

# BROOKLINE 2021

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★ **Vote By Ballot • Monday February 28, 2022** ★  
**Brookline Town Office • 9:00am - 7:00pm**



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## Town of Brookline General Information

Town Office.....	P.O. Box 403 734 Grassy Brook Road Brookline, Vermont 05345 802-365-4648; FAX: 802-365-4092 Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. First Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Or by appointment <a href="http://www.brooklinevt.com">www.brooklinevt.com</a>
Selectboard.....	First and third Wednesday, 6:30 P.M., Town Office
Planning Commission .....	Second Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Town Office
West River Modified Union Education District ..	Third Monday, 7:00 P.M., Leland & Gray
Riverside Cemetery.....	\$200 per space. Contact Cemetery Commission
Health & Sewage Disposal Ordinance .....	See Town Clerk
Highway Regulations .....	See Town Clerk
Landfill.....	Access permits available at District Scale House
Fire & Rescue Emergencies .....	9-1-1
Fish & Game License .....	See Town Clerk or online at <a href="http://vtfishandwildlife.com/">http://vtfishandwildlife.com/</a>

# Warning for 2022 Brookline Town Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Brookline are hereby warned to meet in the Brookline Town Office in said Town on Monday February 28, 2022 between the hours of 9:00am and 7:00pm to transact the following business by Australian ballot:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect all Town Officers required by law:
- Town Moderator for a term of 1 year;
  - Town Clerk for a term of 1 year;
  - Town Treasurer for a term of 1 year;
  - Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year;
  - Selectboard Member for a term of 3 years;
  - Selectboard Member for a term of 2 years;
  - Lister for a term of 3 years;
  - Lister for a term of 2 years (remainder of an open 3-year term);
  - Lister for a term of 1 year (remainder of an open 3-year term);
  - Auditor for a term of 3 years;
  - Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 5 years;
  - Trustee of Public Funds for a term of 1 year;
- ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town accept the Auditors' Report?
- ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town vote to approve the General and Highway Fund expenditures, net of non-tax budgeted revenues, for the Town as follows:
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| Amount to be raised by taxes for General Fund: | \$ 145,667 |
| Amount to be raised by taxes for Highway Fund: | \$ 232,367 |
| Total Municipal Taxes to be raised:            | \$ 378,034 |
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town authorize the collection of taxes in 4 installments, with the due dates being: August 16, 2022; November 15, 2022; February 16, 2023; May 16, 2023
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$250.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of American Red Cross?
- ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters appropriate \$125.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of CRT-The Current Ct. River Transit?
- ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$300.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Grace Cottage Foundation?
- ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$50.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Green-Up Vermont?
- ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters appropriate \$300.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Groundworks Collaborative?
- ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters appropriate \$250.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Historical Society of Windham County?
- ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters appropriate \$250.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Leland & Gray Education Foundation?
- ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters appropriate \$700.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Moore Free Library?
- ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters appropriate \$100.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Rural Fire Protection Program?
- ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters appropriate \$700.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Senior Solutions?
- ARTICLE 15. Shall the voters appropriate \$465.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of SEVCA?
- ARTICLE 16. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,590.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)?
- ARTICLE 17. Shall the voters appropriate \$500.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center?
- ARTICLE 18. Shall the voters appropriate \$130.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Southeastern Watershed Alliance?
- ARTICLE 19. Shall the voters appropriate \$100.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of VABVI-VT Assoc. for the Blind?
- ARTICLE 20. Shall the voters appropriate \$821.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Valley Cares, Inc?
- ARTICLE 21. Shall the voters appropriate \$80.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Vt Center for Independent Living?
- ARTICLE 22. Shall the voters appropriate \$250.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Vermont Family Network?
- ARTICLE 23. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Visiting Nurse Alliance?
- ARTICLE 24. Shall the voters appropriate \$500.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Windham County Humane Society?
- ARTICLE 25. Shall the voters appropriate \$650.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Women's Freedom Center?
- ARTICLE 26. Shall the voters appropriate \$255.00 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of Youth Services?
- ARTICLE 27. Shall the voters appropriate \$500.00 to be raised by taxes in support of The Gathering Place?
- ARTICLE 28. Shall the Town vote to collect its current taxes by its Town Treasurer pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791?
- ARTICLE 29. Shall the voters approve the appropriation of up to \$22,000 for recycling costs for fiscal year 2023?
- ARTICLE 30. Shall the voters approve the appropriation of \$20,000 to establish a Budget Stabilization/Rainy Day fund?
- ARTICLE 31. Shall the Town apply the budget surplus from the 2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$2,153 in the following manner?
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| \$2,153 ..... | Capital Improvement Reserve |
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**Polls open at Brookline Town Office February 28, 2022 from 9:00am to 7:00pm.**

Dated this 28th day of January, 2022

Dorothy Maggio, Bruce Mello, Gwendolyn Tanza, Stan Noga, David Jones

# Town Officers Elected

TITLE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Moderator .....	David Y. Parker, Jr.....	2022
Town Clerk .....	Guy Tanza.....	2022
Treasurer .....	Michael J. Masters.....	2022
Delinquent Tax Collector.....	Guy Tanza.....	2022
Selectboard.....	David Jones..... elected to 3 yr term.....	2022
	Bruce Mello..... elected to 3 yr term.....	2023
	Gwendolyn Tanza..... elected to 3 yr term.....	2024
	Dorothy Maggio..... elected to 2 yr term.....	2023
	Stan Noga..... (appointed to 1 yr term) .....	2022
Listers (3-year term) .....	Helen Holt (appointed) .....	2022
	Mike Bills (appointed).....	2022
	Vacant.....	2022
Auditors (3-year term) .....	Heidi Nystrom .....	2024
	Frank Rucker .....	2022
	Kendra Brooks .....	2023
WRMUED School Director .....	LeeAnn Jillson.....	2023
Cemetery Commissioners (5-year term) .....	Michael W. Winot.....	2022
	Dorothy Maggio .....	2023
	Doug Wellman.....	2024
	Cynthia Nau .....	2025
	Howard Osgood.....	2026
Trustee of Public Funds.....	Guy Tanza.....	2022
Town State Representatives.....	Carolyn Partridge .....	2023
	Leslie Goldman.....	2023
Justices of the Peace .....	Jean Albee.....	2023
	Joseph Dutton.....	2023
	Dorothy Maggio .....	2023
	Stanley Noga Jr. ....	2023
	Guy Tanza.....	2023

**★★★★★★ Town Meeting Vote ★★★★★★★**

- No in-person Town Meeting this year
- All articles will be voted by Australian Ballot, Monday February 28, 2022 from 9:00am-7:00pm at the Brookline Town Office
  - Informational Hearing Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 6:30pm (Zoom/virtual meeting details will be posted on [www.brooklinevt.com](http://www.brooklinevt.com))

# Town Officers Appointed

TITLE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Assistant Town Clerk.....	Gwendolyn Tanza .....	2022
Assistant Treasurer .....	Judy Acampora .....	2022
	Guy Tanza.....	2022
Road Commissioner .....	Archie Clark.....	2022
Buildings Commissioner.....	Bruce Mello.....	2022
Highway Supervisor.....	Mark Bills .....	2022
Health Officer.....	Selectboard Chair.....	12/31/2022
Forest Fire Warden.....	Lester D. Rink.....	2025
Deputy Forest Fire Warden .....	Michael W. Winot.....	2025
Tree Warden.....	Mark Bills .....	2022
Windham Regional Commissioners .....	Guy Tanza.....	2022
	Vacant.....	2022
Pound Keeper.....	Windham County Humane Society .....	2022
Animal Control Officer .....	Dorothy Maggio .....	2022
Round Schoolhouse Committee .....	Cynthia Nau .....	2022
	Doug Wellman.....	2022
	Joseph Dutton.....	2022
Emergency Mgmt Coordinators .....	Vacant.....	2022
Rescue, Inc.....	Jorda Daigneault .....	2022
Town 911 Coordinator .....	Guy Tanza.....	2022
SEVCA.....	Vacant.....	2022
WSWMD (Landfill) .....	Dan Towler .....	2022
Planning Commission (5-year term) .....	Barbara Bourne .....	2022
	Charlie Ezequelle .....	2025
	Daniel Klitgaard .....	2024
	Vacant.....	2022
	Vacant.....	2022
Brookline Meetinghouse Committee.....	Lee Anne Parker.....	2022
	Kerry Bourne.....	2022
	Mark Bills .....	2022
	Dan Towler .....	2022
	Dorothy Maggio .....	2022

# Auditors' Report

This auditor's report is provided in connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Brookline, which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental Funds as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended. In our opinion the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

We have followed auditing procedures as recommended by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and as required by Vermont Law. Our opinion included the following considerations:

1) The financial statements include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the Town and all component units required by generally accepted accounting principles. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

2) Expenses have been appropriately classified and allocated to Funds, Functions and Programs in the financial statements. We have reviewed salary expenses reported in the financial statements to the IRS 941 report and confirmed tax deposits have been remitted on time. We have noted the need for minor adjustment to reconcile the GL to the 941 statements.

3) Revenues are appropriately classified within general revenues and contributions to restricted funds.

4) All bank accounts have been reconciled to the Town's general ledger accounting system and inter-fund activity balances have been appropriately classified, reported, and reconciled.

5) We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries that the Treasurer proposed, and confirmed that they have been posted to the general ledger.

6) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices that are currently pending.

7) To comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles that apply to Government Wide Activities and the Statement of Net Position, the Auditors have asked the Treasurer to provide a statement of fixed assets with related information on depreciation, book value, and long term debt. Progress has been made on this request and we expect to have this information available and will include in next year's Town Report.

We would like to thank Somara Zwick for returning to Town Treasurer duties, subsequent to her retirement, to once again guide the town through transitioning to future Treasurer functions for our town. The Town is very fortunate to have the capable administrative services of our elected Town Officials.

Respectfully submitted by elected auditors:  
Heidi Nystrom, Kendra Brooks and Frank Rucker  
Dated: January 23, 2022.

Our Brookline e-mail list currently includes over 160 people. This is one of the ways in which we communicate news and announcements of local interest to our community. If you would like to be added to the list, please e-mail Julie Lavorgna at [julielavorgna@gmail.com](mailto:julielavorgna@gmail.com). (And, please, if your e-mail address has changed, let Julie know.)

# 2021 Brookline Town Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2021

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*After a number of weeks of discussion at meetings, the following action was taken due to the ongoing Covid19 Virus Pandemic effecting our state, country, and world.*

At the Brookline Selectboard meeting, December 16, 2020, Mr. David Jones (Selectboard Chairman) suggested a vote to hold the Town Meeting by Australian ballot, and polled the members on this action. There was consensus in favor of voting on Australian ballot. Mr. Jones moved to hold the 2021 Town Meeting by Australian ballot. Seconded by Ms. Tanza. Hearing no discussion, on the Motion, by voice vote, all in favor.

Following guidelines, health and safety procedures advised by Governor Scott of Vermont, our Town held Town Meeting via Australian ballot in its entirety on March 1, 2021. Of the 446 legal Brookline voters, 72 cast their ballot. (16%)

The following are the results of that vote.

FINAL RESULTS SUMMARY  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2021

ARTICLE 1 – ELECT ALL TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	ELECTED	YES	NO or BLANK	TOTAL
Town Moderator	David Y. Parker, Jr.	69	3	72
Town Clerk	Guy Tanza	71	1	72
Town Treasurer	Michael Masters	68	4	72
Delinquent Tax Collector	Guy Tanza	70	2	72
Selectboard Member (3 Yr Term)	Gwen Tanza	70	2	72
Selectboard Member (2 Yr Term)	Dorothy Maggio	68	4	72
Selectboard Member (1 Yr Term)	Shelby Brimmer	65	7	72
Lister 3 Year Term	None			
Lister 2 Yr Term (remainder of 3 year term)	None			
Lister 1 Yr Term (remainder of 3 year term)	None			
Cemetery Commissioner (5 Yr Term)	Howard E. Osgood	70	2	72
Trustee of Public Funds (1 Yr Term)	Guy Tanza	70	2	72
Town Grand Juror (1 Yr Term)	David Y. Parker, Jr.	67	5	72

# 2021 Brookline Town Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

	YES	NO or BLANK	TOTAL
ARTICLE 2 Shall the Town Accept the Auditors' Report	67	5	72
ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town Approve the General & Highway Fund Expenditures General Fund \$131,417 Highway Fund \$157,679 Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund Surplus \$ (33,671) Total Municipal Taxes to be raised: \$255,425	64	8	72
ARTICLE 4 Shall the Authorize Collection of Tax in 4 Installments, 8/17/21, 11/16/21, 2/15/22 & 5/17/22	71	1	72
ARTICLE 5 To appropriate \$250.00 in support of American Red Cross	57	15	72
ARTICLE 6 To appropriate \$125.00 in support of CRT-Current CT River Transit	50	22	72
ARTICLE 7 To appropriate \$300.00 in support of Grace Cottage Foundation	61	11	72
ARTICLE 8 To appropriate \$50.00 in support of Green-Up Vermont	64	8	72
ARTICLE 9 To appropriate \$300.00 in support of Groundworks Collaborative	56	16	72
ARTICLE 10 To appropriate \$250.00 in support of Historical Society of Windham County	61	11	72
	YES	NO or BLANK	TOTAL
ARTICLE 11 To appropriate \$250.00 in support of Leland & Gray Education Foundation	54	18	72
ARTICLE 12 To appropriate \$300.00 in support of Moore Free Library	64	8	72
ARTICLE 13 To appropriate \$650.00 in support of Senior Solutions	66	6	72
ARTICLE 14 To appropriate \$465.00 in support of SEVCA	56	16	72
ARTICLE 15 To appropriate \$500.00 in support of Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center	40	32	72
ARTICLE 16 To appropriate \$110.00 in support of Southeastern Watershed Alliance	58	14	72
ARTICLE 17 To appropriate \$100.00 in support of VABVI-VT Assoc. for the Blind	57	14	72

# 2021 Brookline Town Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

	YES	NO or BLANK	TOTAL
ARTICLE 18			
To appropriate \$821.00 in support of Valley Cares, Inc.	62	10	72
ARTICLE 19			
To appropriate \$80.00 in support of VT Center for Independent Living	63	9	72
ARTICLE 20			
To appropriate \$1,000.00 in support of Visiting Nurse Alliance	59	13	72
ARTICLE 21			
To appropriate \$500.00 in support of Windham County Humane Society	60	12	72
ARTICLE 22			
To appropriate \$650.00 in support of Women's Freedom Center	58	14	72
ARTICLE 23			
To appropriate \$255.00 in support of Youth Services	62	10	72
ARTICLE 24			
To appropriate \$100.00 in support of Rural Fire Protection Program	57	15	72
ARTICLE 25			
To appropriate \$1,590.00 in support of Southeastern VT Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	38	34	72
ARTICLE 26			
To appropriate \$250.00 in support of Vermont Family Network	50	22	72
ARTICLE 27			
Town Vote to collect its current taxes by its Town Treasurer	64	8	72
ARTICLE 28			
Town Voters approve the appropriation of up to \$27,000 for recycling costs for fiscal year 2022	43	29	72

Submitted by:

Guy Tanza  
Town Clerk

David Jones  
Chair Selectboard

The town of Brookline owes so much to the many volunteers who have given of themselves over the years. If you are interested in participating in any of the local groups, serving on a board, or helping out at events, please attend meetings, contact the groups directly, or talk with the Town Clerk.

# Town Operating/Highway Proposed 2022 Budget

	Last (FY21) Budget	Last (FY21) Actual	Current (FY22) Budget	Proposed (FY23) Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>Town Operating Revenues</b>					
1-6-01-01.00 Current Taxes	123,563	114,786	133,642	145,667	
1-6-01-03.00 Penalties	1,500	2,015	1,000	1,200	200
1-6-01-04.00 Interest on Taxes	1,100	2,520	1,000	1,500	500
1-6-02-01.00 Current Use	13,000	11,740	14,000	12,000	(2,000)
1-6-02-01.01 State Per Parcels - GF	300	-	340	340	-
1-6-02-02.00 US Refuge Rev Sharing	100	109	115	100	(15)
1-6-03-01.00 Clerk Fees	3,850	6,255	4,000	4,400	400
1-6-03-02.00 Dog License	600	391	600	500	(100)
1-6-03-04.00 Copies	900	1,445	1,200	1,250	50
1-6-03-05.00 Marriage/Civil Union	30	50	40	40	-
1-6-03-05.01 Birth & Death Certif.	100	-	100	100	-
1-6-03-06.00 Records Restoration Rev	1,400	2,334	1,500	1,600	100
1-6-04-01.00 Interest On Investments	10	64	10	10	-
<b>Town Budgeted Non-Tax Operating Revenues Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,890</b>	<b>\$ 26,922</b>	<b>\$ 23,905</b>	<b>\$ 23,040</b>	<b>(865)</b>

## Town Operating Expenditures (excluding separately-warned articles)

SELECTBOARD	6,550	6,550	6,550	6,550	-
TOWN CLERK	21,560	23,305	23,744	24,795	1,051
TREASURER	8,216	5,836	8,320	9,500	1,180
DEL TAX COLLECT	3,600	2,508	4,000	4,000	-
LISTERS	3,000	4,233	3,250	6,500	3,250
AUDITORS	800	340	900	900	-
ASST TOWN CLERK	6,500	6,480	6,656	6,656	-
ELECTION OFFICIALS	400	1,654	400	400	-
ASST. TREASURER	6,593	7,423	9,451	11,500	2,049
SELECTBOARD CLERK	1,800	1,875	1,800	1,800	-
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	500	500	500	500	-
ASST T C - RECORDS RSTR	1,100	1,230	1,200	1,664	464
ROAD COMMISSIONER	500	500	500	500	-
PAYROLL TAXES	4,682	4,790	5,147	5,650	503
Payroll Service Fees	1,200	1,520	1,200	1,800	600
Supplies & Postage	4,500	3,032	4,500	4,500	-
Town Report Expenses	700	704	600	1,000	400
Planning Commission Exp	100	-	100	1,000	900
Abatements	250	33	500	500	-

# Town Operating/Highway Proposed 2022 Budget (cont'd)

	Last (FY21) Budget	Last (FY21) Actual	Current (FY22) Budget	Proposed (FY23) Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
Legal Notices	600	735	600	600	-
Seminars	1,000	135	1,000	300	(700)
Mileage/Travel	-	129	-	100	100
Town Office-Electric	1,100	860	1,100	1,500	400
Brookline Church - electr	300	287	300	300	-
Town Office-Telephone	1,750	1,671	1,750	1,750	-
Town Office-Fuel	2,500	1,541	2,500	2,500	-
Brookline Church - fuel	-	-	-	0	-
Computer Svcs-Mntc	800	1,602	900	1,200	300
Fire Alarm	500	860	500	500	-
Legal Services	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
Rescue Services	15,482	15,481	15,482	15,500	18
Fire Department Services	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	-
Fire Dept - Mutal Aid Du	9,969	9,969	10,467	10,729	262
Copies	50	(91)	-	0	-
Copier Contract	1,405	1,351	1,475	1,260	(215)
Town Property Maintenance	1,200	2,495	1,200	2,500	1,300
Town Trash Removal	500	79	500	500	-
Dues-VLCT	1,723	1,758	1,723	1,800	77
Dues-WRC	1,259	1,259	1,259	1,301	42
NEMRC -license & support	5,000	5,713	5,000	6,000	1,000
Landfill Fees-WSWMD	3,488	3,703	3,488	3,388	(100)
Law Enforcement	510	-	510	510	-
Insurance/Bonds	5,500	3,683	5,500	4,904	(596)
Old Cemeterys-Lawn mntc	2,000	683	2,000	2,000	-
County Tax	5,400	6,307	5,400	6,500	1,100
Animal Impound Expense	300	-	300	300	-
FACT TV Broadcast Fees	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Fire permits/other misc	50	-	50	50	-
<b>Town Budgeted Operating Expenditures Total</b>	<b>\$ 147,937</b>	<b>\$ 142,722</b>	<b>\$155,322</b>	<b>\$ 168,707</b>	13,385
<b>Recycling Collection (warned as separate article)</b>	<b>\$ 22,000</b>	<b>\$ 18,732</b>	<b>\$ 27,000</b>	<b>\$ 22,000</b>	(5,000)

# Town Operating/Highway Proposed 2022 Budget (cont'd)

	Last (FY21) Budget	Last (FY21) Actual	Current (FY22) Budget	Proposed (FY23) Budget Requested	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>Appropriations (warned as separate articles)</b>					
Groundworks Collaborative	300	300	300	300	
Womens Freedom Center	500	500	650	650	-
Visiting Nurse Alliance	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Vt Ctr Independent Living	80	80	80	80	
Youth Services	255	255	255	255	
Valley Cares Inc	821	821	821	821	-
American Red Cross	250	250	250	250	-
Historical Soc. of Windha	250	250	250	250	-
Grace Cottage Foundation	300	300	300	300	-
Senior Solutions	500	500	650	700	50
SEVCA	465	465	465	465	-
Green Up Vermont	50	50	50	50	-
The Current -CT River Transit	125	125	125	125	-
Southeastern Watershed Alliance	110	110	110	130	20
Windham County Humane Society	500	500	500	500	-
VABVI (VT Assoc for the Blind)	100	100	100	100	-
Moore Free Library	300	300	300	700	400
Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center	500	500	500	500	-
Winston Prouty Ctr	250	250	-	0	-
Leland & Gray Educational Foundation	-	-	250	250	-
Vermont Family Network	-	-	250	250	-
SeVEDs (BDCC)	-	-	1,590	1,590	-
Rural Fire Protection Program	-	-	100	100	-
<b>Recurring Appropriations Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,656</b>	<b>\$ 6,656</b>	<b>\$ 8,896</b>	<b>\$ 9,366</b>	<b>470</b>

## ***New Appropriation Requests***

The Gathering Place	-	-	-	500	
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# Town Operating/Highway Proposed 2022 Budget (cont'd)

	Last (FY21) Budget	Last (FY21) Actual	Current (FY22) Budget	Proposed (FY23) Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>Highway Operating Revenues</b>					
Current Taxes	157,679	157,679	157,679	232,367	
State Aid	39,000	50,409	39,000	40,000	1,000
Permits Revenue	50	150	50	50	-
Interest on Investment	100	132	100	100	-
<b>Highway Budgeted Non-Tax Operating Revenues Total</b>	<b>\$ 39,150</b>	<b>\$ 50,691</b>	<b>\$ 39,150</b>	<b>\$ 40,150</b>	1,000
<b>Highway Operating Expenditures</b>					
Highway Salaries (formerly Summer Hwy Salaries)	17,000	20,607	17,000	52,000	35,000
Highway Employee Mileage (formerly Summer Hwy Mileage)	-	1,663	-	1,500	
Highway Payroll Tax (formerly Summer Hwy Tax)	1,318	1,576	1,318	3,900	2,582
Summer Contract Services & Equipment	39,000	30,925	39,000	43,000	4,000
Summer Highway Material	21,000	33,602	21,000	34,000	13,000
Winter Salaries & Mileage (combined into "Highway Salaries")	800	-	800	-	(800)
Winter Payroll Taxes (combined into "Highway Payroll Tax")	61	-	61	-	(61)
Winter Contract Services & Equipment	33,000	51,042	33,000	37,000	4,000
Winter Materials	21,000	17,269	21,000	21,000	-
Town Shed-Electric	450	407	450	450	-
Town Shed Maintenance	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Seminars - Hgwy Employees	200	-	200	200	-
Highway - Insurance Expense	4,000	1,810	4,000	4,436	436
Highway Stormwater Management Permits	1,140	500	1,140	1,140	-
Equipment Fuel\Parts\Maintenance	4,000	2,805	4,000	4,500	500
Road signs/Misc	1,500	1,231	1,500	1,500	-
Culverts	4,500	2,658	4,500	6,000	1,500
Retreatment/Lines	30,000	102,985	30,000	45,000	15,000
Bridge Maintenance	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
Bond Principal	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Bond interest	3,860	3,662	3,860	2,891	(969)
<b>Highway Budgeted Operating Expenditures Total</b>	<b>\$ 196,829</b>	<b>\$ 282,741</b>	<b>\$ 196,829</b>	<b>\$ 272,517</b>	75,688

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# Brookline Consolidated Balance Sheet FY 2021

## Town of Brookline Consolidated Balance Sheet For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Historical -							Total
	General Fund	Highway	Brookline Meetinghouse	Schoolhouse	Reappraisal	School Building	Community Fund	
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash held in Separate Bank Accounts	31,024	179,510						3,068
Cash held in Money Mk-Multi Funds	132,713		24,450	2,752	38,187	15,070	2,877	216,049
Town Office Cash Drawer	32							32
Due From Other Funds								-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>163,769</b>	<b>179,510</b>	<b>24,450</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>38,187</b>	<b>15,070</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>429,683</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Accts Payable & Accrued Expenses	31,289					2,000		33,289
License fees payable to State	145							145
Due to Other Funds	54,187	27,549						83,336
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>85,621</b>	<b>27,549</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116,770</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>								
Unreserved/Unrestricted Funds	56,859	43,962						100,821
Reserved/Restricted Funds	21,289	108,000	24,450	2,752	38,187	13,070	2,877	212,093
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>78,148</b>	<b>151,962</b>	<b>24,450</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>38,187</b>	<b>13,070</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>312,914</b>
<b>Total Liability and Fund Balances</b>	<b>163,769</b>	<b>179,511</b>	<b>24,450</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>38,187</b>	<b>15,070</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>429,684</b>
Fund Percentage of Consolidated Total	38%	42%	6%	1%	9%	4%	1%	100%
<b>Fund Balances as of June 30, 2020</b>	<b>75,995</b>	<b>214,216</b>	<b>26,681</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>35,289</b>	<b>14,189</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>375,291</b>
Plus Annual Revenues	172,071	221,235	3,099	2	2,898	21,610	2	421,318
Less Annual Expenses	(169,918)	(283,489)	(5,330)	-	-	(22,729)	-	(483,696)
Change in Fund Balance	2,153	(62,254)	(2,231)	2	2,898	(1,119)	2	(62,378)
<b>Fund Balances as of June 30, 2021</b>	<b>78,148</b>	<b>151,962</b>	<b>24,450</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>38,187</b>	<b>13,070</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>312,913</b>

**Notes to Balance Sheet:**

- All amounts are rounded to the nearest \$1.00
- Interest income earned on Money Market account - Multi funds is allocated to each fund based on its pro-rata share of monthly balance
- Reserved and/or Restricted fund amounts in the General Fund are for restoration of records, state funds received for listers education and reserves established by town vote.
- Reserved and/or Restricted fund amounts in the Highway Fund includes bond revenues received for bridge reconstruction and special amounts voted by town.
- All Highway Funds are restricted to use of Highway operations. See additional report of Highway Fund Detail
- Community Group funds are available for community projects. Application for funds are reviewed by Selectboard
- All Brookline Meeting House (BMH) funds are reserved for BMH only. Donor restrictions for specific BMH use or projects may also apply.
- All Cemetery Funds are restricted to that fund. A donor restricted gift of \$1,000 is included in the fund balance as of year end.
- All other Town Funds allocated are reserved for use in respective fund as specified either by State law/rule or by Selectboard/Town vote.

# Selectboard Report

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As difficult as it may be to still be dealing with the Covid-19 Pandemic for another year, we do have much to be thankful for. We live in a very special town with natural beauty in our river, streams, brooks, fields and mountains. Unfortunately for a second year in a row, Brookline will not be having an in-person town meeting. To many, this annual gathering not only provides an opportunity to learn about, discuss and vote on various budgetary topics, but meeting day is also a time for the gathering of our neighbors. Brookline's sense of community is strong and as we take the time on Monday February 28th to vote on our town budget by Australian Ballot, please consider joining one or more of our committees, boards or office staff positions.

Thank you Guy and Gwen Tanza for all you do for Brookline as Town Clerks. Our current Treasurer, Mike Masters will not be running for reelection, but his work this year with the help of Somara Zwick and assistant treasurers Judy Acampora and Guy Tanza have helped us maintain our finances as we ended the 2020-21 FY with a surplus of \$2,153.00. The Selectboard would like the voters to consider appropriating that surplus amount into our Capital Improvement Reserve account. The Selectboard is also asking the voters to consider raising through taxes another \$20,000.00 to be placed into a new reserve account named Budget Stabilization / Rainy Day fund. Best practices suggest that towns have at least 15% of the budget available for the possibility of a financial set back caused by unforeseen expenditures. Prices for road materials and equipment continue to rise. The amount proposed is approximately 5% for Brookline. You will also note that we are again asking the voters to appropriate \$22,000.00 to continue recycling services. Please take time and read all of the 31 articles presented for your consideration.

The Selectboard would also like to thank our appointed Listers Helen Holt and Mike Bills. They have worked hard on updating the grand list and all of the transfers that have occurred in town. We are looking to train two or three Brookline residents as listers. If you are interested in this part-time position, please contact town hall.

There are several other committees that are looking to increase membership, including the Planning

Commission, the Round SchoolHouse Committee, and The Brookline Meeting House Committee. Elected positions posted include one Cemetery Commissioner for a five-year term, three-year Town Auditor term, and a one-year Town Moderator term. After more than a decade of service, David Parker Jr. is stepping away from this position. We thank you for your service to the town.

Our Selectboard currently consists of five dedicated members of our community. Bruce Mello has served our town consistently for eight years and will continue to act as the town's building commissioner. Gwen Tanza and Dot Maggio will continue in their respective terms, meeting with residents, and moving our local town government needs along. We were appreciative of Stan Noga stepping forward in May and accepting an appointment to our board when Shelby Brimmer could not continue her service. Stan's contribution to the Selectboard when we needed financial analysis of pay scales and benefits, recycling comparisons with other towns as well as work on getting the grant monies due for the Round Schoolhouse repairs included thorough and detailed reports. Last, but certainly not least, as the current Selectboard chair, I can not say enough about the work done over the past five years by David Jones. David stepped up to be the chair for two years, and while he stepped back from the chair position this year, his work with the development of this budget, the town report, the grant work for the salt/sand shed and Better Back Roads was nothing less than stellar and very much appreciated. Being on the Selectboard does take time away from other personal commitments in life, but it is an important privilege to serve your community. Please consider getting involved and make a commitment to help Brookline move forward.

Lastly, we would like to thank Everett Mark Bills, our road supervisor for Brookline. Mark has taken care of our roadways for over 16 years now and with the expected push to upgrade our infrastructure, including roadways, culverts, bridges and the continuing repairs to our roads caused by the rain event at the end of July this past summer, the Selectboard has increased the number of hours budgeted for Mark to work. We will continue to rent our wheeled

# Selectboard Report (cont'd)

excavator to mow the roadsides and upgrade our culverts this summer. FEMA work repairing our roads will continue until everything is brought back up to the new standards. AS Clark & Sons immediately went to work on Putney Mountain as per our Local Emergency Plan outlined. Brookline is very fortunate to have had them ready and able to do the emergency road repairs for us.

In closing, please help keep our community strong and vibrant. Get involved! Volunteer to help

fundraise for our historic landmark buildings, run an ice cream social this summer, set up a community softball game on our field, help out on Green Up Day in May, ZOOM into one of our Selectboard meetings and share your thoughts. We look forward to seeing more of each other as the year goes on.

Sincerely,  
Dot Maggio for the Selectboard  
Bruce Mello, Gwen Tanza, David Jones, Stan Noga

## Vital Records

### BIRTHS/ADOPTIONS

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	PARENTS
January 5, 2021	Harper Catherine Muscat	F	Heather Melissa Muscat Victor Abraham Muscat
April 25, 2021	Grayson Parker Heinemann	M	Megan Marie Kilanski Bradley Robert Heinemann

### MARRIAGES

DATE	BRIDE	GROOM	PLACE
September 21, 2021	Kayla Renee Williams	Daniel Edward Sandreuter	Brookline, VT
October 15, 2021	Cecelia M. Aumand	Alexander Roscoe Bartlett	Rockingham, VT

### DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE
January 11, 2021	Paul S. Martocci, Sr.	70
February 11, 2021	Cyndi Lucille Frederick	66
March 7, 2021	Barbara Louise Martin	70

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# Regulations Governing Dog Ownership

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All dogs or wolf-hybrids six (6) months or older must be licensed by April 1, 2022.  
Fees are as follows:

<u>Before April 1, 2022</u>	<u>After April 1, 2022</u>
Spayed/Neutered or wolf-hybrid.....9.00	Spayed/Neutered or wolf-hybrid..... 13.00
Unneutered dog or wolf-hybrid .... 13.00	Unneutered dog or wolf-hybrid ..... 17.00

These fees include \$5.00 that is sent to the State: \$1.00 goes to the State Rabies Program and \$4.00 goes to the State's Spay/Neutering Program.

For any dog not licensed by May 30, 2022 the owner will be charged a \$50.00 fine per animal, according to the Brookline Dog Ordinance. A copy of the ordinance is on file at the Town Office.

Dogs or wolf-hybrids over 3 months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9-12 months of the initial vaccination the animal shall receive a booster that will be valid for 36 months. A copy of the rabies certificate will be given to the Town Clerk upon licensing the animal.

There will be a Rabies Clinic at the NewBrook Fire Department, Route 30, Newfane, VT, on a date to be determined, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All animals must be either on a leash or in a cage.

The following is a summary of the fees collected in 2021 by the Town of Brookline.

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Late Fees</u>	<u>Total</u>
Spayed	52	208.00	260.00	0.00	468.00
Neutered	38	152.00	190.00	0.00	342.00
Female	9	72.00	45.00	0.00	117.00
Male	3	24.00	15.00	0.00	39.00
Female	2	8.00	10.00	0.00	18.00
Male	1	4.00	5.00	0.00	9.00
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Total	105	\$468.00	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$993.00

## RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.

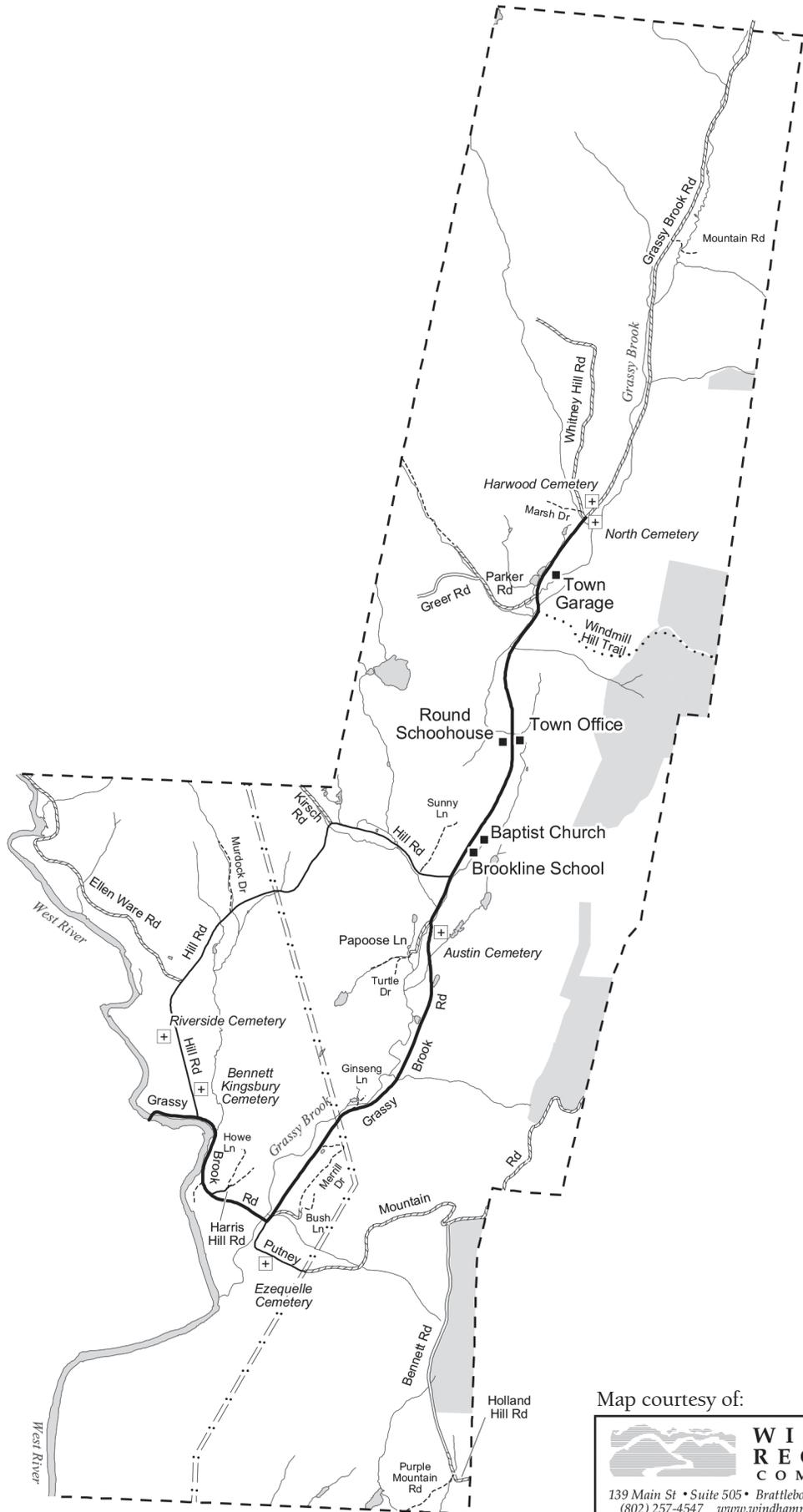
- Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS
- Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
- Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.

Questions?

Call the Vermont Rabies Hotline: 1.800.472.2437

# Notes

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