

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 6, 1991**

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 Town on Monday, the sixth day of May next at 12:00 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 Assessor for three years; One member of the Elementary School Committee for three years; One member of the Board of Health for three years; One member of the Board of Health for one year; One Water Commissioner for three years; One Trustee for Shade Tree & Cemetery Funds for three years; One Cemetery Commissioner for three years; Two Trustees for Merrick Public Library for three years; One member of the Planning Board for five years; One member of the Housing Authority for four years; One member of the Housing Authority for two years; One Tax Collector for three years; One Tree Warden for three years; One Moderator for one year.

The polls will open at 12:00 noon and shall be closed at 7:00 in the evening.

Elected as Follows:

MODERATOR	1 Year	BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3 Years
James W. Allen	570	Geroge W. Beeman	375
Blanks	88	Dianne Gero Crook	277
		Blanks	6
ASSESSOR	3 Years	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 Years
Bonita R. Porter	497	Michael H. Benjamin	494
Robert Pentecost	4	Blanks	164
Blanks	157		
WATER COMMISSIONER	3 Years	BOARD OF HEALTH	3 Years
Russell Willett	480	Marlene M. Fairbrother	534
Donald Faugno	5	Blanks	124
Blanks	173		
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	3 Years	BOARD OF HEALTH	1 Year
Craig McNeely	522	Mary Joan Hawkins	483
Donald Faugno	1	Blanks	175
Blanks	135		
TRUSTEE SHADE TREE	3 Years	TREE WARDEN	3 Years
Craig McNeely	512	Allen Martell	543
Blanks	146	Blanks	115
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	3 Years	PLANNING BOARD	5 Years
Gloria Faugno	507	Herbert Grant	242
Douglas Martell	446	Michael Thibeault	392
Blanks	363	Blanks	24
TAX COLLECTOR	3 Years	HOUSING AUTHORITY	4 Years
Diane G. Martell	567	Todd Richer	4
Linda Lincoln	1	John Spencer	3
Blanks	90	David Wessell	2
		Paul Ayers	1
HOUSING AUTHORITY	2 Years	Bruce Clarke	1
David Wessell	3	Lee Terry	1
Bruce Gadaire	1	Herbert Grant	1
John Spencer	1	Bill Varnum	1
Bertha Nolan	1	Carolyn Murray	1
Blanks	652	Blanks	643

A total of 658 votes was cast.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1991 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 2. 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 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1991 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer)

The Town 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 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1991 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 3. 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. (Sponsored by the Treasurer)

The Town voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to foreclose on certain Tax Titles held by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 4. 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 holding said sale, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer)

The Town 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 holding said sale.

ARTICLE 5. 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. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees)

The Town voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Improvement Account all the money received from the sale of lots up to December 31, 1990, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery Commissioners)

The Town voted to transfer from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Improvement Account the sum of \$1,050.00 which is all the money received from the sale of lots up to December 31, 1990.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 1992 pursuant to Chapter 44, section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer)

The Town voted to authorize its Treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 1992 pursuant to Chapter 44, section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Tax Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 1992 pursuant to Chapter 44, section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Tax Collector)

The Town voted to authorize its Tax Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 1992 pursuant to Chapter 44, section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Library Expense Account the sum of money which was collected through December 31, 1990 for overdue books, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees)

The Town voted to transfer to the Library Expense Account the sum of \$929.35 which was collected through December 31, 1990 for overdue books.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer all Grave Fees received up to December 31, 1990 to the Cemetery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery Commissioners)

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$2,850.00 which is all Grave Fees received up to December 31, 1990 to the Cemetery Expense Account.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Library Expense Account a sum of money which was collected through December 31, 1990 for the use of the copy machine, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees)

The Town voted to transfer to the Library Expense Account the sum of \$485.45 which was collected through December 31, 1990 for the use of the copy machine.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Historical Commission Expenses Account the sum of money which was collected through the sale of walking tour booklets and also from donations collected for dated plaques, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Historical Commission)

The Town voted to transfer to the Historical Commission Expenses Account the sum of \$734.00 which was collected through the sale of walking tour booklets and also from donations collected for dated plaques.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1990, thereby allowing the town to receive Enhanced 911 service as defined in said act and if acceptance and notification to the Secretary of Commonwealth of said acceptance occurs on or before December 11, 1991, the town will also receive, at no cost to it, the benefits of Enhanced 911 network features and network components, including at least one public safety answering point, and any other Enhanced 911 network features that may be made available by the statewide emergency telecommunications board, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1990, thereby allowing the town to receive Enhanced 911 service as defined in said act and if acceptance and notification to the Secretary of Commonwealth of said acceptance occurs on or before December 11, 1991, the town will also receive, at no cost to it, the benefits of Enhanced 911 network features and network components, including at least one public safety answering point, and any other Enhanced 911 network features that may be made available by the statewide emergency telecommunications board.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. General Laws Chapter 41, section 25 which would make the positions of the Board of Assessors appointed by the Selectmen rather than by election of the voters beginning with the May 1992 annual town election, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Assessors)

This article was defeated.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter V of the By-Laws of the Town of Brookfield by adding the following: "Section 6. Any local license or permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board, officer or department for any person, corporation or business enterprise who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges shall be denied, revoked or suspended. This by-law shall be administered and enforced according to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 57.", or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Tax Collector)

The Town voted to amend Chapter V of the By-Laws of the Town of Brookfield by adding the following: "Section 6. Any local license or permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board, officer or department for any person, corporation or business enterprise who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges shall be denied, revoked or suspended. This by-law shall be administered and enforced according to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 57."

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter XI of the By-Laws of the Town of Brookfield by adding the following: "Section 7. No person shall place, cause to be placed, or operate any automobile, van or truck on the surface of the ice of any lake in the town of Brookfield.", or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

This article was defeated.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of the town's Personnel By-Law by adding a new position entitled Certified Secondary Water Operator at Grade 9, 340 points and to accept the job description for this position, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Personnel Board)

The Town voted to amend Section 2 of the town's Personnel By-Law by adding a new position entitled Certified Secondary Water Operator at Grade 9, 340 points and to accept the job description for this position.

Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. until June 24, 1991.

Annual Town Meeting resumed at 7:25 p.m. on June 24, 1991.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. MODERATOR

a. Salary	50
b. Expenses	0
Total Moderator	50

2. SELECTMEN

a. Salaries	5,250
b. Expenses	2,000
c. Support Salaries	17,304
Total Selectmen	24,554

3. ADVISORY BOARD

a. Clerk Salary	0
b. Expenses	150
Total Advisory Board	150

4. TOWN ACCOUNTANT

a. Salary	11,330
b. Expenses	250
c. Clerk	1,600
Total Acct. Officer	13,180

5. ASSESSORS

a. Salaries	20,085
b. Expenses	9,640
c. Clerk	2,000
Total Assessors	31,725

6. TREASURER

a. Salary	7,725.00
b. Expenses	2,185.00
c. Clerk	1,928.16
d. Banking Services	3,000.00
Total Treasurer	14,838.16

7. TAX COLLECTOR	
a. Salary	5,407.50
b. Expenses	3,256.50
c. Clerk	2,107.38
Total Tax Collector	10,771.38
8. TOWN COUNSEL	
a. Salary	2,800
b. Agent-Suits	1,500
Total Town Counsel	4,300
9. TOWN CLERK	
a. Salary	4,944.00
b. Expenses	1,300.00
c. Census	2,047.50
d. Dog Licenses	150.00
Total Town Clerk	8,441.50
10. ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	
a. Salaries	2,163
b. Expenses	500
Total Elec. & Reg.	2,663
11. PERSONNEL BOARD	100
12. CONSERVATION COMMISSION	1,000
13. PLANNING BOARD	
a. Clerk-Salary	3,605
b. Expenses	1,150
Total Planning Board	4,755
14. BOARD OF APPEALS	500
15. TOWN HALL	
a. Custodian	6,489
b. Expenses	7,000
Total Town Hall	13,489
16. GEN. INSURANCE	70,000
17. PRINT TOWN REPORT	1,400
18. MUNICIPAL FUEL	5,500
19. POLICE DEPARTMENT	
a. Salaries	64,346.16
b. Expenses	20,991.75
Total Police Dept.	85,337.91
20. FIRE DEPARTMENT	
a. Salaries	8,250
b. Expenses	16,575
Total Fire Dept.	24,825
21. EMERGENCY SQUAD	
a. Salaries	6,180
b. Expenses	7,300
c. Clerk	1,854
Total Emergency Squad	15,334
22. REGIONAL DISPATCH	27,564
23. BUILDING INSPECTOR	
a. Salary	2,575
b. Expenses	500
Total Building Inspector	3,075
24. ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	
a. Salary - Asst. Bldg Insp.	515
b. Salary - ZEO	1,030
Total Asst. Bld. Inspctr/ZEO	1,545

25. GAS INSPECTOR	
a. Salary	850
b. Expenses	25
Total Gas Inspector	875
26. PLUMBING INSPECTOR	
a. Salary	850
b. Expenses	25
Total Plumbing Inspector	875
27. WIRING INSPECTOR	
a. Salary	1,390.50
b. Expenses	200.00
Total Wiring Inspector	1,590.50
28. CIVIL DEFENSE EXP.	1.00
29. DOG OFFICER	
a. Salary	824
b. Expenses	1,000
Total Dog Officer	1,824
30. TREE WARDEN	2,000
31. INSECT PEST CONTROL	500
32. DUTCH ELM DISEASE	1,950
<u>HIGHWAYS</u>	
33. GENERAL HIGHWAY	
a. Salaries	62,325.30
b. Expenses	55,575.00
c. Plow private roads	1.00
34. STREET LIGHTS	9,000
35. SIDEWALKS	0
36. BRIDGES/RAILS/SIGNS	1,500
37. <u>WATER DEPARTMENT</u>	
a. Clerk Salary	2,678
b. Commissioners Salary	990
c. Operating Salary	26,574
d. Expenses	22,514
e. Service Account	3,665
TOTAL WATER DEPT	56,421
38. <u>CEMETERY</u>	
a. Salaries	7,000
b. Expenses	3,000
TOTAL CEMETERY	10,000
39. <u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>	
a. Salaries	1,800
b. Animal Inspector	824
c. Expenses	1,800
d. Inspectors	3,000
e. Septage Hauling	10,000
40. LANDFILL	
a. Salaries	10,250
b. Expenses	14,360
TOTAL HEALTH	42,034
41. <u>HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS</u>	
a. S. Cent. Mass. Clinic	535
b. Comm. Health Program	731
c. Tri-Link	2,000
d. Elder Home Care	505
42. COUNCIL ON AGING EXP.	300
a. Medi-Car	1,000
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	5,071

VETERANS BENEFITS

43. DIR OF VETERANS SERVICES

a. Salary 515.00
b. Expenses 50.00

44. VETERANS AGENT

a. Salary 2,060.00
b. Expenses 50.00
c. Case Work 5,000.00
TOTAL VETS SERVICES 7,675.00

45. PUBLIC LIBRARY

a. Salaries 17,911.70
b. Expenses 5,295.25
TOTAL LIBRARY 23,206.95

46. RECREATION COMMISSION

3,650.00

47. SOUTH POND

a. Salaries 3,600.00
b. Expenses 400.00

48. COMMON/XMAS TREE

682.50

49. MEMORIAL DAY

975.00

50. HISTORICAL COMM

250.00

51. CENTRAL MASS. REG. PLANNING

427.39

52. DEBT & INTEREST

a. Maturing Debt-Prin 12,000.00
b. Maturing Debt-Int 1,296.00
c. Temp Loans-Int 19,400.00
d. Certif of Notes 100.00
TOTAL DEBT/INTEREST 32,796.00

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

53. WORC. COUNTY RETIREMENT 21,749.00

54. UNEMPLOYMENT INS. 2,000.00

55. GROUP INSURANCE 87,750.00

56. MEDICARE/TOWN SHARE 10,000.00

TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 121,499.00

EDUCATION

57. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

a. School Comm - Sal 1,500.00
b. School Dept. 1,317,309.00
Total Elem. School 1,318,809.00

58. REGIONAL SCHOOL

a. School Comm - Expenses 200.00
b. Regional Assess 605,191.00
Total Reg. School 605,391.00

TOTAL EDUCATION 1,924,200.00

59. RESERVE & STABILIZATION

a. Reserve Fund 12,000.00
b. Stabilization Fund 0
TOTAL RESERVE/STABIL. 12,000.00

TOTALS 2,748,702.59

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of the town's Personnel By-law by changing the grade for Water Superintendent to Grade 12, 430 points, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Personnel Board)

The Town voted to amend Section 2 of the town's Personnel By-law by changing the grade for Water Superintendent to Grade 12, 430 points. Vote: 57 Yes, 12 No

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Cemetery Interest Account to the Cemetery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery Commissioners)

The Town voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to pay to the town of Abington, Mass. the town of Brookfield's share of benefits paid to Mary Palopoli, widow of Leonard Palopoli, due as a result of services rendered to the Town of Brookfield in the years 1931-40, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,267.20 to pay to the town of Abington, Mass. the town of Brookfield's share of benefits paid to Mary Palopoli, widow of Leonard Palopoli, due as a result of services rendered to the Town of Brookfield in the years 1931-40.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the New Ambulance Fund Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)

The Town voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to be used with or without funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be used with or without funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the Stabilization Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Advisory Board)

The Town voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 25. 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, 1991 to June 30, 1992, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Assessors)

The Town voted to authorize the Assessors to use the sum of \$42,299.50 from available funds in the Treasury for the reduction of the Tax Levy for the period from July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a new cruiser and dispose of the 1987 cruiser, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Police Department)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 and to transfer the sum of \$7,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund, totalling \$17,000.00 to purchase a new cruiser and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 1987 cruiser.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase protective equipment for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to purchase protective equipment for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase pocket pagers for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to purchase pocket pagers for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for a hydrogeologic assessment of various soil samples to be gathered from beneath the pumping station at Well No. 1, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Water Commissioners)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for a hydrogeologic assessment of various soil samples to be gathered from beneath the pumping station at Well No. 1.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for a survey plan and description of an easement of land owned by Robert McCarthy for the installation and maintenance of an eight-inch water supply line from the Old West Brookfield Road to Route 9 in Brookfield, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Water Commissioners)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for a survey plan and description of an easement of land owned by Robert McCarthy for the installation and maintenance of an eight-inch water supply line from the Old West Brookfield Road to Route 9 in Brookfield.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to pay, in addition to the payment of fifty per cent of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the town and their dependents and retired employees, a subsidiary or additional rate, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The Town voted to pay an additional ten percent, for a total of sixty per cent, of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the town and their dependents and retired employees.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint one of its members to provide additional services for the Board of Assessors and to provide compensation therefore at a rate of \$10.00 per hour to be paid from the Assessors Expenses Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Assessors)

The Town voted to pass over this article.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall on May 1, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. and the Post Office on May 1, 1991 at 10:15 a.m., seven days at least before the time of the holding of 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 the meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 13th day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one.

George W. Beeman
Irvin M. Filler
Richard W. Woodard

SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD

A true copy, attest:

Harvey Bennett
Constable of Brookfield

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M. 97 people attended the meeting on
June 24, 1991

A True Copy Attest:

Linda M. Lincoln, Town Clerk