

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1971

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 1st day of March next, at 9:00 in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:-

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

Foll Workers:

Warden: (D) John G. Docwra

Clerk: (R) Frances H. Young

Police Officers: Robert H. Hope
Walter J. Wloch
Edward F. Stearns Jr.

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

ARTICLE 1. To elect all on one ballot the following officers: One Selectman for three years; One Town Clerk for three years; One Town Treasurer for three years; One Assessor for three years; One member of the Regional High School Committee for three years; One member of the Elementary School Committee for three years; One Water Commissioner for three years; One member of the Board of Health for three years; One Moderator for one year; One Cemetery Commissioner for three years; One Cemetery Commissioner for two years; One Trustee for Shade Tree and Cemetery Funds for three years; One Trustee for Shade Tree and Cemetery Funds for two years; Two Trustees of Merrick Public Library for three years; Two Constables for three years; One member of the Planning Board for Five years; One member of the Planning Board for four years; One member of the Planning Board for three years; One member of the Planning Board for Two years; One member of the Planning Board for one year.

VOTES CAST 539

ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
Randall Whitehead	421
James Allen	1
Blanks	117
<u>SELECTMAN AND WELFARE BOARD FOR THREE YEARS</u>	
Lyle D. Plainte	460
Blanks	79
<u>ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS</u>	
Donald W. May	454
Blanks	85
<u>TOWN TREASURER FOR THREE YEARS</u>	
Robert A. Turner	469
Blanks	70
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS</u>	
Barbara L. Mundell	458
Blanks	81

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Kathryn L. Beall	401
George H. Clancy	2
Blanks	136

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Richard E. Mundell	436
William L. Smith	1
Blanks	102

TOWN CLERK FOR THREE YEARS

Janet E. Giguere	213
Margaret A. Langelier	24
Rachel D. Puchalski	73
Leamana Terry	54
Pauline Woodbury	173
Blanks	2

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Louis D. Hyde	432
Frances H. Young	1
Blanks	106

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER FOR TWO YEARS

Frances H. Young	10
William B. Spence	6
Pauline Woodbury	1
Edward F. Carliell	1
Blanks	521

CONSTABLES FOR THREE YEARS

Douglas D. Gadaire	358
Joseph F. Murray	390
Ralph W. Nichols	121
Charles Boucher	1
Blanks	208

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

Edward F. Stearns Jr.	37
Robert Brown	1
John W. Bozyk	1
William B. Spence	1
Blanks	499

TRUSTEES MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Louise V. Davis	413
Barbara H. Whitcomb	413
Blanks	252

PLANNING BOARD FOR FIVE YEARS

Ralph M. Panwell	419
Blanks	120

PLANNING BOARD FOR FOUR YEARS

WILLIAM K. GERO	16
Robert Brown	1
George H. Clancy	4
Paul W. Spence Sr.	1
Blanks	517

PLANNING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

Richard S. Robinson	410
Blank	129

PLANNING BOARD FOR TWO YEARS

Edward F. Carliell	405
Blanks	134

PLANNING BOARD FOR ONE YEAR

Robert U. Grill	7
George Herbert Jr.	1
Blanks	531

TRUSTEES OF SHADE TREE AND CEMETERY FUND FOR THREE YEARS

Louis D. Hyde	440
Blanks	99

TRUSTEES OF SHADE TREE AND CEMETERY FUND FOR TWO YEARS

Leamana Terry	1
William B. Spence	5
Frances H. Young	5
Richard E. Mundell	1
Blanks	527

POLLS CLOSED AT 7 P.M.

It was voted to take up the balance of the Articles in the Warrant on Friday, March 5th at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNED

Meeting opened at 7:00 P.M., Friday March 5th 1971.
Randy Whitehead, Moderator presiding.

Voters Present - 85

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

1. MODERATOR - Salary	20.00
ADVISORY BOARD	
2. Clerk Salary	150.00
3. Expenses	150.00
SELECTMEN	
4. Salaries	1,400.00
5. Expenses	600.00
ACCOUNTING OFFICER	
6. Salary	1,200.00
7. Expenses	150.00
TREASURER	
8. Salary	1,300.00
9. Expenses	585.00
10. Tax Title Foreclosures	None
TAX COLLECTOR	
11. Salary	1,100.00
12. Expenses	925.00
ASSESSORS	
13. Salaries	2,450.00
14. Expenses	800.00
TOWN COUNSEL	
15. Salary	100.00
16. Expenses	50.00
17. Court Fees	100.00
18. Agent to Defend Suits	200.00
TOWN CLERK	
19. Salary	600.00
20. Expenses	250.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	
21. Salaries	210.00
22. Expenses	1,000.00

PLANNING BOARD		
23. Expenses	TOWN HALL	500.00
24. Janitor		1,020.00
25. Expenses		3,400.00
26. MUNICIPAL FUEL		3,600.00
TOTAL		21,860.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

27. POLICE DEPARTMENT		7,400.00
28. POLICE COURT FEES		500.00
29. FIRE DEPARTMENT		6,900.00
30. FOREST FIRES		600.00
31. INSECT PEST CONTROL		240.00
32. DUTCH ELM DISEASE		825.00
33. TREE WARDEN DOG OFFICER		480.00
34. Salary		350.00
35. Expenses		600.00
36. WIRE INSPECTOR- Salary		200.00
37. GAS INSPECTOR- Salary		100.00
38. PLUMBING INSPECTOR- Salary		300.00
39. CIVIL DEFENSE		700.00
40. AUXILIARY POLICE		300.00
TOTAL		19,495.00

HEALTH & SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH		
41. Salaries		475.00
42. Expenses		100.00
43. Health & Sanitation		1,500.00
44. Consulting Engineer		----
45. Town Dump		----
46. Garbage Collection		----
	See Art. 15	
	See Art. 38	
	See Art. 14	
TOTAL		2,075.00

HIGHWAYS

47. GENERAL HIGHWAY & SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT		14,000.00
48. Highways - Chapter 81		----
49. HIGHWAYS - CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE		----
49 a HIGHWAYS - CHAPTER 90 Construction 1970		----
50. HIGHWAYS - CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1971		----
51. SIDEWALKS		1,000.00
52. BRIDGES-RAILINGS-SIGNS		250.00
53. STREET LIGHTING		4,700.00
54. TRAFFIC BEACON		30.00
55. HIGHWAYS - MACHINERY ACCOUNT		----
TOTAL		19,980.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE - WELFARE FEDERAL ETC. NONE

VETERANS BENEFITS

56. DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICE - Salary		520.00
VETERANS AGENT		
57. Salary		520.00
58. Expenses		400.00
59. VETERANS BENEFITS - CASE WORK		9,000.00
TOTAL		10,440.00

SCHOOLS

60. BROCKFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE - Salary		200.00
61. TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMM. - Exp.		200.00
62. School Department - Local		219,798.16
63. TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSMT.		293,062.61
TOTAL		513,260.77

PUBLIC LIBRARY

64. PUBLIC LIBRARY 6,340.00

UNCLASSIFIED

65. PRINTING TOWN REPORTS	883.40	
66. MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	500.00	
67. YOUTH GUIDANCE	450.00	
68. INSURANCE	9,200.00	
69. GROUP INSURANCE	4,500.00	
70. HONOR ROLL	60.00	
71. COMMON - MALL - CHRISTMAS TREE	675.00	
72. SOUTH POND BEACH	1,400.00	
73. RECREATION ACCOUNT	1,300.00	
74. DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMM.	150.00	
75. UNPAID BILLS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS	----	See Art. 17
75.a RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT	----	See Art. 3

TOTAL

19,118.40

WATER DEPARTMENT

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76. Clerk Salary	400.00	
77. Commissioners Salary	300.00	
78. Fire Hydrants	1,080.00	
79. Reservoir Account	500.00	
80. Extension of of Water Main	-----	See Art. 27
81. Maintenance & Operation	9,020.00	

TOTAL

11,300.00

CEMETERY

82. Cemetery 4,000.00

DEBT AND INTEREST

83. MATURING DEBT	20,000.00	
84. INTEREST - MATURING DEBT	4,000.00	
85. INTEREST - TEMPORARY LOANS	4,000.00	
86. CERTIFICATION OF NOTES	45.00	
87. Stabilization Account	-----	See Art. 40
88. AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS	-----	See Art. 10

TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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28,045.00

655,914.17

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Article 4. Chapter 81 Highways	3,700.00
5. Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance	3,150.00
7. Chapter 90 Construction	3,000.00
10. Agent to Defend Suits	100.00
14. Garbage Collection	2,600.00
17. Previous Years Bills	1,301.79
22. Sanitary Landfill Operation	15,000.00
23. Consulting Engineer	3,000.00
24. Fulltime caretaker for Sanitary Landfill and Bulldozer	10,000.00
25. South Central Mass. Mental Health Clinic	325.00
27. Extend Water Main in easterly direction on Route 9	2,500.00
29. 300th Anniversary Comm. Exp.	1,500.00
33. Purchase Police Pkg. Stn. Wgn.	1,600.00
38. Care of Town Dump	1,300.00
40. Stabilization Account	24,000.00

Total

73,075.79

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

728,990.96

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Account, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer \$4,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund Account.

ARTICLE 4. 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 \$3,700.00 for Chapter 81 Highways.

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 90 Highway Maintenance.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,150.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$7,820.61 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 1971, or take any action relative thereto.

This Article 6 was amended to read - To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$7,820.61 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.

This Article 6 as amended was defeated.

It was voted that the Town accept the sum of \$7,820.61 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 as reimbursement for the purpose of reconstruction, maintenance and repairs of public highways and bridges, and of the enforcement of traffic laws for the calendar year 1970 and deposited into the General Fund.

ARTICLE 7. 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, or take any action relative thereto.

This Article 7 was amended to read - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$393.13 and transfer \$2,606.87 from Chapter 768 of the Acts of 1969 for Chapter 90 Construction.

This Article 7 as amended was defeated.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for Chapter 90 Construction.

ARTICLE 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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 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 \$100.00 and to raise and appropriate such amount.

ARTICLE 11. 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 year beginning January 1, 1971 and January 1, 1972, 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, 1971 and January 1, 1972, 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 12. 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.

ARTICLE 13. 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 \$82.73 paid by the County to the Dutch Elm Account, to be used for the control of Dutch Elm disease.

ARTICLE 14. 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 \$2,600.00 for said purpose.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to employ the services of a consulting Sanitary 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 pass over this Article 15.

ARTICLE 16. 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, 1970, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer from Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Improvement Account \$50.00 received for sale of lots up to December 31, 1970.

ARTICLE 17. 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 \$1,301.79 to pay for previous years' bills.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer to the Library Fund Account the sum which was collected in 1970 for overdue books.

It was voted to appropriate by transfer to the Library Fund Account \$381.20 which was collected in 1970 for overdue books.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer for the support of the Public Library the sum from the Dog Fund paid the Town by the County.

It was voted to appropriate by transfer for the support of the Public Library \$145.79 from the Dog Fund paid the Town by the County.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer 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 20.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer to the Library Account the sum that was received from the Insurance Company for damage to the library.

It was voted to appropriate by transfer to the Library Account \$1,712.00 that was received from the company for damage to the library.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000.00 for purchase of land to expand and operate a sanitary landfill disposal operation as required by state laws, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for purchase of land to expand and operate a sanitary landfill disposal operation as required by state laws.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,000.00 for a consulting engineer to design a sanitary landfill operation as required by the State Department of Public Health, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,000.00 for a consulting engineer to design a sanitary landfill operation as required by the State Department of Public Health.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a full time caretaker of the sanitary landfill and bulldozer when landfill is open, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for a full time caretaker of the sanitary landfill and bulldozer when landfill is open.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$325.00 for the Town's share in the South Central Massachusetts Mental Health Clinic located in Southbridge, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$325.00 for the Town's share in the South Central Massachusetts Mental Health Clinic located in Southbridge.

ARTICLE 26. to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,606.87 from The Chapter 768, Acts of 1969 Account to the General Highway Account for the improvement of Town roads.

It was voted to transfer \$2,606.87 from the Chapter 768, Acts of 1969 Account to the General Highway Account for the improvement of Town Roads.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending the water main in an easterly direction along Route 9, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the purpose of extending the water main in an easterly direction along Route 9.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8-C as amended and establish a Conservation Commission for the purposes and with the rights and duties provided by the law to be composed of seven residents appointed by the Selectmen for terms of three years except that initial appointments shall be two for one year, two for two years and three for three years, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8-C as amended and establish a Conservation Commission for the purpose of and with the rights and duties provided by the law to be composed of seven residents appointed by the Selectmen for terms of three years except that initial appointments shall be two for one year, two for two years, and three for three years.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1500.00 for the 300th Anniversary Committee for expenses for 1971, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$1500.00 for the 300th Anniversary Committee for expenses for 1971.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of money in the Assessors Map Account to the General Fund.

It was voted to transfer \$200.00 in the Assessors Map Account to the General Fund.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of money in the Assessors Revaluation Account to the General Fund.

It was voted to transfer \$40.00 in the Assessors Revaluation Account to the General Fund.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to transfer or take any action relative thereto, the sum of \$1,400.00 presently in the Radar Speed Analyzer Account towards the purchase of a station wagon type vehicle to be used as a police cruiser.

This Article 32 was amended to read - To see if the Town will vote to transfer or take any action relative thereto, the sum of \$1,400.00 presently in the Radar Speed Analyzer account to the General Fund.

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