

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 5, 1980

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 fifth day of May next at 10:00 in the forenoon, then and there to act on the articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect all on one ballot the following officers: One Selectman for three years, One Moderator for one year, One Town Clerk for three years, One Town Treasurer for three years, One Assessor for three years, One Member of the School Committee for three years, One member of the Regional High School Committee for three years, One Water Commissioner for three years, One member of the Board of Health for three years, One Cemetery Commissioner for three years, One Trustee of Shade Tree and Cemetery Funds for three years, Two trustees of Merrick Public Library for three years, Two Constables for three years, One Member of the Housing Authority for five years, One Member of the Housing Authority for three years, One Member of the Housing Authority for two years, One Member of the Planning Board for two years; and to vote on the following binding referendum question.

"Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of section thirteen of Chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the General Laws which provides that the Town shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgement by reason of any act or omission except an intentional violation of civil rights of any person under any law, if the official at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment."

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

The polls opened at 10:00 A. M. Ronald S. MacKenzie, Warden presiding.

Warden, Ronald S. MacKenzie
Clerk Leamana Terry
Checkers: Harriet Hyde
Grace Overfield
Carolyn Murray,
Helen Armstrong
Marie Minchoff
Barbara Mundell
Elizabeth Bansfield
Diane Martell
Police Officer Bruce Gadaire
Kenneth Crevier

ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR

James W. Allen	379
Philip Rosenfeld	1
Philip Richardson	1
Blanks	68

BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THREE YEARS

Kenneth C. Cleveland	201
Patricia E. Girard	125
Albert J. Weingarten	77
Donald Faugno	5
George Clancy	1
Kenneth Crevier	1
Francis Bansfield	1
Blanks	17

TOWN CLERK FOR THREE YEARS

Leamana Terry	389
Blanks	40

TREASURER FOR THREE YEARS

Robert A. Turner	364
Robert Tibbetts	1
Diane Martell	1
Blanks	63

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

Louise B. Willett	192
Bonita R. Porter	230
Blanks	7

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Jean Dahler	340
Suzanne Bard	1
Noreen McConville	1
Blanks	87

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

James E. Dahler	330
Blanks	99

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Gary C. Bullard	322
Blanks	107

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

Gary Lincoln	327
George Clancy	1
Robert Tibbetts	2
Blanks	99

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Frances H. Young	364
Blanks	65

TRUSTEE OF SHADE TREE & CEMETERY FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS

Frances H. Young	358
Blanks	71

TRUSTEES OF MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

Louise B. Davis	333
Sandra A. Luce	279
Blanks	246

CONSTABLES FOR THREE YEARS

Douglas D. Gadaire	327
Joseph F. Murray	302
Blanks	229

HEALTH & SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH

51. Salaries	600.00
52. Expenses	300.00
53. HEALTH & SANITATION	1,000.00
54. LANDFILL-CARETAKER & UPKEEP	21,500.00
55. SEWERAGE-Expenses	200.00
56. SOUTH CENTRAL MASS. HEALTH CLINIC	ARTICLE 35
57. COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING PROGRAM	ARTICLE 36

23,600.00

HIGHWAYS

58. GENERAL HIGHWAY & SNOW & ICE	71,114.00
59. PLOWING PRIVATE ROADS	1,000.00
60. HIGHWAYS- CHAPTER 90 IMPROVEMENTS	ARTICLE 8
61. SIDEWALKS	1,000.00
62. BRIDGES, RAILINGS, SIGNS	500.00
63. STREET LIGHTING	12,500.00
64. TRAFFIC BEACON	110.00
65. HIGHWAY-MACHINERY ACCOUNT	ARTICLE 32

86,224.00

VETERANS BENEFITS

DIRECTOR OF VETERNS SERVICES	
66. Salary	300.00
67. Expenses	45.00
VETERANS AGENT	
68. Salary	540.00
69. Expenses	50.00
70. VETERANS BENEFITS-Case Work	6,000.00

6,935.00

SCHOOLS & LIBRARY

71. BROOKFIELD SCHOOL COMM. Salary	200.00
72. REGIONAL SCHOOL COMM.- Expenses	200.00
73. SCHOOL DEPT. Local	*555,717.00
74. REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	484,480.00
75. PUBLIC LIBRARY	13,800.00

*Voted that the Town of Brookfield increase the 1980-81 school budget limit as so increased and appropriated will be \$555,717.00

1,054,397.00

PARKS & RECREATION

76. YOUTH GUIDANCE	600.00
77. SOUTH POND BEACH	2,700.00
78. COMMON-MALL-CHRISTMAS TREE	500.00
79. RECREATION ACCOUNT	3,500.00

7,300.00

UNCLASSIFIED

80.	PRINTING & MAILING TOWN REPORTS	1,200.00
81.	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	850.00
82.	HONOR ROLL	60.00
83.	HISTORICAL COMM. Expenses	125.00
84.	COUNCIL ON AGING- Expenses (FED. REV. SHAR)	500.00
85.	ELDER HOME CARE	ARTICLE 23
86.	ELDER BUS	ARTICLE 22
87.	HOUSING AUTHORITY- Expenses	500.00
88.	INSURANCE	25,000.00
89.	GROUP INSURANCE	13,560.00
90.	CONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE	1,500.00
91.	ABINGTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM	ARTICLE 21
92.	RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT	ARTICLE 39
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		42,795.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

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93.	Clerk Salary	600.00
94.	Commissioners Salaries	450.00
95.	Hydrants	2,000.00
96.	Reservoir	600.00
97.	Maintenance & Operation	24,350.00
98.	Cost of Chem. Treatment	5,000.00
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		33,000.00

CEMETERY

99.	CEMETERY	4,400.00
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DEBT & INTEREST

100.	MATURING DEBT	*17,143.00
101.	INTEREST-MATURING DEBT	18,354.00
102.	INTEREST TEMP. LOANS	2,000.00
103.	CERTIFICATION OF NOTES	40.00
104.	STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	ARTICLE 38
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		37,537.00

*Voted to raise and appropriate 17,143.00
and transfer \$25,000.00 from Federal Revenue
Sharing.

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,407,098.00
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OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

ARTICLE 3	3,800.00
ARTICLE 6	19,285.00
ARTICLE 8	12,000.00
ARTICLE 9	8,000.00
ARTICLE 10	150.00
ARTICLE 14	1,200.00
ARTICLE 15	3,750.00
ARTICLE 17	30,000.00
ARTICLE 18	200.00
ARTICLE 21	2,363.05
ARTICLE 23	264.00
ARTICLE 35	325.00
ARTICLE 36	650.00
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	81,987.05

GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,489,085.05
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Meeting opened at 8:00 P.M. 45 voters present.

A motion was made to reconsider the Veterans Agent Budget. This motion was not allowed because the motion could only be made by someone on the losing side.

A motion was made to reconsider Article 17 regarding the wastewater treatment and/or disposal facilities. This motion was defeated. 10 In Favor 27 Opposed.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow the sum of \$200.00 to be placed in a Conservation Fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5 (clause 51) of the Mass. General Laws or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be placed in a Conservation Fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5 (Clause 51) of the Mass. General Laws.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,000.00 from the Cemetery Interest Account to the 1980-1981 Cemetery Appropriation Account or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer \$4,000.00 from the Cemetery Interest Account to the 1980-1981 Cemetery Appropriation Account.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer all Grave Fees received up to December 31, 1979 to the 1980-1981 Cemetery Appropriation account or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to transfer \$1,230.00 received as Grave Fees up to December 31, 1979 to the 1981 Cemetery Appropriation Account.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Town of Abington, Mass. the sum of 2,284.06 for part of service rendered to the Town of Brookfield in the years 1931-1940 by Leonard G. Palopoli or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,363.05 to pay the Town of Abington, Mass. for part of service rendered to the Town of Brookfield in the years 1931-1940 by Leonard G. Palopoli.

ARTICLE 22. 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 pass over Article 22.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow the sum of \$264.00 for Elder Home Care Inc. of Southbridge, Mass. or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$264.00 for Elder Home Care Inc. of Southbridge, Mass.

ARTICLE 24. 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, 1980, 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, 1980, 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

ARTICLE 25. 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 26. To see if the Town will vote 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, or take any action relative thereto.

It was 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 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for Tax Title foreclosure as provided in Section 50B of Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

It was voted to pass over Article 27.

ARTICLE 28. 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 the sum of \$118.38 paid by the County to the Dutch Elm Account, to be used for the control of Dutch Elm disease.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Improvement Account, all money received for sale of lots up to December 31, 1979 or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to appropriate by transfer from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Improvement Account, the sum of \$450.00 for sale of lots up to December 31, 1979.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer to the Library Fund Account the sum which was collected through December 31, 1979 for overdue books or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to appropriate by transfer to the Library Fund Account the sum of \$263.21 which was collected through December 31, 1979 for overdue books.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer for the support of the Public Library the sum of money from the Dog Fund paid to the Town by the County or take any action relative thereto.

It was voted to appropriate by transfer for the support of the Public Library the sum of \$252.10 from the Dog Fund paid to the Town by the County.

ARTICLE 32. 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