	001-916-5115-000	Medicare: Town Share	\$72,100.00	\$72,100.00		
193	001-945-5600-000	General Insurance	\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00		
194		EXPENSES	\$1,508,786.00	\$1,508,786.00		
195		TOTAL DEBT AND ASSESSMENTS	\$1,630,629.00	\$1,630,629.00		
		WATER DEPARTMENT				
196	001-450-5110-000	Water Department Commissioners Salary	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00		
197	001-450-5110-001	Water Department Clerk Wages	\$19,951.76	\$20,106.42		
198	001-450-5110-002	Water Department Superintendent Salary	\$89,414.07	\$90,107.20		
199	001-450-5110-003	Water Department Secondary Operator Wages	\$8,201.89	\$8,529.97		
200	001-450-5110-004	Water Department Temporary Help	\$0.00	\$1.00		
201	001-450-5700-000	Water Department Expenses	\$44,809.68	\$44,809.68		
202		<i>Total Water Department</i>	\$164,477.40	\$165,654.27		
203		TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$10,468,338.63	\$10,482,383.69	\$10,462,383.69	

**Name this Brookfield Farm and the marketing icon
that made it famous**



What is the name of this farm?

Hint: Named for the trees that once lined the high ground

Who made it famous?

Hint: School Glue held their "marriage" together.

What was the name of this Inn and Where was it?



What was the name of this Inn?

Hint: It was a stage tavern that became an Inn in 1900

Where is it located?

Hint: Previous to the Inn, the property housed Brookfield's first post office and pony express



Where is this landmark structure located and what houses it now?



Where is this former Inn located?

Hint: George Washington almost slept here

What does it house now?

Hint: The answer is elementary, my dear

What was this Building used for and where did it reside?



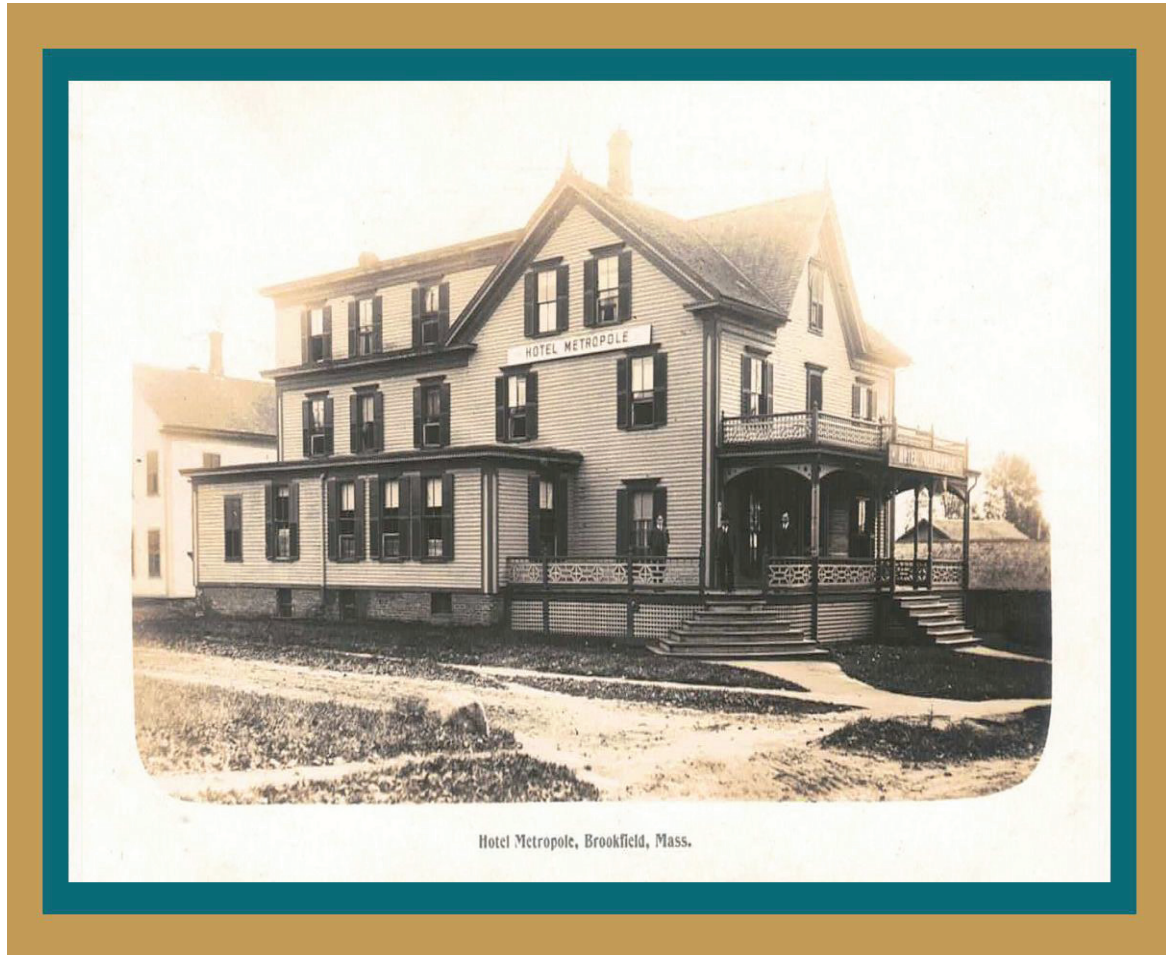
What was this building used for?

***Hint: Former Select Board members Linda Lincoln and Donald Faugno,
as well as several Town elders strolled these halls***

Where did this building reside?

Hint: The Fire Dept. demolished the structure in the 1970s

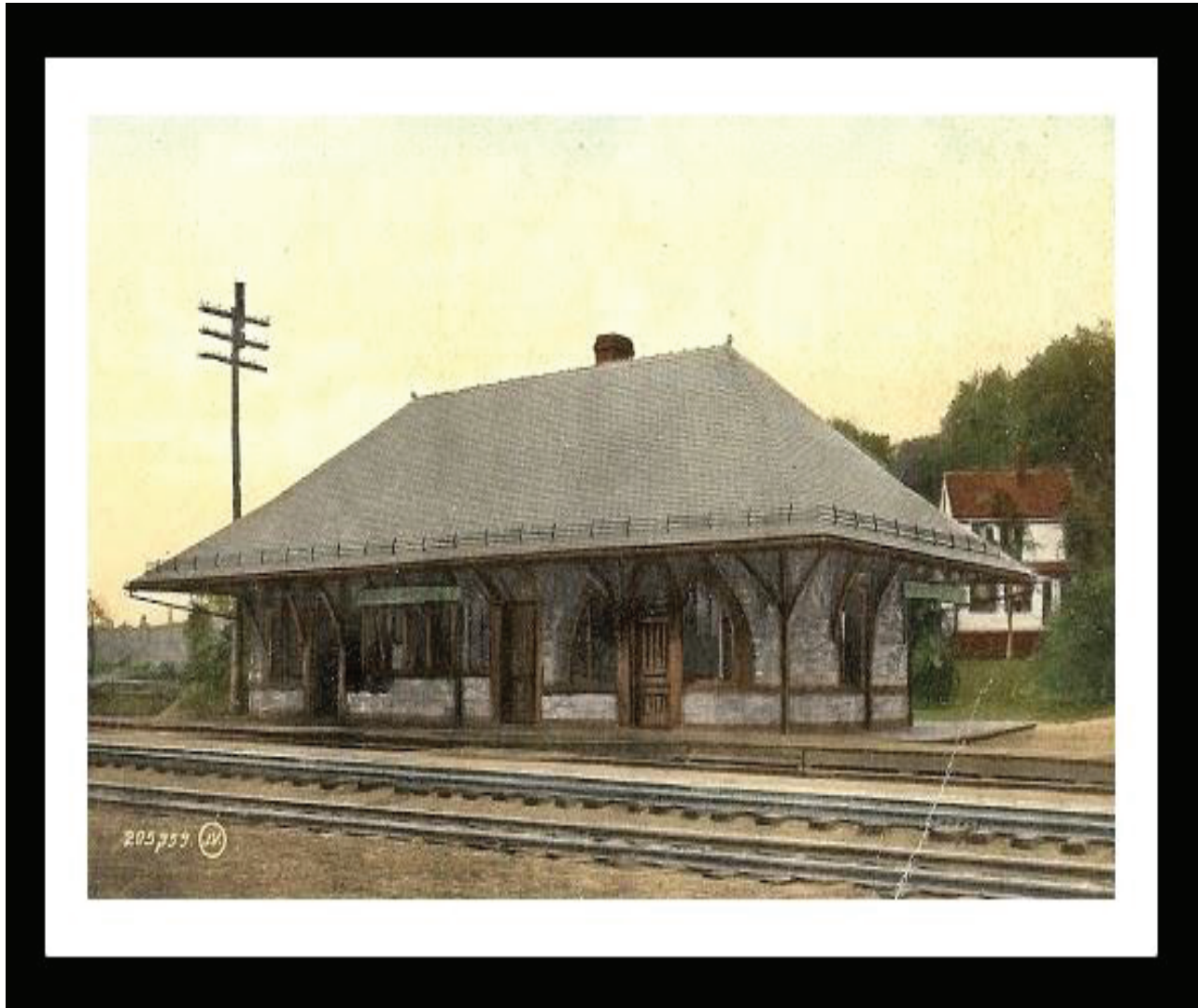
Where was this Historic Hotel located?



Where was this historic hotel located?

Hint: Celebs of the day patronized this hotel, tucked into a corner of Town

Where Did this Railroad Station stand?



Where did this railroad station stand?

Hint: Southern side of Town

Answers:

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Where is this Farmhouse located?

On Route 148: the former Thompson residence/farm

What was the name of the recent farm that sold eggs, asparagus blueberries, and popcorn from this residence?

River Mist Farm

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Where is this house today?

Louise Galloway's former Tea House is located at 17 West Main St.

Who is Louise Galloway?

Louise Galloway was a stage actress who performed on Broadway . She was born circa 1879

In Michigan, and Died October 10. 1949 in Brookfield.

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Name this Brookfield Farm and the marketing icon that made it famous.

Elm Hill Farm

Elsie the Cow, who was "married" to Elmer, the mascot of Elmer's Glue

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What was the name of this Inn and where is it located?

Arcadia Inn

1 Post Road, formerly Richards Furniture, currently an apartment building

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Where is this former inn located?

The Brookfield Inn; Route 9

What does it house now?

Willow Brook Academy

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What was this building used for and where did it reside?

The Blanchard School was located on Maple Street.

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Where was the historic Hotel Metropole located?

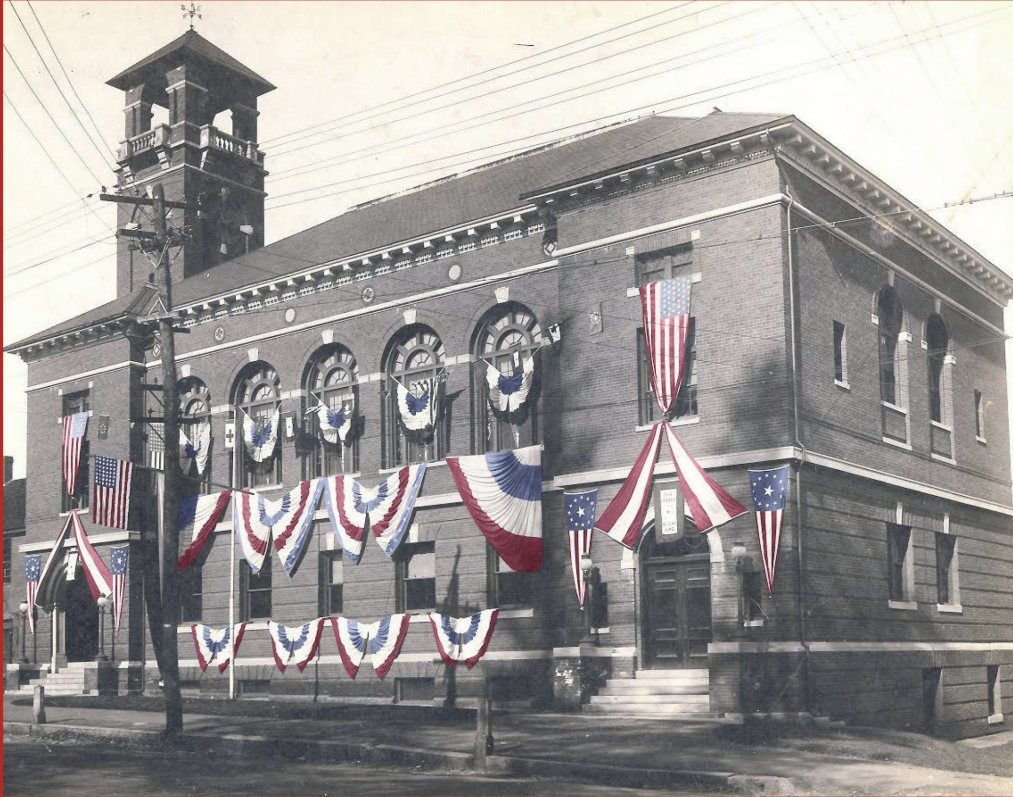
The corner of Pleasant and Hayden Streets

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Where did this Railroad Station Stand?

At the End of Lower River Street



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This Neo-Classical structure was designed by Worcester architect George H. Clemence. Dedicated in 1904, it replaced the former Mansard style building from 1866 that burned in 1902. Both buildings had contained shops in the lower levels, a meeting hall on the second and a lodge hall (an important male institution in the late 1800's, early 1900's) on the third.

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