

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 2, 1977

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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 Brookfield on Monday the second day of May next at ten o'clock in the fore noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

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 Elementary School Committee for three years; One member of the Regional School Committee for three years; One Water Commissioner for three years; One member of the Board of Health for three years; One member of the Board of Health for one year; One Cemetery Commissioner for three years; One Trustee for Shade Tree & Cemetery Funds for three years; Two trustees of Merrick Public Library for three years; Two Constables for three years; One Tree Warden for two years; One Tax Collector for two years; and One member of the Planning Board for five years; and the referendum questions:

"Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of Section Six C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws which authorize cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?"

"Is it desirable and do you favor an amendment to the 'Agreement for Regional School District for the five towns of Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales' to include all Elementary and Kindergarten programs and Secondary grades, described as Grades K through 12, instead of the present Grades 7 through 12?"

The effect of such an amendment, if eventually adopted, would make the Regional School District responsible for all educational programs in the five towns and would make possible the abolition of the present School Union No. 61 under which Grades K through 6 are now governed. This matter is placed on the ballot as a public opinion advisory question pursuant to Chapter 309 of the Acts of 1976 and is nonbinding.

The polls will be opened at 10:00 in the forenoon and shall be closed at 8:00 in the evening.

Polls opened at 10:00 A.M. Ronald S. MacKenzie presiding.

Poll workers:

Warden (R) Ronald S. MacKenzie
Clerk (D) Leamana Terry

Police Officer Richard Chapin

Ballot Box (R) Bertha Nolan
Checkers (D) Kathleen A. Yaskoskie
(R) Kathleen R. Allen
(D) Harriet Hyde
(R) Harriet Mitchell
(D) Elizabeth Bansfield
(R) Alice Sheldon
(D) Marie Minchoff
(R) Louise Willett
(D) Gloria Faugno

VOTES CAST 368

ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR

Randall Whitehead	148
Donald D. Faugno	214
Blanks	6

SELECTMEN AND WELFARE BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

Donald D. Faugno	310
Michael J. O'Keefe	1
Robert Tibbetts	1
Blanks	56

TOWN TREASURER FOR THREE YEARS

Robert A. Turner	298
Pauline Plainte	1
Blanks	69

TAX COLLECTOR FOR TWO YEARS

Diane G. Martell	255
Edward D. Menard	93
Blanks	20

TOWN CLERK FOR THREE YEARS

Leamana Terry	316
Blanks	52

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

Lawrence Bowers	249
Blanks	119

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Jean E. Dahler	271
Blanks	97

REG. SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Pauline B. Plainte	286
Blanks	82

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Gary C. Bullard	158	-161	Recount
Irvin M. Filler	162	-159	"
Blanks	48		

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

Demetra Bowers	134
Bruce Clarke	166
Blanks	67
Frederick Holmes, Jr.	1

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR ONE YEAR

Barbara A. Clancy	214
Frederick N. Holmes, Jr.	148
Blanks	6

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Roland A. Manseau	286
Blanks	82

TRUSTEE FOR SHADE TREE & CEMETERY FUNDS
FOR THREE YEARS

Roland A. Manseau	282
Blanks	86

TRUSTEES FOR MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOR THREE YEARS

Louise E. Davis	260
Sandra A. Luce	235
Blanks	241

CONSTABLES FOR THREE YEARS

Douglas D. Gadaire	270
Joseph F. Murray	251
Blanks	215

TREE WARDEN FOR TWO YEARS

Claude A. Martell	279
Blanks	89

PLANNING BOARD FOR FIVE YEARS

Michael J. O'Keefe	7
George Clancy	3
Brian Murray	1
Lucy Beeman	1
Roger Mundell	1

Question No. 1.

Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of Section Six C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws which authorize cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?

Yes	197
No	97
Blanks	74

Question No. 2.

Is it desirable and do you favor an amendment to the 'Agreement for Regional School District for the Five Towns of Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales' to include all Elementary and Kindergarten programs and Secondary grades, described as Grades K through 12, instead of the present Grades 7 through 12?

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Yes	76
No	206
Blanks	86

POLLS CLOSED AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants to said Town of Brookfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, Auditorium Brookfield on Friday evening, May 6, 1977 at 8:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

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.

It was voted as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - 2.99% of Total

1	MODERATOR-Salary	20.00
	ADVISORY BOARD	
2	Clerk Salary	150.00
3	Expenses	100.00
	SELECTMEN	
4	Salaries	1,970.00
5	Expenses	800.00
	ACCOUNTING OFFICER	
6	Salary	1,200.00
7	Expenses	150.00
	TREASURER	
8	Salary	1,600.00
9	Expenses	1,100.00
10	Tax Title Foreclosures	
	TAX COLLECTOR	
11	Salary	1,500.00
12	Expenses	1,500.00
	ASSESSORS	
13	Salaries	2,800.00
14	Expenses	3,400.00
	TOWN COUNSEL	
15	Salary	750.00
16	Agent to Defend Suits	500.00
17	AGENT TO HANDLE SUITS	ART. 38
	TOWN CLERK	
18	Salary	1,000.00
19	Expenses	400.00
20	Automated Lists	300.00
21	Care & Restoration of Records	500.00
	ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	
22	Salaries	210.00
23	Expenses	800.00
24	PLANNING BOARD-Expenses	200.00
	TOWN HALL	
25	Janitor	1,800.00
26	Expenses	8,000.00
	1976 Balance Forward	
27	MUNICIPAL FUEL	8,500.00
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		39,250.00

PUBLIC SAFETY - 2.45% of Total

28	POLICE DEPARTMENT-Expenses	14,465.00
29	POLICE COURT FEES	600.00
30	POLICE LOCKUP FEES	150.00
31	POLICE EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING	600.00
32	CONSTABLE-Expenses	NONE
33	FIRE DEPARTMENT-Expenses	8,700.00
34	FOREST FIRES-Expenses	500.00
35	INSECT PEST CONTROL	250.00
36	DUTCH ELM DISEASE	
	1976 Balance Forward	825.00
37	TREE WARDEN	500.00
	DOG OFFICER	
38	Salary	450.00
39	Expenses	1,200.00
40	WIRE INSPECTOR-Salary	300.00
41	GAS INSPECTOR-Salary	250.00
42	PLUMBING INSPECTOR-Salary	250.00
43	BUILDING INSPECTOR-Salary	
	1976 Balance Forward	480.00
44	FIELD DIRVER-EXpenses	100.00
45	CIVIL DEFENSE-Expenses	500.00
46	AUXILIARY POLICE-Expenses	100.00

47 EMERGENCY & RESCUE SQUAD-Exp.	
From Free Cash	1,900.00
48 CONSERVATION COMMISSION-Exp.	300.00

32,420.00

HEALTH & SANITATION- 1.77% of Total

BOARD OF HEALTH

49 Salaries	525.00
50 Expenses	300.00
51 HEALTH & SANITATION	1,000.00
52 LANDFILL-Caretaker & Upkeep	20,000.00
53 SEWERAGE-Expenses	100.00
54 SOUTH CANTRAL MASS. HEALTH CARE	ART. 32
55 COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING PROGRAM	ART. 34
56 SPENCER/BKFLD. MULTI SERVICE CENTER	ART. 28

21,925.00

HIGHWAYS - 4.49% of Total

57 GENERAL HIGHWAY & SNOW & ICE	39,000.00
58 PLOWING PRIVATE ROADS	1,000.00
59 HIGHWAYS-CHAPTER 90 IMPROVEMENTS 1976 Bal.	ART.20
60 HIGHWAYS-CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1978	ART. 20
61 SIDEWALKS	500.00
62 BRIDGES-RAILINGS-SIGNS	250.00
63 STREET LIGHTING	12,000.00
64 TRAFFIC BEACON	60.00

52,810.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE- 1976 Bal NONE

VETERANS BENEFITS - 38% of Total

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICE	
65 Salary	300.00
66 Expenses	45.00
VETERANS AGENT	
67 Salary	540.00
68 Expenses	100.00
69 VETERANS BENEFITS-CASE WORK	4,000.00

4,985.00

SCHOOLS - 73.46% of Total

70 BROOKFIELD SCHOOL COMM.-Salaries	200.00
71 TANTASQUA SCHOOL COMM.-Exp.	200.00
72 SCHOOL DEPT. LOCAL	455,869.00
73 REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	*476,064.00

932,333.00

Assessment of 488,133.00 was cut to 476,064 by a vote of 47 to 40. A motion to reconsider was defeated by a majority vote.

PUBLIC LIBRARY .72% of Total

74 PUBLIC LIBRARY	9,470.00
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PARKS & RECREATION - 54% of Total

75 YOUTH GUIDANCE	500.00
76 COMMON MALL CHRISTMAS TREE	1,000.00
77 SOUTH POND BEACH	2,700.00
78 RECREATION ACCOUNT	3,000.00
79 PLAYGROUND CONST.	ART. 19

7,200.00

UNCLASSIFIED - 2.77% of Total

80 COUNCIL ON AGING - Expenses	1,000.00
81 PRINTING TOWN REPORT	1,200.00
82 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	750.00
83 INSURANCE	15,000.00
84 GROUP INSURANCE	14,400.00
85 HONOR ROLL	60.00
86 UNPAID BILLS-PREVIOUS YEARS	
87 WEST BROOKFIELD RESCUE SQUAD	100.00
88 RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT	ART. 37
89 CHELSEA RETIREMENT SYSTEM	ART. 27

32,510.00

WATER DEPARTMENT - 1.78% of Total

WATER DEPARTMENT	
90 Clerk Salary	600.00
91 Commissioners Salaries	300.00
92 Hydrants	2,160.00
93 Reservoir	500.00
94 Maintenance & Operation	20,020.00

23,580.00

CEMETERY- .50% of Total

95 CEMETERY	6,599.00
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DEBT & INTEREST - 6.40% of Total

96 MATURING DEBT	*27,143.00
97 INTEREST-MATURING DEBT	25,435.00
98 INTEREST-TEMPORARY LOANS	2,000.00
99 CERTIFICATION OF NOTES	40.00
100 STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	ART. 36

54,618.00

*It was voted to raise and appropriate \$27,143.00 and to transfer \$30,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

RECOMMENDATIONS	1,217,700.00
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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

ART. 20. TOWN ROADS, IMPROVEMENTS	6,575.00
ART. 27. CHELSEA RETIREMENT SYSTEM	198.93
ART. 28. MULTI SERVICE CENTER	500.00
ART. 32. MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC	325.00
ART. 34. COMM. HEALTH NURSING PROGRAM	650.00
ART. 38. AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS	100.00

8,348.93

GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 1,226,048.93

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the agreement of the Regional School District for the five towns of Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales as follows: any amounts of money in excess of \$25,000 or 2% of the noninstructional budget, whichever is less, in the Excess and Deficiency Account at the end of any fiscal year shall be applied against the budget for the next fiscal year or take any action relative thereto.

This article was defeated.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 Chapter V of the Town by-laws by replacing the word January with the word July, so that the by-law will read "July seventh of each year" or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to amend Section 2 Chapter V of the Town by-laws by replacing the word January with the word July so that the by-law will read "Each Officer, Board or Committee authorized to spend money shall, on or before July seventh of each year, transmit to the Town Treasurer all unpaid bills outstanding as of that date."

The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4 of Chapter VII by deleting "April" and replacing it with "June" or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to amend Section 4 of Chapter VII of the Town by-laws by deleting "March" and replacing it with "May" and deleting "April" and replacing it with June so that the by-law will now read "The Selectmen shall annually in May, after final adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting appoint a person who is a member of the bar in good standing, to serve as Town Counsel for the term of one year from the first day of June following and until his successor is appointed and enters upon the performance of his duties. They shall likewise fill any vacancy in said office for the unexpired term, and may employ special counsel to assist the said Counsel whenever, in their judgment, necessity arises.

The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of Chapter II of the Town by-laws by deleting "seven days" and replacing it with "fourteen days" (in accordance with state law) or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to amend Section 2 of Chapter 2 of the Town By-Laws so that it will read as follows:

Notice of every Annual Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the Warrant therefore in at least one (1) public place in the Town not less than seven (7) days before the fixed day for such meeting.

Notice of every Special Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the Warrant therefore in at least one public place in the Town, not less than fourteen (14) days before the day fixed for such meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6 of Chapter VI of the Town by-laws by deleting the words "One thousand" and substituting the words "Two thousand" as the minimum amount required for a bid or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to amend Section 6 of Chapter VI of the Town by-laws by deleting the words "One thousand" and substituting the words "Two thousand" so that the by-law will now read "No contract shall be awarded for any work or service to be performed for the Town, other than professional service or service performed by a person regularly employed by the Town

as part of the duties of such employment, and no purchase of materials, supplies or equipment shall be made, the estimated cost of which in either case is two thousand dollars or more, unless competitive bids have been obtained therefor"

The vote was 61 in favor, 1 opposed.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to repeal Section 3 of Chapter XII of the Town by-laws or take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town vote to ammend Section 3 of Chapter XII of the Town By-Laws by deleting the following words from said by-laws:

No permit shall be issued unless the following minimum requirements can be met:

- (a) The lot area shall contain at least 20,000 square feet, Residential District, and 120 feet of width.
- (b) In a Rural Residential District 40,000 square feet of lot area (just under an acre) and 180 feet of width.

A motion that the amendment include the entire section of by-law was ruled not in order and the motion was withdrawn.

It was then voted to ammend Section 3 of Chapter 12 of the Town By-Laws by deleting the following words from said by-laws:

No permit shall be issued unless the following minimum requirements can be met:

- (a) The lot area shall contain at least 20,000 square feet Residential District, and 120 feet of width.
- (b) In a Rural Residential District 40,000 square feet of lot area (just under an acre) and 180 feet of width.

The vote was 47 in Favor
8 Opposed

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 24 of the adjourned Annual Town Meeting held on Friday, March 10, 1972 by deleting the words "Members of the Highway Department" and adding the words "All Town Employees", working a minimum of 30 hours per week (excluding school personnel) also deleting the words "48 hours". The Article will now read "It was voted to authorize payment of sick leave to all Town Employees working a minimum of 30 hours per week (excluding school personnel) after 1 year service 6 days per year without loss of pay" or take any action thereto.

A motion was made and voted to include the words "non cumulative".

It was then voted to amend Article 24 of the adjourned Annual Town Meeting held on Friday, March 10, 1972 by deleting the words "Members of the Highway Department" and adding the words "All Town Employees," working a minimum of 30 hours per week (excluding school personnel) also deleting the words "48 hours." The Article will now read "It was voted to authorize payment of sick leave to all Town Employees working a minimum of 30 hours per week (excluding school personnel) after 1 year service , 6 days per year, non cumulative, without loss of pay.

Due to the late hour, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting to Friday, May 13 at 7:30 P.M. An amendment to change the time to Monday, May 9, 1977 was defeated. It was then voted to adjourn the town meeting to Friday, May 13, 1977 at 8:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned 11: 35 P.M.

Meeting opened May 13, 1977 at 8:00 P.M. Donald Faugno, moderator presiding.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 Chapter XII of the Town by-laws by deleting the words "Regular Town Highway Employees working a minimum of 30 hours per week" and adding "Town Employees working a minimum of 30 hours per week" (excluding School Personnel) or take any action relative thereto.

A motion to further amend the by-law to exclude the Librarian and Library Staff was defeated. Vote was 23 No
17 yes

It was then voted to amend Section 2, Chapter XII of the Town by-laws by deleting the words "Regular Town Highway Department Employees working a minimum of 30 hours per week" (excluding school personnel) so that the by-law will now read:

"All regular town employees (excluding School Personnel) working a minimum of 30 hours a week shall be granted a vacation without loss of pay, said vacations to be computed in the following manner:

- (a) For one year's service, but less than five years' service, a vacation of one week.
- (b) For five years' service, but less than fifteen years' service, a vacation of two weeks.
- (c) For fifteen years' service or more, a vacation of three weeks.

Vote was 34 In favor 14 Opposed

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money to be placed in the police budget for reimbursement to damage to cruiser or take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made and voted to amend the article by changing the word accept to transfer.

It was then voted to transfer the sum of \$461.75 to be placed in the police budget for reimbursement to damage to cruiser.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the purchase of a new police cruiser to be put out for bids with trade-in or sale of old cruiser or take any action relative thereto.

An amendment to this article that two cruisers be traded in instead of one was defeated.

It was then voted to transfer from the Stabilization Account the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of a 1978 police cruiser and that the 1973 cruiser be traded in. Vote Unanimous

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the purchase of a one-ton, four wheel drive dump truck with plow or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer from the Stabilization Account the sum of \$10,100 for the purchase of a one-ton, four wheel drive dump truck and a plow. Vote was 58 yes
1 no

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a new dump truck for the Highway Department or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate transfer or borrow a sum of money to be used to repair the Fire Department roof, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$1,875.00 to be used to repair the Fire Department roof.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to enable the Council on Aging to enter into a contract with Elder-Bus Inc. or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 from Revenue Sharing to enable the Council on Aging to enter into a contract with Elder-Bus Inc.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the Treasury to the Brookfield Emergency and Rescue Squad or take any action relative thereto.

This article was amended to specify that \$500.00 was donated by John Jeppson.

It was then voted to transfer the sum of \$500.00 donated by John Jeppson from available funds in the Treasury to the Brookfield Emergency and Rescue Squad.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Public Welfare Account to the General Treasury or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer the sum of \$2,391.81 from the Public Welfare Account to the Recreation Committee to be used to improve the baseball field on the Lewis property.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate transfer or borrow the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Recreation Committee to improve the baseball field on the Lewis property or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow \$6,575.00 for Town funds to be used with or without any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of town roads or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,575.00 for Town funds to be used with or without any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1977, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

It was voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1977, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Standing vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 22. 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

after first giving notice of said sale by posting a notice at the Town Hall and Post Office, 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.

An amendment to this article was voted to change the word authorize to instruct.

It was then voted to instruct 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 and Post Office, 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 23. 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 \$52.27 paid by the County to the Dutch Elm Account, to be used for the control of Dutch Elm disease.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to Cemetery Improvement Account, all money received for sale of lots up to December 31, 1976, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer to the Library Fund Account the sum which was collected through December 31, 1976 for overdue books, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer to the Library Fund Account the sum of \$249.67 which was collected through December 31, 1976 for overdue books.

ARTICLE 26. 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 or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer for the support of the Public Library the sum of \$319.90 from the Dog Fund paid the Town by the County.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Chelsea Retirement System, Chelsea, Ma. the sum of \$198.93 for part of service rendered to the Town of Brookfield in the years 1926-1927 by Leo T. Healy or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the Chelsea Retirement System, Chelsea, Ma. the sum of \$198.93 for part of service rendered to the Town of Brookfield in the years 1926-1927 by Leo T. Healy.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow the sum of \$500.00 for the Spencer/Brookfield Multi-Service Center, Inc. or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Spencer/Brookfield Multi-Service Center, Inc.

ARTICLE 29. 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 30. 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 31. 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.

ARTICLE 32. 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 the sum of \$325.00 for the Town's share in the South Central Massachusetts Mental Health Clinic located in Southbridge.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Library Extension Account (grant from the State) to the Public Library Account, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer the sum of \$773.63 from the Library Extension Account (Grant from the State) to the public Library Account.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$650.00 for the Town's share in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Inc. "Community Health Nursing Program," or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for the Town's share in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Inc. "Community Health Nursing Program."

ARTICLE 35. 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 for the period from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash a sum of money for the Stabilization Account, or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the Reserve Account, or take any action relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 38. 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 from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 and to bring suit or suits, if necessary and to compromise and settle any and all suits or claims against the Town to an account not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) 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 from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 and to bring suit or suits, if necessary, and to compromise and settle any and all suits or claims against the Town to an account not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

and raise and appropriate such amount.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the purchase of a new tractor and mower for the common or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to pass over this article.

A motion to reconsider Article 3 was not allowed as notice was not given at the adjourned meeting that Article 3 would be reconsidered.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at Town Hall, Post Office and Frazier's News 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 15th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy seven.

Donald D. Faugno
James W. Allen
Cedric G. Lindley, Jr.

SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD

A true copy Attest:

S/Joseph F. Murray Constable

Worcester ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the TOWN OF BROOKFIELD by posting up attested copies of the same at the

Post Office	4:32 P.M.
Fraziers News	4:40 P.M.
Town Hall	8:30 P.M.

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

S/ Joseph F. Murray
Constable of Brookfield

A true copy Attest

Leamana Terry
Leamana Terry
Town Clerk
Town of Brookfield



OFFICE OF THE
TOWN CLERK

BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01506

May 13, 1977

This is to certify that we, the Board of Registrars of the Town of Brookfield, have this day re-counted the votes cast at the Annual Town Election held on May 2, 1977, insofar as they pertained to ballots cast for the Office of Water Commissioner, three year term, and do declare the results as follows:

Gary C. Bullard	161
Irvin M. Filler	159
Blanks	48

Elizabeth Tourtellotte
Elizabeth Tourtellotte

Irma E. Lutes
Irma Lutes

Claire MacKenzie

Leamana Terry
Leamana Terry, Clerk

May 13, 1977

Received and entered in the records of the Town Clerk of the Town of Brookfield.

Leamana Terry
Town Clerk



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TOWN CLERK

BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01506

May 25, 1977

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of the Attorney General
Francis X. Bellotti, Attorney General
State House, Boston, Ma. 02133

Dear Sir,

At the Annual Town Meeting held on May 6, 1977, the following by-laws were voted subject to your approval:

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2, Chapter V of the Town by-laws by replacing the word January with the word July, so that the by-law will read "July seventh of each year" or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to amend Section 2, Chapter V of the Town by-laws by replacing the word January with the word July so that the by-law will read "Each Officer, Board or Committee authorized to spend money shall, on or before July seventh of each year, transmit to the Town Treasurer all unpaid bills outstanding as of that date.

The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4 of Chapter VII by deleting "April" and replacing it with "June" or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to amend Section 4 of Chapter VII of the Town by-laws by deleting "March" and replacing it with "May" and deleting "April" and replacing it with "June" so that the by-law will now read "The Selectmen shall annually in May, after final adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting appoint a person who is a member of the bar in good standing to serve as Town Counsel for the term of one year from the first day of June following and until his successor is appointed and enters upon the performance of his duties. They shall likewise fill any vacancy in said office for the unexpired term, and may employ special counsel to assist the said counsel whenever, in their judgment, necessity arises.

The vote was unanimous.

A true copy Attest

Leamana Terry
Leamana Terry
Town Clerk



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BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01506

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of Chapter II of the Town by-laws by deleting "seven days" and replacing it with "fourteen days" (in accordance with state law) or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to amend Section 2 of Chapter II of the Town by-laws so that it will read as follows:

Notice of every Annual Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the Warrant therefor in at least one (1) public place in the Town not less than seven (7) days before the fixed day for such meeting.

Notice of every Special Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the Warrant therefor in at least one (1) public place in the Town, not less than fourteen (14) days before the day fixed for such meeting.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6 of Chapter VI of the Town by-laws by deleting the words "One thousand" and substituting the words "Two thousand" as the minimum amount required for a bid or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to amend Section 6 of Chapter VI of the Town by-laws by deleting the words "One thousand" and substituting the words "Two thousand" so that the by-law will now read "No contract shall be awarded for any work or service to be performed for the Town, other than professional service or service performed by a person regularly employed by the Town as part of the duties of such employment, and no purchase of materials, supplies or equipment shall be made, the estimated cost of which in either case is two thousand dollars or more, unless competitive bids have been obtained therefor."

The vote was 61 in favor, 1 opposed.

A true copy Attest

Leamana Terry
Leamana Terry
Town Clerk



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BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01506

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 Chapter XII of the Town by-laws by deleting the words "Regular Town Highway Employees working a minimum of 30 hours per week" and adding "Town Employees working a minimum of 30 hours per week" (excluding school personnel) or take any action relative thereto.

A motion to further amend the by-law to exclude the Librarian and Library Staff was defeated. Vote was 23 No
17 Yes

It was then voted to amend Section 2, Chapter XII of the Town by-laws by deleting the words "Regular Town Highway Department Employees working a minimum of 30 hours per week so that the by-law will now read:

All regular town employees (excluding School Personnel) working a minimum of 30 hours a week shall be granted a vacation without loss of pay, said vacations to be computed in the following manner:

- (a) For one year's service, but less than five years' service, a vacation of one week.
- (b) For five years' service, but less than fifteen years' service, a vacation of two weeks.
- (c) For fifteen years' service or more, a vacation of three weeks.

The vote was 34 In favor 14 opposed

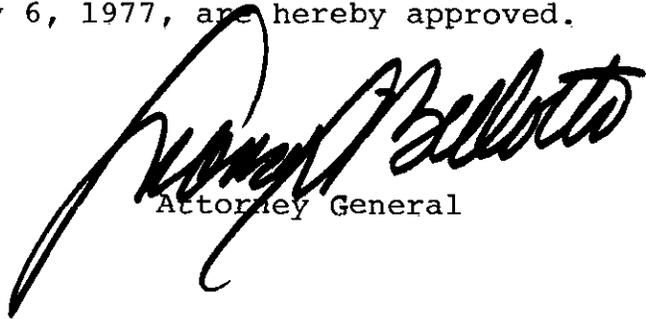
A true copy Attest

Leamana Terry
Leamana Terry
Town Clerk
Town of Brookfield

August 29, 1977

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to general by-laws adopted under Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 of the warrant for the Brookfield Annual Town Meeting held May 6, 1977, are hereby approved.


Attorney General



OFFICE OF THE
TOWN CLERK

BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01506

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to repeal Section 3 of Chapter XII of the Town by-laws or take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town vote to ammend Section 3 of Chapter XII of the Town by-laws by deleting the following words from said by-law:

No permit shall be issued unless the following minimum requirements can be met.

- (a) The lot area shall contain at least 20,000 square feet, Residential District, and 120 feet of width.
- (b) In a Rural Residential District 40,000 square feet of lot area (just under an acre) and 180 feet of width.

A motion that the amendment include the entire section of by-law was ruled not in order and the motion was withdrawn.

It was then voted to ammend Section 3 of Chapter 12 of the Town by-laws by deleting the following words from said by-laws:

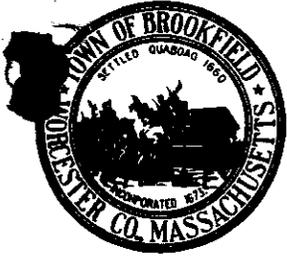
No permit shall be issued unless the following minimum requirements can be met:

- (a) The lot area shall contain at least 20,000 square feet, Residential District, and 120 feet of width.
- (b) In a Rural Residential District 40,000 square feet of lot area (just under an acre) and 180 feet of width.

The vote was 47 In favor
8 Opposed

A true copy Attest

Leamona Terry
Leamona Terry
Town Clerk
Town of Brookfield



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TOWN CLERK

BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01506

May 25, 1977

OUTLINE OF THE NECESSARY PAPERS TO BE FURNISHED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN BY LAWS ARE SUBMITTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF G.L. (TER. ED) CHAPTER 40, SECTION 32.

1. All papers must be attested or certified by the Town Clerk under Seal of the Town.
2. By-Laws submitted in duplicate.
3. Notice of Warrant mailed to citizens or given to voters at Town Meeting
4. The vote on Article 4 was unanimous.
The vote on Article 5 was unanimous.
The vote on Article 6 was unanimous
The vote on Article 7 was 61 in favor, 1 opposed.
The vote on Article 8 was 47 in favor, 8 opposed.
The vote on Article 10 was 34 in favor 14 opposed
5. 103 voters present at the meeting. A quorum is 30.

A true copy Attest

Leamana Terry
Town Clerk
Town of Brookfield



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
JOHN W. Mc CORMACK STATE OFFICE BUILDING
ONE ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON 02108

FRANCIS X. BELLOTTI
ATTORNEY GENERAL

August 29, 1977

Leamana Terry
Town Clerk
Town of Brookfield
Brookfield, Massachusetts 01506

Dear Ms. Terry:

I enclose the amendments to general by-laws adopted under Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held May 6, 1977, with the approval of the Attorney General endorsed thereon.

I regret that I must enclose the amendment voted under Article 8 with the disapproval of the Attorney General endorsed thereon. This by-law deletes a portion of Section 3 of Chapter XII of the Town by-laws. The basic by-law being amended was approved as a zoning by-law on June 9, 1964. Therefore, the procedures to amend a zoning by-law have to be followed. The Planning Board must hold a hearing and make a report.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry F. O'Connell".

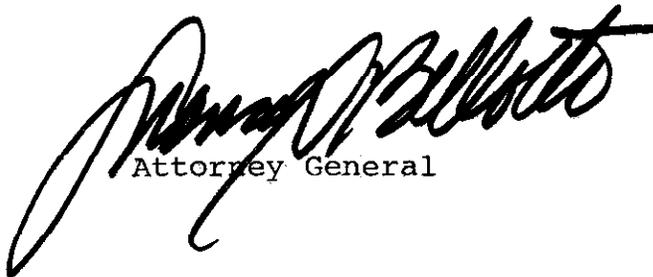
Henry F. O'Connell
Assistant Attorney General

HFO/ccd
enc.

August 29, 1977

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendment to general by-laws adopted under Article 8 of the warrant for the Brookfield Annual Town Meeting held May 6, 1977, is HEREBY DISAPPROVED.



Attorney General