

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

NOVEMBER 20, 2015

BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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 TOWN AFFAIRS, TO MEET AT THE **BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 37 CENTRAL STREET, BROOKFIELD, MA ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.** TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Group Insurance Account to pay for Brookfield's portion of health insurance to the Town of Northbridge for an FY 2013 bill; or take any action relative thereto. Requires 9/10 vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Group Insurance Account to pay for Brookfield's portion of health insurance to the Town of Northbridge for an FY 2014 bill; or take any action relative thereto. Requires 9/10 vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Tax Collector's Expense Account to pay an FY13 bill or take any action relative thereto. Requires 9/10 vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to a Cemetery Equipment Account to purchase a hard side cab for the John Deere tractor; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5K, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to establish a program to allow persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in the real property tax obligations of that person on the person's tax bills, in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that person is otherwise entitled, not to exceed \$500 per year and not to exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth per hour; and further to see if the Town will vote to adjust the exemption by allowing maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 50 volunteer service hours in a given year, rather than \$500; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5N, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to establish a program to allow Veterans, as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 43, to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in the real property tax obligations of that Veteran on the Veteran's tax bills, in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that Veteran is otherwise entitled, not to exceed \$500 and not to exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth per hour; and further to see if the Town will vote to adjust the exemption by allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 50 volunteer service hours in a given year, rather than \$500; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will re-authorize the acceptance of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 Clause 56 by granting real and personal property tax abatement up to 100% of the total tax assessed to members of the Mass National Guard and to reservists on active duty in foreign countries for the fiscal year they performed such service subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the board of Assessors; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Collector's Software Account for six months of VADAR software for the Tax Collector's Office; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Fire Station Roof Repair Account for roof repairs on the Fire Station; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Fire Station Repair Account for brick work at the Fire Station; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money from the Highway Seasonal Laborer Account to the Highway Overtime/Other Account to cover the deficit in the Highway Overtime/Other Account; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Fleet Replace/Repair Account to purchase a used cab and chassis to replace the 1980 Mack Truck for the Highway Dept; and to purchase a cab and chassis to replace the 1986 cab and chassis currently used as Forestry 2 for the Fire Dept; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Classification and Compensation Plan, Section 2 of Article XV, Personnel By-law of the General By-laws of the Town of Brookfield, to add the position of "Assistant Assessor" at Grade 10, Points 365, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money from the Assessor's Salary Account to an Assistant Assessor's Wage Account, to fund the Assistant Assessor's position for FY 2016, or take any action relative thereto.

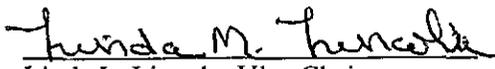
ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to the Selectmen Survey/Preservation Account for the purposes of completing a locational survey and a preliminary preservation plan for a 15 acre parcel in the area of Pine Land and Hobbs Road, formerly known as the Tobin Campground, as guided by the requirements of State Archaeologist field investigation permit (950 CMR 70). Further that should evidence of the habitation be identified that it be identified in the National Park's National Register of Historic Places; or take any action relative thereto.

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 5th day of November in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.

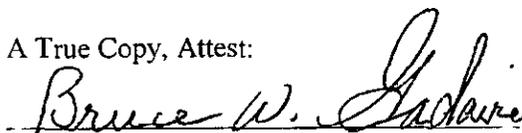
Respectfully Submitted,
SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD

Stephen J. Comtois II, Chairman


Linda L. Lincoln, Vice Chairman


Clarence Snyder III, Clerk

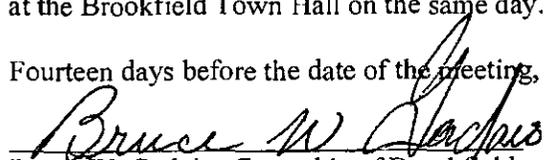
A True Copy, Attest:


Bruce W. Gadaire Constable of Brookfield

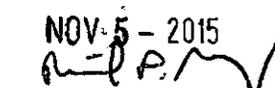
Worcester, SS:
Brookfield, Massachusetts

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield by posting attested copies of same at the U.S. Post Office on Thursday, the 5th day of November, 2015 and at the Brookfield Town Hall on the same day.

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


Bruce W. Gadaire-Constable of Brookfield

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST
MICHAEL P. SEERY**

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TOWN CLERK

