Warrant - Town Meeting March 09, 2021



State of New Hampshire

The inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield in the County of Carroll in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House Building in said Brookfield on Tuesday, the Nineth day of March, next, to act upon Warrant Article 1 through 3 by official ballot. Polls will be open from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

And you are hereby further notified to meet at the Paul School Gymnasium in Wakefield, NH, on March 20, beginning at 2:00 pm to act upon the following Articles 4 thru 17.

- 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year By Ballot.
- 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article II(A)(3)(c) to clarify that lots in the RA-1 District must have 250 feet of contiguous frontage on a Class V or private road in order to be a building lot; and that lots fronting on Kingswood Lake must have 250 feet of contiguous frontage on the lake in order to be a building lot.
- 3. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III(A)(3)(b) to require that main dwelling units have a foundation constructed with a minimum 4' tall frost wall of 8" minimum thickness.
- **4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be deposited into the Road and Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- **5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be deposited into the Heritage Fund. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

- **6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be deposited into the Town House Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for repair of windows in the Town House and authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Town House Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- **8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for interior plaster work in the Town House and authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Town House Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- **9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** to be deposited into the Property Re-Evaluation Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for professional conservation of a Town Record Book and to fund this appropriation by authorizing withdrawal of \$3,000 from the Records Preservation Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance of \$7,000 to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 11. To see if the Town of Brookfield will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint two (2) volunteer representatives from the Town to serve on the "Communications District Planning Committee" for the purpose of drafting a "Communications District Agreement" under NH RSA Chapter 53-G-Communications Districts. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommended this article.
- 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$54,000 toward the repair of Moose Mountain Road bridge and authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Moose Mountain Capital Reserve Fund II, previously established 3/12/1991, and re-characterized in 2016. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the remaining balance up to \$81,000 toward the repair of Moose Mountain Road bridge and authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Moose Mountain Capital Reserve Fund I. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 14. To see if the Town of Brookfield will vote in favor of providing an annual stipend in the amount of \$1,200 to the Planning Board Chair for duties performed in that capacity. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this article.
- 15. By Petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Brookfield –

 To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended

for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes.

Renewable Energy Property Tax Exemption: RSA 72:61-72 permits cities and towns to offer exemptions from local property taxes for certain renewable energy installations. These include solar systems (thermal and photovoltaic), wind turbines, and central wood-fired heating systems. Woodstoves and fireplaces are not included. The goal of the exemption is to create a tax neutral policy within a municipality that neither increases an individual's property tax, nor decreases the higher property taxes for installing a renewable energy system, and since there is no net reduction in municipal tax revenues, other taxpayers in a municipality are not affected. 125 of 234 Towns in New Hampshire have some type of tax exemption (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen do not recommend this Citizen's Petition Warrant Article.

- **16.** To see if the town of Brookfield, NH will vote to change the classification of Currie's Way and Drew Farm Road from the current classification of Private roads to Town roads. Specifically, we request that the roads located in the Drew Farm subdivision off of route 109, be accepted and maintained as town of Brookfield Roadways. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen do not recommend this Citizen's Petition Warrant Article.
- 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended sum of \$956,573 for the Town Operating Budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed in this Warrant. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

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