



Town of Brookfield, NH

Newsletter

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News from Town Officials:

Selectmen's News: At Brookfield's March Town Meeting, outgoing Selectman Ernest Brown was thanked for his years of service. Welcomed was the newly elected Selectman, Rich Zacher. Rich will be a great asset to the town and is eager to take on the responsibilities of Selectman.

The Boards and Commissions for the coming year have been formed for 2012. However, we could still use some additional volunteers to help round out membership. If you are interested in joining a commission or board, please contact the appropriate Chairman of the Board or Selectman.

We hope you have a great and safe summer. Thank you for allowing us to represent you.

Assessor Clerk: Avitar Associates, our assessing company, has started the first phase of the reevaluation process. Approximately 115 properties were visited in February. Any changes will be reflected in this tax billing. Next year, more properties will be reassessed. Then finally, the year 2015, will be our Town Revaluation year.

Please stop by the office to acquire and review your most recent property assessment card. It is important to make sure all the correct property information is reflected on this card as this is where your taxes are derived from. The public computer is set up in the town hall to access your assessment card. A copy of your tax card is free for all residents and \$1 for all non-residents. Copies of maps are \$3.00 for all non-residents.

Please note our new website: www.brookfieldnh.org. There is helpful information regarding abatements, exemptions and current use on the Assessing Page as well as other important information. Feel free to e-mail me at; assessor.clerk@brookfieldnh.org, which is checked regularly. Thank you and hope to see you soon!

Tax Collector Notes: Spring is here and it was an easy winter! Hopefully the summer will be good and sunny with few bugs so we can all really enjoy the beautiful place we chose to live. I'm sorry to say that tax collections are a little slower than usual for the December billing. We went to tax lien with thirty four properties unpaid for the 2011 levy year compared to last year with twenty. Many people have lost jobs and are finding it hard to make ends meet. Please remember partial payments may help. Sometimes it's easier to pay a little at a time rather than one lump sum.

I have sad news; I am losing my deputy Jennifer Sonricker. She has taken a new job that requires her to travel a distance therefore she regrettably will not be

around town as much and has to give up her duties here. She will be greatly missed by many of us in town because we could always count on her to help whenever something needed doing. She has always been there when a volunteer was needed and you always knew if she took a project on it would be done right. We will be advertising for a new deputy and I'm sure someone will be found and everything will work out fine. This billing cycle will just be a little busier for me but with my husband's help folding and stuffing these newsletters, we'll get it done.

As always my home phone number is 522-6551, you can leave a message for me and I will return your call. I will be in my office to receive payments every Friday in June from 10AM-2PM; the due date will be June 29, 2012.

Town Clerk: Dogs have to be licensed by the end of May. Starting June 1st an additional dollar will be added on to the license fee. The dog officer will be given a list of delinquent licenses by the end of June. If not taken care of, it will cost a \$25.00 civil forfeiture in addition to the cost of the license. It pays to license your dogs on time! Rabies shots must be current. Bring a rabies certificate from your veterinarian as proof.

Town Moderator: I would like to thank everyone who helped with the January Presidential Primary and the March Town Election, especially our Ballot Clerks; Frank Frazier, Doug Vanderpool, and Rose Zacher, and the Supervisors of the Checklist; Adeline Russo, Cheryl Perry, and Carol Leary. The primary especially keeps the Supervisors busy.

We do have some important dates upcoming. June 6 to 15 is the filing period for the upcoming State Primary Election. September 11th is the State Primary Election and November 6th is the General Election. Remember to vote – otherwise you really can't complain about who won!

Board, Committee and Commission News:

Conservation Commission: Thanks to all who participated in the Town Cleanup on April 21st! After a hearty breakfast prepared by the Selectmen, 25 residents signed up to clean Brookfield's roads. There were lots of smiles displayed as the work progressed. Hope to see you there next year.

Most of Brookfield's rainfall flows south through the Salmon Falls watershed into Great Bay. A recent nationwide study by the U.S. Forest Service, which examined hundreds of watersheds across the nation, identified the Salmon Falls watershed as *the most likely* to suffer a decline in water quality due to conversion

from forestry to other uses such as development. This affects us as a decline in our reputation as a place of pure water and unspoiled land means fewer tourists and people wishing to live here. The best defense is forested land which filters water before it gets to the streams and rivers. If you've thought of conserving some of your land, we would be happy to assist as it helps all of us. Or, for more information, visit Moose Mountain Regional Greenways, a local conservation group based nearby in Union (www.mmrgh.org).

Heritage Commission: recently held a reception for the family of Lt. Col. James Hackett to place his gravestone at the Hackett Graveyard in Brookfield. Lt. Col. James Hackett was an accomplished shipbuilder. He was a member of Rogers' Rangers, the forebearers of today's special operations forces. He constructed the Continental frigate *Raleigh* (the ship on the NH State flag) in addition to many other vessels. He died in Brookfield in 1802.

We would like to invite the townspeople to our 4th Annual Old Home Day, August 11, 2012. We will be having an "Antiques Road Show" type event during the day at the Town House. You are invited to bring 3 items that you would like to find out more about. We will have 2 antique dealers from the area to tell you about your family treasures. We will have a Memphis Style B-B-Q dinner again with music provided after the dinner by Clearly Related String Band. Look for more information around town or in the local newspapers.

Supervisors of the Checklist: Meeting date June 5, 2012 7PM- New voter registrations accepted. This is the LAST opportunity voters will have to change their party affiliation before the NH Primary.

Sept 4, 7PM- New voter registration accepted

Sept 11- NH State Primary

Oct 27, 11AM- New voter registration accepted

Nov 6 - GENERAL ELECTION

All Supervisor meetings and elections will be held in the town office building. Supervisors may conduct other business at these meetings. Additional meetings, as needed, will be posted according to state law.

Brookfield/Wakefield Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday 10-1 and 5-7 PM. Delivery is available for those who need it. The Pantry needs your support to keep the shelves stocked. Donations of current canned and unopened dry goods are gratefully accepted and can be brought to the Pantry on Tuesdays from 8-10 AM. Please contact Martina Cyr at 522-9250.

COAST BUS: has expanded their service in Brookfield to two days per week; Wednesdays and Fridays. New destinations include the Rochester Community Center, The Lilac Mall, Globe Plaza, and Rochester District Court. The North Bus is a curb-to-curb service that picks residents up at their homes in the morning and brings them into Rochester, returning in the early afternoon. The minibus is open to the general public, with priority given to the elderly and disabled. The cost is \$2.50 one-way. For more information, visit

www.coastbus.org/northbus.html or call 1-855-736-4287. If you're interested in being a volunteer driver, please call Jeff Donald at 743-5777 x.120.

Reminders:

Did you know? Our new town web site can send you notices of happenings in town! To sign up for news alerts and Selectmen's agendas and minutes, go to this page: <http://www.brookfieldnh.org/Subscriber>

"Save your Aluminum Cans!" The bin for collecting aluminum cans has moved from behind the Town House to a new location behind the Town Office. The location may have changed, but the purpose is the same! Proceeds from the sale of the aluminum go into the Scholastic Achievement Award Fund. As college costs continue to rise, every small step we can take to help is important. Thank you!

Emergency care files update: Call the Wakefield Fire Department's non-emergency number (522-3232) and the County Sheriff's Office (539-2284) 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 or lives alone and would need to be moved or 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.

Your Selectmen encourage you to use **SLOW RELEASE NITROGEN AND LOW PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS** on your lawn. This will help reduce pollution from lawn fertilizers in the Great Bay Estuary. For more information go to: info@nhcoast.org.

A reminder to all homeowners: please have reflective numbers street side or on your house so the Fire, Police and Ambulance people can readily identify your house.

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.

ABBREVIATED BROOKFIELD CALENDAR JUNE – NOV. 2012

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: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 6:30 PM

Selectmen Hours: 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Administrative Assistant: 1st, 3rd and 5th Fri 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Assessor Clerk: Wednesdays 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Town Clerk: Mondays 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM; Tuesdays 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Tax Collector: 2nd and 4th Fridays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Building/ Code Enforcement: Thursdays 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Agricultural Commission: 1st Tuesdays 7:30 PM

Conservation Commission: 1st Wednesdays 6:00 PM

Heritage Commission: 2nd Wednesdays 7:00 PM

Trustees of Trust Funds: 2nd Thursdays Jan, Apr, July, Oct. 6:30 PM

Planning Board: 2nd Mondays 6:30 PM

Senior Meals: St. Anthony's Church, Wakefield: Fridays 12 Noon; Greater Wakefield Resource Center, Union: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 12 Noon

Brookfield Bloomers: 3rd Wednesdays. 6:30 PM

Wakefield-Brookfield Historical Society, Little Red Schoolhouse, 2nd Tuesdays 7 PM

Brookfield/Wakefield Food Pantry: 138 Meadow St Sanbornville. Open every Wednesday year round from 10-1 and 5-7 PM

School Board: Meetings are held on Mondays. Call 569-1658 or check www.govwentworth.k12.nh.us

Last day of school 2012: High School June 22, Elementary Schools June 14

Kingswood HS Graduation: June 22

First day of school 2012- 2013: September 4th, 2012

No school 2012: Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Nov. 21-23, Dec. 24-Jan 1, 2013

Town of Brookfield Boards, Commissions and Committees

Agricultural Commission

Rick Surette, Chair
Michael Tsaltis, Vice-Chair
Janet Murfey
Art Wheeler
Geary Ciccarone
Rich Zacher, Selectmen's Rep

Auditors

Marilyn Bushman
John Nelson

Board of Selectmen

Clifton Camp, Chair
William Nelson, Vice-Chair
Rich Zacher

Conservation Commission

Tom Giguere, Chair
John Nelson, Vice-Chair
Tom Hill
Gerald Ciccarone
Dulcie Lavender
Terry Jones, Alternate
Jean Jones, Alternate
Richard Peckham, Alternate
Bill Nelson, Selectmen's Rep

Cemetery Trustees

Marilyn Bushman
John Nelson
Craig Evans

Heritage Commission

Marilou MacLean, Chair
Harriet Wilson
Debbie Manning, Secretary
Dave Proctor
Patricia Golden, Alternate
Susan Raban, Alternate
Clifton Camp, Selectmen's Rep

Planning Board

Geary Ciccarone, Chair
Rick Surette, Vice-Chair
Steve Michalsky
Rob Collins
Jim Freeman
Ed Nason
George Nick, Admin. Assistant
Ed Comeau, Alternate
Clifton Camp, Selectmen's Rep

Road Committee

Brad Williamson, Chair
William Nelson
Geary Ciccarone
Tom Hill
Ed Nason, Road Agent
Clifton Camp, Selectmen's Rep

Supervisors of the Checklist

Adeline Russo, Chair
Carol Leary
Cheryl Perry

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Tom Giguere, Chair
Tom Lavender, Vice-Chair
Richard Nordin

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Paul Tremblay, Chair
Dulcie Lavender
Janet Murfey
Richard Mauser
Bill Nelson, Selectman's Rep

BROOKFIELD DIRECTORY

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EMERGENCIES: Call 911 for Fire, Police, and Ambulance

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William Nelson, Vice Chair 522.5279 email: nelsnfam@myfairpoint.net

Rich Zacher, 522.6651 email: rpzacher@gmail.com

Assessing Clerk, Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen: Jessica Robischeau 522-3688
email: assessor.clerk@brookfieldnh.org

Code Enforcement Officer: Ed Nason 520.3686 email: code.enforcement@brookfieldnh.org

Tax Collector: Diana Peckham 522.3688 or 522.6551 email: tax.collector@brookfieldnh.org

Town Clerk: Virginia McGinley 522.3231 email: brookfieldnhct@hotmail.com

Town Treasurer: Marilou MacLean 522.5338 email: uwmarilou@hotmail.com

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Conservation Commission: Tom Giguere, **Chair** 522.9245 email: conservation.commission@brookfieldnh.org

Heritage Commission: Marilou MacLean, **Chair** 522.5338 email: uwmailou@hotmail.com

Planning Board: Geary Ciccarone, **Chair** 522.8835 email: sunydogg@yahoo.com

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Trustee of the Trust Funds: Tom Giguere, **Chair** 522.9245 email: trustee.trust.fund@brookfieldnh.org

Zoning Board of Adjustment: Paul Tremblay, **Chair** 345.1164 email: zoning.board@brookfieldnh.org

Animal Control Officer: Wakefield Police Dept., Fred Guldbrandson 522.3232

Brookfield Archivist: Craig Evans, 522-5069 email: selectcraig@roadrunner.com

Brookfield Bloomers: Ann Prunier 539.5117 email: aprunier@aol.com

Cemetery Trustees: Marilyn Bushman, **Chair** 522.5099 email: brookfieldnh@hotmail.com

Emergency Management Director: Brad Williamson 522.6018 email: janbrad@roadrunner.com

Food Pantry: Martina Cyr 522.9250 email: martinadesigns@yahoo.com

Fire Warden: Brad Williamson 522.6018 email: janbrad@roadrunner.com

Moderator: Dr. William Marsh, 569.6382 email: wmarshmd@gmail.com

NH Fish and Game Region 2 (Lakes Region): 744.5740 email: reg2@wildlife.nh.gov

Road Agent: Ed Nason 520.3686 email: code.enforcement@brookfieldnh.org

School Board Representative: Dr. James B. Manning 522.9900 email: jbmanningdds@myfairpoint.net

State Police Communications: (24 hrs) 1.800.832.2100

VNA: Hospice: 569.2729 General Inquires, email: intake@vnahospice.net

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

Welfare Officer: Lynn Watts 473.8939 email: watts.lynn@yahoo.com

Fall Hunting Season:

Black Bear: Starts Sept.1

Turkey and Deer/Archery: Sept.15 – Dec.15

Pheasant: Oct. 1- Dec. 31

Moose (by permit only): Oct. 20 - Oct. 28

Youth Deer Hunting Weekend: Oct. 27 - Oct. 28

Deer/Muzzleloader: Nov. 3 - Nov.13

Deer/Firearms: Opens Nov.14

Wear blaze orange for visibility in the woods. For updates on hunting season dates, check the website at www.wildlife.state.nh.us