

Warrant – Town Meeting March 08, 2016



State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield in the County of Carroll in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Offices in said Brookfield on Tuesday, the 8th of March, next, to act upon Warrant Articles 1 through 4 by official ballot. Polls will be open from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

And you are hereby further notified to meet at the Town House in said Brookfield on the same day beginning at 7:00 pm to act upon the following Articles 5 thru 22.

Article #2

Are you in favor of amendment number one of the Brookfield Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: to add definitions of private road (a street not open to public use, which is privately maintained and which serves three or more lots); and approved private road (a private road that was approved by the Subdivision Regulation process) – *By Ballot (Majority Vote Required)*

Yes 83

No 12

Article #3

Are you in favor of amendment number two of the Brookfield Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: to clarify that a driveway is required for each dwelling and that a driveway cannot serve more than two lots. – *By Ballot (Majority Vote Required)*

Yes 73

No 26

Article #4

Are you in favor of amendment number three of the Brookfield Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: to clarify the definition of frontage as the part of the lot or lot line abutting a road or body of water. – *By Ballot (Majority Vote Required)*

Yes 91

No 8

5. To see if the Town will vote to enter into a 7-year contract in order to purchase approximately 246 acres of land located off Lyford Road (Map #19 Lot #10 & Map #20 Lot #3) in the amount of **\$210,000** by paying **\$30,000** per year over 7 years beginning October 2016 through October 2022; further to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the first year's payment. *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3 Vote Required)*

Yes 43

No 16

6. To see if the Town of Brookfield will adopt the following: To leave the traveled portion of Brice Drive in its present location and avoid the cost of relocating the road within the centered right of way. *The Selectmen do not recommend this petitioned advisory warrant article.*

Article did not pass

7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the additional sum of **\$7,000** for the annual salary of the Town Treasurer. The current salary is **\$5,500**; this would raise the annual salary to **\$12,500** to be in line with other elected officials. This is in response to the broadening scope of this position. *The Selectmen recommend this petition warrant article. (Majority vote required)*

Passed as read

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** to be added to the Road and Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund. *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote Required).*

Passed as read

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$99,000** for the major repair of Town Roads and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the Road and Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund. *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).*

Passed as read

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** to be added to the Conservation Fund. *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).*

Passed as read

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** to be added to the Heritage Fund. *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).*

Passed as read

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** to be added to the Town Building Office Equipment Expendable Trust previously established. *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).*

Passed as read

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,000** to be added to the Property Revaluation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).*

Passed as read

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200** to increase the combined annual salaries for the Town Auditors from **\$300** to **\$500** per year. The combined current annual salaries of **\$300** are included in the operating budget. *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required)*

Passed as read

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to the Town House Repair Capital Reserve Fund. *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).*

Passed as read

16. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Town Scholastic Capital Reserve Fund (public funds). All the public monies that have been deposited in the fund, with the accumulated interest to date, will be returned to the General Fund. All private donations made for these purposes will continue to be held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds and will be administered according to the original intent of the fund. *The Selectmen recommend this action. (Majority Vote Required)*

Passed as read

17. To see if the Town will vote to change the name and purpose of the Town Road Maintenance Equipment Trust account to the existing Moose Mountain Capital Reserve Fund, so that the funds may be used for maintenance and repair of the public bridge located on Moose Mountain Road. *The Selectmen recommend this action. (2/3 vote required).*

An amendment was called to change the name of the "Town Maintenance Trust Account" to Moose Mountain CRF II, so that these funds may be used for the maintenance and repair of the Moose Mountain bridge

The amendment was read and passed as read

18. To see if the Town will rescind its 2001 vote to have the Planning Board create a Capital Improvement Plan. *The Selectmen recommend this action. (Majority vote required)*

Passed as read

19. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the "Town Cemetery Purchase" Capital Reserve Fund created by voters in 2003 exclusively for the purchase of land for a new Town cemetery. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. *The Selectmen recommend this action. (Majority vote required)*

Passed as read

20. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, and RSA 289:2-a for the maintenance and improvement of Town cemeteries, and to authorize the deposit of cemetery lot sale income into said fund. Further, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. *The Selectmen recommend this action. (Majority vote required)*

Passed as read

21. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a(IV), to authorize the acceptance of private donations indefinitely to be utilized for the same purpose as the Cemetery Maintenance and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund. Such donated funds are to be invested and accounted for by the Trustees of the Trust Funds, who shall expend the donated funds according to the directions of the donors. *The Selectmen recommend this action. (Majority vote required)*

An amendment was called to see if the town will vote pursuant to RSA 31:19-a(IV), to authorize the acceptance of private donations indefinitely for the new Brookfield cemetery. Such donated funds are to be invested and accounted for by the Trustees of the Trust Funds, who shall expend the donated funds according to the directions of the donors.

The amendment was read and passed as read

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended sum of **\$708,379** for the Town Operating Budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed in this Warrant. *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).*

An amendment was called to change line number 4225, Forestry, to increase the total budget to \$4700. This increases line 4225.300, Forestry Expenses to \$100.00, increases line 4225.301, Forest Fire Control to \$500.00, increases line 4225.302, Forest Fire Management to \$500.00, maintains line 4225.303, Dry Hydrants at \$2000.00, increases line 4225.500, Truck Maintenance to \$1500.00 and increases line 4225.600, Mileage to \$100.00. This amendment would change the selectmen's recommended sum of \$708,379.00 for the town operating budget to \$711,074.00

The amendment was read and passed as read

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by the moderator William Marsh

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia A. McGinley

Town Clerk

Brian Robischeau _____ Date _____

William Nelson _____ Date _____

Richard Zacher _____ Date _____

