

**TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**The Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

**Business Meeting starts at 7:00 pm on
Wednesday, March 11, 2009**

**At Captain Samuel Douglass Academy
24 Townsend Hill Road**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Brookline in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to Vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Capt. Samuel Douglass Academy in said Brookline on Tuesday, the tenth (10th) day of March at 7:00 a.m. to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. **Amendment #1 (By Ballot)** Are you in favor of adopting the proposed workforce housing zoning amendment, which adds a new section to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, entitled **Workforce Housing Option**? The purpose of this subsection is to comply with NH RSA 674:58-61 and to provide an option for workforce housing, subject to certain requirements. The amendment permits a higher density for workforce housing units, reduces frontage and limits the workforce housing units to 1,500 square feet and two bedrooms among other items. In the absence of this zoning amendment, the Superior Court could grant a developer an expedited favorable review and construct workforce housing without local review.
The Planning Board approves of this amendment.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,766,706** to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.
Recommended by Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by Finance Committee 3-0
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$189,341** for the first year's payment of a Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck for use by the Brookline Fire Department and to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease/purchase agreement, or take any action relative thereto. Said lease agreement to contain a fiscal funding clause which permits the termination of the lease, on an annual basis, should the funds necessary to make the required payments not be appropriated by a future town meeting.
Recommended by Selectmen 4-1
Recommended by Finance Committee 3-0
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$104,533** to construct new sidewalks, erect signs, and engage in education, encouragement and enforcement activities in the town of Brookline under the Safe Routes to School program (SRTS Project #15552 & 15222A). Said appropriation will be offset one hundred percent (100%) coming from Federal Highway Funds.
Recommended by Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by Finance Committee 3-0

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,000** for the purpose of road/bridge improvements, or take any action relative thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2012.

Recommended by Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by Finance Committee 3-0

7. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the ambulance capital reserve fund. Said funds will accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by Finance Committee 3-0

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$142,000** to purchase a replacement ambulance with \$100,000 to come from the general fund and \$42,000 to come from taxation.

Recommended by Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by Finance Committee 3-0

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,927** to purchase and equip a new Ford LTD Police Cruiser for use by the Brookline Police Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Not recommended by Selectmen 4-1

Recommended by Finance Committee 3-0

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,000** for the purchase and installation of a camera-based surveillance system in the Police Department and Town Hall to be monitored at the Brookline Police Department and the Dispatch Center in Hollis, or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-2

Recommended by Finance Committee 2-1

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,992** from the unreserved fund balance for the purpose of building a Skating Rink off Milford Street. Funds for this project were raised by private donations. Further, to authorize the board of selectmen to accept additional donations for this purpose in 2009.

Recommended by Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by Finance Committee 3-0

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$730** from the unreserved fund balance to be deposited into the Ambulance Service Expendable Trust Fund and to authorize the Selectmen and Ambulance Director as agents to expend as needed.

Recommended by Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by Finance Committee 3-0

13. "Shall we adopt an exemption for the disabled? The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be \$84,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than

\$40,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000, excluding the value of the person's residence." (RSA 72:37-b)

Recommended by Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by Finance Committee 2-1

14. "Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Brookline, N.H., based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$84,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$126,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$168,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$40,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. (RSA 71:39-b)

Recommended by Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by Finance Committee 3-0

15. "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a functioning Solar Energy System, as defined in RSA 72:61, which exemption shall be in an amount of \$5,000 plus any increase in assessed value attributable to the presence of such a system in place of a traditional energy system?"

Recommended by Selectmen 3-2

Recommended by Finance Committee 2-1

16. "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:66 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a functioning Wind Powered Energy System, as defined in RSA 72:65, which exemption shall be in an amount of \$5,000 plus any increase in assessed value attributable to the presence of such a system in place of a traditional energy system?"

Not recommended by Selectmen 3-2

Recommended by Finance Committee 2-1

17. "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:70 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a functioning Woodheating Energy System, as defined in RSA 72:69, which exemption shall be in an amount of \$5,000 plus any increase in assessed value attributable to the presence of such a system in place of a traditional energy system?"

Not recommended by Selectmen 3-2

Recommended by Finance Committee 2-1

18. To receive the reports of agents, auditors, committees, and all other officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relative thereto.

19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following legacies:

1. The sum of \$600 for the perpetual care of the John Goulding Sr. Lot #346 in Pine Grove Cemetery;

2. The sum of \$600 for the perpetual care of the Francis LaFreniere Lot #338 in Pine Grove Cemetery;

3. The sum of \$1,200 for the perpetual care of the Markus Ermel Lot #338 in Pine Grove Cemetery.

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this sixteenth (16th) day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nine.

Linda A Saari

Clarence L Farwell

James B McElroy

Kevin J. Gorgoglione

Jesse T. Putney

Selectmen of Brookline

A True Copy of Warrant, attest:

Linda A Saari

Clarence L Farwell

James B McElroy

Kevin J. Gorgoglione

Jesse T. Putney

Selectmen of Brookline

It is our practice to recess at 11:00 pm; however, we will continue if it appears that the meeting will not extend beyond 12:00.