

Brookline, NH Economic Development

Newsletter

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6th Annual Brookline Chili & Chowder-Soup Cook-Off



Sunday, February 16, 2020

Brookline Event Center

32 Proctor Hill Road

(Route 130)

Noon - 2:00 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 65+

(Exact Change Appreciated!)

Raffle at 1:45 pm

Annual Meeting Dates:

- **Brookline School District:**
All Day Voting (SB2): Tuesday, March 10. 7am-7:30pm
- **All Day Voting:** *Tuesday, March 10 - 7am-7:30pm*
- **Town Meeting:** *Wednesday, March 11 @ 7pm*
- **Coop:** *Thursday, March 18 @ 6:30pm*

See Page 7 for more details

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Brookline's Fifth Annual Chili/Chowder/Soup Cook-Off was another great success! Over 350 visitors packed the Brookline Event Center where professionals and amateurs brought the best Chilis and Soups we ever tasted. The event was so successful that most competitors ran out of food!

This year again, restaurateurs and amateurs from the "Greater Brookline Area" will be competing during the Sixth Annual Brookline Cook-Off for one of the two categories: **Chili & Chowder/Soup**. They all are looking forward to serving the best warm concoctions you will ever taste to over 400 visitors! A Feast for the Senses!

The **Friends of the Brookline Library** will sell cookies and brownies. **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 businesses and competitors. The raffle will begin at 1:45 pm.

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

Businesses Supporting The Brookline Food Pantry



*"I wanted to thank **Tobacco Heaven** for the generous \$2,000 donation to the Neighbor Helping Neighbors Fund today. We are lucky to have such wonderful community-minded businesses."*

Abigail Purdin, Food Pantry Director

"We thought this would be a good way for us to help out the people in our community."

"Our customers can drive long distances but our home is Brookline."

Joe and Pam Correia



Tad Putney, Town Administrator
Abigail Purdin, Food Pantry Director
Joe Correia, Owner Tobacco Heaven

For more information about making donations to the Food Pantry, please contact **Abigail Purdin, 673-8855 ext. 300**

Pictures From 2019 5th Cook-Off

Photographs: Ann Somers



2019 Winners:
The Alamo
Chrysanthi's
Jake (our youngest contestant)
Edward Fisher



Brookline's Famous Acoustic Jammers!

Friends of the Brookline Library (Yum!)



Jake, YOU DID IT!!!!



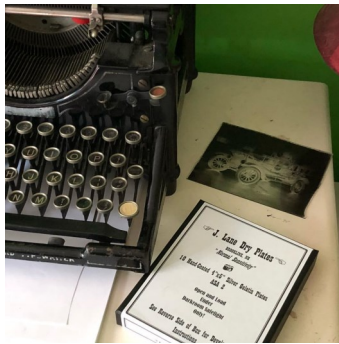
First Place Trophies for
- Best Chili
- Best Soup or Chowder
Professionals & Amateurs



Updates on Brookline Businesses

Pictoriographica, LLC

Have you heard of Pictoriographica? Pictoriographica, headquartered in Brookline, is **the world's only manufacturer of new glass plate negatives for photographers**. What are glass plates? Also known as dry plates, this was the photographic process used before the invention of film. Our early 20th Century photographer Grace Whitcomb Stickney shot many of her photographs on dry plate. Started in late 2017, Pictoriographica ships newly made dry plates worldwide, with retailers also stocking its products in the United States, Canada, and Europe. Pictoriographica employs three local high school students to help in the manufacturing of the unique photographic medium, giving them a unique first career that they will remember for a lifetime.



Pictoriographica recently celebrated the successful funding of a Kickstarter campaign to make new dry plate holders. Holders for dry plates are the equivalent of “modern” film cartridges, allowing the plates to be used in the camera without exposing them to daylight. With the resurgence and small but growing demand for this old photographic process, the lack of new or even good condition holders have been a hindrance to sharing dry plates with a larger customer base. Pictoriographica partnered with a camera manufacturer in the UK to design new holders, and with the successful campaign providing the necessary funding to get started, will soon be distributing this critical accessory to the world.

In the world of analog photography, this has been a historic event celebrated worldwide ... all from our little town of Brookline. Production of the holders opens the door to a much larger market for dry plates, and with retailers already insisting on stocking the holders, Pictoriographica is going to have a very busy time ahead!

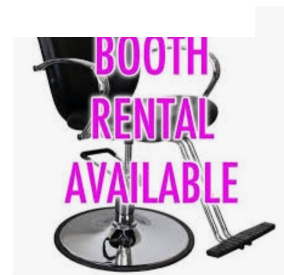
Jason Lane, Pictoriographica LLC - *Bringing Early Photography Into the Modern Era*
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Brookline Beauty, LLC - Sarah Hendrick, Owner

Brookline Beauty LLC is looking for an experienced hair stylist with a clientele, to be a booth renter. You will have the option of setting your own schedule, working part time or full time.



Affordable rent, with the option to use the shops products or bring your own. The salon has been open for 2 years now and new clients are always welcome. My name is **Sarah**, and I've worked in Brookline for 7 years.



If you'd like to join me please call 603-672-0800 or email me at brooklinebeautyllc@gmail.com

Updates on Brookline Businesses

Averill House Winery - Another Great Event

Averill House Vineyard is excited to introduce *WineCream*, an ice cream made with our wine. We have created four varieties:

Sweet Moonlight, our Raspberry Maple Merlot
True Belle, a Peach Chardonnay
Victoria's Day, a Cold Brew Coffee from A&E & Cherry Wine
Sweet Night, a Cherry Maple Wine



Averill House
VINEYARD

presented by
Herron Entertainment

Stop by the Chili Cook Off or our tasting room and try some!



Join us for an evening of comedy each month as we celebrate The Winery Comedy Tour. Find out which nationally acclaimed comedian pairs best with our wine!

Our winter hours through March are Saturday and Sunday 11am to 4pm, with additional times by appointment. We are expanding our events, tours and tastings. Please stop by and welcome three new associates: John Dennison, Hannah St. George, and Jane Padilla.

JOB OPENING: We are looking for a **Tour Guide.**

If you enjoy people & sharing history or telling a tall tale, send us a message at averillhousevineyard@icloud.com or call 603-371-2296.

News from CoMotion Fitness

CoMotion Fitness is a
friendly small fitness studio
located at
27 Route 13, Brookline, NH



We've just added Barre to our schedule & still have Zumba®, Yoga, Body Strong, Circuits, & Small Group Training, as well as monthly Watercolor painting workshops, Country dance lessons, and various other workshops & specialty classes.

Come join us ... **Yoga & Barre** with Sarah Haggerty & Michelle Dowling; **Zumba** with Barb Longfellow, Kate Albee & Kathy Trasatti. Karen Cormier offers **BodyStrong**, a fun, energetic group barbell class. Our classes are designed for women & men of all fitness levels. Ask about a FREE class & we hope to meet YOU soon! Please contact us for the current class schedule.

CoMotion offers a wide range of classes and times, including early and mid-day, evening & weekend classes. Our amazing team of instructors will keep you motivated and having fun while you work towards your goals. Adopting new fitness habits can be difficult and challenging to the strongest of us. Our goal is to change your view of fitness, so that it becomes a part of who you are and your lifestyle. We strongly believe that if you practice healthy habits, in a supportive and friendly environment, YOU WILL succeed! ^[1]And if you are having FUN at the same time... WE ALL WIN!

With combined decades of experience, the CoMotion team will help you overcome your hurdles and reach your full potential. With an atmosphere of community, we are committed to making fitness fun, and supporting each other in the process. CoMotion Fitness is the little white building on the corner of Townsend Hill Rd & Route 13 (just before the MA border). Yes, there are cars for sale in front of the building, but inside, it's ALL CoMotion Fitness!

www.CoMotionNH.com - CoMotionNH@gmail.com - Contact Barb at 603-554-4468
& look for CoMotion Fitness on **Facebook** for updates!

Well Water. Water, Well... We All Care. Looking for 2 At-Large Committee Members

All Brookline homeowners depend on water from their wells: hopefully, a steady supply of water. In the past few months, several residents have found their wells running dry. They have voiced the concern to the Planning Board that new housing developments are causing the water table to be lowered and so are impacting their wells. The Planning Board has established a Well and Water Committee to study the situation and recommend solutions.



- Are additional homes causing water shortages?
- Should developers be required to submit a hydrogeologic study to show how their development will impact existing homes?
- Should restrictions be placed on how close homes should be?
- Should there be any restrictions on lawns, outdoor watering, etc.?
- Are some areas of town more likely to develop water shortages than others?



The Committee meetings will be open to the public; input from residents is encouraged.. In addition, the Committee will be conducting a survey of Brookliners to find out how widespread and how serious well water concerns are.

The Well and Water Committee is a 5-member committee which will be composed of 3 members of the public, a Planning Board/Selectboard member, and a member of the Conservation Commission. We plan to meet once or twice a month and then present recommendations to the Planning Board in September.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Steve Russo at srusso@brookline.nh.us

2019 Best Businesses Of The Souhegan Valley - Go Brookline!



Steve Russo
Verani Realty



2019 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 have individual and successful interactions with Brookline business owners and organizations.

Reminder From 2018 - House Bill 316 – Property Tax Exemption for Businesses

Information for Business Owners. At the March 2018 Town Meeting, voters approved a warrant article allowing the Town to provide a property tax exemption for businesses that build, rebuild, modernize or enlarge within the community. The exemption applies to the municipal and local school property tax portions of property taxes.

The town sets the percentage of the increased assessed value attributable to the construction/addition/renovation (up to 50%) that is exempt. The exemption may run for a maximum of 10 years and the set percentage and duration must be uniformly applied to all projects within the municipality. The adoption of the exemption is good for a maximum period of 5 years. The exemption is not limited to new construction, but also applies to “additions”.

For more information, you may contact Tad Putney, Town Administrator. Tputney@brookline.nh.us

The **5th annual Chili-Chowder/Soup Cook-Off** was held in February at the Event Center. What a crowd we had! Over 300 visitors packed the room where professionals and amateurs brought the best Chilis, Chowders and Soups we ever tasted! The event was so successful that some competitors ran (again this year) out of food! The 6th Cook-Off will be on Sunday, February 16, 2020 from noon to 2:00 at the Brookline Event Center. See you then!

The EDC continued working on promoting the **Brookline Chapel**. So far, over 100 weddings have been celebrated at the Chapel and it is a significant source of revenue for the Town. A Facebook page was set up 5 years ago for the Brookline Chapel. Another way to let people know about this beautiful building.

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.

In order to keep Brookline Residents and Businesses informed of our efforts, the EDC publishes the Economic Development **Newsletter** that is being 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 which is being viewed by many people and organizations outside the Town! 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 special offers that are included in the packet. Since created in 2013, the packets have received so many positive comments. Welcome Packets are available at the Town Hall.

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:

Eddie Arnold, Selectboard & Business Owner

Eric Bernstein, Planning Board & Business Owner

Donna Marsh, Realtor

Ron Pelletier, Planning Board & Business Owner

Tad Putney, Town Administrator

Valérie Rearick, Town Planner

Gerrell Smith, Businessman

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

Overview of the Proposed 2020 Town Budget and Warrant Articles

During meetings in October, November and January, the Brookline Selectboard and Finance Committee worked with the department heads to develop the Town's proposed 2020 budget.

At the annual town meeting on Wednesday, March 11th, voters will be asked to approve a \$5.07 million operating budget, which is a 3.9% increase over last year.

Town meeting will also consider separate warrant articles for funding additional items.

The warrant articles include:

- \$53,119 to provide pay and benefits for a second full-time public works employee beginning in mid-May. If approved, the town operating budget will be reduced by \$42,000 given reduced reliance on subcontractors for work.
- \$150,000 for the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund, which will allow for the purchase of additional equipment in the coming years.
- \$145,740 for the first of three lease payments on a new fire truck – replacing 25 year-old 5Engine2.
- \$60,000 to begin (first of three equal payments) upgrading police, ambulance and radio equipment and allowing for separate frequencies.
- \$51,403, which represents the pro-rated cost to hire a new full-time police officer effective July 1st.

Mark your calendar: Annual Meetings & All Day Voting Days

Brookline School District (Grades K-6)

Tuesday, March 10th, all day (SB2) voting from 7:00 am - 7:30 pm at CSDA

Brookline Town meeting

Wednesday, March 10th at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy (CSDA)
7pm

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

Tuesday, March 17th at High School 7pm



Brookline All Day Voting

Tuesday, March 10 - 7am-7:30pm at
Captain Samuel Douglass Academy
(CSDA)

Open Positions on Various Boards and Committees

Planning Board - Alternate Members - The Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7p. For more information, contact Valerie Rearick Valerie@brookline.nh.us or 673-8855 ext. 215

Zoning Board of Adjustments - Alternate Members - The Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. For more information contact Kristen Austin Kristen@brookline.nh.us or 673-8855 ext. 216

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

The EDC newsletter is mailed to over 2,100 postal patrons, posted on the Brookline website and sent electronically to many individuals, businesses and organizations in 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 \(more than agendas and minutes!\)](#)***

The website offers easy navigation for businesses, residents and visitors to access pages dedicated to news and events, as well as information on all town boards, committees, departments 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](#)

If your business is not listed in the Directory, or if your contact information has changed, 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.

The EDC meets 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.