

**TOWN WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**The Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:30 pm  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

**Business meeting starts at 7:00 pm on  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
(Snow Date: Monday, March 19, 2018)**

**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 thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) day of March at 7:00 a.m. to act upon the following subjects:

- 1.) To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- 2.) (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 Ordinances as follows?

~~Proposed-deleted-items-~~      **Proposed new items**

Amendment No.1

**1506.00      OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT**  
1506.01 - The open space shall be conveyed to a homeowners association, whose membership includes all the owners of lots or units contained in the tract. Where the Planning Board feels that it is in the best interest of the Town, this land may be conveyed to the Town (~~subject to the approval of voters at Town Meeting~~), or shall be permanently protected in other suitable ways which would ensure the continued use of the land for intended purposes and proper maintenance of the land.      Yes- 521      No- 238

*(Explanation: RSA 35-A:4 – Conservation Commissions, Powers – requires approval of the local governing body; does not refer to Town Meeting. Removing the need of approval at Town Meeting would simplify the process of the recording of the Conservation easement deed once an open space subdivision is finalized and road system accepted by the Town).*

Amendment No. 2

**2000.00      ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**  
2002.02 - One of the two dwelling units shall be the primary residence and legal domicile of the property owner.      Yes- 583      No- 164

- 3.) (By Ballot via petition) Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the town Brookline on the second Tuesday of March.

Yes- 362      No- 329

4.) To hear reports of the Selectboard and other Town Officers and Committees.

PASSED 5.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,700,294** to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.  
*Recommended by the Selectboard 3-1-1*  
*Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0*

PASSED 6.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$485,000** to purchase a new fire (pumper) truck. Said appropriation is contingent upon and will be offset by an Assistance to Firefighters Program grant in the amount of **\$300,000** and **\$185,000** from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2019.  
*Recommended by the Selectboard 4-1*  
*Voted by the Finance Committee 1-1*

PASSED 7.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$68,522** for the purpose of hiring a full-time Public Works Director for the Town of Brookline, or take any action relative thereto. Said sum includes **\$50,000** in salary and **\$18,522** in benefits for eight (8) months of 2018 (the 12-month total annualized cost is **\$102,782**).  
*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0*  
*Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0*

PASSED 8.) *(If Article #7 is approved)* To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Road Agent as an elected position and, further, authorize the Selectboard to appoint an expert agent under the provisions of RSA 231:64 to serve as interim Public Works Director until the full-time position is filled.

PASSED 9.) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1, which shall be known as the Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, the purpose of which shall be to defray costs of purchasing or leasing equipment for the Public Works Department and, pursuant to RSA 35:15, to name the Selectboard as agents to enter into lease agreements and to expend from said fund; and, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** to be placed in said fund.  
*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0*  
*Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0*

PASSED 10.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,000** for the purpose of road improvements for Hood Road, or take any action relative thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2023.  
*Not recommended by the Selectboard 3-2*  
*Voted by the Finance Committee 1-1*

PASSED 11.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** for the purpose of defraying the costs of the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Town of Brookline, or take any action relative thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020.  
*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0*  
*Voted by the Finance Committee 1-1*

PASSED 12.) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1, which shall be known as the Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund, the purpose of which shall be to defray costs of repairs to town buildings and, further, pursuant to RSA 35:15, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund; also to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to be placed in said fund.  
*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0*  
*Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0*

PASSED 13.) To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Brookline Selectboard and Local 3657 of the American Federation of State, County, and the Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Brookline Police Officer's Union which calls for the following increases in costs at current staffing levels:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost Increase</u>
2018	\$6,360
2019	\$13,530
2020	\$21,400
2021	\$6,394

and, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,360 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those to be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement.  
*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0*  
*Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0*

PASSED 14.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of funding an update to Brookline's town history (from 1914 to the present), which will be completed in time for the town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020.  
*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0*  
*Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0*

PASSED 15.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,960 to be deposited into the Ambulance Service Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. The Selectboard and Ambulance Director have already been voted agents to expend from this fund (1998 -warrant article #6).  
*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0*  
*Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0*

PASSED 16.) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1, which shall be known as the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund, the purpose of which shall be to defray costs of purchasing or leasing new ambulances and, further, to direct revenue received from the delivery of ambulance services into said fund, and, pursuant to RSA 35:15, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund.

PASSED 17.) To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:80 through 72:83, Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption, to allow a new construction property tax exemption for commercial uses as that term is defined in RSA 72:80. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the municipality and shall exclude state education property taxes and county taxes. The exemption shall be as follows: 50% for the first year, 40% for the second year, 30% for the third year, 20% for the fourth year and 10% for the fifth year. Subsequent years will be assessed at the full rate. This schedule will be applied to all projects submitting a proper application during the exemption period and will remain in effect for a period of five years from adoption.

FAILED 18.) To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of KENO within the town pursuant to the provisions of RSA 284:41 through 51.

PASSED 19.) To see if the Town will accept the locally-developed River Stewardship Plan drafted by the Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee and its recommendation that the portion of the Nissitissit River flowing through Brookline be designated a Wild and Scenic River with the understanding it would not involve Federal acquisition or management of lands.

PASSED 20.) 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 recommending such acquisition, thereby authorizing the Town of Brookline to acquire and own the following property designated as "Open Space" in the approved subdivision: Canney Hill Woods (Wildwood Drive), Map/lots # J-24-32, J-24-33 and J-24-34. The subdivision was approved in 2007.

PASSED 21.) To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to convey certain easements received by the Town as a condition of an earlier subdivision approval, which easements were received in a deed recorded at Volume 5967, Page 1577, said easements to be conveyed to the current owner of Lot F-71-1 in order that the Town can implement drainage modifications to the approved plan.

PASSED 22.) To see if the Town will vote to accept the following legacies:

- Sum of \$300 for general maintenance of the T. Murphy Lot #355B in Pine Grove Cemetery
- Sum of \$600 for general maintenance of K. Connors Lots #356B&C in Pine Grove Cemetery
- Sum of \$300 for general maintenance of the J. Bazemore Lot #357B in Pine Grove Cemetery
- Sum of \$600 for general maintenance of the K. Gorgoglione Lots #354A&B in Pine Grove Cemetery

23.) ~~(By petition) Raise and appropriate up to \$25,000 for design engineering, drawings, surveys, inspections, permits and bid process submission for proposed improvements to the transfer station. The improvements proposed require a building and equipment to support baling recyclable material.~~

PASSED- Jerry Farwell made a Motion to amend the article to read as follows: "To instruct the Selectboard to create a Study Committee by May 1st on how we can best handle our town's trash and recyclables."

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

Given under our hands and seal this twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) day of February, 2018.

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Brendan Denehy

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Tom Humphreys

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Valerie Ogden

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Eddie Arnold

Selectboard of Brookline

A True Copy of Warrant, attest:

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John J. Carr

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Brendan Denehy

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Tom Humphreys

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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.*