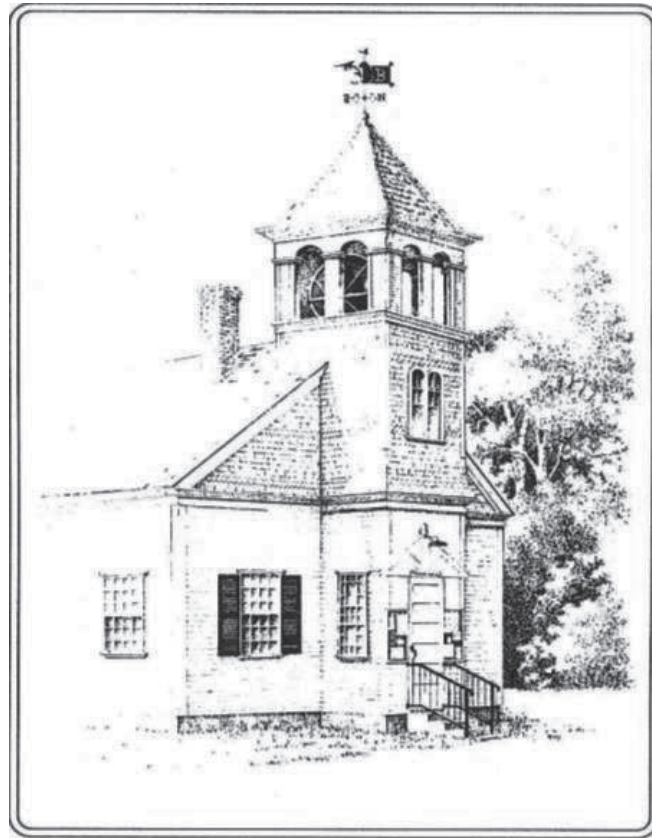


ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
BROOKFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
2023



For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023
Vital Statistics for 2023

Rules of Procedure for Town Meeting

By state law (RSA 40:4, I) the Moderator sets the rules and procedures of the meeting.

1. Rules for Debate

- a. Only registered voters may speak unless a majority of the voters present decide otherwise.
- b. Those wishing to be recognized should raise their hands or stand. Once the Moderator recognizes you, please state your full name.
- c. Only one person – the one recognized by the Moderator – may speak at any one time.
- d. All speakers are expected to direct the debate to the Moderator, and no conversations directed to others on the floor will be allowed.
- e. When you have the floor to speak, you should address the issue under consideration, or you may be ruled out of order.
- f. Any voter may question a procedural ruling by the Moderator by asking to appeal the ruling to the body as a whole. A simple majority is required to overrule the Moderator.
- g. Questions about the process are encouraged, as it may often seem confusing, but everyone should remember that debate leading to decision is the primary purpose of the meeting.

2. Voting on Articles

- a. The Moderator will not accept motions to “call the question” until, in his judgment, all have had a fair opportunity to express their views.
- b. The Moderator will not accept motions to “table” or “indefinitely postpone” an article without a reason for taking this action rather than simply voting down an article. If citizens want to dispose of an article, they should simply vote the article down. This prevents the confusion of people having to vote positively to dispose of an article.
- c. The Moderator will only accept motions to “pass over” an article if more than one article on the warrant addresses the same question, and then only for the purpose of not confusing a decision reached by the meeting.
- d. Only one reconsideration of an article will be recognized.
- e. Seven voters are required to question the Moderator’s ruling on the outcome of a vote. If a voice vote is questioned, there will be a show of hands and/ or a division of the house. If the vote remains in question, there will be a secret ballot. This must happen before any other business occurs.

3. Amendments

- a. Motions to amend an article must be in writing. The Clerk will have paper and pencils.
- b. The Moderator will allow consideration of no more than one amendment at a time. i.e., no motions to amend a motion to amend.
- c. Amendments which simply negate the intent of the motion – such as inserting the word “not” – will be ruled out of order as they confuse people as to which way they intend to vote. To repeat: If citizens want to dispose of an article, they should simply vote the article down.

Annual Reports

of the

Town Officers

Brookfield

Carroll County

New Hampshire

2023

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Town Office Building

267 Wentworth Road

Brookfield, NH 03872

(603) 522-3688

www.brookfieldnh.org

Emergency Telephone Number

911

Fire, Police, and Ambulance

Selectmen Hours

Town Office Building
Available by appointment

Selectmen Meetings

First and Third Tuesday, 6:00 pm
Town Office Building

Administrative Assistant Hours

Wednesday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Town Office Building

Town Clerk Hours

Monday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Town Office Building

Tax Collector Hours

Second and Fourth Fridays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Town Office Building

Assessor Clerk Hours

Thursday, 8:30 am to 10:30 am
Friday, 8:30 am to 10:30 am
Town Office Building

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer Hours

By appointment
Town Office Building

Planning Board Meeting

Second Monday of the month, 7:00 pm
Town Office Building

Heritage Commission Meeting

Third Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm
Town Office Building

Conservation Commission Meeting
As Needed

Trustees of the Trust Funds Meeting
Quarterly, 6:30 pm
Town Office Building

Cemetery Trustees
As posted on the website

Meeting dates and times are subject to change; please check the website.



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Town Officials

<i>Position</i>	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Term Expires (E=Elected / A=Appointed)</i>
Selectmen	Ed Gauthier	2026 – E
	Rich Zacher, Chair	2024 – E
	Brian Robischeau	2025 – E
Administrative Assistant	Cassandra Rodil	A
Archivist	Craig Evans	A
	Kristin Whitworth, Assistant	A
Ballot Clerks	Frank Frazier	A
	Rob Collins	A
Board of Assessors	Selectmen	
	R. B. Wood & Associates, LLC	
	Bob Nielsen, Assessor Clerk	A
	Susan Raban, File Clerk	A
Cemetery Trustees	Roberta Holland	2026 – E
	Pam Skeffington	2024 – A
	Kate Niewenhous	2025 – A
	Rich Zacher, Selectman’s Rep	
Code Enforcement Officer	Jeff Greenhalgh	A
Conservation Commission	Frank Frazier, Chair	2025 – A
	Pat Girard	2025 – A
	Jeremy Marcotte	2026 – A
	Faith Buell	2025 – A
	Leah Gage	2026 – A
	Ed Gauthier, Selectman’s Rep	
Emergency Management Director	Bradford N. Williamson, Director	A
	William Nelson, Deputy Director	A
Forest Fire Wardens	Bradford N. Williamson, Warden	A
	Janet S. Williamson, Deputy	A
	Michael Moore, Deputy	A
	David Champy II, Deputy	A

<i>Position</i>	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Term Expires (E=Elected / A=Appointed)</i>
Health Officer	Dr. Christopher Proulx, DC	A
Heritage Commission	Marilou MacLean, Chair	2025 – A
	Harriet Wilson, Secretary	2026 – A
	Sandra Pace	2025 – A
	Robert Servacek	2024 – A
	Susan Raban	2025 – A
	Jan Ledbetter, Alternate	
	Brian Robischeau, Selectmen’s Rep	
Moderator	Jim Cowles	2024 - E
	Jan Ledbetter, Assistant Moderator	A
Planning Board	Tim Straz, Chair	2024 – E
	Ed Ingalls, Vice Chair	2026 – A
	Terry Ward	2025 – E
	Kerry McMenamy	2025 – E
	Gus Stratton	2024 – E
	Marshall Goldberg, Alternate	2024 – A
	Rich Zacher, Selectmen’s Rep	
Road Agent	Kinville Construction: Chris Kinville	
Supervisors of Checklist	Susan Raban	2024 – E
	Cheryl Perry	2026 – E
	Maryann Lynch	2028 – E
Tax Collector	Diana Peckham	2025 – E
	Rose Zacher, Deputy	A
Town Clerk	Karen Servacek	2025 – E
Treasurer	Joanne Dolbear	2025 – E
	Kate Kinville, Deputy	A
Trustees of Trust Funds	Meg Ingalls, Chair	2024 – E
	Richard Nordin, Secretary	2025 – E
	Susan Weiske	2026 – E
	Brian Robischeau, Selectmen’s Rep.	
Welfare Officer	Amber Marcoux	A

<i>Position</i>	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Term Expires (E=Elected / A=Appointed)</i>
Website	CivicCMS Rose Zacher Cassandra Rodil	A A
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Michael Moore Susan Weiske Dulcie Lavender Christopher Proulx Doug Stefano, Chair Abigal Root, Secretary Ed Gauthier, Selectmen's Rep	2026 – A 2024 – A 2024 – A 2026 – A 2026 – A A
Wakefield Animal Control Officer	Wilbert 'Buck' Ryan	
Wakefield Fire Chief	Todd Nason	
Wakefield Police Chief	Michael Fenton	



Warrant – Town Meeting March 18, 2023



State of New Hampshire

The resilience of Brookfield residents was evident on Election Day when voters braved a Nor-easter to participate in the democratic process. After careful consideration and collaboration with other moderators in the GWSD and Town officials, it was decided to move forward with the Election as planned on March 14. It marked the first time we invoked the new eligibility for absentee ballots due to the declaration of a weather emergency, and a total of 153 total votes were cast.

Moderator Jim Cowles called the 229th meeting of the Town of Brookfield to order at 3:00 PM on Saturday, March 18, 2023, with 43 registered Brookfield voters in attendance. After leading residents in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to honor our Service Members and Town residents who passed away during the year, the Moderator introduced Selectmen Richard Surette, Richard Zacher, and Brian Robischoeu. The Moderator also recognized those officials who are leaving office and thanked them for their service to the Town.

Moderator Cowles provided the meeting format and asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Rules of Order that are printed on the inside cover of the annual report. The motion was made by Ed Gauthier, seconded by Susan Raban, and passed unanimously. The results of the Election and Warrant Articles 1 through 9 acted on by ballot on March 14, 2023, were announced by the Moderator.

Election Results:

Article 1: Town Officers

Selectman (3 years): Ed Gauthier	84 votes
Moderator (1 years): James Cowles	138 votes
Trustee of the Trust Fund (3 years): Susan Weiske	17 votes by write-in
Cemetery Trustee (3 years): Roberta Holland	137 votes
Planning Board (3 years): Edmund Ingalls	136 votes

Article 2: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Brookfield zoning ordinance as follows: delete the definition of "accessory building" and adopt instead a definition of "ancillary structure" as anything constructed, the use of which requires location on or in the ground, or attachment to something having a location on or in the ground, which is incidental to the primary dwelling. *(Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot - The Planning Board approves (7-0-0).*

Yes: 104 No: 42

Article 3: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Brookfield zoning ordinance as follows: amend the building lot requirements in the Residential-Agricultural Zone to require that ancillary structures of greater than 50 square feet in area must be set back at least 20 feet from any lot line. *(Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot - The Planning Board approves (7-0-0).*

Yes: 111 No: 38

Article 4: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Brookfield zoning ordinance as follows: amend the building lot requirements in the Residential-Agricultural Zone to require that frontage on a private road be on an approved private road; and to require that lot access be provided from the required road frontage? *(Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot - The Board approves (6-0-1).*

Yes: 116 No: 32

Article 5: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Brookfield zoning ordinance as follows: amend the building lot requirements in the Residential-Agricultural Zone to require that lots of less than 2 acres in the Cedar Park subdivision comply with the generally applicable side or rear setbacks if the side or rear property line abuts a right of way, pond, lake, stream, brook, watercourse, marsh, or seasonally wet area? *(Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot - The Planning Board approves (7-0-0).*

Yes: 126 No: 20

Article 6: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Brookfield zoning ordinance as follows: to delete from the ordinance sections identifying "non-permitted uses," which will clarify that the ordinance is a permissive zoning ordinance and that only those uses which are listed in the ordinance are permitted. *(Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot - The Planning Board approves (7-0-0).*

Yes: 104 No: 40

Article 7: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Brookfield zoning ordinance as follows: to replace Article II, A (1)(b) regarding home businesses and home occupations with new language defining and separating the two uses and allowing both in the Residential Agricultural Zone by operating permit issued by the Selectmen upon a finding that certain criteria are met. Home occupations are uses conducted entirely within a dwelling or accessory building only by members of the family which are domiciled at the

property; home businesses would allow up to four non-resident individuals. Home occupations may not change the outside appearance of any buildings, have any outside storage or display areas, generate unusual amounts of traffic or create a hazard or nuisance to any person or property. Home businesses must be secondary to the residential use of the property and not alter the character of the neighborhood or reduce surrounding property values; may not result in any external evidence of the business activities; have no outdoor display of goods or materials or equipment unless screened; have no window displays; or change the exterior appearance of the structures on the property, unless approved by the Selectmen. *(Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot - The Planning Board approves (7-0-0)*

Yes: 104 No: 42

Article 8: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Brookfield zoning ordinance as follows: add to the conditions under which Accessory Dwelling Units are permitted a restriction that the area of the ADU may not exceed 30% of the total floor area of the single family dwelling, including the ADU, or 750 square feet, whichever is larger; and to prohibit the use of campers, RVs, or manufactured homes as ADUs. *(Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot - The Planning Board approves (4-3-0)*

Yes: 77 No: 58

Article 9: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Brookfield zoning ordinance as follows: add the following general provision to ensure compliance with HB 1021 (2022): "The use of land or structures primarily for religious purposes are permitted in all zoning districts, provided they comply with the Ordinance's provisions regarding height of structures, yard sizes, lot area, setbacks, open space and building coverage requirements." *(Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot - The Planning Board approves (7-0-0)*

Yes: 103 No: 40

Article 10: Shall the Town of Brookfield accept the provisions of RSA 53-G:1-RSA 53-G:11 providing for the establishment of a communications district, together with the municipalities of Albany, Bartlett, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hales Location, Harts Location, Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Tamworth and Tuftonboro in accordance with the provisions of the proposed agreement filed with the Brookfield Governing Body. *(Majority Vote Required). The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Discussion: The article supports providing internet service to Brookfield. There is no associated cost to join the communications district but the collaboration with other municipalities will help leverage service. Steve Berry and Marshall Goldberg are the Brookfield representatives.

Motion: Richard Zacher; Second: Brian Robischaeu

Article 10 passed by majority.

Article 11: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200,000** to repair the Town's roads; and if the amount of **\$200,000** is authorized to be withdrawn from the Road and Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund. *(Majority Vote Required). The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Discussion: Our Town roads require repairs that have not been feasible over the last few years

due in part to COVID, costs, and the transition to a new road agent. The Selectmen will work with the Road Agent and residents to prioritize the work and seek bids on the work this Spring. Selectman Zacher explained that the withdraw of these funds will result in a fund balance of \$0. No money will go into the budget for this fund for next year, which means that the funding for next year will come from taxation. The fund will not be closed.

Motion: Ed Comeau; Second: Ed Gauthier

Article 11 passed unanimously.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** for the Property Re-Re-evaluation Capital Reserve Fund and said sum to be deposited into the Property Re-evaluation Capital Reserve Fund. *(Majority Vote Required). The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Discussion: This amount is for the next property revaluations in 2024, as required in New Hampshire every 5 years. The current amount in the fund is \$29,386.

Motion: Richard Surette; Second Leah Gage

Article 12 passed by majority.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Cable and Internet Capital Reserve Fund created in 2019. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. *(Majority Vote Required). The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Discussion: The fund was initially created in anticipation of the Town's contribution to the cost to provide service to Brookfield – the current balance of approximately \$11,083 will be moved to the General Fund. Due to Breezeline's franchising the service from Wolfboro, there was no cost include service to the Route 109 corridor. Harriet Wilson clarified that there are a few areas on Clark and Tumbledown Roads that will still not have service due to cost-prohibitive additional charges by providers to establish the connections.

Motion: Richard Zacher; Second: Susan Wieske

Article 13 passed unanimously.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be withdrawn from the Town House Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of the Town House windows and interior painting. *(Majority Vote Required). The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Discussion: For many reasons, including COVID, and the complexity of the renovations on a building listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings, it has been difficult to secure contracts for the projects. The work excludes the schoolhouse portion of the building. The existing windows will be restored (not replaced) in-keeping with requirements for preservation by the U.S. Department of Interior. Painting estimates have been for less than \$5000.00 to complete the walls that are currently primed following recent plaster repairs. Stenciling is not included and will be a considered later at an additional cost..

Motion: Ed Gauthier; Second Leah Gage

Article 14 passed unanimously.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended sum of **\$1,231,078.00** 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 article.*

Discussion: The Selectmen budget was completed with input at the public meeting January 30th. The Selectmen carefully considered costs and needs of the community to try to maintain a stagnant budget for 2023. Mark O'Brien inquired about the significant increase in the cost of Fire & Safety protection from Wakefield. Our expenses reflect the increase in capital revenue needed for equipment, salaries, and benefits for employed staff, rather than a volunteer fire department.

Frank Frazier proposed to amend budget line 4445.402 to be \$1600.00. The \$100.00 increase will be used to provide a donation to the Moose Mountain Regional Greenways organization (MMRG) on behalf of the Brookfield Conservation Commission and the citizens of Brookfield. The organization provides a lot of support for conservation of Town land and education to residents. Frank mentioned that in the past, the Town has donated \$500.

Motion to amend and seconded:

Amended Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,231,178.00** for the Town Operating Budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed in this Warrant. (*Majority vote required*).

Motion: Ed Gauthier; Second Terry Ward

The amendment passed unanimously.

The amended Article 15 was then read and passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Bob Servacek shared the significance of the 200th anniversary of the Town House and welcomed residents to participate in the series of events planned for the year and to pick-up a brochure with the entire schedule, including special presentations, ice cream social, barbeque, and Christmas breakfast. He invited the voters to enjoy cake and coffee provided by the Heritage to kick-off the 200th anniversary at the close of the meeting.

Frank Frazier described Brookfield's three significant watersheds and how Wakefield relies on water from Brookfield. He also described conservation areas in Brookfield and encouraged residents to consider volunteering to work with the Commission. Frank invited the Town to participate in Earth Day by joining Brookfield's annual clean-up day on April 22.

Harriet Wilson invited residents to also attend the first event of the Heritage Commission celebration on April 22 at 10:00 a.m. for a history of the Town House.

The Board of Selectman honored outgoing Selectman Chair Richard Surette with an engraved pewter plate in recognition of his 6 years of service on the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



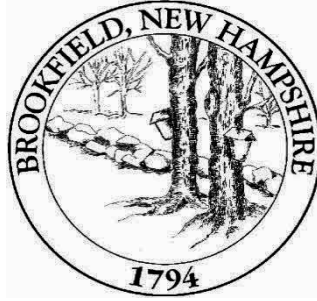
Karen Servacek
Brookfield Town Clerk

Views from Brookfield



Left: Mount Washington View from the top of Tibbits Hill Road. Right: View from the top of Moose Mountain Recreation down to Kingswood Lake.

Warrant Articles – Town Election March 12, 2024
Town Meeting March 16, 2024



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 in said Brookfield on Tuesday, the Twelfth day of March 2024, to act upon Warrant Article 1 through 5 by official ballot. Polls will be open from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

And you are hereby further notified to meet at the Town House in said Brookfield on Saturday, the Sixteenth day of March 2024, beginning at 10:00 am to act upon the following Articles 6 through 14.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year - By Ballot.
2. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #1 to the Brookfield Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board as follows: Increase the minimum lot size in the Residential Agricultural Zone from two acres to five acres and require that at least two of those acres be contiguous non-hydric soils with slopes of less than 8%. (Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot – The Planning Board recommends (6-0-0)
3. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #2 to the Brookfield Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board as follows: Increase the road frontage required in the Residential Agricultural Zone from 250 contiguous feet to 400 contiguous feet, with access to the lot via that contiguous frontage. (Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot – The Planning Board recommends (6-0-0)
4. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #3 to the Brookfield Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board as follows: adopt a new Article defining and

regulating the installation of various types of solar energy systems. (Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot – The Planning Board recommends (6-0-0)

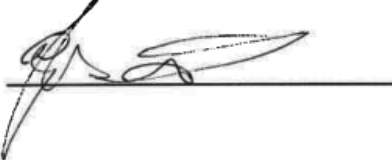
5. By citizen’s petition: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following Amendment to the Brookfield Zoning Ordinance: Add to the existing Section A 2c (page four) of the current Ordinance the following: “Lots located on Class VI Roads – Lots having at least 500 feet of frontage on a Class VI Road may, upon successful completion of the permit process as set forth in RSA 674:41 and Brookfield Regulations, be developed with one dwelling. The lot shall have a minimum of 217,800 square feet (five acres). Subdivision of lots whose sole access or frontage is on a Class VI Road shall not be permitted.” (Majority Vote Required) – By Ballot – The Planning Board does not recommend (3-1-2)
6. Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, Optional Veterans’ Tax Credit? If readopted, the credit will apply to every resident of this state who is any person who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section, and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that training for active duty by a member of the national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this subparagraph; (b) Every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) The surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$250, which is the amount adopted by the town in 2018. The Selectmen recommend this article.
7. Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veteran’s Tax Credit? If readopted, the credit will be available to any resident who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that training for active duty or state active duty by a member of the national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$250 the same amount as the optional veterans’ tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. The Selectmen recommend this article.
8. Is the Town in favor of establishing the office of Gafney Library Trustee to represent the Town of Brookfield on the Gafney Library Board of Trustees for a term of one year as provided in the current Bylaws of the Gafney Library, Inc. The library trustees have general charge, oversight, and direction of the fiscal and operational affairs and adoption of rules

and regulations that reflect the purpose of the Gafney Library Corporation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

9. Is the Town in favor of using RSA 669:16 and RSA 669:54-669:60 to elect the Gafney Library Trustee by unofficial ballot at this town meeting to serve until the next Town election. The Selectmen recommend this article.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for painting the exterior of 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.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 for the revaluation of properties in town and authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Property Re-evaluation Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the development of a conceptual design for the expansion of the Town Office and authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Town Building & Ground Maintenance Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority Vote Required) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be deposited into the Road and Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended sum of \$1,372,365 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.

Richard Zacher  Date 2/6/24

Brian Robischeau _____ Date _____

Edward Gauthier  Date 2/6/24

MS-636



New Hampshire

**2024
MS-636**

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2024	
			12/31/2023	12/31/2023	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive	14	\$33,228	\$46,538	\$63,910	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	14	\$25,646	\$39,114	\$33,204	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	14	\$44,830	\$49,812	\$56,102	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	14	\$18,705	\$21,515	\$30,175	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	14	\$5,365	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	14	\$17,963	\$19,651	\$9,941	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	14	\$1,917	\$8,100	\$7,700	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	14	\$16,849	\$23,075	\$30,551	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	14	\$14,215	\$14,850	\$15,800	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	14	\$6,607	\$3,461	\$4,077	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	14	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	14	\$9,185	\$13,946	\$14,700	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$194,610	\$255,063	\$281,161	\$0
Public Safety						
4210	Police	14	\$400,207	\$417,547	\$431,063	\$0
4215	Ambulances		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220	Fire	14	\$514	\$500	\$300	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	14	\$10,398	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	14	\$0	\$5,000	\$1	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$411,119	\$434,547	\$442,864	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Highway Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	14	\$315,383	\$403,498	\$520,001	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$315,383	\$403,498	\$520,001	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2024	
			12/31/2023	12/31/2023	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	14	\$91,368	\$98,644	\$88,771	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$91,368	\$98,644	\$88,771	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	14	\$1,000	\$2,858	\$500	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$1,000	\$2,858	\$500	\$0
Welfare						
4441	Welfare Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance	14	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments	14	\$0	\$0	\$3,799	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$3,799	\$13,799	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$3,799	\$13,799	\$13,799	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Culture and Recreation						
4520	Parks and Recreation	14	\$4,216	\$4,217	\$4,217	\$0
4550	Library	14	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$16,000	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	14	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	14	\$607	\$3,850	\$3,850	\$0
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$18,823	\$22,267	\$24,267	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611	Conservation Administration	14	\$447	\$501	\$1,001	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$447	\$501	\$1,001	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	14	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal		\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$20,335	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
	Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$20,335	\$225,000	\$0	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Operating Transfers Out						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$1,372,365	\$0



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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	10	\$10,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose:</i>			
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	11	\$32,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose:</i>			
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	12	\$5,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose:</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	13	\$150,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose:</i>			
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$197,000	\$0



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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	14	\$16,054	\$3,054	\$10,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	14	\$18,146	\$12,500	\$8,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	14	\$13,158	\$12,203	\$6,002
	Taxes Subtotal		\$47,358	\$27,757	\$24,002
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	14	\$197,746	\$195,000	\$200,000
3230	Building Permits	14	\$15,003	\$10,000	\$5,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	14	\$3,251	\$1,798	\$3,200
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$216,000	\$206,798	\$208,200
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
	From Federal Government Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant	14	\$0	\$0	\$500
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	14	\$72,620	\$72,620	\$65,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	14	\$62,242	\$33,946	\$35,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0	\$550	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$7,395	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Sources Subtotal		\$142,257	\$107,116	\$100,500



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments		\$1,176	\$0	\$0
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$1,176	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	14	\$0	\$400	\$500
3502	Interest on Investments	14	\$46,657	\$30,000	\$25,000
3503	Other	14	\$0	\$0	\$300
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations	14	\$0	\$0	\$50
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	14	\$537	\$330	\$13,982
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$47,194	\$30,730	\$39,832
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	11, 12, 10	\$231,665	\$225,000	\$47,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$231,665	\$225,000	\$47,000
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from LT Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$685,650	\$597,401	\$419,534



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Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2024
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,372,365
Special Warrant Articles	\$197,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$1,569,365
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$419,534
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,149,831



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Expenditures

Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
General Government			
4130	Executive	\$46,538	\$33,228
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$39,114	\$25,646
4150	Financial Administration	\$49,812	\$44,830
4152	Property Assessment	\$21,515	\$18,705
4153	Legal Expense	\$15,000	\$5,365
4155	Personnel Administration	\$19,651	\$17,963
4191	Planning and Zoning	\$8,100	\$1,917
4194	General Government Buildings	\$23,075	\$16,849
4195	Cemeteries	\$14,850	\$14,215
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	\$3,461	\$6,607
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	\$1	\$0
4198	Contingency	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$13,946	\$9,185
General Government Subtotal		\$255,063	\$194,510
Public Safety			
4210	Police	\$417,547	\$400,207
4215	Ambulances	\$0	\$0
4220	Fire	\$500	\$514
4240	Building Inspection	\$11,500	\$10,398
4290	Emergency Management	\$5,000	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal		\$434,547	\$411,119
Airport/Aviation Center			
4301	Airport Administration	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets			
4311	Highway Administration	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	\$403,498	\$315,383
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$0	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$403,498	\$315,383



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Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
Sanitation			
4321	Sanitation Administration	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$98,644	\$91,368
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal		\$98,644	\$91,368
Water Distribution and Treatment			
4331	Water Administration	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0
Electric			
4351	Electric Administration	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0
Health			
4411	Health Administration	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	\$2,858	\$1,000
4419	Other Health	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal		\$2,858	\$1,000
Welfare			
4441	Welfare Administration	\$0	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	\$13,799	\$3,799
Welfare Subtotal		\$13,799	\$3,799



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Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
Culture and Recreation			
4520	Parks and Recreation	\$4,217	\$4,216
4550	Library	\$14,000	\$14,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$200	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$3,850	\$607
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$22,267	\$18,823
Conservation and Development			
4611	Conservation Administration	\$501	\$447
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$501	\$447
Debt Service			
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$1	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal		\$1	\$0
Capital Outlay			
4901	Land	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$25,000	\$20,335
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$200,000	\$200,000
Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$225,000	\$220,335



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Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
Operating Transfers Out			
4911	To Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	\$7,000	\$7,000
4916	To Expendable Trusts	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$7,000	\$7,000
Payments to Other Governments			
4931	Taxes Assessed for County	\$0	\$159,705
4932	Taxes Assessed for Village District	\$0	\$0
4933	Taxes Assessed for Local Education	\$0	\$1,268,017
4934	Taxes Assessed for State Education	\$0	\$224,069
4939	Payments to Other Governments	\$0	\$0
Payments to Other Governments Subtotal			\$1,651,791
Total Before Payments to Other Governments		\$1,463,178	\$1,263,784
Plus Payments to Other Governments			\$1,651,791
Plus Commitments to Other Governments from Tax Rate		\$1,651,791	
Less Proprietary/Special Funds		\$0	\$0
Total General Fund Expenditures		\$3,114,969	\$2,915,575



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Revenues

Account	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues
Taxes			
3110	Property Taxes	\$0	\$2,411,255
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	\$3,054	\$16,054
3121	Land Use Change Taxes for Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	\$12,500	\$18,146
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$12,203	\$13,158
Taxes Subtotal		\$27,757	\$2,458,613
Licenses, Permits, and Fees			
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$195,000	\$197,746
3230	Building Permits	\$10,000	\$15,003
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$1,798	\$3,251
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$206,798	\$216,000
From Federal Government			
3311	Housing and Urban Development	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements	\$0	\$0
From Federal Government Subtotal		\$0	\$0
State Sources			
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$72,620	\$72,620
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$33,946	\$62,242
3354	Water Pollution Grant	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	\$550	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH	\$0	\$7,395
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal		\$107,116	\$142,257



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Account	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues
Charges for Services			
3401	Income from Departments	\$0	\$1,176
3402	Water Supply System Charges	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal		\$0	\$1,176
Miscellaneous Revenues			
3500	Special Assessments	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$400	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	\$30,000	\$46,657
3503	Other	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	\$330	\$537
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$30,730	\$47,194
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
3911	From Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$225,000	\$231,665
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$225,000	\$231,665
Other Financing Sources			
3934	Proceeds from LT Notes/Bonds/Other Sources	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0
Less Proprietary/Special Funds		\$0	\$0
Plus Property Tax Commitment from Tax Rate		\$2,425,724	
Total General Fund Revenues		\$3,023,125	\$3,096,905



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Balance Sheet

Account	Description	Starting Balance	Ending Balance
Current Assets			
1010	Cash and Equivalents	\$218,523	\$270,620
1030	Investments	\$981,146	\$1,215,486
1080	Tax Receivable	\$142,197	\$103,341
1110	Tax Liens Receivable	\$46,657	\$3,823
1150	Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$0
1260	Due from Other Governments	\$0	\$0
1310	Due from Other Funds	\$0	\$116
1400	Other Current Assets	\$0	\$0
1670	Tax Deeded Property (Subject to Resale)	\$11,358	\$14,678
Current Assets Subtotal		\$1,399,681	\$1,608,064
Current Liabilities			
2020	Warrants and Accounts Payable	\$0	\$4,881
2030	Compensated Absences Payable	\$0	\$0
2050	Contracts Payable	\$0	\$0
2070	Due to Other Governments	\$0	\$0
2075	Due to School Districts	\$672,169	\$709,846
2080	Due to Other Funds	\$0	\$0
2220	Deferred Revenue	\$44,323	\$28,618
2230	Notes Payable - Current	\$0	\$0
2270	Other Payables	\$0	\$0
Current Liabilities Subtotal		\$716,492	\$743,345
Fund Equity			
2440	Non-spendable Fund Balance	\$11,358	\$14,678
2450	Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	\$0
2460	Committed Fund Balance	\$0	\$0
2490	Assigned Fund Balance	\$0	\$0
2530	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$672,031	\$850,041
Fund Equity Subtotal		\$683,389	\$864,719



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Tax Commitment

Source	County	Village	Local Education	State Education	Other	Property Tax
MS-535	\$159,705	\$0	\$1,268,017	\$224,069	\$0	\$2,411,255
Commitment	\$159,705	\$0	\$1,268,017	\$224,069		\$2,425,724
Difference	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(\$14,469)

General Fund Balance Sheet Reconciliation

Total Revenues	\$3,096,905
Total Expenditures	\$2,915,575
Change	\$181,330
Ending Fund Equity	\$864,719
Beginning Fund Equity	\$683,389
Change	\$181,330

Board of Selectmen

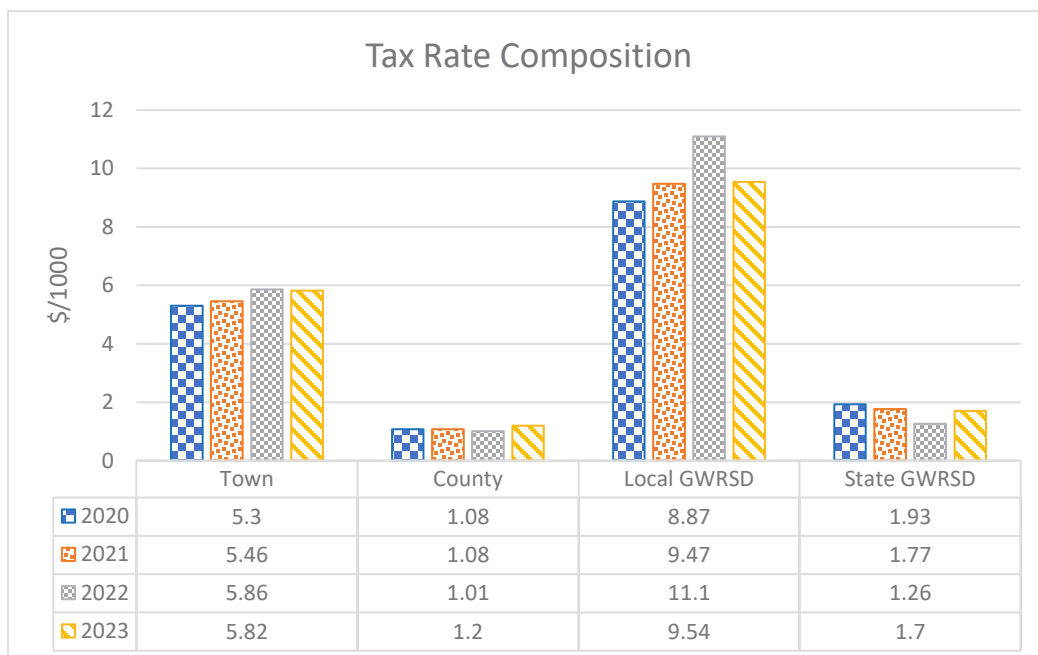
This past year about half the residents of the Town finally had broadband internet service available to them. About one hundred additional homes on the Wolfeboro end of Wentworth Road, including the side streets running off it, now have access. There are about 20 homes in Town without high-speed broadband service. The Town continues to work with local providers for the expansion of service to these homes.

The weather this past year presented some unusual challenges to the state of the Town roads. It wasn't snowstorms, but rather major rainstorms. Just after completing the paving of \$200,000 worth of roads, a multi-inch rainstorm occurred over a short period of time. The roads survived this event; however, the December rain/windstorm did cause damage to them. Washout and flooding occurred on Tumbledown Dick Road and significant wind damage impacted many roads.

This is the fifth year in our property evaluation assessment cycle, 2024 will see a townwide reevaluation of properties.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Zacher
Brian Robischeau
Ed Gauthier
 Selectmen

Tax Rate History



Town Maintenance Plan

Project	Estimated Cost	2024	2025	2026	Future
<i>Town Office Building</i>					
New Rug	\$3,000	\$3,000			
Generator	\$10,000		\$10,000		
Town Office Building Expansion	\$125,000	\$5,000		\$120,000	
Total	\$138,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$120,000	
<i>Town House</i>					
Floor Refinishing	\$10,000		\$10,000		
Total	\$10,000		\$10,000		
<i>Moose Mountain Bridge</i>	\$500,000				\$500,000
Total	\$500,000				\$500,000
<i>Town Shed</i>	\$25,000		\$25,000		
Total	\$25,000		\$25,000		
Grand Total	\$673,000	\$8,000	\$45,000	\$120,000	\$500,000

Archivist

Kristin Whitworth and Craig Evans continued to work on the arrangement and description of the Town records. This includes updating annually the records for each of the municipal departments and boards and commissions. Kristin tackled a large collection of records that document the last years of the Brookfield School District. These records came to the Town from the family of Adelaide Hughes, who was a School Board member for many years and documented the closing of our last school, the Churchill School, and the changeover to the Governor Wentworth District. This was a transition that was accompanied by quite a bit of dissent and some difficulty within the Town.

Craig worked with Bob Servacek for the past three years on his documentation project of all the graveyards in the Town of Brookfield. While the Town has very few historic records of burials in these private graveyards, the 1946 graveyard survey undertaken by Adelaide Hughes and Grace Rines for the Wakefield-Brookfield Historical Society was an invaluable resource to Bob in his research and documentation. Those records were donated to the Town Archive by descendants of Grace Rines several years ago.

When the large Victorian in Brookfield Corner was sold, the sellers, Walt, and Sue Koda, made a large donation of several boxes of photographs which they found in the eaves of the attic. A very small portion of those documents and photos related to Henry Colman, who built the house around 1902. Most of the material related to Iola Watson White, and appeared to be Lynn, MA, related. Iola and her husband lived in “The White Manor”, as it was known for many years, and Iola served as the Town Tax Collector. Almost all the photos related to the Watson family of Lynn, and efforts have been made to transfer as much as possible to the Lynn Historical Society. A lesson to be learned from this: sit right down and label all your printed photographs and go into your phone or digital storage and label all of those as well. Over 95 percent of the couple hundred photos received

in this collection – mainly professional portrait photos – are not identified, and as a result, more than likely will end up in the dump!

The Town records book conserved by the Town in 2022 (Record Book #9) and the one conserved in 2023 (Record Book #7) were both picked up at the Northeast Document Conservation Center in the early fall. The last two books to be conserved were delivered for assessment and written proposal and are part of the 2024 Archive budget.

Craig has participated in the Municipal Records Committee, and at the first meeting in May, familiarized the other members with the contents of the archival vault and the finding aid for retrieval of records when required. He also assisted in creating a policy for access to the vault and a policy for use of records and photographs from the vault by researchers.

The Property File Project, in its third year, is very near completion. The finding aid to the flat file storage has been created and brought up to date. Craig worked with File Clerk Susan Raban and Assessor Clerk Bob Nielson on the use of the new property file system. Once completed, there will be a training session for all departments and committees on the efficient use of the organized files and flat files.

As part of the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Brookfield Town House, Craig did a presentation in November sponsored by the Brookfield Heritage Commission. The illustrated presentation focused on the current records required for retention by RSA and then a more involved look at some of the various historic documents and photographs in the collection.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig F. Evans, Archivist
Kristin Whitworth, Assistant Archivist



“Brookfield B&M train stop, circa 1930s. Recently acquired from e-bay for the archives. House in background formerly home of Ernie Brown, Sr., and currently home to Jody Abrahamson. Does anyone know the little boy pictured, or the sign behind him?”

Assessor Clerk

I began my job as an Assessor Clerk in September 2017. I have learned quite a bit and continue to learn about the intricacies of this job. The keys to being a responsible Assessor Clerk are having good people around you. In my case those people with whom I work most closely are Selectman Rich Zacher, File Clerk Susan Raban, Assessor Rod Wood, Treasurer Joanne Dolbear, Archivist Craig Evans, computer consultant John Rich, and Tax Collector Diana Peckham, all of them helpful and encouraging. We are team players. In short, it is a terrific working environment, and that makes all the difference. The healthy blend of a sense of responsibility to the Town, a quest for even greater organization (even on my desk!), open minds, a sense of professionalism, and an appropriate sense of humor all have contributed to make this year a good one.

Properties are filed under map and lot; the files are better organized based on accepted standards; and the GIS software on the Town Website offers a pleasant way for people to view properties and their individual characteristics.

I encourage people to investigate the Assessing page on the Brookfield Town website to see what it has to offer and how it can help you. My office is in the Town Office building and my hours are Thursdays and Fridays, 8:30am to 10:30am. You can leave a message for me by calling 603-522-3688. My email in the office is assessor.clerk@brookfieldnh.org. Please drop by and let Susan and me know how we might help you.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Nielson,
Assessor Clerk

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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	11,187.36	\$634,790	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0	
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0	
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0	
1F	Residential Land	2,013.25	\$38,097,500	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	79.05	\$264,700	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	13,279.66	\$38,996,990	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,602.64	\$3,060,700	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$91,790,217	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$273,100	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$764,500	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	\$0	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$92,827,817	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$962,383	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$1,354,900	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$133,179,707	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0	
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0	
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0	
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0	
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$133,179,707	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$40,000	0	\$0
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	3	\$120,000
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$30,000	3	\$90,000
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	0	\$0
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$210,000
21A	Net Valuation			\$132,969,707
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$132,969,707
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$132,969,707
22	Less Utilities			\$1,354,900
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$131,614,807
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$131,614,807



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Utility Value Appraiser

R. B. WOOD & ASSOCIATES, llc

The municipality **DOES NOT** use DRA utility values. The municipality **IS NOT** equalized by the ratio.

Electric Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOP	\$318,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$318,900
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$1,036,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,036,000
	\$1,354,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,354,900



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$50	50	\$2,500
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$700	0	\$0
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$1,400	3	\$4,200
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$50	5	\$250
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		58	\$6,950

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report

Deaf Income Limits		Deaf Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0

Disabled Income Limits		Disabled Asset Limits	
Single	\$25,000	Single	\$50,000
Married	\$30,000	Married	\$50,000

Elderly Exemption Report

First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year		Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted				
Age	Number	Age	Number	Amount	Maximum	Total
65-74	0	65-74	1	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
75-79	0	75-79	2	\$45,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
80+	0	80+	0	\$60,000	\$0	\$0
			3		\$120,000	\$120,000

Income Limits		Asset Limits	
Single	\$25,000	Single	\$50,000
Married	\$30,000	Married	\$50,000

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Electric Energy Systems? (RSA 72:85)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility & Electric Energy Storage? (RSA 72:87)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)
 Granted/Adopted? No Structures:

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties:
 Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:
 Total Exemption Granted:

Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties:
 Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a:
 Current Assessed Value:



Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
	0.00	0	\$0

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F				
Number Granted	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
0	0	0.00	\$0	\$0

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D				
Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
0	0	0.00	\$0	\$0

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
<i>This municipality has no Discretionary Preservation Easements.</i>				

Tax Increment Financing District	Date	Original	Unretained	Retained	Current
<i>This municipality has no TIF districts.</i>					

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax	Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357	\$0.00	0.00
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186		0.00

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)	Amount
<i>This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.</i>	

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)	Amount
<i>This municipality has no additional sources of PILTs.</i>	

Notes



Current Use RSA 79-A		Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land		398.24	\$93,860
Forest Land		7,109.55	\$427,849
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship		2,713.17	\$97,688
Unproductive Land		312.20	\$5,260
Wet Land		654.20	\$10,133
		11,187.36	\$634,790
Other Current Use Statistics			
Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment		Acres:	6,281.98
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year		Acres:	9.55
Total Number of Owners in Current Use		Owners:	137
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use		Parcels:	209
Land Use Change Tax			
Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year			\$1,850
Conservation Allocation	Percentage: 0.00%	Dollar Amount:	\$0
Monies to Conservation Fund			\$0
Monies to General Fund			\$1,850
Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B		Acres	Valuation
Farm Land		0.00	\$0
Forest Land		0.00	\$0
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship		0.00	\$0
Unproductive Land		0.00	\$0
Wet Land		0.00	\$0
		0.00	\$0
Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics			
Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment		Acres:	0.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year		Acres:	0.00
Owners in Conservation Restriction		Owners:	0
Parcels in Conservation Restriction		Parcels:	0

Cemetery Trustees

2023 proved to be a busy year for the Brookfield Cemetery Trustees as they devoted their time to coordinating projects toward the continued care, maintenance and beautification of the Brookfield Town Cemetery and meeting with families interested in purchasing cemetery plots.

Following the advice in the UNH Cooperative Extension Report on the quality of the soil in the Brookfield Town Cemetery, the Trustees coordinated the liming and fertilization of the main cemetery as well as the regular mowing and care of the hayfield. All the maple trees along the main drive and at the ends of Sections A and B were aerated, fertilized, and mulched to insure their continued health and growth.

A more visible enhancement to the cemetery was the installation of two granite posts and a black gate at its entrance. The Trustees appreciate the many compliments received from townspeople about the cemetery's current appearance. Once the gate was installed, work commenced on the main drive giving it a more finished appearance. Bertie Holland, once again, adorned the cemetery with annual plantings and an evergreen wreath hung on the new gate.

Over the course of this year, the Trustees oversaw the selling of six plots and the installation of one monument. One interment took place in the Brookfield Historic Cemetery. The Trustees have not been notified of any burials within private graveyards.

One Trustee participated in the NH Municipal Association Trustees Training this past spring giving us a more informed approach to our Trustee duties. We thank Bob Servacek and Craig Evans for their valuable time and work in their informative presentation of Brookfield's private graveyards.

As always, the Trustees are available to answer any questions and assist in the purchase of plots at the Brookfield Town Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta A. Holland, Trustee
Kate Niewenhous, Trustee
Pam Skeffington, Trustee
Richard Zacher, Selectman's Rep.



Entrance at Town Cemetery

Code Enforcement

Property Owner:	Project:	Estimated Value:
John Lineham	Built new 30x32 Garage with attic.	\$135K
Dwight Wyatt	Demo old deck and replace with new deck.	\$18K
Christopher Long	Bathroom remodel.	\$5K
Casey McLaughlin	Single Family home with garage.	\$234K
Ed Gauthier	Built 10x16 wood frame 3 season porch.	\$5K
Robertta Holland	Bathroom renovation.	\$28K
George Pearce	Built 8x32 Front farmers porch.	\$6.5K
Christopher Wyckoff	Built 28x48 home with 2 car garage and ADU above garage.	\$300K
Kerry Fox	Finished 24x24 area above garage for office space.	\$50K
Jen Haggett	Built new 24x24 back deck.	\$19K
Richard Adams	Built 24x24 garage.	\$30K
Peter Farnham	Built 10x20 wood shed.	\$6.7K
Stephen Nappellio	Reno 3 season porch to a 4 season porch.	\$15K
Mike Anderson	Built 44x40 garage with ADU & office above.	\$260K
Greenhalgh Family Revocable Trust	Built 24x24 storage building.	\$25K
Maryann Goblick	Built 24x24 garage on slab.	\$56K
John Ebinger	Built 12x23 bay off of shed.	\$8K
Charles Cotton	Built a 42x27 single family home.	\$350K
Ryan Greenhalgh	Built a 26x38 single family home.:	\$245K
	Total Estimated Value	\$1,796K

Respectfully submitted,
Brookfield Selectmen

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission was back in action in 2023 after a brief hiatus. Members of the Commission and numerous other volunteers worked to clean up litter around Town during Earth Week, learned about our Town's abundant wetlands and the important contribution they provide, and worked to improve accessibility within the Town Preserve to make it safer and more inviting for all. Read on for more detail about these projects, and what the Commission is planning for 2024!

Things kicked off as the snow melted in April with Town Clean-Up Week, starting on Earth Day. Spearheaded by Vice Chair Faith Buell, over 25 members of the community officially participated, collecting a total of 50 bags of trash from our roads. Some of the more unusual items collected included a couple of wooden covered bridge style bird feeders, political signage, and a collectible Jeep hubcap! Thanks to all those who participated, and to those who continue to keep our roads clean by picking up trash with every afternoon walk they take. And for those who missed it, Faith and the rest of the Commission are already making plans for 2024's Earth Day and Town Clean-Up Week, so keep an eye out for announcements as details are nailed down.



Commission members Frank Frazier and Faith Buell joined by volunteer Jan Ledbetter on Earth Day/Town Clean-Up Week 2023.

As soon as the snow was gone, member Jeremy Marcotte and family cleared downed trees, branches and other winter debris from the trails in the Town Preserve. A little later in the season, Jeremy was joined by the rest of the Commission and other volunteers who worked together to clear brush and better delineate the trails and Cottle Hill parking area.

Jeremy also developed detailed trail maps of the Preserve using Google Maps and GPS. Together with other members of the Commission, each trail has been walked, marked out and captured, so that printed trail maps will soon be available to any who may want them. Thank you, Jeremy, for all your hard work!

With more exploration of the Town Preserve came the rediscovery of several historically significant sites tied to the Hackett Inn that operated in the 1800s. Given that preservation and documentation of such sites is more the purview of the Heritage Commission, the two

Commissions (Heritage and Conservation) will work together in the coming spring to conduct surveys and discovery of all sites in hopes of cataloging and preserving them for generations to come.

Our work will continue in 2024 with the addition of a trail to connect the Old Governors Road and Cottle Hill Road trails, making the entire Preserve system one big loop trail. Blazes on trees and trail marker signs will be added to help people navigate along with kiosks with trail maps at both the Cottle Hill and Old Governor's Road entrances. These improvements will be made in hopes of making the current "diamond in the rough" (the Town Preserve), into the gem of Brookfield it should be.

In addition to the exciting work mentioned above, the Commission welcomes Brookfield's new Timber Monitor, Nate Whitworth. We look forward to working with him on continued forestry and habitat management projects around Town.

2023 marked the first time the Conservation Commission has had full membership in several years, but it is still in need of alternates. Alternates fill vital roles when members are absent, or cannot otherwise fulfill their duties, so if you're interested in becoming a Conservation Commission alternate, please reach out to any Commission member, or join them for a meeting. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm at the Town Offices. All are welcome!

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Gage,
Committee member

Emergency Management

If you have an emergency, whether the need is for Police, Ambulance, or Fire Department services, dial **911** as your first call. **911** will immediately contact Carroll County Dispatch, which will dispatch the appropriate emergency service(s) to help you.

During 2023 the Town House was opened as an emergency facility to provide Brookfield residents with sanitary cooking facilities and other needs as available once early in the year. The Town House will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm during emergencies, such as extended power outages, severe weather, and other extreme situations, providing cooking facilities and drinking water, as well as shelter if necessary. If sheltering is needed, extended hours will be arranged; all such requests must be made to the Selectmen.

Always be personally prepared for an emergency. Maintain a supply of drinking water, canned and dried foods, flashlights with a supply of batteries and lanterns that are fully charged or have plenty of lantern fuel on hand. Also, maintain a supply of personal items and medications you may require. Remember, cordless telephones and cable provider phones (such as Spectrum) do not work when the power is out, and cell phones only work when the battery is charged. If you do not have a conventional landline, be sure to keep your cell phone vehicle charger handy. If you have any questions about emergency preparedness, contact me or Deputy Director, William Nelson.

Please remember, without a clearly posted and readable road address number at the end of your driveway, Emergency Services will be delayed in locating and helping you. Delays can be lengthy if several houses in a row are not numbered and easily visible from both directions on the road. Numbers should be at least 3” high and 4” is better. The numbers need to be on a contrasting background and preferably reflective. Help us help you!

Respectfully submitted,
Bradford Williamson
Emergency Management Director

Forest Fire Warden

2023 was a quiet wildfire season in Brookfield and statewide due to it being one of the wettest seasons on record. Late fall and early winter had very little precipitation including very limited snow cover and, as of December 31, we had bare ground conditions requiring fire permits for all outside burning.

A total of 113 fire permits were issued during the year evenly split between written and online permits. Online permits are available at www.nhfirepermit.com. There is a small processing fee for online permits, which goes to the contractor providing the service; neither the Town nor the State receive any portion of the fee.

During the fall and winter when we are in bare ground conditions fires can be started by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are cold.

Many homes in Brookfield are located in a wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent wildfires from spreading to their home, including keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org

Brookfield landowners have been good about acquiring permits for both campfires and burning brush, however, there are still a number of residents burning without permits. *Remember, State law, requires fire permits for all outside burning of wood when the ground is not completely covered with adequate snow. Four inches of snow cover is recommended as a minimum. If there is adequate snow cover and it melts as may occur in the spring and fall then permits are again required until adequate snow cover reoccurs.*

Getting a permit gives the Warden and Deputies the opportunity to ensure not only that permitted materials are being burned safely, but it also affords the opportunity to educate property owners on safe and proper outdoor burning. Permits are available from the Brookfield Warden and any of the Brookfield Deputy Wardens; they are quick to fill out and are FREE. *Campfire permits may also be obtained online at www.nhfirepermit.com* for a nominal processing fee. Landowners are

responsible for any fire kindled on their property so, by State law, permits can only be issued to the property owner. If someone else is using the property, he or she must present a letter of permission signed by the property owner to kindle a fire.

The Wakefield Fire Department does not issue fire permits for Brookfield. By State law, each Town is responsible for any wildland fires that occur within its boundaries, including the cost of suppression. If the fire was caused by an identifiable person, he or she can be charged the cost of suppression and damages including to neighboring buildings, homes and equipment. The State will cost-share on fire suppression costs (when funds are available) when no responsible party can be found, paying up to 50% of the published rates, which are far below actual costs.

If you are interested in becoming a Brookfield Forest Fire Deputy Warden, please contact the Warden or any of the Deputies. There is a mandatory training class which will require some physical agility as well as training on the Town's equipment and some availability when you're home to write permits and/or assist with fire suppression duties as needed. It's a great way to support our small Town!

Remember, fire permits are required by State law whenever there is bare ground showing, regardless of the time of year. Thank you to all residents for another successful year as we look forward to the same in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Bradford Williamson,
Forest Fire Warden

Gafney Library

The highlight for the Gafney in 2023 was the opening of the new 2,600 square foot Cynthia A. Beaver Wing in February. The new wing features a large youth area including a designated teen space. New comfortable seating in the Alden Young Reading Room was a hit for those reading, playing cribbage and doing homework.

Due to the budget cuts in March, a new programming position to create organized programs in the new community room was put on hold, the literacy program was eliminated, hours were cut, and staff pay reduced. One-time donors contributed enough to open back up to 25 hours per week and restore staff pay in late June. It is hoped that the new budget year, will bring a variety of programs for all ages in the new community room, and restoration of the literacy program.

From February 5, 2023, through December 31 2023.

- 6,959 patrons were served.
- 115 active (three years) Brookfield patrons.
- 15,868 items were checked out; 1,549 to Brookfield residents.
- 8,285 electronic items (eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, magazines, comics) were checked out remotely by patrons using a personal phone, laptop and/or tablet.
- 765 interlibrary loans were borrowed by us from other NH libraries.
- 536 interlibrary loans were borrowed from us by other NH libraries.
- 328 new library cards were issued, 32 from Brookfield.

- \$198,402 was saved by Wakefield and Brookfield patrons by borrowing items from the Gafney instead of buying them (as calculated using a library value calculator based on retail value data in our library system).
- 97 people had taxes prepared in our AARP tax prep program.
- 9 monthly art exhibits and receptions were organized by Library Assistant/Exhibit Coordinator, Peter Abate.
- 14,000 minutes were read by 53 youth signed up for the summer reading program organized by Youth Coordinator Susan Dansereau, and just under 800 books were read.
- Food Pantry collection of donated items
- Community room use: 15 area library directors met twice; Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours; HiSET Testing.
- Serviced two offsite book clubs, providing multiple copies of books monthly.

Our appreciation goes to the Friends of Wakefield Libraries (FOWL), the purpose of which is to raise funding and provide support to both the Gafney and Wakefield Free Library. FOWL provided funding for Hoopla (electronic eBooks, audiobooks, movies, comics, magazines and TV shows), the summer reading program materials, newspapers, and BookPages (readers advisory) subscription for the Gafney.

The Gafney Board of Trustees and Staff are truly grateful for the huge financial and moral support we received in 2023 from our Wakefield and Brookfield communities. Board members are: Dick DesRoches, President; Aru'vah Ferrill, Vice President; Tom Cassidy, Treasurer; Cathie Chasse, Secretary; Sharon Theiling, Corresponding Secretary; Julie Kessler, Wakefield Trustee; Tom Lavender, Cait Mills, Jennifer Rich, Heather Wilcauskas and Alternate Chuck Hodsdon. Former Trustees Janet Gould and Barbara Wadleigh, recently retired from the Board, deserve a very large thank you for their many years of service.

We look forward to the future, to the many new programs and services the Gafney will provide for the Wakefield and Brookfield communities as your library, where people gather, learn, and grow.

Finally, on a personal note, I will be retiring on June 30, 2024. The joy and feedback I've received from all of you over the past 25 years is immeasurable, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Beryl Donovan
 Library Director

GWRS

It is my privilege as chair of the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board to submit my annual report to the voters and taxpayers of Brookfield, Effingham, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro.

It has been a very busy year since my 2022 report! Our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Caroline Arakelian, has continued her commitment to safety and security across the district, which is a

Board priority. She has organized and facilitated bi-annual meetings with administration, the School Board, and representatives from fire, police, and emergency management services from all six of our towns, as well as Middleton. Representatives from Brewster Academy have also joined us, as we have worked in partnership with them on safety and security for many years now. I am impressed with the level of conversation, the spirit of collaboration, the shared expertise, and the focus on keeping our community safe. This collaboration is ongoing, and I know that all our communities will continue to benefit from this critically important work.

Dr. Arakelian has also been deeply committed to the continued implementation of the district's comprehensive plan for competency-based learning. This involves intensive collaboration with the full administrative team to support the staff with training, resources, and time. All this work is focused on strengthening curriculum, instructional strategies, assessment, and reporting to provide the best educational opportunities we can for our students. Along with this commitment, Dr. Arakelian has led the district team, with Board representation, in a statewide initiative known as "Portrait of a Learner." This is a framework that helps to guide the team in determining outcomes for all learners.

The work of this team is directly tied to another Board initiative, which is strategic planning. It has been decades since the Board created a strategic plan, and we wholeheartedly agreed it was well overdue for us to address. Through the NH School Boards Association, we engaged Mr. Mark Dolan as our strategic planning facilitator, and we began our work this past August. Initially, the full board was engaged in the process of determining the focus areas of the plan. Once the Board identified the areas of focus based on our priorities, the strategic planning team was formed. This team includes board members, administrators, teachers, counselors, parents, and students. The committee has met every two weeks since, and the Board looks forward to moving this initiative forward and engaging all stakeholders.

In addition to representation on the Portrait of a Learner and strategic planning committees, our longstanding board committees continue to be actively engaged. As a longtime member of the finance subcommittee, I am proud of the fiscally responsible budget we present to you. This is one of the most important things we do each year, and I am happy with what we accomplish by working together. Our focus is always on doing what is right for our students, and at the same time, being acutely aware of the great responsibility we have to you, the district's residents and taxpayers. I look forward to the opportunity to share more detailed information at the deliberative session.

May we go forward keeping in mind, always, that we are here for the students, and they are worth whatever it takes.

Respectfully submitted,
John Widmer
GWRSD School Board Chair

Heritage Commission

2023 was the year for the Heritage Commission to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of our beautiful Town House. It was 1823 when the first Town Meeting was held in the new Town House. We chose this year to celebrate the many ways our Town House has been used over the years. The

celebration started with the serving of a lovely cake with a picture of the Town House on it at the Town Meeting in March, 2023.

Our first scheduled program of the year was a talk on the “History of the Town House” presented by Marilou MacLean. She reminded us that in 1823, all men in town were **required** to attend, and no women were allowed. Marilou walked us through the various uses of the building in the past – a meeting house, a place for church services to be held, a Town library, and Town offices; then a kitchen replaced the Town library and Town dinners became regular events. It is interesting the way the uses of the building have changed over the years!

Our next presentation was by longtime resident Martha Pike and her daughter, Kate Niewenhaus, who talked about their beautiful gardens. Martha and her husband John started growing day lilies several years ago. It started with 24 prize winning day lilies and has grown into 13 spectacular lily beds at her house. Martha’s gardens bloom all summer and long into fall. Kate and her husband bought a house in Town and decided to put in a solstice garden. After much research and planning, they are now starting to create paths to wander and places to sit to anchor their home on the lake.

Our June event was a presentation by longtime resident, Judy Churchill Meakin, talking about attending Churchill School as a child. She made our one room schoolhouse come alive. Judy walked us through what a day was like at the school and said that her teacher, Mrs. Eva Willey, was the most influential person in her young life. Mrs. Willey taught at the Churchill School for a total of 33 years. She started a hot lunch program at the school and eventually had the State help pay for the program. She had a local farmer donate milk and she also started a dental program for all the children. Mrs. Willey started a Mother’s Club so the mothers would know what was happening at the school, and a 4-H Club for the children. She was certainly a teacher before her time.

July brought back our annual ice cream social, which is always well attended. We had choices of different ice creams and ran out for the first time, with over 80 people attending. The highlight of the day was the games organized for the children by Leah Gage and Christine Gosselin outdoors on the lawn between the buildings. Abbey Root added face painting for the kids. Leah and Christine and their team had lots of activities and games planned to keep all busy and happy. They did an amazing job! It was wonderful to see so many adults and children using our treasured building.

In August we held a “gathering service” to reflect one of the original uses for our Town House, a place of worship. Craig Evans led a non-denominational service and reflection time, helping to remind all those in attendance of our past, our present, and our future. We also re-dedicated the Town House and a plaque indicating that the building is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

September brought back our Annual Town Bar-B-Que with our meat prepared by Rick Surette of Sea Brisket. After not holding this event for 3 years due to COVID, it was great to be back, and we had a good turnout. In addition to the beef brisket and chicken, we offered baked beans, corn on the cob, coleslaw, corn bread, and a wide variety of desserts. No one went away hungry!

In October, Robert Servacek presented much of his work on our Town graveyards. Bob has identified all 72 graveyards in Brookfield, uncovered over 1,000 burials, and discovered 158 graves never recorded. Bob has written an article for this year's Town Report: please take the time to read it. This was an amazing project and gift to our Town.

November brought a program by Craig Evans on "Treasures from the Archives". Craig brought over for display one of our early Town Record books, as well as an early map. He gave a wonderful PowerPoint presentation on our early Town families – the Churchill, Colman, and Hackett families. It was a wonderful reminder of how our Town started and how far we have come.

December brought back our Town holiday breakfast, featuring omelets made to order by Rick Surette, and pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage. DJ Walkey also sent down her homemade breads (and her toaster). It was a great way to end the year of activities.

In addition to these activities, we were fortunate to have all the windows re-glazed and the broken glass replaced. The work was done by James Munn in Alton. He took five windows at a time and refurbished them, then replaced them, and took another five.

Our other highlight this year was to have the walls painted the color that they were before the plastering in 2021. We have put these projects off for several years and it is good to be getting them finished. Come take a look at how beautiful our building is now, gaze out the windows and enjoy our beautiful treasured 200-year-old Town House. It is truly our Town treasured landmark.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilou Maclean, Chair



Graveyard Project

Brookfield, New Hampshire
Researched & Compiled by Robert A. Servacek
Brookfield Heritage Commission
2021-2023



Buzzell Graveyard on Governors Road

“They Once Lived”

Telling the story is one thing, standing in a 19th century graveyard is something words cannot describe...

When you look around and know that the people who sleep below the ground where you stand once lived, there is a sense of gentleness and serenity that overtakes you...

All of a sudden you know these people and what better way to bring them back to life than to show their names to future generations...

The Numbers

72 graveyards were identified

760 recorded named burials

294 unmarked fieldstone graves

1054 confirmed burials

158 of the recorded named burials do not appear on the current Burial Ground Index on the Town’s website and will be profiled for the first time in the Town’s History.

76 Military Veterans are buried in 31 of the 72 graveyards. The Civil War is represented by the greatest number of Veterans – 20; followed by the Revolutionary War with 19.

Note: 30 of the Veterans’ graves do not have the appropriate war marker at the grave site. The Brookfield Heritage Commission has discussed this issue and will see that all veterans in

Brookfield are properly honored with both the grave marker and an American flag. As of today, all the veterans' graves are marked with an American flag.



*Bob Servacek at the grave of Samuel Tibbetts
1766 – 1849
War of 1812 Veteran
Newell-Tibbetts Graveyard off Tibbetts Hill Road*

The Resources

Without resources, there can be no investigation. The following is a list of those resources, tangible things, that were at my disposal and allowed me to bring this project to fruition. The list does not represent any order of importance.

- Craig F. Evans, Brookfield Town Archivist
- Marilou MacLean, Chairperson, Brookfield Heritage Commission
- Adelaide R. Hughes (1908-1992), Brookfield Graveyard Survey - 1946
- Earle W. Drew (1914-2011), Wolfeboro WWII veteran who in 1974 researched and recorded Military Veterans buried in Brookfield, NH
- Carolyn Chase “Our Yesterdays – The Story of Brookfield, New Hampshire.” 1999
- Frank F. Frazier, Jr. Chairperson, Brookfield Conservation Commission.
- Brookfield Conservation Committee: Graveyard Survey Town of Brookfield 1998-1999
- Georgia Drew Merrill. “History of Carroll County”. 1889
- Mitchell Town Register: 1907-1908
- Carroll County Pioneer newspapers, courtesy of the Wakefield Library
- Granite State News, courtesy of the Wolfeboro Library
- Carroll County New Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Ossipee, NH
- Website resources, including: Ancestry.com; Revolutionary Graves of New Hampshire; Civil War Rosters of Soldiers of New Hampshire
- Historic maps

Most importantly, the Brookfield residents, who kindly welcomed visits to the graveyards and shared any historical insights about the burials and properties.

Burial Ground Index

The new Burial Ground Index consists of 760 names arranged alphabetically and will replace the current website index. The new index includes the following:

- Graveyard name and number
- Full name: surname; first and middle name; birth name
- Birth year
- Death year
- Military veterans and war that the decedent took part in

Brookfield Burial Ground Encyclopedia

The master binder “Burial Ground Encyclopedia” is a resource consisting of the following:

- Burial Ground Index – 760 names arranged alphabetically.
- Burial Ground Index – 72 graveyards arranged alphabetically including the names of each burial within the graveyard.
- Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates for each graveyard
- Military Veterans Index that records the following for each identified veteran: last name; first and middle name; death year; graveyard number; graveyard name; war; unit affiliation.
- List of members of fraternal organizations: Freemasons; Knights of Pythias; Grand Army of the Republic; Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Each graveyard will then have its own section, which includes the following:

- Photograph of each graveyard today
- Original hand-drawn sketch of each graveyard created by Robert Servacek
- Inscriptions of exactly what appears on each stone.
- Copies of original newspaper articles, primarily from the 19th century profiling individuals or details of interest and unusual deaths.
- Cause of death index will cover the primary disease/sickness that led to the deaths of many residents.

The original master binder that includes my original artwork will be given to the Town Archivist for secured storage in the vault. Copies of the “Brookfield Burial Ground Encyclopedia” will be available to the public and other selected organizations.

Special Acknowledgement: This project would not have been possible without the work of Adelaide Hughes in 1946. With a simple spiral notebook and pencil, she visited as many graveyards as she had knowledge of and recorded the inscriptions of all the tombstones she encountered. She even included a simple sketched map showing the footage to some of the graveyards using fixed objects as a point of reference. And keep in mind that Adelaide saw the tombstones 77 years prior to my survey when they were crisper in detail and had not succumbed to the weathering of the past 77 years. So, using Adelaide’s work as a guide, I was able to record the inscriptions on each tombstone in every graveyard.



Phineas Johnson
Revolutionary War Veteran
1747-1844
Goodhue-Johnson Graveyard
Wentworth Road



John Blake
Civil War Veteran
1847-1864
Killed in battle – Petersburg, VA
7-31-1864
Blake Graveyard
Tibbetts Hill Road

Here are the stories of just 4 of the Brookfield residents whose lives were tragically cut short at a young age.

**Elforis F. Clark and Thomas F. Purby
1871 – 1889**

In the winter of 1889, Elforis (who liked to be called by his middle name Frank) and his good friend Thomas were both eighteen years old. Frank lived with his grandparents James C. and Betsey L. Clark on the family farm on Clark Road in Brookfield. Thomas was an orphan living with the Stephen H. Hutchins family on Lyford Road. (see map)



On Christmas Eve 1889, the boys decided to go ice skating at their favorite spot in Dealand's Cove on Cook's Pond (known today as Kingswood Lake). What happened that day was found in the December 27, 1889, issue of the Carroll County Pioneer.

“Two young men of Brookfield aged about 18 years, one named Clark, a grandson of James Clark with whom he lived, and the other named Purby and living with Stephen Hutchins, went to Cooks Pond skating Tuesday afternoon, saying they were coming back in time to go to the Junction to the Christmas exercises in the evening. They did not return to their homes, but no great apprehension was felt at first as it was thought they might have gone direct from the pond to the Junction. But later it was learned that they had not been to the Junction and the worst was feared and several started out to look for them, but in the darkness of the night nothing could be discovered. The next morning a large number commenced the search, and the finding

of a hat belonging to one of the boys on the ice showed them where to look and they soon discovered both the bodies. The searchers went to the spot in a boat, breaking the ice before them. It is said the boys were warned not to go on the ice as it was considered unsafe. They were both bright young fellows and greatly liked, and their sad fate has cast a gloom over the whole community. Young Clark had a mother living in Farmington, but the other boy was taken from the orphan's home several years ago.”



Thomas F. Purby 1871 – 1889
Hutchins Graveyard on Lyford Road



Elforis F. Clark
1871 – 1889



Elforis F. Clark
Clark Graveyard on Clark Rd.

**Scott Wilbur Whittier
1895 – 1919**

Scott Whittier was born on August 13, 1895, in East Wolfeboro, NH. His parents were James and Cora Morgan Whittier. Scott had three brothers and three sisters. At the age of 21, Scott married 18-year-old Ellen Sceggel, who was the daughter of Arthur L. Sceggel and Emma Olive Wentworth. Scott and Ellen were married on July 7, 1917, in Sanbornville, NH.

On June 5, 1917, approximately one month before his marriage, Scott registered for the military draft and eventually left to defend his country. He served as a member of Company B, 103rd Machine Gun Battalion. He returned to the United States on April 17, 1919, arriving in Boston, MA, aboard the S.S. Patricia, which had sailed from Brest, France, on April 6, 1919.

On September 3, 1919, Scott Wilbur Whittier was killed. Here is the story as found in the Granite State News, September 13, 1919:

SCOTT WILBUR WHITTIER

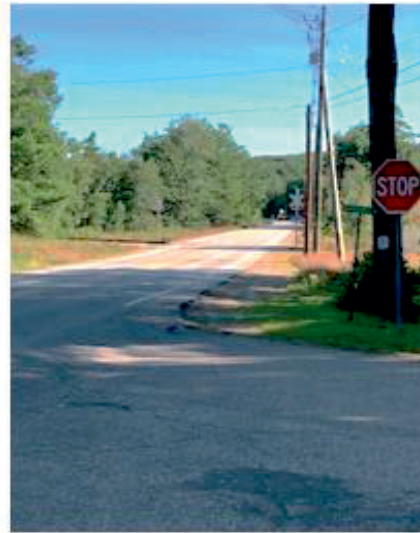
Funeral Service Attended By American Legion No. 18.

Private Scott Wilbur Whittier of East Wolfeboro, was killed Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1919, at the Hutchin crossing below Sanbornville, when he was struck by a train as he attempted to cross on his motor-cycle. He had been at work at North Rochester and was returning home to spend the evening. He was 24 years and 21 days old. He is survived by his wife, daughter of Arthur L. Sceggel of Brockfield, whom he married in July 1917, father, step-mother, three sisters and two brothers. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He had served 18 months in France in the 108th Machine Gun Battalion, and had seen some of the hottest fighting of the war.

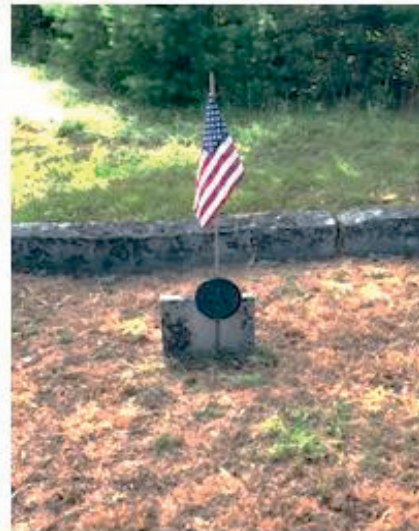
The funeral service was held Saturday at 1 o'clock in the Methodist Church at Sanbornville. Rev. Alexander of Milton Mills, officiated. The many beautiful tributes of flowers testified to the esteem and affection which his friends felt for him.

The bearers were all former Y. D. Comrades and Members of Legion Post No. 18. They were Sergeant Clow, and Cunningham; Corporal Craigae, and Jones; Private Valley and Lampro. A Chaplain of the Harry Harriman Post, American Legion No. 13, of Wolfeboro, was also present and paid due respects to a former comrade. Burial was in the lot in Stoneham of his wife's family.

Besides the sorrow of his family, the community is poorer for the loss of one who had his experiences of the past two years, and who had returned to take his part in public affairs.



Hutchin Crossing on Route 153 north of Whippoorwill Rd in Sanbornville, NH where the accident occurred.



Scott Wilbur Whittier
1895 - 1919
Sceggel Graveyard on Stoneham Rd.

The official cause of death on the death record is "R.R. Accident - Fracture of Skull". Four months after her husband's death on January 16, 1920, Ellen gave birth to a baby boy Scott Wilbur Whittier. Ellen remarried Austin Fogg on January 3, 1922, and died in Portland, ME on October 5, 1982. The son died on February 22, 2006, and is buried in the Forest Glade Cemetery in Somersworth, NH.

Daniel Lang, Jr.
1869 – 1892

Daniel was the son of Daniel W. and Mary Lang, who lived on the family farmstead on Garney Road. On November 3, 1888, when Daniel was nineteen years old, he married Viola Carrie Johnson. Viola (who preferred to be called “Carrie”) was the daughter of Brookfield Revolutionary War soldier Phineas Johnson (1747 – 1844) who is buried in the Goodhue-Johnson graveyard on Wentworth Road.

In February 1892, Carrie gave birth to a baby boy Fred Guy Lang. At the time, Daniel served as a brakeman for the railroad. On September 16, 1892, life ended for Daniel and dramatically changed for his wife Carrie, and their infant son. This is Daniel’s story.

A sad and fatal accident occurred at the depot today. Daniel Lang, for quite a number of years past brakeman on the Wolfboro Branch was crushed to death by the train. His train had just arrived here on its noon trip, had unloaded its passengers and baggage and just started to back up over the crossing. Dan went to uncouple the air brake hose between the engine and baggage car, having one foot on the engine bunter and the other on the baggage car platform, and the jolting shook him off and he fell beneath the wheels of the engine, being dragged the length of two or three cars, and was terribly crushed and mangled. He was dead when taken from under the wheels. He was immediately taken to the house of his brother Reed Lang. Deceased was 23 years old and highly esteemed by his many friends, over whom his sad and untimely death casts a deep shadow of gloom. He leaves a wife and one child who will have the earnest sympathy of all in their great bereavement. He also leaves a father and mother, two brothers and two sisters to mourn the loss of a kind and helpful son and brother.

Carroll County Pioneer, September 16, 1892



The Sanbornville Railroad Station, known as Wolfeboro Junction when the accident occurred, as it appeared in 1892.

Photo courtesy of *Images of America: Wakefield and Brookfield.*

Wakefield-Brookfield Historical Society, 2006



Daniel Lang
Son of Daniel W. & Mary A. Lang
Died Sept. 16, 1892
23 y'rs, 3 Mo's & 26d's
Lang Graveyard on Garney Road

Adorning the grave of Daniel Lang is this beautiful Knights of Pythias Fraternal marker. The Order was founded in 1864 and boasted 25 Chapters throughout New Hampshire in 1885 with a membership of 1,634. Adhering to the principals of friendship, charity, and benevolence, six men from Brookfield belonged to the organization, including Daniel Lang.



Viola Carrie Lang (1867 – 1938) remained single after Daniel died and lived with her son and his wife until her death. Carrie is buried in Pine Hill Cemetery in Wolfeboro. Fred Guy Lang died ten years later in 1948 and is buried beside his mother.

Through death, it was an honor and unforeseen privilege getting to know the people from Brookfield's past. Every time I walk into the Town House, I wonder who on this list stood on its floor having come to attend a Town event. I also look at the Town House bell and think of Frank Hutchins who so graciously donated the treasured gift in 1907. Here is his story.

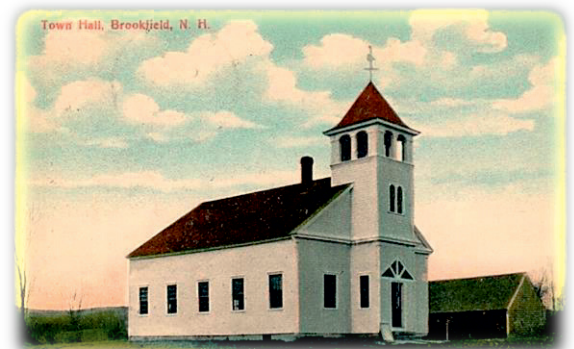
Frank Hutchins 1854 – 1910

After years of political wrangling that began on March 8, 1796, when the Town fathers voted against building a meeting house, Brookfield finally conducted the first Town Meeting in a new town house in 1823. The building was a 38 x 42-foot structure built on land near Brookfield corner which was deeded over by Thomas Wentworth.

When it was built the Town House did not have a bell. That all changed in 1907 when Brookfield native Frank Hutchins offered to present a bell to the Town. After considering the generous donation, the Town added a tower and belfry to house the precious gift.

On June 29, 1908, the town folk of Brookfield packed the Town House not only to demonstrate the excitement over its new town bell, but to personally thank Frank Hutchins and share their appreciation for his marvelous donation.

The July 3, 1908, edition of the Carroll County Pioneer called the gathering, "Doubtless one of the most important social events in the history of Brookfield."



Who Was Frank Hutchins?

Frank Hutchins was born in Brookfield, NH on August 19, 1854. He grew up on the family farm with his two brothers Stephen and Samuel. Around 1889, his interest focused on the excelsior business, the softwood shavings used for packing fragile goods or stuffing furniture produced from the wood of the poplar tree. By 1895, and after moving to Wolfeboro, Mr. Hutchins was operating two excelsior mills at Wolfeboro Falls.

In 1897, he married Mildred Vernon Whelpley. Their first son, Frank, Jr. was born in 1901 and a second son, Lyford, was born in 1903. The family lived in the luxurious Victorian mansion located on Center Street at the Falls.



*Frank Hutchins stands outside his garage at 68 Center Street, Wolfeboro Falls, NH Circa 1900
Photo of Frank is courtesy of Marilou MacLean*

In 1903, four years before he donated the bell to Brookfield, Frank presented a bell to the First Baptist Church located at 116 Center Street in Wolfeboro Falls.

On the side of the bell is inscribed: Presented to the Free Baptist Church, Wolfeborough, N.H. by Frank Hutchins, 1903. The bell also bears its maker's name, McShane Bell Foundry, Baltimore, MD.



Frank Hutchins died on December 22, 1910, at the age of 56. According to his death notice listed in the Granite State News on December 24, 1910, he died at his home after an illness of three days with pneumonia. He was interred in the Hutchins Graveyard on Lyford Road with his wife and other family members.

***Final Thought...** All those people who celebrated Frank's bell in 1908 are long gone, but the bell remains. Every time the bell's voice is heard it reminds us of Frank Hutchins and the Town he loved.*

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Servacek

Planning Board

Throughout 2023, the Planning Board conducted its regular business meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. We were pleased to welcome Ed Ingalls as an elected member. Marshall Goldberg and Rick Surette joined as alternates.

Over the course of the year, the Board received and approved two subdivision applications. They were located at Tax Map #4, Lot #8 (Stoneham and Tibbets Hill Roads) and Tax Map #15, Lot #2 (Governors and Moose Mountain Roads). The Board also focused on proposed updates to the Zoning Ordinances. This year, updates came from community members who expressed concerns about solar energy installations and minimum lot sizes. There was also effort put into reviewing the Master Plan and updates to the Subdivision Regulations.

At our monthly meetings, we strive to conduct efficient, focused, and productive discussions. At the time of this writing, we have one member vacancy. We encourage those who are interested in participating to attend a monthly meeting and consider joining us as a member or alternate. We hope to see you soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Straz,

Planning Board Chair

Road Agent

The Road Agent and crew for Kinville Construction had a busy winter with 31 days of winter road maintenance in 2023. The snow was heavy and wet with some storms lasting two days and some storms accumulating 24 inches. There were blizzards with downed trees and tree limbs to be cut and removed. One storm created power outages for several days on Pike Brook Road. When spring arrived, there was a lot of work to get Brookfield's roads ready for paving. Ditching and culvert replacement were top on the list. Soon after, work to reclaim Tucker Road began with ditching and adding gravel and grading.

Summer brought 1,670 feet of new pavement to Moose Mountain Road. 1,635 feet to Clark Road, 150 feet of Roberts Road, and almost all of Garney Road at 8,550 feet. After the pavement was finished shoulder gravel was added. This summer's rainfall amounts were record-breaking in the State with rain measured in feet across June, July, and August. This caused considerable damage to State Route 109 heading to Wolfeboro on July 15. Fortunately, there were only two washouts on Town roads, one on Tumbledown Dick and the other on Walker Road. We added 72 yards of gravel and graded Tumbledown, Walker, and Lyford Roads which have held up remarkably well. After the washouts, more riprap was added to Stoneham Road to increase durability against future washouts. Also, Tibbets Hill Road received a new culvert this summer.

When fall approached, Kinville Construction completed 5 miles of mowing throughout the Town. Pleasant Valley Road was prepared for pavement with riprap applied to the ditches and one culvert replaced. 2,300 feet of road was paved. The shoulder gravel completed the job. In preparation for winter, some dead trees were removed from the Town House parking lot, sand and salt was hauled and loaded into the Town barn, and cold patch was added to the roads where needed.

I extend sincere thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer Joanne Dolbear, and Town Clerk Karen Servacek for their support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Kinville

Road Agent

Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Strafford Regional Planning Commission works with municipalities, statewide organizations, and other partners to provide technical assistance with planning documents, outreach, and regulations. SRPC creates a space for stakeholders to connect, share information, and engage with important planning initiatives.

2023 Accomplishments

(Value of each service provided at no additional cost to the town is in parentheses)

- Conducted 1 bike/pedestrian count to support local recreation and planning efforts. (\$300)
- Conducted 5 NHDOT traffic counts and 2 supplemental counts to support local and statewide planning efforts. (\$2,100)
- Ordered *New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation* books for local land use boards.
- Solicitation for new long-range projects for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

2023 Regional Accomplishments

Transportation Planning

- Completed the Transportation System Performance Report that includes highway safety, bridge and pavement condition, system reliability and congestion, and transit asset. Conditions. (<https://strafford.org/reference/map-gallery/>)
- Created a Municipal Guide to EV Charging Stations designed to remove the barriers for municipalities to increase deployment of EV Charging Stations in the Strafford Region and beyond. (<https://strafford.org/reference/map-gallery/>)
- Updated the Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan.
- Hired an engineering consultant to review priority transportation improvement projects on behalf of all and at no cost to SRPC communities.
- Finalized the Regional Traffic Counts Dashboard for 2023 Data Collection Season.
- Co-managed the CommuteSmart Seacoast program, a collaboration of SRPC to engage the local workforce to compete in “challenges” to reduce overall miles driven.
- Purchased a Leetron video traffic counter to be used to count high-volume roads, winter roads, and pedestrians along a corridor.

Environmental Planning

- Hosted two Resiliency Roundtables including “Protecting Our Local Food Systems” and “Improving Your Energy Efficiency with NHSaves.”
- Established a relationship with Clean Energy NH’s Seacoast Region Circuit Rider to provide additional technical assistance to municipalities on community power benefits and local solar ordinances.
- Updated the Groundwater-Aquifer Zoning Ordinance Gap Analysis Tool to incorporate the revised NHDES Groundwater Model Ordinance and reviewed each communities’ groundwater protection regulations for basic compliance.
- Mentored a group of UNH Capstone students in conducting research to update the Climate Change Appendix to the 2015 Local Solutions Regional Master Plan.

Economic Development

- Published the 2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update. (<https://strafford.org/plans/ceds/>)
- Organized bi-weekly meetings of economic development professionals to provide support, resources and guidance post-COVID.
- Created an Age-Friendly Resource Guide that highlights services where people of all ages can find transportation, healthy food, events, and other necessary resources to thrive. (www.strafford.org/reference/resources/healthy-aging-resources/)
- SRPC and Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC) closed-out the CDBG grant which supported a shelter and day center/warming center for the region’s homeless population during the COVID-19 pandemic. This project was critical to slow the spread of the pandemic within a vulnerable population.

Data and GIS

- Adopted the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which takes an in-depth look at local and regional housing needs, across all income levels, and provides a foundation for change by including tools and strategies for local decision-makers. (www.strafford.org/projects/rhna/)
- Expanded and updated the Regional Data Snapshot, Interactive Map, and Community Profiles that contain 144 demographics, economic vitality, livability and quality of life, mobility and accessibility, and resiliency metrics. (www.strafford.org/measure/data-snapshot/)

2024 Regional Goals

- Review and update the Municipal Guide to EV Charging Stations as needed.
- Support state efforts for broadband and digital equity initiatives.
- Kick-off the 2023-2027 SRPC Brownfield’s Program and identify locations to conduct environmental assessments and reuse plans.
- Provide detailed engineering support through a consultant for municipalities developing transportation projects.
- Continue to advance new transportation initiatives including regional climate impacts and equity analysis and planning for increased micro-mobility adoption.

Commissioners: Ed Comeau

Supervisors of the Checklist

Brookfield held one election in 2023, the Town Election on March 14, 2023.

Total number of ballots cast by Election Day voters	133
Total Absentee Ballots cast	20
Grand Total number of ballots cast	153

The Supervisors hold meetings periodically during the year to accept new voter registrations. Meeting notices are posted in the kiosk at the Town Office and on the Town's website: www.brookfieldnh.org. Residents may also register with the Town Clerk during her hours. Applicants for registration must bring proof of age, citizenship, and domicile when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess or bring proof with them may register if they sign an Affidavit attesting to their qualifications.

New Hampshire voter and election information, including a look-up of your party affiliation, is available on the Secretary of State's website <http://sos.nh.gov>.

We also welcome your questions and can be contacted by email at supervisorchecklist@brookfieldnh.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Perry
Susan Raban
Maryann Lynch
Supervisors

Tax Collector

2023 has been an interesting year to be involved in the Town of Brookfield. There has been so much development. New homes plus additions and renovations have brought new residents to Town along with new ideas and interests. I have enjoyed talking to many of the people and hope some get involved in the Town.

Tax Collection has been better than ever for the 2023 year. The total warrant was \$2,421,282.00 with \$2,321,295.71 collected by the year's end. This represents 96% collected.

The Tax Lien will be executed April 12, 2024, for all unpaid taxes on that date. A notice was sent on February 9 to remind owners of the impending Lien and a certified letter sent on March 8. Once the Lien is placed on the property it will be recorded at the Registry of Deeds and will remain with the property until payment is made or the property is deeded to the Town.

There are no properties to be deeded for the 2021 taxes.

By the time this is published I will be planning my retirement. It has been a challenge and an honor to have been the Brookfield Tax Collector for the past 38 years.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Peckham
Tax Collector



Deer on Walker Road

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Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020	
Property Taxes	3110		\$142,197.29			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$824.32)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2022	
Property Taxes	3110	\$2,421,282.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$16,000.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$18,146.23		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$54.10		
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,087.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$723.21	\$4,064.35		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits		\$2,456,468.22	\$146,261.64	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	Prior Levies	
			2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$2,321,295.71	\$104,244.33		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$3,500.00			
Yield Taxes	\$18,146.23			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$698.21	\$3,371.35		
Penalties	\$25.00	\$693.00		
Excavation Tax	\$54.10			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$37,952.96		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	Prior Levies	
			2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$11,965.00			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$90,840.87			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$12,500.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$2,556.90)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$2,456,468.22	\$146,261.64	\$0.00	\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$100,783.97
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$5,623.36



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$25,657.69	\$22,799.18
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$39,889.66		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$1,019.52	\$3,538.71	\$5,751.03
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$40,909.18	\$29,196.40	\$28,550.21

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Redemptions		\$33,058.73	\$24,540.16	\$21,804.60
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$1,019.52	\$3,538.71	\$5,751.03
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$1,207.57	\$1,117.53	\$994.58
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$5,623.36		
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$40,909.18	\$29,196.40	\$28,550.21

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$100,783.97
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	\$5,623.36

Timber and Gravel Monitor

The Town received 12 Intents To Cut and 2 Intents To Excavate during the calendar year for 2023, for the following properties:

Owner	Location
Intents to Cut	
Gallagher Trust	Map 21 Lot 2
James Root Trust	Map 25 Lot 1
Sal and Diane La Fauci	Map 12 Lot 8
Bryan Gallagher	Map 21 Lot 2
Timothy Creem	Map 28 Lot 11
Chris and Kate Kinville	Map 30 Lot 5
Henry Kobar	Map 30 Lot 4f Map 35 Lot 6 Map 36 Lot 1, 1/A, 3
Susan Lohse	Map 2 Lot 6
Richard Adams 5/5	Map 5 Lot 5
Steve Royle 20/ 5	Map 20 Lot 5
Bruce Alberico 28 / 10	Map 28 Lot 10
Joanne Root 25 / 1	Map 25 Lot 1
Intents to Excavate	
Thomas Smith	Map 11 Lot 1
Moose Mtn Properties	Map 30 Lot 3

The Town received excavation yield taxes totaling \$54.10 and Timber taxes totaling \$9,560.32 during 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nathan Whitworth
Timber and Gravel Monitor

Town Clerk

It has been another year of change in the Town Clerk's office, and we are grateful for the ongoing support of the Brookfield residents and Town officials as we focus on enhancing efficiency, accuracy, and security in the office.

In May, the Selectmen established a Municipal Records Committee in accordance with RSA33-A to ensure the safety and security of Town records, including the disposition and retention of records in accordance with the State requirements. The Committee started with the development of policies to ensure safe storage of archived records and will work next year to survey departments and determine retention schedules and the appropriate disposition of documents.

In July, all services were integrated into a single software, which includes motor vehicles, dog licensing, transfer station decals, vital records, and other transactions. This consolidation into one application has allowed us to convert to a one check system. Residents need to only write a single check for all transactions during the visit and State funds are securely transferred electronically to the State treasury at the end of each day.

In September, we implemented a credit and debit card option for online transactions at no additional cost to the Town, which has increased the security of funds and the efficiency of processing online requests. We also entered a pilot program with the DMV to submit our daily paperwork on a weekly basis, rather than daily, which has resulted in a significant decrease in monthly mailing costs. The feedback from residents has been positive and we are always eager to hear thoughts and suggestions to continue to improve our service.

At the end of 2023, the dog license database was updated to include all dogs in Brookfield vaccinated for rabies in a NH veterinary office, so that we can collaborate with the Animal Control Officer to have all dogs licensed by June 1, 2024.

In addition, the Town Clerk successfully completed the second year Town Clerk Certification program and attended State and regional education meetings.

It has been a pleasure to serve our residents and I appreciate you visiting the office to conduct business. Transactions can also be conveniently completed online on the Town Clerk's page of the website if you are not able to stop in during business hours.

Vital Statistics
Resident Deaths

Name of Deceased	Date of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name Prior to Marriage	Military
Darlene Armstrong Bailey	1/04/2023	John Armstrong	Theresa Gentes	N
Carolyn D. Chase	11/2/2023	Kenneth Day	Doris Lovejoy	N
James West Freeman	1/19/2023	Harold Freeman, Sr	Maxine Swain	N
Nancy Fiske Gaver	11/25/2023	Eustace Fiske	Ellen Mattinson	N
Patricia Jean Golden	2/9/2023	David Golden	Barbara Roberts	N
Victor Edward Whitkens	9/7/2023	Victor Whitkens	Mary Balukonis	Y
Richard Wickboldt	02/9/2023	Hartwig Wickboldt	Erika Woest	Y

Resident Births

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Josephine Rose Chagnon	08/25/2023	Brett Matthew Alan Chagnon	Lindsay-Taylor Elizabeth Chagnon
Sawyer Stephen Pond	12/15/2023	Christopher John Pond, Jr	Adrienne Leslie Pond
Wade Copeland Walters	8/14/2023	Christopher Patrick Walters	Kristen Anne Walters
Ann Lauren Zwart	8/12/2023	Derek Andrew Zwart	Katelyn Ann Zwart

Resident Marriages

There were no Brookfield residents who were married in New Hampshire and opted to have their marriage recorded in the Town Report during 2023.

Volume of Registrations and Licensing

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Vehicles	1338
Boats	40
Transfer Station Permits (2-year permit 2022-2024)	115
Dog Licenses	188

Revenue

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Vehicle Permits	\$191,760.16
Municipal Agent DMV fees	3,918.00
Municipal Agent Boat fees	215.00
Vehicle Title Applications	238.00
On-line electronic registrations log fees	189.00
Dog licenses and fees	1,208.00
Dump permits	615.00
Vital Records (birth, marriage, death record)	661.00
Town history books	90.00
Other (copies, ornament sales, bad check fees, etc.)	669.80
Total Income	\$199,563.96

I hereby certify that the births, deaths, and marriages are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Servacek
 Town Clerk

Treasurer

As directed by New Hampshire State RSA 80:61-64, the Town bought Property and Yield Taxes in the amount of \$39,889.65 to process the 2022 tax liens. This amount is not included in the following reports as either revenues or expenditures. Any portions of those liens that have been redeemed are reflected in the reports.

Once again, the Town did not need to borrow any money in anticipation of taxes. This continues to be a great savings to the Town in interest payments.

The reports in this booklet are summaries taken from the books of the Treasurer for the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, and are complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

It is my privilege to be the Treasurer for the Town of Brookfield and I thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Dolbear
Treasurer

Profit & Loss Statement

	Income:	
3110	Property Taxes	\$2,411,255.00
3120	Land Use Change Tax	\$16,054.10
3185	Yield Taxes	\$18,146.23
3190	Penalties & Interest	\$13,158.68
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$197,746.04
3230	Building Permits	\$15,003.05
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$3,250.50
3292	Planning & ZBA Fees	\$-
3351	Shared State Revenue	\$580.00
3352	Room & Meals Tax - State of NH	\$72,620.39
3353	Highway Block Grant - State of NH	\$62,242.00
3359	Other State Grant Reimbursement	\$6,815.00
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$1,176.46
3502	Interest on Investments	\$46,657.03
3503	Facility Rentals	\$450.00
3508	Contributions and Donations	\$50.00
3509	Other Miscellaneous Income	\$30.00
3915	Transfer from Capital Reserve	\$220,335.00
3917	To Close Trust Fund	\$11,329.98
	Total Income	\$3,096,899.46

	Expenses:	
4130	Executive	\$33,227.81
4132	Trustees of Trust Funds	\$70.00
4140-4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	\$25,646.49
4150-4157	Financial Administration	\$72,533.04
4153	Legal Expenses	\$5,364.47
4170	Personnel Administration	\$8,892.51
4191-4192	Planning & Zoning Boards	\$1,915.79
4194	General Government Buildings	\$16,849.13
4195	Town Cemetery	\$14,214.59
4196	Insurance	\$6,607.00
4197	Regional Association Dues	\$
4199	Archival	\$9,184.94
4210	Wakefield Fire/Police/Ambulance	\$400,206.73
4225	Forestry	\$515.80
4240	CEO/Building Inspection	\$10,398.46
4312	Highways & Streets	\$315,383.30
4323	Wakefield Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 91,367.59
4411	Health Agencies	\$1,000.00
4445	Welfare & Vendor Payments	\$3,799.00
4520	Parks & Recreation	\$4,216.00
4550	Library - Gafney Library - Wakefield	\$14,000.00
4583	Patriotic Purpose	\$
4589	Heritage Commission	\$606.95
4611	Conservation	\$446.55
4900	Capital Outlay	\$220,335.00
4915	Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$
4916	Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$7,000.00
4931	Taxes Paid to Carroll County	\$159,705.00
4933	Taxes Paid to School - GWRSD	\$1,492,086.00
	Total Expenses	\$2,915,572.15
	Net Income	\$181,327.31

Cash Book Accounts

Profile Bank - General Account	
Balance January 1, 2023	\$172,894.86
Transferred from Profile Savings	\$1,235,000.00
Transferred from NHPDIP	\$1,404,000.00
Received from Trust Accounts	\$232,214.98
Deposits	\$532,988.15
Interest Earned	\$1,366.98
Returned Checks	\$ (226.00)
Payments	\$ (3,085,299.19)
Transferred to NHPDIP	\$ (344,000.00)
Balance December 31, 2023	\$148,939.78

Profile Bank - Tax Collectors Account	
Balance January 1, 2023	\$191,209.12
Transferred to Profile General	\$ (1,435,000.00)
Transferred to NHPDIP	\$ (1,200,000.00)
Returned Checks	\$ (9,562.00)
Interest Earned	\$949.46
Deposits	\$2,589,255.63
Balance December 31, 2023	\$136,852.21

Profile Bank - Conservation Account	
Balance January 1, 2023	\$5,646.42
Interest Earned	\$2.98
Balance December 31, 2023	\$5,649.40

Profile Bank - Heritage Fund	
Balance January 1, 2023	\$8,761.10
Donations	\$200.00
Interest Earned	\$4.40
Balance December 31, 2023	\$8,965.50
Profile Bank - Heritage Checking	
Balance January 1, 2023	\$3,162.04
Deposits	\$2,479.95
Interest Earned	\$1.77
Payments	\$ (1,244.11)
Balance December 31, 2023	\$4,399.65

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool	
Balance January 1, 2023	\$981,145.93
Deposits	\$1,744,000.00
Transfers to Profile General Fund	\$ (1,554,000.00)
Interest Earned	\$44,339.91
Balance December 31, 2023	\$1,215,485.84

Payroll

Name	Amount
Angelo, Nicholas	\$ 10,000.00
DeBow, Eleanor	\$ 1,475.00
Dolbear, Joanne	\$ 16,500.00
Evan, Craig	\$ 2,904.00
Gauthier, Ed	\$ 1,250.00
Kinville, Kate	\$ 863.50
Lynch, Maryann	\$ 400.25
Nielsen, Robert	\$ 2,945.00
Peckham, Diana	\$ 16,500.00
Perry, Cheryl	\$ 332.50
Raban, Susan	\$ 2,926.00
Robischeau, Brian	\$ 5,000.00
Rodil, Cassandra	\$ 7,747.00
Root, Abigail	\$ 924.00
Servacek, Karen	\$ 16,500.00
Surette, Richard	\$ 1,250.00
Whitworth, Kristin	\$ 114.00
Whitworth, Nate	\$ 199.50
Zacher, Richard	\$ 5,000.00
Zacher, Rose	\$ 1,605.50
	\$ 94,436.25

Vendor Payments

Accurate Title	\$	283.00	Kate Kinville	\$	69.26	Salmon Press	\$	150.00
All States Asphalt, Inc	\$	277,938.00	Kathryn Niewenhous	\$	184.54	Spectrum	\$	749.84
Amazon Capital Services	\$	766.34	Ken Irving's Trucking	\$	900.00	Staples	\$	1,359.74
American Security Alarm	\$	372.00	Kinville Construction	\$	188,665.52	State of NH Criminal Reco	\$	169.75
Avitar Associates of N.E.	\$	3,604.32	Lakes Region Regional/NHC	\$	75.00	State of NH DMV	\$	60.00
Bartlett Tree Experts	\$	3,520.00	Longmeadow Construction	\$	1,600.00	Steven Bailey	\$	1,468.28
Brad Williamson	\$	643.00	Longmeadow Supply	\$	44.70	Stewart Title Company	\$	292.00
Brookfield Heritage Commiss	\$	456.95	Marshall Goldberg	\$	22.00	Susan Raban	\$	140.36
CAI Technologies	\$	3,950.00	Maryann Lynch	\$	13.10	Teletechniques Inc	\$	537.50
Carroll County Registry of Dee	\$	527.28	Meals on Wheels	\$	1,000.00	Tim Straz	\$	1,331.61
Cassandra Rodil	\$	152.88	Mitchell Municipal Group	\$	5,169.47	Town of Brookfield	\$	39,889.65
Central Fence and Deck	\$	5,912.00	Moose Mt Regional Greenway	\$	100.00	Town of Wakefield	\$	491,574.32
Charles Dolbear	\$	22.00	Morton Salt	\$	5,537.16	Town of Wolfeboro	\$	4,216.00
Charter Communications	\$	369.92	Mountain View Title Abstract	\$	300.00	Treasurer State of NH	\$	682.00
Cheryl Giguere	\$	22.00	Municipal Resources	\$	2,700.00	Treasurer Carroll County	\$	159,705.00
Civic Plus	\$	1,823.26	NAPA Auto Parts	\$	298.00	Treasurer State of NH	\$	16.00
CMP Home & Property Maint	\$	3,257.50	National Trust for Historic Pre	\$	100.00	Tri County Community Acti	\$	1,699.00
Cohen Closing & Title LLC	\$	360.00	NH Assoc of Conservation Co	\$	80.00	Trustees of Trust Funds	\$	7,000.00
Conservation Resources Inter	\$	277.74	NH Correctional Industries	\$	32.00	Wakefield Food Pantry	\$	2,000.00
Consolidated Communicatio	\$	1,534.66	NH Dept of State	\$	341.00	Water Industries	\$	3,489.74
Craig Evans	\$	1,114.64	NH Govt Finance Officers Assc	\$	70.00	White Mt Oil & Propane	\$	2,137.88
Crowell's Towing & Repair	\$	215.80	NH Municipal Association	\$	1,237.00	Women In Motion	\$	6,900.00
Cybertron Inc	\$	3,017.00	NH Preservation Alliance	\$	50.00			
Diana Peckham	\$	2,115.20	NH Assoc of Conservation Co	\$	250.00			
Dame Electric	\$	516.60	NH Association of Assessing	\$	80.00			
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella	\$	195.00	NHTCA	\$	100.00	Total Vendor Payments	\$	2,831,109.37
Eastern Materials LLC	\$	27,966.00	NHTCA/NHCTCA	\$	520.00			
Eastern Minerals Inc	\$	9,608.83	Northeast Document Center	\$	4,996.00			
Ed Gauthier	\$	131.68	Ossipee Aggregates	\$	2,304.05			
Eversource	\$	1,881.53	Plodzick & Sanderson	\$	9,000.00			
Eversource	\$	1,181.99	Porter Office Machines	\$	290.99			
Frank Frazier	\$	148.55	Positively Creative Solutions	\$	184.50			
Freedom Printers	\$	140.82	Postmaster	\$	720.00			
Gafney Library	\$	14,000.00	Primex	\$	8,103.78			
GovConnection	\$	2,275.57	Profile Bank	\$	14,956.97			
GWRSD	\$	1,454,409.00	Quality Fire Protection	\$	107.00			
IDS	\$	121.21	R.B.Wood & Associates	\$	6,762.50			
Interware Development Co	\$	4,700.00	R.C. Brayshaw & Com	\$	710.00			
James Munn	\$	13,435.00	Red Door Title	\$	152.00			
Jan Ledbetter	\$	157.48	Rich Zacher	\$	272.50			
Jennifer McKown	\$	22.00	Robert W. Nielsen	\$	175.46			
Joanne Dolbear	\$	1,507.97	Rose Zacher	\$	508.66			
Karen Servacek	\$	1,712.08	Royte Turf & Tick	\$	893.00			

Trustees of the Trust Funds

The Trustees of the Trust Funds are responsible for the oversight and investment of Town of Brookfield trust funds that are to be used in the future for various reasons such as road maintenance, forest firefighting equipment, and cemetery upkeep. The funds are organized into three groups:

- Cemetery Funds – for cemetery upkeep from private funds given to the Town. Only income earned from investing these funds may be spent.
- Capital Reserve Funds – for accounts created with Town-appropriated money voted on at Town Meeting for a specific purpose.
- Common Funds – for accounts created by the Town for some general purpose or from the public for some Town-approved purpose.

The funds in these accounts are segregated and invested according to NH RSA 31 and related statutes. An Investment Policy for each of the three groups of funds is filed annually with the State, spelling out the objectives and relevant guidelines for investments. Because the Capital Reserve Funds are often those funds that the Town appropriates and is going to use in short order (for example, for the recent road repair), holdings are limited to conservative investments such as money market funds and government bonds. Since Common Funds and Cemetery Funds are somewhat longer term in nature, a portion is allowed to be invested in non-government bonds and equities.

2023 saw a reversal of the weakness in stock and bond returns that the markets posted in 2022. Equities, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, returned over 26% while bonds, as measured by the Bloomberg US Aggregate Index returned 5.6%. During 2023, all eyes were on the Federal Reserve, which raised the Federal Funds Rate in four ¼ point increments to over 5.25%. The Fed is now being perceived by the market as likely to hold rates steady for a time before possible cuts in mid to late 2024. With yields somewhat more attractive than a couple of years ago, and a potential soft landing for the economy, investment returns should be more normal than the volatility in 2022-2023.

The Trustees currently hold \$463,861.83 across all three funds. Expenses for custody and investment management in 2023 were \$2,910.32.

Every year the Trustees manage the Scholastic Achievement Award. It is given to the graduating high school senior with the highest-grade point average. Congratulations to the 2023 award recipient, Tristan Taatjes!

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Ingalls
Chair

Capital Reserve Trust Funds as of December 31, 2023

Brookfield Trust Funds as of December 31, 2023														
*BOOK VALUE	DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	% of Portfolio	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME	
				BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR LOSSES	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME*	REBALANCE			EXPENDED
	1956	Allen, Samuel	2.95%	329.60	0.00	36.46	0.00	366.06	1,093.81	48.94	115.31	(125.36)	1,132.70	1,498.76
	1987	Cate, James (Chamberlain)	5.05%	549.33	0.00	62.45	0.00	611.78	1,893.83	83.82	192.21	(97.02)	2,072.84	2,684.62
	1987	Cate, Myron (Cate)	5.19%	549.33	0.00	64.23	0.00	613.56	1,968.83	86.20	192.21	(22.64)	2,224.60	2,838.16
	2018	Churchill Children (BG#55)	1.53%	549.13	0.00	18.94	0.00	568.07	1,968.10	25.42	(1,717.90)	(44.18)	231.44	799.51
	2018	Churchill Original Settler (BG#54)	1.53%	549.13	0.00	18.94	0.00	568.07	1,968.10	25.42	(1,717.90)	(69.18)	206.44	774.51
	1965	Churchill, Joseph	8.51%	3,383.29	0.00	105.21	0.00	3,488.50	940.75	141.20	115.31	(37.09)	1,160.17	4,648.67
	1982	Churchill, Thomas Lindsay	4.06%	439.47	0.00	50.20	0.00	489.67	1,525.06	67.37	153.77	(17.70)	1,728.50	2,218.17
	1995	Dalley, Louis B. (Blake)	10.24%	1,098.68	0.00	126.68	0.00	1,225.36	3,862.70	170.02	384.37	(44.66)	4,372.43	5,597.79
	1927	Dealand, Thomas F.	0.52%	54.94	0.00	6.43	0.00	61.37	196.88	8.62	19.22	(2.26)	222.46	283.83
	1974	Franges, Justine C.	31.16%	3,296.01	0.00	385.38	0.00	3,681.39	11,813.01	517.23	1,153.21	(135.86)	13,347.59	17,028.98
	1950	Garland, Mary	2.08%	219.73	0.00	25.69	0.00	245.42	787.53	34.48	76.88	(9.06)	889.83	1,135.25
	1972	Hansen Trust	3.07%	329.60	0.00	37.95	0.00	367.55	1,156.30	50.93	115.32	(13.38)	1,309.17	1,676.72
	1926	Lang, R. A.	2.08%	219.73	0.00	25.69	0.00	245.42	787.54	34.48	76.87	(9.06)	889.83	1,135.25
	1948	Palmer, Jasper T.	8.88%	959.23	0.00	109.79	0.00	1,069.02	3,337.90	147.35	335.61	(101.20)	3,719.66	4,788.68
	1944	Podrasnik, Joseph N.	5.05%	549.33	0.00	62.45	0.00	611.78	1,893.82	83.82	192.21	(22.02)	2,147.83	2,759.61
	1944	Robinson, Noah H.	0.85%	109.87	0.00	10.48	0.00	120.35	293.76	14.06	38.45	(66.19)	280.08	400.43
	1993	Syer, Harriet (Brookfield)	2.08%	219.73	0.00	25.69	0.00	245.42	787.53	34.48	76.88	(9.06)	889.83	1,135.25
	1970	Wentworth, Walter	2.01%	219.73	0.00	24.80	0.00	244.53	750.04	33.29	76.87	(83.74)	776.46	1,020.99
	1977	Willey Fund	3.18%	346.08	0.00	39.28	0.00	385.36	1,190.38	52.72	121.09	(76.35)	1,287.84	1,673.20
		CEMETERY TRUST TOTAL	100.00%	13,971.94	0.00	1,236.74	0.00	15,208.68	38,215.87	1,659.85	0.00	(986.01)	38,889.71	54,098.39

Capital Reserve Trust Funds as of December 31, 2023

Brookfield Trust Funds as of December 31, 2023												
Capital Reserve Fund			PRINCIPAL					INCOME				
DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	BOY %	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR LOSSES	WITH-DRAWAL	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME*	EXPENDED	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
*Town Appropriated												
3/12/1991	Road & Bridge Repair	37.70%	185,640.67	0.00	28.98	(182,235.07)	3,434.58	14,391.48	3,833.62	(18,225.11)	(0.01)	3,434.57
3/12/1991	Moos e Mountain CRF II	11.10%	50,055.73	0.00	8.53	0.00	50,094.26	8,828.09	1,797.80	(244.92)	10,380.97	60,445.23
3/12/1991	Parks & Rec Equip	1.38%	6,260.71	0.00	1.06	0.00	6,291.77	1,051.70	223.26	(30.42)	1,244.54	7,506.31
3/9/1991	Mutual Aid	2.33%	10,587.07	0.00	1.79	0.00	10,588.86	1,778.46	377.53	(51.43)	2,104.56	12,693.42
3/12/1991	Town Bldg. & Grd Maint.	7.64%	34,872.48	0.00	5.88	0.00	34,878.36	5,689.79	1,238.42	(168.70)	6,759.51	41,637.88
3/11/2015	Town House Repair	7.50%	32,884.71	0.00	5.77	(20,335.00)	12,555.48	6,931.88	1,215.66	(165.62)	7,981.91	20,537.40
3/15/2015	Moos e Mountain CRF I (Bridge)	26.01%	128,451.57	0.00	19.99	0.00	128,471.56	9,550.30	4,213.68	(574.05)	13,199.93	141,671.49
3/15/2017	Town Garage and Storage	4.26%	20,000.00	0.00	3.27	0.00	20,003.27	2,583.96	689.51	(93.94)	3,179.53	23,182.80
3/12/2019	Cable and Internet	2.09%	10,000.00	0.00	1.61	(10,001.61)	0.00	1,083.81	290.67	(1,374.48)	(0.00)	(0.00)
	CAPITAL RESERVE TOTAL	100.00%	478,752.95	0.00	76.88	(212,571.68)	266,258.15	51,899.48	13,880.14	(20,928.67)	44,850.95	311,109.10

Common Expendable Trust Funds as of December 31, 2023

Brookfield Trust Funds as of December 31, 2023												
Common Expendable Trust Funds		PRINCIPAL						INCOME				
DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	%	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR LOSSES	WITH-DRAWAL	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME	EXPENDED	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
3/1/1996	Scholastic Achievement Award	28.58%	19,544.37	100.00	63.62	(1,500.00)	18,207.99	3,278.45	705.40	(182.61)	3,801.24	22,009.23
3/12/2002	Property Re-Evaluation	36.79%	28,285.17	7,000.00	81.90	0.00	35,367.07	1,101.15	908.04	(236.07)	1,774.12	37,141.19
3/14/2006	Town Bldg Office Equip.	6.43%	4,724.60	0.00	14.32	0.00	4,738.92	407.83	158.70	(41.08)	525.45	5,264.37
10/22/2012	Park Committee Fund	5.57%	3,974.01	0.00	12.40	0.00	3,986.41	474.86	137.48	(36.59)	578.75	4,563.16
3/8/2016	Town Cemetery Maint. and Improvement	8.57%	6,499.13	3,000.00	19.08	0.00	9,518.21	342.29	211.52	(54.76)	469.05	10,017.28
3/8/2016	Town Cemetery Private Donations	0.78%	562.84	0.00	1.74	0.00	564.58	56.50	19.25	(4.98)	70.77	635.35
3/15/2017	Forest Firefighting Equipment	13.28%	9,988.26	0.00	29.57	0.00	10,027.83	608.15	327.77	(84.85)	851.07	10,878.90
COMMON TRUST TOTAL			73,588.38	10,100.00	222.63	(1,500.00)	82,411.01	6,269.22	2,468.16	(638.94)	8,098.44	90,509.46
Total Book Value All Accounts December 31, 2023:											\$ 455,716.95	
<small>*Income includes Interest, Dividends, Capital Gains</small>												

Wakefield Fire and Rescue Department

The Wakefield Fire/Rescue Department operates with 7 full time Firefighter/AEMT's and 22 call members who work in conjunction to cover calls.

In 2023, the Department saw a decrease in calls. The Department was dealing with staffing shortages as well as a default budget. The default budget restricted the Department to mostly payroll, maintenance and repairs of apparatus and equipment repairs. In 2023 the Department again saw occasions of COVID-positive cases within the Department which led to rescheduling and backfilling shifts, but at no time did we have a loss of coverage for emergency services for the townspeople of Wakefield or Brookfield.

The Wakefield Fire Department is one of the busiest municipal combined fire/ambulance services in Carroll County. The Department has responded to a total of 1177 calls in 2023, a 17% decrease over 2022. The number of EMS calls shows a slight decrease, while fire calls show an increase. EMS calls in 2023 were 737; Fire calls in 2023 were 440.

Medical Calls	737	Water/Ice Rescue's	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	91	Fire, Misc.	8
Public Assist	26	Alarm Activations	43
Building Fires	25	Chimney/Furnace Fires	2
Car Fires	1	Brush Fires	3
Illegal Fires	9	Mutual Aid	61
Service calls	17	Spills, Leaks, Hazards	16
Good Intent	22	Water/Steam Leak	2
Power Lines	22	Misc. calls	5
Carbon Monoxide	4	Smoke Investigation	41
Severe Weather	40		

Areas of town: Total Calls Fire/EMS:

Sanbornville (Zone 1)	423	East Wakefield (Zone 2)	496
Union (Zone 3)	64	Brookfield (Zone 4)	104

Mutual Aid 90

Wakefield is a member of the Ossipee Valley Mutual Aid Association, which covers most of the towns in southern Carroll County. We also have mutual aid relationships with our neighbors across the border in Maine and those in Strafford County.

Listed below are the members of the Wakefield Fire Rescue Department. I thank them for their dedication and their families for the support and understanding for the long hours.

Fire Officers

Rhodes Haskell, Deputy Chief	Brad Beveridge, FF/AEMT (Career)
Ken Paul Jr, Captain, FF/EMR	Mike Moore, Lieutenant FF/EMR

Career Personnel

Stephen McMullen, FF/AEMT	Joseph Burkett, FF/AEMT
Frank Pevear, FF/AEMT	Joe Brabant, FF/AEMT
Liam Devine, FF/AEMT	Matt Brabant, FF/EMT

Call Personnel

Janet Williamson, Paramedic	Jarrod Wheeler, FF/Paramedic
Ray Stolarski, FF/Paramedic	John Cunningham, FF/Paramedic
Dawson Libby, FF /Paramedic	Andrew Perkins, FF /AEMT
Dawson Cotreau, FF / EMT	David Skelly, FF / EMT
Courtney Trepanier, FF	Steve Petsche, FF
Dave Cotreau, FF	Dean Nason, FF
Dave Silcocks, FF	Arron Lavoie, FF
John Nason, FF	

Auxiliary Members

Dan Moore, FF/EMT	Eric Boggs FF
Derek Chouinard, FF Paramedic	Caitlin Chouinard, FF

My thanks and gratitude to the Sanbornville Firemen's Association, and the members of the Department who assisted in raising money throughout the year. All funds raised go toward the purchase of new equipment.

The replacement plans for our ambulances are set up on a 5-year rotation schedule. This allows the Department to purchase one new ambulance every five years. This is due to the number of miles they accumulate over that time period. The Fire apparatus we have on a 20-25-year rotating replacement plan. The Department's newest Ambulance was put into service in early 2022 and the Department's new rescue vehicle has been ordered and is expected to be delivered February 2024. The officers and members of the Wakefield Fire Rescue Department thank all the town departments and the citizens of Wakefield and Brookfield. We appreciate and value your help and support throughout the year. Thank you all!

Check your smoke and CO detectors; also check your heating systems and chimneys for any issues. Help us to help you in an emergency: make sure your house numbers are visible from the street. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Stay safe and have a healthy 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd C. Nason, Chief
Wakefield Fire Rescue Department

Wakefield Police Department

The Wakefield Police Department has navigated this year like any Emergency Responder would: we answered every call! Regardless of staffing shortages and budget cuts, all shifts were covered, and calls were answered. Every Police employee, sworn and civilian, stood by the Town and conducted themselves as true professionals.

The Wakefield Police Department continued its long-running standard of enforcing and educating travelers on the road. We participated in the Office of Highway Safety Initiatives, which included Speed Enforcement, Driving Under the Influence, Distracted Driving, Join the Clique, and U Drive U Text U Pay details. These initiatives, combined with focused speed checks and utilizing our speed radar trailers, were effective tools in slowing down drivers and promoting safe driving habits. For the first time in the last few years, The Office of Highway Safety is reporting a reduction in speed-related motor vehicle fatalities.

The Wakefield Police Department hosted our first Highway Safety Day/Touch a Truck event at the Wakefield Public Safety Building. We worked with the Office of Highway Safety, Crowell's Towing, Wakefield Fire and Rescue, and Pine Knoll Racing for a great day of educating and demonstrating the effects of speed-related accidents. The children enjoyed a great demonstration of how the Fire Department conducts an extrication from a vehicle involved in an accident. A special thank you for free pizza from the Poor People Pub and ice cream from Lovell Lake Food Center.

The Wakefield Public Safety Building has received permission from the Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant to replace our generator. The original generator was installed when the Public Safety Building was built in 2000. This is vital as the Public Safety Building operates as an Emergency Shelter when there are large storms and emergencies. This year our building was opened on multiple occasions as an emergency shelter.

Training continues to be a priority for the Wakefield Police Department. Despite the budget constraints, we were able to send Sgt. Jendrock and Officer Martino to Sig Sauer Tactical SWAT II Training. We are hoping in 2024 to be able to offer more training opportunities. Officers conducted their annual Use-of-Force Training with practical life-like scenarios where air soft tools and certified officers were used for these scenarios. It was a big success and will be part of our annual Use-of-Force training moving forward.

Officer Thomas McNulty was voted Officer of the Year after only his first year with our Department. Officer McNulty has been a police officer for 10 years and brings a wide knowledge of law enforcement experience. He is community-driven and has a passion for motor vehicle enforcement. Congratulations Officer McNulty!

In 2023, K9 Officer Martino and Echo participated in several search warrant assists for drugs and were called out on multiple tracks. The importance of our K-9 program here in Wakefield remains a priority.

Our newest officer, Stephen Beckwith completed his 16-week academy training and was certified by the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council as a full-time police officer. Officer

Beckwith is local to the Wolfeboro area, and we are happy to have him and his family now part of our police family.

We look forward to a happy and healthy 2024!!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Fenton
 Police Chief

The statistical data for 2023 are listed below:

Arrests of Interest:

Assault	13	Involuntary Emergency Admission	11
Burglary	4	Liquor Law Violations	0
Theft	6	Drug Related Charges	2
Criminal Threatening/Intimidation	11	Domestic Violence Related	11
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	2	Open Warrants	12
DWI	24		

Crimes and Investigations	2021	2022	2023
Calls for Service	10,738	10,446	11,420
Burglary	8	12	4
Criminal Trespass	16	28	22
Theft	69	41	44
Criminal Mischief	22	21	14
Arrests	182	185	160
Motor Vehicle Thefts	5	1	1
Domestic Violence Related Cases	7	40	46
Sexual Assault Related Cases	6	9	5
Motor Vehicle Activity	2094	1705	1905
Accidents	130	118	133
Animal Control Calls	366	374	288
Motor Vehicle Incidents	98	101	85

Wakefield Transfer Station

The Transfer Station has been a big topic for some time now. To date, the Transfer Station has gone from generating minimal revenue to generating either side of \$300,000 in revenue per year, depending on the year. In the coming months, look to see some new signage and a few smaller changes which will hopefully enhance your Transfer Station experience.

On behalf of The Town of Wakefield Department of Public Works, I thank the residents of Wakefield and Brookfield for their continued support and understanding. We are a small Department with a big demand who strives to do the best we can to provide the best service possible.

I also thank all the other departments and all staff for their dedication and efforts in keeping the community safe and moving.

Last, I thank Mike Soucy for all his dedicated years to the Town of Wakefield at both the Transfer Station and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. His knowledge of both will be greatly missed. We wish him well in his retirement!

Respectfully submitted,
Brock Mitchell
Director of Public Works

Wakefield Food Pantry

The Wakefield Food Pantry Staff thanks our Towns for your support during the last year. We are a 501(c)3 organization and serve the residents of Wakefield, Brookfield, Middleton, Milton and West Newfield, Maine.

We purchase food from the NH Food Bank and receive food from USDA. However, as the number of individuals we are serving has increased, the food amount we receive has decreased. We used to receive food from the NH Food Bank twice a month and USDA once a month; currently we receive one food order per month from the NH Food Bank and USDA every other month. This makes it a struggle at times to keep food on our shelves.

As of December 31, we have given out 107,460 meals to recipients, and of that, 6,210 have been Brookfield residents. We average 180 people and average 2-3 new families every week, with the largest increase of recipients over 60 years old. Our volunteers give out all this food 1 day a week. These numbers do not include our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner giveaways.

We are fortunate in having a large, beautiful garden behind the Food Pantry building. Frank Frazier of Brookfield is the Garden Manager and with the help of 12 volunteers we were able to provide over 1,000 pounds of fresh produce and fruit for our recipients.

Thank you again for your Town's support of our organization. We appreciate your generosity to help those who are less fortunate in our communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilou MacLean
Operations Manager

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard one case this year. On August 31, 2023, a public meeting was held regarding the monopole solar array installed at 90 Lyford Road (corner of Lyford and Clark Roads). The case was an appeal of a Selectman decision that the array was within the twenty-foot setback and needed to be moved. After a site visit and lengthy public hearing, the Zoning Board of Adjustment denied the equitable waiver. The installer and homeowner agreed to relocate the solar installation.

Draft procedures and forms that had been pending for a considerable amount of time were approved at a meeting held on August 3, 2023.

Two vacant positions have been filled and the Board now has the full five members. The Board has agreed to try to meet regularly each quarter.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas J. Stefano
Chair



Town Seal

Original Pen & Ink by Judy Brenner

Front Cover - Brookfield Town House

Original Pen & Ink by Lynn Kirby