

2025 Annual Report Brookfield, MA

IF WALLS COULD TALK Ode to Brookfield Town Hall



**CELEBRATING OVER A CENTURY OF
SERVING RESIDENTS & VISITORS ALIKE**

Gavitt Mfg Co Receives Army-Navy “E” Award at Brookfield Town Hall

During World War II, Gavitt Wire & Cable manufactured specialized wire and cable for military use.



From October 12, 1945 Spencer Leader:
BROOKFIELD – The Gavitt Mfg. Co. received the Army-Navy “E” Award for excellence in war production Thursday afternoon at 5 o’clock in Town Hall.

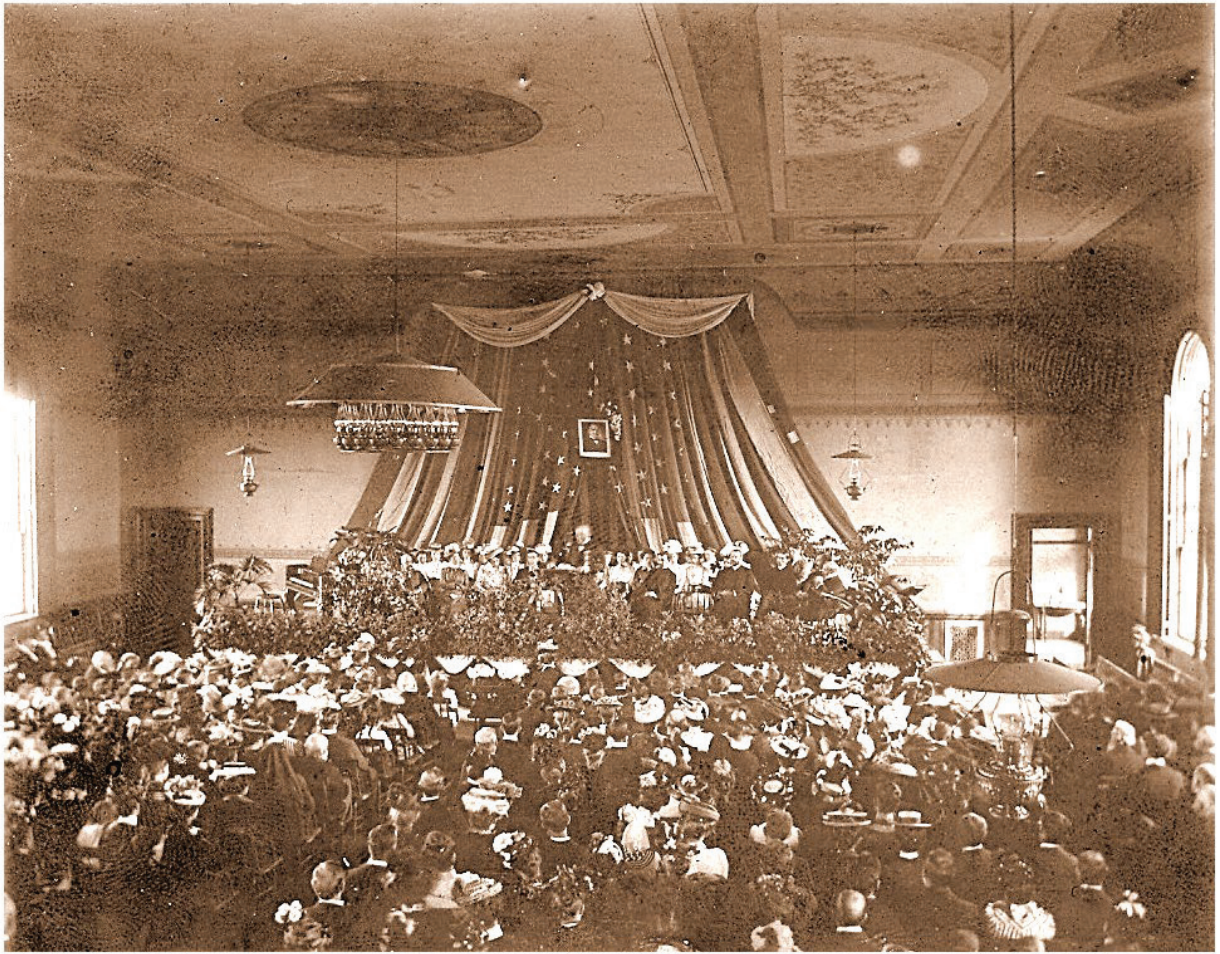
Lt. Col. C.J. McIntyre, chief, Special Activities Branch, Office of Chief Signal Officer, Washington, presented the award. Lester E. Gavitt, treasurer, accepted it on behalf of the company. Com. James F. Morgan of the First Naval District, Office of Public Information, presented the “E” pins to the following who

represented the employees: Emma D. Livermore, who made the acceptance speech, Katherine M. Pratt, Harris E. Mara, Ralph C. Jaffray and Ludger Foisy, Jr.

The combined employment record of the group totals more than 125 years. Capt. William A. Wood, chief, Technical Information, Signal Corps Photographic Center of Astoria, L.I., served as master of ceremonies. Guests included Sheriff William A. Bennett of Worcester County. The color guard was composed of Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts. Singing was led by C. Elizabeth Woodward. Russ Cole’s Orchestra played. *(from 10-19-45 Spencer Leader):* The activities were continued in the evening with a concert and dance in Town Hall. The concert was from 8 to 9 o’clock and dancing followed until 1 a.m.



Photos courtesy of Merrick Public Library



An early 20th century event held in the Town Hall Ballroom appears to be a political rally for Theodore Roosevelt

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A Glimpse into Notable Figures and Events that once graced the halls of Brookfield's Town Meeting House



Within these walls, Brookfield Town Hall preserves a rich and storied past, marked by generations of influential individuals and events. Come take an armchair journey as a sampling of these Town Hall visits of yore are highlighted.

Brookfield Town Hall

The stately Brookfield Town Hall, a landmark in the central village of town, has served as a meeting place for over a century, bringing together the community and hosting such memorable visitors as local statesmen, silent film star Louise Galloway, and even Elsie the Cow.

Today, the imposing brick structure, with its lofty bell tower and clock, continues as the hub of the historic village, housing town offices and hosting meetings and activities for both municipal business and community gatherings. Ongoing renovations to the historic upstairs ballroom may pave the way for future theatrical productions and performances.

Louise Galloway: Silent Film, Vaudeville, and Broadway Actress

A prominent citizen of Brookfield, who graced the Town Hall for both her local business matters and her popular theatre productions, was silent film and Broadway star Louise Galloway.

Ms. Galloway (1879 -1949), born in Michigan, became a well known “local celebrity” when she moved to West Main Street in Brookfield. Her acting credits include a long list of Broadway performances spanning four decades, from 1903 to 1942, with her heyday in the 1920s eclipsing with a substantial role in the 1923 hit musical “The Goldiggers.”



The acclaimed actress brought her acting talents and film experience to the Brookfield Town Hall, via the “Midget Theatre,” a Vaudeville style theatre productions held upstairs in the Town Hall Ballroom. In fact, the Town Hall foyer still maintains the “ticket window” and coat room, which currently serves as Municipal Clerk Lois O’Leary’s Office.



Ms. Galloway’s career includes founding the “Galloway Players,” a troupe that knew the Brookfield Town Hall stage well, as did other prominent

performers who filled the upstairs Ballroom with music and oratory. Ms. Galloway also started the popular Red Board Theatre in Westborough, MA. (cont. to page 3)



Louise Galloway played Mrs. Lamar in the 1923 musical *The Gold Diggers*



Actress Louise Galloway's Tea House structure still stands at 13 West Street in Brookfield

IN MEMORIAM



During 2025, 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

Richard R. Lamoureux
Arthur Jay
James Gulnac
Ricky R. Mauch

Vietnam
Vietnam
Vietnam
Peacetime

Army- SP5
Coast Guard
Army
Air Force SGT

“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 - 2025**



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 2025

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, bordered 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 2025 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 2025: \$14.62 per thousand

Residential	92.36 %	\$437,029,493.00
Commercial	2.83%	\$ 13,406,278.00
Industrial	0.79%	\$ 3,755,500.00
Personal Property	4.02%	\$ 19,014,756.00
Total Value	100.00%	\$473,206,027.00
Exempt Value		\$ 39,517,300.00

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, three lieutenants 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 13 EMS personnel. The service operates a 2020 Ford/ Horton ambulance.

POLICE:

During 2025, Brookfield had a 24/7 Police Department made up of its Chief, Sergeant and four full-time officers.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY:

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

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE:

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	508-867-5570

FIRE:

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	508-867-7306

AMBULANCE:

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	508-867-6036

AREA HOSPITALS:

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

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS
AS OF MAY, 2025

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3)

Richard Chaffee - Chair May 2027
Sarah Campbell- Vice Chair May 2028
Beth Coughlin - Clerk May 2026

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3)

Holly Chisholm May 2027
Richard Chaffee May 2028
Robert Falter * May 2026

BOARD OF HEALTH (3)

Christina Predella May 2026
Maureen Lepak May 2028
Kimberly Hurley Simons May 2027

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3)

Patrick O'Day May 2028
Gary Lincoln May 2026
Phillip Merriam May 2027

CONSTABLES

Peter Martell May 2026
Dona LaFleur May 2026

MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

TRUSTEES (6)

Mary Lou Knight May 2028
Shelby Hill-Chair May 2026
Rebecca Morin-Secretary May 2027
Carol Plumb May 2027
Sally Brown May 2028
Rebecca Beck May 2028

MODERATOR (1)

William Gillmeister May 2026

PLANNING BOARD (5)

Kevin Erkkila-Chair May 2027
Christopher Gorman-Vice May 2026
Jennifer Santucci May 2028
Lisa Matondi May 2029
Steven Karmann-Clerk May 2029

ELEM SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3)

Nicole Chaffee-Chair May 2027
Christa LeBrun-Secretary May 2028
Jeffrey Morin-Vice Chair May 2026

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Andrew Dunn May 2028
Danielle Lamoureux-Kane May 2027

TOWN COLLECTOR

Brenda Parish May 2026

TOWN CLERK

Michael Seery May 2028

TRUSTEE FOR SHADE TREE FUNDS

Michelle Clark May 2028

WATER COMMISSIONERS (3)

Donald R. Taft May 2026
Robert R. Barnes May 2028
Alan Jones May 2027

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND STAFF

ACCOUNTANT

Laurie Bartkus

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (9)

Robert Barnes 2027
Martin Bannish 2027
Timothy Roughan 2027
Jeff Clark 2027

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Members (5) :

James Dolan 2028
Steve Novak 2026
Barbara Haberlin, 2027
Lea Moreau 2028
Shelby Hill 2026
Clarence Snyder-Chair 2027
Donald Haberlin-Alt 2028
Mark Ledoux 2028

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE

Deborah Young 2028
Alixandra Simchinski Asst. 2028

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Steve Novak 2026

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Jeff Taylor 2026
Troy Allen Asst. 2028

CABLE STUDIO COORDINATOR

Jacob Gorham

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMM.

Laurie Bartkus 2028
Beth Coughlin 2026
Martin Bannish 2027

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

Michael P. Seery

CEMETERY STAFF

Herb Foley
Brandon Foley

CMRPC

Kevin Erkkila, Alt. 2026

(CDBG) ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5)

Mary Lou Knight 2028
William Simpson 2028
Beth Coughlin 2028

COMMUNICATIONS COMM.

Elizabeth Olesin-Chair
Christopher Drosehn-Vice Chair
Steven Karrmann-Clerk
Meghan Crane-Member

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (7)

Meghan Crane 2028
Kristin Reeves-Hall 2028
Stephen Santucci 2028
Paul Spencer 2028
William Meeker-Vice Chair 2028
Steven Karrmann-Chair 2028

COUNCIL ON AGING (7)

Sandra Rich* 2027
Martha Brunelle 2027
Sally Brown 2028
Brenda Parish 2028
Sandra Couture 2028
Lois O'Leary 2027
Nancy Mannix 2027
Mary Lou Knight 2026
Linda Lincoln 2027

COUNSEL, TOWN

KP Law 2026

CULTURAL COUNCIL

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 2028
Barbara Palmer 2028
Tyler Latour 2028
Patrick Mulhern 2028
Karen Simpson 2027
Louise Woodard 2027
Sharon Mahoney 2027
Robert Ling 2027
Hannah Hill 2028

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

(see: Wiring Inspector)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (BEMA)

Keith Karrmann, Deputy* 2026
Peter Martell, Director 2026

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD CHIEF

Donna Lafleur, Chief 2026

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD OFFICERS

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SQUAD

All until 2026 unless otherwise noted:

Terry Anderson
Cameron Courtney
Mark Lovely
Ashley Marks

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

ENVIRONMENT CERTIFYING OFFICER

Steven Karrmann

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Karen Trainor Resseguie

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Peter Martell 2026

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Chief Peter Martell 2026
Asst. Chief Herbert Chaffee 2026
Captain Jeffrey White 2026
Lt. Matthew Roderick 2026
Lt. Daniel Esser 2026

FIREFIGHTERS all until 2026

Philip Chaffee
Charles Edgette
Mitchell Bourque
Matthew Graves
Jarod Maldonado
Thomas Muska
Linda MacLeod
David Merlo
Jesse Merriam
Thomas Germain
Jesse Sevens
Cayla Hurley
Luke Quatrocelli

(firefighters, cont.)

Damien Sargent
Shawn Adams

Sean Daniels
Joseph Roderick
Owen Aubin
Cameron Courtney
Noah Aubin
Alex Stearns

GRANT WRITER/FACILATOR

Lynne Shaw

HARBOR MASTER

Nicholas Thomo 2028

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Kyle Rutkowski

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT STAFF

Katie Resseguie, Administrative Asst
Scott Silwoski
Andrew McDermott
Jeff Tibbets

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (7)

Carol Plumb, Chairman 2026
Lois O’Leary 2027
Thomas Morse 2028
Michael Metz 2028
Judy Hitchcock 2028
Ronald Couture 2028

INSURANCE ADVISORY

COMMITTEE*(all expire 2026)*

Linda M. Lincoln, Senior Rep
Lee Murphy, Police Union Rep.
Holly Chisholm, Town Hall Clerk Staff
Dennis Clarke, Water Dept. Rep
Rebecca Choquet.
Claudia Forget

Michael Seery
Paula Casey
Ashley Barringer

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

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 2026

PERSONNEL BOARD

Select Board

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

James McNeaney 2027

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Blanchard, Chief 2026

POLICE PATROL OFFICER

Terms end 2026

Sean T. Marino Sgt, Full Time
Lee Murphy, Full Time

**resigned*

Police Officers (cont.)

Eggbert Pinero, Full Time
John Marty, Full Time
Matthew Lapiore, Full Time
Patrick Clement *

POLICE DEPT STAFF

Administrative Assistant
Holly Chisholm

RECREATION

Michael Lawrence, Chair 2027
Lisa Hanrahan 2026
Brendon Cunningham 2026
Timothy Nye 2026
Matthew Brown 2028
Jeremy Hague 2027
Alex Olesin 2028
Christopher Drosehn 2026
Mark Harris 2028

REGISTRARS, BOARD OF

Nancy Mannix 2028
Lois O’Leary-Chair 2027
Carol Plumb 2026

SUPT. OF INSECT & PEST CONTROL

Kyle Rdukowski 2026

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
& Chief Procurement Officer**

Ronald Aponte *

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT

William R. Simpson 2026
Alan Jones 2028
Donald Taft 2026
Carol Plumb 2027
Mary Lou Knight 2028

TOWN CLERK ASSISTANT

Linda Lincoln

TOWN TREASURER

Sharon Ashleigh

TRANSFER STATION STAFF

James Milner
Stephen Anderson

TREE WARDEN

Denis Tucker 2026 *

TRENCH SAFETY OFFICER

Kyle Rutkowski 2026

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

Craig Makynen 2028

WATER DEPARTMENT STAFF

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

WIRING (Electrical), INSPECTOR

Scot Mansfield 2028
Paul Shepardson, Alternate 2028

WRTA BOARD

Advisory Committee

Beth Coughlin 2026

Representative

Beth Coughlin 2026

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

5 with 3 Alternates

Timothy Simon, Chair 2028
Charles Wilson 2030
Roger Mundell, Alt. 2030
David Olsen * 2026
Patrick Mulhen 2026
Maureen Meriano 2028
Joseph Lariviere 2029

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Nicholas Thomo 2028

**resigned*



REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

Changes in Officers and Employees

Sarah E. Campbell was elected as a member of the Select Board in May of 2025. Ms. Campbell previously served as the All Boards Clerk and was a member of the Advisory Committee; Conservation Committee, and Cable Advisory Committee. She is employed as an Executive Assistant to the Spencer Select Board.

The Town of Brookfield saw several staff changes in 2025. Treasurer Sharon Ashleigh served the Town well throughout 2025, tendering her resignation in December with an effective January date.

Holly Chisholm took over the All Boards Clerk position. She also works as an Administrative Assistant for the Water and Police Departments.

Town Administrator Ronald Aponte resigned the end of the year. The Town Administrator position remained unfilled for 2025.

Several committee members resigned throughout 2025, and others were appointed to vacant seats.

Office Windows Solution

Resident volunteers Kermit Eaton, Matt Bansfield, and Sean Mulligan, along with others, worked diligently to address the ongoing fuel loss issue from aging Town Hall windows. The crew had “storm” window inserts custom made that were lightweight and affordable for the Town Hall offices. Not only did the volunteers facilitate the purchase of these windows, but they also installed the inserts themselves, saving both time and money.

Thanks to the efforts of Sarah Campbell and Rep. Berthiame’s Office, the Town received a grant earmark in the amount of \$25,000 from the State budget. The funds will be used to pay for the Town Hall window inserts and much needed Bell Tower repairs.

More Access to Meetings

Community Media Coordinator Jacob Gorham single handedly revamped the Town’s Cable Access Studio in 2025, relocating the cable studio from Brookfield Elementary School to space on the second floor of the Town hall. He also added much-appreciated user-friendly features to aid in public access.

Most meetings are now livestreamed, allowing residents to view the meetings in “real time.” In addition, the meetings are uploaded via youtube, allowing residents to keep up with Town business at their leisure. Also, requests for ADA accommodations can now be done quickly and easily via a link, and improved ADA accommodation capabilities better serve residents who need accessibility support.

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

During the fiscal year 2025, 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; assisted in the preparation of responses to numerous public records requests and open meeting law complaints; advised the Town on local by-law and regulation

adoption; and labor/collective bargaining and employment matters, among other issues. Finally, we worked with Town personnel to prepare Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and advised the Town during the Annual Town Meeting.

In addition, we represented the Town in court actions in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Worcester Superior Court and the Land Court, which were pending during fiscal year 2025:

Patricia Washburn, et al. v. Planning Board, et al.
Worcester Superior Court, C.A. No.
2185CV00629

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



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

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

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

Christopher Kelleher v. Town of Brookfield

United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Docket No. 4:24-cv-40146

This case is an action alleging that the Town failed to reasonably accommodate his requests to attend specific board meetings remotely. In dismissing the complaint, a federal district court judge concluded that the Town “has continued to act in good faith and has made numerous attempts to accommodate Plaintiff.”

Christopher Kelleher v. Brookfield Conservation Commission

Worcester Superior Court Docket No. 2485CV01201

In this case, Plaintiff raised various alleged Open Meeting Law violations. A state superior court justice dismissed the complaint, concluding that Plaintiff may not simultaneously pursue court and administrative remedies for Open Meeting Law violations.

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

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



REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee represents the residents of Brookfield regarding the Town's budget. The Committee, 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.

2025 highlights

The Brookfield Advisory Committee had a successful year. A balanced FY26 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 continued full transparency and clear communication with the Town Administrator, Accountant, Treasurer and Department Heads. We believe the Town's budget will continue to improve through proper accounting, conservative budgeting, capital planning, and the use of grants.

Respectfully submitted,

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





REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Commission is pleased to report the progress made in supporting the farming interests of the Town in FY25. The highlight of the year was the second agricultural fair to engage the younger generation in promoting the idea of farming and related allied businesses. Our thanks to Shelby Hill for her leadership and the supporting cast.

The Ag Day activities build on the support of the Garden Club's yearly plant sale where the Commission passed out seeds to promote young people growing produce and flowers. This activity continues to grow. Our thanks to Oakholm Farm in their continuing support with providing hayrides. Years ago we filled the cart once, in 2025 it took 5 trips to accommodate everyone. The Commission offered a Forestry educational program and plans to promote topics of interest. In 2025 through generous donations the Commission added "Right to Farm" signs on the approaches to Town as a reminder that there will be slow moving farm equipment on Town roads at odd hours. A good reminder of the number of equine farms and the need to pass slowly should you see a horse and rider.

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



Annual Agricultural Fair Returns to the Common August 9th, 202

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

During 2025, the Animal Control Department responded to 127 calls for service. These calls included incidents involving lost and found dogs and cats, loose horses and donkeys, and wildlife-related concerns, including raccoons, skunks, and opossums.



Residents are reminded that the Town maintains a leash law, which requires dogs to be kept on a leash while in public areas. Leash laws help ensure the safety of residents, pets, and other animals within the community.

Additionally, all dogs six months of age and older must be licensed annually through the Town Clerk's Office.

To obtain a dog license, residents must provide:

- *Proof of a current rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian*
- *Proof of spaying or neutering, if applicable*
- *Payment of the appropriate licensing fee*

Dog licensing plays an important role in public health and animal safety. Licensing helps prevent the spread of rabies, increases the likelihood of reuniting lost pets with their owners, and allows Animal Control and the Police Department to identify and return animals more efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Young
Animal Control Officer

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Locations Inspected: 33

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

Cattle: 21

Goats: 39

Sheep: 8

Swine: 11

Equines: 119

Alpacas: 3

Poultry: 732

Waterfowl: 22

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

Holly J. Chisholm (2027)

Richard Chaffee (2028)

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 Rich Chaffee was elected to another 3 year term on the Board. Also, in May our Chairperson Robert Falter resigned from the Board after many years of dedicated service. The two remaining members currently run the board.

The Senior/Veteran real estate tax work-off program allows four 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.

The total value of the 1478 taxed parcels in town was \$437,029,493. 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 \$14.62 per thousand dollars of value. There are 124 tax exempt parcels in town.

The median value of all the 941 single family homes in Brookfield was \$369,917 resulting in an average annual real estate tax bill of \$5,408.

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

Residential	92.36%	\$ 437,029,493
Commercial	2.83%	\$ 13,406,278
Industrial	0.79%	\$ 3,755,500
Personal Property	4.02%	\$ 19,014,756
Total Value	100.00%	\$ 473,206,027
Exempt Value		\$ 39,517,300

OFFICE HOURS and CONTACT INFORMATION

(508) 867-2930 Ext 16 or Ext 23

Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 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 Assessors would like to thank the townspeople of Brookfield for their continued cooperation and support.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Under Massachusetts General Law (MGL), the Brookfield Board of Health is responsible for the protection of the public's health and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution. The Board of Health promotes public health by controlling disease and promoting sanitary living conditions for the Town of Brookfield.

The Board of Health oversees health regulations for the Town of Brookfield including:

- Creating new regulations
- Review existing regulations
- Reviewing and making determinations for variance requests of existing regulations



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. The following were members of the board during 2025: **Maureen Lepak** (2022-2025, 2025-2028), **Christina Predella** (2022-23, 2023-2026), and **Kimberly Simons** (2024-2027).

The agents of the Board of Health are the Health Inspectors who are located in the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition (LRPHC) in addition to independent contractors. They are responsible for enforcement of Board of Health and State regulations and conducting inspections.

Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition (LRPHC)

The Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition (LRPHC) is a regional collaborative established in 2021 to provide essential public health services to towns in Central Massachusetts. LRPHC currently consists of Leicester, Barre, Brookfield, Hardwick, Holden, New Braintree, North Brookfield, and Oakham. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health through the Public Health Excellence (PHE) Grant and the Contact Tracing Grant, the coalition aims to pool resources to address and fill gaps in public health services across these communities, making them accessible to all residents. The coalition's mission is to provide comprehensive public health services free of charge to all participating towns, and to promote, protect, and preserve public health across the region. Each year, a board member is nominated to represent the town on the LRPHC Advisory Board. In 2025, LRPHC supported Brookfield with inspectional services, permitting activities, community health programming, and regional disease surveillance.

Massachusetts Virology and Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN) & Public Health Nurse

The Regional Public Health Nurse played a critical role in expanding preventative health services, strengthening disease response, and supporting community outreach across the region. In Brookfield, there were 11 clinics held and 82 blood pressure and glucose screenings. In 2025 there were twenty-five (25) confirmed cases of novel coronavirus, one (1) case of Ehrlichiosis, two (2) cases of Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis, sixteen (45) confirmed cases of Influenza, and one (1) case of Campylobacteriosis. LPRCH also provided a Narcan Training Class for residents.

Permitting & Inspections

The Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition (LRPHC) provides inspectional services across food, housing, septic, and environmental health programs to ensure compliance with state and local regulations. In 2025, LRPHC issued 42 Temporary Food Permits, 14 annual food permits, 8 mobile food permits, 1 milk/cream permit, and 4 residential kitchen permits. LRPHC also issued 15 septic installer permits, 10 percolation test & soil evaluation permits, 5 component replacement permits, 4 Tobacco Retailer, 11 new construction permits, 5 septic repair permits, 12 private well permits, and permits for the three mobile home parks in town.

In 2025, the Regional Health Agents conducted 93 Title V inspections in Brookfield, 1 housing inspection, and 30 nuisance inspections. Brookfield also performed 21 food inspections.

In 2025, the Board of Health contracted with the Massachusetts Health Officers Association (MHOA) to conduct tobacco inspections and compliance checks on its behalf through a state grant. Each retailer received two Educational Inspections, conducted on 5/8/25 & 10/23/25, and one Youth Access Compliance Check conducted on 8/18/25 by a tobacco agent with the MHOA during the 2025 calendar year. The Board manages the issuance of Emergency Beaver Permits due to the quick turnaround that is required. In 2025, the board issued 11 emergency beaver permits. The board also issued the beach permit for South Pond

Beach. The board wishes to thank the staff at LRPHC as well as its contracted partners for all their dedication in helping to ensure public health in Brookfield!

Regional 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coalition

Brookfield is a member of the region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness coalition, which is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention via the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management. Maureen Lepak was delegated by the Board to serve as its representative on the Region 2 PHEP Executive Committee for FY’26. In 2025, the Board drafted the All-Hazards Public Health Response Plan Framework manual as part of the Region 2 PHEP objectives. The town also took part in a tabletop exercise to increase its capacity in emergency preparedness. This exercise required the town to respond to an all-hazards incident affecting the community. It was an opportunity for the community to test the emergency response plan, related to the All-Hazards Public Health Response Plan Framework, in conjunction with internal and external local, regional, and state response partners. Brookfield Fire, EMS, and Police took part in the exercise. The Board also received the following equipment as part of the PHEP Grant: A laptop computer, two translation devices, two Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices to be located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall and at the Highway Barn.

Transfer Station

We continue to encourage citizens to use the transfer station. Due to rising solid waste and recycling costs, the yearly permit fee increased to \$100.00 dollars and bags remained 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 for being on duty at the transfer station. We are grateful for their dedication. We are particularly grateful for those who stepped up to help when our Transfer Station manager Jim Milner became ill. A special thanks to Mike Seery, Donald Clowes, and Greg Afton for their hard work to ensure that operations were not negatively impacted. The Transfer Station Members are Transfer Station Manager Jim Milner, and Stephen Nickerson. During this time the Select Board took over the day-to-day management of the Transfer Station employees (hiring, management) to increase efficiency and continuity.

We would also like to thank our Highway Department for being available to help us with keeping the bulk and metal dumpsters tamped down to help lessen our costs with shipping out material. The highway department also worked to maintain brush along the landfill cap, improve drainage at the transfer station site and helped us relocate the brush and leaf drop off area in order to meet DEP requirements.

Recyclable Dividends Program & Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grants

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has awarded Brookfield Recycling Dividends Program funds under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program. The Town of Brookfield has earned 9 points and will receive \$3,780. Our town has also been awarded \$5,000 in funding for Drop Off Equipment for a Paint Shed, and \$6,000 for a Reuse Swap Shed. Recycling programs play a vital role in limiting our dependence on landfills and incinerators, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and supporting economic activity in the Commonwealth. Recycling Dividend Program funds foster investment in local programs including recycling equipment, organics diversion, outreach and education, pilot programs, school recycling, toxics reduction, and more.

Local Health Regulations

The following local health regulations were enacted in 2025:

- Regulation of the Brookfield Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products
- Regulations for Private Wells

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Lepak-Chair
Christina Predella-Vice Chair
Kim Simons – Board member, LRPHC Advisory Board

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Single Family Dwellings 10
Sheds 4
Additions 4
Roofing 28
Garages 5
Windows/Siding 34
Renovations/Remodeling 20
Stoves/Pellet/Wood 3
Pools/In ground/ Above ground 1
Signs 1
Decks 5
Demolition 5
Barns 0
Storage Buildings 0
Temporary Mobile Home for fire purposes 0
Fence 0
Co-Locator/ Cell tower 0
Weatherization/insulation 29
Sheet Metal 4
Solar Residential 21
Seasonal Tents 0
Pavilion 1

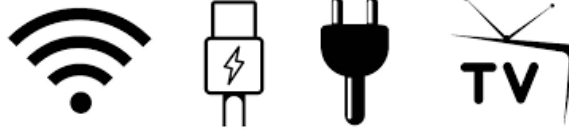
TOTAL 175

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 BROOKFIELD CABLE/COMMUNITY MEDIA



Brookfield Community Access gives residents clear, reliable access to local government information and town updates.

Brookfieldma.us Provider Charter (Spectrum) Channels: 192 Tantasqua; 194 Government

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<p>~72 Meetings & Events Covered</p>	<p>1 Staff Member Running Programming</p>	<p>\$0 Cost to Town for Studio Rebuild</p>
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What Residents Got This Year

- **Clearer access to town decisions:** Meetings were broadcast and archived online so residents could watch on their own schedule.
- **More understandable public information:** Better sound and video quality made meetings easier to follow.

Team

Jacob, Community Media Coordinator (program operated by a single staff member) | We're always looking for more help!
Special thanks: Steve Karrmann, Beth Olesin, Sharon Mahoney, and Karen Trainor for helping cover meetings!

Goals

Achieved in 2025-2026

- Completed a major studio relocation and rebuild funded entirely by a grant, costing the town nothing.
- Upgraded studio capability for better sound, video, and lighting.
- Improved ADA accommodation capabilities to better serve residents who need accessibility support.

Looking Ahead to 2026-2027

- Complete full integration of upgraded equipment into Town Hall workflows.
- Expand live coverage to more boards as capacity allows.
- Recruit and train volunteers to increase coverage and create backup capacity.

Did You Know? How Brookfield Community Access Is Funded

- Massachusetts law allows towns to place cable operator payments into a dedicated cable access fund; by law, money in that fund may only be used for cable-related purposes, including support of public, educational, and government access cable television services.

How to Get Involved

- Watch meetings live or on demand and share links with your neighbors.
- Submit community announcements for Channel 192.
- Volunteer to help expand coverage of boards and events.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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

During the past year, 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 \$3,550.00 in burial fees and \$2,400.00 in sale of lot fees. The non-expendable balance for the perpetual care fund is \$139,759.46, and the expendable balance is \$86,364.14.

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 and Brandon Foley kept our cemetery looking great. We thank them for their efforts. The Cemetery Superintendent and the Commissioners would like to thank our longtime caretaker Jim Milner for his dedicated service to our cemetery as Jim retired earlier this year.

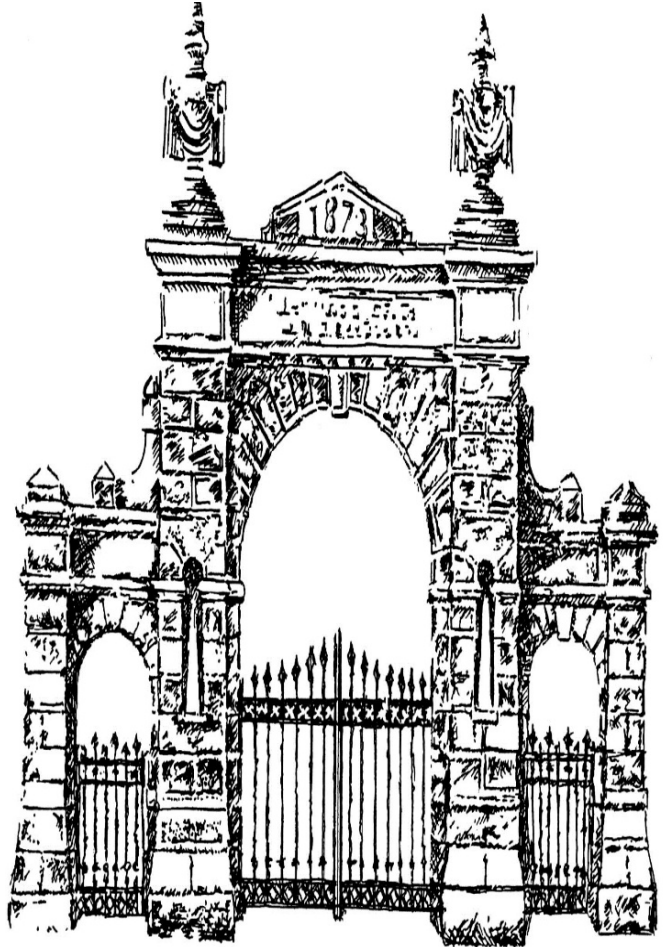
Cemetery Preservation

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 \$44,004.40

In September Tamara Conde of Historic Gravestone Services provided a one day workshop to educate and train residents how to repair historic stones in our cemetery. The event was very well attended, and the Commissioners thank everyone who participated. One Thousand dollars was expended to pay for the training.

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 2025	Full or Ash	Age		Died		Buried
FREDRICA LAMONDA	ASH	82		2/6/2025		4/29/2025
ARTHUR JAY	FULL	85		2/12/2025		4/22/2025
LUCAS BARKOSKIE	FULL	20		4/27/2025		5/1/2025
THOMAS GREEN	FULL	74		5/15/2025		5/20/2025
DEBRA DAVIS	ASH	63		7/8/2025		8/15/2025
LORRAINE PELOQUIN	ASH	88		8/7/2025		8/19/2025
EVELYN WEBSTER	ASH	97		7/31/2025		8/14/2025
JANET LYNDE	FULL	87		9/13/2025		9/22/2025
DOROTHY HARKINS	FULL	86		9/17/2025		9/25/2025
GLORY L. WEDGE	ASH	82		7/27/2025		10/4/2025
EDMUND YOUNG	ASH	87		6/5/2025		10/11/2025
ANA MAY GUSTAFSON	ASH	82		9/21/2025		10/11/2025
JAMES WOODARD	FULL	77		10/26/2025		11/4/2025
KAREN L. PETIT	ASH	64		10/18/2025		11/9/2025
CLAIRE BUSSIERE	FULL	97		11/12/2025		11/15/2025

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Lincoln
Phillip Merriam
Patrick J. O’Day-Resigned
Superintendent-Michael Seery

REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Brookfield Communications Committee had a successful year, with either completion or substantial progress toward our objectives. All existing Committee members retained their positions. The Committee welcomed new member Meghan Crane in October. We would also like to thank Jacob Gorham, IT Director, for continuing to assist the Committee with our technical requests. We would like to thank Bradford Kadelski, former Select Board chair, for diligently serving as our liaison for the first half of the year.

Social Media Policy: The Select Board approved the social media policy that we prepared in April. This policy set the groundwork for us to formally utilize this public communication channel. The Committee will continue to revise this policy to accommodate public needs, employee requests, and legal requirements. Please note that the Committee only maintains official town social media accounts!

Official Town of Brookfield Facebook: We successfully relaunched the Official Town of Brookfield Facebook page in July. We post news, announcements, public hearings, and community updates here. Messages are also posted at the request of boards and departments, so public officials are encouraged to contact us if you would like announcements posted here.

New Web Forms: We collaborated with our IT Director to create web forms for reporting road concerns and for submitting Americans with Disabilities Act meeting accommodations requests. These forms provide standardized means for submitting requests to the appropriate parties.

Updating Website Content: We have collaborated with boards and departments to update their content, personnel, contact information, and documents on the town website. We also updated bylaws, regulations, policies, and permitting documents. We archived obsolete content to prepare our current website's content for migration onto our upcoming new website.

New Town of Brookfield Website: The Communications Committee has been working with ANEVRY to rebuild the Town of Brookfield website. This new website will allow us to better organize and manage our website content. We have plans for new pages to assist residents, businesses, and the community as a whole, and help everyone find the information they are looking for. We anticipate the new website will launch in early 2026.

We look forward to continuing to improve our town's communications in the upcoming year!

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Olesin - Chair
Christopher Drosehn - Vice Chair
Steven Karrmann - Clerk
Meghan Crane – Member



REPORT OF THE CONSTABLES

Town notices were posted as requested.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Lafleur, Elected
Peter Martell, Elected

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

2025 was a developmental and transitional year for the Brookfield Conservation Commission. New commissioners Stephen Santucci, Paul Spencer, and Meghan Crane joined in June. William Meeker served as chair from the beginning of the year and until May, and Steven Karrmann served as chair for the remainder of the year. Holly Chisholm joined as our All Boards Clerk in April. We thank former commissioners Megan Metz and Michael Scully Metz for nearly three years of service, and Sarah Campbell for over a year of service.

Several commissioners have started the Massachusetts Association for Conservation Commissioners (MACC) Fundamentals Training Program. We thank the town for funding our training and education. We also received a training session from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). We extend our gratitude to Rebecca Gendreau and Emily Petro of MassDEP for their ongoing professional support.

The Commission created application packets for Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) and Notice of Intent (NOI) applications. These packets align application requirements with state law and Brookfield's bylaws. The Commission encourages anyone with questions about applications, wetlands, or the Commission's responsibilities to reach out to us.

The Commission introduced new procedures for conducting and documenting site visits. This allows us to approach applications, inquiries, and complaints with additional quality information, and it enhances the transparency of our processes.

This year, the Commission processed:

- Notices of Intent: 2
- Requests for Determination of Applicability: 6
- Emergency Certifications: 1
- Certificates of Compliance: 1
- Extensions of Order of Conditions: 1

We look forward to continuing our service by collaborating with property owners, residents, and officials alike. We will continue to earnestly administer the Wetlands Protection Act for the betterment of Brookfield.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Karrmann - Chair
William Meeker - Vice Chair

Meghan Crane
Kristin Reeves-Hall

Stephen Santucci
Paul Spencer

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

2025 was another successful year for the Council on Aging in Brookfield. With help from 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, we offer twice weekly Functional Fitness exercise programs. Both exercise programs are adaptable to all levels of fitness. We offer coffee hour every Tuesday morning at 10:00 with a variety of bingo, 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 foot clinic continues to grow and we have expanded it to two Tuesdays a month. The schedule that started out four years ago with Chair Yoga and Coffee hour on Tuesday mornings has grown to offer programs three days a week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. We hope to expand programming to some Fridays in 2026.

In September our open house dinner, catered by Hearthstone Market, served 55 seniors and offered an overview of our programs. Diners were asked to write out suggestions for future programs and we are always open to suggestions from seniors. In December we hosted a Holiday luncheon, again catered by Hearthstone Market, with music, raffles and hand crocheted scarves and scrubbies for each attendee made and donated by COA member Nancy Mannix. We were entertained by the 46 members of the Elementary School Chorus, under the direction of Lindsey Paras, during a holiday concert in the church before the luncheon.

We are pleased to report that total participants for the calendar year of 2025 were 2977, with 196 individuals. Our program continues to grow and we encourage all seniors to join us and to watch our Facebook page for program schedules.

We want to thank the Brookfield Congregational Church for their continued support and hospitality. We encourage all seniors (60+) to join us and see what we have to offer. In January 2026 we will welcome Darlene Dean as our new Program Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Brown, Martha Brunelle, Sandy Couture, Mary Lou Knight, Linda Lincoln, Nancy Mannix, Lois O'Leary, Brenda Parish and Sandra Rich – Brookfield COA



REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL (WIRING) INSPECTOR



2025 Electrical Permits

- 8 NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOMES
- 16 SERVICE UPGRADES UP TO 200 AMPS
- 1 TEMPORARY SERVICE
- 5 ADDITIONS
- 13 REMODEL , REWIRE
- 4 GARAGE or BARNs
- 4 COMMERCIAL PROJECTS
- 6 MISCELLANEOUS WIRING (SINGLE CIRCUITS)
- 7 GENERATORS
- 4 EV CHARGER
- 3 INGROUND POOLS
- 8 A/C UNITS
- 2 SECURITY SYSTEMS
- 1 FIRE DAMAGE REPAIRS
- 4 BOILER OR FURNACES
- 26 RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ARRAY; PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM
- 1 WOOD STOVE
- 4 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.

Deputy Director Keith Karrmann stepped down effective July 1, 2025. Keith had served Emergency Management since 1999, and we thank him for his service

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Martell, Director



REPORT OF THE BROOKFIELD EMERGENCY SQUAD



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

The squad consists of 13 members; 6 Paramedics, 1 Advanced, and 6 EMT Basics.

Our staff represents 202 years of service to Brookfield EMS. We are overseen and certified by the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health. We continue to operate our 2020 Ford F550/GMC ambulance.

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

The ambulance responded to 900 calls.

Advanced Life Support - 476

Medical Calls - 532

Trauma - 74

Fire standby - 15

Police Standby - 12

Refusal, assistance or cancelled - 250

Mutual Aid to other towns - 300

Mutual aid ALS intercepts - 116

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

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

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

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



REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



2025 was a busy year for the 27 members of the fire department with incident responses, continuous training, fire prevention, code enforcement, and the maintenance of department vehicles, equipment, & facilities.

For 2025 we did 242 calls

There are plenty of departments that are busier than we are, but for 2025 we were busier than we ever were.

2024 - 208, 2023 - 168, 2022 - 141

Here is the call breakdown,

Fires in Private Dwellings (1 or 2 family), 4

Fires in Apartments (3 or more families) 1 (Amherst)

Fires in Highway Vehicles (autos, trucks, buses, etc.) 1

Fires in Brush, Grass, Wildland 8

Fires in Rubbish, Including Dumpsters 3

Other Fires 7

Rescue, Emergency Medical Responses 115

False Alarms, unintentional false calls, malfunctions, 26

Mutual Aid Responses Given 12

Hazards Materials Responses (spills, leaks, etc.) 11

Other Hazardous Responses (arcing wires, power line down) 14

Other Responses (smoke scares, lockouts, animal rescues, etc.) 40

Department personnel spent 2060 hours preparing themselves for responses by training on topics such as firefighting skills & tactics, motor pump operation, fire prevention, emergency vehicle operation, and incident command just to name a few. Training was done in-house by department instructors & officers and off site by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, and other regional resources.

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

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

Annual town meeting provided funding to replace firefighter protective clothing.

While this is a positive step, long term planning still needs to address fire truck replacement. Engine 3 is 42 years old and Tanker 1 is 30 years old.

Grant money was received from;

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

We welcomed Firefighter Jesse Sevens, Thomas Muska, and Owen Aubin.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Peter E. Martell, Fire Chief



REPORT OF THE GRANT WRITER

The Grant Writer started in the position on November 5, 2025, so this report reflects activity for the months for November and December.

The Grant Writer Activities include:

- Initial Department Head meeting introductions and a request to all departments to identify their needs
- An invitation to all departments to meet with the grant Writer
- Grant search with 122 potential grants identified with various restrictions and time lines. The Government shutdown was in progress and no federal grant sites were active. There was no availability of federal grants through the end of 2025 as funds were not been released for grant awards. The focus was on private grantors.
- Departments that requested meetings included the Highway Department, the Police Department, the IT department, the Agricultural Commission and the Select Board members.
- 2 Grants were written and submitted: one for the Police Department and one for the Highway Department.

The Grant Writer will continue to reach out to Departments and Committees to assess their need and interest in grants. The Federal sites will continue to be monitored for opening of opportunities and private grantors will be researched and applicable grants will be applied for. It is important to note that every grant is different and can vary from year to year. Grants also may have a lengthy wait period for review and a response back to the Town.

Many thanks to the departments that have already met with me and shared information for the grant process.

Thank you for allowing me to assist the Town of Brookfield in their funding needs.

Lynne Shaw



REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



Thanks to the Highway Advisory Committee, structure is starting to take hold at 56 Mill St. New ideas, new leadership, and strong community support led to millions of dollars in grant funded projects being executed across town. Gay Rd, Kimball St and Rt.148 being the high-level reclamation and paving projects.

In-house planning and execution led to drainage upgrades on Webber Rd, Rice Corner Rd, Mill St, Long Hill Rd, Town Farm Rd, Rt. 148, and Quaboag St.

Strong winds, frigid record-breaking low temps, and accumulating snowfall not seen in over a decade, for months on end, created unanticipated challenges for Snow and Ice Operations, and Budgetary Concerns, but with support from the Brookfield Selectboard, and Residents of the Town, Brookfield roads remain safe and sustainable.

Community Outreach, understanding the relationship between public and private infrastructure, and the importance of working together to achieve our goals, is part of my leadership philosophy. Our Team will continue to perform at the highest level for the residents of Brookfield

Highway Superintendent

Kyle Rutkowski



REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In 2025 the members of the Brookfield Historical Commission (BHC) held our monthly meetings at the library due to unresolved disability accommodations at the library annex. The BHC and the library director are working on accessibility improvements to the building and progress is being made.

Donald Faugno and Dan Hamilton, in conjunction with the

BHC, are actively archiving old documents for preservation in a data base and continuing to digitize historical materials dating back to the 1700's. The purchase of a scanner has enabled these efforts. The BHC thanks the Brookfield Community Club for funding this important work.

This year the BHC and the Cemetery Commission jointly funded a gravestone repair workshop. Approximately forty people turned out to learn how to repair fallen stones as well as repositioning and cleaning them. A few dozen were repaired by this enthusiastic group of workers.

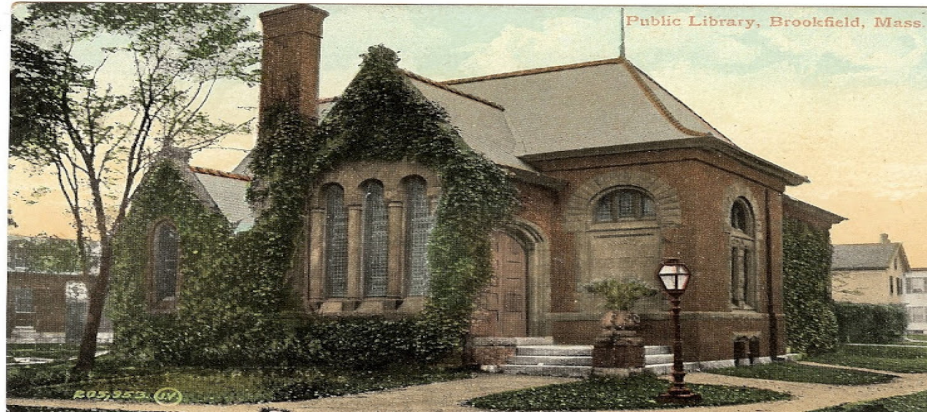
In December Donald Clowes was appointed to the BHC to fill the vacancy created by Donald Faugno. He served on the board a few years ago and we welcome him back.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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





ANNUAL REPORT – 2025
REPORT OF THE MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY
& FELGON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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
Samantha Taylor, Library Assistant
Victoria Morin, Library Assistant
Margaret Aubin, Custodian

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.” – Albert Einstein

The Merrick Public Library continues to serve the Town of Brookfield by acquiring and circulating books and other materials, providing community resources, assisting with reference and genealogy requests, presenting programs for all ages, and offering space for groups to meet.

The trustees and staff continue to maintain the historic integrity of the library while offering modern conveniences, which include free wireless internet access as well as free public computer use, printing, copying, scanning, faxing, and notary public services.

The library is open 29 hours a week, 5 days a week. Our regular 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.

The Merrick Public Library owns over 24,000 items, including books, audiobooks, magazines, DVDs, video games, graphic novels, and other miscellaneous items, such as a telescope. Museum Passes are another piece of our collection, providing free or discounted admission to several museums and sites all over New England. We also have a free jigsaw puzzle swap and free paperback swap in our foyer.

Library cards at most libraries in central and western Massachusetts, as well as for ordering materials online. Our patrons borrowed nearly 30,000 physical and digital titles this year, and requested almost 3,000 items from across the state that were delivered right to our library. C/W

MARS has a large amount of material available for e-readers, and downloading Libby, a free library app, 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. Visit the library for free training on how to use devices and download electronic material.

Ongoing programs included the Banister Book Group for adults and Music & Movement with Julie for children aged 0-5. The Book Group meets at the Felton Historical Museum on the last Wednesday of each month, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and new members are always welcome to join! Music & Movement happens on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the library.

The Knitting Club started back up in January, but disbanded by the spring. The Chess Club met on Friday afternoons but was eventually suspended due to a lack of participants. In August, some library staff members participated in Brookfield's Annual Agricultural Fair by displaying historical items and artifacts relating to farm life in the community.

In the 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 third grade to learn about the history of Brookfield, which included a visit to the Felton Historical Museum to see historical artifacts. The Summer Reading program was a huge success, with 175 participants, over 40 more than last year! We had 29 pre-readers, 111 elementary schoolers, and 35 teens participate. Over 100 library visitors participated in "Friday Crafts & More," which offered seven weeks of drop-in crafts and activities during the summer.

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, and host an annual silent auction at the library in the fall. In addition, the Friends provide invaluable support in maintaining the Felton Historical Museum.

The Felton Historical Museum at 18 Common Street (previously known as the Library Annex) continued to grow and become more defined this year. Collections and items associated with Brookfield's rich cultural history are being cataloged and displayed. Progress is being made on the renovations of the Barn and Wood Room of the museum in order to make the space ADA compliant for future programs and meetings. Although the museum does not yet offer regular open hours, library staff are available to provide private tours as time and schedules allow.

In July, the library began subscribing to Ancestry.com and are excited to offer this to our patrons as a resource for genealogical research. Other research resources include Robert Wilder's maps (available at both the library and the museum, as well as online at robertwildermaps.com) and quaboag-research.org, a website which was built by Dan Hamilton of West Brookfield, along with area historians. We invite the community to spend time with these materials and thank those who continue to freely share them.

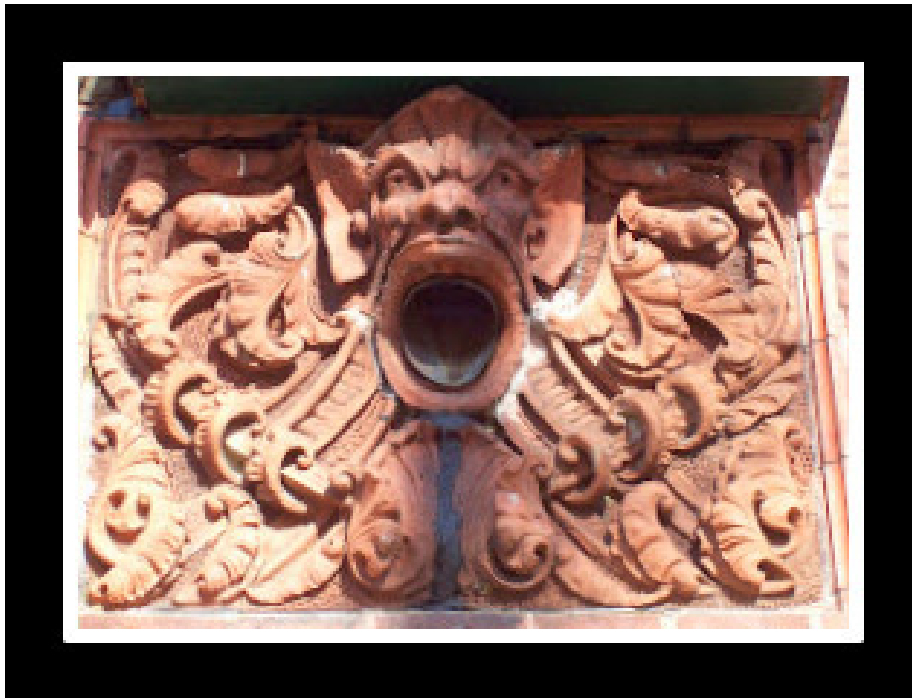
We remain a drop-off point for several community organizations, collecting food and toiletries for Brookfield's Eucumenical Food Pantry, eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Lions Club, and new toys for Toys for Joy. Links to additional community resources are available on our website under the "Community" tab (merrickpubliclibrary.org/community-resources).

The library publishes a monthly newsletter, *Banister Bulletin*, featuring important news, upcoming events, and other library and community happenings. Hard copies of the newsletter are

available online, inside the library, and on the exterior of the main entrance to the library. For more information about the library and our services, please visit our website at merrickpubliclibrary.org or follow us on Facebook at *Brookfield Merrick Public Library*. To our library patrons and community members, we extend a sincere thank you for continuing to support the Merrick Public Library & Felton Historical Museum by utilizing our services, resources, and programming throughout the year. We're so grateful for you! We'd also like to thank the Friends of the Library, Friends of Brookfield, Brookfield Community Club, Brookfield Cultural Council, Art & Elizabeth Jay, Jeppson Memorial Fund, and Greater Worcester Community Foundation; our programs and events would not be possible without their valuable support!

Respectfully,

Library Staff & Board of Trustees
Merrick Public Library & Felton Historical Museum
2 Lincoln Street & 18 Common Street
508-867-6339
brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com



Town of Brookfield, Massachusetts
IN MEMORY OF VETERANS OF ALL WARS
Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025

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

Richard R. Lamoureux	Vietnam	Army- SP5
Arthur Jay	Vietnam	Coast Guard
James Gulnac	Vietnam	Army
Ricky R. Mauch	Peacetime	Air Force SGT

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



**Memorial Day Parade Program
Town of Brookfield, Massachusetts
Monday, May 26, 2025**

All marchers and all units shall assemble at 9:15 AM at Brookfield Elementary School, 35 Central Street. Parade starts at 10:00 AM under the direction of the Brookfield Memorial Day Committee. In the event of rain, parade will be in the BES Gymnasium.

Program at Soldiers' Monument, Brookfield Cemetery Assembly 10:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance	Veteran	
Prayer	Pastor Brian Oxman	
Selection	McGann Marching Band	
Gettysburg Address	Fiona Richards	
In Flanders Fields	Ashleigh Wall, Paige Proulx, Alexes Frits, Serena Rodriguez, Noah Hamilton	
In Memory	Town Clerk Michael P. Seery	
	Richard R. Lamoureux	Vietnam-Army-SPS
	Arthur Jay	Vietnam-Coast Guard
	James Gulnac	Vietnam-Army
	Ricky R Mauch	Air Force-Peacetime SGT
Salute to the Dead		
Three-volley Salute:	Lincoln Minutemen	
Taps:	McGann Marching Band	
National Anthem	Sophia Murray	
Raising of the Flag	Veteran	

Dismissal

Program on Brookfield Town Common Assembly 11:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance	Veteran	
Prayer	Paster Brian Oxman	
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REPORT OF THE TOWN MODERATOR

The Moderator presided over the Annual Town Meeting, which was held on Thursday, 5 June 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Brookfield Elementary School.

The Annual Town Meeting had 32 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.

Additionally, this was the first Annual Town meeting after the Bylaw change requiring the use of electronic voting. The Moderator took some time to instruct the members on the use of the voting devices.

All 32 Warrant Articles were duly considered and acted upon and the meeting adjourned.



REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

In 2025 the Brookfield Planning Board held 19 meetings, nearly half again as many as in 2024. Notable actions included granting of Special Permits to Sunfusions, Inc. for the Town's first marijuana cultivation facility, a process that drew considerable public interest and comment in a public hearing that continued over three successive Board meetings; to Apple Country Radio, Inc. to operate a non-profit, FCC-licensed low-power radio station from space to be shared with the Town's cable access operations in Brookfield Town Hall; and to applicants for the operation of two accessory businesses in Rural Residential districts. The Board also granted an amendment to a Special Permit originally granted in March 2019 for a commercial self-storage business to allow construction of additional storage units. That project was also one of five plans reviewed and endorsed as not requiring approval as a subdivision under the Subdivision Control Act. The Planning Board continued to monitor the progress of the Molasses Hill Estates subdivision, the permit for which had been automatically extended to March of 2029 by Section 280 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024. We also received and responded to eight Open Meeting Law complaints and a number of inquiries about the zoning bylaw and land use in various Town zoning districts.

In April, the Planning Board held a public hearing on proposed Zoning Bylaw amendments intended to bring the Town's Zoning Bylaw into conformity with the provisions of recently enacted changes to MGL Chapter 40A that provide for the by-right construction of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), accessory to a Principal Dwelling, on a lot in any zoning district where a single-family residential dwelling may be constructed either by-right or via a Special Permit. The amendments also provided for construction of a second ADU on a lot by grant of a Special Permit from the Planning Board. Failure to amend the Zoning Bylaw would have the potential to create confusion as to where, in what number, under whose authority, and to what standards ADUs may be created in Brookfield, not in the least because there is currently no reference to ADUs as such in the Zoning Bylaw. The amendments were submitted as an article for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting but never made it onto the warrant for the meeting because the Town Administrator never submitted it to the Select Board. The Planning Board has planned to resubmit the amendments for the 2026 Annual Town Meeting.

Voters elected Steven Karrmann in May to fill the Planning Board seat being vacated by Bruce Clarke and re-elected Board member Jeff King. Mr. Clarke agreed to be appointed by the Select Board as the Planning Board's Associate member for the duration of the Sunfusions permit process, which had begun during his tenure. The Associate member may be seated to participate during the consideration of a Special Permit in the event of the loss or incapacity of a Board member. This, unfortunately, was made all too necessary by the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. King, in June. In September, the Planning Board and Select Board unanimously elected Jennifer Santucci to fill the vacancy left by Mr. King's death until the next Town election, in 2026. With the conclusion of the Sunfusions Special Permit proceedings, Mr. Clarke resigned as Associate member; we thank him for his service. As of year-end, the Associate position remained unfilled.

Once again, Christopher Gorman served as Brookfield's delegate to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, with Kevin 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 for the support received this year from Al Jones and Patty King in the Assessors' Office, former Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Tim Simon, Zoning Enforcement Officer Nicholas Thomo and Building Inspector Jeffrey Taylor. Our thanks also go 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
Lisa Matondi

Christopher Gorman, Vice-Chair
Jennifer Santucci

Steven Karrmann, Clerk

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR



33 Gas permits
33 Plumbing permits
51 plumbing inspections
37 Gas inspections

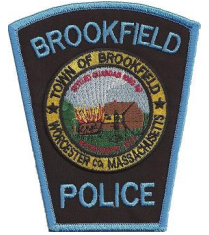
Respectfully submitted,

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



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

During 2025, the Brookfield Police Department remained under staffed. There was one open vacancy. When fully staffed, the Department consists of seven full time officers, including the Chief and Sergeant. 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.

Officer John Marty attending Sexual Assault Investigator training. The training is a forty-hour long course. This training is required to become a sexual assault investigator and provides guidance on how to handle these sensitive types of investigations. Officer Marty also attended School Resource Officer training. This is a mandated training for any officer who is going to work in schools as a school resource officer. This is also a forty-hour training.

A few of the community policing events that we participated in during the year were community reading day at the Brookfield Elementary School in March, a Public Safety Day at Twisters Gymnastics in August, Coffee with a Cop at Cumberland Farms in October and Cocoa with a Cop at the North Brookfield Elementary School in December.

The Brookfield Police Department had an increase in calls for service in 2025. The total calls for service for 2025 were 12,005. In 2024, there were 5,877 calls for service and in 2023, there were 6,077 calls for service.

The Department arrests increased slightly, with 109 arrests in 2025 as compared to 70 in 2024. The total number of arrests in 2023 was 71.

The following is a summary of the activity for 2025;

Medical Calls – 420
Alarm Calls – 43
Motor Vehicle Accidents – 47
Motor Vehicle Stops - 990
Larcenies – 16
Custodial Arrests – 43
Criminal Complaint Summons – 66
Building/Property Checks – 3,951
School Zone Traffic - 247

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 at Lewis Field, and a bonfire! . 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. This year all 5 applicants were so strong that we awarded them all scholarships! The requirements are simple: Be a resident of Brookfield and have participated and volunteered in Brookfield Recreation. In 2025 these scholarships were awarded to: John Glennon, Christopher Kane, Ryan Cunningham, Sarah Grybowski, and Jackson Landine. We wish them all the best on the next phase of their lives.

We completed some more upgrades at Lewis Field over the summer including a new retaining wall behind one of the dugouts on the baseball field, more fence repairs, and new appliances for the snack shack.

We also were excited to move forward with the purchase of two new basketball hoops for the Elementary School. Those have shipped and are expected to be installed at the school during April vacation, 2026.

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
Christa LeBrun, Secretary	Term expires 2028

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, 2025

<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	16	23	27	23	26	37	32	32	3	219
<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		37	32							69
Tantasqua Sr. High				16	16	17	15	1		65
Tantasqua Technical				20	17	11	11	0		59
TOTAL TRSD										193
TOTAL TRSD/U61										412



POSITION	NAME	COLLEGE	YEARS IN BROOKFIELD AS OF SY 24-25
Principal	Kathleen Hosterman	B.A. Norwich University M.Ed., Keene State College Ed.D, Walden University	19
Kindergarten	Rebecca Choquet	B.A. Worcester State	10
Kindergarten	Kimberly Ferreira	B.S. North Adams M.S. Ed., Simmons College	13
Grade 1	Alissa DeMartino	B.E., Bay Path University	03
Grade 1	Mallory Farinato	B.S., Franklin Pierce College M.S. Ed, Anna Maria College	15
Grade 2	Donna Morin-Wermter	B.S. Worcester State	27
Grade 2	Helen Tarr	B.A., Norte Dame College M.Ed., Cambridge College	19
Grade 3	Katrina Annuziata	B.S. Worcester State M.Ed., Cambridge College	08
Grade 3	Joanne Wall	B.A. Westfield State ESA American International College	02
Grade 4	Alycia Beer	B.A. Westfield State College M.Ed., Worcester State	01
Grade 4	Joanne Kuntz	B.A. Becker College	01
Grade 5	Colleen Parker	B.S. Springfield College M.A. Framingham State	17
Grade 5	Sharon Thayer	B.A. Chatham College M.Ed., Anna Maria College	08
Grade 6	Amanda Richards	B.A. Anna Maria College	03
Grade 6	Peter Skaza	B.A. Westfield State University	03
Special Needs PK-6	Ariana Savluk	B.A. Worcester State M.Ed, Pay Path University	02
Special Needs 1-2	Samantha Mars	B.E. Boston University M.E. Bay Path University	04
Special Needs 3-4	Melissa Murphy	B.A. Framingham State	10

POSITION	NAME	COLLEGE	YEARS IN BROOKFIELD AS OF 24-25
Special Needs 5-6	Paula Casey	B.A., UMass M.Ed. Fitchburg State	13
Special Needs – Goals	Sarah Pressman	B.S. Bay Path University M.S. Ed; Bay Path University	05
Speech	Kaitlyn Smith	B.S. UMass Amherst M.S. Worcester State	14
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	06
School Nurse	Julie Lardizzone	B.A. Assumption college BSN, Northeastern University	05
Remediation Reading	Jolene Jalbert	B.S. Worcester State M.Ed., Worcester State	13
Remediation Math	Belinda Gibson-Kiesner	B.A., Anna Maria College M.Ed., Worcester State	29
Teacher, Art	Diane Simonnds	B.A., University of Harvard M.Ed., UMass Amherst	11
Teacher, Band	Mark Weissman	B.A. Westfield State M.A UMass G.D., New England Conservatory of Music	08
Teacher, General Music	Lindsey Paras	B.A. Anna Maria College M.A. Anna Maria College	11
Teacher, Library/Media	Ashley Barringer	B.S. Worcester State	18
Teacher, Physical Ed.	Megan Clark	B.S. Springfield College	03
Union 61 / Pre-School	Janice Labuski	B.S. Worcester State	26

Town of Brookfield	
FINANCIAL SHEET FOR 2024-2025	
General School Appropriations	\$3,837,309.31
EXPENDITURES	
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	
School Comm - Salaries & Expenses	\$5,434.84
Superintendent's Office	\$130,498.97
<u>INSTRUCTION</u>	
Principal's Salary	\$127,856.00
Clerical Salaries	\$68,127.84
Principal's Office Expenses	\$4,306.43
Teachers Salaries	\$1,359,987.74
Teacher Aides Salaries	\$95,258.68
Teacher Substitutes	\$25,894.55
Teaching Supplies & Materials	\$29,770.48
Personnel Training & Travel	\$17,713.34
Moderate Needs Coordinator, Tutors, Speech Therapists	\$314,828.83
Special Ed Aide/Tutor	\$292,893.77
Special Ed Supplies & Materials	\$2,742.20
Textbooks	\$24,249.58
Library Services	\$48,146.49
Audio Visual - Supplies & Materials	\$0.00
Technology Salary	\$44,868.07
Technology Supplies & Hardware	\$33,868.58
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>	
Guidance Counselor - Salary	\$150,049.00
Supplies & Travel	\$2,428.08
Psychological Services	
Health Services - Salaries	\$80,668.00
Health Services - Supplies	\$1,922.23
Pupil Transportation	\$166,500.00
Late Bus Transportation	
Special Education Transportation	\$ 124,366.06
Food Services	\$0.00
Field Trips	\$0.00

School Resource Officer	\$0.00
<u>OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</u>	
Custodial Services	\$145,190.34
Supplies & Materials	\$15,462.20
Fuel Oil	\$67,391.35
Utility Services - Admin Office	\$71,205.96
Utility Services - School	\$0.00
Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds	\$10,868.93
Maintenance of Equipment - Admin Office	\$41,791.33
<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	\$12,637.75
Equipment - School Library	\$0.00
Replacement of Equipment - Admin Office	\$0.00
	\$0.00
<u>PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS</u>	
Special Education - Tuition	\$212,800.00
Vocation Tuition	\$0.00
Special Education-Collaborative	\$107,581.69
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS EXPENDITURES	\$3,837,309.31
<u>ESTIMATED STATE REIMBURSEMENTS</u>	
Chapter 70	\$1,935,136.00
Chapter 71	\$0.00
State Wards	\$0.00
Total Estimated Reimbursements	\$1,935,136.00
2024-2025	
Administration	\$254,959.91
Instruction	\$2,494,060.81
Other School Services	\$373,456.29

Operation & Maintenance of Plant	\$347,381.69
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	\$12,637.75
Programs with Other Districts, (Regional & Private Schools)	\$320,381.69
<i>Total Appropriations</i>	\$3,802,878.14
(Special Needs Programs Included in Budget)	
2000 Instruction	\$611,064.80
3000,4000 Series	\$290,866.06
9000 Programs with Other Districts	\$320,381.69
TOTAL:	\$1,222,312.55



**REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL
BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

As I finish my twenty-first year as the principal of Brookfield Elementary School I want to highlight some of the wonderful progress we have made as a school. Starting with our facility, we have installed a brand-new gymnasium floor and have remodeled the Cable Access Room into a new band room, now able to comfortably accommodate all 62 of our band students. I want to especially thank Jacob Gorham, the Cable Access Director, for his complete support during this transition.

In the way of personnel recognition, I want to thank the following retiring teachers, Mrs. Janice Labuski (Pre-K), Mrs. Donna Morin-Wermtter (Grade 2), and Mrs. Colleen Parker and Mrs. Sharon Thayer (Grade 5), our retiring guidance/adjustment counselor, Dr. Michelle Ledoux, as well as two retiring paraeducators, Mrs. JoAnne O'Connell, and Mrs. Sherry Gillen. Between all of these staff members they have given more than 150 years of service to Brookfield Elementary School. This group of staff members will be difficult to replace.

Our PTO has continued an amazing level of support to our programs and hosted events. This year they funded an entire 9-hole portable mini golf course. Provided a number of teacher wish list items and added some bench seating to our playground.

As a personal note, I am retiring at the beginning of July. I want to personally thank the Town of Brookfield for hiring me as a first-time principal more than two decades ago. At the time Donna Neylon, who was in the select board administrative assistant position, was so helpful to me as I learned about the community and its culture. I also had many early school committee members who helped me understand the financial aspects of a school budget and its impact on a municipality. I was invited to sit on the search committee for our police chief, and was invited to work with the capital planning committee for many years. I received a financial donation from longtime Brookfield residents, Elizabeth and Art Jay, to fund a dream purchase without impact on our taxpayers. During my entire tenure this town has been nothing but kind and supportive of me and my vision for Brookfield Elementary School. I will have nothing but kind words to share about the town of Brookfield, Massachusetts as I leave my educational career. Thank you all.

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

I am so honored to be leading our public schools and take great pride in presenting the 2025 Annual Report for the Tantasqua Regional & Union 61 School Districts. This was another year of stability and progress across our district, with very little administrative turnover. After serving as Holland Elementary Principal for 14 years, we wished Jennifer Dold well in her retirement and welcomed Teresa Ferrentino as part of our 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 always 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 implemented a new math curriculum Bridges to Mathematics, with early data showing significant learning improvement.
- Grades K-12 aligned Physical Education instruction across districts and began work on updated PE and Health standards
- Elementary schools piloted an early writing program to strengthen foundational skills.
- Grades 5-7 launched Investigating History to enhance our curriculum.
- Our Technical School revamped its Electrical Program curriculum.

- **School Policies and Facilities:**

- We successfully implemented PowerSchool Special Programs K-12 to streamline student support specialized services documentation and improve staff communication and collaboration.
- We decreased chronic student absenteeism across the district by an average of 10%
- Most of our schools had large facility improvements including HVAC upgrades, gym floor replacement, with 3 schools beginning new roof projects.

- **Community and Belonging Initiatives:**

- Our most successful teacher Professional Development day had our own high school and junior high students presenting and leading small groups of teachers in discussion.
- Hosted Family Forums and started building a family resource website.

Celebrations and Extracurricular Highlights

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

- All of our schools had special events with local police and fire, with Wales and the High School having emergency helicopter landings with the fire department. Others included dance time with our school resource officers.
- Our graduating seniors had their first Senior Sunset to end the year, a perfect bookend to the annual tradition of Senior Sunrise start.
- Jog-a-thon fundraisers again raised record amounts to support our schools and resulted in student rewards such as sliming the Principal and tattooing the teachers!
- Our high school softball team had a 20-0 regular season!
- Community Clean-up Days were a huge success.

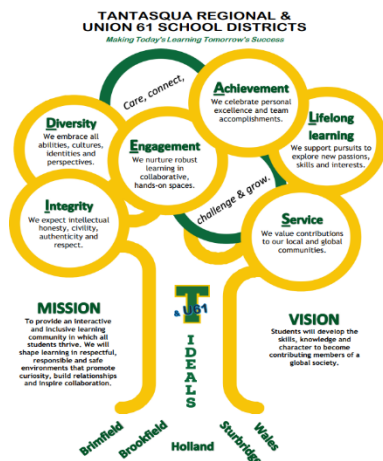
Once again, we received budgetary support from all five towns at their Annual Town Meetings. In times when so many communities around us are experiencing cuts and reductions of town services, I am so grateful to have the support we do. The confidence and trust demonstrated by our town officials and voters enable us to provide exceptional educational experiences for our students. I look forward to providing the best possible education to all of our students, as well as continuing to give back to our communities through civic service

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Tantasqua and Union 61 School Districts. Your dedication, partnership, and positivity are what make our schools such special places to learn and grow. Thank you for being an essential part of our community.

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.

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

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)**
- Please do not include any other fees with your tax, ie dog license

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Parish

Town Collector

	Tax Committed	Payment	Abatement/Exemptions	Refunds	Fees
Motor Vehicle					
2025	653086	601914	14310	9984	13333
2024	37187	26866	1295	1464	8076
<2023	0	6715	228	403	6213
Real Estate					
2026	3247038	3113936	0	0	0
2025	3461265	3369655	3284	7794	3175
Supplemental	4856	4856	0	0	0
Personal Prop					
2026	129014	128315	0	0	0
2025	135390	134828	371	166	150
PP Refunds					
2024 Pad Fees	\$40,032.00	\$40,032.00	0	0	0
MLCFee		\$5,500.00			
Grand Total	\$7,707,868.00	\$7,432,617.00	\$19,488.00	\$19,811.00	\$30,947.00



Town Accountant 2025 Annual Report

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



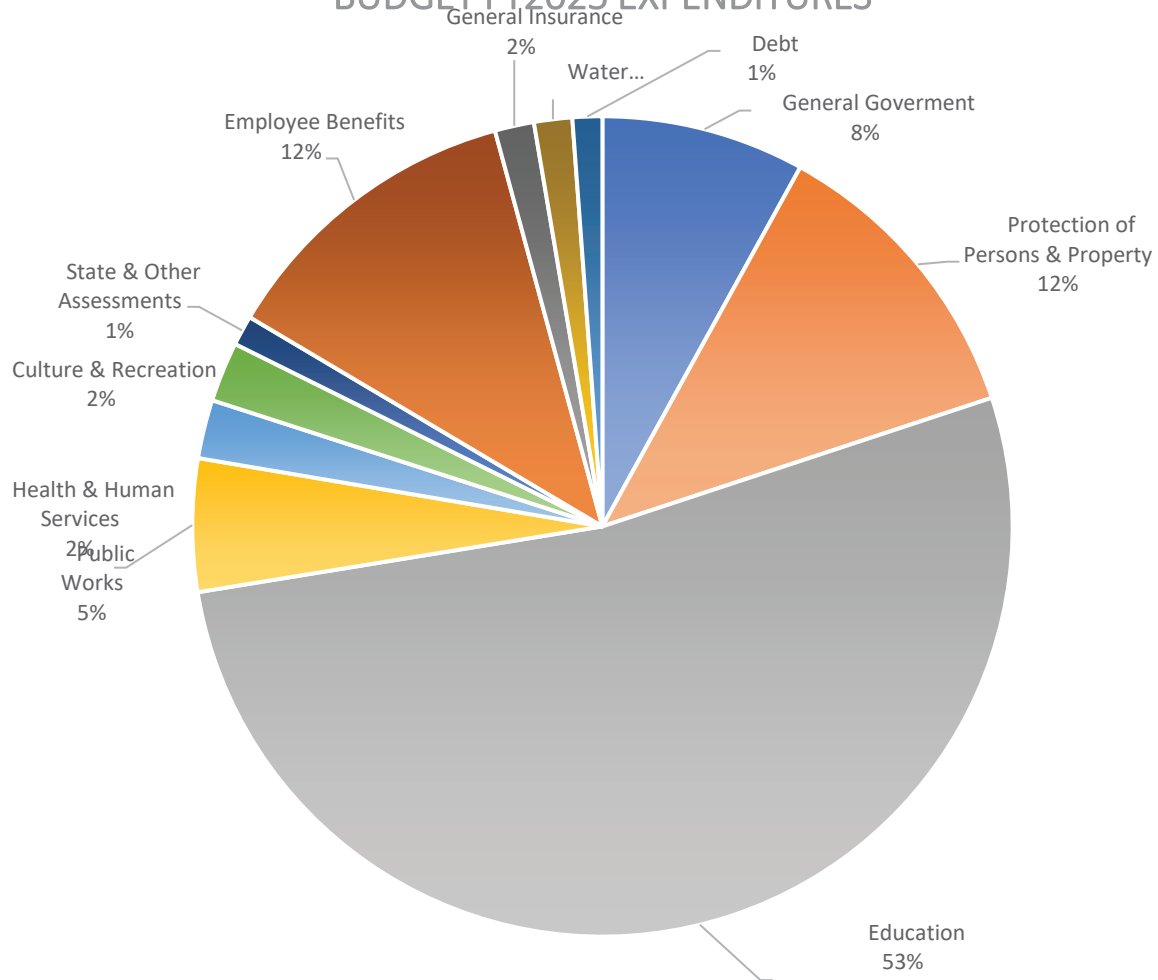
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
June 30, 2025

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fund Types Trust and Agency	Groups Long-term Debt	
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	2,424,488.21	2,421,303.59	115,757.83	2,109,181.29		7,070,730.92
Investments						0.00
Receivables:						
Personal property taxes	1,806.55					1,806.55
Real estate taxes	204,229.91					204,229.91
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(128,974.97)					(128,974.97)
Tax liens	557,133.22					557,133.22
Motor vehicle excise	111,827.68					111,827.68
User fees		23,079.59				23,079.59
Utility liens added to taxes						0.00
Special assessments						0.00
Due from other governments	35,612.86					35,612.86
Other receivables	95.25					95.25
Foreclosures/Possessions	177,512.23					177,512.23
Due to/from other funds						0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					1,161,781.99	1,161,781.99
Total Assets	3,383,730.94	2,444,383.18	115,757.83	2,109,181.29	1,161,781.99	9,214,835.23
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Warrants payable						0.00
Accounts payable						0.00
Accrued payroll						0.00
Withholdings	961.92					961.92
Due to/from other funds						0.00
Due to other governments						0.00
Other liabilities						0.00
Deferred revenue:						
Real and personal property taxes	77,061.49					77,061.49
Tax liens	557,133.22					557,133.22
Foreclosures/Possessions	177,512.23					177,512.23
Motor vehicle excise	111,827.68					111,827.68
User fees		23,079.59				23,079.59
Utility liens added to taxes						0.00
Departmental						0.00
Special assessments						0.00
Due from other governments	35,612.86					35,612.86
Other receivables	95.25					95.25
Tailings	4,218.54					4,218.54
Agency Funds				129,108.01		129,108.01
Notes payable						0.00
Bonds payable					1,161,781.99	1,161,781.99
Total Liabilities	964,423.19	23,079.59	0.00	129,108.01	1,161,781.99	2,278,392.78
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for encumbrances	220,379.91					220,379.91
Reserved for expenditures	622,488.98					622,488.98
Reserved for continuing appropriations	502,103.70	60,034.86				562,138.56
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	1,074,285.16	2,361,268.73	115,757.83	1,980,073.28		5,531,385.00
Unreserved retained earnings						0.00
Total Fund Equity	2,419,307.75	2,421,303.59	115,757.83	1,980,073.28	0.00	6,936,442.45
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	3,383,730.94	2,444,383.18	115,757.83	2,109,181.29	1,161,781.99	9,214,835.23

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	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	\$ -	\$ 6,740,660.69	\$ 6,740,660.69	\$ 6,704,254.61	\$ -	\$ (36,406.08)
Sale of Tax Foreclosure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excise & Other Taxes	\$ -	\$ 530,000.00	\$ 530,000.00	\$ 629,389.10	\$ -	\$ 99,389.10
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 55,172.92	\$ -	\$ (4,827.08)
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
Charges for Services - Trash	\$ -	\$ 139,000.00	\$ 139,000.00	\$ 140,053.00	\$ -	\$ 1,053.00
Charges for Services - Water	\$ -	\$ 142,000.00	\$ 142,000.00	\$ 156,327.78	\$ -	\$ 14,327.78
Rentals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Departmental Revenue-Cemetery	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ 123,500.00	\$ 123,500.00	\$ 113,567.22	\$ -	\$ (9,932.78)
Other	\$ -	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 99,964.92	\$ -	\$ 52,377.92
Fines & Forfeits	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,748.34	\$ -	\$ (251.66)
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 169,957.66	\$ -	\$ 89,957.66
Intergovernmental-Comm. of Mass.	\$ -	\$ 2,795,208.00	\$ 2,795,208.00	\$ 2,820,868.63	\$ -	\$ 25,660.63
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 10,658,368.69	\$ 10,658,368.69	\$ 10,905,204.18	\$ -	\$ 231,248.49
Expenditures:						
Current Fiscal Year:						
General Government	\$ -	\$ 902,137.14	\$ 930,407.43	\$ 833,391.66	\$ 4,024.30	\$ 92,991.47
Protection of Persons & Property	\$ -	\$ 1,288,821.45	\$ 1,308,835.06	\$ 1,237,817.61	\$ 295.96	\$ 70,721.49
Education	\$ -	\$ 5,694,426.00	\$ 5,694,426.00	\$ 5,459,213.26	\$ 207,923.35	\$ 27,289.39
Public Works	\$ -	\$ 539,508.32	\$ 586,253.08	\$ 543,889.39	\$ 7,505.36	\$ 34,858.33
Health & Human Services	\$ -	\$ 321,374.85	\$ 289,227.00	\$ 240,374.78	\$ 630.94	\$ 48,221.28
Culture & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 249,588.66	\$ 249,588.66	\$ 245,296.81	\$ -	\$ 4,291.85
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 121,843.00	\$ 121,843.00	\$ 121,840.84	\$ -	\$ 2.16
Water Dept	\$ -	\$ 165,654.27	\$ 165,654.27	\$ 156,327.78	\$ -	\$ 9,326.49
State & Other Assessments	\$ -	\$ 195,985.00	\$ 195,985.00	\$ 123,059.66	\$ -	\$ 72,925.34
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 1,338,786.00	\$ 1,285,105.19	\$ 1,274,421.80	\$ -	\$ 10,683.39
General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 160,685.00	\$ -	\$ 4,315.00
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ 613,644.75	\$ 527,330.78	\$ 97,997.45	\$ 77,561.98	\$ 164,160.74
Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 11,601,769.44	\$ 11,519,655.47	\$ 10,494,316.04	\$ 297,941.89	\$ 539,786.93
Other Expenditures:						
Prior Year Articles	\$ 372,164.38	\$ (113,294.04)	\$ -	\$ 137,625.50	\$ 424,541.72	\$ 3,607.77
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 214,721.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213,695.18	\$ -	\$ 1,026.44
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 586,886.00	\$ (113,294.04)	\$ -	\$ 351,320.68	\$ 424,541.72	\$ 4,634.21
Total Expenditures	\$ 586,886.00	\$ 11,488,475.40	\$ 11,519,655.47	\$ 10,845,636.72	\$ 722,483.61	\$ 544,421.14
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (586,886.00)	\$ (830,106.71)	\$ (861,286.78)	\$ 59,567.46	\$ (722,483.61)	\$ 775,669.63
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 420,660.65	\$ 445,684.65	\$ 446,629.55	\$ -	\$ 944.90
Operating Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 530,944.90	\$ 531,403.76	\$ -	\$ (458.86)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ 290,660.65	\$ (85,260.25)	\$ (84,774.21)	\$ -	\$ 486.04
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (586,886.00)	\$ (539,446.06)	\$ (946,547.03)	\$ (25,206.75)	\$ (722,483.61)	\$ 776,155.67
Audit Adjustment				\$ 120,113.40		
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 2,324,401.10	\$ 2,324,401.10	\$ 2,324,401.10	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ (586,886.00)	\$ 1,784,955.04	\$ 1,377,854.07	\$ 2,419,307.75	\$ (722,483.61)	\$ 776,155.67

BUDGET FY2025 EXPENDITURES



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

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

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	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-122-5110-001	Administrative Asst Wages	\$ 53,218.29			\$ 53,218.29	\$ 52,856.10	\$ 362.19	\$ 362.19	
001-122-5110-002	Municipal Clerk Wages	\$ 17,095.28			\$ 17,095.28	\$ 16,821.43	\$ 273.85	\$ 273.85	
001-122-5110-003	Grant Writer Wages	\$ 24,563.69	\$ (5,000.00)		\$ 19,563.69	\$ 3,944.00	\$ 15,619.69	\$ 15,619.69	
001-122-5110-004	All Boards Clerk	\$ 15,638.45			\$ 15,638.45	\$ 9,988.47	\$ 5,649.98	\$ 5,649.98	
001-122-5700-000	Selectmen Expense	\$ 8,100.00			\$ 8,100.00	\$ 6,274.70	\$ 1,825.30	\$ 1,825.30	
001-122-5700-001	Physicals	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
001-122-5700-002	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 650.00			\$ 650.00	\$ 594.49	\$ 55.51	\$ 55.51	
001-122-5700-014	Grant Writer Expenses	\$ 1,200.00			\$ 1,200.00	\$ 809.97	\$ 390.03	\$ 390.03	
001-129-5110-000	Town Administrator Salary	\$ 93,588.60	\$ 8,321.09		\$ 101,909.69	\$ 101,909.69	\$ -	\$ -	
001-132-5405-000	Reserve Fund	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (25,000.00)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-135-5205-000	Audit	\$ 18,500.00			\$ 18,500.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-135-5300-000	Outsourced Accounting Services	\$ 48,000.00			\$ 48,000.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
001-135-5700-000	Accountant Expense	\$ 2,115.00	\$ (395.96)		\$ 1,719.04	\$ 664.54	\$ 1,054.50	\$ 1,054.50	
001-136-5110-000	Advisory Committee-Clerk Salary	\$ 558.48			\$ 558.48	\$ -	\$ 558.48	\$ 558.48	
001-136-5700-000	Advisory Committee Expenses	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
001-136-5700-001	Warrant Book Print & Mail	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 295.00	
001-141-5110-000	Assessors Stipend	\$ 1,800.00			\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-141-5110-002	Assessor Clerk Wages	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 38,000.00	\$ 36,786.52	\$ 1,213.48	\$ 1,213.48	
001-141-5110-003	Assessor Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-141-5200-000	Assessor Consultant Services	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-141-5700-000	Assessor Expense	\$ 31,303.08	\$ (3,000.00)		\$ 28,303.08	\$ 9,392.52	\$ 18,910.56	\$ 18,910.56	
001-145-5110-000	Treasurer Wages	\$ 62,400.00			\$ 62,400.00	\$ 62,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-145-5110-001	Assistant Treasurer Wages	\$ 2,600.00	\$ (2,600.00)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-145-5700-000	Treasurers Expenses	\$ 7,100.00			\$ 7,100.00	\$ 4,890.57	\$ 2,209.43	\$ 2,209.43	
001-146-5110-000	Collector Wages	\$ 60,782.03			\$ 60,782.03	\$ 60,782.03	\$ -	\$ -	
001-146-5110-001	Collector Clerk Wages	\$ 1,560.00	\$ (1,560.00)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-146-5150-000	Collector Certification	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-146-5700-000	Collector Expense	\$ 8,400.00			\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-151-5249-000	Legal Services	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 24,903.09		\$ 84,903.09	\$ 73,199.17	\$ 11,703.92	\$ 11,703.92	
001-155-5300-000	Technology	\$ 75,402.70	\$ 25,160.00		\$ 100,562.70	\$ 97,658.69	\$ 2,904.01	\$ 2,904.01	
001-158-5200-000	Treasurer/Collector Tax Titles	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,493.72	\$ 506.28	\$ 506.28	
001-161-5110-000	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 52,035.06			\$ 52,035.06	\$ 52,035.06	\$ -	\$ -	
001-161-5110-001	Town Clerk - Asst Clerk Wages	\$ 5,572.37	\$ 742.07		\$ 6,314.44	\$ 5,833.49	\$ 480.95	\$ 480.95	
001-161-5700-000	Town Clerk Expense	\$ 2,600.00			\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,519.22	\$ 80.78	\$ 80.78	
001-161-5700-001	Town Clerk Copier/Printer Lease	\$ 2,340.00			\$ 2,340.00	\$ 1,508.10	\$ 831.90	\$ 831.90	
001-162-5110-000	Election & Registration Wages	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,022.32	\$ 177.68	\$ 177.68	
001-162-5700-000	Election & Registration Expenses	\$ 9,000.00			\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-171-5700-000	Conservation Commission	\$ 333.00			\$ 333.00	\$ 292.02	\$ 40.98	\$ 40.98	
001-174-5600-000	Central Mass Regional Planning	\$ 1,087.07			\$ 1,087.07	\$ 1,087.07	\$ -	\$ -	
001-175-5110-001	Planning Board Salary	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
001-175-5700-000	Planning Board Expense	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,490.58	\$ 509.42	\$ 509.42	
001-176-5700-000	Board of Appeals Expenses	\$ 750.00			\$ 750.00	\$ 445.77	\$ 304.23	\$ 304.23	
001-192-5110-000	Municipal Custodian Wages	\$ 24,584.04	\$ 500.00		\$ 25,084.04	\$ 24,798.15	\$ 285.89	\$ 285.89	
001-192-5210-000	Electricity	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 55,000.00	\$ 54,842.75	\$ 157.25	\$ 144.90	\$ 12.35
001-192-5700-000	Municipal Property Maintenance	\$ 9,000.00			\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,484.97	\$ 515.03	\$ 503.08	\$ 11.95
001-192-5942-000	Town Hall Improvements	\$ 14,250.00			\$ 14,250.00	\$ 6,466.42	\$ 7,783.58	\$ 7,783.58	
001-195-5200-000	Print Town Report	\$ 1,300.00			\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	
001-199-5700-000	Municipal Heating Fuel	\$ 32,960.00			\$ 32,960.00	\$ 16,149.13	\$ 16,810.87	\$ 16,810.87	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ -	\$ 902,137.14	\$ 28,270.29	\$ 930,407.43	\$ 833,391.66	\$ 97,015.77	\$ 92,991.47	\$ 4,024.30
PUBLIC SAFETY									
001-210-5110-000	Police Wages Full Time	\$ 413,506.06	\$ (138.00)		\$ 413,368.06	\$ 379,822.83	\$ 33,545.23	\$ 33,545.23	
001-210-5110-001	Police Chief Salary	\$ 115,585.31			\$ 115,585.31	\$ 115,585.31	\$ -	\$ -	
001-210-5110-003	Police Clerk Wages	\$ 17,237.75			\$ 17,237.75	\$ 17,235.00	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.75	
001-210-5110-005	Police Wages - PT/OT	\$ 57,373.47			\$ 57,373.47	\$ 54,683.57	\$ 2,689.90	\$ 2,689.90	
001-210-5700-000	Police Expenses	\$ 67,910.75	\$ 138.00		\$ 68,048.75	\$ 67,424.44	\$ 624.31	\$ 487.96	\$ 136.35
001-210-5700-001	Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
001-220-5110-000	Fire Wages	\$ 69,160.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 94,160.00	\$ 89,748.34	\$ 4,411.66	\$ 4,411.66	
001-220-5110-001	Fire Chief Salary	\$ 18,000.00			\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-220-5700-000	Fire Dept. Expenses	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 50,000.00	\$ 44,968.74	\$ 5,031.26	\$ 5,031.26	
001-220-5700-002	Fire Utilities	\$ 6,500.00			\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,551.74	\$ 2,948.26	\$ 2,788.65	\$ 159.61
001-220-5705-000	Fire Testing / Certification	\$ 18,000.00			\$ 18,000.00	\$ 15,622.11	\$ 2,377.89	\$ 2,377.89	
001-220-5750-000	Fire Fixed Asset Repair / Replace	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-231-5110-004	Ambulance Wages	\$ 278,831.00	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 286,831.00	\$ 286,652.09	\$ 178.91	\$ 178.91	
001-231-5750-000	Ambulance Expenses	\$ 50,925.00	\$ (3,800.00)		\$ 47,125.00	\$ 46,845.05	\$ 279.95	\$ 279.95	
001-235-5200-000	Telephone Expense	\$ 7,200.00			\$ 7,200.00	\$ 5,826.84	\$ 1,373.16	\$ 1,373.16	
001-241-5110-000	Building Inspector Salary	\$ 20,983.74			\$ 20,983.74	\$ 20,983.74	\$ -	\$ -	
001-241-5110-007	Asst Building Inspector Wages	\$ 640.00			\$ 640.00	\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00	
001-241-5700-000	Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 600.00			\$ 600.00	\$ 471.00	\$ 129.00	\$ 129.00	
001-242-5110-000	Gas/Plumbing Inspector Salary	\$ 5,196.39			\$ 5,196.39	\$ 5,196.39	\$ -	\$ -	
001-242-5110-007	Asst Gas/Plumbing Inspector Wages	\$ 416.00			\$ 416.00	\$ -	\$ 416.00	\$ 416.00	
001-242-5700-000	Gas/Plumbing Inspector Expenses	\$ 440.00			\$ 440.00	\$ -	\$ 440.00	\$ 440.00	
001-245-5110-000	Wiring Inspector Salary	\$ 5,158.90			\$ 5,158.90	\$ 2,579.40	\$ 2,579.50	\$ 2,579.50	
001-245-5110-007	Asst Wiring Inspector Wages	\$ 418.00			\$ 418.00	\$ -	\$ 418.00	\$ 418.00	
001-249-5110-000	Zoning Enforcement Salary	\$ 14,173.05			\$ 14,173.05	\$ 10,220.94	\$ 3,952.11	\$ 3,952.11	
001-249-5700-000	Zoning Enforcement Expense	\$ 451.00			\$ 451.00	\$ 253.88	\$ 197.12	\$ 197.12	
001-291-5110-000	Emergency Management Salaries	\$ 1,872.00			\$ 1,872.00	\$ 1,872.00	\$ -	\$ -	
001-291-5700-000	Emergency Management Agency	\$ 6,000.00			\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,956.37	\$ 43.63	\$ 43.63	
001-291-5700-001	BEMA Blackboard Connect Fee	\$ 4,500.00			\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,749.64	\$ 750.36	\$ 750.36	
001-292-5110-000	Animal Control Officer Salary	\$ 7,568.03	\$ 813.61		\$ 8,381.64	\$ 8,381.64	\$ -	\$ -	
001-292-5110-007	Asst Animal Control Officer Wages	\$ 756.00			\$ 756.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 486.00	\$ 486.00	

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
001-292-5700-000	Animal Control Office Expense	\$	1,589.00		\$ 1,589.00	\$ 1,016.55	\$ 572.45	\$ 572.45	
001-293-5110-000	Parking Clerk Salary	\$	250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -		
001-293-5700-000	Parking Ticket Expense	\$	80.00		\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	
001-294-5700-000	Tree Warden Expense	\$	15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,650.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 4,350.00	
001-296-5700-000	Shade Tree Expense	\$	2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ -	\$ 1,288,821.45	\$ 20,013.61	\$ 1,308,835.06	\$ 1,237,817.61	\$ 71,017.45	\$ 70,721.49	\$ 295.96
EDUCATION									
001-310-5110-001	School Committee Salary	\$	1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
001-310-5110-002	Regional School Committee Salary	\$	1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
001-310-5600-000	Regional School Assessment	\$	1,798,566.00		\$ 1,798,566.00	\$ 1,798,566.00	\$ -		
001-310-5601-000	School Transportation Assessment	\$	50,219.00		\$ 50,219.00	\$ 50,219.00	\$ -		
001-310-5700-000	School Expenses	\$	3,843,141.00		\$ 3,843,141.00	\$ 3,610,428.26	\$ 232,712.74	\$ 24,789.39	\$ 207,923.35
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$ -	\$ 5,694,426.00	\$ -	\$ 5,694,426.00	\$ 5,459,213.26	\$ 235,212.74	\$ 27,289.39	\$ 207,923.35
PUBLIC WORKS									
001-422-5110-000	Highway Supt Wages	\$	81,600.00		\$ 81,600.00	\$ 80,442.08	\$ 1,157.92	\$ 1,157.92	
001-422-5110-001	Highway Operator Wages	\$	168,327.30	\$ (36,713.00)	\$ 131,614.30	\$ 127,988.35	\$ 3,625.95	\$ 3,625.95	
001-422-5110-003	Highway Overtime/Other Wages	\$	7,287.37	\$ 1,213.00	\$ 8,500.37	\$ 7,907.64	\$ 592.73	\$ 592.73	
001-422-5110-004	Highway Clerk Wages	\$	28,141.39		\$ 28,141.39	\$ 26,665.50	\$ 1,475.89	\$ 1,475.89	
001-422-5110-005	Highway Police Detail	\$	2,400.00		\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	
001-422-5110-006	Highway Seasonal Worker	\$	10,712.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 45,712.00	\$ 41,065.59	\$ 4,646.41	\$ 4,646.41	
001-422-5700-000	Highway Expense	\$	63,139.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 68,139.00	\$ 62,129.22	\$ 6,009.78	\$ 2,005.94	\$ 4,003.84
001-422-5700-001	Highway Safety Equipment	\$	1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,195.91	\$ 4.09	\$ 4.09	
001-422-5700-002	Highway Utilities	\$	5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,974.18	\$ 25.82	\$ 25.82	
001-422-5702-000	Highway Certifications	\$	1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 668.86	\$ 531.14	\$ 531.14	
001-422-5790-000	Highway Bridges/Railings/Signs	\$	1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 128.92	\$ 1,471.08	\$ 1,471.08	
001-199-5701-000	Municipal Diesel Fuel	\$	32,960.00		\$ 32,960.00	\$ 25,043.17	\$ 7,916.83	\$ 4,765.30	\$ 3,151.53
001-199-5702-000	Municipal Gasoline	\$	23,175.00		\$ 23,175.00	\$ 18,500.71	\$ 4,674.29	\$ 4,674.29	
001-423-5110-000	Snow & Ice Wages	\$	33,701.20	\$ 10,096.91	\$ 43,798.11	\$ 43,798.11	\$ -		
001-423-5700-000	Snow & Ice Expenses	\$	45,000.00	\$ 32,147.85	\$ 77,147.85	\$ 77,147.85	\$ -		
001-491-5110-000	Cemetery Wages	\$	21,548.26		\$ 21,548.26	\$ 16,585.75	\$ 4,962.51	\$ 4,962.51	
001-491-5110-001	Cemetery Supt Salary	\$	6,616.80		\$ 6,616.80	\$ 6,616.80	\$ -		
001-491-5700-000	Cemetery Expenses	\$	5,900.00		\$ 5,900.00	\$ 3,030.75	\$ 2,869.25	\$ 2,519.26	\$ 349.99
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$ -	\$ 539,508.32	\$ 46,744.76	\$ 586,253.08	\$ 543,889.39	\$ 42,363.69	\$ 34,858.33	\$ 7,505.36
HUMAN SERVICES									
001-510-5110-000	Board of Health Salary	\$	3,600.00		\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -		
001-510-5110-001	Board of Health Clerk Wages	\$	12,868.70		\$ 12,868.70	\$ 6,430.00	\$ 6,438.70	\$ 6,438.70	
001-510-5110-002	Board of Health Agent	\$	3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
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	\$ 5,783.95	\$ 716.05	\$ 716.05	
001-515-5110-000	Transfer Station Wages	\$	31,533.99		\$ 31,533.99	\$ 31,494.88	\$ 39.11	\$ 39.11	
001-515-5250-000	Well Tests	\$	15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,985.00	\$ 7,015.00	\$ 7,015.00	
001-515-5700-000	Transfer Station Expenses	\$	138,138.32		\$ 138,138.32	\$ 122,173.72	\$ 15,964.60	\$ 15,533.66	\$ 430.94
001-541-5110-000	Outreach Worker	\$	1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	
001-541-5110-001	COA Director	\$	12,384.00		\$ 12,384.00	\$ 7,835.00	\$ 4,549.00	\$ 4,549.00	
001-541-5200-000	Tri-Valley Crisis Intervention	\$	955.00		\$ 955.00	\$ 955.00	\$ -		
001-541-5700-000	COA Expense	\$	3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,394.22	\$ 105.78	\$ 105.78	
001-544-5110-000	Veterans Agent Salary	\$	5,744.84		\$ 5,744.84	\$ 2,761.98	\$ 2,982.86	\$ 2,982.86	
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	\$ (32,147.85)	\$ 52,852.15	\$ 46,711.03	\$ 6,141.12	\$ 5,941.12	\$ 200.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		\$ -	\$ 321,374.85	\$ (32,147.85)	\$ 289,227.00	\$ 240,374.78	\$ 48,852.22	\$ 48,221.28	\$ 630.94
CULTURE & RECREATION									
001-610-5110-001	Library Director Wages	\$	67,080.00		\$ 67,080.00	\$ 67,080.00	\$ -		
001-610-5110-002	Library Custodian Wages	\$	12,196.05		\$ 12,196.05	\$ 12,132.00	\$ 64.05	\$ 64.05	
001-610-5110-003	Library Asst Salary	\$	26,554.65		\$ 26,554.65	\$ 26,554.65	\$ -		
001-610-5110-004	Library Sat/Hol/Vac	\$	2,892.24		\$ 2,892.24	\$ 2,892.24	\$ -		
001-610-5110-005	Library Asst Director Wages	\$	44,374.72		\$ 44,374.72	\$ 44,374.72	\$ -		
001-610-5190-000	Longevity Library Staff	\$	2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		
001-610-5700-000	Library Expenses	\$	19,000.00		\$ 19,000.00	\$ 18,399.63	\$ 600.37	\$ 600.37	
001-610-5700-001	Library Books/Videos	\$	43,000.00		\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ -		
001-630-5700-000	Recreation Expenses	\$	8,631.00		\$ 8,631.00	\$ 8,631.00	\$ -		
001-630-5803-000	South Pond Beach Expenses	\$	3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,534.10	\$ 465.90	\$ 465.90	
001-691-5700-000	Historical Commission	\$	2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,170.97	\$ 829.03	\$ 829.03	
001-691-5700-001	18 Common St Expenses	\$	6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,362.03	\$ 637.97	\$ 637.97	
001-692-5700-000	Memorial Day Expenses	\$	3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,305.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00	
001-693-5700-000	Cultural Council Expenses	\$	8,860.00		\$ 8,860.00	\$ 7,360.47	\$ 1,499.53	\$ 1,499.53	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		\$ -	\$ 249,588.66	\$ -	\$ 249,588.66	\$ 245,296.81	\$ 4,291.85	\$ 4,291.85	\$ -
DEBT									
001-710-5910-002	Fire Truck Principal	\$	34,277.00	\$ (10,328.00)	\$ 23,949.00	\$ 23,949.00	\$ -		
001-710-5914-000	Police Station Principal	\$	23,949.00	\$ 10,328.00	\$ 34,277.00	\$ 34,277.00	\$ -		
001-710-5915-000	Saw Mill Pond Principal	\$	8,434.00		\$ 8,434.00	\$ 8,433.68	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32	
001-751-5915-002	Fire Truck Interest	\$	31,239.00	\$ (9,412.52)	\$ 21,826.48	\$ 21,826.48	\$ -		
001-751-5919-000	Police Station Interest	\$	21,827.00	\$ 9,412.52	\$ 31,239.52	\$ 31,238.60	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.92	
001-751-5920-000	Saw Mill Pond Interest	\$	2,117.00		\$ 2,117.00	\$ 2,116.08	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.92	
TOTAL DEBT		\$ -	\$ 121,843.00	\$ -	\$ 121,843.00	\$ 121,840.84	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.16	\$ -
ASSESSMENTS									
001-158-5700-001	Tax Title Recap	\$	30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 7,753.66	\$ 22,246.34	\$ 22,246.34	
001-820-5632-000	School Choice Tuition Sending	\$	72,826.00		\$ 72,826.00	\$ 64,199.00	\$ 8,627.00	\$ 8,627.00	
001-820-5633-000	Charter School Tuition Assessment	\$	74,090.00		\$ 74,090.00	\$ 32,038.00	\$ 42,052.00	\$ 42,052.00	
001-820-5634-000	RMV Surcharge	\$	5,900.00		\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,900.00	\$ -		
001-820-5640-000	Air Pollution	\$	967.00		\$ 967.00	\$ 967.00	\$ -		
001-820-5663-000	RTA Assessment	\$	12,202.00		\$ 12,202.00	\$ 12,202.00	\$ -		
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS		\$ -	\$ 195,985.00	\$ -	\$ 195,985.00	\$ 123,059.66	\$ 72,925.34	\$ 72,925.34	\$ -

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS									
001-911-5100-000	County Retirement Assessment	\$ -	\$ 476,686.00		\$ 476,686.00	\$ 476,686.00	\$ -		
001-913-5100-000	Unemployment Insurance	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,608.00	\$ 10,392.00	\$ 10,392.00	
001-914-5105-000	Group Insurance-Town Share	\$ -	\$ 775,000.00	\$ (53,680.81)	\$ 721,319.19	\$ 721,264.62	\$ 54.57	\$ 54.57	
001-916-5115-000	Medicare - Town Share	\$ -	\$ 72,100.00		\$ 72,100.00	\$ 71,863.18	\$ 236.82	\$ 236.82	
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ -	\$ 1,338,786.00	\$ (53,680.81)	\$ 1,285,105.19	\$ 1,274,421.80	\$ 10,683.39	\$ 10,683.39	\$ -
OTHER INSURANCE									
001-945-5600-000	General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 170,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 160,685.00	\$ 4,315.00	\$ 4,315.00	
TOTAL OTHER INSURANCE		\$ -	\$ 170,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 160,685.00	\$ 4,315.00	\$ 4,315.00	\$ -
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	\$ -	\$ 20,106.42	\$ 194.28	\$ 20,300.70	\$ 20,300.70	\$ -		
001-450-5110-002	Water Supt Salary	\$ -	\$ 90,107.20		\$ 90,107.20	\$ 90,107.20	\$ -		
001-450-5110-003	Water Secondary Operator Wages	\$ -	\$ 8,529.97	\$ (194.28)	\$ 8,335.69	\$ 5,242.64	\$ 3,093.05	\$ 3,093.05	
001-450-5110-004	Water Casual Labor	\$ -	\$ 1.00		\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	
001-450-5700-000	Water Expenses	\$ -	\$ 44,809.68		\$ 44,809.68	\$ 38,577.24	\$ 6,232.44	\$ 6,232.44	
TOTAL WATER DEPT		\$ -	\$ 165,654.27	\$ -	\$ 165,654.27	\$ 156,327.78	\$ 9,326.49	\$ 9,326.49	\$ -
TOTAL BUDGET		\$ -	\$ 10,988,124.69	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 10,992,324.69	\$ 10,396,318.59	\$ 596,006.10	\$ 375,626.19	\$ 220,379.91
FY25 ARTICLES									
001-122-5700-912	Prior Year Bills A3	\$ -	\$ 9,371.06		\$ 9,371.06	\$ 9,225.00	\$ 146.06		\$ 146.06
001-220-5700-903	FD Protective Clothing A8	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 19,812.58	\$ 5,187.42		\$ 5,187.42
001-220-5700-904	FD Thermal Imager A10	\$ -	\$ 11,000.00		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 5,560.23	\$ 5,439.77	\$ 5,439.77	
001-422-5700-901	Hwy Center Line Painting A12	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,134.69	\$ 4,865.31		\$ 4,865.31
001-422-5700-902	Gravel for Private Roads A15	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
001-610-5700-901	Library Buildings Repair/Maint A16	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 4,052.44	\$ 40,947.56		\$ 40,947.56
001-122-5700-911	Town Flags & Plantings A19	\$ -	\$ 1,575.00		\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,574.66	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34	
001-122-5700-910	Demo Pine Ln Roller Rink A20	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 7,845.00		\$ 7,845.00
001-630-5700-900	Highwater Markings A21	\$ -	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
001-192-5700-902	TH Fire Alarm System A30	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00		\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	
001-155-5700-900	Technology Upgrades A31	\$ -	\$ 16,260.33		\$ 16,260.33	\$ 11,032.98	\$ 5,227.35		\$ 5,227.35
001-192-5700-903	Handicap Access 2nd Floor A29	\$ -	\$ 72,715.45		\$ 72,715.45	\$ -	\$ 72,715.45	\$ 72,715.45	
001-220-5700-905	FD Building Repairs/Maint A11	\$ -	\$ 24,318.26		\$ 24,318.26	\$ 14,474.98	\$ 9,843.28		\$ 9,843.28
001-210-5110-900	PD Union FY24 Retro Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,980.07	\$ 26,980.07	\$ 20,974.89	\$ 6,005.18	\$ 6,005.18	
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 306,740.10	\$ 26,980.07	\$ 333,720.17	\$ 91,997.45	\$ 241,722.72	\$ 164,160.74	\$ 77,561.98
TOTAL FY2025 BUDGET & ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 11,294,864.79	\$ 31,180.07	\$ 11,326,044.86	\$ 10,488,316.04	\$ 837,728.82	\$ 539,786.93	\$ 297,941.89
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS									
001-992-5962-000	Transfer to Special Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 944.90	\$ 944.90	\$ 944.90	\$ -	\$ -	
001-992-5962-000	Transfer to Special Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 458.86	\$ (458.86)	\$ (458.86)	
001-992-5962-000	Transfer to Roof Stabilization	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 460,000.00	\$ 460,000.00	\$ -		
001-996-5966-000	Transfer to Trust Funds	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00		\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -		
TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS		\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 400,944.90	\$ 530,944.90	\$ 531,403.76	\$ (458.86)	\$ (458.86)	\$ -
TOTAL ALL FY2025 BUDGET & ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 11,424,864.79	\$ 432,124.97	\$ 11,856,989.76	\$ 11,019,719.80	\$ 837,269.96	\$ 539,328.07	\$ 297,941.89
FY24 & PRIOR ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD									
ALL ARTICLES		\$372,164.38	\$ 306,904.65	\$ (113,294.04)	\$ 565,774.99	\$ 137,625.50	\$ 428,149.49	\$ 3,607.77	\$ 424,541.72
TOTAL FY24 & PRIOR ARTICLES		\$ 372,164.38	\$ 306,904.65	\$ (113,294.04)	\$ 565,774.99	\$ 137,625.50	\$ 428,149.49	\$ 3,607.77	\$ 424,541.72
FY24 ENCUMBRANCES									
ALL ENCUMBRANCES		\$214,721.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 214,721.62	\$ 213,695.18	\$ 1,026.44	\$ 1,026.44	\$ -
TOTAL FY24 ENCUMBRANCES		\$214,721.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 214,721.62	\$ 213,695.18	\$ 1,026.44	\$ 1,026.44	\$ -
TOTAL BUDGET, ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 586,886.00	\$ 11,731,769.44	\$ 318,830.93	\$ 12,637,486.37	\$ 11,371,040.48	\$ 1,266,445.89	\$ 543,962.28	\$ 722,483.61

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

		Fund Balances June 30, 2025	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Special Revenue:						
Federal and State Grants:						
004	Rural Aid	\$ 10,453.41	\$ 23,429.80	\$ 124,140.31	\$ 137,116.70	\$ 10,453.41
009	Circuit Breaker	\$ 6,247.00	\$ 11,764.00	\$ 48,483.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 6,247.00
018	School Title 1	\$ 3,851.06	\$ 1,558.27	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 37,707.21	\$ 3,851.06
030	FEMA / Cares Covid Grant	\$ -	\$ 537.29	\$ -	\$ 537.29	\$ -
031	CARES Mail in Voting	\$ -	\$ 277.56	\$ -	\$ 277.56	\$ -
032	ARPA Covid Grant	\$ 114,884.54	\$ 145,704.54	\$ -	\$ 30,820.00	\$ 114,884.54
038	School ESSER 3 Grant	\$ -	\$ 5,245.05	\$ -	\$ 5,245.05	\$ -
049	Veterans COLA Grant	\$ -	\$ 237.00	\$ -	\$ 237.00	\$ -
050	Clean Lakes Grant	\$ -	\$ 8.30	\$ -	\$ 8.30	\$ -
053	Mass Preservation Grant	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
054	SMRP DEP Grant	\$ 8,112.87	\$ 5,202.87	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 8,112.87
064	Lewis Field Reno PARC Grant	\$ -	\$ (84,000.00)	\$ 84,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
065	CC Recording Studio	\$ 1,808.00	\$ 75,005.00	\$ -	\$ 73,197.00	\$ 1,808.00
066	Hazard Mitigation Plan	\$ (8,896.78)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,896.78	\$ (8,896.78)
067	PD Roof State Earmark	\$ 52,260.13	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 7,739.87	\$ 52,260.13
075	AHIR Demo Grant	\$ 680.00	\$ 680.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 680.00
076	Fire Dept VFA Grant	\$ 6,322.57	\$ 3,322.57	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,322.57
078	Covid BOH Grant	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 3,392.00	\$ (145.75)	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 3,662.25	\$ 3,392.00
087	Fire Senior Safe Grant	\$ 1,856.98	\$ (187.21)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,555.81	\$ 1,856.98
088	FD Equipment State Grant	\$ (6,158.81)	\$ -	\$ 20,607.28	\$ 26,766.09	\$ (6,158.81)
089	FD AED Equipment Grant	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.25
120	MEMA Cert Grant	\$ 2,263.58	\$ (436.42)	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,263.58
150	Arts Cultural Council	\$ 7,543.90	\$ 5,843.90	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 7,543.90
161	Restoration Vital Records Grant	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280.00
175	Election/Polling Grant	\$ 633.49	\$ 209.83	\$ 696.00	\$ 272.34	\$ 633.49
190	Boat Patrol Grant	\$ -	\$ 408.00	\$ -	\$ 408.00	\$ -
210	Police Vest Grant	\$ -	\$ (944.90)	\$ 944.90	\$ -	\$ -
222	Urban Forestry Cemetery Grant	\$ 825.00	\$ 825.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 825.00
242	FEMA/MEMA Grant	\$ 47.09	\$ 47.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47.09
244	Rice Corner Rd Culvert	\$ -	\$ 15,470.83	\$ -	\$ 15,470.83	\$ -
260	COA Formula Grant	\$ 9,315.92	\$ 10,465.13	\$ 15,480.00	\$ 16,629.21	\$ 9,315.92
290	Library State Grant	\$ 13,556.47	\$ 13,580.73	\$ 10,576.53	\$ 10,600.79	\$ 13,556.47
297	BOH Grant	\$ -	\$ 3,098.39	\$ -	\$ 3,098.39	\$ -
298	BOH Preparedness Grant	\$ -	\$ 75.96	\$ -	\$ 75.96	\$ -
301	Mass Works-Gay Road	\$ (9,982.49)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,982.49	\$ (9,982.49)
556	CDBG Block Grant	\$ 11,331.65	\$ 11,331.65	\$ 309,883.14	\$ 309,883.14	\$ 11,331.65
Receipts Reserved For Appropriation:						
055	TNC Ride Share	\$ 185.80	\$ 121.60	\$ 64.20	\$ -	\$ 185.80
100	Ambulance	\$ 563,604.17	\$ 538,511.94	\$ 358,589.37	\$ 333,497.14	\$ 563,604.17
180	Cable PEG Access	\$ 163,175.38	\$ 203,499.37	\$ 39,676.01	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 163,175.38
315	Wetlands	\$ 3,920.48	\$ 3,850.58	\$ 525.00	\$ 455.10	\$ 3,920.48
350	Sale of Lots	\$ 5,750.34	\$ 4,750.34	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,750.34
Revolving Funds:						
006	Union 61-PreSchool Tuition	\$ 60,837.73	\$ 85,532.10	\$ 244,382.00	\$ 269,076.37	\$ 60,837.73
021	Extend Day	\$ 95,053.18	\$ 65,706.82	\$ 69,713.00	\$ 40,366.64	\$ 95,053.18
160	RHE Coop	\$ 5,121.78	\$ 5,389.72	\$ 3,000.26	\$ 3,268.20	\$ 5,121.78
261	Wire Inspection Fees	\$ 4,501.35	\$ 4,501.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,501.35
262	Planning Board Fees	\$ 5,018.52	\$ 3,884.57	\$ 1,133.95	\$ -	\$ 5,018.52
263	South Pond Beach	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 1,180.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,180.00
264	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 747.60	\$ 477.60	\$ 270.00	\$ -	\$ 747.60
299	BOH	\$ 11,924.53	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 10,474.53	\$ -	\$ 11,924.53
300	Recreation	\$ 13,530.50	\$ 12,970.81	\$ 32,190.00	\$ 31,630.31	\$ 13,530.50
340	Ins Under 20k	\$ 6,714.38	\$ 6,714.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,714.38
700	Police Detail	\$ (10,351.31)	\$ (41,240.77)	\$ 85,931.04	\$ 55,041.58	\$ (10,351.31)
Other Special Revenue:						
002	Water	\$ 127,603.17	\$ 151,793.32	\$ 146,612.63	\$ 170,802.78	\$ 127,603.17
005	School Lunch	\$ 283,743.45	\$ 243,777.70	\$ 196,049.48	\$ 156,083.73	\$ 283,743.45
015	School Choice	\$ 581,229.62	\$ 501,040.90	\$ 337,863.00	\$ 257,674.28	\$ 581,229.62
085	Fire Donations	\$ 1,973.55	\$ 1,734.55	\$ 500.00	\$ 261.00	\$ 1,973.55
090	Police Donations	\$ 3,165.29	\$ 4,252.86	\$ -	\$ 1,087.57	\$ 3,165.29
091	Recreation Donations	\$ 2,533.00	\$ 2,373.00	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ 2,533.00
092	Agricultural Donations	\$ 428.04	\$ 352.04	\$ 284.00	\$ 208.00	\$ 428.04
093	School Donations	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5.00
095	COA Donations	\$ 1,588.83	\$ 2,193.83	\$ -	\$ 605.00	\$ 1,588.83
110	Ambulance Donations	\$ 37,988.66	\$ 34,543.66	\$ 3,445.00	\$ -	\$ 37,988.66
125	SWEB Pilot Fees	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
152	Cultural Council Donations	\$ 1,133.40	\$ 2,037.12	\$ -	\$ 903.72	\$ 1,133.40
305	Dog Pound	\$ 1,860.20	\$ 1,860.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,860.20
351	Cemetery Preservation	\$ 44,404.40	\$ 45,004.40	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 44,404.40
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	\$ 290.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 290.00
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		\$ 2,421,303.59	\$ 2,275,715.21	\$ 2,103,266.32	\$ 1,974,378.35	\$ 2,421,303.59

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
CAPITAL PROJECTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

		Fund Balances						
		June 30, 2025	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry		
State Grants (Other):								
016	Chapter 90	\$ (108,749.56)	\$ 2,871.74	\$ -	\$ 111,621.30	\$ (108,749.56)		
303	Chapter 90-Fair Share	\$ 102,281.00	\$ -	\$ 102,281.00	\$ -	\$ 102,281.00		
Capital Projects:								
370	Bond Premiums	\$ 358.13	\$ 358.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 358.13		
372	FD Pumper Truck	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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		\$ 115,757.83	\$ 125,098.13	\$ 102,281.00	\$ 111,621.30	\$ 115,757.83		

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS AND AGENCY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

		Fund Balances June 30, 2025	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Trust Funds:						
<i>NON EXPENDABLE TRUST</i>						
840	Bemis Library Trust	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
841	Merrick Library Trust	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00
842	Perpetual Care	\$ 139,759.46	\$ 137,659.46	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 139,759.46
843	Estee Flower	\$ 960.01	\$ 960.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 960.01
844	New Library Trust	\$ 595.00	\$ 595.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 595.00
845	Library Trust	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
846	Crawford Library Trust	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
<i>OTHER TRUST FUNDS</i>						
750	OPEB Trust	\$ 266,006.23	\$ 171,607.56	\$ 94,398.67	\$ -	\$ 266,006.23
800	G.Washington Trees Trust	\$ 205.85	\$ 28.32	\$ 177.53	\$ -	\$ 205.85
801	Jeppson TH Marker Trust	\$ 1,354.00	\$ 1,354.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,354.00
803	Jeppson Police Trust	\$ 300.58	\$ 300.58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.58
804	Jeppson Cemetery Trust	\$ 5,101.46	\$ 5,101.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,101.46
806	Jeppson COA Trust	\$ 4,145.00	\$ 1,862.50	\$ 2,282.50	\$ -	\$ 4,145.00
807	Jeppson Library Trust	\$ 3,785.98	\$ 2,503.48	\$ 2,282.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,785.98
809	Jeppson Tree Trust	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.00
847	Bemis Library Trust	\$ 846.31	\$ 715.54	\$ 130.77	\$ -	\$ 846.31
848	Estee Flower	\$ 1,847.05	\$ 1,757.72	\$ 89.33	\$ -	\$ 1,847.05
850	Perpetual Care	\$ 86,364.14	\$ 76,653.94	\$ 9,710.20	\$ -	\$ 86,364.14
855	Dr Pease Trust	\$ 1,924.96	\$ 2,407.31	\$ (482.35)	\$ -	\$ 1,924.96
860	Library Book Trust	\$ 6,263.48	\$ 5,826.62	\$ 604.29	\$ 167.43	\$ 6,263.48
861	Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.00
880	Rehab Trust	\$ 61,828.67	\$ 59,212.44	\$ 2,616.23	\$ -	\$ 61,828.67
885	Firemens Relief Trust	\$ 3,722.03	\$ 3,564.76	\$ 157.27	\$ -	\$ 3,722.03
Stabilization Funds:						
875	General	\$ 620,309.60	\$ 594,310.74	\$ 25,998.86	\$ -	\$ 620,309.60
872	Roof Stabilization	\$ 656,215.43	\$ 158,216.83	\$ 497,998.60	\$ -	\$ 656,215.43
873	Capital Stabilization	\$ 98,251.51	\$ 94,138.15	\$ 4,113.36	\$ -	\$ 98,251.51
874	OSRP/REC Stabilization	\$ 5,832.74	\$ 5,832.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,832.74
879	PUR Property Stabilization	\$ 193.79	\$ 185.65	\$ 8.14	\$ -	\$ 193.79
871	Opioid Settlement Stabilization	\$ -	\$ 15,344.28	\$ 5,147.37	\$ 20,491.65	\$ -
Agency Funds:						
020	Student Activities	\$ 16,236.76	\$ 12,851.34	\$ 26,760.43	\$ 23,375.01	\$ 16,236.76
735	Firearms Overlay-Pistol Permits	\$ 5,706.48	\$ 5,761.98	\$ 10,632.00	\$ 10,687.50	\$ 5,706.48
738	Deputy Collector	\$ (903.23)	\$ (1,342.23)	\$ 8,395.00	\$ 7,956.00	\$ (903.23)
739	Cooley Hill	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
740	Planning Board Review	\$ 78,638.00	\$ 78,758.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 78,638.00
<i>BID DEPOSITS</i>						
730	Driveway Permits	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 42,651.93	\$ 6,025.00	\$ 26,476.93	\$ 22,200.00
901	Highway Bid Bonds	\$ 2,230.00	\$ 2,230.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,230.00
Total Trust Funds		\$ 2,109,181.29	\$ 1,500,310.11	\$ 699,145.70	\$ 90,274.52	\$ 2,109,181.29

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-30 Births-28 Marriages-18

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael P. Seery
Town Clerk
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Town Clerk



MARRIAGES & INTENTIONS 2025

(Filed in Brookfield)

To Whom Issued	Date of Marriage	Registered No.
Dwayne J. Robare to Michelle L. Seremet	February 15, 2025	1
Theodore H. Anderson to Lucia R. Umezu	March 4, 2025	2
Carl Whitman to Peggy Mclain	March 17, 2025	3
Ezekiel Kyei to Rachel Danso	May 31, 2025	7
Jesse Sevrans to Amber Cone	N/A	X
Matthew Bosworth to Kayla Mallette	May 23, 2025	4
Joseph Mandella to Brooke Skowalter	June 7, 2025	5
Mary Beth King to Donald Dyer	June 14, 2025	6
Charles Edgette III to Alyssa Lajoie	June 28, 2025	8
Patrick Sadlon to Sherley Magny	June 28, 2025	9
Jesse Sevrans to Amber Cone	July 6, 2025	10
Amy Stuczynski to Michael Waterman	August 30, 2025	11
Richard Bruley to Elizabeth Taylor	September 27, 2025	15
Annaliese Barcsansky to Zachary Nichols	September 20, 2025	12
Michael Corder to Sara Knapik	Saturday, October 11, 2025	13
Peter Arpin to Myriam Lugo-Gonzalez	Saturday, October 11, 2025	17
Lori Palmer to Shawn Sorenson	Saturday, October 18, 2025	14
John Washburn to Tiffany Trask	Saturday, October 25, 2025	16

DEATHS 2025

Name	Date of Death	Age at Death	Military Service
1 Joan E. Germain	Sunday, January 5, 2025	84	
2 Richard R. Lamoureux	Thursday, January 9, 2025	76	Vietnam-Army-SP5
3 Cindrea Macaruso	Friday, January 17, 2025	65	
4 Arthur Jay	Wednesday, February 12, 2025	85	Vietnam-Coast Guard
5 Helen Zelesky	Wednesday, January 22, 2025	94	
6 Donald Zelesky	Friday, February 7, 2025	65	
7 Sarah Heller	Wednesday, February 26, 2025	75	
8 Audrey Bishop	Saturday, February 22, 2025	94	
9 Linna Clegget	Sunday, March 2, 2025	75	
10 Lyle D. Wentworth	Thursday, May 1, 2025	91	
11 Thomas J. Ford Jr.	Thursday May 1, 2025	78	

12	Nanci L. Wilson	Saturday, May 3, 2025	71	
13	Thomas Green	Thursday, May 15, 2025	74	
14	Mark Willard	Friday, May 23, 2025	69	
15	Jeanne Simakauskas	Thursday, July 10, 2025	74	
16	Robert Latino	Saturday, July 12, 2025	82	
17	Debra Davis	Tuesday, July 8, 2025	63	
18	Evelyn Webster	Thursday, July 31, 2025	97	
19	Janet Lynde	Saturday, September 13, 2025	87	
20	Dorothy Harkins	Wednesday, September 17, 2025	86	
21	Patricia Myron	Monday, September 29, 2025	77	
22	Gertrude Mongeau	Thursday, October 9, 2025	74	
23	James Gulnac	Thursday, October 16, 2025	79	Vietnam-Army
24	Beverly Landquist	Saturday, October 25, 2025	78	
25	James Woodard	Sunday October 26, 2025	77	
26	Ricky R. Mauch	Wednesday, November 5, 2025	62	Air Force-Peacetime-SGT
27	Daniel Austin	Sunday, November 23, 2025	48	
28	Joseph Cleggett	Sunday, December 7, 2025	73	
29	Ashlee Bowes	Sunday, December 14, 2025	37	
30	Reta Warman	Monday, December 15, 2025	96	

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

Date Issued	Business Name	To Whom Issued	Address
January 2, 2025	SUNFUSIONS INC.	DAVID FROMM	6 MOLASSES HILL RD
January 30, 2025	BROOKFIELD SELF STORAGE	ROBERT & DONNA LATINO	68 SOUTH MAPLE ST.
February 4, 2025	WEXLER FINANCIAL ADVISORS	JEFFREY WEXLER	34 FISKDALE RD
February 4, 2025	WEXLER FINANCIAL GROUP	JEFFREY WEXLER	34 FISKDALE RD
February 4, 2025	WEXLER SOLUTIONS	JEFFREY WEXLER	34 FISKDALE RD
February 4, 2025	WEXLER CAPITAL GROUP	JEFFREY WEXLER	34 FISKDALE RD
February 4, 2025	ASSURED LANGUAGE SOLUTIONS	JEFFREY WEXLER	34 FISKDALE RD
February 18, 2025	DM HOME IMPROVEMENT	DYLAN MENARD	48 SOUTH MAPLE ST
February 27, 2025	WILLOW BEANS CAFÉ'	SHELBY HILL	16 CENTRAL ST
April 22, 2025	MJS MASONRY AND CONCRETE	MARK SHIMANSKY	40 WEST MAIN ST
April 22, 2025	RHIANNON LIGHT	BONNIE TOOMEY	9 GAY RD
April 28, 2025	SWEETWATER FARM	JAMES BRAY	20 DRAPER ST
April 30, 2025	TAYLOR'D INSTALLATIONS	STEVEN TAYLOR	177 RICE CORNER RD
May 6, 2025	R&R TRUCKING & RESTORATIONS	ROBERT HENRY	24 ALLEN ROAD
May 29, 2025	R. CHAFFEE CONSTRUCTION INC.	RICHARD CHAFFEE	11 QUABOAG ST
June 17, 2025	PAUL CANTIN	PAUL CANTIN	2 SOUTH MAPLE ST
July 9, 2025	MUSTARD HOUSE	JACK FISHER	4 MARTIN RD
September 8, 2025	AEROSPACE QUALITY MGMT SERVICES	JEFFREY ZIELINSKI	6 A WELLS RD
September 9, 2025	BROOKFIELD SELF STORAGE	DONNA LATINO	68 SOUTH MAPLE ST.
September 11, 2025	POST ROAD TRADING	BONNIE TOOMEY	1 POST ROAD
September 28, 2025	PRESTIGE AUTO SALES	EMAD BOWEDEN	100 FISKDALE RD
September 29, 2025	NEO CITIES VISION STUDIOS	CONNOR MORROW	3 WELLS RD
December 10, 2025	QUABOAG CHURCH	LISA BALLARD	175 FISKDALE RD

Annual Town Election Results Report

Monday May 5, 2025

Brookfield Town Hall

6 Central Street

Brookfield MA 01506

Total Ballots Cast for the Election = 532 out of 2,828 Voters

Moderator-1 Year

Blanks	351
William J. Gillmeister-Write In	136
Paul McCrohan -Write In	12
Write-Ins -Scattered	33

Select Board-3 Years	
Blanks	6
Sarah E. Campbell	283
Donald R. Taft	242
Write-Ins	1
Shade Tree Trustee	
Blanks	443
Jeff Clark-Write In	19
Write-Ins -Scattered	70
Board of Assessors- 3 Years	
Blanks	114
Richard A. Chaffee	403
Write-Ins	15
Planning Board-5 Years	
Blanks	136
Jeffrey R. King	393
Write-Ins	3
Planning Board-3 Years	
Blanks	132
Steven Lee Karrmann	398
Write Ins	2
Elementary School Committee-3 Years	
Blanks	128
Christa C. Lebrun	402
Write-Ins	2
Cemetery Commissioner-3 Years	
Blanks	120
Patrick J. O'Day	412
Write-Ins	0
Water Commissioner-3 Years	
Blanks	125
Robert R. Barnes	404
Write-Ins	3
Board of Health- 3 Years	
Blanks	134
Maureen E. Lepak	289
Michael Seery-Write In	102
Write-Ins-Scattered	7
Public Library Trustee-3 Years-Vote for Two	
Blanks	272
Sally M. Brown	411
Mary Lou Knight	379
Write-Ins Total	2
Town Clerk	
Blanks	71
Michael P. Seery	461

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Elections and Town Meetings held in 2025

Annual Town Election-Monday May 5, 2025

Annual Town Meeting-Thursday June 5, 2025

We thank our dedicated election workers and Brookfield Police Officers that helped during the Annual Town Election 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 longtime Registrar Shirley Sanborn for her many years of dedicated service to our town as she decided to retire this year. Nancy Mannix was appointed to replace Shirley and the board welcomes and thanks Nancy for joining.

Respectfully submitted,

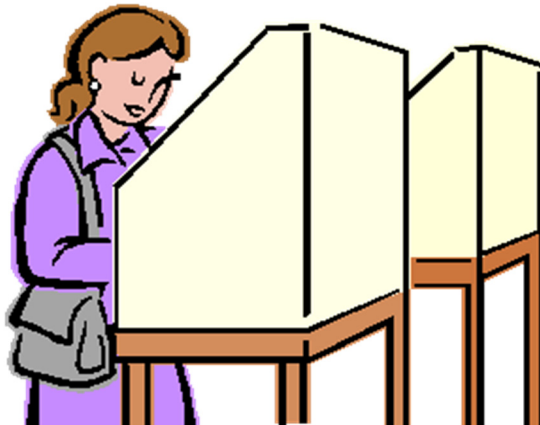
Lois O’Leary, Chairman of the Board of Registrars

Shirley Sanborn-Retired

Nancy Mannix

Carol Plumb

Michael P. Seery, Clerk of the Board of Registrars

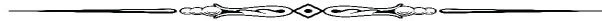


REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The Town of Brookfield, with the Highway Department and sub-contractors assist, has completed the removal of approximately 120 trees, located primarily on Gay Road in 2025.

National Grid, as per their Annual Operational Plan completed 242 full removals in Brookfield in 2025.

If you know of a hazardous tree, please report it by contacting the Highway Department. Safety First!



REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S AGENT

Calendar year 2025 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. Assistance with filling out VA Health Care, VA Disability Claims, and Social Security, can often be time consuming and stressful for the Veteran and family, but we can take that burden away by utilizing outside resources. 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.

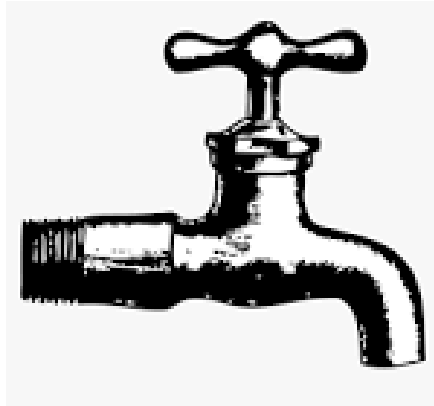
For those Veterans and widows of Veterans who are in need of assistance, I am only a phone call away (774) 534-1231 or (508) 304-2523. For the residents of the Town of Brookfield, if you know of a Veteran or a widow of a Veteran that is in need of services, please contact me. Thank You

V/r,

Craig Makynen



REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT



BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Commissioners:
Donald R. Taft, Chairman (2026)
Robert Barnes (2028)
Al Jones (2027)

Superintendent: Dennis Clarke
Administrative assistant: Holly Chisolm
Secondary Operators: Jeffrey Beauchamp, Jacob Allard

The Water Department treated and pumped 24,670,216 gallons of water in 2025. We currently have 494 active water service connections. The system consists of the four wells, Treatment Plant, 500,000-gallon standpipe, approximately 9 miles of water mains, and 81 fire hydrants.

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

The Department maintains compliance with Mass DEP 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 Mass DEP and US EPA 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/well operations, maintaining flow rates and water levels, chemical injections, residual levels, and system pressures along with providing customer services. 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.

In December we unfortunately received the resignation of the Superintendent Primary Operator, Dennis Clarke. Dennis has been our Superintendent for over seven years, his knowledge, expertise and dedication will be missed. Dennis was valued asset to the Water Department, but more than that he was a value added town employee.

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 and 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 Ext. 17, office hours are Monday and Wednesday 10:00 – 2:00.

2025 Water Department actions included:

- Maintained full compliance with all state and federal drinking water standards and guidelines.

- The department responded to water customers who contacted the office with questions or concerns.
- CDGB Grant for work on Kimball Street was completed at the end of the year, this project included the installation of three (3) new fire hydrants.

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; Julia Taylor and staff; as well as the municipal departments and committees.



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 1 request for a special permit for an over-sized sign in a Commercial area.

Each Hearing 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.

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 requests or outstanding court cases concerning this board.

Submitted on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals
Maureen Meriano
Member

103REPORT OF THE ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Regular office hours were maintained to assist the Building Inspector to expedite permit required projects in assuring compliance to the Town of Brookfield Zoning Bylaws. During the 2025 year, this office has taken and responded to approximately 90 calls and 30 email requests.

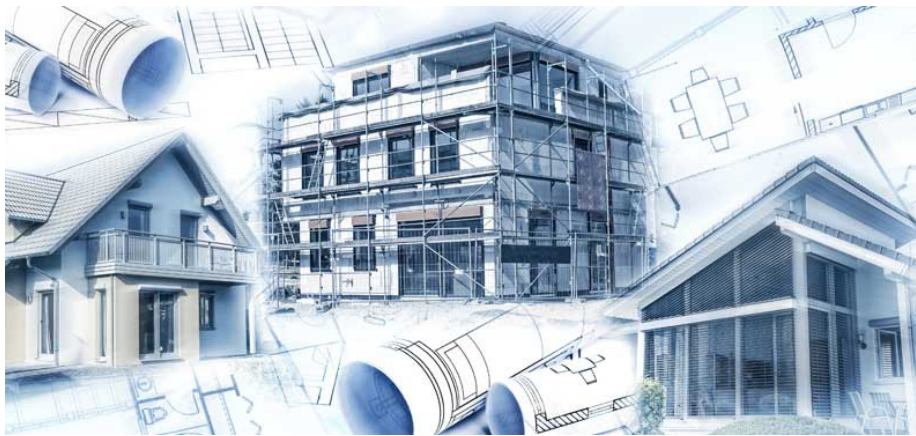
Numerous projects were denied by the Zoning Officer and subsequently documented and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the Planning Board for special permit or variance approval.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas Thomo
Zoning Enforcement Office





**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
THURSDAY JUNE 5, 2025**

**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 5th DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.** THEN AND THERE TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

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

The Town voted to accept the annual report of the Town officials, as printed 66 in favor and 32 opposed.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken in November 1999 to adopt Massachusetts General Law Ch. 40, Sect. 5F, establishing the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account, and further, transfer the balance of the Fund 100, Ambulance RRAP, to Capital Stabilization, or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Town Accountant)

This is to reverse the original vote for the Ambulance RRAP fund and bring the Ambulance into the General Fund via the budget Article vote. The Ambulance and Fire Depts should be combined. This would allow for increased transparency for spending as well as increased revenue for the Town when collecting all of the Ambulance revenue into the general fund, whereas it would become part of our local receipts. I am suggesting we move the balance of the Ambulance RRAP to Capital Stabilization with the intention of this balance being put towards the next Ambulance purchase.

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to defeat Article 2 with 67 opposed and 42 in favor.

ARTICLE 3: 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 Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,733,243.75, 87 in favor and 5 opposed as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, as shown in the Fiscal Year 26 budget, as contained in the Annotated Warrant and that that an additional sum of \$70,000 be transferred from free cash to Account #001-710-5914-000 "Police Station Principal" in the budget and that an additional sum of \$70,000 be transferred from free cash to Account #001-710-5910-002 "Fire Truck Principal" in the budget, for purposes of paying down the loan principal.

ARTICLE 4: 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. \$200.00 Board of Health stipend for May & June 2024 for Kim Simons
2. \$189.98 Spectrum Brookfield Public Access Cable account/ 10-06-23

(sponsored by the Board of Health; Select Board)

Requires 4/5ths vote

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 68 in favor 7 opposed to transferring \$389.98 from Free Cash to fund prior year invoices for Board of Health stipend for Kim Simons and Spectrum Public Access Cable.

ARTICLE 5: 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

Voted by the Board of Water Commissioners on 3-13-25

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article with one abstention

The Town voted 79 in favor 1 opposed to transfer \$40,000 from the Water Department – Water Surplus Account to the Water Department - Water System Capital 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 2026 Ambulance Expense Account or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)*
\$61,700.00

The Town voted 70 in favor 4 opposed to transfer \$61,700 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to fund the fiscal 2026 Ambulance Expense Account

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to fund the fiscal 2026 Ambulance Wages Account or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)*
\$275,000.00

No COLA at this point; 2 ½% for expected call volume increase

Does not include the Chief's stipend of \$520/pay period currently, separate article.

The Town voted 78 in favor and 5 opposed the sum of \$280,500 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to fund the fiscal 2026 Ambulance Wages Account.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to fund the Fiscal Year 2026 EMS Chief salary account or take any relative action thereto. *(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)*
\$14,040.00

The Town voted 69 in favor and 9 opposed, to transfer the sum of \$14,320.80 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to fund the Fiscal Year 2026 EMS Chief salary account.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to fund the Fiscal Year 2025 wages account or take any relative action thereto.

(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)

This is submitted as a placeholder; if necessary, a figure will be available for the Town Meeting.

Town voted 64 in favor and 5 opposed to transfer \$4,200 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to fund the Fiscal Year 2025 wages account.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balances from the following accounts to the General Fund:

Fund 030 Covid FEMA Cares	\$537.29
Fund 031 Covid Mail in Voting	\$277.56
Fund 049 Veterans COLA	\$237.00
Fund 050 Clean Lakes	\$8.30
Fund 078 BOH Covid Grant	\$1,655.57
Fund 190 Boat Patrol Grant	\$408.00
Fund 210 Police Vests Grant	\$-944.90
Fund 244 Rice Corner Rd Culvert Grant	\$15,470.83
Fund 297 BOH Grant	\$3,098.39
Fund 298 BOH Preparedness Grant	<u>\$75.96</u>
Total	\$20,824.00

or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Accountant)*

This is to close out old special revenue accounts that have been on the books for over five years with no activity; they are considered stale. Most were discovered during the accountant's initial cleanup in FY 2019 (with the exception of the Covid Grants).

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 64 in favor and 5 opposed to transfer balances totaling \$20,824 from stale accounts as listed in Article 10 of the Annotated Warrant to the General Fund.

NOTE: The Town voted 9,10 as a single article.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to purchase Protective equipment for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Fire Department)*

\$35,000.00

While there is \$9,686.72 left in FY25, those funds are committed to 10 helmets = \$6,400; 1 coat = \$1,700; 1 pant = \$1,500 (total \$9,600)

For FY26 we can expect to need: 8 coats = \$13,600; 7 pants = \$10,500; 4 helmets \$2,560; 6 pr boots=\$3,600 (total \$30,260) this is at current pricing; does not allow for new firefighters and does not allow for replacement to damage/wear and tear.

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 72 in favor and 1 opposed, to transfer \$35,000 from Free Cash to purchase Protective equipment for the Fire Department.

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

\$9,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 72 in favor and 1 opposed, to transfer \$9,000 from Free Cash to fund 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)*

\$25,000.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 72 in favor and 1 opposed, to transfer \$25,000 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 personal safety equipment or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Highway Dept)

\$1,200.00

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 72 in favor and 1 opposed to transfer \$1,200 from Free Cash to purchase personal safety equipment for the Highway Dept .

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow the sum of money for the purposes of purchasing necessary IT equipment and upgrading the IT infrastructure at the Fire Dept., Library, and Highway Dept. to modern standards, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Select Board)*

\$15,000.00

This would consolidate their IT under centralized management, and enable secure data backups between departments, the Town Hall, and the Highway Dept. for additional information security.

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 72 in favor and 1 opposed, to transfer \$15,000 from Free Cash to purchase necessary IT equipment and upgrading the IT infrastructure at the Fire Dept., Library, and Highway Dept.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to fund the Town website Upgrade Project, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by Town Administrator)

\$5,000.00

Our current website vendor, Civic Plus, submitted a quote to upgrade our website from their old platform, which is no longer supported. Doing it in-house by Anevry, our current IT vendor, will save the Town 90% over the Civic Plus quote.

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 72 in favor and 1 opposed, to transfer \$5,000 from Free Cash to fund the Town website Upgrade Project.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to purchase new computers for the Police dept. and three new laptops for the cruisers or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Police Dept.)*
\$12,000.00

The Select Board supports this article
The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 72 in favor and 1 opposed to transfer \$12,000 from Free Cash to purchase new computers for the Police dept. and three new laptops for the cruisers.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to fund dehumidifiers and mold remediation air purifiers for the Town Hall basement, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by Town Administrator)*
\$4,899.00

To improve air quality in the Town Hall basement: 1 Mold & Chemical Remediation Air Purifier: \$2,799; 1 Industrial Dehumidifier: \$2,100

The Select Board supports this article
The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 72 in favor and 1 opposed, to transfer \$4,899 from Free Cash to fund a dehumidifier and mold remediation air purifier for the Town Hall basement.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to fund three month's health insurance premiums to "buy in" to the Hampshire County Insurance Trust, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Select Board)*

\$175,000.00

The total cost of \$250,000.00 will be spread over two years. The \$175,000 will create a reserve fund.

The Select Board supports this article
The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 67 in favor and 2 opposed to transfer \$175,000 from Free Cash to fund three month's health insurance premiums to "buy in" to the Hampshire County Insurance Trust.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Brookfield Elementary School Roof Stabilization Fund or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Select Board)*
\$200,000.00

The Select Board supports this article
The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 59 in favor and 13 opposed to transfer \$200,000 from Free Cash to the Brookfield Elementary School Roof Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charge of the Board of Library Trustees as follows:

A. Section 1 – Board of Library Trustees: Composition; Term of Office; Powers and Duties.

(a) Composition, Term of Office -There shall be a board of library trustees consisting of six members nominated and elected by the voters. Two of these members shall be elected each year for terms of three years.

(b) Powers and Duties – the board of library trustees shall have general charge of the care and management of the town library, **annex and museum**, and of all property of the town relating thereto.

or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Merrick Public Library Trustees)

Public Library Charter revisions are needed. The process to revise needs to include the annex and museum and has to be a petition to the Town. Signatures will be needed for the updates. Chapter 43B has all the steps. A draft of the submission for the petition needs 15% of the voters at town meeting. This is a non-funding request; only the language needs to be changed. This was presented and approved at the October 2024, Trustees meeting and the minutes of this meeting were approved Wednesday, November 6, 2024. Motion by MK, 2nd by CP, all voted in favor.

The Select Board supports this article.

The Town voted 61 in favor and 8 opposed to amend the Charge of the Board of Library Trustees as written in Article 21 in the Annotated Warrant.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Brookfield Cemetery Commission to be responsible for the money that was approved at the 2023 annual town meeting to be used to repave the roads for that purpose or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Cemetery Commission)*

The reason for this proposed article is that the Cemetery Commission and Cemetery Paving Committee came to terms that the Cemetery Paving would be done with chip seal as suggested by the Cemetery Preservation Plan. The paving committee terms have expired and now the project has to be completed by the Cemetery Commission with the money that has been allocated by the town.

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town took no action on this article.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Cable PEG Access Receipts Reserved Fund to PEG Cable Access Operating Account for the purpose of funding cable related costs, upgrades, expenses, fees, payroll and general oversight of public access cable for Fiscal Year 2026, or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Select Board)*
\$50,000.00

While the Operating Account has funds, this transfer will keep a healthy buffer to get on a predictable system for budgeting PEG each year.

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 61 in favor and 6 opposed to transfer \$50,000 from the Cable PEG Access Receipts Reserved Fund to PEG Cable Access Operating Account for the purpose of funding cable related costs, upgrades, expenses, fees, payroll and general oversight of public access cable for Fiscal Year 2026.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of GL c.44, Section 54 (b), (c), & (d) to allow Town trust funds to be invested in accordance with GL c. 203C, the so-called “Prudent Investment Rule,” or take any other action relative thereto.
(Sponsored by Town Treasurer)

This will diversify how the Town can invest some of its Trust funds.

“Prudent” investing can be flexible and diverse in terms of its actual application. The key is that investment decisions are based on the specific intentions of the funds being invested. Essentially, prudent investing opens the doors to all different investment products, methods, and risk profiles – as long as those decisions were made with as much applicable information as possible.

The biggest benefit to communities is that prudent investing allows for much greater diversification opportunities than currently allowed under the MA Legal List of Investments. Where appropriate, investment managers can use US and international mutual funds, ETFs, stocks, bonds, alternative investments, etc. where they previously had to adhere to a very short list of investments.

The Select Board supports this article

The Town voted 60 in favor and 8 opposed to accept the provisions of GL c.44, Section 54 (b) to allow Town trust funds to be invested in accordance with GL c. 203C, the so-called “Prudent Investment Rule.”

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to set the FY 2026 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

(Sponsored by Town Accountant)

The Select Board supports this article

The Advisory Committee supports this article

The Town voted 65 in favor and 3 opposed to set the FY 2026 spending limits for the revolving funds, authorized pursuant to Chapter V, “Financial Affairs”, Section 8, of the Town’s general bylaws as printed in Article 25 of the Annotated Warrant.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Ch. 59, Sect. 5N, to authorize the Board of Assessors to establish a program to allow veterans, as defined in clause forty-third of Sect. 7 of Ch. 4 or a spouse of a veteran in the case where the veteran is deceased or has a service-connected disability, to volunteer to provide services to the town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of that veteran on the veteran's tax bills and that reduction shall be in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that person is otherwise entitled; provided, however, that person shall not receive a rate of, or be credited with, more than the current minimum wage of the commonwealth per hour for services provided pursuant to that

reduction; and provided further, that the reduction of the real property tax bill shall not exceed \$1,500 in a given tax year. It shall be the responsibility of the town to maintain a record for each taxpayer including, but not limited to, the number of hours of service and the total amount by which the real property tax has been reduced and to provide a copy of such record to the assessor in order that the actual tax bill reflects the reduced rate. A copy of such record shall also be provided to the taxpayer prior to the issuance of the actual tax bill or take any other action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by Town Accountant)*

This was approved by the Board of Assessors in Fall, 2024.

This is to add the Veterans Work Off Exemption.

The Select Board supports this article

The Town voted unanimously 67 to 0 to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Ch. 59, Sect. 5N, as printed in Article 26 of the Annotated Warrant.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Ch. 59, Sect. 5K, to authorize the Board of Assessors to establish a program to allow persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of such person over the age of 60 on his tax bills and any reduction so provided shall be in addition to any exemption or abatement to which such person is otherwise entitled and no such person shall receive a rate of, or be credited with, more than the current minimum wage of the commonwealth per hour for services provided pursuant to such reduction nor shall the reduction of the real property tax bill exceed \$2,000 in a given tax year. It shall be the responsibility of the town to maintain a record for each taxpayer including, but not limited to, the number of hours of service and the total amount by which the real property tax has been reduced and to provide a copy of such record to the assessor in order that the actual tax bill reflect the reduced rate. A copy of such record shall also be provided to the taxpayer prior to the issuance of the actual tax bill or take any other action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by Town Accountant)*

This was approved by the Board of Assessors in Fall, 2024.

This is to update the Senior Work Off Exemption. The amount should be increased to the maximum that was established on 1/1/24.

The Select Board supports this article

The Town voted 67 in favor and 1 opposed to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Ch. 59, Sect. 5K, as printed in Article 27 of the Annotated Warrant

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Ch. 59, Sect. 5, clause 56, to authorize the Board of Assessors to grant real and personal property tax abatements/exemptions up to 100% of the total tax assessed to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and Reservists on active duty in foreign countries for the fiscal years in which they performed such service subject to eligibility criteria established by the Board of Assessors, the authority to grant abatements under this vote shall expire after 2 years of acceptance unless extended by vote of town meeting, or take any other action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by Town Accountant)*

This was approved by the Board of Assessors in Fall, 2024.

The Select Board supports this article

The Town voted 64 in favor and 2 opposed to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Ch. 59, Sect. 5, clause 56, as printed in Article 28 the Annotated Warrant.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a bylaw to replace Chapter XII Miscellaneous By-Law; Section 1. Inoperable or "motor vehicles as follows:

CHAPTER XII Miscellaneous By-Law

SECTION 1. INOPERABLE OR UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES

Section 1: Purpose

This regulation is designed to maintain the visual appeal and safety of Brookfield's neighborhoods by controlling the number of unregistered vehicles visible on private property, while allowing flexibility for storage in enclosed structures.

Section 2: Definitions

Unregistered Vehicle: A motor vehicle or trailer without a current registration certificate or with an expired registration, as per Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90.

In the Open: Any area on private property where a vehicle is visible from a public street or neighboring property and not enclosed in a structure.

Barn or Garage: A fully enclosed building with walls and a roof, intended or used for vehicle storage.

Section 3: Limits on Unregistered Vehicles

In the Open: A maximum of one (1) unregistered vehicle is permitted in the open on any private property. In a Barn or Garage: There is no limit on the number of unregistered vehicles that may be stored inside a barn or garage, as long as they are not visible from outside the structure.

Section 4: Enforcement and Penalties

Inspection: The Brookfield Code Enforcement Officer or Police Department may investigate complaints about unregistered vehicles visible in the open.

Violation Notice: If more than one unregistered vehicle is found in the open, the property owner will receive a written notice of violation and a 14-day period to correct it (e.g., by registering vehicles, moving them into a barn or garage, or removing them).

Fines: After the 14-day period, a fine of \$50 per vehicle per day will be imposed for each unregistered vehicle exceeding the limit of one in the open, until compliance is achieved.

Section 5: Appeals

Property owners may appeal a violation notice or fine to the Brookfield Select Board within 30 days, providing evidence (e.g., registration documents or photos showing compliance to support their case. or take any action relative thereto.

To replace current bylaw as follows:

CHAPTER XII Miscellaneous By-Law

SECTION 1. INOPERABLE OR UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES

No person shall park, store or otherwise place or leave in or upon land within the Town of Brookfield more than one inoperable motor vehicle for a period of more than thirty (30) days, nor more than one unregistered motor vehicle for more than sixty (60) days following the expiration date of the registration of said vehicle, except as hereinafter provided. Exceptions to the above shall include:

1. motor vehicles associated with commercial vehicle repair or service establishments, whether or not operable or registered, provided they are kept on property that is licensed and/or permitted under the zoning by-law of the town for such use.
2. farm and construction equipment.
3. motor vehicles within an enclosed building or shielded from public view provided however that a car cover or tarpaulin shall not qualify as shielding (This bylaw adopted June 7, 2013, AG approved October 15, 2013).

Definitions:

1. **Inoperable or junk vehicle:** a motor vehicle not capable of being used as such in its existing condition by reason of its having been damaged or dismantled or failing to contain functioning parts necessary for its operation.
2. **Unregistered vehicle:** a motor vehicle not bearing a valid, unexpired vehicle registration sticker issued by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, or equivalent agency of another state or province.
3. **Fines and violations:** This by-law will be enforced by the Police Department. Any violation of this by-law shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), as provided for in Chapter I, General Provisions, and Section 5. (**By-Law Committee**)

(Sponsored by the Select Board)

The Select Board supports this article

Article 29 was defeated by a tie 37 to 37 vote.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Noise Ordinance Bylaw as follows:

Section 1: Purpose and Intent

This ordinance regulates noise from businesses in residential areas of Brookfield, Massachusetts, with a focus on garages, tow trucks, and repossession services. These businesses often use heavy machinery, operate vehicles, or conduct activities during late hours, which can disturb residents. The goal is to establish clear noise limits and operational guidelines to protect residents' well-being, especially during evening and nighttime hours, while allowing these essential services to function reasonably.

Section 2: Definitions

Garage: A business involved in vehicle repair, maintenance, or storage (e.g., auto body shops, service stations).

Tow Truck: A vehicle designed for towing or transporting other vehicles, often equipped with hydraulic lifts or winches.

Repossession Service: A business recovering vehicles or property, typically operating during non-standard hours.

Noise: Any unwanted sound exceeding the limits set in this ordinance, measured in decibels (dB) on the A-weighted scale (dBA).

Residential Area: Any zone designated for residential use under Brookfield's zoning bylaws.

Property Line: The boundary between a business property and adjacent properties, including residential ones.

Operating Hours: The permitted timeframe for business activities, defined as 7:00 am to 8:00 pm daily.

Section 3: Noise Standards

The following noise limits apply to businesses in residential areas, with specific rules for garages, tow trucks, and repossession services:

General Noise Limits: 7:00 am to 8:00 pm: Noise must not exceed 65 dB at the property line. 8:00 pm to 7:00 am: Noise must not exceed 50 dB at the property line. Specific Rules: Garages: Noise from repairs, engine testing, or machinery (e.g., air compressors) must not exceed 60 dB at the property line during operating hours. No outdoor repairs or testing allowed after 8:00 pm.

Tow Trucks: Noise from towing operations (e.g., hydraulic lifts, engine idling) must not exceed 65 dB during operating hours and 50 dB after 8:00 pm.

Operators must minimize idling and use noise-reducing equipment (e.g., mufflers) in residential areas.

Repossession Services: Operations are restricted to 7:00 am to 8:00 pm to avoid nighttime disturbances. If repossession occurs outside these hours due to legal necessity, noise must not exceed 50 dB, and activities must be as quiet as possible (e.g., no loud engine revving).

Section 4: Measurement of Noise

Noise will be measured with a sound level meter meeting American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards, using the A-weighted scale (dBA). Measurements are taken at the property line or point of complaint, averaged over 10 minutes to account for fluctuations.

Section 5: Noise Mitigation Requirements

Businesses must implement the following measures to reduce noise:

Garages: Install sound-dampening materials (e.g., acoustic panels) and limit outdoor work to 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Tow Trucks: Use noise-reducing technologies (e.g., low-noise hydraulics) and avoid unnecessary idling after 8:00 pm.

Repossession Services: Employ quiet methods (e.g., turning off engines, using radios instead of shouting) during operations.

Section 6: Enforcement

Complaints: Residents can report violations to the Brookfield Police Department or Board of Health.

Investigation: Authorities will measure noise levels and issue a notice if limits are exceeded.
Penalties: First offense: Warning. Second offense: \$100 fine. Third offense: Up to \$500 fine, possible permit suspension.

Section 7: Exemptions and Variances

Exemptions: Emergency operations (e.g., towing for safety) are exempt but must minimize noise. *Variances:* Businesses may request temporary exceptions (e.g., for extended hours) by applying to the Brookfield Board of Selectmen 30 days in advance, detailing purpose, noise levels, and mitigation plans.

Section 8: Appeals

Appeals of enforcement actions or variance decisions can be filed with the Brookfield Select Board within 30 days or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)

The Select Board does not support this article

No action was taken on Article 30.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to use time clocks for all appointed, non-salaried town employees, or take any action relative thereto. *(Citizen Petition)*

The Select Board supports this article

The Town voted to defeat Article 31 56 opposed to 17 in favor.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to

- (1) Accept as a public way "Country Wood Circle," said way being shown on a plan entitled "Country wood Circle – Definitive Plans, Brookfield Massachusetts," dated April 1, 2003, prepared by Jim Kasierski, PLS Inc., Engineer/Surveyor, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 00793, plan 6, a copy of said plan being on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and
- (2) to authorize the Selectmen, in the name and on behalf of the Town of Brookfield Massachusetts to accept such deed of easement or fee for public way purpose and other instruments as the Selectmen shall deem advisable to accomplish such acceptance or take any action relative thereto.

(Citizen Petition)

The Select Board supports this article

The Town took no action on Article 32.

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 p.m. 117 registered voters attended the meeting.

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 Five.

Respectfully Submitted,

BROOKFIELD SELECT BOARD

A True Copy, Attest:

Constable of Brookfield

Worcester, SS:
Brookfield, Massachusetts

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield by posting attested copies of same at the U.S. Post Office on 2025 at a.m./p.m. and at the Brookfield Town Hall at a.m./p.m. on the same day seven days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Constable of Brookfield

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

MICHAEL P. SEERY, TOWN CLERK

Brookfield FY26 Budget Executive Summary

Revenue

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY 2025 Tax Recap</u>	<u>FY 2026 Estimate</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Variance %</u>
Levy Limit	\$6,934,017.00	\$7,167,367.00	\$233,350.00	3.37%
Debt Exclusions	\$45,776.00	\$63,450.00	\$17,674.00	38.61%
Tax Levy (Available)	<u>\$6,979,793.00</u>	<u>\$7,230,817.00</u>	<u>\$251,024.00</u>	<u>3.60%</u>
Total Local Receipts	\$1,122,500.00	\$1,095,500.00	(\$27,000.00)	0.00%
Total Local Aid	\$2,629,223.00	\$2,667,734.00	\$38,511.00	1.46%
Total Ambulance Receipts	\$340,000.00	\$340,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Total Other Charges to be Raised	(\$63,092.00)	(\$60,000.00)	\$3,092.00	-4.90%
Avail. For Raise & Appropriate	<u>\$11,008,424.00</u>	<u>\$11,274,051.00</u>	<u>\$265,627.00</u>	<u>2.41%</u>

Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY25 Budget</u>	<u>Select Board FY26 Requested</u>	<u>\$ Variance</u>	<u>% Variance</u>
<u>Mandatory Expenses</u>				
Schools	\$5,694,426.00	\$5,850,119.00	\$155,693.00	2.73%
Debt and Assessments	\$1,630,629.00	\$1,705,996.24	\$75,367.24	4.62%
Total Mandatory Expenses	<u>\$7,325,055.00</u>	<u>\$7,556,115.24</u>	<u>\$231,060.24</u>	<u>3.15%</u>
<u>Discretionary Expenses</u>				
General Government	\$901,548.55	\$902,408.32	\$859.77	0.10%
Public Safety	\$951,865.44	\$975,649.28	\$23,783.84	2.50%
Public Works	\$539,508.32	\$534,364.61	-\$5,143.71	-0.95%
Health, Sanitation and Special Services	\$321,374.85	\$324,148.43	\$2,773.58	0.86%
Culture and Recreation	\$249,588.66	\$253,717.81	\$4,129.15	1.65%
Water Department	\$165,654.27	\$171,029.14	\$5,374.87	3.24%
Total Discretionary Expenses	<u>\$3,129,540.10</u>	<u>\$3,161,317.60</u>	<u>\$31,777.51</u>	<u>1.02%</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$10,454,595.10</u>	<u>\$10,717,432.84</u>	<u>\$262,837.75</u>	<u>2.51%</u>
Available for Raise and Appropriate	\$553,828.90	\$556,618.16	\$2,789.25	

Account Number	Description	FY24 Budget	FY25 Budget	FY26 Requested	FY26 Advisory Comm	FY26 Select Board	FY25 \$ Difference	FY25 % Difference
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
001-114-5110-000	Moderator Salary	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-122-5110-000	Selectmen Salary	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-122-5110-001	Selectmen Administrative Assistant Wages	\$51,171.43	\$53,218.29	\$53,218.29	\$54,282.65	\$54,282.65	\$1,064.37	2.00%
001-122-5110-002	Selectmen Municipal Clerk Wages	\$16,437.77	\$17,095.28	\$17,095.28	\$17,437.19	\$17,437.19	\$341.91	2.00%
001-122-5110-003	Grant Writer Wages	\$23,618.93	\$24,563.69	\$24,128.00	\$24,610.56	\$24,610.56	\$46.87	0.19%
001-122-5110-004	All Boards Clerk	\$15,036.97	\$15,638.45	\$10,582.00	\$10,793.64	\$5,500.00	-\$10,138.45	-64.83%
001-122-5700-000	Selectmen Expenses	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-122-5700-002	Selectmen Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	\$750.00	\$650.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$350.00	53.85%
001-122-5700-001	Grant Writer Expenses	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-129-5110-0000	Town Administrator Wages	\$89,989.04	\$93,000.00	\$95,790.00	\$95,790.00	\$95,790.00	\$2,790.00	3.00%
001-174-5600-000	Central MA Regional Planning Commission	\$1,060.55	\$1,087.07	\$1,114.24	\$1,114.24	\$1,114.24	\$27.17	2.50%
001-122-5700-001	Physicals	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00	-100.00%
	Total Selectmen	\$213,414.69	\$221,602.77	\$218,277.81	\$220,378.28	\$215,084.64	-\$6,518.13	-2.94%
001-155-5300-000	Total Technology	\$76,099.00	\$75,402.70	\$80,402.70	\$80,402.70	\$80,402.70	\$5,000.00	6.63%
001-132-5405-000	Reserve Fund	\$35,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-151-5249-000	Legal Services	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$15,000.00	25.00%
NEW	Communications Committee Expenses/Mailings - New	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
	Total Communications Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
001-135-5205-000	Audit	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$1,500.00	8.11%
001-135-5300-000	Outsourced Accounting Services	\$47,400.00	\$48,000.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$2,400.00	5.00%
001-135-5700-000	Town Accountant Expenses	\$2,115.00	\$2,115.00	\$2,115.00	\$2,115.00	\$2,115.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Town Accountant	\$68,015.00	\$68,615.00	\$72,515.00	\$72,515.00	\$72,515.00	\$3,900.00	5.68%
001-136-5110-000	Advisory Committee Clerk Salary	\$537.00	\$558.48	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	-\$557.48	-99.82%
001-136-5700-000	Advisory Committee Expenses	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-136-5700-001	Advisory Committee Warrant Books	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	-\$500.00	-20.00%
	Total Advisory Committee	\$2,737.00	\$3,258.48	\$2,201.00	\$2,201.00	\$2,201.00	-\$1,057.48	-32.45%
001-141-5110-000	Assessors - Stipends	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-141-5110-001	Assessor - Principal Assessor Wage	\$59,563.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-141-5110-002	Assessor - Clerk Wage	\$18,309.28	\$35,000.00	\$36,200.00	\$36,924.00	\$36,924.00	\$1,924.00	5.50%
	Assessor - Certification Stipend	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00	-100.00%
001-141-5200-000	Assessor - Consulting Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-141-5700-000	Assessors - Expenses	\$5,315.00	\$31,303.08	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	-\$21,303.08	-68.05%
	Total Assessors	\$87,488.15	\$71,603.08	\$50,500.00	\$51,224.00	\$51,224.00	-\$20,379.08	-28.46%
001-145-5110-000	Treasurer Wages	\$80,498.62	\$62,400.00	\$62,400.00	\$63,648.00	\$63,648.00	\$1,248.00	2.00%
001-145-5110-001	Assistant Treasurer Wages	\$2,500.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,600.00	-100.00%
001-145-5300-001	Actuarial Assessment for OPEB	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	100.00%
001-145-5700-000	Treasurer Expenses	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	-\$1,100.00	-15.49%
	Treasurer Certification Stipend - NEW			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
	Total Treasurer	\$95,598.62	\$72,100.00	\$74,900.00	\$76,148.00	\$76,148.00	\$4,048.00	5.61%
001-146-5110-000	Collector Wages	\$58,444.26	\$60,782.03	\$60,782.03	\$61,997.67	\$61,997.67	\$1,215.64	2.00%
001-146-5110-001	Collector Clerk	\$1,500.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,560.00	-100.00%
001-146-5150-000	Collector Certification Stipend	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-146-5700-000	Collector Expenses	\$7,900.00	\$8,400.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$4,100.00	48.81%
	Total Collector	\$68,844.26	\$71,742.03	\$75,842.03	\$75,497.67	\$75,497.67	\$3,755.64	5.23%
001-158-5200-000	Treasurer/Collector Tax Titles	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Tax Title Recap	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$30,000.00	-100.00%
001-161-5110-000	Town Clerk Salary	\$50,033.71	\$52,035.06	\$52,035.06	\$53,075.76	\$53,075.76	\$1,040.70	2.00%
001-161-5110-001	Town Clerk Assistant Wages	\$5,358.06	\$5,572.38	\$5,572.38	\$5,683.83	\$5,683.83	\$111.45	2.00%
001-161-5700-000	Town Clerk Expenses	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
-	Copier Printer Lease	-	\$2,340.00	\$2,340.00	\$2,340.00	\$2,340.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Town Clerk	\$57,991.77	\$62,547.44	\$62,547.44	\$63,699.59	\$63,699.59	\$1,152.15	1.84%
001-162-5110-000	Elections & Registrations Wages	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	-\$1,000.00	-16.67%
001-162-5700-000	Elections & Registration Expenses	\$7,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	-\$3,000.00	-33.33%
	Total Elections & Registration	\$13,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	-\$4,000.00	-26.67%
001-171-5700-000	Conservation Commission Expenses	\$333.00	\$333.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,467.00	440.54%
NEW	Training - NEW	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
	Total Conservation Commission	\$333.00	\$333.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,467.00	440.54%
001-175-5110-001	Planning Board Salary	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-175-5700-000	Planning Board Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Planning Board	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%

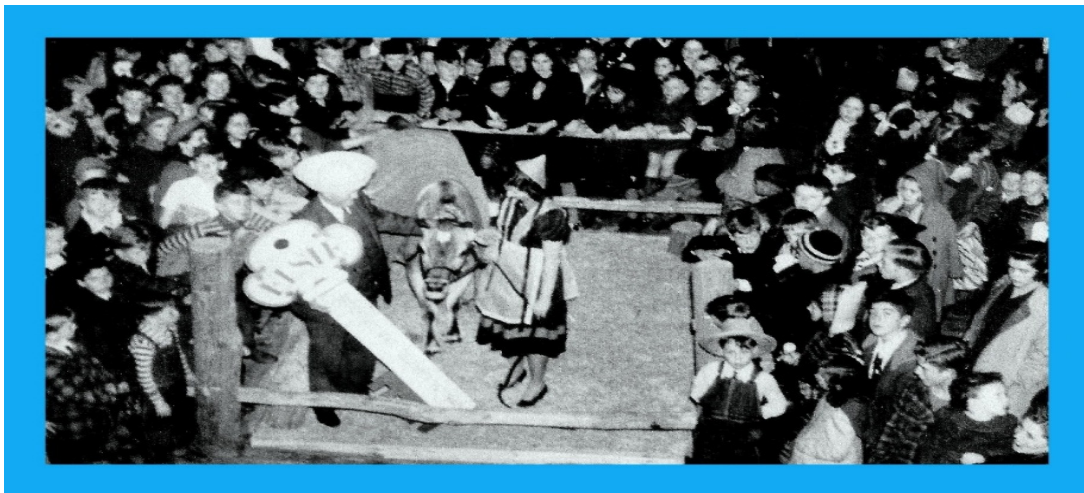
Account Number	Description	FY24 Budget	FY25 Budget	FY26 Requested	FY26 Advisory Comm	FY26 Select Board	FY25 \$ Difference	FY25 % Difference
001-176-5110-001	Board of Appeals Wages	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-176-5700-000	Board of Appeals Expenses	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Board of Appeals	\$1,400.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-192-5110-000	Municipal Custodian Wages	\$23,638.50	\$24,584.04	\$24,584.04	\$25,075.72	\$25,075.72	\$491.68	2.00%
001-192-5700-000	Municipal Property Maintenance & Improvements	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-192-5701-000	Municipal Property Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-192-5942-000	Town Hall Improvements	\$14,250.00	\$14,250.00	\$14,250.00	\$14,250.00	\$14,250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-192-5210-000	Electricity	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00	-\$3,000.00	-5.77%
	Total Town Hall	\$98,888.50	\$99,834.04	\$99,834.04	\$97,325.72	\$97,325.72	-\$2,508.32	-2.51%
001-195-5200-000	Print Town Report	\$1,500.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-199-5700-000	Municipal Heating Fuel	\$32,000.00	\$32,960.00	\$32,960.00	\$32,960.00	\$32,960.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$931,809.99	\$901,548.55	\$907,530.02	\$909,901.96	\$902,408.32	\$859.77	0.10%
	PUBLIC SAFETY							
	POLICE							
001-210-5110-000	Police Wages Full Time	\$386,021.34	\$413,506.06	\$452,102.67	\$452,102.67	\$452,102.67	\$38,596.61	9.33%
001-210-5110-001	Police Chief Salary	\$112,218.75	\$115,585.31	\$119,052.87	\$119,052.87	\$119,052.87	\$3,467.56	3.00%
001-210-5110-003	Police Clerk Wages	\$16,574.76	\$17,237.75	\$17,754.88	\$17,582.51	\$17,582.51	\$344.76	2.00%
001-210-5110-005	Police Wages Part Time/OT	\$53,560.00	\$57,373.47	\$46,600.00	\$23,472.17	\$23,472.17	-\$33,901.30	-59.09%
001-210-5700-000	Police Expenses	\$67,910.75	\$67,910.75	\$72,910.75	\$72,910.75	\$72,910.75	\$5,000.00	7.36%
001-210-5700-001	Police Tuition Reimbursement	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$10,000.00	-100.00%
	Total Police	\$646,285.60	\$681,613.34	\$708,421.17	\$685,120.97	\$685,120.97	\$3,507.62	0.51%
	FIRE DEPARTMENT							
001-220-5110-000	Fire Wages	\$58,710.00	\$69,160.00	\$88,992.00	\$79,551.84	\$88,992.00	\$19,832.00	28.68%
001-220-5110-001	Fire Chief Salary	\$12,360.00	\$18,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-220-5700-000	Fire Expenses	\$49,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$53,000.00	\$53,000.00	\$53,000.00	\$3,000.00	6.00%
001-220-5700-002	Fire - Utilities	\$6,287.85	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-220-5705-000	Fire - Testing / Recertification	\$15,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$1,000.00	5.56%
001-220-5750-000	Fire - Fixed Asset Repair/Replace	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Fire Department	\$159,357.85	\$181,660.00	\$220,492.00	\$196,051.84	\$205,492.00	\$23,832.00	13.12%
001-235-5200-000	Telephone Contracts/Leases	\$8,000.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-241-5110-000	Building Inspector Stipend	\$20,176.67	\$20,983.74	\$20,983.74	\$21,403.41	\$21,403.41	\$419.68	2.00%
001-241-5110-007	Building Inspector Assistant Wages	\$640.00	\$640.00	\$640.00	\$640.00	\$640.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-241-5700-000	Building Inspector Expenses & Training	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Building Inspector	\$21,116.67	\$22,223.74	\$22,223.74	\$22,643.41	\$22,643.41	\$419.68	1.89%
001-242-5110-000	Gas & Plumbing Inspector Stipend	\$4,996.53	\$5,196.39	\$5,196.39	\$5,300.32	\$5,300.32	\$103.93	2.00%
001-242-5110-007	Gas & Plumbing Inspector Assistant Wages	\$416.00	\$416.00	\$416.00	\$416.00	\$416.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-242-5700-000	Gas & Plumbing Inspector Expenses & Training	\$440.00	\$440.00	\$440.00	\$440.00	\$440.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Gas & Plumbing Inspector	\$5,852.53	\$6,052.39	\$6,052.39	\$6,156.32	\$6,156.32	\$103.93	1.72%
001-245-5110-000	Wiring Inspector Stipend	\$4,960.48	\$5,158.90	\$5,158.90	\$5,262.08	\$5,262.08	\$103.18	2.00%
001-245-5110-007	Wiring Inspector Assistant Wages	\$418.00	\$418.00	\$418.00	\$418.00	\$418.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-245-5700-000	Wiring Inspector Expenses & Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Wiring Inspector	\$5,378.48	\$5,576.90	\$5,576.90	\$5,680.08	\$5,680.08	\$103.18	1.85%
001-249-5110-000	Zoning Enforcement Officer Stipend	\$13,627.93	\$14,173.05	\$14,173.05	\$14,456.51	\$14,456.51	\$283.46	2.00%
001-249-5700-000	Zoning Enforcement Officer Expenses	\$451.00	\$451.00	\$451.00	\$451.00	\$451.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Zoning Enforcement Officer	\$14,078.93	\$14,624.05	\$14,624.05	\$14,907.51	\$14,907.51	\$283.46	1.94%
001-291-5110-000	Emergency Management Agency Stipend	\$1,800.00	\$1,872.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,530.00	-\$342.00	-18.27%
001-291-5700-000	Emergency Management Agency (BEMA)	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$1,500.00	25.00%
001-291-5700-001	Blackboard Connect Annual fee	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	-\$500.00	-11.11%
	Total Emergency Management Agency	\$10,800.00	\$12,372.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,030.00	\$13,030.00	\$658.00	5.32%
001-292-5110-000	Animal Control Officer Salary	\$7,276.95	\$7,568.03	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$1,431.97	18.92%
001-292-5110-007	Animal Control Officer Assistant Wages	\$756.00	\$756.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$244.00	32.28%
001-292-5700-000	Animal Control Officer Expenses	\$1,589.00	\$1,589.00	\$1,589.00	\$1,589.00	\$1,589.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Animal Control Officer	\$9,621.95	\$9,913.03	\$11,589.00	\$11,589.00	\$11,589.00	\$1,675.97	16.91%
001-293-5110-000	Parking Ticket Clerk & Hearing Officer Salary	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-293-5700-000	Parking Ticket Expenses	\$83.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Parking Tickets	\$333.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-294-5700-000	Tree Warden Expenses	\$12,400.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	-\$14,000.00	-93.33%
001-296-5700-000	Shade Tree Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$886,725.01	\$951,865.44	\$1,013,009.25	\$966,209.12	\$975,649.28	\$23,783.84	2.50%

Account Number	Description	FY24 Budget	FY25 Budget	FY26 Requested	FY26 Advisory Comm	FY26 Select Board	FY25 \$ Difference	FY25 % Difference
SCHOOLS								
001-310-5110-001	School Committee Salary	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-310-5110-002	Regional Committee Salary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-310-5600-000	Regional School Assessment	\$1,823,996.00	\$1,798,566.00	\$1,882,251.00	\$1,882,251.00	\$1,882,251.00	\$83,685.00	4.65%
001-310-5601-000	Transportation	\$32,073.00	\$50,219.00	\$48,461.00	\$48,461.00	\$48,461.00	-\$1,758.00	-3.50%
001-310-5700-000	Elementary School Expenses	\$3,570,640.08	\$3,843,141.00	\$3,916,907.00	\$3,916,907.00	\$3,916,907.00	\$73,766.00	1.92%
TOTAL SCHOOLS		\$5,429,209.08	\$5,694,426.00	\$5,850,119.00	\$5,850,119.00	\$5,850,119.00	\$155,693.00	2.73%
PUBLIC WORKS								
Highway								
001-199-5701-000	Municipal Diesel Fuel	\$32,000.00	\$32,960.00	\$32,960.00	\$32,960.00	\$32,960.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-199-5702-000	Municipal Gasoline	\$22,500.00	\$23,175.00	\$23,175.00	\$23,175.00	\$23,175.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-422-5110-000	Highway Superintendent Wages	\$73,259.78	\$81,600.00	\$90,000.00	\$91,800.00	\$91,800.00	\$10,200.00	12.50%
001-422-5110-001	Highway Operator Wages	\$161,853.17	\$168,327.30	\$165,742.72	\$138,457.57	\$138,457.57	-\$29,869.72	-17.75%
001-422-5110-003	Highway Other Wages, Part-time & Overtime	\$7,007.09	\$7,287.37	\$7,287.37	\$7,287.37	\$7,287.37	\$0.00	0.00%
001-422-5110-004	Highway Office Administrative Assistant	\$27,059.03	\$28,141.39	\$24,128.00	\$24,610.56	\$12,000.00	-\$16,141.39	-57.36%
001-422-5110-005	Highway Police Detail/Flaggers	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-422-5110-006	Seasonal Worker	\$10,300.00	\$10,712.00	\$25,531.52	\$25,531.52	\$25,531.52	\$14,819.52	138.35%
001-422-5700-000	Highway Expenses	\$61,300.00	\$63,139.00	\$63,139.00	\$63,139.00	\$63,139.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-422-5700-001	Highway Safety	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-422-5700-002	Highway Utilities	\$6,017.67	\$5,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$2,000.00	40.00%
001-422-5702-000	Highway Certifications, DOT Physicals & Licenses	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-422-5790-000	Highway Bridges, Rails & Signs	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Highway		\$406,496.74	\$426,742.06	\$445,363.61	\$420,361.02	\$407,750.46	-\$18,991.60	-4.45%
001-423-5110-000	Snow & Ice Wages	\$32,405.00	\$33,701.20	\$33,701.20	\$34,375.22	\$34,375.22	\$674.02	2.00%
001-423-5700-000	Snow & Ice Expenses	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Snow & Ice		\$77,405.00	\$78,701.20	\$78,701.20	\$79,375.22	\$79,375.22	\$674.02	0.86%
001-491-5110-000	Cemetery Wages	\$20,719.48	\$21,548.26	\$21,548.26	\$21,979.23	\$21,979.23	\$430.97	2.00%
001-491-5110-001	Cemetery Superintendent Salary	\$6,362.31	\$6,616.80	\$6,616.80	\$6,749.14	\$6,749.14	\$132.33	2.00%
001-491-5700-000	Cemetery Expenses	\$5,893.33	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Cemetery Improvements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Cemetery		\$32,975.12	\$34,065.06	\$34,065.06	\$34,628.36	\$34,628.36	\$563.30	1.65%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$516,876.86	\$539,508.32	\$558,129.87	\$534,364.61	\$534,364.61	-\$5,143.71	-0.96%
HEALTH, SANITATION & SPECIAL SERVICES								
001-510-5110-000	Board of Health Salary	\$4,200.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-510-5110-001	Board of Health Clerk Wages	\$12,373.75	\$12,868.70	\$12,868.70	\$13,126.07	\$12,868.70	\$0.00	0.00%
001-510-5110-002	Board of Health Agent	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$3,000.00	-100.00%
001-510-5110-006	Board of Health Animal Inspector Salary	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-510-5110-009	Board of Health Expenses	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Board of Health		\$24,323.75	\$27,218.70	\$24,218.70	\$24,476.07	\$24,218.70	-\$3,000.00	-11.02%
001-515-5110-000	Transfer Station Wages	\$30,321.14	\$31,533.99	\$31,533.99	\$32,164.67	\$32,164.67	\$630.68	2.00%
001-515-5250-000	Transfer Station Well Tests	\$15,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-515-5700-000	Transfer Station Expenses	\$133,786.85	\$138,138.32	\$138,138.32	\$138,138.32	\$138,138.32	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Transfer Station		\$179,607.99	\$184,672.31	\$184,672.31	\$185,302.99	\$185,302.99	\$630.68	0.34%
001-541-5110-000	Council on Aging Outreach Worker	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-541-5110-001	Council on Aging Director	\$4,120.00	\$12,384.00	\$15,600.00	\$15,912.00	\$15,912.00	\$3,528.00	28.49%
001-541-5200-000	Council on Aging Tri Valley Crisis Intervention	\$955.00	\$955.00	\$955.00	\$955.00	\$955.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-541-5260-000	Council on Aging Medi-Car	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-541-5700-000	Council on Aging Expenses	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00	42.86%
Total Council On Aging		\$10,175.00	\$18,439.00	\$23,155.00	\$23,467.00	\$23,467.00	\$5,028.00	27.27%
001-544-5110-000	Veterans Agent Salary	\$5,523.89	\$5,744.85	\$5,744.85	\$5,859.74	\$5,859.74	\$114.90	2.00%
001-544-5700-000	Veterans Agent Expenses	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-544-5740-000	Veterans Agent Case Work	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Veterans		\$90,823.89	\$91,044.85	\$91,044.85	\$91,159.74	\$91,159.74	\$114.90	0.13%
TOTAL HEALTH, SANITATION & SPEC. SERVICES		\$304,930.63	\$321,374.85	\$323,090.86	\$324,405.81	\$324,148.43	\$2,773.58	0.86%
CULTURE AND RECREATION								
001-610-5110-001	Library Director Wages	\$65,000.00	\$67,080.00	\$67,080.00	\$68,421.60	\$68,421.60	\$1,341.60	2.00%
001-610-5110-900	Library Custodian Wages	\$42,668.00	\$12,196.05	\$12,196.05	\$12,439.97	\$12,439.97	\$243.92	2.00%
001-610-5110-002	Library Assistant Wages	\$11,726.97	\$26,554.65	\$26,554.65	\$27,085.74	\$27,085.74	\$531.09	2.00%
001-610-5110-003	Library Saturday/Holidays/Vacation	\$25,533.32	\$2,892.24	\$2,892.24	\$2,950.08	\$2,950.08	\$57.84	2.00%
001-610-5110-004	Assistant Library Director (new FY24)	\$2,781.00	\$44,374.72	\$44,374.72	\$45,262.21	\$45,262.21	\$887.49	2.00%
001-610-5700-000	Longevity Director	\$15,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-610-5700-001	Library Expenses	\$37,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-610-5700-002	Library Books, Videos, Periodicals	\$0.00	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-610-5190-000	Library Utilities	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Library		\$201,209.29	\$217,597.66	\$217,597.66	\$220,659.61	\$220,601.77	\$3,004.11	1.38%

Account Number	Description	FY24 Budget	FY25 Budget	FY26 Requested	FY26 Advisory		FY25 \$ Difference	FY25 % Difference
					Comm	FY26 Select Board		
001-630-5700-000	Recreation Commission Expenses	\$8,220.13	\$8,631.00	\$9,698.20	\$9,698.20	\$9,698.20	\$1,067.20	12.36%
001-630-5803-000	South Pond Beach Committee	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Recreation	\$11,220.13	\$11,631.00	\$12,698.20	\$12,698.20	\$12,698.20	\$1,067.20	9.18%
001-691-5700-000	Historical Commission	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-691-5700-001	18 Common Street expenses	\$5,116.87	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Historical Commission	\$7,116.87	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-692-5700-000	Memorial Day	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-693-5700-000	Cultural Council Expenses	\$8,860.00	\$8,860.00	\$8,860.00	\$8,860.00	\$8,860.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Total Cultural Council	\$8,860.00	\$8,860.00	\$8,860.00	\$8,860.00	\$8,860.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$231,906.29	\$249,588.66	\$250,655.86	\$253,717.81	\$253,717.81	\$4,129.15	1.65%
	Debt and Assessments							
	DEBT & INTEREST							
001-710-5910-002	Fire Truck Principal - P	\$23,292.00	\$23,949.00	\$25,083.00	\$25,083.00	\$25,083.00	\$1,134.00	4.74%
001-710-5910-003	18 Common Street Principal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-710-5914-000	Police Station Principal - P	\$33,336.00	\$34,277.00	\$35,900.00	\$35,900.00	\$35,900.00	\$1,623.00	4.73%
001-710-5915-000	Saw Mill Dam Principal - P	\$8,267.50	\$8,434.00	\$8,603.20	\$8,603.20	\$8,603.20	\$169.20	2.01%
001-751-5915-002	Fire Truck Interest - P	\$22,483.73	\$21,827.00	\$20,692.24	\$20,692.24	\$20,692.24	-\$1,134.76	-5.20%
001-751-5915-003	18 Common Street Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-751-5919-000	Police Station Interest - P	\$32,179.28	\$31,239.00	\$29,615.24	\$29,615.24	\$29,615.24	-\$1,623.76	-5.20%
001-751-5920-000	Saw Mill Dam Interest - P	\$2,282.26	\$2,117.00	\$1,946.56	\$1,946.56	\$1,946.56	-\$170.44	-8.05%
	Total Debt and Interest	\$121,840.77	\$121,843.00	\$121,840.24	\$121,840.24	\$121,840.24	-\$2.76	0.00%
	ASSESSMENTS & OTHER MANDATED EXPENSES							
001-911-5100-000	Worcester County Retirement	\$443,950.00	\$476,686.00	\$564,893.00	\$564,893.00	\$564,893.00	\$88,207.00	18.50%
001-913-5100-000	Unemployment Insurance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-914-5105-000	Group Health & Life Insurance	\$749,044.00	\$775,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	-\$25,000.00	-3.23%
001-916-5115-000	Medicare: Town Share	\$70,000.00	\$72,100.00	\$74,263.00	\$74,263.00	\$74,263.00	\$2,163.00	3.00%
001-945-5600-000	General Insurance	\$168,570.60	\$170,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$10,000.00	5.88%
	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS & OTHER MANDATED EXP.	\$1,446,564.60	\$1,508,786.00	\$1,584,156.00	\$1,584,156.00	\$1,584,156.00	\$75,370.00	5.00%
	TOTAL DEBT AND ASSESSMENTS	\$1,568,405.37	\$1,630,629.00	\$1,705,996.24	\$1,705,996.24	\$1,705,996.24	\$75,367.24	4.62%
	WATER DEPARTMENT							
001-450-5110-000	Water Department Commissioners Salary	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-450-5110-001	Water Department Clerk Wages	\$19,333.10	\$20,106.42	\$20,106.42	\$20,508.55	\$20,508.55	\$402.13	2.00%
001-450-5110-002	Water Department Superintendent Salary	\$86,641.54	\$90,107.20	\$90,107.20	\$91,909.35	\$91,909.35	\$1,802.14	2.00%
001-450-5110-003	Water Department Secondary Operator Wages	\$8,201.89	\$8,529.97	\$8,529.97	\$8,700.56	\$8,700.56	\$170.60	2.00%
001-450-5110-004	Water Department Temporary Help	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	0.00%
001-450-5700-000	Water Department Expenses	\$43,420.23	\$44,809.68	\$44,809.68	\$47,809.68	\$47,809.68	\$3,000.00	6.69%
	Total Water Department	\$159,696.76	\$165,654.27	\$165,654.27	\$171,029.14	\$171,029.14	\$5,374.87	3.24%
	TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:	\$10,029,559.99	\$10,454,595.10	\$10,774,185.36	\$10,715,743.70	\$10,717,432.84	\$262,837.75	2.45%

Town Hall Hosts Elsie

A visit that made national headlines: Elsie the Cow, during her heyday RKO movie career in 1940, was literally hoisted up the Town Hall steps to the Ball Room to attend a banquet in her honor.



Elsie was presented with a key to Brookfield at a Town Hall celebration

Elsie in Town Hall

In the fall of 1940, nearly the entire population of the Town of Brookfield (1,400) turned out to welcome its most famous native.

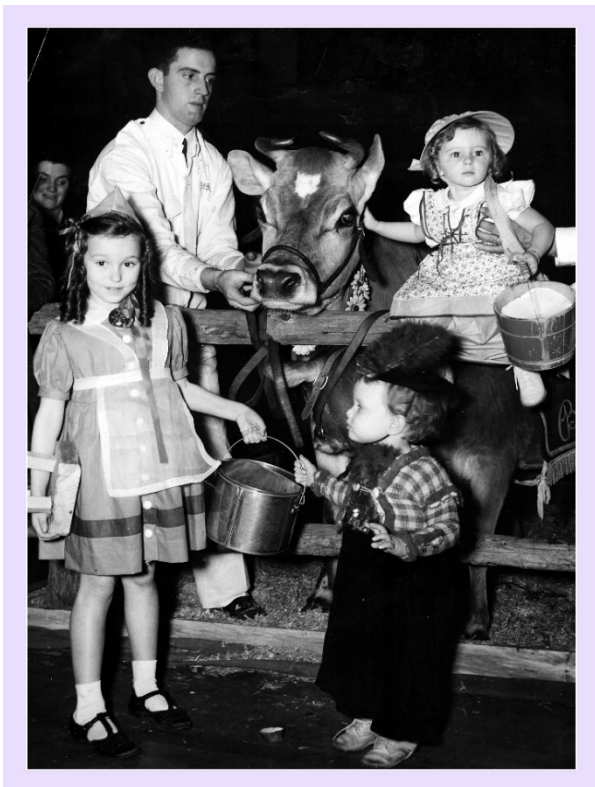
A ramp was built to transport Elsie, who was born at Elm Hill Farm, and served as the brand mascot for Borden Foods for decades, to the Town Hall.



Elsie the Cow was officially home, if only for a short while, and the small town pulled out all the stops for the public affair. Couples, dressed in formal garb danced and celebrated Elsie's visit by presenting her the key to Brookfield.

The Ball Room transformed into a rustic farm setting, as Elsie held court among the crowd.

Children of all ages donned milkmaid and farmer costumes, with lifelong Brookfield resident Barbara Wilson (far right in photo at left) shown offering Elsie the Cow a bucket of feed.



Historical Town Hall Theatrical Productions

From the archives: Articles from The Brookfield Times (1886-1916) & The Spencer Leader (1917-1953)

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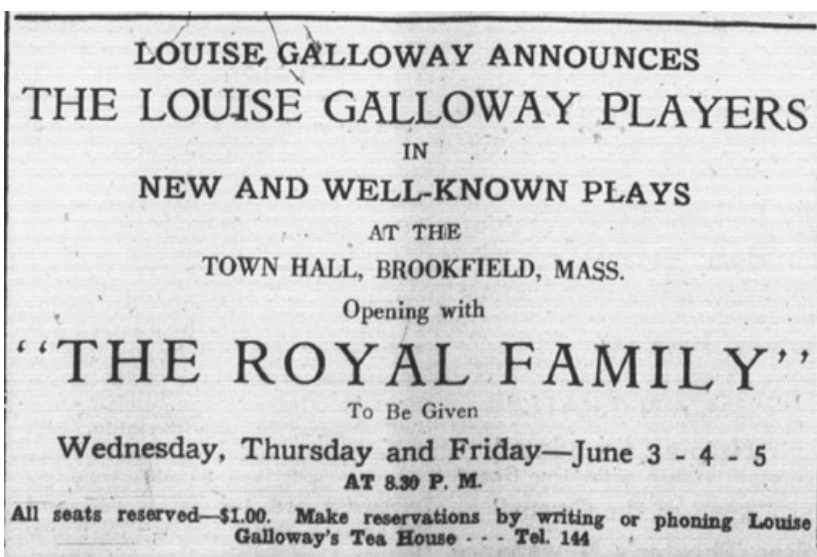


May 29, 1931: The Louise Galloway Players — Not only are Brookfield folk agog with the theatrical prospect being introduced here, but the entire county. Producers in various parts of the large cities are keenly watching the new venture, new at least in the East.

Brookfield town hall is to be the setting for an experiment in professional theatricals for the next four months, based on the idea of the Little Theater. Many

prominent stage artists arrived here this week, and Thursday the rehearsals started in earnest. The company will cater to Worcester and Springfield patronage. There is to be no stock company but at least five well known artists will continue to live here at the Louise Galloway house on West Main street and will participate in each performance. A few amateurs will also appear in each show.

The company opens in town hall June 3rd with the well known "Royal Family" as their offering. The hall seats approximately 500 and every seat will be reserved with the universal rate of \$1.00 a seat. The company will stage the same play on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and will entertain every second week, the play changing with the week. Townsfolk are pleased to know that the woman looked upon as Brookfield's own actress, namely, Louise Galloway, wife of Lindoff Bassett, owner of the Louise Galloway Tea House, will appear in most of the productions.



TOWN HALL BROOKFIELD
Wed. Thurs. and Fri., June 17--18--19
Evenings at 8.15

LOUISE GALLOWAY PLAYERS
PRESENT AS THEIR SECOND EFFORT
"LET US BE GAY"
Rachel Crother's Society Comedy
Cast of New York Players assisted by talented local Players

TICKETS—(all seats reserved)—\$1.00
May be ordered in advance by phoning No. Brookfield 144-12

"TEN NIGHTS IN A BAR ROOM"
Wed., Thurs. and Fri., July 1, 2, 3

June 19, 1931: The Louise Galloway Players on Wednesday evening at Brookfield town hall offered their second play of the season, "Let Us Be Gay," a comedy of New York life.

Quite a number of drama lovers from Spencer attended the opening and were pleased not only with the play but with the much improved ability the company as a whole showed. The persons appearing in the play of the cast headed by Miss Galloway herself were as follows: Jean Wetherby, Elmer Cornell, Albert Burke, Rose Burdick, Charles Compton, Elaine Benton, Lester New, E. Irving Locke and Ilsa Bluemer. Fine scenery was designed and painted by Miss Betty Bacon. The next play to be offered by the Galloway Players

will be "Tommy," it having been decided to put on "Ten Nights in a Barroom" later in the season. "Tommy" will be given week after next, July 1 and 2 and 3, the last performance of "Let Us Be Gay" taking place tonight. The audiences for this second play have been appreciative and of good size.



August 14, 1931: A number of Spencer people, knowing what a sure fire hit George Kelly's play, "The Torch Bearers," is, were first nighters at the opening night of the play at Brookfield town hall last Wednesday night coming back to town reported a fine presentation was given. There was a performance last night, and the final chance to see it will be this evening. The semi-professional players help out greatly to make the play enjoyable.

They are: Eleanor Bennett of Cambridge, Rice corner summer resident; Edward Scoville of New Haven, and Loring Coes, Jr., who have summered many years in the Over-River district of the town. Ilsa Bluemer is a fourth local player in the cast who does nicely. It is expected the Louise Galloway Players will offer at least two more plays before ringing down the curtain for the close of their first Little Theater movement season in Brookfield.

TOWN HALL BROOKFIELD
Wed. Thurs. and Fri. August 12--13--14
LOUISE GALLOWAY PLAYERS
in
The sure-fire comedy hit of village people turned Thespians
"THE TORCH BEARERS"
TICKETS—(all seats reserved)—\$1.00
For Advance Reservations Phone N. B. 144

The Players have received many requests that during the season the following plays be given: "Ten Nights in a Barroom," "Nancy's Private Affair," "The First Year," and "So This is London." It will be appreciated if our patrons will kindly write to the management as to what, in the above list, is their first choice in order that a play may be chosen for August 27, 28 and 29.

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