



# Town of Brookfield, NH Newsletter

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## News from Town Officials

**Assessor Clerk:** 2010 means it's Revaluation time again. By reviewing 25% of our town per year over the last 4 years, most properties have been reviewed already. So we will be concentrating on the overall town values. This includes reviewing all land-only parcels, updating all our Current Use property files, reviewing and updating all Elderly and Disabled Exemptions, and making sure all Veterans Tax Credit applications meet current DRA standards. It will be a busy year and we really appreciate your assistance and cooperation as needed.

Along with the Assessors, a representative from the state's Department of Revenue Administration may be visiting some properties to check on the data collected by the Assessors. These visits are most important to value your property correctly and fairly. All persons visiting your property from Avitar or from the DRA will be clearly identified with a picture ID and in a marked car. We will also be notifying the Wakefield police of their presence in the area.

**Property Cards:** Do we have the correct information on your property? This is the basis for your tax bills so please make sure your data is correct. These cards are available for public examination anytime the Town Office is open and are kept by the Tax Maps. If you want a copy of your card (free 1 per year to all residents) please ask the Town Employee on duty to make a copy for you. Please do NOT remove cards from the book. Cards for non-owners are \$1.

If you have questions please drop by on Wednesday mornings. I can also assist with Elderly, Disabled or Blind Exemptions, Veterans Tax Credits, Abatements, Current Use, Voluntary Land Mergers and many other assessing options available to you.

**Tax Collector Notes:** The 2009 property tax collections were better than average especially with times as tough as they have been. Thank you all! I mention this because it affects us all by allowing the town to make timely payments of our bills. We are trying to work with property owners who wish to make payments throughout the year either to get caught up or to get ahead; this seems to be helping some.

The first issue bill is always one half of the prior year's total; this is because the tax rate is always set in October by the State when they have the budgets for the Town, State, and County. Towns do not set their own rates only the State DRA can do this. Bills will be due July 1, 2010.

**Town Moderator:** Transitions are always interesting; so far this one is going smoothly. It's been interesting how many Moderators from various towns have spoken to me either at my office or at Huggins to give me their words of wisdom. I didn't know that I knew so many Moderators! I have been keeping myself busy doing the online training the NH Secretary of State has for new Moderators. Probably would be finished by now if the weather had not been so nice.

The only elections upcoming in the next 6 months are the NH State Primary, September 14<sup>th</sup>, and the General Election November 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am looking forward to working with an experienced crew of election officials; thankfully everyone is staying on including our Vice Moderator, Robert Russo. Of course, we always are looking for new helpers, and if you are interested in becoming an election official you may email me ([wmarshmd@gmail.com](mailto:wmarshmd@gmail.com)).

The last day to change your party affiliation or become undeclared before the primary is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact the Supervisors of the Checklist to do so. If anyone in town wants to run for a state office, the filing period is June 2-11. Have a good summer!

## Board, Committee and Commission News

**Conservation Commission:** The Conservation Commission would like to thank all those who participated in the successful Town Clean-up on April 24th. After a hearty breakfast prepared by the Selectmen, nineteen families signed up to clear trash revealed by melted snow. Enough volunteers were available to clean every road in town. As a bonus for conducting the clean-up, the town will receive 400 daffodil bulbs from the non-profit group, New Hampshire the Beautiful.

Mark your Calendar! Join your neighbors for Brookfield's 2nd Annual Old Home Day on August 14th! Events will be held throughout the day including a town breakfast, farm tours, a display of Brookfield's history, and a 5K Run/Walk down one of our scenic roads. Keep an eye on the town website and the newspaper for details. And if you'd like to help, please feel free to contact one of your Selectmen.

**Heritage Commission:** On Wednesday, June 16th at 7:00 pm at the Town House, the Brookfield Heritage Commission is co-sponsoring with the Brookfield Bloomers and the Wakefield Heritage Commission a presentation by the Master Gardener from

Strawbery Banke, John Forti. His topic will be "Native Heirloom Plants". Before coming to Strawbery Banke, John was the Master Gardener at Plimoth Plantation.

### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

#### **Meeting Schedule June – Nov. 2010**

**June 1** – 7:00 - 7:30 PM

**Sept. 7** – 7:00 – 7:30 PM

**Oct. 23** – 11:00 – 11:30 AM

All Supervisor meetings are held in the Town Office Building. The Supervisors reserve the right to extend hours. Additional meetings, if needed, will be posted. Contact Adeline Russo, 522-3458, Supervisor of the Checklist for voter registration information.

**Brookfield Cemetery Trustees:** Brookfield has over 70 cemeteries. If there is any person, family or organization that is willing to adopt one of these small cemeteries, send a request to the Cemetery Trustees at the Brookfield Town Office, 267 Wentworth Road, Brookfield, NH 03872 or give me a call at 522-5099. This would be a great help to the town. These only need care once or twice a year.

### **GWRSD Construction at the Kingswood Complex**

The first phase of construction involves a Geo-Thermal heating and cooling system, the new Multi-purpose building and the Turf Athletic field. All 320 wells are drilled, grouted and are piped into the Multi Purpose Building. The steel frame is up and rapidly being covered with brickwork and is on schedule for occupancy on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Turf Field bleachers are in with seating for 1000 people. The Turf field is scheduled for completion by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Under the bleachers is the concession stand and lots of storage space for athletic equipment. Phase two involves additions to the high school, middle school and the Vocational Center. This phase starts as soon as these schools close for the summer.

**Brookfield/Wakefield Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to make one Monday morning commitment this summer and go to Sherman Farms in East Conway to pick fresh produce for the food pantry recipients. Picking is from 10:00–11:30 AM and produce can be dropped off in Wakefield. Families are welcome! Please contact Martina Cyr to sign up: 522-9250 or [martinadesigns@yahoo.com](mailto:martinadesigns@yahoo.com).

**The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Scholastic Recognition Award** was given to Sarah Tierney, the graduating senior from Brookfield with the highest four-year grade-point average. Congratulations Sarah! Contributions and memorial donations to the Brookfield Scholastic Recognition Award Fund are deductible from Federal Income taxes for those who itemize deductions. Call Tom Lavender for information at 522-6108.

### **Reminders**

**Emergency care files update:** Residents are responsible to advise the county sheriff's office (539-2284) and Wakefield Fire Department of any special circumstances that those responding would need to be aware of. Call the Wakefield Fire Department's non-emergency number (522-3232) to list anyone who is on a life support ventilator, uses an oxygen system or any other type of life support system that runs on electricity, is bedridden and would need to be moved in the event of power failure, or lives alone and may need to be checked on in the event of power failure.

**Severe Emergencies:** In case of extended power outages or other emergencies, the Town House will be open to provide water, cooking facilities, and shelter to residents in need.

**Dog licenses** must be renewed by April 30 or a civil forfeiture fine of \$25.00 will be incurred in addition to a late fee of one dollar a month. Renewal forms will be available starting January 1st. Rabies shots must be current. Bring a rabies certificate from your veterinarian as proof. See the Town Clerk for new licenses.

**You are reminded** that injury or destruction of any cemetery or burial ground including monuments, tombs, fences, gates, and other structures is a felony. RSA 635.6

**Intent to Cut and Intent to Excavate** forms must be signed by the selectmen and filed with the Town Assessor Clerk before work begins. Get applications from Ed Nason, our Code Enforcement Officer.

**Town Driveway Permits** are mandatory when putting in a driveway accessing a town road. Apply to the Code Enforcement Officer. State permits are required for accessing state roads.

**Protect our town from forest fire!** Get permits from our fire warden, Brad Williamson, 522-6018, for all open burning you plan.

**"Good Morning, Seniors"** Seniors or shut-ins who want to take part may call the Wakefield Police Department daily to let them know they are all right. Call Earleen DiPrizio at 522-3232.

**Aluminum cans,** rinsed, may be deposited in the collection trailer at the rear of the Town House. Mr. DeLisle donates half of the money raised to the Scholastic Recognition Award Fund.

### **Fall Hunting Season:**

Black Bear: Sept.1 - Nov.23

Turkey/Archery: Sept.15 – Dec.15

Deer/Archery: Sept. 15 - Dec. 15

Pheasant: Oct. 1- Dec. 31

Moose (by permit only): Oct.16 - Oct.24

Youth Deer Hunting Weekend: Oct. 23 - Oct.24

Deer/Muzzleloader: Oct.30 - Nov.9

Deer/Firearms: Nov.10 - Dec.5

**Wear blaze orange for visibility in woods.** For updates on hunting season dates, check the website at [www.wildlife.state.nh.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us)

## ABBREVIATED BROOKFIELD CALENDAR JUNE – NOV. 2010

All meetings and office hours will be held at the Town Office Building unless otherwise noted.  
Check notice boards to verify. Changes will always be posted.

**Selectmen Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 6:30 PM, **Selectmen Hours:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**Town Clerk:** Mondays, 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM; Tuesdays 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
**Assessor Clerk:** Wednesdays 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**Tax Collector:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
**Building Inspector/CEO:** Thursdays 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**Planning Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 6:30 PM  
**Agricultural Committee:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays, 7:30 PM  
**Conservation Commission:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 6:00 PM  
**Heritage Commission:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00 PM  
**Trustees of Trust Funds:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, Jan, Apr, July, Oct. 7:00 PM  
**Parks and Recreation:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 7:00 PM  
**Senior Meals:** St. Anthony's Church, Wakefield: Fridays 12 Noon; Greater Wakefield Resource Center, Union: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 12 Noon  
**Wakefield-Brookfield Historical Society,** Little Red Schoolhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays 7:30 PM  
**Brookfield Bloomers:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 6:30 PM  
**Brookfield/Wakefield Food Pantry:** 138 Meadow St Sanbornville. Open every Wednesday year round from 9-12 and 5-7 PM  
**School Board:** Meetings are held on Mondays. Call 569-1658 or check [www.govwentworth.k12.nh.us](http://www.govwentworth.k12.nh.us) for dates and locations  
**Last day of school 2009-2010:** June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
**Kingswood HS graduation:** May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
**First day of school 2010- 2011:** August 31, 2010  
**No school 2010:** Sept. 6, Oct. 11, Nov. 11, Nov. 24-26, Dec. 24-31

### Town of Brookfield Boards, Commissions and Committees

#### **Agricultural Commission**

Nate Weeks, Chair  
Art Wheeler, Vice-Chair  
Stephanie Hillis  
Janet Murfey  
Rick Surette  
Mike Tsaltas  
Ernest Brown Jr Selectmens Rep

#### **Conservation Commission**

Tom Giguere, Chair  
John Nelson, Vice-Chair  
Tom Hill  
Gerald Ciccarone  
Dulcie Lavender  
Jennifer McKown, Alternate  
Clifton Camp, Selectmen's Rep

#### **Board of Selectmen**

Craig Evans, Chair  
Ernest Brown, Jr.  
Clifton Camp

#### **Auditors**

Marilyn Bushman  
John Nelson

#### **Heritage Commission**

Marilou MacLean, Chair  
Susan Brown, Vice-Chair  
Carolyn Chase  
Ron Prior  
Debbie Manning  
Dave Proctor, Alternate  
Craig Evans, Selectmen's Rep

#### **Planning Board**

Ed Nason, Chair  
Tom Whelton, Vice-Chair  
Gerald Ciccarone  
Jim Freeman  
Steve Michalsky  
Rick Surette  
Charlotte Colman, Alternate  
Rob Collins, Alternate  
Bill Gaver, Alternate  
George Nick, Admin. Assistant  
Clifton Camp, Selectmen's Rep

#### **Cemetery Trustees**

Marilyn Bushman, Chair  
John Nelson  
Tom Lavender

#### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

Adeline Russo, Chair  
Carol Leary  
Cheryl Perry

#### **Trustees of the Trust Funds**

Tom Lavender, Chair  
Don Albro  
Tom Giguere

#### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Richard Mauser  
Janet Murfey  
Bill Nelson  
Dick Peckham  
Paul Tremblay  
David Dansereau, Alternate  
Dulcie Lavender, Alternate  
Ernest Brown Jr Selectmens Rep

# BROOKFIELD DIRECTORY

Town Offices: 522.3688

Town Fax: 522.6245

**EMERGENCIES: Call 911 for Fire, Police, and Ambulance**

Website: [www.brookfieldnh.org](http://www.brookfieldnh.org)

**Selectmen:** Craig Evans, **Chair** 522.5069 Email: [selectcraig@roadrunner.com](mailto:selectcraig@roadrunner.com)

Ernest Brown Jr., Vice Chair, 522.8338 Email: [ehbrownjr@earthlink.net](mailto:ehbrownjr@earthlink.net)

Clifton Camp, 522.6077 Email: [CJ@disneydazed.com](mailto:CJ@disneydazed.com)

**Administrative Assistant to Selectmen:** Jennifer Sonricker 522.3688 Email: [jsonricker@roadrunner.com](mailto:jsonricker@roadrunner.com)

**Town Clerk:** Virginia McGinley 522.3688 Email: [town.clerk@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:town.clerk@brookfieldnh.org)

**Deputy Town Clerk:** Jennifer Sonricker 522.3688 Email: [jsonricker@roadrunner.com](mailto:jsonricker@roadrunner.com)

**Assessor Clerk:** Pamela Frazier 522.0031 Email: [pam@mooseview.com](mailto:pam@mooseview.com)

**Tax Collector:** Diana Peckham 522.3688 or 522.6551 Email: [rlpeckham@myfairpoint.net](mailto:rlpeckham@myfairpoint.net)

**Building Inspector:** Ed Nason, cell 520-3686 Email: [code.enforcement@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:code.enforcement@brookfieldnh.org)

**Planning Board:** Ed Nason **Chair**, cell 520-3686 Email: [planning.board@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:planning.board@brookfieldnh.org)

**Agricultural Commission:** Nathan Weeks **Chair** 522.8870 Email: [asknow@stonehamkennel.com](mailto:asknow@stonehamkennel.com)

**Conservation Commission:** Thomas Giguere **Chair** 522.9245 Email: [cidermillfarm@gmail.com](mailto:cidermillfarm@gmail.com)

**Heritage Commission:** Marilou MacLean, **Chair** 522.5338 Email: [uwmarilou@hotmail.com](mailto:uwmarilou@hotmail.com)

**Supervisor of Checklist:** Adeline Russo, **Chair** 522.3458 Email: [rvnrusso@yahoo.com](mailto:rvnrusso@yahoo.com)

**Trustee of the Trust Funds:** Tom Lavender, **Chair** 522.6108 Email: [telavender@roadrunner.com](mailto:telavender@roadrunner.com)

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** Email: [zoning.board@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:zoning.board@brookfieldnh.org)

**Animal Control Officer:** Wakefield Police Dept. 522.3232

**Brookfield Bloomers:** Lois Royle 522.8972 Email: [nroyle@roadrunner.com](mailto:nroyle@roadrunner.com)

**Cemetery Trustees:** Marilyn Bushman, **Chair** 522.5099 Email: [brookfieldnh@hotmail.com](mailto:brookfieldnh@hotmail.com)

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Ed Nason, cell 520-3686 Email: [code.enforcement@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:code.enforcement@brookfieldnh.org)

**Emergency Management Director:** Brad Williamson, 522.6018 Email: [janbrad@roadrunner.com](mailto:janbrad@roadrunner.com)

**Food Pantry:** Martina Cyr, 522.9250 Email: [martinadesigns@yahoo.com](mailto:martinadesigns@yahoo.com)

**Forest Fire Warden:** Brad Williamson 522.6018 Email: [janbrad@roadrunner.com](mailto:janbrad@roadrunner.com)

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens:** Jack & Helen Baker, 522.6121; Mike Moore, 522.3005; Janet Williamson, 522.6018; Sam Morrill, 522.8336; Todd Nason, 522.8336

**Moderator:** Dr. William Marsh Email: [wmarshmd@gmail.com](mailto:wmarshmd@gmail.com)

**NH Fish and Game Region 2: Region 2** (Lakes Region) 744.5740 Email: [reg2@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:reg2@wildlife.nh.gov)

**Road Agent:** Ed Nason, cell 520-3686 Email: [code.enforcement@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:code.enforcement@brookfieldnh.org)

**School Board Member-at-Large:** Ernest H. Brown Jr. 522.8338 Email: [ehbrownjr@earthlink.net](mailto:ehbrownjr@earthlink.net)

**School Board Representative:** Dr. James B. Manning 522.9900 Email: [jbmanningdds@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jbmanningdds@myfairpoint.net)

**State Police Communications:** (24 hrs) 1.800.832.2100

**Timber Monitor:** Ed Nason, cell 520-3686 Email: [code.enforcement@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:code.enforcement@brookfieldnh.org)

**Town Treasurer:** Marilou MacLean 522.5338 Email: [uwmarilou@hotmail.com](mailto:uwmarilou@hotmail.com)

**VNA: Hospice:** 569.2729 General Inquires, Email: [intake@vnahospice.net](mailto:intake@vnahospice.net)

**Wakefield Transfer Station:** Open to permit holders: Friday through Monday, 8:00 AM - 3:00PM

**Webmaster:** Jim Murfey (603) 941.0656 or 522.6474 Email: [webmaster@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:webmaster@brookfieldnh.org)

**Welfare Clerk:** Lynn Watts 473.8939 Email: [frogprincess285@hotmail.com](mailto:frogprincess285@hotmail.com)