

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MAY 9, 1997 7:00 P.M.**

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Housing Rehabilitation/Recapture Account to pay for an accessibility survey of the Town Hall and the Merrick Public Library, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 from the Housing Rehabilitation/Recapture Account to pay for an accessibility survey of the Town Hall and the Merrick Public Library.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Planning Board Clerk Account to the Planning Board Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Planning Board Clerk Account to the Planning Board Expense Account.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the Medicare-Town Share Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$4,500.00 from the Group Insurance Account to the Medicare-Town Share Account.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Department Surplus Account to complete the tie-in project of the town's water system with the Town of West Brookfield's water system, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Water Commissioners).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Water Department Surplus Account to complete the tie-in project of the town's water system with the Town of West Brookfield's water system.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Department Surplus Account to purchase a storage container to be placed at the Quaboag Street pumping station, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Water Commissioners).

The town voted unanimously to transfer a sum not to exceed \$3,500.00 from the Water Department Surplus Account to purchase a storage container to be placed at the Quaboag Street pumping station.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to be used to purchase a semi-automatic cardiac defibrillator, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the New Ambulance & Equipment Account to purchase a semi-automatic cardiac defibrillator.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to be used to cover a deficit in the payroll account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$4,500.00 from the General Insurance Account to cover a deficit in the Emergency Squad payroll account.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Board of Health Expense Account to the Title V Administration Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The town voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$300.00 from the Board of Health Expense Account to the Title V Administration Account.



SCOTT HARSHBARGER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
(617) 727-2200

*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 general by-laws adopted under articles 7, 8, and 9 of the warrant for the Brookfield annual town meeting that first convened on May 9, 1997, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

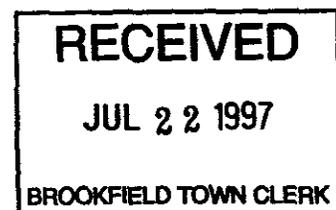
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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





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May 21, 1997

This is to certify that at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 9, 1997, the following Articles #7, #8 and #9 were approved unanimously.

**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.

*The town voted unanimously 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.

*The town voted unanimously 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 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.



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**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.

*The town voted unanimously to make 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 Section 4*

*Renumber Section 7 of Chapter XII to become Section 4*

*A true copy, attest:*

*Linda M. Lincoln*  
**Linda M. Lincoln**  
**Town Clerk**



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CHAPTER IV

Advisory Committee

SECTION 1. There shall be an Advisory Committee for the Town to which shall be referred all articles in any Warrant hereafter issued for a Town Meeting. The Selectmen, after drawing a Warrant for a Town Meeting, shall immediately forward a copy thereof to each member of said Committee, which shall consider all articles in the Warrant and make such report, in print or otherwise to the Town Meeting as it deems for the best interest of the Town. The said Committee shall consist of nine legal voters of the Town to be appointed as provided in Section 2. No elective or appointive Town Officer or Town employee shall be eligible to serve on said Committee. If any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of said Committee, except in case of illness, his position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as provided in Section 3.

CHAPTER V

Financial Affairs

SECTION 1. An audit of the accounts of the Town shall be made at least once every three years in accordance with Federal Revenue Sharing regulations.

SECTION 2. Each Officer, Board or Committee authorized to spend money shall, on or before July seventh of each year, transmit to the Town Treasurer all unpaid bills outstanding as of that date.

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Treasurer shall have custody of trust fund bonds and tax possession deeds; the Town Clerk of all contracts, deeds, insurance policies and other similar documents owned by the Town; and the Selectmen of the bonds given by the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector and the Town Clerk.

SECTION 4. Every officer shall pay into the Treasury of the Town all amounts received by him on behalf of the Town except as otherwise provided by law and shall make a true return thereof to the Town Treasurer stating the accounts upon which such amounts were received.

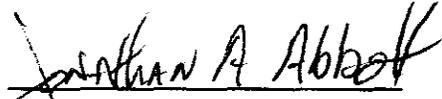
SECTION 5. The Tax Collector may keep for his or her personal services the fee for issuance of certificates of tax lien or charge upon any real estate in the Town of Brookfield, as provided for in Chapter 60, section 23 of the General Laws.

*Junda M. Juncal*

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the general by-laws adopted under articles 7, 8, and 9 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 9.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Septage Haulers Account to the Landfill Monitor Salary Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$650.00 from the Septage Haulers Account to the Landfill Monitor Salary Account.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Landfill Test Wells Account to install a roof and pad for oil recycling at the landfill, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Landfill Test Wells Account to install a roof and pad for oil recycling at the landfill.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Landfill Test Wells Account to the Landfill Engineering Services Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$9,000.00 from the Landfill Test Wells Account to the Landfill Engineering Services Account.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Police Salaries Account to the Police Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Police Department).

The town voted to pass over this article.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Police Salaries Account to the Police Chief Salary Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Police Department).

The town voted by majority to transfer a sum of \$500.00 from the Police Salaries Account to the Police Chief Salary Account.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Landfill Cover Account to the Highway Expenses Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Highway Department).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$5,198.00 from the Landfill Cover Account to the Highway Expenses Account.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Tree Warden Account to the Highway Expenses Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Highway Department).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$200.00 from the Tree Warden Account to the Highway Expenses Account.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Bridges/Rails/Signs Account to the Highway Expenses Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Highway Department).

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$700.00 from the Bridges/Rails/Signs Account to the Highway Expenses Account.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Snow & Ice Account to the Highway Expenses Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Highway Department).

The town voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$7,298.41 from the Snow & Ice Account to the Highway Expenses Account.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the Highway Expenses Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Highway Department)

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the General Insurance Account to the Highway Expenses Account.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. Sixty-seven (67) people attended the meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrent, 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 of said meeting.

HEREOF, FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 15<sup>th</sup> 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 H. Bennett, Constable

WORCESTER . . . . . SS

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