

Brookline Town Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2019

On a cold (10°) and sunny late winter morning, Moderator David Y. Parker Jr. calls the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. Moderator Parker offers a little roadmap on what is going to be done and then reads the preamble to the meeting.

Article 1. To Elect a Moderator

Dorothy Maggio nominates David Y. Parker, Jr. No other nominations. David Y. Parker, Jr. elected Moderator.

Moderator Parker announces it would be appropriate to entertain a motion to suspend the rules of the town meeting so that Vermont State Representatives Carolyn Partridge and Matt Trieber may speak. A motion is made by Guy Tanza and seconded by Dorothy Maggio to suspend the rules of Town Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

TOWN MEETING SUSPENDED

Representative Partridge opens the conversation introducing herself and Matt Trieber. She then points out there is a newsletter located on the information table in the back of the meeting room with all their contact information and what they have been working on during the last session and that Matt works on the Appropriations Committee and will be speaking later. She mentions she is the Chair for the Agricultural and Forestry Committee. She shares her concerns of the attack on farmers in the Champlain valley watershed regarding the release of phosphorus algae into the water. Spoke briefly on the neonicotinoids or Neonics that were developed for pesticide control and their goals for cleaning up the soil. One of the goals was to create more jobs in the industry, and announces they have created 6,559 or 10-12% more jobs and 742 new business. Another one of her goals is to regenerate best management products. They have been looking into how hemp can fit into agriculture as it is an up and coming business because it is now legal because of the 2018 Federal Farm Act and also looking into developing rules and regulations for that. Spoke regarding the Farmer Protection Bill regarding the banning of pesticides such as neo-neonicotinoids that are toxic to insects. They are safe for animals and are actually used on flea collars but when sprayed on plants this is deadly to the insects that pollinate. So they are working on banning the use of this for household purposes and this has been done in other states. She notes that they are now coming up on the cross over deadline next week for policy and bills and housekeeping of bills, etc. At this point Rep. Partridge turned it over to Rep. Matt Trieber who indicated he was on the Appropriations Committee that basically has only one job and that is to work on the budget. The Governor proposes the budget, they work on it and then pass the House version and that is then passed to the Senate who does their own thing (essentially ruins it, laughter followed). As Carolyn mentioned it is getting close to crossover, next week. Matt doesn't want to take up too much time but said they have always balanced the budget and they have been looking at the pension and trying to save money. Three of the things they are looking into next year is 1) child care and education; 2) opioid crises and childcare and 3) new money into helping seniors. These are just a few of the things they are working on. You probably read in the paper that there was a fair amount of contention last year, but this year it seems like everyone is trying to work together and he then said he didn't want to take up any more time and asked if there were any questions. Marie Tattersall asked about the Neonicotinoids legislation for residential use, why not commercial? Rep. Partridge indicated they are looking into different options. Neonicotinoids is used as a coating on some seeds and this can affect the soil and run off into the water. They are looking at the way Ontario has handled this. Ontario had farmers that want to use Neonicotinoids but had to prove that it is needed and it has reduced the amount by about 25%. The committee is looking at residential use as a first step. Sally Fegley asked what the purpose of neonicotinoids and what is the advantage. Rep. Partridge indicated that it kills bugs but is less toxic in a lower dosage and as indicated before are used on flea collars. Ms. Fegley asked if there was a brand name. Rep. Partridge said there are but she is not sure of the exact names but she did write an article that can be found on her website CarolynPartridge.com and the information on Neonicotinoids which products are in there. Dot Maggio gave a brief history of what we had to do to help save our daycare center. It went from Sunny Lane Dare Care to Suzy's Little Peanuts and that it took over a 40 month lease Dot then asked Rep. Trieber what you can do to help owners of daycare centers, as there is only so much a landlord can do. What would the bill do to help towns such as Brookline? Rep. Trieber indicated they are doing a several prong approach. There is additional money proposed. On the policy committee side, the need for more quality care, better

child care and maintain existing areas that are there and add many new ones. Things that are being considered is not to just change subsidiaries for parents getting them, but to create grants for improvements not just for existing ones but new grants so new ones can start up. Discussion on increasing additional educational opportunities for those teachers so they can get better. So this is kind of a moving target and discussions are being made to balance out how to make it easier for people to start up or maintain what they already have. Gary Lavorgna then said he didn't have a question but wanted to thank them for representing us, and also for the vision for future generations. Looking down the road not just for us but for our grand kids and it is really appreciated. Thank you. Representatives Partridge and Trieber thanked the audience for letting them speak and left to go on to their other town visits.

Moderator Parker then goes over some housekeeping rules and asks that everyone sign the attendance sheet that is being circulated around the room. He mentions the fact that there is a sign-up sheet for Julie Lavorgna's ListServ e-mails and other informational items to be picked up on the back table. He also indicated that his job is to make sure we do the job we need to do and if anyone had any questions it was fine to ask questions, just stand, state your name clearly, as it is being recorded. This is a legal meeting and indicated each person had two minutes to speak and will not be able to ask another question until others have a chance to speak. He reminded everyone that if you have questions please ask, as this is pretty informal and he likes it that way, but it is a legal proceeding.

TOWN MEETING RESUMED

Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk.

Chris Webb nominates Guy Tanza. There are no further nominations. A floor vote is called. All in favor. Guy Tanza elected Town Clerk

Article 3. To elect a Town Treasurer.

Somara Swick indicated she had been Treasurer since 2011 and wants to spend more time with her grandchildren, and travel to China. She does not want to run again though she is more than willing to stay on and do some training and then said thank you for letting her serve. She nominates Daniela Nystrom. There are no further nominations. A floor vote is called. All in favor. Daniela Nystrom is elected Town Treasurer.

Moderator Parker then said even though it was not in the warning because no one knew this was going to happen, he would like to thank Somara as she inherited a tough situation back when, but got the town out of some deep trouble and has done a great job ever since, as Treasurer. It is an important job, one that could easily have gone array in today's world with a multitude of filings and things that need to be done on both state and federal levels. Thank You (audience gave applause)

Article 4. To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

Archie Clark nominates Guy Tanza. Moderator Parker then added that there were no delinquent taxes at present. There are no further nominations. A floor vote is called. All in favor. Guy Tanza elected Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

Article 5. To elect all other officers required by law

There are three Selectboard seats available

Selectboard – 3 year term

Currently held by Dot Maggio and she indicated she did not want to run again at this time and she nominates David Jones. There are no further nominations. A floor vote is called for. All in favor.

David Jones elected to a three year term.

Selectboard – Two year term currently held by David Jones who was just elected to serve the three year term. Doug Wellman nominated Joseph Dutton. There are no further nominations. A floor vote is called. All in favor Joseph Dutton elected to two year term.

Selectboard – One year term currently held by Chris Webb who indicated he did not want to run again at this time. Selectman Bruce Mello then made a brief statement of what the board has accomplished, thanked Joseph for stepping up and encouraged someone to try it just for a year and the only requirement is to put the town first. Shelby Brimmer indicated interest and asked if she could nominate herself which was indicated in the affirmative.

Shelby Brimmer nominates herself. A floor vote is called. All in favor.
Shelby Brimmer elected to a one year term.

Listers

A three year term currently held by Sheila Gokey. Marsha Omand nominates Sheila Gokey. There are no further nominations. A floor vote is called for. All in favor.
Sheila Gokey elected to a three year term.

Auditors

Three year term currently held by Frank Rucker. Guy Tanza nominates Frank Rucker. There are no further nominations. A floor vote is called for. All in favor.
Frank Rucker elected to a three year term

Cemetery Commissioners

A five year term currently held by Doug Wellman. Cynthia Nau nominates Doug Wellman. There are no further nominations. A floor vote is called for. All in favor.
Doug Wellman elected to a five year term.

First Constable & Second Constable

In the past the selectboard has been responsible for these positions and it was asked that the audience show support for this decision. Dot Maggio indicated that to hold these positions, it would require 100 hours of training. A motion is made by Guy Tanza and seconded by Cynthia Nau to have the Selectboard maintain the responsibility of the Constable positions. A floor vote is called for. All in favor.
The Constables' positions will remain the responsibility of the selectboard.

Trustee of Public Funds

Cynthia Nau nominates Guy Tanza. There are no further nominations. A floor vote is called for. All in favor.
Guy Tanza elected.

Town Agent

Dot Maggio nominates Guy Tanza. There are no further nominations. A floor vote is called for. All in favor.
Guy Tanza elected as Town Agent.

Town Grand Juror

Guy Tanza nominates David Y. Parker, Jr. There are no further nominations. A floor vote is called for. All in favor. David Y. Parker, Jr. elected as Town Grand Juror.

Article 6. Shall the Town accept the Auditor’s Report?

Doug Wellman makes a motion to accept the Auditor’s Report and seconded by Marji Wellman. No discussion. A Floor vote to accept the Auditors Report is called for. All in favor.
Auditor’s Report accepted.

A motion was made by Doug Wellman and Second by Bruce Mello to suspend Article 7 until after Article 12 and 13 have been voted on. All in favor, article suspended.

Article 8. To see what dates the town will vote to collect taxes?

Moderator Parker reminds folks that the current dates are February 15th, May 15th, August 15th, and November 15th. Motion made by Marie Tattersall and seconded by Guy Tanza. No further discussion. A vote is called for. All in favor to keep current dates for the collection of town taxes.

Article 9. Shall the town voters appropriate \$6, 136.50 to be raised by taxes in continuing support of the following organizations?

<u>Organization</u>	<u>FY 2019 Approved</u>	<u>FY 2020 Requested</u>
American Red Cross.....	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
CRT-The Current Ct River Transit.....	125.00	125.00
Gerda’s Equine Rescue.....	100.00	0.00
Grace Cottage Foundation.....	300.00.....	300.00
Green-Up Vermont	50.00.....	50.00
Groundworks Collaborative	300.00.....	300.00
Historical Society of Windham County.....	250.00.....	250.00
Leland & Gray Education Foundation.....	250.00.....	250.00
Moore Free Library.....	250.00.....	280.50
Project Feed the Thousands (For Townshend Food Bank).....	100.00.....	0.00
Senior Solutions.....	500.00.....	500.00
SEVCA.....	465.00.....	465.00
VABVI-VT Assoc. for the Blind	100.00.....	100.00
Valley Cares, Inc.....	821.00.....	821.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living.....	80.00.....	80.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance.....	1,000.00.....	1,000.00
West River Watershed Alliance (now Southeastern Watershed Alliance)...	110.00.....	110.00
Windham County Humane Society.....	500.00.....	500.00
Women’s Freedom Center.....	500.00.....	500.00
Youth Services.....	255.00.....	255.00
Total All Appropriations Requests to Be Voted.....	\$6,306.00.....	\$6,136.50

The motion is moved By Bruce Mellow and seconded by Gwen Tanza. No further discussion
Article 9 approved in the amount of \$6,136.50.

Article 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Brookline vote to collect its current taxes by its Town Treasurer pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791?

The motion is moved by Guy Tanza and seconded by Cynthia Nau
No discussion. All in favor Article 10 passed

Article 11. Shall the voters authorize the purchase of a used 2011 TEREX TW-110 Wheeled Excavator in the amount not to exceed \$94,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed 5 years? The loan will be financed through the Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund at a rate of 2% and application must be submitted by April 1, 2019.

The motion is moved by Guy Tanza and seconded by Dot Maggio.

Discussion:

Mike O'Donnell agreed something was needed but it is a lot of money. Has anyone contacted Newfane who is also looking into buying a vehicle and the state has been talking about using shared assets. So is there any way of talking to Newfane to sharing expenses? Stan Noga asked how the decision came about. Way back, Mr. Fontaine had brought it up and it didn't go that far. It was discussed when he was on the board. What has changed to bring it to an approval in this board's eye? Gwen Tanza started to make a comment but was asked to wait until after Stan finished. Stan then said Mike Fontaine had done a study but was there a comparison study done? At this point Moderator Parker said right now there are two questions on the floor, if anyone had talked to Newfane and Stan's question of comparison so before he goes to the next question maybe it needs to go to the selectboard to give some answers. Dot Maggio indicated she was going to refer it to Guy Tanza the Road Commissioner as he had done research on the machine and that the machine had been borrowed by Newfane after we used it and that is how they became aware of it for emergency situations and regular work. Guy addressed Moderator Parker to speak. Guy indicated that during the course of the year we have a budget of \$39,000 that we use for different vendors for equipment and we as a town spend \$20,000 a year renting equipment. We are one of the very few towns that doesn't even have a pick-up truck for 17 miles of road, two sides of the road which makes 34 miles of road to take care of. The excavator came about when last year we tried to get grass cut to control the invasive species that are taking over our roadsides and to make it safer for everyone. We attempted with two vendors but they never showed up due to weather issues, equipment breakdowns so we rented a four wheel excavator from Abel Equipment Co in Albany NY. We rented it for a month to cut all the grass down, take care of ditches and putting in culverts on Putney Mtn. Road. So when Mark our Road Supervisor used the machine and indicated it was a wonderful machine because it did so many different things. It is an excavator, back hoe, sort of a bull dozer with a blade in front to push trees, it is on its own wheels so it doesn't have to be trailered and can be taken anywhere in case of emergencies. Guy indicated he spoke with the company in Albany and negotiated them to consider the amount paid for the lease of \$6,000 to be deducted from the purchase price. It also comes with an over the rail grass cutter that we pay every year \$6,000 to have the grass cut. We are a small town and Brookline is the smallest town geographically in Windham County. We are at the bottom of the line when we have vendors indicating they will get to us. Consequently when we got our grass cut it was in the last two weeks of September two weeks before frost...that makes no sense, not to mention how high the grass was at the intersections with people having to pull out into the road to see around. He indicated that he checked with the State of Vermont Treasure's Association to see what a five year loan would be. The interest rate is 2% and would come to about \$1,150 a month or \$13,000 a year. The amount saved by owning the machine and having a piece of equipment for the town is advantageous for what we are paying now. I think it is time the town has a piece of equipment that can serve in a lot of different capacities and that is why I asked the selectboard and they supported it. A lot of you have seen the machine this past August - September and that is why I am presenting it to you. I think it is a good investment for the town and any town that does not have a backhoe, dump truck is asking for problems. Because we have emergencies we could wait a very long time so that is my thinking. A new machine is around \$235,000 plus a grass cutter adds another \$6,000 for a total of \$250,000 where we can get this one for \$94,000 minus the \$6,000 totaling around \$88,000 so that is why I brought it to the selectboard and they wrote the article.

Moderator Parker indicated Lyndall Boal would be next, but for clarification is this a decision Newfane has already made or is it being voted on today? Michael indicated he thought it was being voted on today or at least discussing it so Moderator Parker said so there is a possibility exists for looking into.

Lyndall Boal said her question was going to be what is it used for, but that has been fully answered. Her question now is there a local vendor rather than going out of state? Guy asked to answer the question and said yes there are a number of vendors in Vermont but because it was felt the price was so lucrative that is why we went with it and yes you can get a John Deere, Kubota etc. but this machine does a number of things. Both Newfane and Dummerston leased the machine after us and indicated it did a lot of different things. You ask if we can borrow from Newfane that leaves us with a number of issues, insurance, etc. and a lot of different things for lending things out, as we all know. So that is why at this point it made more sense for the selectboard to consider supporting this purchase and they did and that is why it is being presented to you. Again the question was did you contact any Vermont vendors? Guy indicated they did not find the same equipment in any Vermont vendors.

Archie asked did you talk to or look at any other vendors or look at any other machines. Guy replied that Mark did some research but because Mark wasn't present he could not say where he went or what he did but he did look at a number of places. Both Archie Clark and Charlie Ezequelle comment that according to the town purchasing policy the fact that the proper bidding process was not adhered to by the Selectboard and questions why. Guy replies that in the rush to purchase, the bid process was mistakenly over looked. He (Guy) apologizes for the oversight. At this point Moderator Parker asks if there are any further questions. Hearing none, he asked to put the question to a vote and it is seconded by Tom Kavet.

Article 11 is defeated by a voice vote.

Article 12. Shall the town apply the budget surplus from the 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$3,381 in the following manner?

\$3,381.00.....Capital Improvement Reserve

Moved by Guy Tanza, and seconded by Cynthia Nau
A discussion is called for.

Doug Wellman asks what the Capital fund is and what it is to be used for. Somara Zwick, Town Treasurer, replies, it is a fund set up by the Selectboard to offset any expenses required for all town owned buildings. Doug asks is it a restricted account. Somara replies, it is a restricted account used for building maintenance and repair. Marie Tattersall asks is it for improvement, maintenance, or repair. Somara replies she uses improvement, maintenance, and repair synonymously and yes it can be used for all. Selectboard member Bruce Mello gives a brief summary of repairs made on the school building and expresses the need for further repairs and maintenance needed in the future. No further discussion, the article is called and seconded. A vote is called for. All in favor. The article is passed.

Article 13. Shall the voters approve the appropriation of up to \$18,000 for recycling costs for fiscal year 2020?

Motion moved by Margaret Carusona, and seconded Dorothy Maggio

Discussion: Selectboard Chair Dot Maggio gives a brief history of WSWD and its associated costs to the town. She goes on to explain why the selectboard choose to set this budget item as a separate article, as cost have gone up dramatically. Lyndall Boal thanks the town for its recycling efforts. Margaret Carusona explains the need for recycling in our town. Guy Tanza explains some reasons for the increase use from other than town residents and also the sometimes commercial use of the bins. A number of scenarios are offered to monitor the area and

possible relocation of the bins. Selectman Bruce Mello offers reasons to keep recycling in the town budget. Julie Lavorgna comments on this great town service and addresses the fact that although there may be other than town folks using the bins it is still advantageous to keep this service for our town. Selectman David Jones explains the escalation of cost and comments that the selectboard has no idea where the price of recyclables will go due to global use.

Margaret Carusona calls the question and is seconded by Dot Maggio. A vote is called for.

Article 13 is approved and passed by floor vote.

At this point of the meeting Moderator Parker mentions it is 11 o'clock and normally time for the school district portion of the annual town meeting.

Moderator Parker alludes to the fact that there has been an improper warning for the school district meeting thereby creating a number of possible scenarios to be decided by the voters in order to move forward. It is moved by Samantha Bovat and seconded by Cynthia Nau to suspend the town meeting to allow School Principal Scotty Tabachnick to address the audience and then move back to the town portion of the meeting. A vote is called for and the motion is approved.

Principal Tabachnick thanks everyone for allowing him to speak. He mentions that he has been at NewBrook Elementary School for six years and has seen a lot of change. He thanks the school board for all their support and addresses the fact that Brookline was on the forefront of school consolidation with Newfane before it had been mandated by the state. He speaks of all that has been accomplished during this period of change. He expresses his excitement of future goals while also realizing concerns we may have with the act 46 merger. Principal Tabachnick concludes by thanking all who have been part of this change and looks forward with positive thoughts of success.

TOWN MEETING RESUMED

Article 7. Shall the town vote to approve the General and Highway Fund expenditures, net of non-tax budgeted revenues, for the town as follows:

Amount to be raised by taxes for the General Fund:	\$125,230
Amount to be raised by taxes for Highway Fund:	\$158,270
Total Municipal Taxes to be raised:	\$283,500

The article is called and seconded. A discussion is called for.

Doug Wellman thanks the Selectboard for basically keeping the budget flat in spite of increasing cost. Doug mentions the fact there is no budget for police protection. Selectboard Chair Dot Maggio addresses his concern and explains that this is due to the fact that the state police were no longer offering small towns a contract for additional coverage as they used to. Dot further states that although we have no contract she has been assured the state police will be patrolling the town at unannounced times and as always if residents have an issue they can still dial 911. She goes on to explain the town has set aside a sum of money in the budget for police services if required.

Discussion is ended and a vote is called for. Article 7 is approved and passed by floor vote.

Article 14. Shall the town vote to change Town Meeting Day to the Monday preceding the first Tuesday in March, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2640(b)

Margaret Carusona moves the question, seconded by Guy Tanza

Discussion: Selectboard members Chris Webb, Dot Maggio and Bruce Mello explain that the town is looking to get more participation at town meeting. Chris clarifies that this is to be an evening meeting. They go on

explaining they have moved the start time from 10 am to 9 am with little improvement. Realizing people work during the daytime they think by moving it to an evening time possibly more folks would be able to attend. Discussion ended and a vote is called for. The voice vote is close and a show of hands to be counted by the Board of Civil Authority is called for.

The town approves to change town meeting day to Monday preceding the first Tuesday of March and passes by a showing of hands vote.

Article 15. Shall the Town vote to apply for a grant from the Vermont Arts Council to fund the adding of insulation and heat to the Brookline Meetinghouse?

Motion made by Guy Tanza and seconded by Lee Anne Parker.

Discussion: Stan Noga Jr. initiates the discussion by asking how and where the insulation will go. Stan refers to an inspection summary a while ago and wonders if these are some of the areas to be considered. Bruce Mello replies he does not wish to change in any way the historical value of the building. Bruce goes on stating the objective is to be able to use the building and to get a feeling of what uses the town folks want for the building.

Lee Anne Parker is recognized to speak. She states that the building requires numerous repairs and questions whether insulating is a high priority. She goes on to mention that the former owners, Ladies Benevolent Society, had left the town money of which \$22,000 is left. She feels that applying for this grant, which requires a matching amount equal to 50% of the grant, would diminish funds that will be needed for other projects. Gary Lavorgna points out that the insurance company may cover the cost of removing the mold which is an issue of concern. Kerry Bourne explains that insulating the building may not be the best plan. He goes on stating you can heat the building with temporary heaters and there has been no study of insulating. Lee Anne concludes by stating she would like to see more people join the Meetinghouse Committee to get a better idea of what folks wish to have done and what uses are expected of the building. A few more types of grants and windows of opportunity are raised and finally the question is called by Marie Tattersall. A vote is called for. The article is defeated.

Article 16. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Moderator Parker reminds everyone that these are non-binding issues.

Gary Lavorgna reminds folks of the ongoing looking for volunteers not only to serve as fire fighters, but also to volunteer for the necessary fund raising events. Sally Fegley and Betty Horton go over some concerns of the plants located at the Town bulletin board at the intersection of Hill & Grassy Brook Roads. Stan Noga Jr. takes this opportunity to thank the Selectboard and other town officials for their commitment and all the extra time spent in maintaining our town. Alecia O'Donnell reminds people of the school board meeting. Guy Tanza reminds folks of the upcoming rabies vaccination clinic and Archie Clark is thanked for keeping our roads open and safe for the winter season. A motion is made and seconded by Margaret Carusona to adjourn this portion of the town meeting. A motion is made by Lisa Rucker and seconded by Cynthia Nau to take a short break and then resume the school portion of the meeting. All in favor, the motion is approved and passed.

After a half hour break Moderator Parker resumes the meeting. He explains the improper school district warning which was delivered by the school district superintendent's office and also emphasizes this was not created by our local school district directors. Moderator Parker states that after conferring with the Vermont Secretary of State's office the voters have two options of choice. Option # 1 : to hold the meeting using a substitute agenda and then having a special school district meeting properly warned to validate the actions passed today or

Option # 2: to do nothing now and then have a special school district meeting with a proper agenda and warning at a later date. Moderator Parker reads the Vermont State Statute which describes and allows the options mentioned. Moderator Parker voices his own personal opinion and feels with all the talk of act 46 and people's

concerns it would be advantageous to hold the meeting now since there are more people present now than there would be most likely be at a special meeting.

Dot Maggio makes the motion to hold the school district meeting today and do the school district business as required and have a special meeting at a future date to validate today's actions. Motioned is seconded by Guy Tanza and a discussion is called for. Hearing none, a vote is called for and the motion is passed to hold the meeting now.

Moderator Parker reads the preamble to the Brookline School District Meeting.

Article 1. To Elect a Moderator

David y. Parker Jr. is nominated simultaneously by a number of voters. No further nominations. A vote is called for. All in favor. David Y. Parker Jr. elected.

Article 2. To Elect a School Director

Leeann Jillson is nominated. No further nominations. A vote is called for. All in favor, Leeann Jillson elected.

Article 3. To Elect a Second School Director.

Alecia O'Donnell is nominated and respectfully declines.
No further nominations, the position is left vacant.

Article 4. To Elect a School Treasurer.

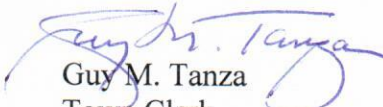
Samantha Bovat is nominated. No further nominations. A vote is called for. All in favor. Samantha Bovat elected.

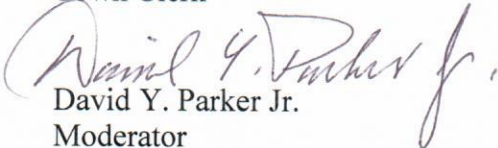
Article 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dot Maggio makes a motion for the town to pay a stipend of two hundred dollars each for the newly elected officers of the Brookline School District. A discussion is called for. A number of folks discuss expected terms and compensation for these positions. It is noted that the terms for these position will expire June 30, 2019 when the new act 46 schoolboard merger takes over. It is further noted that these officers may be required to remain in office until possibly December 31, 2019 if needed. Discussion is ended and a vote is called for, Moderator Parker reminds everyone these votes are non-binding. The motion is passed.

School Director Alecia O'Donnell request to address the audience in regard to the new act 46 board and their responsibilities. She goes on to speak of the concerns of some in regard to the upcoming school budget vote and relates to the school budget information meeting on March 26, 2019 which would be a great opportunity to express your concerns and ask questions. This discussion concludes by Samantha Bovat mentioning that to have a voice you need to vote and thanks Alecia for her hard work and devotion to the school board. At this point there are no further questions and Moderator Parker entertains a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn by Marie Tattersall and seconded by everyone. A vote is called for and is anonymously approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Guy M. Tanza
Town Clerk


David Y. Parker Jr.
Moderator