



Town of Brookfield, NH Newsletter

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News from Town Officials

Assessor Clerk: I have been fortunate to be appointed as the new Assessor Clerk in February! In just the past few months, I have been working and learning diligently with our Selectmen, the State of NH and Avitar Associates to integrate myself into this role.

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. There now is a computer setup in the town hall for public use to access your assessment card.

The Assessing Office is open on Wednesday's 8am-12pm. Feel free to stop by and introduce yourself. Also, please note my e-mail which is checked regularly: assessor.clerk@brookfieldnh.org

Thank you and hope to see you soon!

Tax Collector Notes: Its news letter and tax bill time again. It may be just me but these seem to come quicker every year. I thought I would use my space in this news letter to answer a couple questions that I get asked quite a lot.

First, why are our interest rates so high? The interest rate is the same for the whole state. This is a state RSA that must be followed by all the towns and cities in NH, so towns do not decide what they want to charge for interest. There are always bills presented to lower the rates but to date none have passed so the rate remains at 12 & 18%.

Second, how is the tax rate decided? The tax rate is set by the Department of Revenue Administration, They take the budgets for the town, the state and the county and using the assessed value of the whole town they determine how much we need to pay our bills. The town does not want to have our rate go up any more than necessary so the Selectmen do whatever they can to save money for the town and all of us.

Check your bill for my office hours which are every 2nd & 4th Fridays all year. For the month of June they are every Friday 10-2 as well as July 1st.

Town Clerk: Dogs have to be licensed by the end of May. Starting in June 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 was involved in the March town election and the town meeting. From beginning to end, it went very smoothly. And I will be much less anxious about it next year.

Unless an unexpected special election comes up, there are no elections before the December newsletter comes out. The Presidential primary will happen on short notice probably next January. If anyone would like to help, please send me an email at wmarshmd@gmail.com.

Board, Committee and Commission News

Conservation Commission: Thanks to all who participated in the Town Cleanup on April 30th! After a hearty breakfast in the Town House prepared by the Selectmen, eighteen families volunteered to clean sections of Brookfield's roads. Our efforts should earn the town hundreds of daffodil bulbs from the organization, New Hampshire the Beautiful. We hope to repeat this event next spring and hope to see you there!

Did you know rain falling on Brookfield flows away in three directions? The northwest portion of town drains into Lake Wentworth. And the northeast flows into the Saco River. But the majority of our precipitation travels south eventually making its way into Great Bay near Portsmouth. Contaminants picked up by the water along the way are having an impact on the ecosystems in these watersheds. Great Bay, especially, has seen a decline due to excess nitrogen. We can help by keeping our septic systems healthy and limiting our use of fertilizer to the minimum required. With a little care, we can keep New Hampshire a beautiful place to live.

The Conservation Commission hopes to participate on Old Home Day in August by leading a hike in town. Over 20 residents joined us last year on a fun climb up Tumbledown Dick Mountain. Hope you can join us!

Heritage Commission: The Heritage Commission is very pleased to announce that we have received a \$5,000 matching grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Preservation's Hart Family Fund for Small Town Preservation. The money from this grant will be used in conjunction with the Town appropriated funds from Warrant Article #8 to complete a conditions assessment survey and

preservation plan for our Town House and the attached Churchill School House. In the letter from the National Trust they indicated we were selected from a large number of qualified applicants competing for a very limited amount of funds. We would like to thank Craig Evans for his hard work on writing this grant for us.

The Heritage Commission will be sponsoring the 3rd Annual "Old Home Day" in August. We are beginning to plan with the Conservation Commission and the Agriculture Commission a full day of events for the community. We'll keep you posted on the date and the activities as we get closer.

Supervisors of the Checklist: will hold the first State of NH required Purge Session on Tuesday, May 31st at 5:30 - 6:00pm at the Brookfield Town Hall. Supervisors will review and approve the "Checklist Purge" list. After that they will prepare and mail notices to voters affected by the 10-year purge of 2011. Several voters who registered prior to Nov 2, 2010 and who have not voted within the last 4 years will be subject to either re-registration or removal from the Voter Checklist before the end of August, pursuant to RSA 654:39. Additions, removals, changes to voter records and new registration will also be considered at this time.

The final session to finalize and approve voters to be purged will be held on Sat. July 9 at 10:00am at the Brookfield Town Hall. Any change to the July date will be properly noticed and posted.

Brookfield Cemetery Trustees: The town of Brookfield is in need of a new town cemetery. If there is anyone who would like to donate a parcel of land for this purpose, kindly contact Marilyn Bushman at 522-5099.

Brookfield/Wakefield Food Pantry: Do you have one Monday morning to volunteer your time to get fresh produce to our food pantry recipients in your community? New Hampshire master gardeners partner with local farms to grow and harvest fresh organic produce that goes directly to families in need in your town. All it takes is a little bit of time and effort from many of us in our community.

If you can volunteer a Monday this summer to pick produce and bring it back to our food pantry, please contact me at martinadesigns@yahoo.com or 522-9250 to sign up for a day that works for you. It is a wonderful and rewarding experience being on a working farm for the morning, and the entire program is done by volunteers. You are also welcome to sign up with a friend or with children, grandchildren etc.

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.

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.

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: Starts Sept. 1

Turkey/Archery: Sept. 15 – Dec. 15

Deer/Archery: Sept. 15 - Dec. 15

Pheasant: Oct. 1- Dec. 31

Moose (by permit only): Oct. 15 - Oct. 23

Youth Deer Hunting Weekend: Oct. 22 - Oct. 23

Deer/Muzzleloader: Oct. 29 - Nov. 8

Deer/Firearms: Nov. 9 - Dec. 4

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

ABBREVIATED BROOKFIELD CALENDAR JUNE – NOV. 2011

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 and 3rd Fridays 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

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

Assessor Clerk: Wednesdays 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Building Inspector/CEO: Thursdays 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Agricultural Commission: 1st Mondays 6:30 PM

Conservation Commission: 1st Wednesdays 6:00 PM

Heritage Commission: 1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM

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

Planning Board: 2nd Mondays 6:30 PM

Parks and Recreation: 3rd 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, 2nd Tuesdays 7:30 PM

Brookfield Bloomers: 3rd 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 for dates and locations

Last day of school 2010-2011: May 31st, 2011

Kingswood HS Graduation: May 28th, 2011

First day of school 2011- 2012: September 6th, 2011

No school 2011: Oct. 10, Nov. 11, Nov. 23-25, Dec. 26-30

Town of Brookfield Boards, Commissions and Committees

Agricultural Commission

Rick Surette, Chair
Mike Tsaltis, Vice-Chair
Janet Murfey
Art Wheeler, Alternate
Geary Ciccarone, Alternate
Clifton Camp, Selectmen's Rep

Auditors

Marilyn Bushman
John Nelson

Board of Selectmen

Ernest Brown Jr., Chair
Clifton Camp, Vice-Chair
William Nelson

Conservation Commission

Tom Giguere, Chair
John Nelson, Vice-Chair
Tom Hill
Gerald Ciccarone
Dulcie Lavender
Jennifer McKown, Alternate
Richard Peckham, Alternate
Ernest H. Brown, Jr.,
Selectmen's Rep

Cemetery Trustees

Marilyn Bushman, Chair
John Nelson
Craig Evans

Heritage Commission

Marilou MacLean, Chair
Ron Prior
Debbie Manning
Dave Proctor
Patricia Golden, Alternate
Harriet Wilson, Alternate
Clifton Camp, Selectmen's Rep

Planning Board

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

Road Committee

Brad Williamson, Chair
Geary Ciccarone
Tom Hill
William Nelson
Ernest H. Brown, Jr.,
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
Richard Peckham, Vice-Chair
Dulcie Lavender
Janet Murfey
Richard Mauser
Richard Zacher, Alternate
Bill Nelson, Selectman's Rep

BROOKFIELD DIRECTORY

Town Offices: 522.3688

Town Fax: 522.6245

EMERGENCIES: Call 911 for Fire, Police, and Ambulance

Website: www.brookfieldnh.org

Selectmen: Ernest H. Brown, Jr., **Chair** 522.8338 email: ehbrownjr@earthlink.net

Clifton Camp, **Vice-Chair** 244.0258 email: CJ@disneydazed.com

William Nelson, 522.5279 email: nelsnfam@myfairpoint.net

Administrative Assistant to Selectmen: Jessica Robisneau 522.5122 email: brobisneau@hotmail.com

Town Clerk: Virginia McGinley 522.3688 email: brookfieldnhct@hotmail.com.

Deputy Town Clerk: Jennifer Sonricker 522.3688 email: jsonricker@roadrunner.com

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

Assistant Tax Collector: Jennifer Sonricker 522.3688 email: jsonricker@roadrunner.com

Assessor Clerk: Jessica Robisneau 522.5122 email: assessor.clerk@brookfieldnh.org

Agricultural Commission: Rick Surette, **Chair** 918.6962 email: rick@seabrisket.com

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

Heritage Commission: Marilou MacLean, **Chair** 522.5338 email: heritage.commission@brookfieldnh.org

Planning Board: Thomas Whelton, **Chair** 522.8416 email: tdwhelton@yahoo.com

Supervisor of Checklist: Adeline Russo, **Chair** 522.3458 email: supervisor.checklist@brookfieldnh.org

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

Cable Commission: Frank Frasier, 522.0031 email: frank@mooseview.com

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

Code Enforcement Officer: Ed Nason 651.3055 email: ednasonbrookfieldnh@yahoo.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

Deputy 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 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 651.3055 email: ednasonbrookfieldnh@yahoo.com

School Board Member-at-Large: Ernest H. Brown Jr. 522.8338 email: ehbrownjr@earthlink.net

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

State Police Communications: (24 hrs) 1.800.832.2100

Timber Monitor: Ed Nason 651.3055 email: ednasonbrookfieldnh@yahoo.com

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

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

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

Webmaster: Jim Murfey 941.0656 or 522.6474 email: webmaster@brookfieldnh.org

Welfare Officer: Lynn Watts 473.8939 email: frogprincess285@hotmail.com