

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 7, 1999 7:00 P.M.**

ARTICLE 1. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the General Insurance Account to purchase a new computer and monitor for the Selectmen's office, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 from the General Insurance Account to purchase a new computer and monitor for the Selectmen's office.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Unemployment Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Interest-Temporary Loans Account and the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Group Insurance Account to the Unemployment Insurance Account.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Stabilization Account to the Landfill Closure Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Construction and Demolition Revolving Account to the Landfill Closure Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$8,474.94 from the Construction and Demolition Revolving Account to the Landfill Closure Account.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Emergency Squad Salary Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$900.00 from the New Ambulance Account to the Emergency Squad Salary Account.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Septage Hauling Account to the Board of Health Inspectors Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Septage Hauling Account to the Board of Health Inspectors Account.

ARTICLE 7. 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 Advisory Board does not recommend this article because we do not condone repeated overspending.

The town voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Police Salaries Account to the Police Expense Account.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Police Salaries Account to the Police Overtime Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Police Department).

The Advisory Board does not recommend this article because overtime should be an exception and not the rule.

The town voted by majority to transfer \$500.00 from the Police Salaries Account to the Police Overtime Account

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to tear down and dispose of two abandoned buildings, one located on Limerick Street and one located on Kimball Street, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer).

The Advisory Board makes no recommendation at this time because we do not have sufficient information.

The town voted by majority to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a computer, accounting software and office equipment to set up an office for the Accountant, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen).

The Advisory Board recommends \$5000 for this article.

The town voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to purchase a computer, accounting software and office equipment to set up an office for the Accountant.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the "Complete Work at Lewis Field Account" to the Highway Asset Repair/Replacement Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Highway Department).

The Advisory Board makes no recommendation at this time because we do not have sufficient information.

The town voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$2,800.00 from the "Complete Work at Lewis Field Account" to the Highway Asses Repair/Replacement Account.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM. There were ninety-six (96) residents in attendance.

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

April 20, 1999

Town Hall 8:30 AM

Post Office 10:00 AM

Harvey H Bennett, Constable

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, At the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Fourteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety nine.

S/Floyd Moore

Michael Seery

Selectmen of Brookfield

Worcester, SS.

A true copy. Attest: Harvey H. Bennett, Constable

A true copy. Attest:

Linda M. Lincoln

Town Clerk

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 Saturday, the first day of May next from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following article:

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 member of the Elementary School Committee for three years; One Water Commissioner for three years; One Water Commissioner for two 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; One Cemetery Commissioner for two years; One Trustee for Shade Tree & Cemetery Funds for two years; Two Trustees for Merrick Public Library for three years and One member of the Housing Authority for five years and to act on three questions:

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed office of the town?

QUESTION 2: Shall sections sixty-nine C to sixty-nine F, inclusive, of chapter forty-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a Board of Public Works exercising the powers of the highway department, including Highway Superintendent; Water Department, including the Board of Water Commissioners; Recreation Department, maintenance only; Cemetery department, maintenance only; Tree Warden; Insect & Pest Control Superintendent; recycling and transfer station, operation only and maintenance of the town hall be adopted?

QUESTION 3: Shall the Town of Brookfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the town's apportioned share of the bonds issued by the Tantasqua Regional School District for the purpose of financing the costs of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new regional high school including costs incidental and related thereto?

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 Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Tow for the ensuing year.

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, 1999 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 Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority 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, 1999 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 Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority vote 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 Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority 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.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members 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 Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority vote to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to hold the position of Health Agent and to provide compensation therefore, at the rate of \$25.00 per inspection.

ARTICLE 7. 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 Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to serve as Title V administrator and to provide compensation therefore at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to be the Transfer Station administrator and to provide compensation therefore, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).**

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to serve as Transfer Station administrator and to provide compensation therefore at the rate of \$10.00 per hour

ARTICLE 9. 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 Avalon 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 Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority 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 Avalon 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 10. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Brookfield Planning Board under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from engineering fees charged in relation to reviews of applications submitted to the board and to expend those monies to pay all costs associated with professional engineering review of said applications provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$2,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board).**

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for Brookfield Planning Board under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from engineering fees charged in relation to reviews of applications submitted to the board and to expend those monies to pay all costs associated with professional engineering review of said applications provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$2,000.00

ARTICLE 11. 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 of the 100 K 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 Advisory Board recommends this article.

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 of the 100K program, provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$100,000.00.

ARTICLE 12. 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 of the 200 K program, provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$200,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

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 of the 200K program, provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$200,000.00.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the Library Trustees under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from fines collected on overdue materials and copies and to expend these monies to pay for replacement of materials, maintenance and supplies for the copy machine provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$5,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees).**

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Library Trustees under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to receive monies derived from fines collected on overdue materials and copies and to expend these monies to pay for replacement of materials, maintenance and supplies for the copy machine provided that no monies shall be expended in excess of \$5,000.00.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any remaining funds in the 325th Committee's revolving account to a new account to be expended by the Cultural Council for Town Hall improvements including the purchase of a piano, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the 325th Committee).

The Advisory Board makes no recommendation at this time.

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$7,672.74 in the 325th Committee's revolving account to a new account to be expended by the Cultural Council for Town Hall and Common Improvements including the purchase of a piano.

ARTICLE 15. 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, 1998, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery Commissioners).**

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$3,038.00 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Improvement Fund, which is money received from the sale of lots up to December 31, 1998.

ARTICLE 16. 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 Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the interest accrued from the Cemetery Trust Funds to the Cemetery Salary Account.

ARTICLE 17. 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 Advisory Board recommends that we pass over this article.

The town voted by majority to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 18 of the town's Personnel By-Law to allow for buyback of unused sick time for town employees, upon retirement, at the rate of \$25.00 per day, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by petition).

The Advisory Board does not recommend this article because sick time is a benefit and not an entitlement.

The town voted by majority to amend Section 18 of the town's Personnel by-law by inserting after the word "Termination" or death, the employee shall be paid for unused sick time at the rate of \$25.00 per day.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to increase membership of the Board of Selectmen from three elected members to five elected members, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by petition).

The advisory Board does not recommend this article because the population count does not warrant a five (5) Member board.

The town voted by majority to defeat this article.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of the town's Personnel By-Law by changing the grade of Assistant Librarian from Grade 2 to Grade 3, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Personnel Board).

The Advisory Board recommends this article because the current grade level for this position does not take into consideration the use of computers.

The town voted by unanimous vote to amend Section 2 of the town's Personnel By-law by changing the grade of Assistant Librarian from Grade 2 to Grade 3.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 5F to defray the cost, including maturing debt and interest of operating the Emergency Squad, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad).

The Advisory Board makes no recommendation at this time.

The town voted by majority vote to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 5F to defray the cost, including maturing debt and interest of operating the Emergency Squad.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of the town's Personnel By-Law by adding the new position of EMT/Firefighter (full-time), Grade 9, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad).

The Advisory Board recommends this article providing the word "Firefighter" is removed.

The town voted by majority vote to amend Section 2 of the town's Personnel by-law by adding the new position of EMT/Firefighter (full-time), Grade 9.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to fund the new EMT/Firefighter position, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Advisory Board).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,560.00 to fund the new EMT/Firefighter position.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article #47 of the May 8, 1998 annual town meeting so as to allow for the use of the \$30,000 appropriated to upgrade the electrical service in the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen).

The Advisory Board recommends this article providing the monies be placed under the auspices of the Municipal Facilities Committee to be used specifically for upgrading the wiring in the Town Hall.

The town unanimously voted to amend Article 47 of the May 8, 1998 annual town meeting so as to allow for the use of the \$30,000.00 appropriated to upgrade the electrical service in the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to establish a building committee for the Merrick Public Library to be appointed by the Board of Library Trustees, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town unanimously voted to establish a building committee for the Merrick Public Library to be appointed by the Board of Library Trustees.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the Merrick Public Library to apply for and accept any federal or state grants which may be available for planning an addition or replacement of the library building, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees).

The Advisory Board recommends this article contingent on the removal of the word "replacement".

The town voted unanimously to authorize the Trustees of the Merrick Public Library to apply for and accept any federal or state grants which may be available for planning an addition or replacement of the library building.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the streets currently known as Salmon Brook Road and Pine Meadow Drive as public ways, as defined by Mass. General Laws, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to accept the streets currently know as Salmon Brook Road and Pine Meadow Drive in the Salmon Brook subdivision as public ways, as defined by Mass. General Laws: Salmon Brook Road as shown on a plan of land owned by L.G.L. Realty Trust, dated November 25, 1998 and revised April 16, 1998 by Donald A. Para, land surveyor and Pine Meadow Drive, as shown on a plan of land owned by L.G.L. Realty Trust, dated December 17, 1998 by Donald A. Para, land surveyor which plans are on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 28. 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 Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,267.20 to pay to the town of Abington, MA 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 1931-1940.

ARTICLE 29. 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 Highway Department). **

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be used with or without funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase new tires for the fire trucks, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department).

The Advisory Board recommends \$2,000.00.

The town voted by majority to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a used truck for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Highway Department).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 towards the purchase of a used truck for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to install a new roof on the highway garage, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Highway Department).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500.00 to install a new roof on the highway garage.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to replace the overhead garage door of the ambulance barn, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$1,200.00 from the New Ambulance Account to replace the overhead garage door of the ambulance barn.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to meet the town's contribution towards a Preservation survey minigrant sponsored by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to meet the town's contribution towards a Preservation survey minigrant sponsored by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to be used as the town's match for a planning grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be used as the town's match for a planning grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Department surplus account to drill observation and test wells at various locations in town, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Water Commissioners).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Department surplus account to fund replacement of water mains from Willow Brook east along Route 9, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Water Commissioners).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Water Department Surplus Account to fund replacement of water mains from Willow Brook east along Route 9.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase and equip a new pumper truck for the fire department, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department).

The Advisory Board recommends that we pass over this article pending a report from the Municipal Facilities Committee.

The town voted by majority to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase fire apparatus, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department).

The Advisory Board does not recommend this article because we cannot afford it at this time.

The town voted by majority to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to perform maintenance, testing and certification on the fire department air packs, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Fire Department).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to perform maintenance, testing and certification on the fire department air packs.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to make repairs and improvements at the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen).

The Advisory Board recommends this article with the further recommendation that the Selectmen seek a Historical Preservation Grant to help with the costs.

The town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to make repairs and improvements at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to complete closure and capping of the landfill and finish paving, drainage and a retaining wall at the transfer

station, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Advisory Board recommends a transfer of funds from the Stabilization Fund.

The town voted unanimously to transfer from the Stabilization Fund to the Landfill Closure Account the sum of \$347,843.14 to complete closure and capping of the landfill and finish paving, drainage, bathroom and storage building and a retaining wall at the transfer station.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to update the town's facility plan to enable the Board of Health to proceed with research into town sewerage, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health).

The Advisory Board makes no recommendation at this time.

The town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to update the town's facility plan to enable the Board of Health to proceed with research into town sewerage.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to pay for the first installment of the debt on the Tantasqua building project, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen).

The Advisory Board recommends that we pass over this article because no debt has currently been incurred.

The town voted by majority to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote the following: "Herein and after the date of the annual town meeting, elected officials and spouses functioning on a part-time basis (less than 20 hours) would be eligible for health and life insurance as such granted to a "full time" employee. For this article husband and wife will be considered for the above benefits and would include town workers who have retired from town service. The purpose of this article is to encourage and reward participation in town government by concerned people. Upon wise deeming by the Selectmen, appointed officials and spouses may be eligible. At no time other than at the annual town meeting may this article, if passed, be nullified or amended. Insurance privileges will expire upon termination of office of the particular elected or appointed official", or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by petition).

The Advisory Board makes no recommendation at this time.

The town voted by majority to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to rescind a previous vote of the town adopting Mass. General Laws Chapter 41, section 97A (Strong Chief) and to adopt Mass. General Laws Chapter 41, section 97 (Weak Chief) in its place, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Advisory Board).

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

The town voted by majority to defeat this article.

ARTICLE 47. 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 Advisory Board recommends that we pass over this article until fall because Free Cash has not been certified at this time.

The town voted unanimously to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 48. 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, 1999 to June 30, 2000, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Assessors). **

The Advisory Board recommends that we pass over this article until fall because there is no rush to set the tax rate as the town is now on a quarterly billing cycle.

The town voted unanimously to pass over this article.

**** Denotes articles that are on the annual town meeting warrant every year**

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 13th day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.

**Respectfully submitted,
Floyd L. Moores**

Michael P. Seery
SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD

A True Copy, Attest:
Harvey Bennett
CONSTABLE OF BROOKFIELD

Posted: Brookfield Town Hall April 20, 1999 - 9:30 AM
Posted: Brookfield Post Office April 20, 1999 - 10.00 AM

The Annual Town Meeting was held in
Brookfield Elementary School
One Hundred sixty three (163) residents in attendance
A majority of voters moved to reconvene the Meeting at 7:30, May 14, 1999 in the Town Hall, Banquet
Hall on Friday, May 14, 1999.
Meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM

The Annual Town Meeting Reconvened
May 14, 1999 at 7:30 PM
Banquet Hall
Brookfield Town Hall
Sixty One (61) residents in attendance
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

A True Copy, Attest:
Linda M Lincoln
Town Clerk

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		Expended FY 98	Appropriated FY 99	Requested FY 2000	Recommended FY 2000
1. MODERATOR		50.00	50	50.00	50.00
2. SELECTMEN					
a. Salaries	5569.92	5735	5907	5907	
b. Expenses	2403.34	2150	2150	2150	
c. Admin. Asst. Salary	21876.40	22545	23222	23222	
TOTAL SELECTMEN	29849.66	30430.00	31279.00	31279.00	
3. ADVISORY BOARD					
a. Expenses	133.65	385	385	385	
b. Clerk Salary	0.00	300	0	0	
TOTAL ADVISORY BOARD	133.65	685.00	385.00	385.00	
4. TOWN ACCOUNTANT					
a. Salary	14000.00	14000	14000	14000	
b. Expenses	0.00	175	175	175	
c. Professional Services	3202.50	7000	7000	7000	
TOTAL ACCOUNTANT	17202.50	21175.00	21175.00	21175.00	
5. ASSESSORS					
a. Salaries	21301.77	23284	23983	23983	
b. Expenses	5490.17	5250	5550	5250	
c. Computer	129.99	0	0	0	
d. Consulting Services	8000.00	2000	2000	2000	
TOTAL ASSESSORS	34921.93	30534.00	31533.00	31233.00	
6. TREASURER					
a. Salary	8820.00	9085	9360	9360	
b. Expenses	4900.85	5295	5645	5645	
c. Clerk	4663.88	5500	5665	5665	
d. Banking Services	0.00	500	500	500	
TOTAL TREASURER	18384.73	20380.00	21170.00	21170.00	
7. TAX COLLECTOR					
a. Salary	6200.00	6386	6580	6580	
b. Expenses	4420.00	5120	5520	5520	
c. Clerk	1660.00	1700	1750	1750	
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR	12280.00	13206.00	13850.00	13850.00	
8. LEGAL SERVICES		5796.00	5105	10000	10000

	<i>Expended FY 98</i>	<i>Appropriated FY 99</i>	<i>Requested FY 2000</i>	<i>Recommended FY 2000</i>
9. TOWN CLERK				
a. Salary	7051.00	7262	7480	7480
b. Expenses	1671.58	2045	2345	2345
c. Dog Licenses	349.54	350	200	200
d. Asst. Town Clerk Salary	395.63	600	600	600
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	9467.75	10257.00	10625.00	10625.00
10.ELECTIONS/REGISTRATIONS				
a. Salaries	950.13	2200	1500	1500
b. Expenses	1445.84	2845	3225	3225
c. Census Salary	1200.00	1200	1200	1200
d. Census Expenses	60.00	100	100	100
TOTAL ELEC. & REG.	3655.97	6345.00	6025.00	6025.00
11.CONSERVATION COMMISSION	182.74	500.00	500.00	500.00
12. PLANNING BOARD				
a. Clerk-Salary	0.00	2000	1500	1500
b. Expenses	391.28	1450	1450	1450
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	391.28	3450.00	2950.00	2950.00
13. BOARD OF APPEALS				
a. Clerk-Salary	145.00	530	530	530
b. Expenses	151.31	980	980	980
TOTAL BOARD OF APPEALS	296.31	1510.00	1510.00	1510.00
14. TOWN HALL				
a. Custodian	7596.00	9000	9000	9000
b. Expenses	8313.02	7750	7750	7750
TOTAL TOWN HALL	15909.02	16750.00	16750.00	16750.00
15. GENERAL INSURANCE	41191.00	50000	50000	50000
16. PRINT TOWN REPORT	755.10	1000	1000	1000
17. MUNICIPAL FUEL	6388.75	10000	10000	10000
TOTAL GEN. GOVT.	196856.39	221377.00	228802.00	228502.00

	Expanded FY 98	Appropriated FY 99	Requested FY 2000	Recommended FY 2000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
18. POLICE DEPARTMENT				
a. Police Chief Salary	33689.00	32055.66	33123	34116
b. Other Salaries	47223.14	43920	91284	80082
c. Overtime	0.00	3500	3500	3077
d. Expenses	18543.82	19000	19325	19000
TOTAL POLICE DEPT.	99455.96	98475.66	147232.00	136275.00
19. FIRE DEPARTMENT				
a. Salaries	10461.25	11140	12016	12016
b. Expenses	22037.09	19000	21255	21255
c. Fixed Assets/Repairs/Repl.	4999.94	5000	5000	5000
TOTAL FIRE DEPT.	37498.28	35140.00	38271.00	38271.00
20. EMERGENCY SQUAD				
a. Salaries	13271.25	15720	45620	45620
b. Expenses	7512.99	8750	9300	9300
c. Clerk	720.00	720	720	720
d. Third Party Billing	5721.22	7200	7200	7200
TOTAL EMERGENCY SQUAD	21504.24	31670.00	62840.00	62840.00
21. TELEPHONE SERVICE				
	4075.01	5100.00	5100.00	5100.00
22. BUILDING INSPECTOR				
a. Salary	4738.00	5000	5150	5150
b. Expenses	928.75	1200	1200	1200
c. Asst. Building Inspector Salary	0.00	530	530	530
TOTAL BLDG INSPECTOR	5666.75	6730.00	6880.00	6880.00
23. ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFF.				
a. Expenses	1500.00	2000	2060	2060
TOTAL ZON. ENF. OFFICER	2428.75	2350.00	2410.00	2410.00
24. GAS/PLUMB. INSPECTOR				
a. Salary	1858.00	1858	1858	1858
b. Expenses	0.00	50	50	50
TOTAL GAS/PLUMB. INSP.	1858.00	1908.00	1908.00	1908.00
25. WIRING INSPECTOR				
a. Salary	2060.00	2060	2125	2125
b. Expenses	250.00	250	300	300
c. Asst. Wiring Inspector Salary	258.00	258	258	258
TOTAL WIRING INSPECTOR	2568.00	2568.00	2683.00	2683.00

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26. CIVIL DEFENSE				
27. DOG OFFICER	1000.00	1000	2000	2000
a. Salary	1236.00	1236	1236	1236
b. Expenses	1665.21	3500	3500	3500
c. Asst. Dog Officer Salary	200.00	600	600	600
TOTAL DOG OFFICER	4188.92	5336.00	5336.00	5336.00
28. TREE WARDEN	1400.00	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
29. INSECT/PEST CONTROL	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
30. SHADE TREE	0.00	1950.00	1950.00	1950.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	181643.91	193794.00	254534.00	268153.00
HIGHWAYS				
31. GENERAL HIGHWAYS				
a. Salaries	67767.62	78256	79662	79662
b. Expenses	48574.68	50000	50000	50000
c. Plow Private Roads	0.00	1	1	1
d. Snow & Ice Account	17562.99	30000	30000	30000
32. STREET LIGHTS	9384.36	9500	9500	9500
33. SIDEWALKS	0.00	1000	1000	1000
34. BRIDGES/RAILS/SIGNS	656.96	1500	1500	1500
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	143946.61	170257.00	171663.00	171663.00
35. WATER DEPARTMENT				
a. Clerks Salaries	3055.45	4434	4567	4567
b. Commissioners Salaries	1500.00	1500	1500	1500
c. Supt. Salary	36044.32	37125	50986	50986
d. Secondary Operator Salary	1188.00	2587	1150	1150
e. Expenses	34024.37	33700	31700	31700
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	75812.14	79346.00	89903.00	89903.00
36. CEMETERY				
a. Salaries	7920.50	8880	10000	10000
b. Expenses	3384.53	4350	3400	3400
TOTAL CEMETERY	11305.03	13230.00	13400.00	13400.00

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37. BOARD OF HEALTH				
a. Salaries	2010.00	2110	2175	2175
b. Clerk	2000.00	2200	2200	2200
c. Animal Inspector	874.00	900	930	930
d. Expenses	1479.06	1800	1800	1800
e. Inspectors	8950.00	8500	9000	9000
f. Septage Hauling	485.00	2000	1000	1000
g. Title V Administration	2185.00	2500	2200	2200
38. TRANSFER STATION				
a. Monitor Salary	7713.63	5300	5000	5000
b. Asst. Monitors Salaries	2438.63	5500	8600	8600
c. Transfer Administration	0.00	1500	1260	1260
d. Expenses	10111.05	50000	70000	70000
e. Landfill Cover	1297.50	2000	0	0
f. Well Tests	0.00	12000	12000	12000
h. Engineering Services	0.00	0	0	0
TOTAL HEALTH	39543.87	97510.00	116165.00	116165.00
39. HUMAN SERVICES				
a. South Central Mass. Clinic	535.00	535	535	535
b. Community Health Program	731.00	731	850	850
c. Elder Home Care	0.00	515	0	0
40. COUNCIL ON AGING				
a. Medi-Car	134.51	300	300	300
	2000.00	2000	2000	2000
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	3400.51	4081.00	3685.00	3685.00
VETERANS BENEFITS				
41. DIR. VETS SERVICES				
a. Salary	562.00	562	562	562
b. Expenses	35.00	50	50	50
42. VETERANS AGENT				
a. Salary	2252.00	2252	2252	2252
b. Expenses	74.44	100	100	100
c. Case Work	5974.00	5000	5000	2500
TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES	8897.44	7964.00	7964.00	5464.00
43. PUBLIC LIBRARY				
a. Salaries	26682.00	30871	31735	31735
b. Expenses	18531.15	19231	20312	20312
TOTAL LIBRARY	45213.15	50102.00	52047.00	52047.00
44. RECREATION COMMISSION				
45. SOUTH POND				
a. Salaries	3358.46	5050.00	5050.00	5050.00
b. Expenses	458.00	2200	2200	2200
	33.05	590	590	590
Total South Pond	491.05	2790.00	2790.00	2790.00
TOTAL RECREATION	3849.51	7840.00	7840.00	7840.00

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MISCELLANEOUS				
46. COMMON/MALL/XMAS TREE	1463.14	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
47. MEMORIAL DAY	796.93	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
48. HISTORICAL COMMISSION	118.90	300.00	300.00	300.00
49. CENT.MA.REG.PLANNING	531.86	546	559.00	559.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	2910.83	2846.00	2859.00	2859.00
50. DEBT & INTEREST				
a. Maturing Debt-Principal	298000.00	338100	360643	360643
b. Maturing Debt-Interest	274317.58	258734	239860	239860
c. Temporary Loans- Interest	0.00	5000	3000	3000
d. Certification of Notes	0.00	0	0	0
TOTAL DEBT/INTEREST	572317.58	601834.00	603503.00	603503.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
51. WORC. CTY RETIREMENT	46404.00	53018.00	68202.00	68202.00
52. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	1651.38	1500.00	2000.00	2000.00
53. GROUP INSURANCE	90480.69	100000.00	100000.00	100000.00
54. MEDICARE/TOWN SHARE	14746.86	18000.00	18000.00	18000.00
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	153282.93	172518.00	188202.00	188202.00
EDUCATION				
55. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
a. School Committee Salaries	1500.00	1500	1500	1500
b. School Department	2109133.23	2195000	2287935	2287935
Total Elementary School	2110633.23	2196500.00	2289435.00	2289435.00
56. REGIONAL SCHOOL				
a. School Committee Expenses	1000.00	1000	1000	1000
b. Regional Assessment	778521.00	824500	767421	767421
c. Transportation	32893.00	33329	34731	34731
Total Regional School	812414.00	858829.00	803152.00	803152.00
TOTAL EDUCATION	2923047.23	3055329.00	3092587.00	3092587.00
57. RESERVE & STABILIZATION				
a. Reserve Fund	4805.38	5000	5000	5000
b. Stabilization Fund	78000.00	0	0	0
TOTAL RESERVE/STABILIZATION	82805.38	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
58. CULTURAL COUNCIL				
	0.00	3150.00	3300.00	3300.00
TOTALS	4444832.51	4686178.00	4841454.00	4852273.00

Saturday May 1, 1999

Elected as follows:

Moderator, 1 year

James W. Allen	500
Blanks	104
Write In	4

Selectman, 3 years

Robert R. Ayers, St	230
Andres P. Caswell, Sr	266
Ronald J. Dackson	93
Blanks	19

**Elementary School
Committee**

William J. Gillmeister	228
Christine M. Hurley	255
Joseph A. Krans	76
Blanks	48
Write In	1

Assessor

Donna M. Wentzell	467
Blanks	136
Susan Ayers	5

Water

Commissioner 3 years

Joseph F. Murray	479
Blanks	126
Write In	3

Water

Commissioner 2 years

Robert R. Barnes	463
Blanks	145

Trustee Vote 2

Merrick Public Library

Barbara A. Clancy	472
Jean E. Dahler	433
Blanks	310
Write In	1

Planning Board 5 years

Mary T. Oconnell	428
Blanks	173
Write In	7

Total Ballots Read 593

Total Ballots Unread 15

Total Ballots Cast 608

Housing Auth 3 years

James F. Dahler	455
Blanks	151
Write In	2

**Board of Health
3 years**

Carl A. Mundell	31
Susan Ayers	18
Scattered	34
Blanks	525

Cemetery

Commissioner 3 years

Peter Masuzzo	35
Wayne Yaskoski	70
Blanks	484
Scattered	19

Cemetery

Commissioner 2 years

Peter Masuzzo	73
Wayne Yaskoski	28
Blanks	495
Scattered	12

Trust/Shade Tree

Cemetery Funds 3 years

Scattered	13
Wayne Yaskoski	61
Peter Masuzzo	32
Blank	502

Trust/Shade Tree

Cemetery Funds 2 years

Peter Masuzzo	62
Wayne Yaskoski	27
Scattered	6
Blanks	513

Question 1

Yes	271
No	253
Blanks	84

Question 2

Yes	260
No	270
Blanks	78

Question 3

Yes	334
No	226
Blanks	48