

**TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**The Polls will be open from 7:00am to 7:30pm
Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

**Business meeting starts at 7:00pm on
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
(Snow Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022)**

**At Captain Samuel Douglass Academy
24 Townsend Hill Road**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Brookline in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Captain Samuel Douglass Academy in said Brookline on Tuesday, the eighth (8th) day of March at 7:00am to act upon the following subjects:

1.) To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

PASSED
Yes - 386
No - 207
2.) (By Ballot) Shall the town decide the planning board shall be elected according to the procedure in RSA 673:2,II(b)(2), where a new member is elected when the term of the appointed member expires, until each member of the board is an elected member? (submitted by petition)

3.) (By Ballot) Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendments as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brookline Zoning Ordinance:

PASSED
Yes - 572
No - 259
Amendment No. 1
Amend sections 603.03, 603.06, 902.01, 902.02, and 1501(f) to increase the minimum square footage from 80,000 to 88,000.

PASSED
Yes - 569
No - 264
Amendment No. 2
Amend sections 901.02, 902.01, 902.02 to increase the minimum square footage from 40,000 to 44,000.

PASSED
Yes - 556
No - 265
Amendment No. 3
Amend sections 603.04, and 603.06 (d) to increase the minimum square footage from 160,000 to 176,000.

PASSED
Yes - 594
No - 224
Amendment No. 4
Amend sections 603.03, 603.04, 603.06 (a) & (d), and 1505.05 to read: (...) excluding wetlands, *water bodies and land in the 100-year floodplain* (language in italic added).

PASSED
Yes - 477
No - 308
Amendment No. 5
Update section 620.00, Workforce Housing Option (see full text of the proposed changes on page 14 of town report).

PASSED
Yes - 571
No - 224
Amendment No. 6
Reinstate section 1400.00, Growth Management Ordinance, with updated language (see full text of the proposed changes on page 19 of town report).

PASSED
YES - 117
NO - 23

1,187,500

4.) **(By Ballot at Meeting)** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~\$1,249,500~~ (gross budget) to acquire full ownership interest in parcels of land, in the Town of Brookline, with said properties including one parcel of approximately 132.2 acres owned by Makepeace Family Revocable Trust and shown on the town's tax maps as **Map A, Lot 1**, one parcel of approximately 112.5 acres owned by Federal Hill Properties LLC and shown on the town's tax maps as **Map B, Lot 80**, two parcels consisting of a total of approximately 47.4 acres owned by Clarence L. Farwell and shown on the town's tax maps as **Map A, Lots 4 and 5**, and two parcels consisting of approximately 13.2 acres owned by Clarence and Marcia Farwell and shown on the town's tax maps as **Map B, Lots 78 and 100** on such terms and conditions as determined by the Selectboard, except that the future use of said properties shall be limited in perpetuity to conservation purposes in a manner consistent with the purpose and intent of RSA 36-A and the same shall be managed and controlled by the Town of Brookline Conservation Commission, and to authorize the issuance of not more than ~~\$1,249,500~~ of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, also, to authorize the Selectboard to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (60% ballot vote required). **2-2-1 Vote by the Selectboard; No vote taken by the Finance Committee**

\$1,187,500

PASSED

5.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$52,740** for the purpose of hiring a third full-time public works employee for the Town of Brookline, or take any action relative thereto. Said sum includes \$35,192 in pay and \$17,548 in benefits for seven (7) months of 2022 (the 12-month total annualized cost is \$91,097). If passed, warrant article #6 will be reduced by \$42,500. *If approved, the amount raised will be incorporated into the highway department salary and personnel administration budgets for accounting purposes.* **5-0 recommended by the Selectboard; 3-0 recommended by the Finance Committee**

\$62,500

PASSED

6.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~\$5,918,805~~ to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same. **4-1 recommended by the Selectboard; 3-0 recommended by the Finance Committee**

\$5,966,838

FAILED
NO - 75
YES - 21

7.) **(By Ballot at Meeting)** Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 50% of revenues from Spectrum's Cable Franchise Fee Payment to pay expenditures for the purpose of the Town's cable access channel, Town website and the streaming of public meetings. If approved, any remaining funds in the "Cable Access Fund" at the end of 2021 shall be returned to the general fund. (A two-thirds majority is required for approval). **5-0 recommended by the Selectboard; No vote taken by the Finance Committee**

PASSED

8.) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Public Works Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of funding road and bridge repairs and equipment purchases and appoint the Selectboard as agents to expend monies from the fund; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$141,618** to be added to the fund. Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance and equal the 2021 Highway Block Grant the Town received. All monies received from the state Highway Block Grant will be deposited into this fund moving forward, until rescinded, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes. **5-0 recommended by the Selectboard; 3-0 recommended by the Finance Committee**

PASSED

9.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$343,000 in additional funds to construct a pedestrian bridge over the Nissitissit River on Mason Road and a sidewalk (including pedestrian bridge) on South Main Street (from Route 130 to the rail trail). Said appropriation will be offset by a Federal Transportation Alternative Program Grant in the amount of \$274,400 and **\$68,600** from general taxation.

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, IV. *3-2 recommended by the Selectboard; 3-0 recommended by the Finance Committee*

PASSED 10.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be deposited into the previously established Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a fire truck, or take any action relative thereto. *5-0 recommended by the Selectboard; 3-0 recommended by the Finance Committee*

PASSED 11.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,590 to be deposited into the previously established Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund for the costs of conducting the required town-wide revaluation every five years, or take any action relative thereto. *5-0 recommended by the Selectboard; 3-0 recommended by the Finance Committee*

PASSED 12.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be deposited into the previously established Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund to defray the costs of repairs to town buildings, or take any action relative thereto. *5-0 recommended by the Selectboard; 3-0 recommended by the Finance Committee*

PASSED 13.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be deposited into the Ambulance Service Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. The Selectboard and Ambulance Chief have already been voted agents to expend from this fund (1998 - Warrant Article #6). *5-0 recommended by the Selectboard; 3-0 recommended by the Finance Committee*

PASSED 14.) Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of revenues from trail races and other related trail user fees to expenditures for the use of trail maintenance? *as well as, acquisition of easements relative to such trails?* Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Conservation Trails Revolving Fund; and, further, to move \$57,690 from the Conservation Fund, which had been raised through prior trail races, to said fund. Further, to appoint the Brookline Conservation Commission as agents to expend monies from the fund. Any money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund. Such funds may be expended only for the purposes for which the fund was created. *5-0 recommended by the Selectboard; 3-0 recommended by the Finance Committee*

PASSED 15.) To see if the Town, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 1506.01 of the Town of Brookline Zoning Ordinance, will approve the decision of the planning board determining that the Town of Brookline should acquire and own Lot H-75, which was designated as "Open Space" when the subdivision was approved. *5-0 recommended by the Selectboard; No vote taken by the Finance Committee*

PASSED 16.) To see if the registered voters of the Town of Brookline will vote, per RSA 231-A:2, to reclassify Ten Rod Road from a Class V road to a Class A trail. *5-0 recommended by the Selectboard; No vote taken by the Finance Committee*

PASSED 17.) To see if the Town will vote to accept the following legacies:
right to inter in Pine Grove Cemetery 3 graves in plot P364B
• The sum of \$900 for the ~~general maintenance of the (Kelly/Lang) lots in Pine Grove Cemetery~~; and
• The sum of \$900 for the ~~general maintenance of the (Bennett) lots in Pine Grove Cemetery~~
right to inter in Pine Grove Cemetery 3 graves in plot P363D

PASSED 18.) (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to permit new leases on property owned by the Town (Lot B-55), that is managed by the Selectboard, contingent upon the replacement of existing leases, or leases that expired in 2021 or 2022, with new leases signed no later than December 31, 2022, in accordance with RSA 41:11-a, III, for the occupancy of the property to commence on or before January 1, 2023 that extend, at this time, no further than December 31, 2032. Any such lease must: restrict use of the property to seasonal, recreational use; prohibit use of the property for establishing Brookline, NH as one's domicile; require verifiable evidence of domicile elsewhere; in exchange for consideration, including a "new lease assessment" equal to the total lease payments that would have been made on the lease had the applicable

new lease for the structure been signed in 2019 to commence January 1, 2020 (see 2019 Warrant Article #17), plus a "delayed signing fee" of \$1,000.

PASSED
Yes-65
No-48

All

19.) (By Petition) Shall the town modify the ~~Standard~~ and Optional Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28 II from the current tax credit of \$500 per year to \$750?

and RSA 72:28-b II

20.) To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this fourteenth (14th) day of February 2022.

Drew Kellner

Brendan Denehy

Eddie Arnold

Dana Ketchen

Steve Russo

Selectboard of Brookline

It is our practice to recess at 11:00pm; however, we will continue if it appears that the meeting will not extend beyond 12:00.