

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 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 to pay the deductible on the repair of the 1988 police cruiser, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Police Department)

The town voted unanimously to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the Agent to Defend Suits Account to pay for unforeseen legal expenses, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The town voted to transfer the sum of \$782.50 from Free Cash to the Agent to Defend Suits Account to pay for unforeseen legal expenses.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7 of the town's Personnel By-Law by adding the following paragraphs:

"Any employee working an average of less than 20 hours per week for 52 weeks per year shall move one step every two years within his/her respective grade.

Any employee working an average of 20 hours or more per week for 52 weeks per year shall move one step every year within his/her respective grade.

All employees covered under this by-law must submit requests for pay on time sheets available from the Town Treasurer before their pay can be processed. In addition, other forms may be required.", or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Personnel Board)

The town voted to amend Section 7 of the town's Personnel By-Law by adding the following paragraphs:

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Any employee working an average of 20 hours or more per week for 52 weeks per year shall move one step every year within his/her respective grade.

All employees covered under this by-law must submit requests for pay on time sheets available from the Town Treasurer before their pay can be processed. In addition, other forms may be required."

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to impose a lien on property under Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1987 relative to unpaid mobile home park fees, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer)

The town voted to authorize the Tax Collector to impose a lien on property under Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1987 relative to unpaid mobile home park fees.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition and renovations to the Brookfield Elementary School, including costs incidental and related thereto, to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Elementary School Building Committee). 2/3 vote required.

The Town voted the sum of \$5,740,000.00 to be appropriated for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition and renovations to the Brookfield Elementary School, including costs incidental and related thereto, and that to raise such appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$5,740,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Mass. General Laws or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended and supplemented, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes therefore, with the following provisions:

1. provided that no money shall be expended under this vote unless the Town shall have voted at a regular or special election to exempt the amounts required to pay the bonds or notes from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so called, and
2. provided that no money shall be borrowed or expended under this vote in the excess of a sum not exceeding \$240,000.00 for architectural plans and other preliminary expenses until the project has been approved by the State Board of Education for a school construction grant of 84% of eligible principal and interest costs under Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and
3. that the Brookfield School Building Committee is authorized to sign contracts and take such other action as may be necessary to carry out the project.

Vote: 131 Yes, 4 No

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. 146 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 16th day of January 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 January 17, 1990 at 9:05 a.m. and the Post Office on January 17, 1990 at 9:15 a.m.

A true Copy. Attest

Linda M. Lincoln
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 1990

THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE IS PRESENTING FOR YOUR APPROVAL THE PLANS FOR AN ADDITION WITH RENOVATIONS TO THE PRESENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THIS PROJECT WILL INCREASE THE ENROLLMENT CAPACITY TO 600 STUDENTS, AND PROVIDE THE MUCH NEEDED FACILITIES THAT WILL SUPPORT THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

THE ORIGINAL BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1957. AN ADDITION BUILT IN 1973 INCREASED ENROLLMENT CAPACITY TO 300. THE PRESENT ENROLLMENT OF 313 STUDENTS, IS ACUTELY STRAINING OUR PRESENT FACILITY. DUE TO LACK OF CONVENTIONAL CLASSROOM SPACE SOME TEACHERS ARE USING HALLWAYS AND CLOSETS FOR WORK SPACE AND STORAGE. THE KITCHEN, COMBINATION CAFETORIUM GYMNASIUM AND PARKING FACILITIES ARE ALL INADEQUATE FOR THE PRESENT ENROLLMENT.

OUR TOWN IS EXPERIENCING A STEADY CONTINUED GROWTH RATE. AN INCREASING NUMBER OF FAMILIES ARE BUILDING HOMES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. IN ADDITION SEVERAL LARGER SCALE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE PROGRESSED FROM THE PLANNING STAGE TO THE BUILDING STAGE. THIS MEANS INCREASED ENROLLMENT TO OUR ALREADY OVERCROWDED SCHOOL.

A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT HAS BEEN PUT IN THIS PROJECT TO ASSURE THAT THE PLANS BEING PRESENTED HERE THIS EVENING WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO STATE AND TOWN BOARDS THAT WILL GOVERN THIS PROJECT, AS WELL AS THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN. THE COMMITTEE HAS RELIED ON THE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE OF ROLAND WILSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, JOHN SINNOTT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, LINDA DENAULT PRINCIPAL AND OF COURSE OUR ARCHITECT ROGER HOIT OF STREKALOVSKY & HOIT. IN NOVEMBER PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL FACILITIES SERVICES BUREAU. THE PROJECT WAS PRESENTED TO TOWN OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC IN THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THIS PROJECT IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH OF 84% OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST. IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE TOWNS POSITION FOR THIS FUNDING, COMPLETED ARCHITECTURAL PLANS WITH THE TOWNS APPROVAL MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE OF 1990.

WE ARE HERE THIS EVENING TO VOTE ON FUNDING THIS PROJECT. A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR A DEBT EXCLUSION VOTE WILL BE HELD MONDAY FEBRUARY 5TH. THE NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS IS EVIDENT. THIS PROJECT IS FEASIBLE, COST EFFECTIVE AND TIMELY. THE COMPLETED PROJECT WILL ADEQUATELY SERVE THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF OUR CHILDREN AND PROVIDE A COMMUNITY FACILITY THAT WE ALL CAN BE PROUD OF.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

DIANNE GERO CROOK, CHAIRMAN
HARRISON ACHILLES
PATRICIA BOUCHER
ROGER CHARPENTIER

JAMES DAHLER
GERALD KAY
RICHARD WOODARD