

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT  
TUESDAY APRIL 30, 2013**

WORCESTER, SS:

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

GREETINGS:

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, 6 CENTRAL STREET, BROOKFIELD, MA ON TUESDAY THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR 2013 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 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 member of the Tantasqua School Committee for three years; One Water Commissioner for three years; One Water Commissioner for one year; 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; Two Trustees for the Merrick Public Library for three years; Two members of the Housing Authority One for 3 years and one for 2 years; One Town Clerk for 3 years; Two constables for 3 years; One Trustee For Shade Tree Funds for 3 years.

**Question 1**

Shall this Town accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the **Community Preservation Act**, establish a dedicated local funding source to enable cities and towns to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' affordable housing needs. In Brookfield, the funding source for these community preservation purposes, which the November 1, 2012 Special Town Meeting voted to adopt, will be an additional excise of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2014, and by annual distributions from a trust fund provided by the state. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in Brookfield, as defined in Section 2 of said Act, and (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will be established by bylaw to make annual recommendations to Town Meeting on the use of the funds, and all expenditures will be subject to a Town Meeting vote. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space (excluding land for recreational use), (2) historic resources and (3) affordable housing.

Yes or No

**Question 2**

**Non Binding Question**

Do the voters of Brookfield support a project to build a new police station?

Yes or No

**Question 3**

**Non-Binding Question**

Do you support more gun restrictions proposed by the governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts and members of the legislature on law abiding firearm owners?

Yes or No

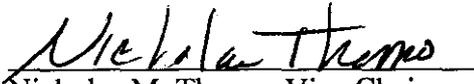
And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall and Post Office in said Town, seven days at least before the time of the holding of said meeting.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Respectfully Submitted,

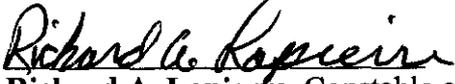
**SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD**

  
Stephen J. Comtois II, Chairman

  
Nicholas M. Thomo, Vice Chairman

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Rudy Heller, Clerk

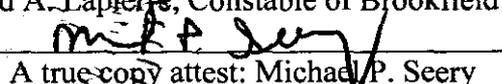
A True Copy, Attest:

  
Richard A. Lapierre, Constable of Brookfield  
Worcester, SS:  
Brookfield, Massachusetts

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield by posting up attested copies of same at the U.S. Post Office on April 18, 2013 at 10:10 am and at the Brookfield Town Hall at 10:00 am on the same day.

Seven days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Richard A. Lapierre, Constable of Brookfield

  
A true copy attest: Michael P. Seery  
Town Clerk

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