

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1970

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Brookfield in the County of Worcester: GREETING.

IN THE NAME OF the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, Banquet Hall in said Town on Monday, the 2nd day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:-

Polls opened at 9:00 A. M. Warden John G. Docwra, presiding.

Poll Workers:

Warden: (D) John G. Docwra

Clerk: (R) Bessie L. Herbert

Police Officers: Dominic J. Violetta
Leonard C. Rice

Ballot Box (R) Horace L. May
Checkers: (D) Louise V. Davis
(D) Dorothy Bozyk
(D) Rose Seery
(D) Elizabeth J. Bansfield
(R) Elsie E. Hooker
(R) Eunice L. Whitehead
(R) George P. Eaton
(R) Alice Sheldon

ARTICLE 1. To elect all on one ballot the Following officers: One Selectman for three years; One Assessor for three years; one Assessor for one year; One member of the Elementary School Committee for three year; One member of the Regional High School Committee for three years; One Water Commissioner for three years; One Water Commissioner for two years; One member of the Board of Health for three years; One Moderator for one year; One Cemetery Commissioner for three years; One Trustee for Shade Tree and Cemetery Funds for three years; Two Trustees for Merrick Public Library for three years; One Trustee of Merrick Public Library for one year; One Tree Warden for three years; One member of the Planning Board for five years; One Tax Collector for three years.

VOTES CAST 220

ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

VOTES

MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR

Randall Whitehead	170
George H. Clancy	1
Blanks	49

SELECTMAN AND WELFARE BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

Cedric G. Lindley, Jr.	187
Blanks	33

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

Louise B. Willett	119
Charlotte M. Streeter	55
Blanks	46

ASSESSOR FOR ONE YEAR

Donald W. May	181
Blanks	39

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Gabrielle M. Lacaire	164
Blanks	56

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

John G. Docwra	183
Blanks	37

TAX COLLECTOR FOR THREE YEARS

Frieda G. Robinson	166
Blanks	54

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

Frederick N. Holmes, Jr.	162
Blanks	58

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

James W. Allen	192
Blanks	28

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR TWO YEARS

Prisco P. Faugno	146
Blanks	74

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Bessie L. Herbert	206
Charlotte M. Streeter	1
Blanks	13

TRUSTEE OF SHADE TREE AND CEMETERY FUND FOR THREE YEARS

Bessie L. Herbert	202
Blanks	18

TRUSTEES OF MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

Mary F. Leach	185
Gwendolyn I. Banwell	163
Blanks	92

TRUSTEE OF MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR ONE YEAR

Barbara Whitcomb	179
Blanks	41

TREE WARDEN FOR THREE YEARS

VOTE

George Herbert
Blanks

191
29

PLANNING BOARD FOR FIVE YEARS

George H. Clancy
John G. Docwra
William K. Gero
William E. Tourtellotte
Blanks

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POLLS CLOSED AT 7 P M

It was voted to take up the balance of the Articles in the Warrant on Friday, March 6th at 8:00 PM.

ADJOURNED

Meeting opened at 8: 00 P M, Friday, March 6th 1970.
Randy Whitehead, Moderator presiding.

VOTERS PRESENT -115

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of the Town for the ensuing year.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ACCOUNT

1. MODERATOR - Salary	20.00
ADVISORY BOARD	
2. Clark Salary	150.00
3. Expenses	150.00
SELECTMEN	
4. Salaries	1400.00
5. Expenses	600.00
ACCOUNTING OFFICER	
6. Salary	1200.00
7. Expenses	150.00
TREASURER	
8. Salary	1300.00
9. Expenses	585.00
9A. Tax Title Foreclosure	500.00
TAX COLLECTOR	
10. Salary	1000.00
11. Expenses	800.00
ASSESSORS	
12. Salaries	2450.00
13. Expenses	800.00
TOWN COUNSEL	
14. Salary	100.00
15. Expenses	50.00
16. Court Fees	100.00
17. Agent to defend Suits	200.00
TOWN CLERK	
18. Salary	600.00
19. Expenses	250.00
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS	
20. Regis trars Salaries	210.00
21. Expenses	1000.00

PLANNING BOARD

22. Expenses	100.00
TOWN HALL	
23. Janitor	900.00
24. Expenses	3400.00
MUNICIPAL FUEL	
25. Account	3300.00
TOTAL	<u>21315.00</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

26. POLICE DEPARTMENT	7400.00
26A. COURT FEES	500.00
27. FIRE DEPARTMENT	6900.00
28. FOREST FIRES	600.00
29. INSECT PEST CONTROL	240.00
30. DUTCH ELM DISEASE	825.00
31. TREE WARDEN	480.00
32. DOG OFFICER -Salary	275.00
33. WIRE INSPECTOR *Salary	200.00
34. GAS INSPECTOR-Salary	100.00
35. PLUMBING INSPECTOR- Salary	300.00
36. CIVIL DEFENSE	700.00
37. AUXILIARY POLICE	300.00
TOTAL	<u>18820.00</u>

HEALTH AND SANITATION

<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>	
38. Salaries	475.00
39. Expenses	100.00
40. Health and Sanitation	1500.00
40A. Consulting Engineer	-- See Art. 17
41. Town Dump	-- See Art. 26
42. Garbage Collection	-- See Art. 16
TOTAL	<u>2075.00</u>

HIGHWAYS

43. GENERAL HIGHWAY& SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT	14000.00
44. HIGHWAYS CHAPTER 81	-- See Art. 5
45. CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION-HIGHWAYS Main.	-- See Art. 6
46. HIGHWAYS CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1970	-- See Art. 19
47. SIDEWALKS	1000.00
48. BRIDGES-RAILINGS-SIGNS	250.00
49. STREET LIGHTING	4700.00
50. TRAFFIC BEACON	30.00
51. HIGHWAYS-MACHINERY ACCOUNT	--
TOTAL	<u>19980.00</u>

PUBLIC WELFARE

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE*WELFARE FEDERAL ETC NONE

VETERANS BENEFITS

	DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICE	
52.	Salary	520.00
	VETERANS AGENT	
53.	Salary	520.00
54.	Expenses	400.00
55.	VETERANS BENEFITS CASE WORK	9000.00
	TOTAL	<u>10440.00</u>

SCHOOLS

56.	BROOKFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE- Salary	200.00
57.	TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMM. Expense	200.00
58.	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT-LOCAL	202871.07
59.	TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSMT.	288905.53
	TOTAL	<u>492176.60</u>

PUBLIC LIBRARY

60.	PUBLIC LIBRARY	6079.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

61.	PRINTING TOWN REPORTS	950.00
62.	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	500.00
63.	YOUTH GUIDANCE	450.00
64.	INSURANCE	8000.00
65.	GROUP INSURANCE	3500.00
66.	HONOR ROLL	60.00
67.	COMMON-MALL-CHRISTMAS TREE	675.00
68.	SOUTH POND BEACH	1200.00
69.	DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE	150.00
70.	UNPAID BILLS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS	-- See Art. 19
71.	RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT	-- See Art. 3
	TOTAL	<u>15485.00</u>

WATER DEPARTMENT

	WATER DEPARTMENT	
71.A	Clerk Salary	400.00
72.	Commissioners Salaries	300.00
73.	Labor Account	4000.00
74.	Maintenance Account	3020.00
75.	Fire Hydrants	1080.00
76.	Reservoir Account	500.00
	TOTAL	<u>9300.00</u>

CEMETERY

77.	CEMETERY	4000.00
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DEBT AND INTEREST

78.	MATURING DEBT	20000.00
79.	INTEREST MATURING DEBTS	4000.00
80.	INTEREST TEMPORARY LOANS	4000.00
81.	CERTIFICATION OF NOTES	45.00
82.	STABILIZATION FUND ACCOUNT	-- See Art. 22
83.	AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS	-- See Art. 12
	TOTAL	<u>28045.00</u>

TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

627715.60

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

ARTICLE 5	Chapter 81 Highways	3700.00
6	Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance	3150.00
9	Chapter 90 Construction	393.13
12	Agent to Defend Suits	100.00
16	Garbage Collection	2600.00
17	Services of Consulting Sanitary Engineer	300.00
19	Previous Years Bills	865.14
22	Stabilization Account	20000.00
26	Care of Town Dump	2520.00
29	Purchase and maintenance, Radar Speed Analyzer	1400.00
31	Extend Water Main in an easterly direction on Route 9	2000.00
	TOTAL	<u>37028.27</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

___\$664743.87

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund Account or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer the sum of \$3800.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account to Reserve Fund Account.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available funds in the Treasury for the reduction of the Tax Levy of 1970 or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to authorize the Assessors to use the sum of \$15000.00 from available funds in the Treasury for the reduction of the Tax Levy of 1970.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3700.00 for Chapter 81 Highways.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3150.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$2606.87 apportioned to the Town of Brookfield by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in accordance with Section 4 of Chapter 768 of the Acts of 1969 to be used for the purpose of construction of town highways of a type equal to that currently being constructed under Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to accept the sum of \$2606.87 apportioned to the Town of Brookfield by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in accordance with Section 4 of Chapter 768 of the Acts of 1969 to be used for the purpose of construction of town highways of a type equal to that currently being constructed under Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$7820.61 apportioned to the Town of Brookfield by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 768 of the Acts of 1969 to be used for the purpose of reconstruction, maintenance, and repairs of public highways and bridges, and of the enforcement of traffic laws for the calendar year of 1970, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to pass over this Article 8.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction to be used on Rice Corner Road and Lake Road construction, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$393.13 and transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$2606.87 from Bond Issue Section 4 of Chapter 768 of the Acts of 1969 for Chapter 90 Construction.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer monies accumulated in the Highway Machinery Rental Account to the Highway Machinery Maintenance Fund and Purchase of New Equipment Account whenever they deem it necessary, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer monies accumulated in the Highway Machinery Rental Account to the Highway Machinery Maintenance Fund and Purchase of New Equipment Account whenever they deem it necessary.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to foreclose on certain Tax Titles held by the Treasurer, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to foreclose on certain Tax Titles held by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appoint an agent or agents to defend any and all suits that may be brought against the Town for the ensuing year and to bring suit or suits, if necessary, and to compromise and settle any and all suits or claims against the Town to an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars and raise and appropriate such amount, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to appoint an agent or agents to defend any and all suits that may be brought against the Town for the ensuing year and to bring suit or suits, if necessary, and to compromise and settle any and all suits or claims against the Town to an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars and raise and appropriate such amount.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1970 and January 1, 1971, in accordance with provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1970 and January 1, 1971, in accordance with provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.
A standing Vote was Unanimous.

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

It was voted to authorize the Selectmen or their agent, to sell for the Town, any land or building acquired by the Town by Tax Title foreclosure after first giving notice of said sale by posting a notice at the Town Hall, 14 days at least before said sale, stating what parcels are to be sold, or offered for sale, and the time and place of the holding of said sale. The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money paid by the County to the Dutch Elm Account, to be used for the control of Dutch Elm disease, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer from available Funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$60.79 paid by the County to the Dutch Elm Account to be used for the control of Dutch Elm disease.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to negotiate and enter into a contract on behalf of the Town for the collection of garbage and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for said purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to authorize the Board of Health to negotiate and enter into a contract on behalf of the Town for the collection of garbage and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2600.00 for said purchase.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to employ the services of a consulting Engineer and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for said purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to authorize the Board of Health to employ the services of a consulting engineer and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for said purpose.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to Cemetery Improvement Account all money received for sale of lots up to December 31, 1969, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to pass over this Article 18.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for previous years' bills.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$865.14 to pay for previous years' bills.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer to the Library Fund Account the sum which was collected from overdue books in 1969.

It was voted to appropriate by transfer the sum of \$130.22 which was collected in 1969 for overdue books.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer for the support of the Public Library the sum ~~of~~ from the Dog Fund paid the Town by the County.

It was voted to appropriate by transfer for the support of the Public Library the sum of \$191.58 from the Dog Fund paid the Town by the County.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Stabilization Account.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20000.00 for the Stabilization Account.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the Treasury to the Tree Warden Account, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to pass over this Article #23.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase and equip a new pumping engine for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to purchase and equip a pumping engine for the Fire Department for a sum not to exceed \$35000.00 to be financed as follows, to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$15000.00 and to issue 2 notes for \$10000.00 each, one payable in 1971 and the other payable in 1972.

Vote 55 Yes
4 No

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to make said purchase, or take any action relative thereto.

It was unanimously voted to authorize the Fire Chief with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to make the purchase and equip a new pumping engine for the Fire Department as authorized in Article 24.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of taking care of the Town Dump, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2520.00 for the purpose of taking care of the Town Dump.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Law as Chapter 11, Section 4 of the Town By-Laws:

No person shall in any street or other public place, accost or address another person with profane or obscene language. Any person violating any portion of this by-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (\$50) for each offense.

It was voted not to adopt the By-Law as Chapter 11, Section 4 of the Town By-Laws.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Law as Chapter 11, Section 5 of the Town By-Laws:

No person shall saunter or loiter in a street or other public place in such a manner as to obstruct travellers, but nothing in this section shall be construed to curtail, abridge or limit the right of opportunity of any person to exercise the right of peaceful persuasion guaranteed by Section 24 of Chapter 143 of the General Laws or to curtail, abridge, or limit the intendment of any statute of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any person violating any portion of this By-Law shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (\$50) dollars for each offense.

It was voted to adopt the following By-Law as Chapter 11, Section 4 of the Town By-Laws:

No person shall saunter or loiter in a street or other public place in such a manner as to obstruct travellers, but nothing in this section shall be construed to curtail, abridge or limit the right of opportunity of any person to exercise the right of peaceful persuasion guaranteed by Section 24 of Chapter 143 of the General Laws or to curtail, abridge, or limit the intendment of any statute of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any person violating any portion of this By-Law shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (\$50) dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take any action relative thereto, a sum of money not to exceed \$1400.00 which is to be used by the Chief of Police and with the approval of the Selectmen, for the purchase, maintenance and repair of a radar speed analyzer. Said money is to be used only if the initial cost of the radar unit is totally reimburseable to the Town through a federal or state government highway safety program.

It was voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1400.00 which is to be used by the Chief of Police with the approval of the Selectmen, for the purchase, maintenance and repair of a radar speed analyzer. Said money is to be used only if the initial cost of the radar unit is totally reimburseable to the Town through a federal or state government safety program.

Vote 33 Yes
 28 No

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to hold a 300th Anniversary of its incorporation in 1973, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to hold a 300th Anniversary of its incorporation in 1973.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to extend the water main in an easterly direction on Route 9 or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 to extend the Water Main in an easterly direction on Route 9.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from the division of Water Pollution Control, a division of the Water Resources Commission to be used for the purpose of preliminary engineering feasibility study for a regional sewerage district consisting of the four Brookfields or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to accept \$29000.00 from the division of Water Pollution Control, a division of the Water Resources Commission to be used for the purpose of preliminary engineering feasibility study for a regional sewerage district consisting of the four Brookfields.
Vote was unanimous.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:55 P M

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

Given under our hands this 27th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy.

Signed/ Gussie L. Willett

Lyle D. Plainte

Cedric G. Lindly, Jr.

SELECTMEN OF TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

A true copy. Attest.

SIGNED/ Joseph F. Murray,
CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

WORCESTER SS:

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have posted and notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield by posting up attested copies of the same at
Town Hall, February 21, 1970 at 3:35 P M
Post Office " at 3:45 P M
Gavitts " at 4:00 P M

7 days before the date of meeting, as within directed.

SIGNED/ Joseph F. Murray
CONSTABLE

A true copy. Attest.

Bessie L. Herbert
Bessie L. Herbert, Town Clerk
Town of Brookfield
Brookfield, Mass