

BROOKLINE 2022

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**Monday March 6, 2023 • 6:00 PM
Multipurpose Room • Brookline School
Town Meeting • Voting from the floor**

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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 www.brooklinevt.com
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...	Second Wednesday, 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 http://vtfishandwildlife.com/

Warning for 2023 Brookline Town Meeting

The legal voters of the town of Brookline are hereby warned to meet in the multipurpose room of the former Brookline School Building in said Town of Brookline on Monday the 6th of March at 6:00 PM to transact the following business from the floor:

- ARTICLE 1 To elect a Town Moderator for a term of 1 year;
- ARTICLE 2 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a town treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2651f(a) for a term of 1 year;
- ARTICLE 3 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Collector of Delinquent Taxes as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2651(d) for a term of 1 year;
- ARTICLE 4 To elect all other Town Officers required by law:
- Town Clerk for a term of 1 year;
 - Town Treasurer for a term of 1 year, ONLY if appointment vote in ARTICLE 2 above is not approved;
 - Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year, ONLY if appointment in ARTICLE 3 above is not approved;
 - Selectboard Member for a term of 3 years;
 - Selectboard Member for a term of 2 years;
 - Selectboard Member for 2 years (remainder of a 3-year term);
 - Selectboard Member for 1 year (remainder of a 3-year term);
 - Lister for 1 year (remainder of a 3-year term);
 - Lister for 2 years (remainder of a 3-year term);
 - Lister for a 3-year term;
 - Auditor for a term of 3 years;
 - Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 5 years;
 - Cemetery Commissioner for 2 years (remainder of a 5-year term);
 - Trustee of Public Funds for a 1-year term;
- ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters accept the Auditors' Report?
- ARTICLE 6 Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$179,262.00 of which \$133,438.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$45,824.00 by non-tax revenues?
- ARTICLE 7 Shall the voters authorize highway fund expenditures of \$409,520.00, of which \$355,722.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$53,798.00 by non-tax revenues?
- ARTICLE 8 Shall the voters authorize the collection of taxes in 4 installments, with the due dates being: August 15, 2023; November 14, 2023; February 13, 2024; May 14, 2024?
- ARTICLE 9 Shall the voters appropriate \$7,661.00 to be raised by taxes in support of the following organizations:

Organization	FY23 Approved	FY24 Requested
Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$1,000	\$1,000
VT Center Independent Living	80	80
Youth Services	255	255
Valley Cares, Inc.	821	821
American Red Cross	250	250
Historical Society of Windham County	250	250
Grace Cottage Foundation.....	300	500
Senior Solutions	700	700
SEVCA	465	465
Rural Fire Protection Program	100	100
Green Up Vermont.....	50	50
Windham County Humane Society	500	500
VABVI	100	100
L & G Educational Foundation	250	250
SeVEDS	1,590	1,590
Vermont Family Network	250	250
Gathering Place	500	500
Moore Free Library.....	700	700
Total All Appropriations Requests To Be Voted	\$8,161.00	\$7,661.00

- ARTICLE 10 Shall the voters appropriate \$300 to be raised by taxes in support of the Winston Prouty Center?
- ARTICLE 11 Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to be raised by taxes in support of Newbrook PTO?
- ARTICLE 12 Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to be raised by taxes in support of Newfane Anew?
- ARTICLE 13 Shall the voters appropriate \$1,100 to be raised in support of the Moore Free Library?
- ARTICLE 14 Shall the voters vote to have its current taxes collected by its Town Treasurer?
- ARTICLE 15 Shall the voters approve the appropriation of up to \$18,000 for recycling costs for fiscal year 2024.
- ARTICLE 16 To elect one (1) West River Modified Union Education District school director, who is a resident of Brookline, for a 3-year term?
- ARTICLE 17 Discussion or "other business" which shall not be used for taking binding municipal action, and the Moderator shall so rule.

Dated this 26th day of January 2023.

By Selectboard Members:

Dorothy Maggio

Bruce Mello

Stanley Noga, Jr.

Town Officers Elected

TITLE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Moderator	David Y. Parker, Jr.	2023
Town Clerk.....	Guy Tanza	2023
Delinquent Tax Collector	Melissa Brown (appointed).....	2023
Selectboard.....	Vacant	3 yr term..... 2025
	Bruce Mello.....	3 yr term..... 2023
	Vacant	3 yr term..... 2024
	Dorothy Maggio	2 yr term..... 2023
	Stanley Noga Jr.....	2 yr term..... 2024
Listers (3-year term)	Helen Holt (appointed)	1 year remaining..... 2023
	Mike Bills (appointed).....	2 years remaining..... 2024
	Vacant	2025
Auditors (3-year term)	Heidi Nystrom	2024
	Frank Rucker.....	2024
	Kendra Brooks	2023
WRMUED School Director	LeeAnn Jillson.....	2023
	Sara Webb.....	2024
Cemetery Commissioners (5-year term) .	Michael W. Winot	2027
	Dorothy Maggio	2023
	Doug Wellman	2024
	Vacant	2025
	Howard Osgood.....	2026
Town State Representatives	Michelle Bos-Lun	2025
	Leslie Goldman.....	2025
Justices of the Peace.....	Marie Tattersall.....	2025
	Gwen Tanza	2025
	Dorothy Maggio	2025
	Stanley Noga Jr.....	2025
	Guy Tanza	2025

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Town Officers Appointed

TITLE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Assistant Town Clerk	Gwendolyn Tanza.....	2023
Treasurer.....	David Jones.....	2023
Assistant Treasurer.....	Judy Acampora.....	2023
	Melissa Brown.....	2023
Road Commissioner	Archie Clark.....	2023
Buildings Commissioner.....	Bruce Mello.....	2023
Trustee of Public Funds	Melissa Brown.....	2023
Highway Supervisor	E. Mark Bills	2023
Highway Grants Administratort	Stanley Noga, Jr.	2023
Health Officer.....	Dorothy Maggio	2023
Deputy Health Officer	Stanley Noga Jr.....	2023
Forest Fire Warden.....	Lester D. Rink.....	2025
Deputy Forest Fire Warden	Michael W. Winot	2025
Tree Warden	E. Mark Bills	2023
Windham Regional Commissioners	Stanley Noga Jr.....	2023
	Vacant	2023
Pound Keeper	Windham County Humane Society.....	2023
Animal Control Officer	Dorothy Maggio	2023
Round Schoolhouse Committee.....	Dorothy Maggio	2023
	Kerry Bourne.....	2023
	Laurie Nau-Martocci	2023
Rescue, Inc Representative.....	Stanley Noga Jr.....	2023
Town 911 Coordinator	Dorothy Maggio	2023
SEVCA.....	Vacant	2023
WSWMD (Landfill)	Daniel Towler.....	2023
Planning Commission (5-year term)	Barbara Bourne	2027
	Charlie Ezequelle	2025
	Daniel Klitgaard	2024
	Vacant	2027
	Vacant	2027
Brookline Meetinghouse Committee	Lee Anne Parker	2023
	Kerry Bourne.....	2023
	Daniel Towler.....	2023
	Dorothy Maggio	2023
	E. Mark Bills	2023
	Julia Duke	2023
	Stuart Duke.....	2023

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, 2022, 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 reconciled the General Ledger to the IRS 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 Melissa Brown for serving as Assistant Treasurer, she has provided essential fiscal services to the town as part of the transition from our recently retired Treasurer Somara Zwick. 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 25, 2023.

Our Brookline e-mail list currently includes over 180 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. (And, please, if your e-mail address has changed, let Julie know.)

February 28, 2022 Town Meeting Minutes

Again, for the second year, after weeks of discussion at Selectboard meetings and waiting for pending Legislation from Vermont Governor Scott, the following action was taken due to the ongoing threats of the Covid19 Virus Pandemic and its variants.

At the Brookline Selectboard meeting, January 19, 2022, Selectboard chair Ms. Dorothy Maggio motioned for a vote to have Brookline’s Annual Town Meeting by Australian ballot on February 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Jones. After a brief discussion, the motion was passed unanimously by voice vote. As required, an informational hearing was held via Zoom on February 23, 2022.

Following guidelines, health and safety procedures advised by Governor Scott of Vermont, our annual Town Meeting was held in its entirety on February 28, 2022 by Australian ballot. Of the 433 legal Brookline voters, 75 cast their votes. 17%

The following are the results of that vote:

FINAL RESULTS SUMMARY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
February 28, 2022

ARTICLE 1 – ELECT ALL TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	CANDIDATES/WRITE-INS	YES	NO	BLANK	TOTAL
Town Moderator	David Parker, Jr.	11			
	Stan Noga, Jr.	2			
	David Jones	8		54	75
Town Clerk	Gaetano M. (Guy) Tanza	72		3	75
Town Treasurer	Gaetano M. (Guy) Tanza	66		6	75
	Kim Ellison	1			
	Michael Masters	1			
	Somara Zwick	1			
Delinquent Tax Collector	Gaetano M. (Guy) Tanza	72			
	Kim Ellison	1		2	75

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Selectboard Member (3 Yr Term)	Dot Maggio	1		64	75
	Jon Ballou	2			
	Michael Winot	2			
	J. Meehl	1			
	Gwen Tanza	1			
	Frank Rucker	1			
	Samantha Bovat	1			
	Dan Towler	1			
	David Parker, Jr.	1			
Selectboard Member (2 Yr Term)	Stanley Noga, Jr.	62		13	75
Lister 3 Year Term	Kendra Brooks	1		71	75
	Charles Chowning	1			
	Jean Allbee	1			
	Heidi Nystrom	1			
Lister 2 Year Term remainder of 3 year term	Peter Meyer	1		73	75
	Mona Severance	1			
Lister 1 Yr Term (remainder of 3 year term)	Kim Rink	1		71	75
	Lee Anne Parker	1			
	Sally Cutts	1			
	Shelby Brimmer	1			
Auditor for a term of 3 years	Heidi Nystrom	1		63	75
	Frank Rucker	6			
	Marie Tattersall	2			
	Johnny Swing	1			
	Kim Rink	1			
	Kendra Brooks	1			
Cemetery Commissioner (5 Yr Term)	Gaetano M. (Guy) Tanza	1		58	75
	David Parker	1			
	Bruce Capponcelli	1			
	Mike Winot	11			
	Eloise Winot	1			
	Paul Dutton	1			
	Howard Osgood	1			
Trustee of Public Funds (1 Yr Term)	Gaetano M. (Guy) Tanza	71		4	75
ARTICLE 2					
Shall the Town Accept the Auditors' Report		67	2	6	75
ARTICLE 3					
Shall the Town Approve the General & Highway Fund Expenditures		66	5	4	75
General Fund \$145,667					
Highway Fund \$232,367					
Total Municipal Taxes to be raised: \$378,034					
ARTICLE 4					
Shall the Authorize Collection of Tax in 4 Installments, 8/16/22, 11/15/22, 2/16/23 & 5/16/23		67	1	7	75

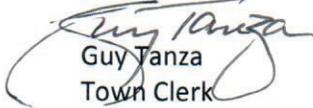
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ARTICLE 5 To appropriate \$250.00 in support of American Red Cross	61	13	1	75
ARTICLE 6 To appropriate \$125.00 in support of CRT-Current CT River Transit	62	11	2	75
ARTICLE 7 To appropriate \$300.00 in support of Grace Cottage Foundation	64	10	1	75
ARTICLE 8 To appropriate \$50.00 in support of Green-Up Vermont	70	4	1	75
ARTICLE 9 To appropriate \$300.00 in support of Groundworks Collaborative	59	13	3	75
ARTICLE 10 To appropriate \$250.00 in support of Historical Society of Windham County	61	14		75
ARTICLE 11 To appropriate \$250.00 in support of Leland & Gray Education Foundation	58	15	2	75
ARTICLE 12 To appropriate \$700.00 in support of Moore Free Library	56	18	1	75
ARTICLE 13 To appropriate \$100.00 in support of Rural Fire Protection Program	68	5	2	75
ARTICLE 14 To appropriate \$700.00 in support of Senior Solutions	62	11	2	75
ARTICLE 15 To appropriate \$465.00 in support of SEVCA	60	14	1	75
ARTICLE 16 To appropriate \$1,590.00 in support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	39	35	1	75
ARTICLE 17 To appropriate \$500.00 in support of Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center	32	38	5	75
ARTICLE 18 To appropriate \$130.00 in support of Southeastern Watershed Alliance	63	11	1	75
ARTICLE 19 To appropriate \$100.00 in support of VABVI-VT Assoc	60	12	3	75
ARTICLE 20 To appropriate \$821.00 in support of Valley Cares, Inc.	62	11	2	75
ARTICLE 21 To appropriate \$80.00 in support of VT Center for Independent Living	61	10	4	75
ARTICLE 22 To appropriate \$250.00 in support of Vermont Family Network	49	22	4	75
ARTICLE 23 To appropriate \$1,000.00 in support of Visiting Nurse Alliance	58	12	5	75
ARTICLE 24 To appropriate \$500.00 in support of Windham County Humane Society	57	14	4	75
ARTICLE 25 To appropriate \$650.00 in support of Women's Freedom Center	57	12	6	75

February 28, 2022 Town Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

ARTICLE 26 To appropriate \$255.00 in support of Youth Services	64	7	4	75
ARTICLE 27 To appropriate \$500.00 in support of The Gathering Place	48	21	6	75
ARTICLE 28 Shall the Town vote to collect its current taxes by its Town Treasurer pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791?	67	3	5	75
ARTICLE 29 Shall the voters approve the appropriation of \$22,000 for recycling costs for fiscal year 2023?	60	11	4	75
ARTICLE 30 Shall the voters approve the appropriation of \$20,000 to establish a Budget Stabilization/Rainy Day fund?	55	16	4	75
ARTICLE 31 Shall the Town apply the budget surplus from the 20-2021 budget in the amount of \$2,153 in the following manner? \$2,153.....Capital Improvement Reserve	62	8	5	75

Submitted by:


Guy Tanza
Town Clerk


Dorothy Maggio
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 Selectboard.

Town Operating/Highway Proposed 2023 Budget

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Current FY23 Budget	Proposed FY24 Budget	Increase+/ (Decrease)
Town Operating Revenues					
Current Taxes	\$ 133,642.00	\$ 118,570.13	\$ 145,667.00	\$ 133,438.00	\$ (12,229.00)
Delinquent Taxes	\$ -	\$ 4,421.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Penalties	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,229.60	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Interest on Taxes	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,136.57	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Current Use	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 10,016.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
State Per Parcels - GF	\$ 340.00	\$ 339.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 324.00	\$ (16.00)
US Refuge Rev Sharing	\$ 115.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Clerk Fees	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,332.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ -
Dog License	\$ 600.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Fishing & Hunting License	\$ -	\$ 3.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Copies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,196.50	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -
Marriage/Civil Union	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -
Birth & Death Certif.	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Animal Impound Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -
Schoolhouse Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 26,400.00
Interest On Investments	\$ 10.00	\$ 86.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Refunds/Misc/Other Rev	\$ -	\$ 35.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 156,047.00	\$ 144,105.75	\$ 167,107.00	\$ 179,262.00	\$ 12,155.00

Town Operating Expenditures (Excluding separately warned articles)

Selectboard	\$ 6,550.00	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 6,550.00	\$ 6,550.00	\$ -
Town Clerk Wages	\$ 23,744.00	\$ 24,784.13	\$ 24,795.00	\$ 25,944.00	\$ 1,149.00
Treasurer Wages	\$ 8,320.00	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Del Tax Collector	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,131.50	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Listers Wages	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 2,526.93	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)
Auditors	\$ 900.00	\$ 653.76	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -
Asst Town Clerk Wages	\$ 6,656.00	\$ 7,424.00	\$ 6,656.00	\$ 6,760.00	\$ 104.00
Election Officials	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ (400.00)
Asst Treasurer	\$ 9,451.00	\$ 13,576.88	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ -
Selectboard Clerk	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -
Animal Control Officer	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Asst T C - Records Rest	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,056.00	\$ 1,664.00	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 26.00
Road Commissioner	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Building Commissioner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 5,147.00	\$ 6,172.23	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 600.00
VT Suta Expense	\$ -	\$ 1,351.84	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Payroll Service Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,085.36	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ (100.00)
Supplies & Postage	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,828.23	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ (750.00)
Town Report Expenses	\$ 600.00	\$ 773.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Planning Commission Exp	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
Selectboard Administrative Assistant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
Election Grant 2020 exp	\$ -	\$ 1,591.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Abatements	\$ 500.00	\$ 4.98	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Legal Notices	\$ 600.00	\$ 72.10	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00
Seminars	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 597.19	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Mileage/Travel	\$ -	\$ 30.38	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Town Office-Electric	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,066.36	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Town Office-Telephone	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,931.41	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -

Town Operating/Highway Proposed 2023 Budget (cont'd)

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Current FY23 Budget	Proposed FY24 Budget	Increase+/ (Decrease)
Town Office-Fuel	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,339.90	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Computer Svcs-Mntc	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,931.98	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Fire Alarm	\$ 500.00	\$ 131.75	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ (200.00)
Legal Services	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Rescue Services	\$ 15,482.00	\$ 15,885.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,655.00	\$ 155.00
Fire Department Services	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -
Fire Dept - Mutal Aid Du	\$ 10,467.00	\$ 10,717.00	\$ 10,729.00	\$ 10,943.00	\$ 214.00
Copier Contract	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 1,628.12	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ (120.00)
Town Property Maintenance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 7,331.59	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,650.00	\$ 2,150.00
Town Trash Removal	\$ 500.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 50.00
Dues-VLCT	\$ 1,723.00	\$ 1,756.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 10.00
Dues-WRC	\$ 1,259.00	\$ 1,279.16	\$ 1,301.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 99.00
NEMRC -license & support	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,734.27	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
Landfill Fees-WSWMD	\$ 3,488.00	\$ 3,794.94	\$ 3,388.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 412.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 510.00	\$ -	\$ 510.00	\$ 510.00	\$ -
Insurance/Bonds	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 8,075.50	\$ 4,904.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 596.00
Old Cemeterys-Lawn mntc	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
County Tax	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,763.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -
Animal Impound Expense	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
FACT TV Broadcast Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 800.00
Fire permits/other misc	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Misc Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Total Town Budgeted Operating Expe	\$ 155,322.00	\$ 158,219.94	\$ 168,707.00	\$ 179,262.00	\$ 10,555.00

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Current FY23 Budget	Proposed FY24 Budget	Increase+/ (Decrease)
Recycling Revenue					
Current Taxes	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)
Recycling Collection (Warned as a separate article)					
Expenditures	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 13,830.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)

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Town Operating/Highway Proposed 2023 Budget (cont'd)

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Town Highway Revenues					
Current Taxes	\$ 157,679.00	\$ 157,679.00	\$ 232,367.00	\$ 355,722.00	\$ 123,355.00
State Aid	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 44,495.93	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 41,148.00	\$ 1,148.00
Highway Grants BBR & WRC	\$ -	\$ 16,321.09	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Highway Salt Shed Grant	\$ -	\$ 950.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Permits Revenue	\$ 50.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Interest on Investment	\$ 100.00	\$ 77.09	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Transfer In	\$ -	\$ 27,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Town Highway Revenues	\$ 196,829.00	\$ 246,603.60	\$ 272,517.00	\$ 409,520.00	\$ 137,003.00
Town Highway Expenditures					
Summer Highway Salaries	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,701.50	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ -
Summer Hwy employee mileage	\$ -	\$ 1,499.80	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 250.00
Windham Regional Comm. Grants	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 32,500.00
Summer Payroll Tax Hwy	\$ 1,318.00	\$ 1,561.28	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ -
Summer Contract Svcs	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 10,370.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ (7,000.00)
HWY Salt Shed Exp	\$ -	\$ 3,273.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FEMA Aug2021Flood - Contract Sv	\$ -	\$ 29,564.50	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Summer Hwy Material	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 37,671.70	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
FEMA Aug.2021 Flood Materials	\$ -	\$ 39,573.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Winter Salaries	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,460.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Winter Employee mileage	\$ -	\$ 311.92	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Winter Payroll Taxes	\$ 61.00	\$ 262.03	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Winter Contract Svcs/Equi	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 41,861.54	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Winter Materials	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,954.70	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Town Shed-Electric	\$ 450.00	\$ 498.98	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 100.00
Town Shed Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 451.97	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Seminars - Hgwy Employees	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Hwy - Insurance Exp	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 4,436.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,064.00
Hwy Stormwtr Mgt Perm	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (640.00)
Equip Fuel\Parts\Mntce	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,592.51	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Road signs/Misc	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 245.58	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Culverts	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 10,771.20	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Retreatment/Lines	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 109.90	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -
Bridge Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Hwy Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Parker Rd Grant Exps	\$ -	\$ 5,086.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
WRC & BBR Grants Exp	\$ -	\$ 9,295.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Misc Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 1.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bond Principal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Bond interest	\$ 3,860.00	\$ 3,357.74	\$ 2,891.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ (371.00)
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 196,829.00	\$ 254,812.35	\$ 272,517.00	\$ 409,520.00	\$ 137,003.00

Brookline Consolidated Balance Sheet FY 2022

Town of Brookline Consolidated Balance Sheet For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Historical -							Total	
	General Fund	Highway	Cemetery	Schoolhouse	Reappraisal	Brookline Meetinghouse	School Building		Community Fund
Assets									
Cash held in Separate Bank Accounts	22,646	142,262	2,274						167,182
Cash held in Money/Mk-Multi Funds	170,756	-			41,073	29,977	4,756	2,877	301,658
Town Office Cash Drawer	32								32
Due From Other Funds		264		2,522					2,786
Total Assets	193,434	142,526	2,274	2,522	41,073	29,977	4,756	2,877	471,658
Liabilities									
Accrs Payable & Accrued Expenses	16,227								16,227
License fees payable to State	165								165
Deferredd Revenue				5,000					5,000
Due to Other Funds	132,727		960						133,687
Total Liabilities	149,119	-	960	5,000	-	-	-	-	155,079
Fund Balances									
Unreserved/Unrestricted Funds	20,824	44,526	314						65,664
Reserved/Restricted Funds	23,491	98,000	1,000	(2,478)	41,073	29,977	4,756	2,877	250,915
Total Fund Balances	44,315	142,526	1,314	(2,478)	41,073	29,977	4,756	2,877	316,579
Total Liability and Fund Balances	193,434	142,526	2,274	2,522	41,073	29,977	4,756	2,877	471,658
Fund Percentage of Consolidated Total	41%	30%	0%	1%	9%	6%	1%	1%	
Fund Balances as of June 30, 2021	78,148	151,962	1,468	2,752	38,187	23,751	13,070	2,877	312,214
Plus Annual Revenues	147,464	246,604	806	5,128	2,886	20,496	20,002	0	79,219
Less Annual Expenses	(180,956)	(256,040)	(960)	(5,357)	-	(14,270)	(28,316)	-	(512,899)
Change in Fund Balance	(33,492)	(9,436)	(154)	(229)	2,886	6,226	(8,314)	0	9,706
Fund Balances as of June 30, 2022	44,656	142,526	1,314	2,523	41,073	29,977	4,756	2,877	321,920

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

Dear Fellow Brookliners - welcome back to in-person Town Meeting 2023! It has been a complicated year or three for many of us as we get back to the new normal post-Covid-19 and greet the future with the promise to take better care of ourselves, our families, friends, neighbors and community. Our small town of 530 residents continues to thrive and grow with increased interest in keeping our waterways accessible, our roadways well maintained and our community safe while trying to reduce our carbon footprint on the world. There will always be those who litter, commingle their recycling, speed along the flats and leave tire marks on the pavement, but for the most part, living in Brookline is a special gift not everyone gets to enjoy. We have dedicated members of our town who have invested many years into our community to make it what it is today. This not only includes our town clerk and fellow office staff members, but also the volunteers heading committees, the moderator, auditors, school directors and justices of the peace, to name a few.

As you review this year's town report, you will see an article to change the currently elected position of town treasurer to an appointed position. We did not formulate this article hastily. In the last seven years, five treasurers from Brookline either retired, resigned or did not seek reelection, and we needed some solution. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns advised us to present this article which would allow the town to hire the most qualified treasurer applicant, whether or not they live in Brookline.

With the same breath, I must add that our five-member selectboard has been working with two vacancies and has doubled up the work for each board member. Thankfully your elected selectboard members have stepped up to the task. As your selectboard chair, I can honestly say that my two cohorts on the board, Bruce Mello and Stan Noga have been indispensable to me and the management of all things selectboard related. Bruce has overseen the upgrading of the heating, ventilation and plumbing systems at the town-owned daycare building including the addition of six energy-efficient heat pumps to reduce the propane footprint for that building. His oversight of the needs of the town hall, Round Schoolhouse and Brookline Meeting House renovation has given

the buildings a new and improved functionality and longevity. Stan has put his many years of organization and management to use providing the necessary grant oversight when dealing with both the state and federal agencies such as the Vermont Department of Public Safety, Vermont Agency of Transportation, as well as the FEMA, BRIC and ARPA Grants. Stan has helped Brookline get anywhere between 75% and 90% grant matches for road projects and we are well on our way to meet the state guidelines set forth for 2025 highway segments needing mitigation to prevent future infrastructure damage and failure due to storms. If there is work to be done, Stan will offer his time to help get it done fast. This includes making many phone calls, writing follow-up emails and letters and typing minutes and the town report.

Brookline terminated one major grant after several years of planning and Covid-19 delays and that was a new Salt & Sand Shed project at 900 Grassy Brook Road. The initially reasonable match amount the town started out with grew and grew and grew as the prices for the materials mounted and the labor shortage increased project's estimated final costs to be close to \$400,000. This selectboard could not see the town supporting such a project that would cause a significant tax increase when there are other pressing financial concerns to address.

One of the mightiest tasks we have undertaken was the aftermath of the "declared disaster" storm of July 29 - 30 2021 known as DR-4621. Brookline has asked for and has been granted an extension to complete the repairs to town roads by December 2023. Since there was no town owned equipment we relied heavily on A S Clark & Sons to get the gapping washouts back-filled in the early few days. The town extended the wheeled excavator rental lease this summer so that E. Mark Bills, our road supervisor, could get those culverts cleaned, repaired or replaced. FEMA has obligated the reimbursement funds to much of what was completed, however we were told not to predict the actual time frame when the checks will start to come in.

We have learned a lot this year and we continue to attend Zoom training meetings so we can be more effective in writing and receiving grants, self-reporting progress to the state agencies as required and

Selectboard Report (cont'd)

developing a budget that is well researched and reviewed before being placed before you at the Town Meeting on March 6, 2023.

In closing, I wanted to make the community aware that there is only one current selectboard seat that is completing a term. The other four selectboard positions are either ending in 2023 or were not filled since vacated last spring. If you have an interest in helping your community to continue to move forward in supporting education, infrastructure improvement,

historic preservation, community service, recycling, public service, technology integration or budget planning and implementation, please reach out to us. Attend a meeting either in person or via Zoom. Stop in at the Town Hall and let us know what you want our town to be for our residents, current and future. The Selectboard wants to know.

Sincerely,
Dot Maggio

Brookline Meetinghouse Report

For nearly a decade the historic Baptist Church has been owned by the Town of Brookline and its citizens. The early years of ownership were focused on protecting the building from deterioration and decline. Volunteers spent hundreds of hours and raised thousands of dollars from private and public sources to stabilize and restore the building that for so long had been the center of both spiritual and civic life in our small rural town. In the upcoming years, work on the building will be entering a new phase focusing on the needs of the modern community so that it can serve a variety of functions, including public and private entertainment, education, emergency shelter and community outreach.

As we have in the past, the committee will be relying on the expertise available to us through the Preservation Trust of Vermont in guiding our restoration

efforts, but there are many decisions that can only be guided by the citizens of Brookline. To that end the Meetinghouse Committee has prepared a short survey, so we can hear directly from you about your vision for this building. We will have these available at Town Meeting on March 6, or you can pick one up at the Town Office, or access it electronically through the Town website, www.brooklinevt.com. We hope you will take a few minutes to fill it out, so we on the committee can be confident we are acting on behalf of all of you. Please complete and return the survey no later than April 1, 2023.

Please note on your calendar the following events at the Meetinghouse: Plant sale. May 27. 9:00 - 11:00 AM; Town Party, with music and potluck supper, July 22.

Our Brookline e-mail list currently includes over 180 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. (And, please, if your e-mail address has changed, let Julie know.)

Vital Records

BIRTHS/ADOPTIONS

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	PARENTS
February 17, 2022	Brigit Leona Ezequelle	F	Mallory Buxton McDonnell Ezequelle Charles Daniel Ezequelle
September 24, 2022	Kaileigh Rose Dunn	F	Olivia Rose Nye Chabot Ryan Paul Dunn

MARRIAGES

DATE	BRIDE	GROOM	PLACE
January 9, 2022 ..	Christine Marion Colascione ...	Timothy Lawrence Maddalena-Lucey ..	Brookline, VT
June 18, 2022.....	Emily Paige Blanco	Oliver Ames.....	Brookline, VT
June 25, 2022	Elizabeth Downes Wadsworth..	William Howard Norton	Marlboro,VT

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE
January 23, 2022	Peter Joseph Auditore	97
January 29, 2022.....	Betty Jane Slater	79
March 31, 2022	Nancy Robinson Brooks	80
March 28, 2022	Robert J. Comazzi	77
May 9, 2022	Terry Benard Carey	71
May 12, 2022	Cynthia W. Nau	89

★★★★ This Year's Town Meeting Is In Person ★★★★★
Monday March 6, 2023 • Multipurpose Room of the Daycare Building
5:00 pm - Pot Luck Supper
6:00 pm - Town Meeting

Regulations Governing Dog Ownership

All dogs or wolf-hybrids six (6) months or older must be licensed by April 1, 2023.

Fees are as follows:

<u>Before April 1, 2023</u>	<u>After April 1, 2023</u>
Spayed/Neutered or wolf-hybrid9.00	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, 2023 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 2022 by the Town of Brookline.

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Late Fees</u>	<u>Total</u>
Spayed	55	220.00	275.00	4.00	499.00
Neutered	47	188.00	235.00	4.00	427.00
Female	10	80.00	50.00	4.00	134.00
Male	7	56.00	35.00	0.00	91.00
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Total	119	\$544.00	\$595.00	\$12.00	\$1,151.00

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

NOTICE TO VOTERS

For Local Floor Annual or Special Meetings

BEFORE MEETING DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by January 5,2023. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.vermont.gov.

ON MEETING DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

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