



Town of Brookfield, NH

Newsletter

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Selectmen Notes

We hope you had a good year and we wish you a happy 2017.

We are pleased to report that the Town has accomplished four major projects this year. With the completion of the eastern side of Stoneham Road, we can finally say that the entire stretch of Stoneham Road has been rebuilt and paved. Included in the Stoneham Road project, new culverts have been installed, the drainage ditch cleaned and the shoulders were rebuilt.

The Town House electric was completely rewired in order to bring the electrical up to code. The wiring was very old, the electrician found that the wiring was not properly grounded and the cotton insulation that wrapped the wiring was beginning to fray, exposing the wires. The Board of Selectmen worked closely with the Heritage Commission in order to ensure this project was completed properly. Lastly, new sconces and chandeliers have been installed providing the much needed, improved lighting for the building.

As you may recall, at the 2016 Town Meeting we were to move forward with the purchase of approximately 250 acres of land in the Town. We have finally closed on that real estate transaction and now we are creating plans for the governance of the land. All input is welcomed as we devise the best way to manage this resource.

Lastly, the Town cemetery is nearly complete and the area looks absolutely beautiful. We would like to thank the Cemetery Trustees for their time and efforts to make sure this project was completed properly and in accordance with the law. The recently planted grass is taking a firm hold before the winter sets in. The Cemetery Trustees are finalizing this project to include some of the finer detail that will allow the Town to appreciate this beautiful resting place for our residents. A vast majority of the work for the Town cemetery is complete and we encourage you to take a drive down Lyford Road.

Projects being considered for 2017 include: addressing the failing Moose Mountain Road Bridge, replacing the roof on the Town Office building, continued road maintenance, and potential future Town House projects.

Thank you for your support.

Brookfield Selectmen

Tax Collector Notes

To update you all, this is my 30th year as your Tax Collector, wow! I have learned so much and things have surely changed in that time. I want to thank you all for your votes last March; I will work hard to deserve your confidence in me. Taxes can always be depended upon. We all receive a bill twice a year and hopefully we are able to pay it. If there is a problem please feel free to let me know, we would rather work with you than to see you fall too far behind. The best way seems to be partial payments; many of you are already paying me on a monthly basis and it seems to be working pretty well.

In closing, I hope you all had a good summer, enjoyed the beautiful fall, and are looking forward to a nice snowy winter.

Diana Peckham (your Tax Collector)

Planning Board

Your Planning Board is currently working on Accessory Dwelling Unit wording to assure our zoning is compliant with SB 146 effective June 1, 2017. The Board will continue work on warrant articles, and discussions for updating the town Master Plan. Please attend your Planning Board meetings and consider becoming an alternate. It benefits everyone to have more residents involved with the events that effect our town.

Respectfully,
Rick Surette, Chairman

Cemetery Trustees

The New Brookfield Cemetery, located on Lyford Road, has been completed and is ready for the purchase of Right to Inter plots. The plot map and Cemetery Policies can be found on the Town Website. The purchase price is set at \$500.00 for town residents and \$700.00 for non-residents. The Right to Inter application may be downloaded from the website or is available at the Town Office. The check should be made out to The Trustees of the Trust Fund, Town of Brookfield. The application and check can be dropped off at the town office or mailed to the Cemetery Trustees.

Presently we have 2 sections ready for interments. Future sections will be opened as the need arises. We have a future plan for beautification of the cemetery with trees being planted on both sides of the main cemetery road.

At the top of the hill, the plan is to have a small landscaped area with a flag pole and possibly a Veteran's Memorial. Our hope is to accomplish this in the coming year. An artist rendering of this project will be available on the website in the near future.

The Cemetery Trustees will gratefully accept memorial donations for the flag pole, and plantings for the memorial area mentioned. For further information please feel free to contact a Cemetery Trustee:

Craig Evans- castor74@roadrunner.com

Judy Lewis- judithlewis2003@msn.com

Rick Surette- rick@seabrisket.com

Moderator's Report

It's a good team that can manage without its leader. The Patriots went 3-1 without Tom Brady. Our team of election officials is even better!

I threw my Assistant Moderator, Craig Evans, an unexpected curve ball when I filed for election as NH State Representative in Carroll County 8. But Craig was up to the challenge, and with former Moderator Dick Peckham, he ran an impeccable State Primary. I expect the General election (a few weeks from now as I write this) will go equally smoothly. I did my best to help him as we relocated the polls to the old Town House. And I was there to assist completing the forms after the election. But this was Craig's show, and he came through for us all.

My thanks also to everyone who helped Craig out – Jessica Robischeau, Cheryl Perry and Rose Zacher are the Supervisors of the Checklist. Frank Frazier and Susan (and Ernie) Brown are our Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks. Doug Vanderpool is another Ballot Clerk. Thomas Hill, Tom Lavender, and Rob Collins have all assisted as Tally Clerks.

Looking forward, our next election is the Town Election on March 14, 2017. I will of course be back to run the Town Election and the Town Meeting. We hope this year has a good turnout – every vote counts!

William M Marsh, Moderator

Supervisors of the Checklist

By the time you are reading this, we will have completed our fourth election for 2016. The Presidential Primary was held on Feb. 9. For this election, 354 residents voted in this election, 69% of the registered voters, 120 as Democrats and 234 as Republicans. The Town elections were held on Mar. 8. 102 residents voted at the polls and 59 attended Town Meeting. Next, we held the State Primary election on Sept. 13. 170 residents voted in this primary, comprising 33% of the registered voters, with 49 residents voting in the Democratic Primary and 121 in the Republican. The state and federal General Election was held on Nov. 8. Results for this election will be recorded in the annual Town Report.

Residents may register to vote in Brookfield with the Town Clerk during her regular office hours, at any meeting of the Supervisors of the Checklist, or during any election. Supervisor meetings are posted on the calendar on the Brookfield website (www.brookfieldnh.org), in the Granite State News, and on the notice boards in front of the Town Office and at Stoneham Corners.

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. Please contact the Selectmen for access.

Please visit the Town website for Emergency Alerts @ www.brookfieldnh.org.

You can also "Subscribe to E-Alerts" and choose which notifications you would like to receive. Your options include: News & Announcements, Minutes, and/or Agendas. This is a great tool to use to know more about what's happening in your town.

New this year, the Town of Brookfield is now on Facebook! Please visit and **like** the towns page at www.facebook.com/BrookfieldNHTown.

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 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.

ABBREVIATED BROOKFIELD CALENDAR November 2016 – JUNE 2017

Selectmen Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 6:30 PM

Selectmen Hours: Last Saturday of the month 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Administrative Assistant: Wednesdays 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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

Town Clerk: Mondays 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Tuesdays 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Last Sat. of the month 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

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

Conservation Commission: 1st Wednesday 6:00 PM

Heritage Commission: 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM

Planning Board: 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM

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

Wakefield-Brookfield Historical Society: Little Red Schoolhouse, 2nd Tuesdays 7:00 PM

Brookfield/Wakefield Food Pantry: 1500 Wakefield Road (Route 153) Wakefield, NH 03872. Open every Wednesday year round from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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

Last day of school 2017: June 20, 2017 (tentative)

Kingswood HS graduation: June 17, 2017 (tentative)

No school: Nov 23 - 25, Dec 23, 2016 - Jan 2, 2017, Jan 16, Feb 27 – March 03, April 24 – April 28, May 29

ABBREVIATED BROOKFIELD DIRECTORY

Town Offices: 522-3688

Town Fax: 522-6245

EMERGENCIES: Call 911 for Fire, Police, and Ambulance

Website: www.brookfieldnh.org

Selectmen: Rich Zacher, **Chair** 522-6651 email: rpzacher@gmail.com

William Nelson, **Vice Chair** 522-5279 email: billnelson2012@gmail.com

Brian Robischeau, 522-5122, email: brian4selectman@hotmail.com

Administrative Assistant: Laurie Champy 522-3688 email: admin.asst@brookfieldnh.org

Assessor Clerk: 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, 522-3688 or 522-3231 email: brookfieldnhct@hotmail.com

Town Treasurer: Marilou MacLean, 522-5338 email: uwmarilou@hotmail.com

Cemetery Trustees: Craig Evans, **Chair** 522-5609 email: selectcraig@roadrunner.com

Conservation Commission: Tom Hill, **Chair** 522-6730 email: conservation.commission@brookfieldnh.org

Heritage Commission: Marilou MacLean, **Chair** 522-5338 email: uwmailou@hotmail.com

Planning Board: Rick Surette, **Chair** 918-6962 email: rick@seabrisket.com

Supervisor of Checklist: Rose Zacher, 522-6651 email: supervisor.checklist@brookfieldnh.org

Trustee of the Trust Funds: Richard Nordin, **Chair** 522-0020 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., Open 522-3232

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

Emergency Management Director: Brad Williamson, 522-6018 email: janbrad@roadrunner.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

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, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Welfare Officer: Lynn Watts, 473-8939 email: watts.lynn@yahoo.com