

Special Town Meeting, May 12, 2000, 7:00PM
Brookfield Elementary School, Brookfield, Massachusetts

ARTICLE 1 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to supplement the municipal fuel account or take action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Selectmen)
Amount of transfer **\$4,000.**

The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$4000.00 from underground tanks account to supplement a shortfall in the municipal fuel account due to the increased price of fuel.

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to supplement the Town Counsel/legal fee account. (Sponsored by the Selectmen)
Amount of transfer \$10,000.

The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

Note: Original request was for \$10,000, the request at this time is **\$25,000.**

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$25,000 from the following accounts: \$6000.00 from the General Insurance account, \$40.01 from the Selectmen Computer account, \$197.24 from Town Hall Computer account and \$18,763.75 from the Stabilization account to supplement an unforeseen shortfall in the Town Counsel/Legal Account.

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Police Salary account to supplement the Police Expense account or to take any action thereto. (Sponsored by the Police Dept.)
Amount of transfer **\$4,000.**

The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$4000.00 from the police Salaries account to supplement a shortfall in the Police Expense account.

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Assessor's Salary account to supplement the Tax Collector's clerk account or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Assessors Dept.) Amount of transfer **\$1,230.** *The Advisory Committee recommends this article.*

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$1230.00 from the Assessors salary account to supplement a shortfall in the Tax Collector Clerks' account.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the interest accrued from the Cemetery Perpetual Trust funds to supplement a shortfall in the cemetery expense account or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery commissioners) Amount of transfer: **\$2,000**

The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$2800.00 from the interest accrued from the Cemetery Perpetual Trust funds to supplement a shortfall in the Cemetery Expense account.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Land fill Engineering Services account to supplement the Board of Health Inspector's Account or take action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health) Amount of transfer **\$2,500.**

The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$2500.00 from Landfill Engineering Services account to supplement a shortfall in the Board of Health Inspector's account due to increased septic inspections.

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Board of Health Clerk's salary account to supplement the Board of Health's Inspector's account or take action thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health)

Amount of transfer **\$1,000.**

The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$1000.00 from the Board of Health Clerk's salary account to supplement a shortfall in the Board of Health Inspector's account due to increased septic inspections.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Landfill Test Wells account to the Transfer Station Expense account or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Health)

Amount of transfer **\$3,000.**

The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$3000.00 from the Landfill wells account to supplement an anticipated shortfall in the transfer station expense account.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Purchase New Ambulance account to the Ambulance Billing Receipts account or take any action relative thereto.
(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad) Amount of transfer **\$3,800.**
The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$3000.00 from Purchase New Ambulance account to supplement the Ambulance Billing Receipts Account.

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Emergency Squad Clerk account to the Emergency Services Salary account or take any action relative thereto.
(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad) Amount of transfer **\$720.**
The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

The town voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Emergency Squad Clerk account to the Emergency Squad Expense account or take any action relative thereto.
(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad) Amount of transfer **\$720.**
The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$720.00 from the Emergency Squad Clerk account to supplement the Emergency Squad Expense account.

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Emergency Squad Salary account to the Emergency Service Salary account or take any action relative thereto.
(Sponsored by the Emergency Squad) Amount of transfer **\$1,422.**
The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$1,422.50 from emergency Squad Salary account to supplement the Emergency Services Salary account.

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to use funds in the Semi-Auto Defib account to purchase a defibrillator for the Police Dept or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)
Amount of transfer **\$3,277.50**
The Advisory Committee recommends this article.

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$3,277.50 from the Semi-Auto Defib account to purchase a difibrillator for the Police Dept.

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to supplement the group insurance account or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer)
(Health care costs have jumped. With 13% of FY00 remaining, only 6% of the budgeted funds – \$6028,92 – is left.)
Having no specified dollar amount or source of funds, the Advisory Committee makes no recommendation on this article.
Note: the amount of transfer is **\$8,700.**

The town voted unanimously to transfer the \$8,700 from the following accounts to supplement the shortfall in the Group Insurance account, \$8,129.44 from Snow & Ice account and \$570.56 from Remove Underground Tanks account.

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum to supplement the Treasurer's expense account. (Sponsored by the Treasurer)
(With 13% of FY00 remaining, only 8% of the budgeted funds – \$543.91 – is left. This account is used to fund the town payroll.)
Having no specified dollar amount or source of funds, the Advisory Committee makes no recommendation on this article.
Note: the amount of transfer is **\$200.**

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$200.00 from Remove Underground Tanks account to supplement the Treasurer's Expense account.

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Census Expense account and Election and Registration Expense account to the Election and Registration Salary Account or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Election & Registrations/ Town Clerk)

(As of 4/28/00, \$345.53 remains in this account.)

Having no specified dollar amount or source of funds, the Advisory Committee makes no recommendation on this article.

Note: the amount of transfer is **\$350**.

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$350.00 from the Election and Registration Expense account to the Election and Registration Salary account.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall and Post Office in said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of 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 28th day in the year of our Lord, two thousand.

*Respectfully submitted,
Floyd L. Moores
Ronald J. Dackson
Selectmen of Brookfield*

A True Copy Attest: Joseph F. Murray, Constable of Brookfield

Worcester, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield by posting up attested copies of the same, fourteen days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

A True Copy Attest: Joseph F. Murray, Constable of Brookfield

Posted April 28, 2000 at Town Hall at 12:10 P.M. and Post Office at 12:15 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Brookfield Elementary School. Sixty-seven (67) residents were in attendance. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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

The 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, Banguz Hall in said town on Saturday, the first day of May next from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 Tax Collector for three years; One Assessor 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 member of the Planning Board for two years; One Cemetery Commissioner for three years; One Trustee for Shade Tree & Cemetery Funds for three; Two Trustees for Merrick Public Library for three years and One member of the Housing Authority for five years.

Also to meet at the Brookfield Elementary School, Friday, May 12, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. to act on the following:

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 a majority to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town 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, 2000 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). **

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 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 Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to hold the position of Health Agent and to provide compensation.

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 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.

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 Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to be the Transfer Station administrator and to provide compensation.

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 Charter 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 Charter 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.

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 Town voted unanimously 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 application 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.

ARTICLE 11 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 \$1,000.00, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Library Trustees). **

The Town voted unanimously 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 \$1,000.00

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Cemetery Sale of Lots account to the Cemetery Improvement account all the money received from the sale of

lots up to December 31, 1999, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery Commissioners). **

The town voted unanimously to transfer \$1,500.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots account to Cemetery Improvements account all monies received from sale of lots to December 31, 1999.

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the interest accrued from the Cemetery Perpetual 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 14 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the interest accrued from the Cemetery Perpetual Trust Funds to the Cemetery Expenses Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery Commissioners). **

The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$3,000.00 from the interest accrued from Cemetery Perpetual Trust Funds to Cemetery Expenses account.

ARTICLE 15 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 Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 to be used with or without funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of town roads.

ARTICLE 16 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 \$2,267.20 to pay 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 1931-40.

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter II Section 6 of the Town By-law by replacing the phrase "Town Hall " with "Meeting Hall" or take action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Advisory Committee)

The Town voted unanimously to amend Chapter II Section 6 of the town by-law by replacing the passage, "At all town meetings, the Moderator shall designate a part of the Town Hall which shall be reserved for qualified voters and other persons having official business with the meeting only and no vote, other than by ballot, shall be received by the meeting from any qualified voter in any other part of the Town Hall." With the passage, "At all town meetings, the Moderator shall designate a part of the meeting hall which shall be reserved for qualified voters and other persons having official business with the meeting only. No vote, other than by ballot, shall be received by the meeting from any qualified voter in any other part of the meeting hall."

ARTICLE 18 To see if the Town will allow the Facilities Committee to report on their findings to the Townspeople at the Town meeting or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Facilities Committee)

The Town voted unanimously to allow the Facilities Committee to report on their finding to the Townspeople. The Town also voted to amend the article to form a committee, including a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Advisory Board, the heads of the emergency departments (Police, Fire and EMS) as well as other interested citizens appointed by the Moderator, such committee to be called the Comprehensive

Facilities Planning Committee and to be charged with coordinating all municipal facilities planning efforts, recommending a plan to update town facilities and recommending specific initial steps to achieve that plan. The remaining funds of those voted for expenses of the Municipal Facilities Committee in May 1998 will be allocated for use by this committee.

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or convey by public auction or otherwise Town owned property at 11 Kimball Street (Assessors' map 6C2-59) or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Selectmen)

The town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or convey by public auction or otherwise Town owned property at 11 Kimball Street (Assessor's map 6c2-59).

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to fund legal fees and permits to foreclose on certain tax titles or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Treasurer)

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be expended by the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to fund legal fees and permits to foreclose on certain tax titles.

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a computer to be shared by the Building Inspector, Advisory Committee and Planning Board. Or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Advisory Committee)

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1400.00 for the purchase of computer equipment to be shared by the Building Inspector, Advisory Committee, Planning Board and other departments.

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase a new computer and office furniture for the Tax Collector's office or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Tax Collector)

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 to purchase a new computer and office furniture for the Tax Collector's office.

ARTICLE 23 to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water surplus account to fund the water main replacement account along and across Route 9 west or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Water Dept.)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Water Surplus account to fund the water main replacement along and across Route 9 west to upgrade older water mains.

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

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$7,500.00 for improvements to the Police Station.

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the ambulance billing receipts account which was established according to Chapter 40, Section 5F to fund the Emergency Squad Expense account for fiscal year 2001 or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad)

The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$22,500.00 from ambulance billing receipts account which was established according to Chapter 40, Section 5F to fund the Emergency Squad Expense account for fiscal year 2001.

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the ambulance billing receipts account which was established according to Chapter 40, Section 5F to fund Emergency Squad Salary account fiscal year 2001 or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Emergency Squad) The Town voted by a majority to transfer \$78,538.00 from ambulance billing receipts acct. to fund the Emergency Squad Salary Acct. for fiscal year 2001.

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to construct an addition to the Fire Station or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by petition)

The Town voted by a majority to defeat Article 27.

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Dept. or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by petition)

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Dept.

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to purchase and equip fire apparatus or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the petition)

The town voted by a majority to raise and appropriate \$47,000.00 for the eventual purchase and equip fire apparatus.

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to hire a person under the authority of the Recreation Dept. to maintain Lewis Field or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Recreation Committee)

The Town voted by a majority to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to hire a person under the authority of the Recreation Dept. to maintain Lewis Field.

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Recreation Dept. to purchase fencing for the Lewis Field or take any action thereto. (Sponsored by the Recreation Committee)

The article was amended to read: the Town voted by a majority to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 to purchase a gate, fencing, backstop and additional landscaping for the Lewis Field.

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will vote to allow compensation for physical labor performed at the cemetery by the Cemetery Commissioners at laborer's wage of Grade 2, Sept 5 or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Cemetery Commissioners)

The town voted unanimously to allow compensation for physical labor performed at the cemetery by the Cemetery Commissioners at a laborer's wage of Grade 2, Step 5.

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for expenditures at the Merrick Public Library to establish a Building fund for the application process of the renovation program or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Merrick Library)

The town voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 34 To see if the will accept the provisions of the Chapter 127, Section 59 of the Acts of 1999 which would allow for a senior citizens property tax work-off abatement or take any action relative thereto.
(Sponsored by the Board of Assessors)

The Town voted unanimously to defeat Article 34.

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Agreement of the Regional School District for the five Towns of Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales, Section III, Apportionment of Cost, Part a, Construction Costs, to apportion the construction costs based on equalized valuation.

Construction costs shall be apportioned to the Participating Towns on the basis of equalized valuation of said Towns, as set forth in chapter 559 Acts of 1945, "An act establishing the Basis of Apportionment of State and County Taxes" or such later equalized valuation as may be enacted by the General Court of Commonwealth next preceding each bond issue. Or take any action thereto. (Sponsored by the Selectmen)
The Town voted by a majority to defeat Article 35.

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to file legislation to make the position of Tax Collector an appointed rather than an elected position or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by petition)

The Town voted by a majority to direct the Board of Selectmen to file legislation to make the position of Tax Collector an appointed rather than an elected position.

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to file legislation to make the position of Treasurer an appointed rather than an elected position or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by petition)

The Town voted by a majority to direct the Board of Selectman to file legislation to make the position of Treasurer an appointed rather than an elected position.

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law of the Town of Brookfield by adding the following:

Procedure for the Appointment of Treasurer and Tax Collector

A Screening Committee composed of seven persons will establish the qualifications, review the applications and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen of, at most, three candidates. The Screening Committee will be composed of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Advisory Board, one member of the Personnel Board, and four citizens chosen by the Town Moderator. The four citizens chosen, will, insofar as possible, have backgrounds in municipal finance, accounting, data processing, banking, law or other similar fields. The Board of Selectmen will appoint for a term of three years a candidate recommended by the Screening Committee. Or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by petition)

The Town voted by a majority to amend the Personnel By-Law of the Town of Brookfield by adding the following:

Procedure for the Appointment of Treasurer and Tax Collector

A Screening Committee composed of seven persons will establish the qualifications, review the applications and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen of, at most, three candidates. The Screening Committee will be composed of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Advisory board, one member of the Personnel Board, and four citizens, chosen by the Town Moderator. The four citizens chosen will insofar as possible, have backgrounds in municipal finance, accounting, data processing, banking, law or other similar fields. The Board of Selectmen will appoint for a term of three years a candidate recommended by the Screening Committee.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Brookfield Zoning By-Law by adding to Section 8: Special Regulations a new section as follows:

G. Fences

All fences four (4) feet in height and higher require a building permit.

Fences may not be erected within the public right-of-way.

Fences along any part of the frontage of a lot must be set back at least ten (10) feet from the travel surface of any public right-of-way. Fences along any other lot line must be at least six (6) inches from that lot line. Fences along the front lot line may not exceed four (4) feet in height and those along other lot lines may not exceed six (6) feet. A fence height greater than six (6) feet may be allowed by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any fence greater in height than six (6) feet shall be set back a distance equal to two-thirds (2/3) of its height.

No fence more than one-quarter (1/4) solid shall be erected across the front line or closer to the street than the setback requirements of the primary building. All fences must be erected so that the less appealing and post side shall face inward (toward the fence-owner's property). Chain link or cyclone fences shall have the barbs down. Fluorescent colors shall not be permitted.

Shrubs or shrubbery shall not constitute a fence for the purpose of this section. Or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board)

The voted vote unanimously to defeat Article 39.

ARTICLE 40. 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 41. 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, 1998, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Assessors).**

The Town voted 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 28th day of May the year of our Lord, two thousand

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Dackson
Floyd L. Moore
Michael P. Szery
SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD

A True Copy, Attest: Joseph F. Murray
CONSTABLE OF BROOKFIELD

Posted April 28, 2000 at Town Hall at 12:10 P.M. and Post Office at 12:15 P.M.

The Annual Town Meeting was held in the Brookfield Elementary School. One hundred and eleven (111) residents were in attendance. A majority of the voters moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:00 P.M., May 19, 2000. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

The Annual Town Meeting reconvened on May 19, 2000 at the Brookfield Elementary School. Forty-one (41) residents were in attendance, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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

Saturday May 6, 2000

Elected as follows:

Moderator 1 year

James W. Allen	55
William Frangiamore	3
Blanks	166

Selectman, 3 years

Floyd L. Moores	162
John M. Spencer	41
Scattered	5
Blanks	56

**Elementary School
Committee, 3 years**

Marie Pecore	157
Scattered	1
Blanks	66

Assessor, 3 years

Philip H. Peirce	166
Scattered	2
Blanks	56

Water

Commissioner 3 years

Roger J. Charpentier,	145
Kenneth C. Cleveland	58
Blanks	21

Tax Collector 3 years

Lois Moores	157
Scattered	5
Blanks	62

Trustee Vote 2

Merrick Public Library 3 years

Linda E. Barron	166
Helen Jablonski	160
Scattered	2
Blanks	120

Planning Board 5 years

Albert A. Little Jr.	166
Scattered	6
Blanks	52

Planning Board, 2 years

Kermit A. Eaton	165
Scattered	1
Blanks	58

**Board of Health
3 years**

Robert A. Wentzell	175
Scattered	2
Blanks	47

Cemetery

Commissioner 3 years

John McDavit	18
Scattered	12
Blanks	194

Trust/Shade Tree

Cemetery Funds 3 years

John McDavit	15
Scattered	10
Blanks	199

Housing Authority

5 years

Floyd Moores	1
Kenneth Cleveland	1
Edson Davis	1
Blank	221

Regional School

Committee 3 years

Terri Mclsaac	160
Scattered	1
Blanks	63

Total Ballots Cast 224

account number	li#	description	Rec FY01	Appr FY01
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
001-114-5110-000	1.	Moderator	50	50
001-122-5110-000	2	Selectmen salary	6,084	6,084
001-122-5110-001		Administrative assistant salary	26,458	26,458
001-122-5700-000		Selectmen expenses	2,550	2,550
001-132-5405-000	57	Reserve	5,000	5,000
001-135-5110-000	4	Town accountant salary	14,425	14,425
001-135-5700-000		Town accountant expenses	1,540	1,540
001-135-6250-000		Professional services - audit	7,000	7,000
001-136-5110-000	3	Advisory committee clerk salary	750	750
001-136-5700-000		Advisory committee expenses	815	815
001-141-5110-000	5	Assessors salary	24,702	24,702
001-141-5200-000		Assessors consulting services	6,000	6,000
001-141-5700-000		Assessors expenses	5,995	5,995
001-145-5110-000	6	Treasurer salary	9,640	9,640
001-145-5110-001		Treasurer clerk salary	8,299	8,299
001-145-5200-000		Payroll services	4,500	4,500
001-145-5205-000		Banking services	250	250
001-145-5700-000		Treasurer expenses	2,550	2,550
001-146-5110-000	7	Collector salary	8,736	8,736
001-146-5110-001		Collector clerk salary	3,640	3,640
001-146-5700-000		Collector expenses	8,405	8,405
001-151-5249-000	8	Legal Services	42,000	42,000
001-161-5110-000	9	Town clerk salary	9,640	9,640
001-161-5110-001		Assistant town clerk salary	1,000	1,000
001-161-5700-000		Town clerk expenses	2,365	2,365
001-162-5110-000	10	Elections & registration salaries	2,342	2,342
001-162-5700-000		Elections & registration expenses	3,335	3,335
001-163-5110-000		Census salary	1,200	1,200
001-163-5700-000		Census expenses	100	100
001-171-5700-000	11	Conservation Commission	500	500
001-174-5600-000	49	Central MA regional planning	573	573
001-175-5110-000	12	Planning board clerk salary	1,500	1,500
001-175-5700-000		Planning board expenses	1,450	1,450
001-176-5110-000	13	Board of appeals clerk salary	530	530
001-176-5700-000		Board of appeals expenses	980	980
001-192-5110-000	14	Town hall custodian salary	9,270	9,270
001-192-5700-000		Town hall expenses	8,548	8,548
001-195-5200-000	16	Print town report	1,100	1,100
001-199-5700-000	17	Municipal fuel	15,000	15,000
TOTAL GENERAL GOVT.			248,822	248,822
POLICE				
001-210-5110-000	18	Police salary	103,329	103,329
001-210-5110-001		Police chief salary	46,088	46,088
001-210-5700-000		Police expenses	33,500	33,500
TOTAL POLICE			182,917	182,917
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
001-220-5110-000	19	FD salary	12,074	12,074
001-220-5700-000		FD expenses	21,000	21,000
001-220-5705-000		FD recurring recertification/testing	5,000	5,000
001-220-5750-000		FD fixed asset repair/replacement	6,000	6,000
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT			44,074	44,074

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OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY				
001-235-5200-000	21	Telephone service	5,500	5,500
001-241-5110-000	22	Building inspector salary	9,000	9,000
001-241-5110-007		Assistant building inspector salary	530	530
001-241-5200-000		Building inspector umbrella insuran	1,335	1,335
001-241-5700-000		Building inspector expenses	1,000	1,000
001-242-5110-000	24	Gas & plumbing inspector salary	1,914	1,914
001-242-5700-000		Gas & plumbing inspector expense	50	50
001-245-5110-000	25	Wiring inspector salary	2,625	2,625
001-245-5110-007		Assistant. wiring inspector salary	266	266
001-245-5700-000		Wiring inspector expenses	400	400
001-249-5110-000	23	Zoning enforcement officer salary	5,940	5,940
001-249-5110-001		Zoning enforcement officer court ti	720	720
001-249-5700-000		Zoning enforcement officer expens	550	550
001-291-5700-000	26	Civil Defense	2,500	2,500
001-292-5110-000	27	Animal control officer salary	4,000	4,000
001-292-5700-000		Animal control officer expenses	3,500	3,500
001-294-5700-000	28	Tree Warden	2,000	2,000
001-295-5700-000	30	Shade Tree	1,950	1,950
001-299-5700-000	29	Insect/Pest Control	500	500
TOTAL OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY			44,280	44,280
SCHOOLS				
001-310-5110-001	55	School committee salary	1,500	0
001-310-5110-002	56	Regional committee salary	1,000	1,000
001-310-5600-000		Regional assessment	896,837	896,837
001-310-5601-000		Transportation	19,499	19,499
001-310-5700-000		School department	2,374,348	2,374,348
TOTAL SCHOOLS			3,293,184	3,291,684
PUBLIC WORKS				
001-422-5110-000	31	Highway salary	83,851	83,851
001-422-5700-000		Highway expenses	50,000	50,000
001-422-6533-000	34	Bridges, rails & signs	1,500	1,500
001-423-5700-000		Snow & ice account	30,000	30,000
001-424-5200-000	32	Street lights	10,500	10,500
001-432-5700-000	33	Sidewalks	1,000	1,000
001-491-5110-000	36	Cemetery salary	12,840	12,840
001-491-5700-000		Cemetery expenses	6,150	6,150
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS			195,841	195,841
HEALTH AND SANITATION AND SPECIAL SERVICES				
001-510-5110-000	37	BOH salary	2,284	2,284
001-510-5110-001		BOH clerk salary	1,800	1,800
001-510-5110-006		Animal inspector	960	960
001-510-5110-009		Title V administration	2,000	2,000
001-510-5200-000		Septage hauling	1,000	1,000
001-510-5700-000		BOH expenses	2,000	2,000
001-513-5110-000		Inspectors	11,000	11,000
001-515-5110-000	38	Transfer station salary	12,992	12,992
001-515-5700-000		Transfer station expenses	75,360	75,360
001-515-6538-000		Well tests	12,000	12,000
001-522-5200-000	39	South central MA clinic	535	535
001-522-5200-001		Community health program	850	850
001-541-5200-000		Tri valley crisis intervention	600	600
001-541-5260-000		Medi-car	2,000	2,000
001-541-5700-000	40	Council on aging expenses	300	300
001-543-5110-000	41	Director of veterans services salary	562	562
001-543-5700-000		Director of veterans services exper	50	50
001-544-5110-000	42	Veteran's agent salary	2,252	2,252
001-544-5700-000		Veteran's agent expenses	100	100
001-544-5740-000		Case work	2,500	2,500
TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION AND SPECIAL SERVICE			131,145	131,145

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CULTURE AND RECREATION				
001-610-5110-000	43	Library salary	39,056	39,056
001-610-5700-000		Library expenses	23,705	23,705
001-630-5700-000	44	Recreation commission	5,050	5,050
001-631-5110-000	45	South pond salary	2,200	2,200
001-631-5700-000		South pond expenses	590	590
001-691-5700-000	48	Historical commission	500	500
001-692-5700-000	47	Memorial day	1,000	1,000
001-693-5700-000	58	Cultural council	3,500	3,500
001-699-5200-000	46	Common/mall	1,000	1,000
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION			76,601	76,601
DEBT AND INTEREST				
001-710-5910-000	50	Maturing principal (B.E.S.)	394,071	280,000
001-710-5920-000		Regional school construction	101,476	101,476
001-751-5915-000		Maturing interest (B.E.S.)	107,211	221,281
TOTAL DEBT AND INTEREST			602,758	602,757
ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MANDATED EXPENSES				
001-911-5100-000	51	Worcester county retirement	44,871	44,871
001-913-5100-000	52	Unemployment insurance	2,000	2,000
001-914-5105-000	53	Group insurance	155,714	130,000
001-916-5115-000	54	Medicare	20,500	20,500
001-945-5600-000	15	General insurance	50,000	50,000
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MANDATED EXPENS			273,085	247,371
WATER DEPARTMENT				
002-000-5110-000	35	WD commissioners salary	1,500	1,500
002-000-5110-001		WD clerks salary	4,625	4,625
002-000-5110-002		WD superintendent salary	39,387	39,387
002-000-5110-003		WD secondary operator salary	925	925
002-000-5700-000		WD expenses	32,900	32,900
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT			77,837	79,337
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET			5,170,544	5,144,829
ARTICLES				
	15	Highway dept - roads	20,000	20,000
	16	Abington retirement	2,268	2,268
	20	Treasurer - legal fees & permits	5,000	5,000
	21	interdepartmental computer	1,400	1,400
	22	Collector computer & furniture	2,300	2,300
	24	PD office expansion	7,500	7,500
	27	FD fire house extension	47,000	0
	28	FD Self-contained breath apparatus	10,000	10,000
	29	FD fire engine	250,000	47,000
	30	Recreation commission - Lewis fiel	5,000	5,000
	31	Recreation commission - fence	20,000	20,000
	33	Library building fund	10,000	0
TOTAL ARTICLES			360,468	100,468
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS			5,531,012	5,245,297