

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**JANUARY 2, 1990 7:00 P.M.**

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the Elections and Registrations Expense Account to pay for an upcoming special election, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Town Clerk)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$650.00 from Free Cash to the Elections and Registrations Expense Account to pay for the special election scheduled for February 5, 1990.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to repair or replace the furnace at the Merrick Public Library, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees)

The Town voted by a majority to transfer the sum of \$4,600.00 from Free Cash to the remove the existing asbestos from the furnace and heating pipes in the library and to replace this with new insulating materials.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote that the portion of Rice Corner Road that exists between Route 148 and Mill Pond be also known as Lake Road, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The Town voted by a majority that the portion of Rice Corner Road that exists between Route 148 and Mill Pond be also known as Lake Road.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a five member committee to investigate the feasibility of purchasing a parcel of land adjacent to the Town Hall on Prouty Street and to authorize said committee to make their findings known at the May 1990 Annual Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The Town voted by a majority to authorize the Moderator to appoint a five member committee to investigate the feasibility of purchasing a parcel of land adjacent to the Town Hall on Prouty Street and to authorize said committee to make their findings known at the May 1990 Annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to charge this same committee as voted in Article 4 with investigating the possibility of a one-way motor vehicle egress and sidewalk from the post office to Central Street and to authorize said committee to make their findings known at the May 1990 Annual Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The Town voted by a majority to authorize the Moderator to charge this same committee as voted in Article 4 with investigating the possibility of a one-way motor vehicle egress and sidewalk from the post office to Central Street and to authorize said committee to make their findings known at the May 1990 Annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to hire an attorney specializing in municipal and real estate law, subject to the approval of William R. Picard, AICP and Associates, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by a petition from a group of citizens)

After an amendment, the Town voted by a majority to transfer from Free Cash, funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,999.00 for the sole use of the Board of Selectmen for the sole purpose of hiring (with the advice of the Planning Board, Board of Health and Conservation Commission) an attorney or law firm specializing in municipal and real estate law to investigate and propose possible courses of action by the town regarding the interpretation, application and compliance with Massachusetts General Laws and the Town's 1977 by-laws as they pertain to the present development of the "Celtic Lane" subdivision; said attorney or law firm to be hired no later than Tuesday, January 16, 1990. Vote: 152 Yes, 92 No

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen and the Planning Board to act in accordance with the findings of the special attorney as mentioned in Article 6 and/or the report by William R. Picard, AICP and Associates, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by a petition from a group of citizens)

The Town voted by a majority to instruct the Selectmen to convene a public hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of presenting the findings and possible courses of action prepared by the legal counsel called for in the motion on Article 6 and presenting the articles prepared by the Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Planning Board (individually and/or jointly) in conformance with said findings, said articles to be voted on at a special town meeting to be convened by the Board of Selectmen on Thursday, March 15, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Planning Board to investigate and address the environmental and safety concerns delineated in the report prepared by William R. Picard, AICP and Associates, presented to the town on December 19, 1989, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by a petition from a group of citizens)

The Town voted by a majority to instruct the Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Planning Board to investigate and address the environmental and public safety concerns raised as a result of the present development of the "Celtic Lane" subdivision, including those expressed to the Board of Health on November 30, 1989 and those delineated in the report prepared by William R. Picard, AICP and Associates, presented to the town on December 19, 1989; the findings of said investigations and articles prepared by said boards/commissions in response to these findings, be presented at the public hearing called for in the motion on Article 7, and said articles to be voted on at the special town meeting called for in the motion on Article 7.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of supplying the necessary funds for the Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Planning Board to complete investigations and actions called for in Article 8 of this warrant, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by a petition from a group of citizens)

The Town voted by a majority to transfer from Free Cash, funds in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the purpose of supplying funds for the sole use of the Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Planning Board for the sole purpose of completing investigations and actions called for in the motion on Article 8 of this warrant, but no single expenditure to exceed \$3,999.00.  
Vote: 122 Yes, 112 No

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen and the Board of Assessors to investigate and to report to the residents of Brookfield the ramifications of the "Celtic Lane" development with regard to town services (i.e., increased police protection, increased fire protection, increased school services, etc.) and property taxes given the three other parcels of land in Brookfield that could be developed in a similar manner, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by a petition from a group of citizens)

The Town defeated a motion to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors to investigate the potential financial impact of the present development of the "Celtic Lane" subdivision, as a 62-unit family mobile home park, on property taxes and the costs of town services such as police protection, fire protection and school services (including the loss of state funding should we have to override Proposition 2 1/2 to meet these costs), and to present said findings at the public hearing called for in the motion on Article 7 and to present articles to be prepared in response to said findings and that such articles be voted on at the special town meeting called for in the motion on Article 7 of this warrant. Vote: 110 Yes, 116 No

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Health and Building Inspector to withhold further issuance of licenses or permits to the "Celtic Lane" developers until the special attorney mentioned in Article 6 completes an investigation and makes a formal report to the residents of Brookfield, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by a petition from a group of citizens)

The Town defeated a motion to instruct the Board of Health and the Zoning Enforcement Officer to withhold and/or revoke the issuance of any further license(s) or permit(s) to the developers of the "Celtic Lane" subdivision until such time as the special town meeting called for in the motion on Article 7 of this warrant has determined that further action will be allowed. Vote: 96 Yes, 110 No

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to convene a special town meeting, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by a petition from a group of citizens)

The Town voted unanimously to pass over this article.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. 302 people attended the meeting on January 2, 1990.

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

Given under our hands this 19th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine.

S/Joseph F. Murray  
George W. Beeman  
Richard W. Woodard

SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD

A true Copy. Attest  
S/Harvey H. Bennett, 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 Town Hall on December 19, 1989 at 4:05 p.m. and the Post Office on December 19, 1989 at 9:35 a.m.

A true Copy. Attest

Linda M. Lincoln  
Town Clerk

