

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 9, 1997 7:30 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. To elect all on one ballot the following officers: One Moderator for one year; One Selectman for three years; One Assessor for three years; One Tax Collector 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 Planning Board for five years; One Cemetery Commissioner for three years; One Trustee for Shade Tree & Cemetery Funds for three years and Two Trustees for Merrick Public Library for three years; One Trustee for Merrick Public Library for two years and One member of the Housing Authority for five years. (See page 9).

ARTICLE 2. 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.

The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year. (See page 10).

ARTICLE 3. 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, 1997 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 unanimously 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, 1997 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 4. 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 unanimously to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to foreclose on certain Tax Titles held by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 5. 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 Tax Collector).

The Town voted unanimously 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 fourteen 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 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, section 57C which would allow for the quarterly billing and collection of real estate and personal property tax bills, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Tax Collector).

The Town voted by majority to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, section 57C which would allow for the quarterly billing and collection of real estate and personal property tax bills beginning in fiscal Year 1999.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1 of Chapter IV of the Town of Brookfield's By-Laws by deleting the sentence "No elective or appointed town officer or employee shall be eligible to serve on said committee" and adding in its place, "Elected or appointed town officers or employees shall be eligible to serve, however, they must abstain from voting on articles affecting their department", or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Advisory Board).

The Town voted by majority to amend Section 1 of Chapter IV of the Town of Brookfield's By-Laws by deleting the sentence "No elective or appointed town officer or employee shall be eligible to serve on said committee" and adding in its place, "Elected or appointed town officers or employees shall be eligible to serve, however, they must abstain from voting on articles affecting their department".

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter V of the Town of Brookfield's By-Laws by adding Section 6, to create a Capital Improvement Planning Committee, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 41, section 106B to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board).

The Town voted by majority to amend Chapter V of the Town of Brookfield's By-Laws by adding Section 6, to create a Capital Improvement Planning Committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and to read as follows:

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 41, section 106B, a Capital Improvement Planning Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to be composed of the following: one member of the Advisory Board, one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Treasurer's office, one member of the Brookfield School Committee (or its designee) and three or more members of the community holding no appointed or elected office in the town. The Town Accountant shall be an ex-officio member, having no right to vote. The committee shall elect its own officers. All members shall serve a term of one year beginning on the first of May of each year subsequent to the initial year of the creation of the committee. The purpose of the committee shall be to study proposed capital outlays involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects which:

- 1) are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years
- 2) have a useful life of at least five years
- 3) cost over \$10,000.00

The committee shall prepare and submit to the Selectmen in February of each year an annual report recommending a Capital Improvement budget for the next fiscal year and a Capital Improvement Program including recommended capital improvements for the following five fiscal years. The Selectmen shall review and approve the report and submit it to the Annual Town Meeting for acceptance by the town.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Brookfield's By-Laws so as to provide appropriate numerical sequences for various sections that are currently improperly numbered, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen).

The Town voted unanimously to amend the Town of Brookfield's By-Laws by making the following numerical changes:

- Renumber the first Section 15 of Chapter X to become Section 12.
- Renumber the second Section 3 of Chapter XII to become 4.
- Renumber Section 7 of Chapter XII to become Section 4.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the town's zoning by-law by deleting the words "Manufactured or" from the definition currently listed as "Manufactured or Modular Home" and to add to the definition of "Mobile Home" the sentence "This definition is intended to include manufactured homes as defined by Massachusetts General Laws", or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board and the Building Inspector).

The Town voted by majority to amend the town's zoning by-law by deleting the words "Manufactured or" from the definition currently listed as "Manufactured or Modular Home" and to add to the definition of "Mobile Home" the sentence "This definition is intended to include manufactured homes as defined by Massachusetts General Laws". 100 Yes, 2 No

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to allow a member of the Board of Health, as special municipal employee, to hold the position of Health Agent and to provide compensation therefore, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Town will voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members as Health Agent and to provide compensation at a rate of \$25.00 per inspection.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to be the Title V administrator and to provide compensation therefore, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to be the Title V administrator and to provide compensation at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to appoint one of its members to serve as a secondary operator and to provide compensation therefore, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Water Commissioners).

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to appoint one of its members to serve as a secondary water operator at a rate of \$11.00 per hour.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the use of driven wells and dug wells adjacent to the Quaboag River in the town of Brookfield and to abandon the well site, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Water Commissioners).

The Town voted unanimously to discontinue the use of driven wells and dug wells adjacent to the Quaboag River in the town of Brookfield and to abandon the well site.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue use as a public water supply a reservoir located in North Brookfield, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Water Commissioners).

The Town voted unanimously to discontinue the status of the Cooley Hill Reservoir as a public water supply.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for Brookfield Local Public Access under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to authorize the license fee paid by Pegasus Cable and all monies raised through advertising and fundraising to be deposited in said revolving fund, provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$15,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Local Public Access Committee).

The Town voted unanimously to establish a revolving fund for Brookfield Local Public Access under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to authorize the license fee paid by Pegasus Cable and all monies raised through advertising and fundraising to be deposited in said revolving fund, provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$15,000.00.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Planning Board under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from legal advertising fees from applicants and to expend these monies to pay all costs associated with advertising for hearings provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$1,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board).

The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Planning Board under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from legal advertising fees from applicants and to expend these monies to pay all costs associated with advertising for hearings provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$1,000.00.



SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108-1698

July 17, 1997

Linda M. Lincoln
Town Clerk
6 Central St.
Brookfield, Massachusetts 01506

Dear Ms. Lincoln:

I return the amendments to the zoning by-laws adopted under article 10 of the warrant for the Brookfield annual town meeting that first convened on May 9, 1997, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

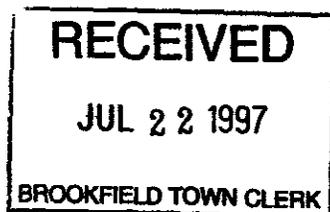
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan A. Abbott".

Jonathan A. Abbott
Assistant Attorney General
Chief, Municipal Law Unit
(617) 727-2200 x 2096

Enc.

cc: Vincent McCaughey, Esq., P.O. Box 601, Warren, MA





OFFICE OF THE
Town Clerk

BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01506

May 21, 1997

This is to certify that at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 9, 1997, Article #10 was approved by a vote of 108-2.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the town's zoning by-law by deleting the words "Manufactured or" from the definition currently listed as "Manufactured or Modular Home" and to add to the definition of "Mobile Home" the sentence "This definition is intended to include manufactured homes as defined by Massachusetts General Laws".

The town voted by a vote of 108-2 to amend the town's zoning by-law by deleting the words "Manufactured or" from the definition currently listed as "Manufactured or Modular Home" and to add to the definition of "Mobile Home" the sentence "This definition is intended to include manufactured homes as defined by Massachusetts General Laws".

A true copy, attest:

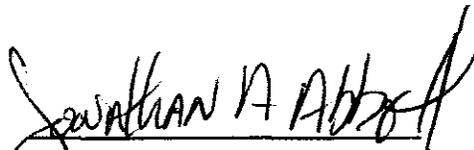
Linda M. Lincoln

Linda M. Lincoln
Town Clerk

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the zoning by-laws adopted under article(s) 10 of the warrant for the Brookfield town meeting that convened on May 9, 1997, are approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL



by Jonathan A. Abbott
Assistant Attorney General

July 17, 1997

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from permits issued by the Board of Health for construction and demolition debris at the landfill and to expend these monies to pay all costs associated with covering construction and demolition debris at the landfill provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$15,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from permits issued by the Board of Health for construction and demolition debris at the landfill and to expend these monies to pay all costs associated with covering construction and demolition debris at the landfill provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$15,000.00.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from grant funds and/or betterment payments from homeowners and to expend these monies to pay all costs associated with the Septic System Repair Program provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$100,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from grant funds and/or betterment payments from homeowners and to expend these monies to pay all costs associated with the Septic System Repair Program provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$100,000.00.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the 325th Anniversary Committee under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from the sale of souvenirs and admission to events and to expend these monies to pay all costs associated with the celebration provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$50,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the 325th Anniversary Committee).

The Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the 325th Anniversary Committee under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from the sale of souvenirs and admission to events and to expend these monies to pay all costs associated with the celebration provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$50,000.00.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Improvement Fund all the money received from the sale of lots up to December 31, 1996, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery Commissioners).

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$7,780.00 which is all the money received from the sale of lots up to December 31, 1996 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Improvement Fund.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the interest accrued from the Cemetery Trust Funds to the Cemetery Salary Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery Commissioners).

The Town voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the interest accrued from the Cemetery Trust Funds to the Cemetery Expenses Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery Commissioners).

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$5,600.00 from the interest accrued from the Cemetery Trust Funds to the Cemetery Expenses Account.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant, on behalf of the town, an easement to Nynex for a sum of money for the placement of a community service cabinet to be used for communication purposes at the Lewis Field, said sum to be placed in an account to be expended by the Recreation Commission for the improvement of Lewis Field, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen).

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant, on behalf of the town, an easement to Nynex for the sum of \$5,000.00 for the placement of a community service cabinet to be used for communication purposes at the Lewis Field, said sum to be placed in an account to be expended by the Recreation Commission for the improvement of Lewis Field.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the New Ambulance Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad).

The Town voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 26. 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 unanimously 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 27. 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 unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to be used with or without funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the Landfill Closure Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Town voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Board of Health's Construction and Demolition Account to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from the Board of Health's Construction and Demolition Account to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to remove and replace the existing underground tanks at the library and the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Library Trustees).

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to remove and replace the existing underground tanks at the library and the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money as Brookfield's share of matching funds to be used in conjunction with a Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Fund Grant to restore the slate roof, copper valleys, flashings and front doors of the library, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees).

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,225.00 as Brookfield's share of matching funds to be used in conjunction with a Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Fund Grant to restore the slate roof, copper valleys, flashings and front doors of the library.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a computer and any other hardware and software necessary to establish a network in the Collector/Treasurer's office, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Treasurer).

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to purchase a computer and any other hardware and software necessary to establish a network in the Collector/Treasurer's office.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase and install a new furnace in the ambulance barn, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad).

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to purchase and install a new furnace in the ambulance barn.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to pay salaries for the Hazmat team members, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department).

The Town voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a new fire truck, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department).

The Town voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a slide-in tank/pump unit for the secondary forestry unit, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department).

The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to purchase a slide-in tank/pump unit for the secondary forestry unit.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to make needed repairs to the roof of the fire station, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department).

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to make needed repairs to the roof of the fire station.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the 325th anniversary celebration of the town, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the 325th Committee).

The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the 325th anniversary celebration of the town.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the construction of septic systems for the subsurface disposal of sanitary waste or for loans to property owners for such purposes, and to determine whether this appropriation should be raised by borrowing under Chapter 44, by borrowing under Chapter 29C (the Massachusetts Water Pollution Trust) or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health).

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including, without limitation, all costs thereof defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the Mass. General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$200,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefore under M.G.L. Chapter 111, section 127B1/2 and/or Chapter 29C of the Mass. General Laws; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof, and that the Board of Selectmen or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Dept. of Environmental Protection to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the purchase of a 20 horsepower lawnmower for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Highway Department).

The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 for the purchase of a 20 horsepower lawnmower for the Highway Department

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the purchase an Optech IIP vote tabulator, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Town Clerk).

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,495.00 for the purchase an Optech IIP vote tabulator for town elections.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the purposes of settling a lawsuit against the town brought by Michaela Kelley, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen).

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum \$3,000.00 for the purposes of settling a lawsuit against the town brought by Michaela Kelley.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the decommissioning and demolition of wells and to dispose of demolition material from the wellsite adjacent to the Quaboag River, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Water Commissioners).

The Town voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay for engineering reports and approval of the decommissioning and demolition of wells and to dispose of demolition material from the wellsite adjacent to the Quaboag River.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for capital expenditures at Brookfield Elementary School to complete the building project, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the School Committee).

The Town voted by majority to borrow \$120,643.00 and include said borrowing with funds previously approved from borrowing and excluded from the provisions of proposition 2 1/2 for the renovation and addition to the Town's elementary school for the purposes as stated in the article. 108 Yes, 2 No

ARTICLE 45. 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 46. 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, 1997 to June 30, 1998, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Assessors).

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Assessors to transfer the sum of \$45,639.00 from the Stabilization Fund to reduce the Tax Levy for the period from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998 .

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. 110 people attended the meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall and Post Office in said Town, 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 15th day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

S/Robert R. Ayers, Sr.
Philip H. Peirce
Richard A. Chaffee
SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD

A True Copy. Attest:
S/Harvey Bennett, Constable

WORCESTER SS

A True Copy. Attest:
Linda M. Lincoln, Town Clerk

Elected as follows:

Moderator, 1 Year

James W. Allen 176
Blanks 19

Selectman, 3 Years

Floyd L. Moores 128
Lucy Beeman 51
Bonita Porter 1
Donald Faugno 1
Blanks 14

Assessor, 3 Years

Linda M. Lincoln 175
Blanks 20

School Committee, 3 Years

Edson S. Davis 125
Terry McIsaac 8
Pat Boucher 2
Gary Lincoln 1
Barbara Simpson 1
Susan Ayers 1
Denise Charpentier 1
Laura McManus 1
Blanks 55

Regional School Committee, 3 Years

Terry McIsaac 35
Pat Boucher 21
Edson Davis 3
Lucy Beeman 1
Wendy Perkins 1
Diane Martell 1
Peter Masuzzo 1
Shirley Robbins 1
Blanks 131

Tax Collector, 3 Years

Diane G. Martell 159
Ed Juda 1
Blanks 35

Board of Health, 3 Years

Robert A. Wentzell 164
Blanks 31

Water Commissioner, 3 Years

Russell Willett 154
Roger Charpentier 3
Peter Martell 1
Blanks 37

Planning Board, 5 Years

Carl R. Robbins 153
Blanks 42

Tree Warden, 3 Years

Allen Martell 177
Blanks 18

Cemetery Commissioner, 3 Years

Michael P. Seery 175
Blanks 20

Trustee for Shade Tree & Cemetery

Funds, 3 Years

Michael Seery 7
Ray Mayo 1
Roger Dean 1
Allen Martell 1
Ron Couture 2
William Simpson 1
James Allen 1
Michael Filler 1
Helen Jablonski 1
Edson Davis 1
Peter Klenk 1
Ed Juda 1
Blanks 176

Trustee for Merrick Public Library, 3 Years

Linda Barron 146
Helen Jablonski 154
Blanks 90

Trustee for Merrick Public Library, 2 Years

Barbara Clancy 164
James Dennis Hanson 1
Blanks 30

Housing Authority, 5 Years

Joseph Gadbois 148
Kathleen Wild 1
Blanks 46

	Expended FY 96	Appropriated FY 97	Requested FY 98	Recommended FY 98
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
1. MODERATOR	50.00	50	50	50
2. SELECTMEN				
a. Salaries	5405.40	5408	5408	5570
b. Expenses	2084.35	2162	2250	2150
c. Admin. Asst Salary	19838.00	20846	21888	21888
TOTAL SELECTMEN	27327.75	28416.00	29546.00	29608.00
3. ADVISORY BOARD				
a. Expenses	115.00	200	385	385
b. Clerk Salary	0.00	500	300	300
TOTAL ADVISORY BOARD	115.00	700.00	685.00	685.00
4. TOWN ACCOUNTANT				
a. Salary	13718.00	14000	14000	14000
b. Expenses	231.00	175	175	175
c. Professional Services	2240.00	7000	7000	7000
TOTAL ACCOUNTANT	16189.00	21175.00	21175.00	21175.00
5. ASSESSORS				
a. Salaries	21308.99	21948	22606	22606
b. Expenses	2438.81	6800	6800	5250
c. Computer	836.00	900	900	900
d. Consulting Services	0.00	7000	8000	8000
TOTAL ASSESSORS	24583.80	36648.00	38306.00	36756.00
6. TREASURER				
a. Salary	8196.00	8400	8820	8820
b. Expenses	5725.31	5251	5251	4921
c. Clerk	4708.19	5200	6396	5500
d. Banking Services	18.19	1000	1000	1000
TOTAL TREASURER	18647.69	19851.00	21467.00	20241.00
7. TAX COLLECTOR				
a. Salary	5737.00	5900	6200	6200
b. Expenses	3961.42	4600	4270	4270
c. Clerk	1492.05	1612	1850	1660
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR	11190.47	12112.00	12320.00	12130.00
8. TOWN COUNSEL				
a. Salary	2905.75	2971	3500	3500
b. Agent-Suits	1495.00	1500	1500	1500
TOTAL TOWN COUNSEL	4400.75	4471.00	5000.00	5000.00

	Expended FY 96	Appropriated FY 97	Requested FY 99	Recommended FY 98
9. TOWN CLERK				
a. Salary	5244.98	5401	5599	7051
b. Expenses	1488.03	1800	2375	1813
c. Dog Licenses	317.13	350	350	350
d. Asst. Town Clerk Salary	360.50	600	600	600
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	7410.64	8151.00	8924.00	9814.00
10. ELECTIONS/REGISTRATIONS				
a. Salaries	1142.25	2000	1100	1100
b. Expenses	377.43	1200	1565	1565
c. Census Salary	1415.50	2000	1200	1200
d. Census Expenses	999.50	1500	100	100
TOTAL ELEC. & REG.	3934.68	6700.00	3965.00	3965.00
11. CONSERVATION COMMISSION	120.12	500	500	500
12. PLANNING BOARD				
a. Clerk-Salary	731.31	2000	2000	2000
b. Expenses	2725.16	1800	1450	1450
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	3456.47	3800.00	3450.00	3450.00
13. BOARD OF APPEALS				
a. Clerk-Salary	0.00	530	530	530
b. Expenses	187.38	700	1050	980
TOTAL BOARD OF APPEALS	187.38	1230.00	1580.00	1510.00
14. TOWN HALL				
a. Custodian	7160.00	7375	7596	7596
b. Expenses	8241.09	9000	9600	7750
TOTAL TOWN HALL	15401.09	16375.00	17196.00	15346.00
15. GENERAL INSURANCE	39764.00	50000	55000	55000
16. PRINT TOWN REPORT	701.00	1000	1000	1000
17. MUNICIPAL FUEL	8904.63	8000	8000	8000
TOTAL GEN. GOVT.	182384.47	219179.00	228164.00	224230.00

	Expended FY 96	Appropriated FY 97	Requested FY 98	Recommended FY 98
PUBLIC SAFETY				
18. POLICE DEPARTMENT				
a. Police Chief Salary	28345.76	32621	34824	33689
b. Other Salaries	45435.70	49689	60898	60898
c. Expenses	20989.93	18210	20330	18553
TOTAL POLICE DEPT.	94771.39	100500.00	116052.00	113140.00
19. FIRE DEPARTMENT				
a. Salaries	8883.25	10500	12900	10815
b. Expenses	11619.31	15800	16575	16120
c. Fixed Assets/Repairs/Repl.	0.00	5000	5000	5000
TOTAL FIRE DEPT.	20502.56	31300.00	34475.00	31935.00
19A. HAZ. MAT. DEPARTMENT				
			500	500
20. EMERGENCY SQUAD				
a. Salaries	11246.26	11000	13000	15000
b. Expenses	8717.57	9000	8750	8750
c. Clerk	700.00	700	720	720
d. Third Party Billing	2531.46	5000	5000	5000
TOTAL EMERGENCY SQUAD	20663.83	25700.00	27470.00	29470.00
21. TELEPHONE SERVICE				
		0	5100	5100
22. BUILDING INSPECTOR				
a. Salary	3652.00	4600	4738	4738
b. Expenses	40.25	1780	1200	1200
c. Asst. Building Inspector Salary	0.00	530	530	530
TOTAL BLDG INSPECTOR	3692.25	6910.00	6468.00	6468.00
23.ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFF.				
a. Expenses	1061.00	1061	1500	1500
TOTAL ZON. ENF. OFFICER	1061.00	1061	1850	1850
24. GAS/PLUMB. INSPECTOR				
a. Salary	902.00	1804	2000	1858
b. Expenses	0.00	50	100	50
TOTAL GAS/PLUMB. INSP.	902.00	1854.00	2100.00	1908.00
25. WIRING INSPECTOR				
a. Salary	1917.75	2000	2060	2060
b. Expenses	250.00	250	250	250
c. Asst. Wiring Inspector Salary	0.00	250	300	258
TOTAL WIRING INSPECTOR	2167.75	2500.00	2610.00	2568.00

	Expended FY 96	Appropriated FY 97	Requested FY 98	Recommended FY 98
26. HARBORMASTER	350.00	350	350	350
27. CIVIL DEFENSE	675.50	1000	1000	1000
28. DOG OFFICER				
a. Salary	867.00	1200	1236	1236
b. Expenses	3209.92	3500	3500	3500
c. Asst. Dog Officer Salary	112.00	400	900	500
TOTAL DOG OFFICER	4188.92	5600.00	5636.00	5236.00
29. TREE WARDEN	1042.00	2000	2000	2000
30. INSECT/PEST CONTROL	1560.00	500	500	500
31. SHADE TREE	1560.00	1950	1950	1950
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	153137.20	181225.00	208061.00	203975.00
HIGHWAYS				
32. GENERAL HIGHWAYS				
a. Salaries	79169.01	72988	76488	76488
b. Expenses	87299.79	36600	57000	56568
c. Plow Private Roads	0.00	1	1	1
d. Salt and Sand (Snow Acct.)	0.00	30500	10000	10000
e. Landfill Salaries	3285.83	4500	0	0
f. Landfill Cover	858.00	9000	0	0
33. STREET LIGHTS	9500.49	10000	10000	10000
34. SIDEWALKS	0.00	1000	1000	1000
35. BRIDGES/RAILS/SIGNS	30.00	1500	1500	1500
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	180143.12	166089.00	155989.00	155557.00
36. WATER DEPARTMENT				
a. Clerk Salary	4450.00	4200	4305	4305
b. Commissioners Salaries	1020.00	1500	1500	1500
c. Supt. Salary	31113.13	34895	36044	36044
d. Secondary Operator Salary	1880.00	2320	2390	2390
e. Expenses	33963.64	37080	37080	36648
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	72426.77	80095.00	81319.00	80887.00
37. CEMETERY				
a. Salaries	6417.04	ARTICLE	9000	7942
b. Expenses	3395.40	ARTICLE	6450	0
TOTAL CEMETERY	9812.44	0.00	15450.00	7942.00

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38. BOARD OF HEALTH				
a. Salaries	1379.43	1950	2048	2010
b. Clerk	1489.42	2000	2000	2000
c. Animal Inspector	874.00	874	874	874
d. Expenses	1793.03	1800	1800	1800
e. Inspectors	4200.00	6000	6000	6000
f. Septage Hauling	3588.78	10000	3000	3000
g. Title V Administration	0.00	1500	1800	1800
39. LANDFILL				
a. Monitor Salary	5636.15	6000	6180	6180
b. Asst. Monitor Salary	0.00	0	1300	1300
c. Landfill Cover Operator	0.00	0	4500	4500
d. Expenses	4508.45	5000	8500	8500
e. Landfill Cover	0.00	0	9000	9000
f. Well Tests	10503.80	10000	10000	10000
g. Engineering Services	0.00	2000	2000	2000
TOTAL HEALTH	33981.06	47124.00	59002.00	58964.00
40. HUMAN SERVICES				
a. South Central Mass. Clinic	0.00	535	535	535
b. Community Health Program	731.00	731	731	731
c. Elder Home Care	515.00	515	515	515
41. COUNCIL ON AGING				
a. Medi-Car	178.15	300	300	300
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	1000.00	2000	2000	2000
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	2424.15	4081.00	4081.00	4081.00
VETERANS BENEFITS				
42. DIR. VETS SERVICES				
a. Salary	546.00	546	546	562
b. Expenses	35.00	50	50	50
43. VETERANS AGENT				
a. Salary	2186.00	2186	2186	2252
b. Expenses	55.07	100	100	100
c. Case Work	1196.00	5000	5000	5000
TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES	4018.07	7882.00	7882.00	7964.00
44. PUBLIC LIBRARY				
a. Salaries	20960.85	25116	27797	28829
b. Expenses	15566.98	17525	18930	18555
TOTAL LIBRARY	36527.83	42641.00	46727.00	45384.00
45. RECREATION COMMISSION				
46. SOUTH POND				
a. Salaries	5188.47	4070	5050	5050
b. Expenses	2128.00	2200	2200	2200
Total South Pond	175.18	500	590	590
TOTAL SOUTH POND	2303.18	2700.00	2790.00	2790.00
TOTAL RECREATION	7491.65	6770.00	7840.00	7840.00

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MISCELLANEOUS				
47. COMMON/MALL/XTMAS TREE	575.65	750	750	750
48. MEMORIAL DAY	823.95	975	975	975
49. HISTORICAL COMMISSION	31.23	300	300	300
50. CENT.MA.REG.PLANNING	506.22	519	532	532
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	1937.05	2544.00	2557.00	2557.00
51. DEBT & INTEREST				
a. Maturing Debt-Principal	348000.00	338000	298000	298000
b. Maturing Debt-Interest	323671.26	298661	274322	274322
c. Temporary Loans- Interest	1425.13	5000	5000	5000
d. Certification of Notes	0.00	0	0	0
TOTAL DEBT/INTEREST	673096.39	641661.00	577322.00	577322.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
52. WORC. CTY RETIREMENT	42388.00	39238	46404	46404
53. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	3429.38	1000	1000	1000
54. GROUP INSURANCE	80875.23	90000	95000	90000
55. MEDICARE/TOWN SHARE	11978.67	11000	16000	16000
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	138671.28	141238.00	159404.00	153404.00
EDUCATION				
56. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
a. School Committee Salaries	1500.00	1500	1500	1500
b. School Department	1844968.28	1978417	2243692	2145000
Total Elementary School	1846468.28	1979917.00	2245192.00	2146500.00
57. REGIONAL SCHOOL				
a. School Committee Expenses	1000.00	1000	1000	1000
b. Regional Assessment	723109.00	747128	778521	778521
c. Transportation	32950.00	32950	32893	32893
Total Regional School	757059.00	781078.00	812414.00	812414.00
TOTAL EDUCATION	2603527.28	2760995.00	3057606.00	2956914.00
58. RESERVE & STABILIZATION				
a. Reserve Fund	0.00	5000	5000	5000
b. Stabilization Fund	78000.00	50000	0	0
TOTAL RESERVE/STABILIZATION	78000.00	55000.00	5000.00	5000.00
59. CULTURAL COUNCIL				
TOTALS	4177578.76	4356524.00	4618554.00	4497171.00