

Town Meeting Minutes
March 10 & 11 2020

The meeting was opened at 7am on Tuesday, March 10th by Moderator Peter Webb. Inspectors of Election/Ballot Clerks were as follows: Susan Chimento, Nancy Reichl, Elizabeth Solon & Kathleen Trasatti.

Polls closed at 7:30pm
Total names on the checklist 3,939
Total ballots cast- 978
Absentee Voters- 14
Total votes 992

The business meeting was called to order at 7:10pm on March 11th by Moderator Peter Webb. There were 301 voters in attendance.

Peter Webb led the Pledge of Allegiance. A round of applause was given to the people who served in the military and a moment of silence for the residents that passed away in 2019.

Peter Webb introduced the Town Administrator, Selectboard, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Finance Committee.

Chief William Quigley took a moment to recognize an accomplishment that had not been done before in the history of the Brookline Police Department. He asked Master Patrolman Bob Pelletier and Master Patrolman Rick Nicosia to come front and center. He stated that these two police officers, for the very first time in the history of the Brookline Police Department, have completed 20 years of service. Earlier this month they were recognized in a full staff meeting at the Police Department, but he didn't feel that was good enough. He wanted the entire town to get the chance to recognize them. They now have a 20-year service bar to wear proudly on their uniforms. Thank you both for your commitment and dedication to the town of Brookline.

Becky Kellner took a moment to recognize our Postmaster David Boissonnault Jr. She said David consistently puts the needs of our small town first. During the very busy winter holiday season, he extended the Post Office hours for periods of time to allow people to pick up packages. He was wonderful using social media to make announcements and took great care of people's packages during very bad weather. She said he always greets my family with a smile and goes above and beyond his job duties and often helps carry a package out to a car. I know quite a few people who travel from other towns because of his service. He sets a great tone and all of his staff follow suit. It is these positive experiences which make living in our small town so wonderful. Let's give a round of applause and thanks to David for the exceptional job that he does for our town.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that: In acknowledgement of and with great appreciation for his service to the Town of Brookline as its Cemetery Sexton for the past five years, including the day-to-day maintenance of the town's four cemeteries, and serving as the town's contact for arranging and carrying out burials, the residents of Brookline, through its Selectboard, gives thanks to and recognizes:

Jerry Farwell

You have consistently demonstrated excellence and dedicated service to the Town of Brookline for which we are all very grateful. Thank you!

Presented, this 11th day of March 2020
By the Selectboard

Brendan Denehy, Eddie Arnold, Ron Olsen, Drew Kellner & Steve Russo

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that: In acknowledgement of and with great appreciation for his service to the Town of Brookline as a Selectboard and Planning Board member for the past seven months, the Finance Committee for a year and a half, and as a Library Trustee for eight years, the Town of Brookline, through its Selectboard, gives thanks to and recognizes:

Steve Russo

You have consistently demonstrated dedicated service to the Town of Brookline for which we are all very grateful.

Presented, this 11th day of March 2020
By the Selectboard

Brendan Denehy, Eddie Arnold, Ron Olsen & Drew Kellner

To the inhabitants of the Town of Brookline in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Captain Samuel Douglass Academy in said Brookline on Tuesday, the tenth (10th) day of March at 7:00 am to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Selectboard- 3 year	Dana Ketchen- 507 Stephen Russo- 378 Edward D Arnold- 565 Joseph Delpapa Jr.- 163
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector- 3 year	Patricia Howard-Barnett- 897
Town Moderator- 2 year	Peter Webb- 890
Town Treasurer- 1 year	Eric Bernstein- 789
Board of Assessors- 3 year	Pat Burke- 447 Marcia Farwell- 369
Fire Ward- 3 year	David Joki- 807
Finance Committee- 1 year	Write -in- Dennis Comeau 37

Finance Committee- 3 year	Write-in- Matthew Mailloux 73
Library Trustee- 3 year	Catherine Livezy- 327 David Partridge- 436 Kimberly Rogers- 528
Town Trustee- 3 year	Write-in- Melanie Levesque 36
Cemetery Trustee- 1 year	Ann Webb- 833
Cemetery Trustee- 3 year	Brian Rater- 798
Supervisor of the Checklist- 6 year	Write-in-

Brookline School District Ballot

School District Treasurer- 1 year	Robert Rochford- 777
School District Moderator- 1 year	Write-in- Peter Webb 82
School District Clerk- 1 year	Write-in
School Board Member- 3 year	Karen Jew- 685 Alison Marsano- 725

ARTICLES

Article 2. To see if the Brookline School District will vote to approve the cost of items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Brookline School Board and the Brookline Teachers Association for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, which calls for the following increase in professional staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>	<u>Total:</u>
2020-2021	\$146,163	2021-2022	\$170,569	2022-2023	\$163,945	\$480,677

and further to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$146,163** for the first fiscal year (2020-21 school year), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in professional staff salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **The School Board recommends this article 4-1-0. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article 1-2-0**

YES- 466 NO- 431

Article 3. To see if the Brookline School District will vote to implement a Full-Day Kindergarten Program at Richard Maghakian Memorial School starting with the 2020-2021 school year, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$143,065** (Gross Budget) for the purpose of funding the additional operating costs of the program. It is anticipated that 65 students will be enrolled for total additional State revenues of \$120,535. Defeat of this article will have no impact on continuing the Kindergarten program currently in place.

If this article passes, the General Fund Operating Budget will decrease by \$96,965 and the General Fund Revenues will also decrease by \$96,965, which represents the revenue sources related to the Kindergarten program currently in place that will not be available if Full-Day Kindergarten passes; the cost of operating Full-Day Kindergarten will be included in the operating budget in future years.

Additional cost of new full-day program: \$46,100

Expected State funding: \$120,535

Current parent-paid revenue that will be lost: \$217,500

Revenue difference: \$96,965

Net effect to the taxpayer: \$143,065

The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article 1-2-0. YES- 491 NO- 485

Article 4. To see if the Brookline School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$9,459,497. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$9,379,264, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Majority vote required to pass. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.** YES- 669 NO- 295

Article 5. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$75,000 to be added to the previously established SCHOOL FACILITIES MAINTENANCE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND, this sum to come from the June 30 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2020. No amount to be raised from taxation. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.** YES- 740 NO- 223

Article 6. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$25,000 to be added to the previously established SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND, this sum to come from the June 30 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2020. No amount to be raised from taxation. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 2-1-0.** YES- 714 NO- 241

Article 7. To see if the school district will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$40,000 to go into said fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2020. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 2-1-0.** YES- 608 NO- 350

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Brookline School District adopt a school administrative unit budget of \$1,807,100 for the forthcoming fiscal year in which \$319,460 is assigned to the school budget of this school district? This year's adjusted budget of \$1,718,104 with \$307,815 assigned to the school budget of this school district will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all the school district voters voting in this school administrative unit. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 2-1-0.** YES- 597 NO- 360

Article 9. To see if the school district voters will authorize the Brookline School District to access future year state and federal special education aid funds in the event that special education costs exceed budget limitations. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.** YES- 810 NO- 150

Hollis Brookline School District Ballot

School Board- 3 year	Budget Committee- 3 year
Kate Stoll- 822	Write-in David Blinn 69

2.) (By Ballot) Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendments as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brookline Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment Number 1:

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

YES- 640 NO- 255

Amendment Number 2:

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

YES- 833 NO- 111

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber: On a motion by Peter D'Agostino, 2nd Lynn Rich, we elected Jerry Farwell as Surveyor of Wood & Lumber.

Sexton: Jerry Farwell has resigned from the position of Sexton. Peter Webb suggested the Cemetery Trustees be in charge of appointing the next Sexton. Judy Cook made the motion, 2nd Robert Rushton. Ann Webb said if anyone has interest in being a Sexton to please contact the Cemetery Trustees.

3.) To hear all reports of the Selectboard and other Town Officers and Committees.

On a motion by Ann Webb, 2nd Rena Duncklee

HAND VOTE YES

Peter D'Agostino made a motion to move Articles 19, 21 & 22 ahead of Article #4. 2nd Chris VanVeen

HAND VOTE YES

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

SECRET BALLOT YES- 267 NO-9

21.) (By Petition) To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 32:14 to establish a municipal budget committee to assist its voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds. (Requires ballot vote). Eric Pauer made a motion, 2nd Peter Walker. Eric Pauer had a presentation for voters and spoke to the Article. Eric Pauer made a motion to Amend, 2nd Peter Walker, to instruct the Selectboard to convene a study committee on the issue of a budget committee. The Committee shall consist of a Selectboard member, School Board member, Finance Committee member and members of the public. Report findings by October 1, 2020. 2nd Peter Walker.

HAND VOTE YES

Peter D'Agostino made a motion to reconstrict reconsideration to Article #21.

HAND VOTE YES

22.) (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to direct the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board, pursuant to RSA 195:25, to undertake a study of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of the pre-existing Brookline School District from the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District. Eric Pauer made a motion to Amend the article, 2nd Peter Walker. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectboard to undertake a study of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of the pre-existing Brookline School District from the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District. The study shall be conducted by the committee composed of one member of the Brookline pre-existing district's school board, one member of the Brookline Selectboard, one member of the Brookline finance committee, four Brookline residents not currently serving on any school board within Brookline or the cooperative school district, and such other members who will add new

perspectives and insights as may be appointed by the committee. The committee shall hold its first meeting no later than 45 days following its creation or by the vote at the 2020 Brookline annual town meeting. Within 180 days after the committee's first meeting, the committee shall report its findings to the Brookline Selectboard. If the committee finds that more time and information are needed to make the determination, the committee shall reconvene within 30 days of filing its initial report and continue its work. The committee shall examine alternatives to the Hollis Brookline Coop including, but not limited to, creating a new grade 7-12 public educational infrastructure within Brookline, allowing other communities to tuition students into Brookline in connection with the same, tuition arrangements between Brookline and outside districts and establishing an accredited public charter school system serving the community of Brookline. The committee shall write a report of its findings and, if withdrawal is deemed viable, develop a high-level withdrawal plan and submit the same to the Brookline Selectboard no later than January 11, 2021. The plan or report shall be advisory only. Eric Pauer had a presentation for voters and spoke to the Article.

Cindy LaCroix made a motion to end discussion, 2nd Peter Walker.

SECRET BALLOT YES-52 NO-222

Joseph Hartman made a motion to reconstrict reconsideration to Article #22. 2nd Peter D'Agostino.

HAND VOTE YES

David Santuccio made a motion to limit all comments to 2 minutes moving forward. 2nd Bonnie Fessenden.

HAND VOTE YES

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

Dana Ketchen made a Motion on behalf of the Finance Committee to amend the article to read as follows, To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,812 for the purpose of hiring a second full-time Public Works employee for the Town of Brookline or take any action relative thereto. The said sum includes \$30,000 in pay and (approximately \$16,812 in benefits to be determined based on pay) for (7.5) months of 2020 (the 12-month total annualized cost is \$74,899) If passed, warrant article #5 will be reduced to \$42,000. If approved, the amount raised will be incorporated into the highway department salary and personnel administration budget for accounting purposes. 2nd Eric Pauer. Amendment failed.

HAND VOTE YES

5.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,071,826 to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same. *(Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1).* Brendan Denehy made a motion. 2nd Ian McNabb. Brendan said that the board has made the following changes to the budget from what is printed in the town report..

Drainage improvements decreased \$10,000

Drainage maintenance decreased \$4,000 to \$4,000

Gravel and grading decreased \$2,000

Road maintenance decreased \$12,000

Snow & Ice Management reduced \$40,000

Equipment maintenance increased \$2,000

Fuel/oil/fluids/parts increased \$3,000

Training and uniforms increased \$1,000

\$9,038 increase in the salary line for the library to correct a budgeting error they made in 2019 that carried over to their 2020 budget. They handled the 2019 error with their own funds but asked for an increase in their 2020 budget to correct the compounding error in this year's budget. Brendan Denehy had a presentation on the budget and Brian Rater spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee. The changes show the budget was decreased from the printed figure of \$5,071,826 to **\$5,018,864**.

Dana Ketchen made a motion to amend the article to \$5,002,014. She stated that the deductions were modest, but she would like to reduce the employee wage increase by \$6,850 and remove \$10,000 from the Department of Public Works. She stated that there was money spent from the operating budget to refurbish a town truck and that money was available in a capital reserve fund. Amendment failed.

HAND VOTE YES

Mark Fessenden made a motion to reconstrict reconsideration to Articles 4 & 5, 2nd Bonnie Fessenden.

HAND VOTE YES

6.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$150,000** to be deposited into the previously established Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of public works equipment or take any action relative thereto. (*Recommended by the Selectboard 4-1; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1*) Brendan Denehy made a motion, 2nd Ann Somers. Rui Loura made a motion to amend the article to read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$80,000 to be deposited into the previously established Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of public works equipment or take any action relative thereto, 2nd Roy Wallin. Amendment failed.

Candice Cunha made a motion to amend the article reducing the cost to \$115,000. 2nd Matthew Mailloux.

Peter D'Agostino moved the question. 2nd Bonnie Fessenden. Amendment failed.

HAND VOTE YES

Bob Eaton made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 6, 2nd Roy Wallen.

HAND VOTE YES

Meeting was recessed at 11:10pm and will reconvene Thursday, March 12, 2020 @ 7pm.

7.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$163,900 to purchase a new forestry fire truck. Said appropriation is contingent upon and will be offset by an Assistance to Firefighters Program grant in the amount of \$155,705 and \$8,195 from the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, IV. (*Recommended by the Selectboard 4-1; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1*). Charlie Corey made a motion to amend the article. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$156,095.24** to purchase a new forestry fire truck. Said appropriation is contingent upon and will be offset by an Assistance to Firefighters Program grant in the amount of \$155,705 and **\$7,804.76** from the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, IV. 2nd Peter D'Agostino.

AMENDMENT PASSED

HAND VOTE YES

8.) To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to enter into a three-year lease/purchase agreement for a total of \$590,000 for the purpose of leasing and equipping a new fire engine and to raise and appropriate **\$202,122** for the first year's payment. The second annual lease payment will be made from the operating budget and final payment will be made from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Said lease contains a fiscal funding clause which permits the termination of the lease on an annual basis should the funds necessary to make the required payments not be appropriated at town meeting. The purchase of this vehicle will replace the 25-year old 5E2. (*Recommended by the Selectboard 3-2; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1*).

Charlie Corey made a motion to amend the article. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to enter into a three-year lease/purchase agreement for a total of \$588,225 for the purpose of leasing and equipping a

new fire engine and to raise and appropriate \$201,032 for the first year's payment. The second annual lease payment will be made from the operating budget and final payment will be made from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Said lease contains a fiscal funding clause which permits the termination of the lease on an annual basis should the funds necessary to make the required payments not be appropriated at town meeting. The purchase of this vehicle will replace the 25-year old 5E2. 2nd Bonnie Fessenden.

Peter Bretschneider had a presentation and spoke to the article.

AMENDMENT PASSED

SECRET BALLOT- YES-82 NO-30

Charlie Corey made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 7, 2nd Eddie Arnold. **HAND VOTE YES**

10.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of road improvements to Hood Road, or take any action relative thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2024. *(Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Not recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1)*. Brendan Denehy made a motion, 2nd Judy Cook. Mike Wenrich spoke to the article. Lorna Spargo made a motion to move the question. 2nd Ed Arnold.
SECRET BALLOT YES-72 NO-37

Charlie Corey made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 8, 2nd Rena Duncklee. **HAND VOTE YES**

9.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 to be deposited into the previously established Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a fire truck, or take any action relative thereto. *(Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 3-0)*. Steve Russo made a motion, 2nd Rena Duncklee. Drew Kellner spoke to the article. Barbara Arnold made a motion to amend the article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 to be deposited into the previously established Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a fire truck, or take any action relative thereto. 2nd Charlie Corey. Amendment FAILED.
HAND VOTE -YES

Pete D'agostino made a motion to move to Article 12. 2nd Doug Barnett. **HAND VOTE YES**

Joe Delpapa made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Articles 9 & 10, 2nd Kristen Austin. **HAND VOTE YES**

12.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,403 for the purpose of hiring a ninth full-time police officer for the Town of Brookline, or take any action relative thereto. Said sum includes \$31,000 in pay and \$20,403 in benefits for six (6) months of 2020 (the 12-month total annualized cost is \$102,806). *If approved, the amount raised will be incorporated into the police department pay and personnel administration budgets for accounting purposes. (Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 3-0)*. Ron Olsen made a motion, 2nd Doug Barnett. Chief Bill Quigley spoke to the article.

SECRET BALLOT YES-98 NO-11

11.) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1, which shall be known as the Radio Capital Reserve Fund, the purpose of which shall be to defray costs of design and replacement of current radio equipment for emergency services and public works and, further, pursuant to RSA 35:15, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund; also to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be placed in said fund. *(Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0, with one abstention)*.

Ron Olsen made a motion, 2nd Roy Wallen. Ambulance Director Shawn Jackson, who is a non-resident, was given permission to speak to the article.

HAND VOTE YES

13.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 in additional funds to construct a pedestrian bridge over the Nissitissit River on Mason Road and a sidewalk (including pedestrian bridge) on South Main Street (from Route 130 to the rail trail). Said appropriation will be offset by a Federal Transportation Alternative Program Grant in the amount of \$104,000 and \$26,000 from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, IV. These funds will be used only if the funds provided by 2017 warrant article #7 are insufficient to complete the project. *(Recommended by the Selectboard 4-1; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0, with one abstention).*

Ron Olsen made a motion, 2nd Brendan Denehy. Brendan Denehy spoke to the article. Lorna Spargo moved the question, 2nd Judy Cook.

HAND VOTE YES

Peter Dagostino made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 12, 2nd Mike Wenrich.

HAND VOTE YES

Graham Loff made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 11, 2nd Rena Duncklee.

HAND VOTE YES

Roy Wallen made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 13, 2nd Judy Cook.

HAND VOTE YES

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

Eddie Arnold made a motion, 2nd Judy Cook.

HAND VOTE YES

15.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,877 to be deposited into the Ambulance Service Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. The Selectboard and Ambulance Chief have already been voted agents to expend from this fund (1998 - Warrant Article #6). *(Recommended by the Selectboard 5-0; Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-0, with one abstention).*

Brendan Denehy made a motion, 2nd Judy Cook.

HAND VOTE -YES

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

Eddie Arnold made a motion, 2nd Rena Duncklee. Eddie Arnold spoke to the article.

HAND VOTE-YES

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

Judy Cook made a motion, 2nd Greg D'arbonne. Greg D'arbonne spoke to the article.

Jason Kramarczyk made a motion to amend. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the Credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse

of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$750, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. 2nd Joe Delpapa.
Amendment failed.

HAND VOTE YES

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

Judy Cook made a motion, 2nd Greg D'arbonne. Greg D'arbonne spoke to the article.

HAND VOTE YES

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

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

HAND VOTE YES

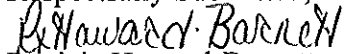
23.) To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Robert Rushton made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Rena Duncklee

The meeting adjourned at 10:10pm

Monies raised and appropriated **\$5,948,785**

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Howard-Barnett

Brookline Town Clerk