

**TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**The Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

**Business meeting starts at 7:00 pm on
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
(Snow Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020)**

**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 tenth (10th) day of March at 7:00 am 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 Ordinance as follows:

Amendment Number 1:

1506.01, Open Space Development. Add the following language to the end of the existing paragraph: "A pre-conveyance open space conservation easement deed shall be recorded and shall have an easement sunset upon conveyance to the Town or homeowners association".

PASSED

Amendment Number 2:

1800.00, Driveway Ordinance. Paragraph #4 of the "Driveway Permit Application": Change "Road Agent" to "Department of Public Works Director".

PASSED

- 3.) To hear all reports of the Selectboard and other Town Officers and Committees.
- 4.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$53,119** for the purpose of hiring a second full-time public works employee for the Town of Brookline, or take any action relative thereto. Said sum includes \$36,307 in pay and \$16,812 in benefits for seven and a half (7.5) months of 2020 (the 12-month total annualized cost is \$88,704). If passed, warrant article #5 will be reduced by \$42,000. *If approved, the amount raised will be incorporated into the highway department salary and personnel administration budgets for accounting purposes. (Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1).*

PASSED

\$5,018,864

- 5.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~\$5,071,826~~ to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same. *(Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1).*

PASSED

- 6.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$150,000** to be deposited into the previously established Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of public works equipment, or take any action relative thereto. *(Recommended by the Selectboard 4-1; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1).*

PASSED

PASSED

7.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$163,900 to purchase a new forestry fire truck. Said appropriation is contingent upon and will be offset by an Assistance to Firefighters Program grant in the amount of ~~\$155,705~~ and ~~\$8,195~~ from the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, IV. (*Recommended by the Selectboard 4-1; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1*).

\$156,095

\$7,805

PASSED

Yes-82
No-30

\$201,032

8.) To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to enter into a three-year lease/purchase agreement for a total of ~~\$590,000~~ for the purpose of leasing and equipping a new fire engine and to raise and appropriate ~~\$702,122~~ for the first year's payment. The second annual lease payment will be made from the operating budget and final payment will be made from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Said lease contains a fiscal funding clause which permits the termination of the lease on an annual basis should the funds necessary to make the required payments not be appropriated at town meeting. The purchase of this vehicle will replace the 25-year old 5E2. (*Recommended by the Selectboard 3-2; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1*).

\$588,225

PASSED

9.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 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. (*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 3-0*).

PASSED

Yes-72
No-37

10.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of road improvements to 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, 2024. (*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Not recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1*).

PASSED

11.) 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 Radio Capital Reserve Fund, the purpose of which shall be to defray costs of design and replacement of current radio equipment for emergency services and public works 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 \$60,000 to be placed in said fund. (*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0, with one abstention*).

PASSED

Yes-98
No-11

12.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,403 for the purpose of hiring a ninth full-time police officer for the Town of Brookline, or take any action relative thereto. Said sum includes \$31,000 in pay and \$20,403 in benefits for six (6) months of 2020 (the 12-month total annualized cost is \$102,806). *If approved, the amount raised will be incorporated into the police department pay and personnel administration budgets for accounting purposes.* (*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 3-0*).

PASSED

13.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 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 \$104,000 and \$26,000 from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, IV. These funds will be used only if the funds provided by 2017 warrant article #7 are insufficient to complete the project. (*Recommended by the Selectboard 4-1; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0, with one abstention*).

PASSED

14.) To see if the municipality will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,590 towards this purpose and to appoint the Selectboard as agents to expend from the fund. It is anticipated that a revaluation will take place in 2023. (*Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 3-0*).

PASSED

15.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,877 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).

(Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0, with one abstention).

PASSED

16.) To see if the Town will vote to allow for any "operational expenses" related to management of Lot B-55, also known as the Melendy Pond property, to be spent out of the Melendy Pond Revolving Fund that was approved at the March 2019 town meeting. When originally approved, use of the fund was limited to covering "ongoing maintenance...and future demolition of structures". *(Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0).*

PASSED

17.) Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. *(Recommended by the Selectboard 4-1; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0, with one abstention).*

PASSED

18.) Shall we modify the provisions of the previously adopted RSA 72:35 to increase the current tax credit of \$2,000 to the maximum allowable tax credit of \$4,000? This credit is for any person who has been honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected injury, or the surviving spouse of such a person. *(Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 3-0).*

YES-267
NO-9

19.) To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unused portion of the \$1,200,000 bond authorization that was approved at the March 2017 town meeting for the purchase of lots K-33 and K-34. A bond totaling \$800,000 was issued for the land purchases and therefore the balance of the authorization, or \$400,000, was not needed and should be rescinded. (Requires 2/3 ballot vote). *(Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 3-0).*

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

PASSED

- The sum of \$600 for the general maintenance of the Carvalho Lots in Pine Grove Cemetery;
- The sum of \$600 for the general maintenance of the Connors Lots in Pine Grove Cemetery.

AMEND?
PASSED

21.) *instruct the Selectboard to convene a study committee on the issue of a budget committee. The committee shall consist of a selectboard member, school board member, finance committee member and members of the public. To report findings by 10/1/2020.*
(By Petition) To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 32:14 to establish a municipal budget committee to assist its voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds. (Requires ballot vote).

FAILED
NO-222
YES-52

22.) (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to direct the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board, pursuant to RSA 195:25, to undertake a study of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of the pre-existing Brookline School District from the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District.

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

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth (24th) day of February 2020.

Brendan Denehy

Eddie Arnold

Ron Olsen

Drew Kellner

Steve Russo

Selectboard of Brookline