

BROOKLINE 2025

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**Town Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2026 • 6 PM
Voting from the floor**

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Town of Brookline General Information

Town Office.....	P.O. Box 403 734 Grassy Brook Road Brookline, Vermont 05345 802-365-4648; FAX: 802-365-4092 Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. First Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Or by appointment
Town Website	www.brooklinevt.com
Selectboard.....	First and third Wednesday, 6:30 P.M., Town Office
Planning Commission	As needed, see town calendar on website
West River Modified Union Education District ..	Second Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Leland & Gray
Riverside Cemetery	\$550 per space. Contact Cemetery Commission
Landfill.....	Access permits available at District Scale House
Fire & Rescue Emergencies	9-1-1
Fish & Game License	See Town Clerk or online at vtfishandwildlife.com

The Listers are at the town office every Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm. Please contact them with any questions. Phone: 802-365-4648 x2 Email: brookline.listers@comcast.net

COVER: The Stone Arch Bridge, on Hill Road near Kirsch Road, has been listed in the State Register of Historic Places by the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Photo by Alyssa Schmidt

Thank you to Mary Hickey and David Jones for editing and production of our Town Report!

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Town Officers Elected

TITLE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Auditors	Heidi Nystrom	2027
	Kendra Brooks	2026
	Frank Rucker	2027
Cemetery Commissioners	Dorothy Maggio	2030
	Howard Osgood.....	2026
	Laurie Nau-Martocci	2028
	Michael W. Winot	2027
	Doug Wellman.....	2029
Delinquent Tax Collector.....	Melissa Brown	2026
First Constable	Selectboard	2026
Second Constable	Selectboard	2026
Justices of the Peace	Dorothy Maggio	2026
	Laurie Nau-Martocci	2026
Listers	Alyssa Schmidt.....	2026
	Helen Holt (appointed)	2026
Moderator	David Y. Parker Jr.....	2026
Selectboard.....	Michael DeSocio (Chair)	2026
	<i>Two-year term</i>	
	Doug Welman (Vice Chair)	2027
	<i>Three-year term</i>	
	Bruce Mello	2026
	<i>Three-year term</i>	
	Emily Beer	2027
	<i>Two-year term</i>	
	E. Mark Bills	2028
	<i>(Appointed one year)</i>	
	<i>Three-year term</i>	
Town Clerk	Marjorie Ray.....	2026
Town Representatives	Michelle Bos-Lun	2026
	Leslie Goldman	2026
WRMUED Director	Sara Webb	2026
	LeeAnn Jillson.....	2026
WRMUED Treasurer.....	Lauri Garland.....	2026
WRMUED Clerk.....	Elenka Wilson.....	2026

Town Officers Appointed

TITLE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Animal Control Officer	Dorothy Maggio	2026
Assistant Town Clerk.....	Morah Chowning.....	2026
Assistant Treasurer	Marjorie Ray.....	2026
	Dorothy Maggio	2026
Brookline Meetinghouse Committee.....	Jon Ballou	2026
	Fran Carr	2026
	Tim Carr	2026
	Julie Roach.....	2026
Building Supervisor	Bruce Mello	2026
DVFiber Representatives.....	Marie Tattersall	2026
	Don Demaine (Alt).....	2026
Emergency Management Director	Doug Wellman.....	2026
Energy Committee.....	Daniel Schoener.....	2026
	Jon Ballou	2026
Ethics Liaison	Marjorie Ray.....	2026
Fire Warden	Michael W. Winot.....	2026
Deputy Fire Warden	Michael Fontaine	2026
Flood Plain Administrator	Vacant	
Grants Supervisor	Stanley Noga, Jr.	2026
Green Up Day Coordinator.....	Vanessa Ballou	2026
	John Ballou	2026
Health Officer.....	Doug Wellman.....	2026
Highway Supervisor.....	E. Mark Bills	2026
Historic Round Schoolhouse Committee	Dorothy Maggio	2026
	Laurie Nau-Martocci	2026
Planning Commission	Stanley Noga, Jr.	2026
	Leah Daly.....	2026
	Michael DeSocio	2026
	Jon Harris	2026
Pound Keeper.....	Windham County Humane Society.....	2026
Property Manager (624 Grassy Brook Rd.)	E. Mark Bills	2026
Rescue Inc Representative.....	Emily Beer	2026
	Stanley Noga, Jr.	2026
Road Commissioner	Archie Clark.....	2026
Selectboard Recording Clerk.....	Vanessa Ballou	2026
SEVCA.....	Vacant	
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	Vacant	
Treasurer	Melissa Brown.....	2026
Town 911 Coordinator	Doug Wellman.....	2026
	Stanley Noga, Jr. (alt)	2026
Tree Warden.....	E. Mark Bills	2026
Windham Regional Commissioners	Doug Wellman.....	2026
	Stanley Noga, Jr.	2026
WSWMD Representative	Stanley Noga, Jr.	2026

Warning for 2026 Brookline Town Meeting

The legal voters of the town of Brookline are hereby warned to meet in the multipurpose room of the former Brookline School Building in said Town of Brookline on Monday the 2nd of March 2026 at 6:00 PM to transact the following business from the floor:

ARTICLE 1 To elect a Town Moderator for a term of 1 year;

ARTICLE 2 To elect all other Town Officers required by law:
A. Town Clerk for a term of 1 year
B. Selectboard Member for a term of 3 years
C. Selectboard Member for a term of 3 years (2 years remaining)
D. Selectboard Member for a term of 2 years
E. Lister for a term of 3 years
F. Lister for a term of 2 years
G. Lister for a term of 1 year
H. Auditor for a term of 3 years

ARTICLE 3 Shall the voters accept the Auditors' Report?

ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters authorize the collection of taxes in 4 installments, with the due dates being: August 11, 2026; November 10, 2026; February 9, 2027; May 11, 2027?

ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters have its current taxes collected by its Town Treasurer?

ARTICLE 6 Shall the voters authorize General Fund expenditures of \$221,948 of which \$163,296 shall be raised by taxes and \$29,799 by non-tax revenues, and \$28,853 by 2025 General Fund surplus?

ARTICLE 7 Shall the voters authorize Highway Fund expenditures of \$438,031, of which \$287,831 shall be raised by taxes and \$115,200 by non-tax revenues and \$35,000 by application of 2025 Highway Fund Surplus?

ARTICLE 8 Shall the voters authorize Highway Fund expenditures of \$25,000 to be raised by taxes as a portion of the Town's 20% funding requirement for a \$200,000 State Grant?

ARTICLE 9 Shall the voters authorize School Building Fund expenditures of \$15,000 of which \$11,260 will be raised by taxes and \$3,740 by the 2025 School Building Fund Surplus?

ARTICLE 10 Shall the voters authorize General Fund expenditures of \$15,000 to be raised by taxes for the development of a Town Plan for Buildings?

ARTICLE 11 Shall the voters authorize the Town to appropriate to the Re-appraisal Fund \$10,000 to be raised by taxes?

Warning for 2026 Brookline Town Meeting (cont'd)

ARTICLE 12 Shall the voters authorize Community Fund expenditures of \$1,000 to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 13 Shall the voters authorize General Fund expenditures of \$11,202 to be raised by taxes for the following organizations:

	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Groundworks Collaborative	\$300	\$300	\$300
Womans Freedom Center	—	\$500	\$500
Vt Ctr Independent Living	\$80	\$80	\$80
Youth Services	\$255	\$255	\$255
Valley Cares Inc	\$821	\$821	\$821
American Red Cross	\$250	\$250	\$250
Historical Soc. of Windham County	\$250	\$250	\$250
Grace Cottage Foundation	\$500	\$500	\$750
Senior Solutions	\$710	\$710	\$760
SEVCA	\$465	\$465	\$465
Rural Fire Protection Prg	\$100	\$200	\$200
Green Up Vermont	\$50	\$50	\$50
The Current -CT River Tra.	\$125	\$175	\$175
West River Valley Thrives	—	\$500	\$500
Windham Co Humane Soc	\$500	\$500	\$500
VABVI	\$100	\$100	\$100
SeVEDS	\$500	\$500	\$1,596
Vermont Family Network	\$250	\$250	\$250
Moore Free Library	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
Winston Prouty Ctr	\$300	\$300	\$300
The Gathering Place	\$500	\$500	\$500
Newbrook PTO	\$500	\$500	\$500
Newfane Anew	—	\$1,000	\$1,000
Social Total	\$7,656	\$9,806	\$11,202

ARTICLE 14 "Other Business" discussion, which shall not be used for taking binding municipal action, and the Moderator shall so rule.

Date the 21st of January 2026

By Selectboard Members:

Emily Beer, Mark Bills, Michael DeSocio, Bruce Mello, Doug Wellman

Presented at the January 21, 2026 meeting.

March 3, 2025 Town Meeting Minutes

On Monday evening, March 3rd, 2025, the Brookline Annual Town Meeting was called to order by moderator David Parker at 6 PM. In attendance, 53 Brookline residents and two guests.

Moderator Parker reads the preamble to the meeting and refers to the Robert's Rules of Order book for guidance. He asks the audience for non-residents of Brookline to please stand up so they can be recognized and reminds them that though they cannot vote, they would be able to speak if the audience approves of that.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a town moderator for a term of 1 year.

The first order of business will be to elect a moderator. Mr. Parker opens the floor for nominations. Guy Tanza nominates David Parker for moderator. Further nominations are requested. Hearing none, motion is voted. David Parker is unanimously elected moderator for the Town of Brookline.

Mr. Parker raises the issue of how much time participants should be allowed to speak. Robert's Rules of Order allows 10 minutes; Mr. Parker describes the benefits of limiting speech to 5 minutes. Sally Fegley motions to limit speech to 5 minutes; Guy Tanza seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Parker informs the audience that three (confirm #) of the listed articles will require amendments: Articles 4, 9, and 11.

ARTICLE 2. To elect all other Town Officers required by law:

A. Town Clerk for a term of 1 year.

Dorothy Maggio nominates Marjorie Ray. No other nominations are received. Marjorie Ray is elected Town Clerk for a 1-year term.

B. Selectboard Member for a term of 3 years.

No nominations are received. The position is vacant but could be filled in the future.

C. Selectboard Member for a term of 2 years.

Julia Duke nominates Emily Beer. No other nominations are received. A vote is called for. Emily Beer is elected as a select board member for a term of 2 years.

D. Lister for a term of 3 years.

No nominations are received. The position is vacant.

E. Lister for 1 year (remainder of a 3-year term).

Julie Lavoragna nominates Alyssa Schmidt. No other nominations are received. Alyssa Schmidt is elected Lister for a 1-year term.

F. Lister for 2 years (remainder of a 3-year term).

No nominations are received. The position is vacant.

G. Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 5 years.

Danny Lazzarini nominates Dorothy Maggio who agrees to serve. No other nominations are received. Dorothy Maggio is elected Cemetery Commissioner for a 5-year term.

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters accept the Auditors Report?

Stan Noga makes a motion to accept the Auditors Report. Seconded by Bruce Mello. No discussion. A vote is called and the Auditors Report is accepted.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$225,524.00 of which \$175,727.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$49,797.00 by non-tax revenues?

Stan Noga makes a motion to Suspend the Rules of the Meeting to consider Article 11 prior to consideration of Article 4. The motion is seconded by Stuart Duke. The motion is not debatable. The Moderator calls for a vote and the motion to consider Article 11 before Article 4 is adopted.

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ARTICLE 11. Shall the town establish a dedicated reserve fund to be called the Building Expense Fund, which can be used for capital improvements, maintenance and repairs of all town buildings (specifically the Daycare School building, the Brookline Meetinghouse, the Round Schoolhouse, the Town Hall and the Town Highway structures) by placing the non-tax revenue received from the lease of the former Brookline school as the funding source?

The Moderator explains that Suzy's Little Peanuts Daycare, the renter of the former Brookline School and the funding basis for Article 11, has decided not to renew their lease on the building for the upcoming year. Thus, there will be no rent revenue to fund Article 11. As such, Mike DeSocio makes a motion to Lay Article 11 on the Table. The motion is seconded by Guy Tanza. The motion is not debatable. The Moderator calls for a vote and the motion to Lay Article 11 on the Table is adopted.

Dorothy Maggio moves the question, and it is seconded by Doug Wellman. Mike DeSocio offers an amendment to article 4 and provides an explanation. The new numbers are "operating expenses of \$238,524.00, of which \$208,727.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$29,797.00 by non-tax revenues." Discussion ensues. The vote to "Amend Article 4 with the new figures" passes.

Article 4 now reads:

Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$238,524.00 of which \$208,727.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$29,797.00 by non-tax revenues?

Further Discussion: Dan Towler requests Recycling as a separate line item as a possible amendment. After discussion, no amendment is added. Article 4 is voted on and adopted with the new numbers as now reads above.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters authorize highway fund expenditures of \$364,300.00 of which \$312,100.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$52,200.00 by non-tax revenues?

Dorothy Maggio moves the question, and it is seconded by Bruce Mello. Gary Lavorgna expresses gratitude for the highway work done. The vote is called and the motion is adopted.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters authorize the collection of taxes in 4 installments with the due dates being: August 12, 2025, November 11, 2025, February 10, 2026, and May 12, 2026?

Gary Lavorgna moves the question, and it is seconded by Dorothy Maggio. No discussion, a vote is called and Article 6 is passed.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters vote to have the current taxes collected by its Town Treasurer?

Gary Lavorgna moves the question, and it is seconded by Margie Wellman. No discussion, a vote is called and Article 7 is passed.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500.00 to be placed in a dedicated account for the purpose of removing hazardous trees in the Austin Cemetery?

Dorothy Maggio moves the question, and it is seconded by Gary Lavorgna. Paul Dutton suggests allowing trees to fall naturally. The vote is called. The ayes have it and article 8 is passed.

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters authorize applying \$46,500.00 surplus funds against the tax burden to reduce the rate of general fund expenditures as shown in Article 4?

Dorothy Maggio moves the question, and it is seconded by Bruce Mello. Mike DeSocio motions for an amendment, which is seconded by Bruce Mello, and substitutes a new number \$43,511.00, which is the actual figure. The original number of \$46,500.00 was only an estimate. The amendment for Article 9 is voted on and passed.

Article 9 now reads:

Shall the voters authorize applying \$43,511.00 surplus funds against the tax burden to reduce the rate of general fund expenditures as shown in Article 4?

The amended Article 9 is voted on and approved.

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters authorize applying \$35,000.00 of highway funds raised by taxation for 2021 flood expenses for contracted services and flood materials (see page 13 of the 2023 town report) be applied to reduce the highway fund amount shown in Article 5?

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Dorothy Maggio moves the question, and Bruce Mello seconds it. Dorothy explains that this is related to FEMA funds and returning back half of a total reimbursement of \$70,000 over two years.

Article 10 is voted on and approved.

ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters allow individuals who are residents of the State, but not residents of the town, to be elected or appointed to all town offices except the Select Board and justices of the peace as provided in 17 V.S.A. 264a(a)(1)?

Dorothy Maggio moves the question and Bruce Mello seconds it. Discussion follows. Sally Fegley asks for an amendment to add "only when Brookline residents are not available." The motion to amend is seconded by Paul Dutton. The amendment passes.

Article 12 now reads:

Shall the voters allow individuals who are residents of the State, but not residents of the town, to be elected or appointed to all town offices except the selectboard and justices of the peace as provided in 17 V.S.A. 264a(a)(1) should no Brookline residents be available.

The Amended Article 12 is voted on and approved.

ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters appropriate \$11,896.00 to be raised by taxes in support of the following organizations:

Organization	FY24 Approved	FY25 Approved	FY26 REQUESTED
American Red Cross	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Groundworks Collaborative	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Historical Society of Windham	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
L&G Educational Foundation	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Moore Free Library	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Newbrook PTO	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Newfane Anew	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00
Rural Fire Protection Prg (VACD)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Senior Solutions	\$ 700.00	\$ 710.00	\$ 710.00
SEVCA	\$ 465.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 465.00
Seveds	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,590.00
MOOVER	\$0.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 175.00
The Gathering Place	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
VABI (VT Assoc Blind)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Valley Cares Inc	\$ 821.00	\$ 821.00	\$ 821.00
Vermont Family Network	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Visiting Nurse/Dartmouth	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
VT Ctr Independent Living	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00

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Organization	FY24 Approved	FY25 Approved	FY26 REQUESTED
Windham Co Humane Society		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 500.00
Winston Prouty	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Youth Services /Interaction	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00
TOTALS:	\$ 9,271.00	\$ 8,656.00	\$ 11,896.00

Doug Wellman moves the question, and it is seconded by Bruce Mello. Dorothy Maggio moves for an amendment to reduce the Total for FY26 Requested to \$9,806.00. The amendment is seconded by Guy Tanza. Explanations for lower figure:

Modification #1 - Dartmouth Visiting Nurses no longer offering service to Brookline.

Modification #2 - Lower Seveds to \$500.00

Discussion follows. Jack Spanierman, of Seveds, provides background on their programs.

Voting on the Amendment passes.

Voting on Article 13 for Total FY26 Requested of \$9,806.00 passes.

ARTICLE 14. "Other Business" discussion which shall not be used for taking binding municipal action, and the Moderator shall so rule.

Mike DeSocio reads a Proclamation from the Governor's Office for Guy Tanza, retiring after 14 years serving as Town Clerk. Proclamations are also read for Dorothy Maggio and Stan Noga, retiring from the Selectboard. Much gratitude is expressed in standing ovations for Guy, Dorothy and Stan!

Dan Towler asks who is on the cover of the Town Booklet for 2024. Dorothy Maggio offers that it is a picture of Sonny Rink on the hay wagon. The 2024 Town Booklet is dedicated to Sonny.

Amy Blazej reads a statement regarding anti-apartheid, pro-Palestinian articles which other Vermont towns added to their town meetings this year.

Kerry Bourne offered that he has reviewed the renovation work to be done at the Historic Meetinghouse and feels that respect for historic restoration is needed. Bruce Mello said that everything done will be in consultation with the town and the Preservation Trust. No tax dollars have been spent on the historic buildings in town.

Gary Lavorgna motioned to adjourn. Margie Wellman seconded. A vote is taken and the motion is passed at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Ray, Town Clerk
Michael DeSocio, Select Board Chair
David Y. Parker, Meeting Moderator

Auditors' Report

This auditor's report is provided in connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Brookline, which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental Funds as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended. In our opinion, the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

We have followed auditing procedures as recommended by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and as required by Vermont Law. Our opinion included the following considerations:

1.) The financial statements include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the Town and all component units required by generally accepted accounting principles. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

2.) Expenses have been appropriately classified and allocated to Funds, Functions and Programs in the financial statements. We have reviewed salary expenses reported in the financial statements and compared to the IRS 941 Tax Return and confirmed tax deposits have been remitted on time.

3.) Revenues are appropriately classified within general revenues and contributions to restricted funds.

4.) All bank accounts have been reconciled to the Town's General Ledger accounting system and

inter-fund activity balances have been appropriately classified, reported, and reconciled.

5.) We agree with the adjusting journal entries that the Treasurer proposed and confirmed that they have been posted to the General Ledger.

6.) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in financial statements. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices that are currently pending.

7.) To comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles that apply to Government Wide Activities and the Statement of Net Position, the Auditors have asked the Treasurer to provide a statement of fixed assets with related information on depreciation, book value, and long-term debt. We have also shared Audit Findings and recommendations with Town Officials in a separate letter.

We would like to thank Melissa Brown for serving as Treasurer, she has provided essential fiscal services to the town. The Town is very fortunate to have the capable administrative services of our elected Town Officials.

Respectfully submitted by elected auditors:

Heidi Nystrom, Kendra Brooks and Frank Rucker

Dated: January 18, 2026

★★★★ 2026 Town Meeting ★★★★

Monday, March 2, 2026 • Multipurpose Room of the Daycare Building

5:00 pm - Pot Luck Supper

6:00 pm - Town Meeting

General Fund Operating Budget - Proposed FY 2027

Town Operating Revenues	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	Proposed FY 2027 Budget	+ Increase - Decrease
Current Taxes	\$ 169,834.00	\$ 117,272.09	\$ 154,716.00	\$ 163,296.00	\$ 8,580.00
Interest on Taxes	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,585.32	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 35,066.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Penalties on Delinq Taxes	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,431.97	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Birth & Death Certif. Revenue	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
Clerk Fees Revenue	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,327.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Copier Revenue	\$ 800.00	\$ 391.25	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ -
Dog License Revenue	\$ 450.00	\$ 781.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00
Marriage/Civil Union Revenue	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ -
Fishing/HuntingLie Revenue	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ -
Current Use Revenue	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 16,240.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
State Per Parcels - GF	\$ 325.00	\$ 334.00	\$ 332.00	\$ 334.00	\$ 2.00
Merp Grant Revenue	\$ -	\$ 263.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Schoolhouse Revenue	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 28,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
US Refuge Rev Sharing	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reimbursements receipts	\$ -	\$ 193.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Refunds/Misc/Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ 1,014.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest On Investments	\$ 100.00	\$ 12,743.93	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Total Town Operating Revenues	\$ 224,299.00	\$ 223,269.01	\$ 184,513.00	\$ 193,095.00	\$ 8,582.00

Town Operating Expenditures (Excluding seperately warned articles)	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	Proposed FY 2027 Budget	+ Increase - Decrease
Selectboard	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 7,050.00	\$ -
Selectboard Clerk	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 2,220.00	\$ -
Road Commissioner	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Hwy Grants/Contracts Mgr	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Building Commissioner	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Animal Control Officer	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Auditors	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -
Election Officials	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
SB Admin Assistant	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 351.75	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -
Town Clerk Wages	\$ 27,072.00	\$ 26,550.00	\$ 27,650.00	\$ 28,392.00	\$ (742.00)
Asst Town Clerk Wages	\$ 6,906.00	\$ 6,653.75	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 7,050.00	\$ -
Treasurer Wages	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,987.00	\$ 12,240.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 2,940.00
Assistant Treasurer	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,179.25	\$ 12,240.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 2,940.00
Del. Tax Collector	\$ 3,130.00	\$ -	\$ 3,195.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,695.00
Listers Wages	\$ 6,906.00	\$ 9,124.25	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ (550.00)
Payroll Taxes	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 5,747.46	\$ 9,670.00	\$ 6,450.00	\$ 3,220.00
VT SUTA Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 213.73	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Payroll Service Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,633.05	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ (550.00)
Town Office Supplies/Post	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,773.77	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Town Office Electric	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,198.75	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ (50.00)
Town Office Heat	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,272.99	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
Town Office Telephone	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,887.51	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,160.00	\$ (60.00)
Town Office Computer Svc/	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 3,211.26	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,350.00)
Town Office Copier Contra	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,143.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Town Office Mileage	\$ 150.00	\$ 163.80	\$ 250.00	\$ 800.00	\$ (550.00)
Town Office Prof Developm	\$ 400.00	\$ 368.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Town Office Repairs & Mai	\$ -	\$ 4,464.11	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Town Office Trash Removal	\$ 250.00	\$ 193.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
Town Office Property Main	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Legal Services	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Legal Notices	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,820.60	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Fire Alarm Maintenance	\$ 550.00	\$ 362.25	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -
Brk Meetinghouse - Electr	\$ 350.00	\$ 493.20	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Brookline Church - fuel	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Brookline Church Misc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
NEMRC -license & support	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 7,266.65	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -
Dues-VLCT	\$ 1,864.00	\$ 1,906.00	\$ 1,906.00	\$ 1,962.00	\$ (56.00)
Landfill Fees-WSWMD	\$ 3,870.00	\$ 3,979.88	\$ 4,017.00	\$ 4,289.00	\$ (272.00)

General Fund Operating Budget - Proposed FY 2027 (cont'd)

Town Operating Expenditures (Cont'd) (Excluding separately warned articles)	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	Proposed FY 2027 Budget	+ Increase - Decrease
Dues-WRC	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.18	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,538.00	\$ (88.00)
Windham County Tax	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Insurance/Bonds	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,971.46	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 500.00
Misc Bank Fees	\$ 270.00	\$ 430.25	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Abatements	\$ 500.00	\$ 61.33	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Town Report Book	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,016.38	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (500.00)
Animal Impound Expense	\$ 300.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00	\$ (50.00)
ACO Windham Cnty Sheriff	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,325.04	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,897.00	\$ (497.00)
Law Enforcement	\$ 640.00	\$ -	\$ 320.00	\$ 375.00	\$ (55.00)
Fire Department Services	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -
Fire Dept - MutualAid Du	\$ 11,326.00	\$ 11,326.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 14,337.00	\$ (2,837.00)
Fire permits/other misc	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Rescue Services	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,254.00	\$ 16,416.00	\$ 16,578.00	\$ (162.00)
Merp Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ 263.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Recycling Collection	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 17,332.42	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ -
Old Cemeterys-Lawn mntc	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Austin Cemetery-Haz Trees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Planning Commission Exp	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Audit Reserve	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Transfer Out	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Town Operating Expenses Excluding Social Approp.	\$ 224,299.00	\$ 194,416.05	\$ 228,024.00	\$ 221,948.00	\$ 6,076.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -	\$ 28,852.96	\$ (43,511.00)	\$ (28,853.00)	\$ 14,658.00
		<i>Applied to FY 2027</i>	<i>2024 Surplus Applied</i>	<i>2025 Surplus Applied</i>	

Social Appropriations Budget - Proposed FY 2027

Social Appropriations Revenue	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	Proposed FY 2027 Budget	+ Increase - Decrease
Current Taxes	\$ 8,906.00	\$ 8,906.00	\$ 9,806.00	\$ 11,202.00	\$ (1,396.00)
Social Appropriation Expenses	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	Proposed FY 2027 Budget	+ Increase - Decrease
Groundworks Collaborative	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Womens Freedom Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Vt Ctr Independent Living	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ -
Youth Services	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00	\$ -
Valley Cares Inc	\$ 821.00	\$ 821.00	\$ 821.00	\$ 821.00	\$ -
American Red Cross	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Historical Soc. of Windham	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Grace Cottage Foundation	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 250.00
Senior Solutions	\$ 710.00	\$ 710.00	\$ 710.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 50.00
SEVCA	\$ 465.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 465.00	\$ -
Rural Fire Protection Prg	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
The Current -CT River Transit	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -
West River Valley Thrives	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Windham County Humane Society	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
VABVI	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
L&G Educational Fondation	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SeVEDS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,596.00	\$ 1,096.00
Vermont Family Network	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Moore Free Library	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -
Winston Prouty Ctr	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
The Gathering Place	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Newbrook PTO	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Newfane Anew	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Total Social Appropriation Expenses	\$ 8,906.00	\$ 8,906.00	\$ 9,806.00	\$ 11,202.00	\$ 1,396.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,792.00)

Highway Fund Operating Budget - Proposed FY 2027

Highway Operating Revenues	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	Proposed FY 2027 Budget	+ Increase - Decrease
Current Taxes	\$ 271,318.00	\$ 271,318.00	\$ 277,100.00	\$ 287,831.00	\$ 10,731.00
State Aid	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 43,646.67	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -
Hwy Grants BBR & GIA	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 63,000.00
Highway Grants - FEMA	\$ 202,839.18	\$ 10,148.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Emergency Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Highway Grant-Bric Rev	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Permits Revenue	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Interest on Investment	\$ 100.00	\$ 68.94	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Total Highway Operating Revenues	\$ 327,418.00	\$ 538,171.23	\$ 329,300.00	\$ 403,031.00	\$ 73,731.00
Highway Operating Expenditures	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	Proposed FY 2027 Budget	+ Increase - Decrease
Highway Salaries	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 46,259.21	\$ 50,880.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 880.00
Highway Grant Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00	\$ (8,500.00)
Highway Payroll Taxes	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 3,699.85	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ (200.00)
Hwy Vacation Wages	\$ 900.00	\$ (900.00)	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ (60.00)
Hwy employee mileage	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
Salaries - 2023 Flood Fema	\$ -	\$ (394.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employer IRA Contribution	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,586.48	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,975.00	\$ (375.00)
Town Shed-Electric	\$ 550.00	\$ 642.76	\$ 650.00	\$ 670.00	\$ (20.00)
Seminars - Hwy Employees	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 343.83	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Town Shed Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 52.62	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Bond Principle	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Bond interest	\$ 2,368.00	\$ 2,381.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,596.00	\$ 704.00
Excavator Loan	\$ 23,760.00	\$ 23,760.00	\$ 23,320.00	\$ 22,880.00	\$ 440.00
Hwy Stormwtr Mgt Permit	\$ 640.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00	\$ -
Hwy- Prop&WC Ins Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,645.43	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
Grants In Aid Expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,039.73	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)
WRC & BBR Grants Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,000.00	\$ (69,000.00)
Highway Grant-Bric Expenses	\$ -	\$ 10,150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Windham Reg Comm Grants	\$ -	\$ 128.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hwy - Legal Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Summer Contract Svcs & Equipment	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 12,760.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Winter Contract Svcs/Equipment	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 53,767.58	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 56,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Culverts	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 6,094.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Paving	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -
Road signs/Misc	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 500.00
Bridge Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Diesel/fuel/oil/DEF	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,492.18	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
JCB Excavator Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 598.64	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
Ford F550 Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 109.06	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Grader Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 228.42	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
York Rake Repairs/Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
2023 Contract Svc-Fema	\$ -	\$ 14,910.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Summer Hwy Material	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 27,062.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
Winter Materials	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 18,394.30	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -
Total Highway Operating Expenditures	\$ 327,418.00	\$ 247,061.09	\$ 364,300.00	\$ 438,031.00	\$ (73,731.00)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -	\$ 291,110.14	\$ (35,000.00)	\$ (35,000.00)	\$ -
Committed to FY26 & FY27 Budget to reduce taxes	\$ (70,000.00)		2025 Surplus Applied	2025 Surplus Applied	
Moved to Dedicated Fund Balance - Paving	\$ (50,000.00)				
Total Highway Surplus	\$ 171,110.14				

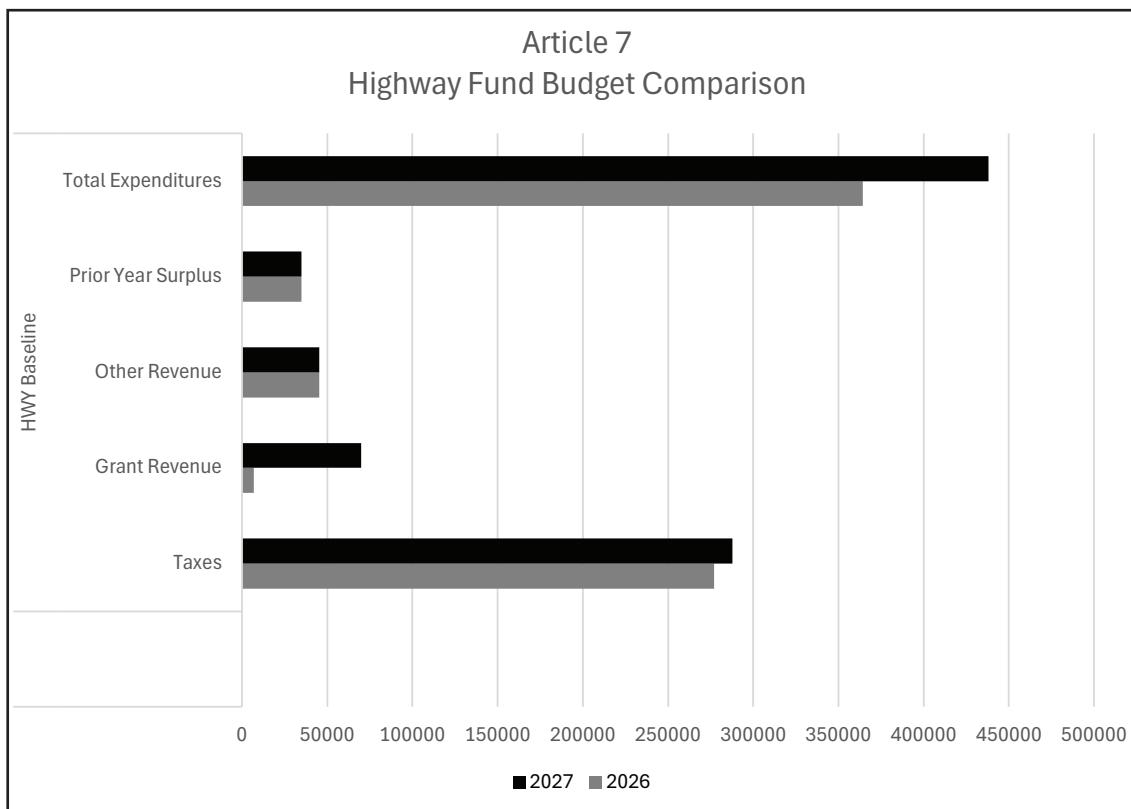
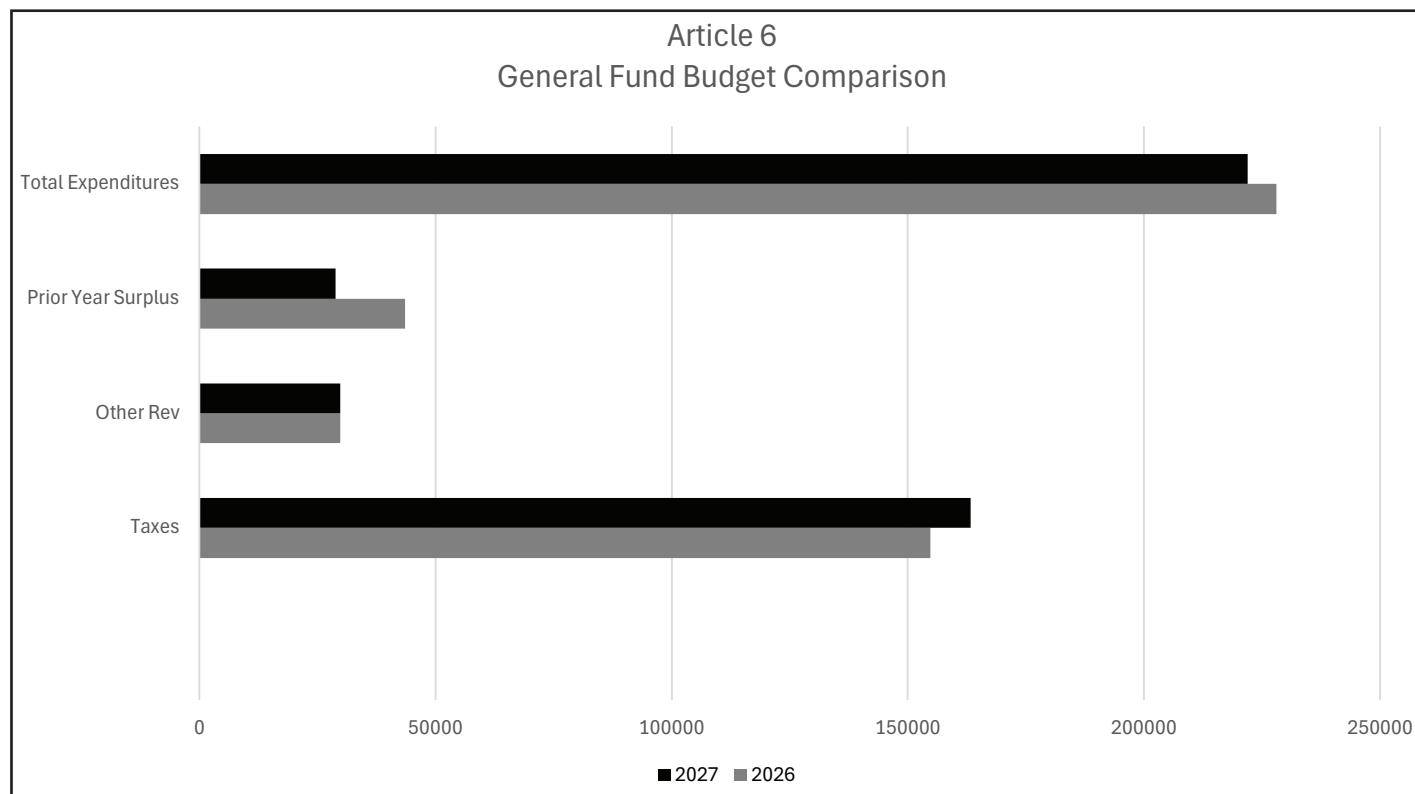
School Building Fund Operating Budget - Proposed FY 2027

School Building Fund Revenues	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	Proposed FY 2027 Budget	+ Increase - Decrease
Current Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 11,260.00	\$ (1,740.00)
Transfer In	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total School Building Revenues	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 11,260.00	\$ (1,740.00)
School Building Fund Expenditures	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	Proposed FY 2027 Budget	+ Increase - Decrease
Town Employee Labor	\$ -	\$ 240.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (75.00)
Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ 18.36	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (25.00)
Supplies for bldg	\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Fuel - School Bldg	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Telephone Lines - School Bldg	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (100.00)
Electric - School Bldg	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ (900.00)
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 1,318.81	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (300.00)
Fire Alarm & Mntc	\$ -	\$ 801.05	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (100.00)
Water Testing	\$ -	\$ 890.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance - School Bldg	\$ -	\$ 1,722.22	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -
Capital Expense Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ (500.00)
Total School Building Fund Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 5,060.44	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 3,739.56	\$ -	\$ (3,740.00)	\$ (3,740.00)
		Applied to FY 2027		2025 Surplus Applied	

Other Funds Budgets - Proposed FY 2027

	FY 2025 Budget		FY 2025 Actual		FY 2026 Budget		Proposed FY 2027 Budget
Cemetery Revenue							
Sale Of Lots	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Interest On Investments	\$	-	\$	6.37	\$	-	\$
Misc Revenue	\$	-	\$	5.00	\$	-	\$
Donations Revenue	\$	-	\$	2,000.00	\$	-	\$
Total Cemetery Revenue	\$	-	\$	2,011.37	\$	-	\$
Cemetery Expenditures							
Riverside Ground Maint Expense	\$	-	\$	770.00	\$	-	\$
Misc. Expense	\$	-	\$	358.11	\$	-	\$
Misc Bank Fees	\$	-	\$	1.10	\$	-	\$
Total Cemetery Expenditures	\$	-	\$	1,129.21	\$	-	\$
Surplus/(Deficit)			\$	882.16			
Records Rest. Revenue							
Records Rest. Revenue	\$	-	\$	1,166.00	\$	-	\$
Total Records Rest. Revenue	\$	-	\$	1,166.00	\$	-	\$
Records Rest. Expenditures							
Records Rest. Wages	\$	-	\$	1,190.00	\$	-	\$
Total Records Rest. Expenditures	\$	-	\$	1,190.00	\$	-	\$
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$	-	\$	(24.00)	\$	-	\$
Reappraisal Revenue							
State Per Parcel - Reappraisal	\$	-	\$	2,839.00	\$	-	\$
Total Reappraisal Revenue	\$	-	\$	2,839.00	\$	-	\$
Reappraisal Expenditures							
Reappraisal expenses	\$	-	\$	3,180.99	\$	-	\$
Total Reappraisal Expenditures	\$	-	\$	3,180.99	\$	-	\$
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$	-	\$	(341.99)	\$	-	\$
Brookline Meetinghouse Revenues							
Grants from Foundations	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$
Interest on Investments	\$	-	\$	0.05	\$	-	\$
Transfer In	\$	-	\$	34,221.02	\$	-	\$
Donations-Unrestricted	\$	-	\$	6,006.16	\$	-	\$
Total Brookline Meetinghouse Revenues	\$	-	\$	41,227.23	\$	-	\$
Brookline Meetinghouse Expenditures							
Fundraising Exps - Supplies	\$	-	\$	521.00	\$	-	\$
Meetinghouse Misc Expenses	\$	-	\$	11.17	\$	-	\$
Brookline Church - Fuel	\$	-	\$	53.32	\$	-	\$
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	-	\$	19,858.79	\$	-	\$
Insurance -liability/property	\$	-	\$	440.88	\$	-	\$
Grants Expense	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$
Total Brookline Meetinghouse Expenditures	\$	-	\$	21,885.16	\$	-	\$
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$	-	\$	19,342.07	\$	-	\$
Community Fund Expenditures							
Community Activity Expense	\$	-	\$	943.25	\$	-	\$
ARPA Expenditures							
ARPA Expense	\$	-	\$	1,840.80	\$	-	\$
Transfer Out	\$	-	\$	34,221.02	\$	-	\$
Total ARPA Expenditures	\$	-	\$	36,061.82	\$	-	\$

Budget Graphs



Brookline Consolidated Balance Sheet FY 2025

prepared 1/10/2026

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Highway	Capital Improvement	Reappraisal	Brookline Meetinghouse	Rainy Day	ARPA Grant	Subtotal Other Restricted Funds	Total All Funds
Assets									
Cash held Bank Accounts	492,910	68,978						-	561,888
Cash Money Mk-Multi Funds	153,129	-			676			6,075	159,881
Interfund Receivable	-	394,100	6,440	46,418	59,219	20,400	-	20,905	547,482
Taxes Receivable	27,413	-						-	27,413
Total Assets	673,452	463,078	6,440	46,418	59,895	20,400	-	26,981	1,296,663
Liabilities									
Accts Payable	6,273	7,072					-	-	13,345
License fees to State	68							-	68
Deferred Revenue	8,333							-	8,333
Due to Other Funds	547,371							110	547,481
Total Liabilities	562,046	7,072	-	-	-	-	-	110	569,228
Fund Balances									
Unreserved/Unrestricted	303,006	-						4,965	307,971
Reserved/Restricted	111,407	153,000	6,440	46,418	59,895	20,400	-	21,905	419,465
Total Fund Balances	111,407	456,006	6,440	46,418	59,895	20,400	-	26,871	727,436
Total Liability and Fund Balances									
673,452	463,078	6,440	46,418	59,895	20,400	-	26,981	1,296,663	
Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ending 6/30/2025									
Fund Balances as of June 30, '24	78,555	164,896	6,440	46,760	40,553	20,400	36,062	23,216	416,881
Plus Annual Revenues	232,175	538,171	-	2,839	41,227	-	-	11,978	826,390
Less Annual Expenses	(199,323)	(247,061)	-	(3,181)	(21,885)	-	(36,062)	(8,323)	(515,836)
Change in Fund Balance	32,852	291,110	-	(342)	19,342	-	(36,062)	3,654	310,554
Fund Balances as of June 30, 2025	111,407	456,006	6,440	46,418	59,895	20,400	-	26,871	727,436

Notes to Balance Sheet:

- All amounts are rounded to the nearest \$1.00
- Interest income earned on Money Market account - Multi funds is allocated to each fund based on its pro-rata share of monthly balance
- All Highway Funds are restricted to use of Highway operations. See additional report of Highway Fund Detail
- Community Group funds are available for community projects. Application for funds are reviewed by Selectboard
- All Brookline Meeting House (BMH) funds are reserved for BMH only. Donor restrictions for specific BMH use or projects may also apply.
- All Cemetery Funds are restricted to that fund.
- All other Town Funds allocated are reserved for use in respective fund as specified either by State law/rule or by Selectboard/Town vote.
- "Other restricted Funds subtotal" include; Cemetery, Records Restoration, Round School House, School Bldg., Community Fund

Tax Rate Comparison Report

	Brookline Estimated Tax Rates (2026-2027)		Adopted Budget 26		Adopted Rates FY 26		Net Increase/(Decrease)	
	Proposed Budget FY 27	Estimated Rates FY 27						
Municipal Grand List (as billed FY 26-27)								
Operations to be Voted- Proposed FY 27 Budget								
Article 6								
Town Office Operations	\$ 221,948	0.17	\$ 228,024	0.31	\$ (6,076)	(0.14)		
GF 2025 Surplus	\$ (28,853)	(0.02)	\$ (43,511)	(0.06)	\$ 14,658	0.04		
GF Other Non Tax Revenue	\$ (29,799)	(0.02)	\$ (29,797)	(0.04)	\$ (2)	0.02		
Highway Fund Operations	\$ 438,031	0.34	\$ 364,300	0.50	\$ 73,731	(0.16)		
HF 2025 Surplus	\$ (35,000)	(0.03)	\$ (35,000)	(0.05)	\$ 0.02	0.02		
HF Non Tax Revenue	\$ (115,200)	(0.09)	\$ (52,200)	(0.07)	\$ (63,000)	(0.02)		
Total Annual Operations Taxes to be Warned and Voted	\$ 451,127	0.35	\$ 431,816	0.59	\$ 19,311	(0.25)		
Special Articles to be Voted- Proposed FY 27 Budget								
Article 8	Partial Funding of Highway Grant							
Article 9	School Building Fund							
SF 2025 Surplus	\$ 25,000	0.02	\$ 13,000	0.02				
Article 10	Development of Town Building Plan							
Article 11	Reappraisal Fund							
Article 12	Community Fund							
Article 13	Social Appropriations							
Total Special Articles Taxes to be Warned and Voted	\$ 73,462	0.06	\$ 22,806	0.03	\$ 50,656	0.03		
Total Operations and Special Articles to be Warned and Voted (excluding Veterans Exemptions)	\$ 524,589	\$ 0.40	\$ 454,622	\$ 0.63	\$ 69,967	\$ (0.22)		

Selectboard Chair Report

March 2025 to January 2026

The Selectboard and all Town Committees have had another busy year and many accomplishments (or substantial progress toward accomplishments) to recognize. Please see the enclosed reports for more details.

This is my second year on the Selectboard and my first year as the Chair, and I have learned much more than I thought possible, thanks so much to the assistance of the current and past Selectboard members, as well as members of the community who actively serve the Town in various roles. I look forward to your continued input and support as it is much appreciated.

One of the many highlights of this past year is the finalization of a townwide property reappraisal. Thank you to our Listers (Alyssa Schmidt and Helen Holt) who did a great job managing this project with the assistance of our contracted appraisers. My understanding is that, overall, the Town has benefited from this work since timely and current property valuations allows us to avoid the application of the State tax adjustment, which can result in a higher State tax allocation.

Our Planning Commission has been very active in updating the Town Plan. This plan will be finalized in the coming weeks and will be vetted at two town-wide public hearings to receive feedback. Stan Noga (Chair), Leah Daley, Jon Harris and I have been leading this effort.

Mark Bills completed another very active year of highway maintenance, including multiple culvert upgrades, substantial tree removals, mowing and application of crushed stone to our roads, with a focus on spring thaws and seasonal regrading to keep our roads open and usable all year round. I understand that these days, we experience multiple spring thaws due to the climate change, which increases our need for timely application of crushed stone. Most of us have experienced firsthand Mark's diligence and work on the roads and have benefited from his efforts.

We have two large culvert projects in process, which we still expect to be funded (90%) by FEMA and are related to our 2023 flooding. They are the Hill Road Stone Bridge/Culvert (Repair) and the Ellen Ware Culvert (Replacement).

The Ellen Ware Culvert is making good progress, and we are expected to issue an RFP and contract for this replacement during the spring/summer of 2026. The Hill Road Stone Bridge/Culvert repair is making progress, but there are additional hurdles to navigate for this project to be completed. Thanks so much to Stan Noga for his work on both projects for the past two years, as navigating FEMA is a challenging task. Mark Bills, Emily Beer and I have taken over shared lead on these projects to give Stan a much-deserved respite.

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation voted to list the Brookline Stone Arch Culvert in the State Register of Historic Places, the state's official list of historic properties significant to Vermont. The State Register is an honorific designation that documents and celebrates the historic significance of this special piece in Brookline's history. Special thanks to the Townshend Historical Society, Mark Bills, Roger and Ron Allbee, the Rene Bergner Family, Tim Inman, Alyssa Schmidt, Dan Towler, Stan Noga, Brian Post and the Brookline Selectboard.

Substantial work was completed on the Brookline Meeting House, including installation of an underground roof designed to channel roof water runoff away from the building and relieving a substantial substructure moisture problem, which was negatively impacting the integrity of the building structure. This work was completed by Bruce Mello and Mark Bills with no cost to taxpayers and limited expenditure from the Brookline Meeting House Fund. More recently, the Brookline Meeting House received an external paint job and rehabilitation of certain windows, which was completed in the fall. Please see Bruce's report within for additional details on this and other planned work going forward.

The Brookline Meeting House Committee had a highly successful year hosting our summer cookout, Irish music concert, holiday cookie exchange and ukulele musical event, soup bread and dessert evening, and multiple fundraising activities, including the annual plant sale. Thank you so much to Committee members Jon Ballou, Fran and Tim Carr, Julie Roach and all the many other volunteers who supplement the Committee members for each event. These are great opportunities for us to gather as a

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community and catch up with neighbors and friends.

Marjorie Ray has successfully transitioned to the Town Clerk position and brought on Morah Chowning as Assistant Clerk. Guy Tanza was instrumental in assisting Marjorie's transition to her new role, and she has some great ideas for ongoing process improvements at Town Hall. Marjorie is also an excellent sounding board on the daily processes offering helpful observations and assistance to us volunteers so that we are compliant and thorough in our work. I highly value her ongoing support and guidance.

Meanwhile, we have been able to make improvements in multiple administrative roles, including improved financial reporting and budgeting processes, the implementation of a sick-leave policy as required by law, modifications to our purchasing policy and vendor contracting procedures to increase efficiency and manage risk. Currently we are working to implement a Human Resources policy. Much of these improvements are the result of the work of Melissa Brown, Emily Beer, Marjorie Ray, Alyssa Schmidt,

myself and many others.

Effective December 31, the day-care center in town has moved to Brattleboro, leading us to need to develop a plan for this building. Now is a good time to develop a townwide building plan. The Selectboard recently held the first of multiple expected special meetings to seek input from residents on what should be done with all town buildings including retain, sell one or more, move the Town Hall, etc. The new Selectboard is expected to focus on this planning effort in 2026. Much work needs to be done to identify various scenarios, likely culminating in a townwide ballot process for final decision making on this matter.

I am sure I am missing something to report on and someone to thank, but to all of you, thanks for your time and support this past year.

By Michael DeSocio, Chair of the Town of Brookline Selectboard

Cemetery Commission Report

The Cemetery Commission has had another busy year with several projects completed.

Buy Back Policy: The Riverside Cemetery has limited land available for future gravesites. There are currently 40 sites available for purchase. As families move and burial options change, the Commission has developed a policy whereby interested people and families can sell back their vacant plots for resale. If interested, you can contact the Town Office.

The Commission has also been updating and streamlining the process to purchase and record cemetery plots/spaces. We have a written procedure

manual so there will be a consistent procedure moving forward. We are also in the process of exploring digital options to record the sale of gravesites and to notify residents about what is available for sale. The Commission has also updated the Riverside Cemetery Bylaws.

Finally, the Commission has purchased a fence for the roadside of Riverside Cemetery. Thank you to Roger Albee, Ron Albee and Howard Osgood for their generous donations that allowed us to purchase the fence, which will be installed this year.

By Laurie Nau-Martocci

Building Commission Report

The time has come. The time has come for the townspeople of Brookline to observe what is in front of us regarding our buildings. We need to act in a reasonable timeframe to make the final changes necessary to complete our buildings. This is only the second time in close to 100 years that our former school lays dormant. (The first was from 2010 to 2012, and the building became vacant again when Suzy's Little Peanuts moved out in December 2025). I never thought I would be seeing this.

But now it is time to make the changes we need while still respecting the historical significance of these buildings. We need to do what is necessary for the generations to come.

Our current town office has served us well. There were changes made out of necessity years ago due to the town's growth, which was good. But once again, we must move forward and realize that this town office we have all enjoyed could be used to create revenue to convert our former school into the New Brookline Town Offices. Completing the work on our buildings will give us that town center hub enjoyed by communities all around us in this valley.

This is a win-win for Brookline. It will make our community a little bit closer, which would be great. We would have endless room for parking, wonderful playground areas, a ball field and lovely grounds. Our choices and possibilities are endless. We would have tons of room to do whatever the town wants

for generations. The school is a beautiful building, which has been updated with new heat pumps and A/C, which the existing town office doesn't have. The flexibility of our former school outweighs that of the current town office by far.

I espoused back at the town meeting in 2024 that we can finish our wonderful former church in about five years. I still believe that to be true! We are in the process of finishing the 1896 vestry (annex). I have attained a grant with much help to insulate that addition. Now that portion of the building can be used year-round while still respecting the history of it.

It will take demanding work for everything I've proposed, but it is all worth it. We have already had a special meeting for initial discussions and intend to hold another meeting on a Saturday in early spring for continued input and hopefully finalization. I hope we all can get together and come to the best choice for our town for the future.

Time is money and the cost to keep the former school dormant approaches \$15,000.00 a year. It is prudent from a tax standpoint to "tighten" this up. Tax monies have never been used to sustain these two adjacent buildings, and I would suggest striving for that to continue as we complete the necessary improvements.

By Bruce Mello

Hazard Mitigation Committee Report

Brookline's 2024 Emergency Management Director, Dorothy Maggio, and the Emergency Management Coordinator, Stanley Noga, Jr., together with Margo Ghia of Windham County Regional Planning Commission, and the Brookline Selectboard, updated Brookline's five-year Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) in 2024.

The five-year plan was approved by Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) on January 14, 2025. The Brookline Selectboard signed the required Certificate of Adoption of said plan on February 5, 2025. FEMA formally approved the plan on February 10, 2025. A copy of the current plan is posted on the Brookline

Municipal website.

After the Brookline Selectboard reorganization in March of 2025, Douglas Wellman was voted Emergency Management Director, and Stanley Noga, Jr. was voted Emergency Management Coordinator until the next Selectboard reorganizational meeting in 2026. A required annual Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) form advises VEM and FEMA of the town officials, volunteers and various rescue, fire department, police entities, etc. who help in emergencies and disaster(s).

This plan defines the natural and/or man-made disasters that affect our community and identifies

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the personnel, actions, and resources necessary to prevent, reduce, and/or eliminate long-term risks associated with such disasters. The aim is to interrupt cycles of damage, repair, and recurring damage while making communities more resilient to disasters. Projects to enhance our existing environment and/or infrastructure create stronger, safer, and smarter communities, reducing future injuries and damage.

While a resilience plan is community-led and unique to each planning area, it must meet both VEM and FEMA requirements for the municipality to be eligible for hazard mitigation grants. The process does provide grants for municipality expenses in the creation and updating of its LHMP. VEM applies for funding from FEMA on behalf of municipalities. State monies are also available through VEM.

Standard FEMA funding is 75% federal/ 25% non-federal cost share. The LHMP and its updating makes Brookline eligible for additional state grants which reduce municipal match amounts for preventative, mitigating, and/or repair grants. It enabled Brookline in Disaster 4720-VT of July 2023 to ultimately

receive total reimbursement grants for 90% of expenditures rather than the standard 75%. Those additional grants are called Emergency Relief and Assistance Funds (ERA), which, depending upon the type of action taken, enable reimbursement of 7.5%, 12.5% or 17.5%. The plan saves Brookline money.

Updating the LHMP requires citizen input. You may recall Brookline and Windham Regional Planning Commission holding hybrid meetings at the town hall on October 28, 2024, and November 8, 2024, to hear your thoughts and ideas about the hazards that you want the plan to deal with. As a result, Brookline was able to prioritize the disaster items in terms of order to be dealt with. The range of concerns extended from flooding, fluvial erosion, dangerous trees, and invasive species. Brookline is interacting with FEMA and VEM for funding for the damaged infrastructure 11-66 on Hill Road and a culvert known as 58-14 on Ellen Ware Road. Should you desire to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Plan or process, do not hesitate to contact the Brookline Selectboard.

By Stanley Noga Jr.

NewBrook Fire & Rescue Department Report

The NewBrook Fire & Rescue Department responded to 207 calls between September 2024 and September 2025: 121 rescues, 62 fires and 24 others. The membership grew by three, but we unfortunately lost two alumni, Bob Holden and Barry Hilton.

Major department expenses included \$29,612+ for insurance, and \$19,839+ for utilities (electric, heat and phones). Ten traffic vests and two new CO meters were also purchased.

We were able to sell the 2006 squad truck (23S1) in December 2024 for \$29,500. Those funds went toward the purchase of a new firetruck due in December 2025. As of this writing, efforts are still underway to sell our 1986 Engine (23E1) for the same

purpose, as well as to make room for the new vehicle.

A major concern needing attention is our parking lots, which have been placed on the “back burner” since we’ve focused on the investment of a new truck over the last few years. Research into cost for repair and/or replacement will be needed sooner rather than later.

Last year, the town of Newfane’s generous financial assistance was \$50,000. and the town of Brookline’s was \$9000. NewBrook requests only level funding for this coming year. A heartfelt thanks and much appreciation for the unwavering support that has always been given to the/your NewBrook Department

By Greg Record; President N.B.F.D.

Highway Department Report

The past year has been busy for the Brookline Highway Department as we've worked hard to maintain and improve the roads throughout our town.

Fortunately, we've been able to purchase our own equipment; the town now owns a truck, an excavator and a road grader, which allow us not only to do emergency work as soon as necessary, but also to provide ongoing maintenance to keep our roads safe for our residents.

Many years ago, a very knowledgeable person told me that the three most important factors in maintaining good roads is "drainage, drainage and drainage." I have followed this advice since the day I was hired—not to mention doing everything that my father taught me.

On the drainage front, we are constantly cleaning and maintaining our culverts, clearing them of debris and clearing out blocked or plugged inlets and outlets. Additionally, we are replacing rusted or undersized culverts with larger, plastic ones. And we're cleaning out our drainage ditches on an ongoing basis.

If we hope to be eligible to state grants (which we need!), we are required by the state of Vermont to meet certain standards for maintaining roads. That means monitoring more than 300 culverts to make sure they are functioning properly. This is no small task since the functioning of culverts can change from storm to storm.

We also must comply with Vermont's Clean Water Act 60, which requires us to slow down erosion into our rivers and streams by making sure we have

proper drainage. You may have noticed stone-lined ditches throughout town, which are helping us accomplish this goal.

Another one of our priorities this year has been roadside mowing so motorists can have a good line of vision as they drive. (This also helps with drainage.) And of course we are continuously busy keeping the roads free of trees, branches and other debris—especially after storms and windy weather, which we seem to have had a lot of lately. Finally, we put down many cubic yards of gravel and crushed stone on our graveled roads to keep them in shape and safe for travel.

Looking ahead, we are making plans to repave approximately a mile of roadway along Grassy Brook, Road where it is most urgently needed. We will also be replacing a few culverts under the pavement, as they have reached the point of needing up-sizing. Fortunately, much of this work will be done with grants from the state, which will reduce the tax burden for the people in our town. (Whenever we can, we use state grant funding to do our work.)

Rest assured that the Highway Budget is carefully put together keeping in mind the safety of those who travel on our roads—as well as the burden on taxpayers in our town. I thoroughly enjoy my work as the highway supervisor, and I treat the roads and the equipment as though they were my own. I thank you for the privilege of serving the town and appreciate your support.

By E. Mark Bills, Highway Supervisor

The town of Brookline owes so much to the many volunteers who have given of themselves over the years. If you are interested in participating in any of the local groups, serving on a board, or helping out at events, please attend meetings, contact the groups directly, or talk with the Town Clerk.

Meetinghouse Committee Report

During 2025, the Brookline Meetinghouse Committee devoted its energy to bringing people together through events and to strengthening our financial footing through fundraising. In March, we mailed our annual donation request and, for the first time, offered supporters the option of donating easily through the Brookline Meetinghouse GoFundMe account. We also sent fundraising notecards to previous donors. These efforts resulted in \$1,170 in donations by check, along with an additional \$700 contributed online.

Early May brought a special treat: an evening of Irish music featuring the local group Happy Valley Sessions. The rustic setting, combined with an outstanding performance, made for a magical night that ended in enthusiastic standing ovations. It was an evening many attendees are still talking about.

On Memorial Day, the Meetinghouse hosted its annual Plant Sale, always one of our most important fundraisers. Alongside a wide variety of plants, we raffled off several prizes, including a flowering shrub, garden tools (courtesy WW Building Supply), and hand-crafted walking sticks (courtesy Gary Lavoragna). The sale raised \$1,752 for the BMH. Heartfelt thanks go to Lee Anne Parker and Julia Duke for taking the lead, as well as to the green-thumbed volunteers who donated plants and helped with sales.

In June, Brookline residents were invited to an appetizer and dessert potluck with our state legislators—Representatives Michelle Bos-Lun and Leslie Goldman, and Senators Wendy Harrison and Nader Hashim. The gathering provided a relaxed and welcoming opportunity for residents to ask questions and engage in thoughtful discussion. Many thanks to

Alyssa Schmidt for once again organizing and leading this event.

With the help of many volunteers, our annual Town Party was held on August 23rd from noon to 3:00 p.m. The menu featured hamburgers (both meat and veggie), hot dogs, corn, ice cream, and a generous array of delicious dishes brought by attendees. Music was again provided by Happy Valley Sessions, and raffle items were generously donated by Gary Lavoragna. The afternoon was a wonderful celebration of community.

This year we introduced a brand-new event: Soup Night, held on November 6th. Residents could dine in or take their meals to go, choosing from Corn chowder, White bean chicken chili, Tomato Bisque, or Creamy Chicken with Wild Rice. The response was enthusiastic, and we look forward to making this a tradition.

We closed the year with a Holiday Social and Cookie Exchange on December 13th. With three heaters running, we managed to raise the sanctuary temperature to something approaching cozy! The collection of colorful cookies was spectacular, and Ben Carr and Melissa Dawson added to the festive spirit with ukulele music and holiday songs. Warm lighting, candles, cookies, and community made for a truly joyful evening.

All events hosted at the Brookline Meetinghouse are made possible through your generous donations. Thank you for helping keep the Meetinghouse vibrant, welcoming, and alive with activity.

By Jon Ballou, Fran and Tim Carr, and Julie Roach.

Round School House Committee Report

The Round School House had a quiet year. There were, however, a lot of drop-in visitors over the summer and Marjorie and Morrah were happy to give them tours of this historic building. This included travelers touring Vermont, members of the Vermont 251 (252) Club, as well as visitors from the State of Vermont Archivists Team.

We would also like to thank Dave LeBlanc who cleaned up the inside, making it more presentable to our visitors.

The Round School House is always looking for volunteers to help with upkeep of the building and gardens. We are also looking for volunteers who would like to host open houses during the summer months. If so, please reach out to the Town Clerk for more information.

Thank you from the Round School House Committee

Planning Committee Report

With a late resumption in mid-summer of 2025 of efforts by the Planning Committee to update Brookline's Town Plan before the deadline of March 2026, the Planning Committee hired a Senior Planner at Windham Regional Commission to assist in the project. This update will allow Brookline to remain in compliance with Vermont statutes and keep the town eligible for FEMA grants, as well as state grants.

We held our hybrid meetings on most 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the town office. Meetings are open to the public. Check the online town calendar for dates and times of meetings, and for Zoom ID and Password for each meeting. The meeting agenda is also online and posted on three in-town bulletin boards at least 48 hours before each meeting.

The proposed plan is in its final version, pending any changes, after public input at both a public Planning Committee Hearing to be held on February 10, 2026, and a public Selectboard Hearing to be held on March 18th immediately before the Selectboard's regularly scheduled meeting. Required notices to follow statutes and regulations are being filed on or before January 10th and again on or before March 3, 2026. Not only must the Selectboard

approve any final proposed plan, but approval must also be obtained from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD), which is a division of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, and optionally by Windham Regional Commission.

Considerable effort was spent preparing a town plan which is consistent with state and county plans but also maintains the quality of life, infrastructure, natural resources, environment, agriculture, recreation, and historic properties, and support the culture, economics and use of land which citizens expressed a desire for in the citizens questionnaire of 2024. Brookline is small geographically, in population, in tax base and has no zoning which provides for some variation from state and county plans.

The maps showing roads, utilities, usage, natural characteristics, etc. were updated as needed. The results of the 2024 questionnaire are included in the plan's Appendix. Data for population, housing types, ages, economics, etc., were updated. The Brookline Planning Committee thanks all the citizens who have assisted in the updating of this town plan. Your continued support and participation are encouraged.

By Stanley Noga, Jr.

Windham Hill Pinnacle Association Report

Have you ever hiked a Pinnacle trail? The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association (WHPA) conserves almost 3,000 acres of land and maintains more than 29 miles of trails that are free and open to the public.

The WHPA has land in the towns of Westminster, Rockingham, Athens, Grafton, Brookline, and Townshend and is run by an all-volunteer board, with help from members of the community who serve as trail stewards.

The land we have protected includes the Pinnacle summit—a 1,683-foot overlook with sweeping views of the Green Mountain Range in southern Vermont—as well as Athens Dome, Bald Hill Reserve, and Lily Pond Highlands.

We are a nonprofit founded in 1992 to foster habitat conservation, watershed integrity, education, and the enduring connection of people to the natural world. Like most people reading this report, we pay property taxes on the land we own.

And we are also pleased to sponsor a naturalist from The Nature Museum at Grafton who can accompany school groups on guided hikes. Last year, that included students from Westminster Center School and Grafton Elementary School. If you are an educator and would like to learn more about this program, please contact us.

Thousands of people use Pinnacle lands each year for hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, biking, and birdwatching. Most of the land also remains open to hunting. In fiscal year 2025, 275 people stayed overnight in the Pinnacle cabin.

We also host free events throughout the year, including a spring wildflower walk, Accessibility Day, wildlife tracking walks, educational talks, fall foliage hikes, and more.

We invite you to visit our trails, and our website at WindmillHillPinnacle.org, or reach out to us at info@windmillhillpinnacle.org.

Town Clerk Report

Thank you for letting me serve as your Town Clerk and thanks to Guy Tanza for the hours of training and support he has provided throughout the year! We have a new Assistant Town Clerk, Morah Chowning, and we'll both be happy if you get your dogs registered by April 1st. Dogs aren't technically allowed in the town office, but sometimes they do sneak in for a treat!

The Town Clerk is the receiver and recorder of all the Town's archives including:

- Recording deeds related to real estate and private property transactions.
- Filing vital statistics and records relating to Town business.
- Filing proceedings of Annual and Special Town Meetings.
- Filing and indexing all Selectboard and other committee's agendas & minutes and keeping the website up-to-date.

Thanks to Alyssa Schmidt, we had the Vermont Archivists visit us this year and they said that our vault is in great shape! And thanks to Morah for continuing the work done by Gwen Tanza to scan all the older records into our NEMRC Cloud software. I'm

hoping to make these accessible online in the near future.

New this year: our online payment portal! It's the top button on our website brooklinevt.com.

There is a \$3.00 minimum charge for credit cards (2.65% of total payment), but only a \$1.50 charge to pay with e-checks, which is helpful for paying your property tax bills on time.

Did you receive a Challenged Voter Response form in the mail? If so, and you still live in Brookline, send that form back! We met with the Board of Civil Authority for the Biennial Checklist, and that is one of our jobs to make sure our voter checklist is always up to date!

Green Up Vermont Day is May 2, 2026. Thanks to all the volunteers who keep our town clean!

And thanks to the many folks who work for our town on boards and committees, as elected and appointed folks, and as volunteers. Everything you do is appreciated! We'd love to have more folks involved, so please run for an open position or get in touch with the town office to learn more.

Respectfully Marjorie Ray, Town Clerk

Vital Records 2025

BIRTHS/ADOPTIONS

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	PARENTS
February 23, 2025	Grayson Douglas Winot	M	Alyssa May Winot Tanner Hayden Winot
November 19, 2025	Lucas Arthur LeBlanc	M	Carly Judith LeBlanc David Charles LeBlanc

MARRIAGES

DATE	BRIDE	GROOM	PLACE
September 27, 2025	Kasey Renee Dunn	Evan James Leno	Brookline, VT
October 4, 2025	Emily Anna Beer	Mark Patrick Sheldon	Brookline, VT

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE
May 14, 2025	Liz Kathryn O'Neill	78
August 2, 2025	David Russell Ryder	83
September 26, 2025	Joann R. Staats	68
October 2025	Julien N. LaVoie	61

Regulations Governing Dog Ownership

All dogs or wolf-hybrids six (6) months or older must be licensed by April 1, 2026.

Brookline Animal License Fees:

Neutered & Spayed: \$14.00

Unneutered Dog: \$18.00

Late Fees: After April 1, 2026 there will be an **additional \$4.00 late fee** added.

These fees include \$7.00 sent to the State: \$3.00 for the State Rabies Program, and \$4.00 for the State's Spay/Neutering Program. **For any dog not licensed by May 30, 2026, the owner will be charged a \$50.00 fine per animal**, according to the Brookline Dog Ordinance. See <https://brooklinevt.com/dog-licensing/>

License Fees collected in 2025 by the Town of Brookline:

Type	Quantity	Town	State	Late Fees	Total
Spayed	57	\$ 314	\$ 399	\$ 64	\$ 777
Neutered	44	\$ 263	\$ 308	\$ 60	\$ 631
Female	7	\$ 69	\$ 49	\$ 4	\$ 122
Male	8	\$ 78	\$ 56	\$ 8	\$ 142
Total	116	\$ 724	\$ 812	\$136	\$1,672



A Quick Guide to Dog Licensing in Brookline, VT

Mandatory steps for licensing dogs and wolf-hybrids in Brookline, VT for 2026, ensuring compliance with local ordinances and state health programs.

Step 1: Fulfill Health Requirements

- Rabies Vaccination is Mandatory**
Dogs or wolf-hybrids over 3 months old must be vaccinated against rabies.
- Provide Proof of Vaccination**
A copy of the rabies certificate must be given to the Town Clerk.
- Rabies is a serious risk in Vermont.**
Rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.

Step 2: Register & Pay Fees by the Deadline

- Licensing Deadline: April 1, 2026**
All dogs 6 months or older must be licensed by this date.
- Neutered & Spayed Dog | \$14.00**
- Unneutered Dog | \$18.00**
- Late Fee (After April 1) | +\$4.00**
- Fine (After May 30) | \$50.00 per animal**

Rabies Certificates

Dogs or wolf-hybrids over 3 months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9-12 months of the initial vaccination the animal shall receive a booster that will be valid for 36 months. A copy of the rabies certificate will be given to the Town Clerk upon licensing the animal.

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.

- Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS
- Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
- Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.
- Questions? Call the Vermont Rabies Hotline: 1.800.472.2437

Upcoming Rabies Clinics for 2026:

See <https://brooklinevt.com/dog-licensing/> for a list of upcoming Rabies Clinics in Newfane, Brattleboro, Westminster & Grafton.

State Dog Regulations

Visit Vermont Statutes § 3581 online to learn about general requirements for Animal Licensing
<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/20/193/03581>

Visit Vermont Statutes § 3541. <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/20/193> to learn more about general provisions, definitions, investigation of vicious domestic pets or wolf hybrids, penalties and enforcement, immunization, warrants to impound, complaints, damages by dogs, and control of rabies, spaying and neutering.

Brookline Animal Control Officer (ACO) Contact Information:

ACO: Windham County Sheriff's Office (802) 365-4949

Town ACO Liaison: Dot Maggio (802) 365-7072

V3816. Animal Spaying And Neutering Fund

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall administer a dog, cat, and wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering program providing reduced-cost spaying and neutering services and presurgical immunization for dogs, cats, and wolf-hybrids owned or cared for by individuals with low income.
(b) The program shall reimburse veterinarians who voluntarily consent to spay or neuter dogs, cats, and wolf-hybrids under the auspices of the program.

The reimbursement shall be less any co-payment by the owner of a dog, cat, or wolf-hybrid for the cost of each spaying or neutering procedure.



Visit <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/vsnip> to learn more.

Delinquent Tax Report (as of 1/10/2026)

Parcel	Name	Tax Year	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3	Payment 4	Interest	Penalty	Total																																																
02001-000	Labrie, Robert <i>Just foreclosed on</i>	2022/2023 2023/2024 2024/2025	\$ 1,324.53 \$ 1,485.00 \$ 4,350.24	\$ 1,324.53 \$ 1,485.00 \$ 4,350.24	\$ 1,324.53 \$ 1,484.98 \$ 4,350.24	\$ 2,304.98 \$ 1,767.31 \$ 4,350.21	\$ 423.84 \$ 475.20 \$ 4,965.95	\$ 8,026.94 \$ 8,182.49 \$ 23,758.95																																																	
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03053-100	Blazej, Amy	2024/2025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 672.23	\$ 20.16	\$ -	\$ 692.39																																																
03066-220	O'Donnell, Michael	2024/2025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 490.57	\$ 663.37	\$ 17.31	\$ -	\$ 1,171.25																																																
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05039-000	Merrill, Ken	2024/2025	\$ -	\$ 395.05	\$ 395.05	\$ 395.04	\$ 158.09	\$ 6.16	\$ 1,349.39																																																
05065-000	Hall, Adam G	2023/2024 2024/2025	\$ -	\$ 216.35	\$ 216.35	\$ 216.33	\$ 125.46	\$ 31.19	\$ 1,022.03																																																
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NOTICE TO VOTERS

For Local Floor Annual or Special Meetings

BEFORE MEETING DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by February 1, 2026. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.vermont.gov.

ON MEETING DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter.

Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

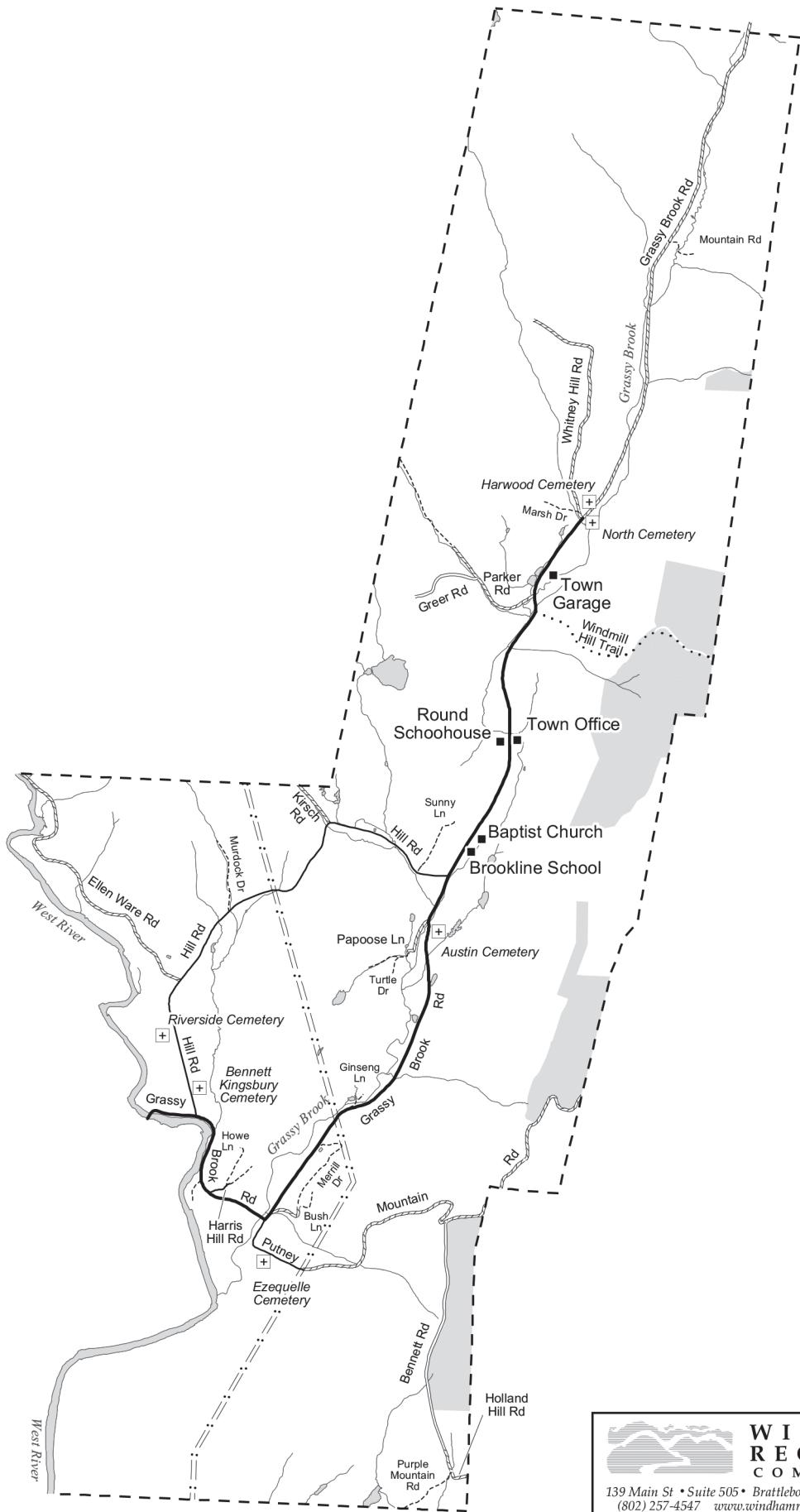
If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

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(Accessible by TDD)



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