

**TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

SEAL, WORCESTER, SS.

TO ANY CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest Street in said North Brookfield, on Monday, the 4th day of May, 2015 at 7:00 AM, to act upon the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1

To choose by ballot, one Selectman, two School Committee Members, one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Board of Health Member, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Tree Warden, three Library Trustees, one Playground Committee Member, and one School Committee Member for the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District, all for three year terms; one Planning Board Member and one Housing Authority Member, both for five year terms; one Housing Authority member for a four year term, and one Constable for a one year term.

The polls will be opened at seven o'clock in the morning and shall be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said North Brookfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the North Brookfield Elementary School Auditorium in said North Brookfield, on Friday evening, May 8, 2015 at 7:30 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 2

To hear and act upon the reports of the Selectmen and Town Officials and Boards, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to print the reports of the Selectmen and Town Officials and Boards for the year 2015, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed officials of the Town and determine what sums of money will be raised, appropriated, borrowed, or transferred in the Treasury to defray the charges and expenses of the Town for the 12 month period beginning July 1, 2015, including a Reserve Fund under the control of the Finance Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money to operate the Water Department for the 12 month period beginning July 1, 2015, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53F½, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money to operate the Sewer Department for the 12 month period beginning July 1, 2015, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53F½, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts, bequests, and donations of money and real and personal property given to the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into any and all necessary lease agreements and other dispositions of personal property, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and expend funds that may be available from State and Federal grants, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to apply for and expend funds that may be available from State and Federal grants, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to give the Town Treasurer the authority to invest Town funds (General Cash, Water Enterprise Funds, and Sewer Enterprise Funds) in short-term investments as the Treasurer deems prudent for income purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and transfer titles in the name of the Town of North Brookfield any properties or lands obtained through legally acquired tax title foreclosures, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$15,000.00, to accept donations and fees for payment of services and activities for elders, said funds to be expended by the Council on Aging for payment of these services in FY2016, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$7,000.00, to accept donations and fees for the elder transportation program "Senior Wheels", said funds to be expended by the Council on Aging for payment of stipends to volunteer drivers in FY2016, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$7,500.00, to accept donations and fees for payment of services and activities at the North Brookfield Fire Training Center, said funds to be expended by the North Brookfield Fire Department for payment of use of the training center in FY2016, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$5,000.00, to accept fees for payment of Engineering Services, said funds to be expended by the Planning Board for payment of these services in FY2016, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$10,000.00, to accept fees for foundations and burials for the Cemetery Department, said funds to be expended by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for payment of salaries and expenses related to burials in FY2016, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$5,000.00, to accept funds for public health reimbursements to the Board of Health, said funds to be expended by the Board of Health for payment of salaries and expenses related to the public health in FY2016, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$25,000.00, to accept funds for cleaning, securing and mitigating nuisances at vacant properties, said funds to be expended by the Board of Health for payment of salaries and expenses related to the public health in FY2016, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money to the North Brookfield Emergency Squad for payment of contracted services, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money as the Town's apportionment of FY16 Chapter 90 funds, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$39,000.00 from the Water Retained Earnings Account to the Water Truck Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the Police Cruiser Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$400,000.00 to the Fire Department Truck Account for the purchase of a fire truck, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to amend the North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws and Map by changing the zoning on a portion of North Main Street from R-11 to Mixed Use R-11/ Business Central by making the following changes, or take any action relative thereto:

Change zoning to Mixed Use R-11/ Business Central to extend from the center of the road on North Main Street to a depth of 500 feet on each side of the road on Assessors map #101, starting with and including #322 North Main Street on the east side, up to and including parcel #370 North Main Street on the east side; #323 North Main Street on the west side, up to and including parcel #361 North Main Street on the west side.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to amend the North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws by adding the following under Section II M Definitions: Mixed Use Districts, or take any action relative thereto:

Mixed-Use Districts: A village development, or even a single building, that blends a combination of residential, commercial, cultural, institutional or industrial uses, where those functions are physically and functionally integrated, and that provides pedestrian or vehicle accessibility.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21st day of April, 2015.

Robert J. Smith

Mary F. Walter

Eric M. Hevy
Selectmen of North Brookfield

A true copy, Attest:

I have on this day posted attested copies thereof in at least two public places as directed by Town By-Laws.

Date Time Constable