

Brookline, NH Economic Development

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Brookline New & “Coming Soon” Businesses! WELCOME!



Brookline General Store (formally Village Store)

Kevin and Cheri Scott from Pepperell, MA are now the new owners of the **Brookline General Store**. They have been working feverishly and hope to reopen the store for March 1st. They say that everyone has been very gracious and welcoming. Kevin and Cheri are very excited and looking forward to joining our Community!

Coming soon: Dunkin Donuts

This conceptual plan shows a one story, drive-through restaurant that will be located at the southerly corner of Route 13 & Quimby Road. Look for a Grand Opening sometime in the *Spring!*



Juanita's - Mexican Restaurant 199 Route 13



(across the street from Chrysanthi's)

The latest addition to Brookline's fantastic places to have a great meal! **Juanita's** opened in January. Meet new owners **Rebecca and San Juana Perez** and enjoy a nice Margarita while trying their delicious South American cuisine!

New Management at Kun Garden - 106 Route 13



New owner, **Yan Lin**, is looking forward to welcoming you to the **New Kun Garden** and to let you try their all new menu. The restaurant now has a full liquor license.

Coming soon: New Restaurant (to replace The Mad Hatter)

The Mad Hatter has been closed for a few weeks but a Purchase & Sale Agreement has been signed by the owners of the well-known **Bailey's Bar & Grille** in Townsend, MA, and **Mariano's Ristorante** in Pepperell, MA:

Pamela and Al Mariano.

We are looking forward to a Grand Opening very soon!

Annual Meeting Dates:

- **Brookline School District:** Monday, March 02
- **Coop:** Tuesday, March 03
- **All Day Voting:** Tuesday, March 10
- **Town Meeting:** Wednesday, March 11

All meetings start at 7:00 pm

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First Brookline & Merrimack Valley Chili/Chowder/Soup Cook-Off

February 21, 2015

Brookline Event Center
32 Proctor Hill Road (Route 130)
Noon - 3:00 pm

Chili/Chowder/Soup Cook-Off

Doors open at noon
Judging will begin at noon!

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 under 12yrs,
\$25 family rate

This successful event, with over 500 attendees last year, was previously organized by the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce. The Cook-Off is moving to Brookline!



Restaurateurs from Amherst, Bedford, Brookline, Hollis, Nashua, Merrimack, Mason & Milford, NH, and Townsend & Pepperell, MA are looking forward to

servicing the best warm concoctions you will ever taste! A Feast for the Senses!

Bring your friends and family! Let your neighbors and co-workers know! Participate in the judging by filling out a voting ballot! Have a good time and enjoy some of the best chilies, chowders and soups in the Merrimack Valley!

Check the Brookline Website for more information.

Look under "Town News" (top right) on the home page or under [Economic Development](#) and click on the attachments.

www.brookline.nh.us

Overview of Annual Meetings

2015 Brookline's three annual meetings are held in March on separate days and locations:

Brookline School District (Grades K-6) – Monday, March 2nd at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy (CSDA)

Hollis-Brookline Cooperative School District (Grades 7-12) – Tuesday, March 3rd, at the High School

Town meeting – Wednesday, March 11th at CSDA

Timing

Each of the Brookline's three annual meetings is held on a separate day. **A fourth day** (day before Town Meeting) is used for residents to go to the polls and elect town/school officials as well as to vote on any other issues that require "ballot" voting, such as zoning ordinances. **Polls are located at CSDA and are open all day, from 7:00 am to 7:30 pm.**

Meeting Background

Upon arrival at the Town/School meetings, residents check-in to verify that they are registered to vote. At this time, voters receive an index card to be raised when voting.

The meeting is run by the Town/School/Coop **Moderator**.

Key Terms - The following are key terms used during the meetings.

Warrant: The meeting's written agenda, which is set and published prior to the meeting. It specifies the items to be discussed and voted on at the meeting. All items on the warrant are open for debate.

Articles: Individual subject matters listed on the warrant that may be addressed at the meeting. The articles are taken up one at a time in the order in which they appear on the warrant, unless it is voted to change that order. Each article identifies a subject matter, but it is the motion under that subject matter that defines the actual question to be considered by the voters.

Motion: To consider the subject raised in an article, a motion under that article must be made. A motion must be germane to the article's subject, but it need not be identical to the article language. Motions often are made that have a dollar amount which differs from the number in the article itself. Once a motion is made and seconded, the motion is open for discussion. The individual making the motion will ordinarily speak first and is expected to provide necessary background on the motion. The language of a motion being considered may be amended by a motion to amend. If such a motion is seconded, and, after discussion, is approved by a simple majority, the main motion before the voters for consideration is so amended.

Discussion: Speaking to a motion is done at the microphone. Speakers introduce themselves by name and street. Discussion must be limited to the particular motion under consideration. Individuals should speak once until others have spoken. Discussion ceases when no one further wishes to be heard, or when a "motion to move the question" is supported by a 2/3 majority.

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Announcing....

BRIDAL showcase

Brookline's First Wedding & Fall Bridal Showcase

Are you striving to make your product or service known to the brides and grooms in Southern New Hampshire? The Brookline Fall Bridal Showcase provides that possibility by attracting numerous couples to the show.

Help your business grow by contacting us and registering NOW for the **April 21, 2015 Open House for Vendors**.

PHASE I - Open House for Vendors

Tour the [Brookline Chapel](#), the [Brookline Event Center](#) and discover beautiful settings around Brookline to take the perfect wedding photographs (we will take you there!!)



Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 10 am

Location: [Brookline Chapel](#), 36 Main Street (Rte 130), Brookline NH 03033.

Contact information:

Tad Putney 603-673-8855 x. 213
tputnev@brookline.nh.us

Valerie Rearick 603-673-8855 ext.215
valerie@brookline.nh.us

PHASE II - Bridal Showcase

When: Early fall. Date TBD soon.

Location: [Brookline Event Center](#), 34 Proctor Hill Road (Rte 130), Brookline, NH 03033.

Vendor Registration will start Wednesday, July 1st, 2015.

For more information for vendors & visitors (registration forms, contacts, etc...) please visit the Brookline Website www.brookline.nh.us and [click](#) on Economic Development (under "Boards and Committees").

2014 Southern New Hampshire Business Expo

This year, Brookline had its own *Neighborhood* at the 2014 Southern New Hampshire Business Expo!!! The Brookline Economic Development Committee joined all other Brookline exhibitors which created another dynamic in our effort to promote and support our talented entrepreneurs.

This initiative was cheered by many area businesses and 100% supported by the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce. We also received a lot of compli-

ments from many visitors who visited our booths. The EDC created "*Welcome To Brookline*" signs that were displayed at each "entrance" of our Business Neighborhood!

Many thanks to *The Cozy Tea Cart*, *Neil Stone Karate Academy*, *Donna Corey Photography*, *Gavin Remodeling* and *Premier Home Inspection* for welcoming this idea!

What a great way to promote our wonderful town!



Brookline "Street" Sign at the Expo

Ambulance Service & Emergency Management Update



After 24 years of service, Ambulance Service & Emergency Management Director, **Wesley "Wes" Whittier** retired

at the end of December.

Wes started as a firefighter and was on the Pepperell Fire Department for 40 years, including 14 years as Fire Chief before joining Brookline. In the past, Wes also served Brookline as building inspector and hazardous material coordi-

nator. We wish Wes a very happy retirement!

Congratulations to Brookline's new Ambulance Service & Emergency Department Director, **Lee Duval**. Lee, who also worked for the Fire Department, has been with the Ambulance Service as a full time paramedic since 1994. We wish her the best in her new roles.



Janice Watt, who has been with the Ambulance Service as a volunteer since 1995, is now a full time paramedic and took over Lee's former position. Janice is a great asset to our town and we wish her the best in her new position.



**IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY,
YOU SHOULD CALL 911
FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE.**

Planning Department Update & Proposed 2015 Zoning Amendments



The Planning Board, in collaboration with the Economic Development Committee and after collecting comments from residents including many seniors during a Forum held in the summer, spent numerous hours revisiting the [*Housing for Older Persons \(HOP\) Ordinance*](#).

One important modification is to change the age requirement for residents from 62 **to 55 years and older**. Other changes are to allow HOP in the commercial/industrial district with some incentives to developers when such projects are a part of larger commercial / retail developments.

Other proposed amendments are:

- Reduce the minimum development tract size to 10 acres and reduce the minimum percentage of the total

tract area to be set aside as open space to 20 percent,

- Provide alternative options when such developments are proposed in the Residential/Agricultural district or the Commercial/Industrial district such as:
 - ⇒ Dwelling unit density
 - ⇒ Site perimeter buffer
 - ⇒ Setbacks and unit separation
 - ⇒ Unit standards
 - ⇒ Pedestrian linkage & circulation

The Planning Board held a public hearing on December 18, 2014 to gather input from residents. [The proposed amendments will be submitted to Brookline voters during the **all day voting on March 10, 2015**.](#)

The full text of the new HOP Ordinance

is available on the Brookline website or by contacting Valerie Rearick valerie@brookline.nh.us.

The Planning Board revisited and updated the *Excavation Site Plan regulations*, which are now in compliance with the NH State rules.

Lastly, the *Driveway Regulations* were amended to make access to new dwellings safer for residents and emergency personnel by matching maximum slope requirements already in place for common driveways.

Open Positions: Alternate Members
Consider volunteering for a couple of hours a month to serve our town and our residents.

The Board meets **once a month** on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Overview of the Proposed 2015 Town Budget and Warrant Articles

During meetings in October, November and January the Selectboard and Finance Committee worked with department heads to develop the town's proposed 2015 budget.

At the March 12th town meeting, voters will be asked to approve a \$4,090,050 operating budget for 2015, which is a 1.2% increase over last year.

Town meeting will also consider warrant articles for funding some additional items. The largest three articles are:

- ⇒ \$110,000, which represents the Town's required match for a \$440,000 grant to build a total of 5,200 feet of new sidewalks in two locations (along sections of Route 130 and Old Milford Road).

- ⇒ \$80,000 for legal representation, consultants (e.g., environmental impact, land appraisal), and other expenses related to opposing the proposed 36-inch underground gas pipeline

- ⇒ \$76,259 to hire a full-time fire chief

Brookline Chapel

Concerts, Recitals, Weddings, Art Expos and other events can be held inside this beautiful piece of architecture!

Did you know the Brookline Chapel has hosted over 75 weddings since it was purchased by the Town in 2008?

The Chapel is available for rent all year long and can seat up to 160 guests.

Brusch Hall, located behind the Chapel, is fully equipped with bathrooms, complete kitchen, sofas, chairs and tables.

An ample **parking area** is conveniently available.



Would you like to visit the Brookline Chapel? Do not hesitate to contact anyone at the Town Hall! We will be pleased to open the doors for you!



To Rent the Chapel:

Please contact Rena Dunclee

Phone: 603-673-8855 ext 214

E-mail: rena@brookline.nh.us

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• **“Motion to Move the Question”**: This is a motion to end discussion. It needs to be seconded, is non-debatable, and requires a 2/3 majority. If approved, discussion on the motion ceases; however, the practice has been that voters already in line at the microphone will be heard. It is improper for a speaker to express an opinion and then immediately move to close discussion.

• **Vote**: When discussion is ended, the vote on a pending motion will usually require a simple majority vote to pass (with several exceptions such as a motion for a bond exceeding \$100,000, which by law requires a 2/3 majority and ballot vote). Initially, the Moderator will ask for a “show of hands” vote. Those supporting the motion will raise their index cards signifying their vote. Then those opposing the motion will raise their cards to signify their vote. If the Moderator deems the “show of hands” vote too-close-to-call, a hand count will be used with voters asked to raise their index cards again to signify their vote. The raised cards are then counted by election officials; first of those supporting the motion and then of those opposing it.

• **“Motion to Pass Over”**: This motion is a proposal to take no action on a specific article and to simply proceed to the next article. The motion requires a second, is non-debatable, and requires a 2/3 majority.

• **“Motion for Reconsideration”**: This motion asks voters to reconsider a vote previously made at the meeting. This motion is to be made by a voter who had voted on the prevailing side of the prior vote. If such a motion is made and seconded, the discussion is limited to the reasons that the voters should reconsider that earlier vote. A simple majority is required. If passed the prior vote is vacated, and the prior motion is again before the voters.

• **“Motion to Limit Reconsideration”**: To discourage strategic late night motions to reconsider, state statute created a motion to limit reconsideration. This motion can be made at any time during the meeting relative to any previous vote at the meeting. This motion needs a second, is debatable, and requires a simple majority. If such a motion is approved, reconsideration under a successful motion for reconsideration later made at the same meeting is limited in that the reconsideration itself can only take place at a future and publicized reconvening of the meeting not sooner than seven days later.

• **“Motion to Appeal”**: This is motion to appeal a decision of the Moderator in the course of the meeting. It requires a second, is debatable, and needs a simple majority.

• **“Point of Order”**: A voter may rise and assert a “point of order” when the voter believes that a fundamental procedural error has occurred. Asserting a point of order may not be misused as a prefix to give an interrupter uninhibited license to make whatever point he or she wishes to interject.

• **“Motion to Adjourn”**: This motion must be seconded, is not debatable and requires a simple majority. Although “adjourned” might suggest a future continuation, in practice it means to end the meeting. If at 11:00 pm it appears that all matters can be disposed of by midnight, the meeting will continue. If not, a motion to adjourn to an announced time and date will be entered.

Hollis-Brookline Rotary Club



The **Hollis Brookline Rotary Club** is a local civic organization made up of businessmen and businesswomen from our surrounding communities. The Club's

mission is to serve the charitable interests of our local as well as our global communities. We raise over \$30,000.00 a year through three fund raising events:

- ⇒ Hollis Brookline Rotary Traditional Breakfast Buffett on Super Bowl Sunday in February
- ⇒ Hollis Fast 5K Running in June and
- ⇒ Cow Patty Bingo during Hollis Old Homes days in September



Hollis Fast 5-K - Start

In addition to the local charities, Hollis Brookline Rotary Club also helps financially some international charitable projects.

We meet every Wednesday morning from 7:15 to 8:30 at the Brookline Event Center, 32 Proctor Hill Road (Route 130), Brookline, NH. For more information please go to our website at www.hbrotary.org or call **Venu Rao** at (603) 566-9441.

Support your local Hollis Brookline Rotary Club

And we give it away for charities and scholarships. The Club is one of about 34,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide dedicated to helping those in need, supporting our communities, and fostering international cooperation at a grass roots level.

We also give, every year, two scholarships worth \$8000.00 to graduating high school students who have exemplified community service.

I get to pick the lucky winner at the Hollis Old Home Days



Cow Pattie Bingo, Old Home Days

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Creating a Foundation for Business Success

In May 2012, the Selectboard chartered Brookline's Economic Development Committee ("EDC") to

***"promote balanced, long-term economic development, which reflects and
enhances the character of our community."***

*The EDC meets at least monthly as it works to complete research and develop materials that will support
both existing and future businesses in Brookline.*

If you are interested in learning more about the EDC, please contact **Tad Putney**, Town Administrator at tputney@brookline.nh.us or **Valerie Rearick**, Town Planner at valerie@brookline.nh.us for more information.

> *Do you want to promote your business? We can help!*

The EDC newsletter is mailed to 1,900 postal patrons and is posted on the Brookline website!

The EDC encourages all Brookline Business Owners to send a description of their activities, a biography, a presentation of their team, etc... along with pictures.

For more information, please contact Valerie Rearick (603) 673-8855 ext. 215 or email valerie@brookline.nh.us

> *Brookline Website (more than agendas and minutes!)*

The website offers easy navigation for businesses, residents and visitors to access pages dedicated to news and events, as well as information on all town boards, committees, departments and schools.

Features include quick links to Town Resources such as past meetings via a link to **Town Hall Streams** <http://www.townhallstreams.com> and receiving news via email by subscribing to **E-Alerts** www.brookline.nh.us/Subscribe

We want to make sure that all Brookline businesses are listed in the **Brookline Business Directory** and we make every effort to keep it up-to-date.

If your business is not listed in the Directory, if your contact information has changed, or if you have a new website, please contact Valerie Rearick valerie@brookline.nh.us

Businesses and residents can directly contact the **website administrator** to submit news announcements or questions. Follow the links under "**Town Resources**" on the home page.