



# *Town of Brookfield, NH*

## *Newsletter*

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### **Selectmen's News**

#### **The new tax rates are as follows:**

Town of Brookfield	\$3.89	Last year:	\$3.86
Carroll County	0.99	Last year	1.06
School District-local	8.38	Last year	6.84
School District-state	<u>2.47</u>	Last year	<u>2.44</u>
Total rate:	15.73	Last year	14.20

The net result of this is a tax increase of \$1.54 in our tax bills. The rate for 2011 is \$15.73. The missing penny is due to the rounding of some numbers. The Selectmen are working on the 2012 budget and are working to bring it in below this years.

The new web site is up, for people to go to it just use: [Brookfieldnh.org](http://Brookfieldnh.org). Although new, it is still a work in progress. If you have information for inclusion on the web site, contact Jennifer Sonricker, Jessica Robischeau or Rose Zacker. For now they are responsible for getting your information onto the web site. Due to the change in Town Web sites, the Town email is down. We anticipate this service being back up in the next few weeks.

The Town continues to make progress in disposing of old vehicles and truck beds. Our first effort resulted in \$8,000 in sales and the last sale in \$1450. The Town now totally contracts for snow removal. We are in the first year of a three year contract with T.E.N. Construction for road maintenance and snow plowing.

The Town spent the second year in a row trimming the brush beside the road. This gives us more Stone Walls for people to enjoy. Now we need people to make an effort to help maintain these stone walls. Due to budget constraints we do not anticipate mowing again next year.

The preliminary report on the Town House is in. The Heritage Commission and the Selectmen will be working to implement as much as we can afford to and immediately work on the electrical and insulation issues. We have already put plastic under the Town House and the School. We are getting bids to remove and replace our current oil

tank. It has been sitting on the ground and although we have not had any leaks, we do not know its age or condition. Hence the plan to remove and replace it. A new hot water tank is in place.

Our Brookfield Community is fortunate to have dedicated elected officials. We encourage your participation in our town. New to town, this is a great way for you to get to know your neighbors. Your input is a big help to insure we make Brookfield a place where we all want to live.

Now as the winter months come upon our Town and snow is soon to follow; let us remember those who serve our country in harms way in far away lands and protect the freedom we so richly enjoy. Remember those who are unemployed, have lost a loved one and the lonely. Make your voice heard.

Brookfield is a very special place we call home. All the men are strong, the women good looking and the children above average. Thank you for allowing us to represent you.

**The Town Clerk has changed her Monday hours to 12:00 - 7:00 PM.** This is due to the State of NH changing their hours and no longer being available from 7 to 8 PM. The Town Welfare Officer has a new email address: [watts.lynn@yahoo.com](mailto:watts.lynn@yahoo.com).

**NH Primary:** Will be held on Jan 10, 2012. Please remember to vote.

**Tax Collector:** 2011 has been an interesting year to be tax collector in Brookfield, NH. There have been a few problems unheard of even in large municipalities. One problem I had to deal with was a deposit lost by the bank. Although I had a deposit receipt, the bank was unwilling to credit our account with the deposited amount. They wished to have all property owners issue them a new check and contacted all 39 affected people with this request. I wish to tell you how sorry I am that this happened and thank you all for your understanding. The bank has credited our account with the deposit plus interest, however, the town plans to change banks to a more local bank where we feel our needs will be better met.

As always partial payments are recommended when it is impossible to make a full tax payment. This helps reduce the interest paid on past due tax amounts. Please feel free to call my home number 522-6551 if you need my help with any tax matter, a message can be left at that number if I am away and I will get back to you. I will be in the office to take payments November 25 and December 2, 9, 16, and 23.

**Assessor Clerk:** This has been a very busy year. I have attended many Assessing classes through the Department of Revenue. I was appointed as Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen and, more recently, Assistant to Ed Nason, Code Enforcement Officer. I have taken over Ed's office hours to give him more time in the field. Ed will still be easily accessible by phone and willing to meet anyone. My office hours for all three positions are:

**Assessing** - Wednesdays 8:30 AM-12:30PM

**Administrative Assistant** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month 8:30AM-12:30PM

**Code Enforcement** - Thursdays 8:30AM-12:30PM

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 setup 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. There is helpful information on our website regarding abatements, exemptions and current use on the Assessing Page.

**Heritage Commission:** We would like to thank all the townspeople that attended our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Old Home Day activities and dinner in August. We fed over 100 people a delicious Memphis-Style B-B-Q prepared by Rick Surrence and DJ of Seabrisquet fame.

If you would like to learn more about our town history you are welcome to join us for one of our monthly meetings. We meet during the winter at the Town Office building on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM (please note we have changed our date from the first to the second Wednesday). We are looking to start visiting Brookfield sites (old mill sites, barns, etc.) during the coming year and documenting what we find. Maybe you would like to join us.

We have just received the Critical Needs Assessment report from Salmon Falls Architecture on the status of our Town House built in the 1820's.

We will be sharing the information we obtained with the Selectmen and the town.

We are planning on bringing back our Valentine's breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We will have more information in the newspaper or around town as we get closer to the day.

**GWRSD Report:** The Governor Wentworth School District continues on schedule and we anticipate completion in July of 2012. The new High School Gymnasium is completed and in use. The High School Cafeteria is complete and we will start using it after Thanksgiving. This year Brookfield has 78 students enrolled and 23 home school students.

**Brookfield Cemetery Trustees:** Brookfield has over 70 cemeteries. If any person, family or organization is willing to adopt one of these small cemeteries send a request to the Cemetery Trustees at the Brookfield Town Office or call Marilyn Bushman at 522-5099. This would be a great help to the town. The cemeteries only need care once or twice a year.

**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.

**Brookfield Craft Fair:** Will be held on Saturday Dec. 3, 2011 at the Brookfield Town House. Proceeds from the fair benefit the Brookfield Scholarship Recognition Award Fund. Please come by and support our local talented craftspeople. For more information contact Bonnie Burroughs at 539-3665 or Susie Warren at 522-6267.

#### **Spring Hunting Season Dates 2012:**

There is no closed season for coyote or woodchuck.

**Fisher:** Ends January 31

**Red and Gray Fox, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel, Raccoon:** Ends March 31

**Snowshoe Hare:** Ends March 31

**Youth Turkey Hunt:** April 28 - 29

**Wild Turkey:** May 3 - May 31

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

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 Code Enforcement Officer 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.

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## ABBREVIATED BROOKFIELD CALENDAR JANUARY – JUNE 2012

**Selectmen Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 6:30 PM

**Selectmen Hours:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

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

**Tax Collector:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Building Inspector:** Thursdays 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Agricultural Commission:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays 7:30 PM

**Conservation Commission:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays 6:00 PM

**Heritage Commission:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays 7:00 PM

**Trustees of Trust Funds:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays Jan, Apr, July, Oct. 6:30 PM

**Planning Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays 6:30 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/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](http://www.govwentworth.k12.nh.us)

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

**Kingswood HS graduation:** June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**No school:** Dec 26, 2011-Jan 2, 2012, Feb 27-Mar 2, April 23-27, 2012

## ABBREVIATED 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:** Ernest H. Brown Jr., **Chair** 522.8338 email: [ehbrownjr@earthlink.net](mailto:ehbrownjr@earthlink.net)

Clifton Camp 244.0258 email: [CJ@disneydazed.com](mailto:CJ@disneydazed.com)

William Nelson 522.5279 email: [nelsnfam@myfairpoint.net](mailto:nelsnfam@myfairpoint.net)

**Assessing Clerk, Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen:** Jessica Robischeau 522.5122

email: [brobischeau@hotmail.com](mailto:brobischeau@hotmail.com)

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Ed Nason 520.3686 email: [ednasonbrookfieldnh@yahoo.com](mailto:ednasonbrookfieldnh@yahoo.com)

**Tax Collector:** Diana Peckham 522.3688 or 522.6551 email: [tax.collector@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:tax.collector@brookfieldnh.org)

**Town Clerk:** Virginia McGinley 522.3688 email: [brookfieldnhc@hotmail.com](mailto:brookfieldnhc@hotmail.com)

**Assistant Tax Collector, Deputy Town Clerk:** Jennifer Sonricker 522.3688 email: [jsonricker@roadrunner.com](mailto:jsonricker@roadrunner.com)

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

**Agricultural Commission:** Rick Surrence, **Chair** 918.6962 email: [rick@seabrisket.com](mailto:rick@seabrisket.com)

**Conservation Commission:** Tom Giguere, **Chair** 522.9245 email: [conservation.commission@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:conservation.commission@brookfieldnh.org)

**Heritage Commission:** Marilou MacLean, **Chair** 522.5338 email: [heritage.commission@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:heritage.commission@brookfieldnh.org)

**Planning Board:** Tom Whelton, **Chair** 520.3688 email: [planning.board@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:planning.board@brookfieldnh.org)

**Supervisor of Checklist:** Adeline Russo, **Chair** 522.3458 email: [supervisor.checklist@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:supervisor.checklist@brookfieldnh.org)

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

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** Paul Tremblay, **Chair** email: [zoning.board@brookfieldnh.org](mailto:zoning.board@brookfieldnh.org)

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

**Brookfield Archivist:** Craig Evans, 522-5069 email: [selectcraig@roadrunner.com](mailto:selectcraig@roadrunner.com)

**Brookfield Bloomers:** Ann Prunier 539.5117 email: [aprunier@aol.com](mailto:aprunier@aol.com)

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

**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)

**Fire Warden:** Brad Williamson 522.6018 email: [janbrad@roadrunner.com](mailto: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, email: [wmarshmd@gmail.com](mailto:wmarshmd@gmail.com)

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

**Road Agent:** Ed Nason 520.3686 email: [ednasonbrookfieldnh@yahoo.com](mailto:ednasonbrookfieldnh@yahoo.com)

**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

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

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

**Welfare Officer:** Lynn Watts 473.8939 email: [watts.lynn@yahoo.com](mailto:watts.lynn@yahoo.com)