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Third Annual Brookline Chili/Chowder/Soup Cook-Off

Brookline



Cook-Off

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Brookline Event Center

32 Proctor Hill Road

(Route 130)

Noon - 3:00 pm

Chili/Chowder/Soup Cook-Off

Doors open at noon

Judging will begin at noon!

Tickets at the door:

\$8 adults

\$5 under 12yrs & Seniors 62+

Brookline's Second Annual Chili/Chowder/Soup Cook-Off was a great success! About 300 visitors packed the room where 14 professionals and amateurs brought the best Chilis and Soups we ever tasted. The event was so successful that some competitors ran out of food.

This year again, restaurateurs and amateurs from the "Greater Brookline Area" will be competing during the Third Annual Brookline Cook-Off for one of the three categories: **Chili, Chowder or Soup**. They all are looking forward to serving the best warm concoctions you will ever taste! A Feast for the Senses!

The *Friends of the Brookline Library* will bring cookies and brownies for all attendees to enjoy.

Brookline Acoustic Jammers will once again entertain us during the event.

Bring your friends and family. Let your neighbors and co-workers know. Participate in the judging by filling out a voting ballot. All visitors will be eligible to win prizes donated by local restaurants and competitors. The raffle will be at 2:45 pm.

For more information email valerie@brookline.nh.us or call 673-8855 ext. 215

THERE IS MORE!

The Brookline Winter Festival is back!

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 17th - 19th.

Visit the *Brookline NH Winter Festival* [Facebook](#) page for updates and to check the schedule of events.



Annual Meeting Dates:

- **Coop:** Monday, March 13
(snow date 03/16)
- **Brookline School District:**
All Day Voting (SB2): Tuesday, March 14
- **All Day Voting:** Tuesday, March 14 - 7am-7:30pm
- **Town Meeting:** Wednesday, March 15 (snow date 03/20)

All meetings start at 7:00 pm

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2016 Economic Development Committee Report The Year in Review

Since chartered in April 2012, the Economic Development Committee (EDC) has met once a month and continued to work on projects to benefit Brookline Businesses and the town as a whole.

Economic Revitalization Zones (ERZs) – In early summer the State approved the Selectboard’s application to designate 5 ERZs in the Commercial/Industrial district along Route 13.

Businesses located in an ERZ are eligible to receive a tax credit against their business profit tax for investments made in plant or equipment and/or the creation of any full-time jobs.

The EDC had a very busy year working on two great events that again were very successful:

The second annual **Chili-Chowder-Soup Cook-Off** was held in February at the Event Center. About 300 visitors packed the room where 14 professionals and amateurs brought the best Chilis and Soups (No Chowder this year). The third Cook-Off will be on Sunday, February 19, 2017, from noon to 3:00 pm. See you then!

Brookline was once again the center of attention for many future couples in the region. The second annual **Brookline Bridal Show** took place early October and was another successful event. Both returning and new exhibitors set up beautiful booths for future couples, their families, and friends to visit during the 3-hour long show.

The Brookline Bridal Show Facebook page now has over 300 “likes” which demonstrates how popular the page has been.

The EDC has already scheduled the third annual Brookline Bridal Show that will be held on Sunday, October 01, 2017 from noon to 3:00 pm at the Brookline Event Center.

The EDC continued working on promoting the **Brookline Chapel** and set up an Open House on the same day the Bridal Show was held. So far, over 85 weddings have been celebrated at the Chapel since the town purchased the building. A new Facebook page has been set up for the Brookline Chapel.

The “Wedding Guide” created a couple of years ago provides all the necessary steps to get married in New Hampshire and beautiful pictures of the building. The wedding guide is available at the Town Hall and on the Brookline website.

Did you know? The Chapel is also available for many other types of events or celebrations such as baptisms, concerts or art expos!

A short video on the chapel was created and can be viewed on the Brookline Bridal Show & Brookline Chapel Facebook pages as well as on the Brookline website.

To keep Brookline Residents and Businesses informed of our efforts, the EDC publishes the Economic Development Newsletter distributed to all businesses and residents. Many businesses, organizations and committees have offered their support by providing articles and photos – another great way to put their name out there and get some “publicity”! The newsletters are all available on the Brookline website and are being viewed by many people and organizations outside Brookline. We want them to know what a great town Brookline is to live and work.

This year, again, the “**Welcome Packet**” with valuable information about Town services, Boards & Committees, Clubs, and local resources has been offered to all new Brookline residents. Many Brookline entrepreneurs are taking the opportunity to advertise their business by providing coupons and promotional materials that are included in the packet. Since created in 2013, the packets have received many positive comments. Welcome Packets are available at the Town Hall.

The Committee renewed its membership with the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce. Again this year, the Town of Brookline, represented by the EDC, was among the numerous exhibitors at the Southern New Hampshire Business Expo that took place in November at the Hampshire Dome in Milford promoting the Town and its businesses.

The **Business Directory** available on the Brookline website is a great way for residents to contact local businesses. Business owners, do not forget to contact the Town Hall with any updates you may have or if you are not yet listed!

The EDC encourages Brookline Businesses to get involved and contribute to the economic development of our wonderful town by attending the meetings and sharing their ideas. By working together, we can achieve great things!

On behalf of the current Economic Development Committee:
Eric Bernstein, Planning Board & Business Owner
Tom Humphreys, Selectboard
Donna Marsh, Realtor
Ron Pelletier, Planning Board & Business Owner
Tad Putney, Town Administrator
Valérie Rearick, Town Planner
Steve Russo, Realtor
Gale Taylor, Finance Committee & Business Owner
Wendy Walter, Business Owner

“Promote balanced, long-term economic development, which reflects and enhances the character of our community.”

Meet Brookline Businesses (series)

Get-It-Done

Get-It-Done Property Maintenance is a family run business that has been servicing Brookline since 2002. The owner, Ben Nowak has a Bachelors degree in Environmental Science from Unity College. He has lived in Brookline for 14 years with his wife and three kids.

We would like to share how we have set the standards in property maintenance, landscaping, hardscapes and much more.

We are professional and pay attention to detail. Our equipment is state of the art and we work on schedules set by you the customer. We have worked for hundreds of families in town. If you haven't heard of us, ask a neighbor because we probably worked for them.

We provide full maintenance of your property: spring cleanup, lawn mowing, mulch & pruning, fall cleanup, roof gutter cleaning, snow plowing and more. The more you have us do, the more money you save.

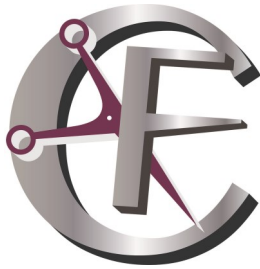
Thank you, we look forward to helping you with all of your property maintenance needs.

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The Cozy Tea Cart

The Cozy Tea Cart is a retail tea shop and a café. The focus of the shop is the sale of high quality, freshly imported teas, and tea accoutrements as well as unique specialty gift items. The café is designed more like a living room, with large furniture pieces, including a couch facing a fireplace and a dining room table in addition to the traditional two-top café tables. The ultimate goal for the design is a relaxed atmosphere where people can come to enjoy tea and home-made food, or bring their laptop and work in a quiet environment using the Wi-Fi connection.



Chef Sabine Berke makes all of the menu items from scratch, sourcing fresh produce from local farms. One Sunday per month from September through June, The Cozy Tea Cart serves Afternoon Tea in the traditional Victorian manner. These events, each featuring a different themed menu, have limited capacity and fill up quickly, so be sure to make your reservations early!



The café space is available to rent for individuals who are interested in hosting their social club event, baby shower, bridal shower, birthday party, etc. It is also available to local businesses in the community who would like a special meeting place or who have a special service they would like to promote. **Visit us and indulge yourself in a cup of comfort!**

104 Route 13, Brookline, NH ~ 603-249-9111 ~ Monday - Saturday ~ 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Danielle@TheCozyTeaCart.com ~ www.TheCozyTeaCart.com

Planning Department Update & Proposed 2017 Zoning Amendments

The Planning Board's mission is to ensure compliance with Planning and Zoning regulations and ordinances when reviewing site plans and subdivision applications and to provide excellent customer service. The Board also revisits the regulations and ordinances to ensure compliance with State and Federal regulations while trying to maintain a balance between the rights of landowners and the residents' vision to preserve the rural character of Brookline.

The *Accessory Dwelling Unit Committee* (*) spent numerous hours revisiting the *Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)*

Ordinance in order to comply with SB 146 that will take effect on June 1, 2017. Amendments were submitted to the Board for review and agreement and put the on the March 2017 ballot.

(*) *The Board wants to thank **Webb Scales** and **Eric Bernstein** for their time revisiting the ADU's ordinance.*

The Board also reviewed several sections of the Zoning Ordinance, mainly to provide clarifications and/or match NH State's Agencies regulations.



Amendments to the Zoning and Land use Ordinance will be submitted to voters during the "All Day Voting" on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017.

Open Positions: Alternate Members

Consider volunteering for a couple of hours a month to serve our town

Overview of the Proposed 2017 Town Budget and Warrant Articles

During meetings in October, November and January the Selectboard and Finance Committee worked with department heads to develop the town's proposed 2017 budget.

At the annual Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 15th, voters will be asked to approve a \$4,547,125 million operating budget, which is a 4.4% increase over last year.

Town meeting will also consider about a dozen warrant articles for funding

some additional items. The warrant articles include:

- ⇒ A bond to purchase approximately 78 acres of conservation land along both sides of the Nissitissit River, east of Bohanon Bridge Road.
- ⇒ \$145,000 for the construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Nissitissit River on Mason Rd and a sidewalk on South Main St. Total cost is \$725,000, with \$580,000 paid by a grant.

- ⇒ \$167,000 to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund for engineering & re-construction of the Bond Street bridge.
- ⇒ \$25,000 for the purpose of defraying the costs of the 250th celebration of the Town of Brookline.
- ⇒ \$13,680 for the NRPC to conduct meetings and develop recommendations about the future of Melendy Pond.

Brookline Chapel

Concerts, Recitals, Weddings, Art Expos and other events can be held inside this beautiful piece of architecture!

Did you know the Brookline Chapel has hosted over 85 weddings since it was purchased by the Town in 2008?

The Chapel is available for rent all year long and can seat up to 160 guests.

Brusch Hall, located behind the Chapel, is fully equipped with bathrooms, complete kitchen, sofas, chairs and tables.

An ample **parking area** is conveniently available.



Would you like to visit the Brookline Chapel? Do not hesitate to contact anyone at the Town Hall! We will be pleased to open the doors for you!

Check the [Video](#)



To Rent the Chapel:

Please contact Sharon Sturtevant
Phone: 603-673-8855 ext. 214

Overview of Annual Meetings

Here is information on the annual meetings/votes that occur in March:

Hollis-Brookline Cooperative School District (Grades 7-12)

Monday, March 13th (snow date: Thursday, March 16th), at High School 7pm

Brookline School District (Grades K-6)

All day (SB2) voting: Tuesday, March 14th from 7:00 am - 7:30 pm at CSDA

Town meeting

Wednesday, March 15th at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy (CSDA) 7pm



Type of Meeting

The Coop and annual town meeting occur on different nights and follow the traditional town meeting form of voting where voters gather to discuss and vote on individual warrant articles. Beginning this year, the Brookline School District is following the “SB2” form of voting where the warrant articles are voted on during all day voting, March 14th. In addition to the Brookline School District warrant articles, the all day voting is used for residents to go to the polls and elect town/school officials as well as any other issues that require “ballot” voting, such as zoning ordinances. ***Polls are located at CSDA and are open all day, from 7:00 am to 7:30 pm.***

Meeting Background

Upon arrival at the Town/Coop meetings, residents check-in to verify that they are registered to vote. At this time, voters receive an index card to be raised when voting. The meeting is run by the Town/Coop ***Moderator***.

Key Terms - The following are key terms used during the meetings.

Warrant: The meeting’s written agenda, which is set and published prior to the meeting. It specifies the items to be discussed and voted on at the meeting. All items on the warrant are open for debate.

Articles: Individual subject matters listed on the warrant that may be addressed at the meeting. The articles are taken up one at a time in the order in which they appear on the warrant, unless it is voted to change that order. Each article identifies a subject matter, but it is the motion under that subject matter that defines the actual question to be considered by the voters.

Motion: To consider the subject raised in an article, a motion under that article must be made. A motion must be germane to the article’s subject, but it need not be identical to the article language. Motions often are made that have a dollar amount which differs from the number in the article itself. Once a motion is made and seconded, the motion is open for discussion. The individual making the motion will ordinarily speak first and is expected to provide necessary background on the motion. The language of a motion being considered may be amended by a motion to amend. If such a motion is seconded, and, after discussion, is approved by a simple majority, the main motion before the voters for consideration is so amended.

Discussion: Speaking to a motion is done at the microphone. Speakers introduce themselves by name and street. Discussion must be limited to the particular motion under consideration. Individuals should speak once until others have spoken. Discussion ceases when no one further wishes to be heard, or when a “motion to move the question” is supported by a 2/3 majority.

“Motion to Move the Question”: This is a motion to end discussion. It needs to be seconded, is non-debatable, and requires a 2/3 majority. If approved, discussion on the motion ceases; however, the practice has been that voters already in line at the microphone will be heard. It is improper for a speaker to express an opinion and then immediately move to close discussion.

Vote: When discussion is ended, the vote on a pending motion will usually require a simple majority vote to pass (with several exceptions such as a motion for a bond exceeding \$100,000, which by law requires a 2/3 majority and ballot vote). Initially, the Moderator will ask for a “show of hands” vote. Those supporting the motion will raise their index cards signifying their vote. Then those opposing the motion will raise their cards to signify their vote. If the Moderator deems the “show of hands” vote too-close-to-call, a hand count will be used with voters asked to raise their index cards again to signify their vote. The raised cards are then counted by election officials; first of those supporting the motion and then of those opposing it.

“Motion to Pass Over”: This motion is a proposal to take no action on a specific article and to simply proceed to the next article. The motion requires a second, is non-debatable, and requires a 2/3 majority.

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Overview of Annual Meetings

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“Motion for Reconsideration”: This motion asks voters to reconsider a vote previously made at the meeting. This motion is to be made by a voter who had voted on the prevailing side of the prior vote. If such a motion is made and seconded, the discussion is limited to the reasons that the voters should reconsider that earlier vote. A simple majority is required. If passed the prior vote is vacated, and the prior motion is again before the voters.

“Motion to Limit Reconsideration”: To discourage strategic late night motions to reconsider, state statute created a motion to limit reconsideration. This motion can be made at any time during the meeting relative to any previous vote at the meeting. This motion needs a second, is debatable, and requires a simple majority. If such a motion is approved, reconsideration under a successful motion for reconsideration later made at the same meeting is limited in that the reconsideration itself can only take place at a future and publicized reconvening of the meeting not sooner than seven days later.

“Motion to Appeal”: This is a motion to appeal a decision of the Moderator in the course of the meeting. It requires a second, is debatable, and needs a simple majority.

“Point of Order”: A voter may rise and assert a “point of order” when the voter believes that a fundamental procedural error has occurred. Asserting a point of order may not be misused as a prefix to give an interrupter uninhibited license to make whatever point he or she wishes to interject.

“Motion to Adjourn”: This motion must be seconded, is not debatable and requires a simple majority. Although “adjourned” might suggest a future continuation, in practice it means to end the meeting. If at 11:00 pm it appears that all matters can be disposed of by midnight, the meeting will continue. If not, a motion to adjourn to an announced time and date will be entertained.

Welcome to Brookline!

Have you received your “Welcome Packet”?

Welcome to Brookline!

The Economic Development Committee has developed tools to better communicate with businesses and residents.

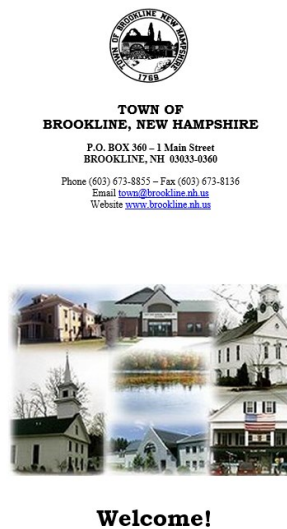
Welcome Packets have been put together to provide as much information as possible for new residents. The Packets are available at the Town Hall. You will find valuable information about town services, town departments, schools, clubs, organizations, and local shopping. Packets also include information and coupons from local businesses.

Additional information can be found on the town website www.brookline.nh.us.


The website offers an easy navigation for business owners, residents and visitors to access pages dedicated to news and events as well as information on all town boards, committees, departments, organizations and schools.

Features include quick links to Town Resources such as past meetings via a link to **Town Hall Streams** and receiving news via email by subscribing to **E-Alerts**.

Do not hesitate to contact Town Hall Staff with any questions you may have. We are here to assist you in any way we can. The contact list can be found on the website at: www.brookline.nh.us/contacts-directory.



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Transportation



In September the Selectboard applied for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to receive 80% funding to construct a pedestrian bridge over the Nissitissit River on Mason Road and a sidewalk along South Main Street from Route 130 to the newly created rail trail. The sidewalk on South Main Street would include a pedestrian bridge over the Nissitissit River. A total of 46 applications were submitted across New Hampshire, and 12 were approved for funding. Brookline's application ranked fourth statewide.

In order to proceed with the project, the Town will be required to fund the 20% balance of project costs, or \$145,000. The project will be voted on at town meeting on March 15, 2017.

Brookline Library



The Brookline Public Library is excited to host Galileo Galilei, the Starry Messenger on Thursday, April 20th, 6:30 pm at the Brookline Town Hall Auditorium. Sign up at the circulation desk or by calling 673-3330.

To many, the Universe is a closed book of secrets never to be read. Almost four hundred years ago, an unknown court mathematician in Italy opened that book and laid the foundation for modern science. Galileo Galilei turned his telescope to the heavens to discover mountains and craters on the moon, four moons of Jupiter, and countless stars never before seen. Even more significant was his method of observation and mathematical analysis. He taught future scientists the way to discover the laws of nature.

The Starry Messenger is a dramatic fun-filled adaptation of Galileo's short treatise "Siderius Nuncius". Galileo (dressed in 17th century Costume) arrives to present a public lecture on his most recent discoveries made using his newly devised spyglass. As he describes those discoveries, Galileo's new method of observation and measurement of nature become apparent. Throughout the presentation audience members are actively involved in experiments and demonstrations. After the lecture, Galileo answers questions about his experiments, his life and his times.

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> ***[Do you want to promote your business? We can help!](#)***

The EDC newsletter is mailed to over 2,000 postal patrons, posted on the Brookline website and sent electronically to many individuals, businesses and organizations outside the region!

The EDC encourages all Brookline businesses to send information about their services and upcoming events, their team, job openings, etc., along with pictures to be included in future issues of the Newsletter.

For more information, please contact Valerie Rearick (603) 673-8855 ext. 215 or email valerie@brookline.nh.us

> ***[Brookline Website \(more than agendas and minutes!\)](#)***

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We want to make sure that all Brookline businesses are listed in the [BROOKLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY](#) and we make every effort to keep it up-to-date.

If your business is not listed in the Directory, if your contact information has changed, or if you have a new website, please contact Valerie Rearick valerie@brookline.nh.us

Businesses and residents can directly contact the [website administrator](#) to submit news announcements or questions. Follow the links under "[Town Resources](#)" on the home page.



*Scan to access the
Business Directory*

[EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES](#)

Come join our awesome Team! Stateline Convenience Store is super excited and proud to present the launch of our beautiful new deli featuring healthy & delicious Dietz & Watson meats. **Now taking applications** for help starting in the spring. No experience necessary, we are happy to train. Apply in person at Route 13 Stateline Convenience Store (next to the Liquor store) or email us at deli@route13stateline.com



The EDC meets at least monthly as it works to complete research, develop materials, and organize events that will support both existing and future businesses in Brookline.

We invite Brookline business owners and residents to learn more about the EDC. Contact **Tad Putney** tputney@brookline.nh.us or **Valerie Rearick** valerie@brookline.nh.us for more information.