

DEDICATION



It is with great pride that we dedicate this Annual Town Report to Pasqualina C. "Lee" Lyons.

She was the *faith and heart* of her large family, and it would be hard to believe that she did not consider our community to be an extension of her family.

For over forty years, Pasqualina showed West Brookfield her faithful devotion and love by her self-less support and participation in many of our organizations, and local events. Surely, we are a richly blessed community because of the numerous ways she chose to interact with us.

Throughout the years, Pasqualina freely shared her gentle spirit, vibrant personality, and friendly smile. We are thankful for all she has given us.

She is a treasure our community will miss and remember for a long time.



"The truest measure of a person's life is by the long lasting impact they had on your own life." ~ M. Thayer

ADA COORDINATOR

The *Architectural Barriers Act of 1968* (42 USC, 4151 et seq.) requires certain federally assisted buildings to be constructed so as to be accessible to physically handicapped persons and the *Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990* (42 USC, 12101 et seq.) prohibits discrimination against the disabled individuals in private and public employment, public accommodations, public transportation, government services and telecommunications.

The Town continues to strive to meet all federal and state requirements.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Swain, ADA Coordinator

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee is a seven-member board appointed by the Board of Selectpersons for three-year overlapping terms. We are charged with the responsibility of making reports or recommendations to the town on all municipal questions as well as reviewing and making recommendations on all articles that appear in any warrant presented to the voters of West Brookfield. The Committee meets on a regular basis throughout the year to fulfill our responsibilities. Meeting notices and agendas are posted on the bulletin board at the Town Hall. Meeting times and approved minutes may also be found on the West Brookfield web page.

Several members departed the Committee this past year. In May, Diane Vayda was required to leave the Committee upon being elected Selectwoman. In January, Chairman Jack Tivnan and Roy Roberts left the Committee after many years of dedicated service. We are grateful for the countless hours these members devoted to the voters of West Brookfield and wish them well in their future endeavors. Their historical knowledge, experience, and spirited discussion are deeply missed. Tom Long took over as Chairman and Brad Hibbard and Kevin Paquette were appointed to fill the vacancies. There is currently one opening on the Committee and we welcome your interest in joining us.

Although the Legislature voted to minimally increase state aid to the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, it still remains at a very low level. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommended a zero percent cost of living salary adjustment, excepting step and grade increases, and that departments limit any increases in expenses realizing the challenges being experienced through increased costs and regulation.

The Committee met with representatives of all town departments to review their budgets and discuss ways to operate more effectively and efficiently as we move forward. As examples, the Highway Department will be taking over the responsibility of mowing the common, cemeteries and library lawns at a significant savings to the town; Police and Fire Departments continue to hold off on vehicle purchases; and the Police Department significantly decreased personnel costs to offset negotiated raises. During the year, we asked all departments to review their fee schedules to bring them in line with surrounding towns, in an attempt to cover the costs of providing these services. We appreciate the cooperation received from department heads and the continued support and dedication of our town employees. We continue to welcome any and all suggestions toward improving the efficiency of town government.

Initial information from representatives of the Quaboag Regional School District indicate that West Brookfield's share of the state mandated school district minimum contribution budget for fiscal year 2015 will be \$2,592,933 or 3% more than the foundation budget we approved for fiscal year 2014. The School District requested an additional \$322,385 in discretionary funds above the mandated minimum requirement. Funding the discretionary request at this level would create a severe financial hardship resulting in deep cuts and layoffs within our town departments. At the time of this writing, the Advisory Committee continues to meet with school representatives and our counterparts in the Town of Warren in an attempt to reach consensus on an appropriate recommendation for the district's discretionary request. We will provide our recommendation at the May Town Meeting.

As of this writing, the preliminary operating budget figures for fiscal year 2015, excluding debt, are as follows:

Town Department operating budget requests	\$3,204,007.85
Education budget requests	\$3,322,142.00
TOTAL omnibus budget	\$6,526,149.85
Article requests for funds	\$409,999.00
TOTAL warrant requests	\$6,936,148.85
Raise & appropriate funds available	\$6,278,959.00
To be funded from other sources	\$657,189.85
TOTAL funding needed	\$6,936,148.85

Due to the continued prudent financial management decisions of this and prior Advisory Committees, the Town of West Brookfield maintains limited financial resources for funding budget priorities during challenging times such as these. Free cash on hand at the time of this writing is \$157,539 a portion of which could be used to fund financial needs above our expected FY15 income estimate, referred to as “*raise & appropriate.*” “*Free Cash*” is the term for monies that have not been spent by town departments and are returned to the General Fund at years’ end. Department heads have been prudent in their spending and most continue to return funds on an annual basis. Also, included in free cash is Chapter 90 reimbursement, income received in excess of that projected at the May Town Meeting and other sources.

West Brookfield is fortunate to have accumulated financial reserves for funding budget items in times of decreased state aid. These funds reside in three Stabilization accounts.

The General Stabilization Fund is reserved for capital projects. The Advisory Committee has recommended that the balance remain above \$1 million. Due to funding needs at the FY14 May Town Meeting, the current balance of the fund is \$956,769.61.

The Fire Truck Stabilization Fund was established for the future purchase of a new fire truck. It is our goal to increase this account by approximately \$30,000 annually. There is currently \$248,388.97 in this account.

The Water Stabilization Fund was created from the receipt of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) settlement funds from various oil companies. Since the original receipt of these funds, it has been the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that they be used for upgrades to our aging systems, with the caveat that \$1.5 million remain in reserve until there is a higher degree of confidence that the town will not have to defend or fund future MTBE claims. With the costs associated with the construction of the new well field and other Water Department capital expenditures, the reserve has reached a critically low level of \$454,571.48. The Advisory Committee recommends that the balance of this fund remain in reserve for the reasons stated above.

Past studies have identified and recommended the need for approximately \$2.5 million to fund road repair projects. Accordingly, a ten-year schedule detailing future roadway needs was developed. A copy of the “*Highway Department Project List*” outlining these needs can be found on the town website. The Highway Department has been working toward addressing these needs with the completed rebuild of Wigwam Road in FY14. The reconstruction of Ragged Hill Road began in FY14 and will continue throughout FY15. As our roads continue to deteriorate and the town’s ability to fund these projects becomes increasingly difficult, the town may need to consider a future debt exclusion to address these needs. The Advisory Committee recommends increased funding for road improvements with an additional \$110,000 for fiscal year 2015.

The Advisory Committee will be reviewing capital project needs in greater detail during the following years as the economy improves and increased funding becomes available. We continue to seek additional resources through grants and other sources.

While the economy is beginning to show slow signs of improvement, we must continue to carefully manage our budget priorities given our increasing financial needs and limited resources.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Long, Chairperson

Phil Landine

Richard Gobi

Roger Slobody

Brad Hibbard

Kevin Paquette

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Two thousand and thirteen was a quiet year for animal control. Unclaimed strays remain a very low number in our small community. There was one unclaimed dog in 2013. There were less loose dog calls this year. Kudos to those working to keep their dogs under control and obeying the town and state leash laws. Cat calls were down as well. I hesitate to pick up any cats unless they are under some sort of duress as they are often someone's pets. The best idea is to keep your cats in if at all possible. The safest pets are always those safely contained.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Shattuck, Animal Control Officer

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Again, I have inspected farms and counted totals of animals in the town of West Brookfield. The raising of beef seems to be the dominant animal in West Brookfield. Horses are a steady part our community.

These farms enable West Brookfield to have lots of open space, keeping the town a very rural place to visit and /or live.

ANIMAL TOTALS FOR 2013

Dairy Cows	14	Horses (2010 -73)	76
Calves	30	Ponies	3
Beef Cows	224	Donkeys	6
Calves	75	Goats	35
Sheep	33	Kids	7
Mini-Horses		Swine	8
Foals		Piglets	35

Respectfully submitted,
Barry J. Nadon, Sr., Animal Inspector

ANNUAL SALARY

Adams, Kenai	\$800.00		Courtemanche, Elaine	\$2,178.54	
Adams-White, Renee	\$12,313.42		Couture, John	\$1,107.11	
Albano, James	\$408.50	D	Czub, Melinda	\$786.71	
Allen, Sarah	\$38,043.45		Daley, James	\$76,718.40	
Alm, Wyatt J.	\$312.17		DeSantis, Aaron	\$172.00	D
Anderson, Ashley	\$1,549.06		DeSantis, Christopher	\$408.50	D
Anderson, Beverly	\$378.69		DiGrigoli, Dinnea	\$253.50	
Anderson, Scott	\$3,668.06		DiMaio, Elisabeth	\$28,347.62	
Anderson Jr., William	\$293.28		DiMaio, James	\$780.00	
Arsenault, Keith	\$33,947.15		Dolan, Jane	\$1,734.71	
Arsenault, Marie	\$57,201.20		Dorman, Kevin	\$2,000.00	
Ayers, Brian	\$18,256.87	D+	Dorman, Melvin	\$1,100.00	
Bacon, Patricia	\$140.25		Duggan Jr., Herbert	\$44,952.45	D+
Ball, Justyna	\$6,426.94		Dunivan, Kevin	\$3,934.00	
Barrett, Nicholas	\$1,676.00		Dunn Jr., Shawn	\$1,985.15	
Barrett, Teresa	\$32,823.43		Dustin, Brian	\$1,207.91	
Belloveau, Mark	\$180.00		Edwards, Clayton	\$2,096.06	
Benson, Robert	\$7,291.47		Foster, Anthony	\$67.65	
Bonnayer, Jeannine	\$5,232.58	D+	Fontaine, Keith	\$160.00	
Boos, James	\$1,473.92		Fox, Phillip	\$272.53	
Bordeau, Sharon	\$514.14		Frank, Nicholas	\$57.83	
Borlikoski, Charlotte	\$110.50		Frew, Betty	\$19,655.74	
Bourget, Albert	\$2,064.00	D	Frew, Michael	\$3,618.72	
Brown, Marissa	\$5,862.15		Frizzell Sr., John	\$880.00	
Brown, Trevor	\$150.00		Fullam, Brandon	\$2,163.00	D
Burns-Jackson, Mary	\$29,818.88		Garin, Mary	\$110.50	
Cassavant, Daniel	\$6,890.18		Gaudet, Dillion	\$729.90	
Cassavant, Duane	\$50,198.48		Goodman, Philip	\$9,782.22	
Cassavant, Mark	\$603.05		Gorham, Patrick	\$1,357.68	
Cassavant, Ryan	\$2,049.20		Goudreau, Margaret	\$764.40	
Cassavant, Wesley	\$58,136.00		Grabosky, John	\$6,886.77	
Charron, Brian	\$4,662.39		Gray, William	\$395.14	
Churchey, David	\$6,267.41	D	Grimshaw, Carrie	\$39,520.00	
Churchey, Lee	\$180.00	D	Guzik, Paige	\$90.25	
Ciejka, Joseph	\$4,622.32		Haire, Carol	\$182.75	
Contacos, Suzanne	\$72.25		Hartung, Kara	\$13,151.83	D+

Henry, Barbara	\$38.25		Murphy, Michael	\$1,193.00	D
Higgins, Jane	\$600.00		Nadon Sr., Barry	\$4,727.18	
Hilliker, Cody	\$743.25		Nadon Jr., Barry	\$1,630.00	
Horne, Randy	\$610.00	D	Noonan, Sean	\$440.75	D
Iwaniec, Eric	\$5,293.80	D+	Norback, Holly	\$311.20	
Jankins, Shelby	\$282.75		Norden, Cynthia	\$32,665.14	
Jankins, Thomas	\$282.75		O'Donnell, Mark	\$58,161.17	
Judycki, Amanda	\$38.22		O'Donnell Jr., C. Thomas	\$91,032.72	
Judycki, Kally	\$3,330.60		Olson, Nancy	\$34.00	
Kane, Alexandra	\$1,316.80		O'Neill, John	\$2,200.00	
Kelly, Elizabeth	\$195.00		Paquette, Eleanore	\$110.50	
Kemp,, Tessa	\$1,036.35		Paquette, Jason	\$880.00	
Kennan Jr., Richard	\$43,034.00		Paquette, Lester	\$350.00	
Kenniston, Beverly	\$2,599.98		Parker, Harold	\$46,098.68	
Kent Jr., Edward	\$482.84		Peddle, Barry	\$1,835.50	D
King, William R.	\$110.50		Perrault, Kendall	\$172.00	D
LaCroix, Pauline	\$110.50		Pierce, David	\$8,672.94	D+
Landry, Joseph	\$3,308.12		Pilch, Stephen	\$42,842.07	
Landry, Kathleen	\$157.25		Piscitelli, Matthew	\$881.50	D
LaPerle, Charles	\$111,713.06	D+	Plante, Madison	\$694.75	
Lawrence, Scott	\$344.00	D	Plante, Sydney	\$2,302.00	
Lazarick III, Joseph	\$6,704.61	D+	Ramos, Felix	\$193.50	D
Leger, Ashley	\$251.16		Rios, Adriana	\$392.37	
Letendre, Matthew	\$80,662.87	D+	Roberts, Teri	\$18,160.35	D
Long, Christine	\$8,524.85		Robinson, Paul	\$2,189.25	
Long, Lisa	\$225.00		Romani, Christopher	\$696.00	D
Long, Mark	\$1,630.00		Rust, James	\$1,860.93	
Lupacchino, Patricia	\$1,256.09		Ryan, Gail	\$38.25	
Lupacchino, Paul	\$13,746.95		Santos Jr., Daniel	\$6,503.87	
Lyons, Pasqualina	\$106.25		Sarja, Andrew	\$1,441.91	
Manseau, Cory	\$426.20		Sauve, Geraldine	\$4,983.64	
Mansfield, William	\$1,360.00		Searah, Dana	\$1,850.90	
Mawhinney, Eric	\$7,972.75	D	Seeton, Nancy	\$110.50	
McCall, Daniel	\$2,542.99		Shattuck, Leah	\$3,712.38	
Melanson, Tammi	\$34,228.63		Simeone, Gary	\$9,226.79	
Mellen, David	\$344.00	D	Songy, John	\$1,333.00	D
Merriam, Jesse	\$2,615.40		Spencer, Melody	\$1,359.54	
Merrill, Melanie	\$169.26		Spera, Robert	\$5,198.78	
Mochi, Marie	\$3,090.36		St. Denis, Norman	\$850.00	
Mulliken, Susan	\$180.00	D	Stentiford, Caroline	\$72.25	
Murphy, James	\$1,612.50	D	Swain, Johanna	\$66,965.50	

Swain, S. Patrick	\$74,060.76	D+	Vayda, Diane	\$1,043.34
Takorian, Holly	\$30,394.88		Veinot, Joan	\$260.00
Talbot, Christopher	\$408.50	D	Walker, Peggy	\$17.00
Taylor, Jeffrey	\$14,764.85		Ward, Edwin	\$443.92
Tebo, David	\$3,808.98		Waterman, Gregg	\$45,485.51
Thomasian, John	\$5,450.00		Wentzell, Lee Anne	\$1,578.10
Tivnan, Madelyn	\$1,101.94		Whitehouse, Louise	\$110.50
Tomasino, Susan	\$102.00		Wrobel, Jean	\$23,159.27
Toto, Matthew	\$485.94			
				\$1,634,555.15

Police Detail = D Salary + Detail = D+

ASPARAGUS & FLOWER HERITAGE FESTIVAL

This year's annual event was held on Saturday, May 18 on the Town Common from 10am – 4pm. Thanks to publicity of the event on "Chronicle" TV program, attendance at the 11th Festival was amazing!

Co-sponsors, once again, were the West Brookfield Historical Commission and the Quaboag Historical Society. Over 100 vendors, non-profit organizations, and exhibitors took part in the event.

A great variety of games were provided and organized by the Girl Scouts. "Ed the Wizard" and the Frog Jumping Contest also provided great fun for the children. Over 350 decorative visors were created with the assistance of Country Bank volunteers.

Hay bales provided seating for folks enjoying the music provided by Dick Chase and his associates.

Tote bags and drink coasters with the Festival Logo were sold at the Information Booth.

Students from Quaboag High School were organized to assist with vendor parking in two locations. We thank Marc Varnum for the use of his parking lot. The students also monitored the recycling of bottles and cans.

At the conclusion of the event the hay bales were donated to Equine Rescue in Barre.

We thank the musicians, vendors, student helpers, and the Highway Department. Special thanks, again, to Rudy Arn for his portrayal of Diederick Leertouwer, whose history inspired this event. A donation was made to the Jimmy Fund on his behalf.

Committee Members: JENNIFER BUJNEVICIE, MELINDA CZUB, AMY DUGAS, GEORGE AND ELAINE HIBBARD, CHRISTINE HOLBROOK, DICK ROSSMAN

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Rossman

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our town has 2,479 parcels:

- 1,381 Residential Improved Parcels
- 799 Vacant Parcels
- 93 Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use Parcels
- 99 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B – Chapter Land Parcels
- 150 Personal Property

The value of all taxable property of Fiscal Year 2014 was \$370,324,052. The Fiscal Year tax rate is \$14.19 per thousand.

The new tax rate reflects \$142,839.00 new growth. In addition, the Assessors continue to implement the state law passed by the legislature (Chapter 59, Section 2D), which allows towns to issue supplemental real estate tax bills to property owners who make improvements to their property equal to more than fifty percent (50%) of the property's prior value. These bills are triggered by the issuance of occupancy permits and prorated according to the date on the occupancy permit.

The Assessors continue to work very closely with the Building Inspector, as the Town requires building permits on almost all improvements made to your property. These building permits aid in correctly valuing a property's worth. Upon notification by the Building Inspector of permits issued, the Assessors will visit the property to verify and photograph it. Prior to our inspection, the property owner will receive a questionnaire from our office for them to complete. This will assure us that our records are correct. ***We ask that anyone who receives one of these questionnaires takes the time to complete it and return it to us.*** When these forms are not returned to our office, we cannot make the necessary changes to ensure that the information will have on file is accurate.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS –

The bulk of information used in the Assessor's Office is indexed by address. It is essential that you inform our office of any changes in your address as soon as the change occurs. It certainly will help us to serve you more efficiently and prevent the necessity of duplicate mailings at an added cost to the taxpayers.

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX BILLS -

Many people come to our office with questions regarding their Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills. The Registry of Motor Vehicles sends computerized data to all towns and the bills are then printed and mailed from the Tax Collector's Office. The information you receive on your bill is based on data the Registry of Motor Vehicles has in their files for any calendar year beginning January 1. Please pay particular attention to the "Garaging Location" on your insurance form. If you have any changes in this location or in any other information, you must notify the Registry of Motor Vehicles so that your license, registration and Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills are correct. This also ensures that you receive a bill at your correct address.

In addition, if you have sold a motor vehicle during the year, you may apply for an abatement of your excise bill by completing an application and providing our office with proof of sale, as well as a copy of the Plate Return Receipt, or new registration if you transferred your license plates.

Our door is always open and we welcome any comments or questions. We are proud to provide a very personalized service to you and enjoy the opportunity to meet with many of you throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Kenniston, Chairman
Kevin Dorman
Michael Frew
Renee Adams-White, Assessor Assistant
Elisabeth DiMaio, Secretary

BOARD OF HEALTH

During the past year, the Board of Health has generated approximately \$11,295.00 through various required permit fees. The fees are as follows:

Septic Permit	\$200.00	Perc Test	\$150.00
Septic Installers	\$50.00	Septic Haulers	\$50.00
Trash Haulers	\$50.00	Retail Food	\$50.00
Food Service	\$75.00	Food Catering	\$50.00
Milk Store	\$10.00	Body Art	\$180.00
Tanning	\$15.00	Outdoor Boilers	\$75.00
1-Day Food Permit	\$10.00	Farmer's Market	\$35.00
		(includes Asparagus Festival)	

The Board has enacted a \$75.00/per hour charge for food inspections due to violations.

The Board of Health issued:

Perc Permits	25
Septic Permits	18
Food Permits	37
Milk Permits	10
Tanning Permit	1
Septic Installer Permits	13
Campground/Mobile Home Park/Motel Permits	3
Pool Permit	1
Septage Hauling Permits	6
Trash Hauling Permits	5
Farmer's Market/Seasonal Food Permits	9
Bathing Beach Permit	1
Outdoor Wood Boilers	0
One Day Food Permits	14
Body Art Permits	0

The West Brookfield Board of Health contracts its' medical services with Harrington Hospital.

The Town of West Brookfield has a low interest loan program for the repair of septic systems. Contact the Administrative Assistant for further information.

The Department of Environmental Protection was petitioned by the board to lower the number of required monitoring tests at the Capped Wigwam Landfill and was granted a permit in December to do so. This will enable the board to lower the budget for testing by \$4,000.00.

A review of the Board of Health fees was conducted in November, and comparisons with neighboring towns found that our fees were on the low side. The Board has increased fees accordingly, starting January 1, 2014.

Hazardous Waste Day is once a year in September at the North Brookfield Transfer Station. **Latex paint is not accepted. Dry the latex paint in the can with a mix and dispose of with the normal trash.**

Sharps may be dropped off at the Board of Health for disposal during normal business hours, provided they are in the proper containers, which may be purchased at any pharmacy for a minimal amount.

The Board continues to revise and prepare for all Emergencies, if you wish to become a volunteer for the Board of Health, please contact us at the number below.

The Board of Health wishes to remind all residents that it meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of each month at **7:00 PM**, in the West Brookfield Town Hall, Room LL4. The public is invited to attend.

The Board of Health telephone number is 867-1421 Ext. 310.

Office hours are Monday 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM and Tuesday evening from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Title V Agent, John Thomasian
Health Agents, Joanne Petterson-Bernier and Earl Bernier
Administrative Assistant, Sarah J. Allen

Respectfully submitted,
Melvin Dorman, Chairman
Jason Paquette
John Frizzell

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Information for the year ending December 31, 2013 is as follows:

TOTAL POPULATION	3,279
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VOTER REGISTRATION

American Independent	4
Democrat	570
Green Party USA	2
Green-Rainbow	2
Inter. 3 rd Party	1
Libertarian	9
MA Independent Party	1
Republican	373
Unenrolled	1,492
Working Families	1
VOTER TOTAL	2,455

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah J. Allen
Jane Dolan
Madelyn Tivnan
Beverly Anderson

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As always our Board placed priority on the effectiveness of financial management of the Town. This was accomplished while attempting to maintain or improve the standing portfolio of essential municipal services.

COMMUNITY:

- ♦ The Asparagus and Flower Heritage Festival Committee received approval to host their festival on the Town Common on Saturday, May 18th.
- ♦ April 26th was declared as Arbor Day.
- ♦ On April 30th the following events were approved for the Town Common: Jimmy Fund Car Show on September 14th, Primitive Fair on September 28th, and Lions Harvest Festival on October 5th.
- ♦ On June 11th the Board approved a Conservation Restriction for Pynchon's Grist Mill
- ♦ The Board voted to allow Sacred Heart Church to close down Milk Street and a portion of West Main Street for their parish picnic on June 22nd.
- ♦ On October 1st the Board approved Veteran's Service Officer, S. Patrick Swain's request to hold a third(3rd) Annual Veteran's Dinner on November 5th at the Salem Cross Inn.
- ♦ On October 1st the Board approved a 2013 UN Day Proclamation. The Board also gave approval to the Knights of Columbus to have a Tootsie Roll Drive on October 12th and 13th.

CONTRACTS:

- ♦ On January 22nd the Board voted to participate in the Rural 11 Prioritization Project through the Central MA Regional Planning Commission.
- ♦ The Board approved a Timber Sale Contract (FSC Certificate Number SW-FM-COC-004783) for Tucker Road.

- ♦ The Board did not support 940 CMR 29 Remote Participation.
- ♦ On April 2nd the Board agreed to participate in an EMS/ALS Study being conducted through the Central MA Regional Planning Commission.
- ♦ On June 11th the Board approved repairs to Birch Cove under the Private Roads Policy.
- ♦ On October 1st the Board executed a contract with Charter Communication. The Board also executed a revised Electric Agreement with the Hampshire Council of Governments.
- ♦ On November 12th the Board executed a Mutual Aid Agreement between the WB Police Department and the City of Worcester.
- ♦ The Board conducted Police Union negotiations and executed a three-year agreement.

FINANCES:

- ♦ On February 5th the Board agreed to purchase a RICOH MP3353SP photocopier under the State Bid, to be invoiced to the Walter Reynis Account.
- ♦ The Board did not agree to pay \$9,238 for repairs to the WBES's aged septic ejection system. The Board cited the District Agreement section on capital cost.
- ♦ On February 19th Senator Brewer and Representative Gobi announced that the Town had been awarded \$100,000 pursuant to line item 1599-0026 of Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2012 for the purpose of restoring Rice Fountain located on the Town Common.
- ♦ On February 19th Ann Dick asked the Board to consider supporting an article on the May Annual Town Meeting to adopt MGL C59 c5k – Senior Tax Work Off Credit. After reviewing information from numerous communities and speaking with the Town Treasurer the Board did not support this request.
- ♦ On March 5th members of the Highway Department approached the Personnel Board to inquire about raises for the department based on increased workloads/changes in job descriptions. On October 16th it was agreed to place an

article on the Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant with regards to the requested pay adjustments.

- ♦ On April 2nd the Water Department clerk was denied a requested grade adjustment.
- ♦ On July 23rd the Board, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, agreed to change the retirees plan from Medex III to Medex II for cost savings.
- ♦ The Board executed an FY13 Spending Reconciliation to balance the Town's books.
- ♦ On August 20th the Board approved immediate increases in the Commercial Building fees, as submitted by the Building Inspector.
- ♦ On October 15th the Board reviewed quotes from Meacham to convert the Fire Station and Town Hall from oil to gas. On October 16th it was agreed to support an article for \$20,000 towards the conversion on the next town meeting warrant.
- ♦ On December 3rd, after several delays, a Tax Classification was held by the Board, retaining a single tax rate.

LIQUOR LICENSES:

- ♦ On May 28th the Board approved a One Day Liquor License for the Lions Clubs Annual Harvest Festival.
- ♦ On November 12th the Board approved a One Day Liquor License at the request of Andrew Tonna for his upcoming class reunion.
- ♦ On December 3rd the Board renewed eight (8) liquor licenses.

LEGAL:

- ♦ On April 30th the Board voted to approve the proposed layout of Lake View Avenue at a Public Hearing.
- ♦ On June 25th the Board approved a settlement at the request of MEGA for MSI Claim Number 10X34B440113.
- ♦ On August 20th the Board voted to accept two land donations from Mark Kaufman (Off Tucker Road and Off Wigwam Road).
- ♦ On September 17th the Board voted to approve a Waiver of Right of First Refusal for 271 Wickaboag Valley Road.

- ♦ On October 29th the Board agreed to enlist OUTLOOK EAP to conduct personnel interviews.
- ♦ On December 3rd the Board voted to approve a Waiver of Right of First Refusal for 209 Wickaboag Valley Road.

STAFFING:

- ♦ On January 22nd the Board appointed Beverly Kenniston as an Assessor until the May 7, 2013 Election.
- ♦ The Board appointed Renee Adams-White as an Assistant Assessor, 16 hours per week at a Grade 3 Step 4 (\$14.07).
- ♦ Richard Ullman & Bob Levite were appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- ♦ Lloyd Hubbard & Lizzie Anaya-Calderon resigned from the Library Board of Trustees. Melanie Merrill was appointed to the Board of Trustees on May 28, 2013.
- ♦ On April 2nd Amy Dugas resigned from the Historical Commission.
- ♦ Jim Pierce resigned from the Council on Aging on July 23rd and was replaced by Elizabeth Bliss.
- ♦ On September 4th the Board voted to allow the Police Chief to hire two (2) additional part-time police officers and one (1) full-time officer. On October 15th Joseph F. Lazarick and David J. Churchey were appointed as part-time officers. On November 12th Jeanine Bonnayer was pointed as a full-time officer.
- ♦ On November 12th the Board approved new job descriptions for the Fire Department.

TOWN FLEET:

- ♦ On April 8th the Board agreed to purchase a Raised Swing Mounted System from Tri-County for \$123,738.05 under State Bid for the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mark Long
 Barry J. Nadon, Jr.
 Diane Vayda

BURIAL GROUND COMMISSION

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners consists of: John Bartlett, Marjorie Reim and Kevin Roberts.

The Cemetery Commissioners have the oversight of three separate cemeteries: the Old Indian Cemetery on Cottage Street, the Methodist Cemetery on Lyons Road and the Pine Grove Cemetery on Church Street. The 2013 Caretaker job was advertised and solicited bids to provide weekly service and upkeep of the cemetery grounds, grave headstones, and water faucets. Alan Bigos submitted the lowest bid at \$26,500 for Cemetery Caretaker services conducted between January 1 and December 31, 2013.

As in the past couple of years, a clear directive was received by the Cemetery Commissioners to operate within restricted budgetary funding. As a result, the need to address the following concerns has been placed on hold:

- Repair of fencing surrounding cemetery grounds, specifically fencing around the Pine Grove Cemetery.

The Cemetery Commission extends sympathy to those of you who have experienced a loss; and wishes to thank the individuals who have taken a special interest to provide care for the lots and surroundings of our loved ones.

We had six burials in Pine Grove during 2013:

From West Brookfield

Armand Gagnon	Joanne Noble
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Out of Town

Louise Warwick	Warren, MA
Janet Hale	Concord, NH
Walter Hazen	Charlton, MA
Leonard Beeman	Lakewood, OH

As a reminder, in respect for our deceased, dogs are not allowed at any time on cemetery grounds. Please inform the West Brookfield Police Department if you witness any vandalism or suspicious activity.

Respectfully submitted,
John Bartlett, Chairman
Marjorie Reim
Kevin Roberts

COMMON COMMITTEE

The West Brookfield Town common has seen much activity and change this year. The dismantling and removal of the drinking fountain and the Rice Memorial Fountain in October of 2012 had left a huge void in the landscape of our beautiful common. After a ten-month absence, our beautiful restored Rice Memorial Fountain was returned. A re-dedication ceremony was held in October and the fountain was once again brought to life with flowing water and lights.

The ever-popular Asparagus Festival started off our year with record-breaking crowds. The 48th Annual Congregational Church tag sale continued to draw treasure seekers in June. T-ball and soccer games were enjoyed by local youngsters and spectators. Summer music concerts at the Helen Schackley Bandstand drew many local residents with musicians and singers from a variety of musical styles. The weekly Farmer's Market continued to grow in size and popularity as local farmers and vendors offered their produce and goods.

A craft fair, featuring antiques and crafts by vendors from as far as California was held for the first time on the common.

Two charity events were also held on our common this year. A Jimmy Fund sponsored car show drew many spectators with nearly 100 classic cars. The West Brookfield Lions Club held its second Annual Harvest Festival in October.

The year 2013 saw the change of lawn maintenance from a private contract to West Brookfield Department of Public Works.

It has been our pleasure to serve our community as members of the West Brookfield Town Common Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Richard, Chairman
Betty DiMaio, Treasurer
Martha Leasca, Secretary

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The West Brookfield Conservation Commission works in conjunction with other state agencies and local boards to protect West Brookfield's natural and recreational resources. This is accomplished through careful administration of the state's Wetland and Riverfront Regulations as mandated in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (310 CMR 10.00).

During the year, the conservation Commission was involved in eleven site visits and meetings regarding the enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act. We held public hearings for seven Notices of Intent and four Requests for Determination.

Please visit our website at <http://wbrookfieldma.com>. All forms as well as instructions for completing them are located at this site and can be downloaded for your convenience. Minutes of our meetings can be viewed here.

The Conservation Commission wishes to remind all property owners that Massachusetts General Law states that *any work proposed within 100-feet of any wetland and 200-feet from any rivers or streams requires a filing of a Request for Determination of Applicability.*

An Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program is also in place to assist and encourage the retention of the Commonwealth's best farmland. The program is a permanent solution for maintaining an agricultural land base for local food production. Chapter 61 and 61A provides tax relief for land in agricultural production, forestry, or recreation. Any interested landowners should contact the Commission for more information.

The Conservation Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Lower Level Conservation Office in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon DeWolf, Chair
Richard Provencher
Jesse Serrano
Eric Tunley

Brian Silva
Christine M. Long, Secretary
James Talvy

COUNCIL ON AGING

We would like to thank the council on Aging for their continued support and dedication to the Senior Center and our senior citizens. We thank, once again, all our volunteers who have spent many hours setting up and cleaning up for all the special programs during the day, nights, and weekends.

In the year 2013, we continue to provide information and referral, outreach, reassurance calls and other individual services that help seniors and their families cope with problems related to aging. The Senior Center continues to offer the Medica Program (medical transportation) and several clinics including blood pressure, flu clinic, fuel assistance, DAV Agent, SHINE, AARP Tax Assistance, and other medical screenings.

We are very grateful for the funding from the Friends of the Council on Aging and the Irving England and Jane England Charitable Trust Grant to purchase a storage shed. Special *thanks* to Country Bank and Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center for their continued support to the senior center and programs. In addition, we are thankful to all who have donated items from our wish list in the Silverstreak Newsletter including paper napkins, paper plates, small kitchen items, tablecloths, large cans of coffee, etc.

The mission for the Council on Aging of the West Brookfield Senior Center is to enhance the lives of our senior citizens by providing information, referral services, and opportunities for socialization and recreation.

We would like to thank the Selectmen, Finance Committee, and the community for your continued support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Norden, Director
Beverly Cassavant, COA Chair

EARTH REMOVAL BOARD

“Earth Material Excavation Requiring a Permit” – More than 500 cubic yards of soil excavated in any one year. Excavation incidental to the construction of buildings or other accessory uses and expansions may be exempt provided that the quantity of materials removed shall not exceed that displaced by the portion of the building or accessory use below grade and all required permits by the West Brookfield Bylaws and/or Zoning Bylaws have been issued. Other exceptions are excavation in the course of customary agricultural use of land for a farm, garden, or nursery; excavation material subject to a license issued under MGL Chapter 40, Subsection 21 (7), excavation in compliance with the specific requirements of an approved subdivision plan, and excavation in the normal use of a cemetery.

“Earth Material” includes soil, sand, gravel, stones, topsoil, peat, muck, loam, bedrock, or other earth materials from any land in town.

The Earth Removal Board continues to manage four (4) active permits relative to earth material excavation under Section XII, section 2 of the Town’s General Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Paquette, Chairman	Health
Bob Lipovsky	Planning
Diane Vayda	Selectmen
Gordon DeWolf	Conservation
Kevin Dorman	Zoning

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for assisting town agencies in both handling and preventing of disasters, whether natural or man-made. The office is responsible for the creation and updating annually of the Community Emergency Management Plan and insuring the town's compliance with regulations adopted by both Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

During 2013, we were able to recover several thousand dollars in costs from the October 2012 snowstorm. Because of a federal disaster declaration, funds were available through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to reimburse municipal governments for emergency work. Typically, these funds cover 75% of allowable expenses.

We continue to work with the town of Warren on our local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). By combining grant money with the Town of Warren, we were able to purchase a 16-foot utility trailer for the CERT. This trailer will be used to house CERT equipment, as well as shelter equipment that can be readily deployed to a secondary site if necessary. The CERT meets monthly at the high school and has been used at several events over the past year, such as White Christmas and the Quaboag Triathlon. Anyone interested in volunteering for the CERT should contact either the West Brookfield, or Warren Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Thomas O'Donnell, Jr., Director of Emergency Management

FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the year 2013, the West Brookfield Fire Department responded to 132 emergency calls as follows:

2	Structure Fires	1	Assist w/Forcible Entry
19	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	Cellar Pump
11	Motor Vehicle Accidents - with HazMat	1	False Alarm
1	Recreational Vehicle Accident	29	Fire Alarm Activations - nothing found
4	Chimney Fires	4	Water Flow Alarms
4	Assist Emergency Medical	1	Vehicle Fire
1	Public Assist	8	Carbon Monoxide Alarms
2	Brush Permits Out of Control	7	Illegal Burns
2	Tree Fires	3	Electric Pole/Transformer Fires
3	Hazardous Waste Discharges- other than from a car accident	1	Out of Control Camp Fire
1	Strike Team Activation Drill	2	Smell of Gas
1	Cat in a Tree - (<i>Thanks, Clay!</i>)	1	Tree Leaning to a Home
1	Electronic Transformer Fire	1	Tactical Rescue
5	Smoke/Fire Investigations	5	Assistance to Other Agencies

We provided Mutual Aid ten (10) times as follows:

3	Brookfield	3	Warren
2	North Brookfield	1	Ware
1	New Braintree		

We received Mutual Aid seven (7) times in 2013 from neighboring communities:

- 2 Brookfield
- 2 North Brookfield
- 3 Warren

The Fire Department was once again very productive this past year responding to calls, training new and seasoned members, maintaining equipment and upgrading our fleet. Calls for motor vehicle accidents were up by ten (10). Please drive safely, but proud to say calls had gone down in general, a testament to all Firefighters efforts in Fire Prevention.

In 2013 Membership – we have recruited four new members: Wyatt Alm, Phillip Fox, Michael McCarthy, and Richard Pinkman, four good additions to our team! My respect goes out to them for stepping forward to protect residence of our community, their dedication to serve, time, and support given to myself, my officers, and our department is truly appreciated. Thank you!

At the time of writing this report, we had just received back our Water Tanker from receiving its retrofit power dump. This alteration was approved at Town Meeting last year, ***Thank you.*** This added feature will allow us to shuttle water to a fire scene faster. Previously, it took us over 3-minutes to off load its payload of 2,000 gallons of water, with this dump valve we are down to under a minute. This may not seem to be much of a difference to a layperson, but a fire can transition from a smoldering fire to a completely involved structure fire in that time. Every second counts. This truck with an estimated value of \$350,000.00 if purchased new came to us ***free*** and for our use as long as we want or need the truck. Aggressively, our Fire



Department advocated and obtained this piece of equipment that will benefit all our residents everywhere, but mostly in outlying areas of town, out of the water district, where portable water supplies are in major demand for fire suppression.

With the Tanker and a re-evaluation, our department's capabilities are enhanced to bring its water supply to the scene, town residents will benefit by lower insurance premiums and this savings should be experienced in all areas of town. This is anticipated over the next year from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and we will keep you posted. This savings should be over \$30,000.00 **each year**, it is not a one-time savings. What we need in return is to provide storage for this vehicle and other emergency equipment, which we currently store outside. More info will be provided in the future, as to how you can help us help you.

We appreciate the support in our efforts and will do all we can to continue to get the best bang for your tax dollars. We invite you to the station to view the work we have done to preserve your fleet of equipment and see for yourself the hard work the Firefighters do in maintaining the equipment in ready condition.

INSPECTION UNIT: In addition to Fire Suppression duties, the Department conducts numerous Safety and Code Compliance Inspections under Fire Prevention. We also issue permits under various State required programs. These required inspections and issuance of permits are performed primarily by Deputy Chief Benson, assisted by myself. The Department conducted one hundred and twenty-seven (127) inspections (up 2 from 2012) consisting of the following:

2013 Inspect the Installations or Removal of:

- 14 - OIL BURNERS
- 3 - OIL TANK
- 1 - UNDER GROUND OIL TANK REMOVALS
- 1 - ABOVE GROUND OIL TANK REMOVAL
- 10 - ABOVE GROUND PROPANE TANK
- 1 - UNDER GROUND PROPANE TANK
- 1 - UNVENTED GAS APPLIANCE INSPECTION
- 5 - DIESEL PORTABLE TANK INSPECTIONS
- 1 - SAFETY KLEEN INSPECTION
- 12 - QUARTERLY REST & NURSING HOME INSPECTIONS

Other Inspections Performed

- 53 - SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
- 12 - COMMERCIAL SPRINKLER SYSTEMS
- 6 - LIQUOR LICENSE BUILDING SAFETY
- 2 - ELEVATOR SAFETY
- 4 - TOWN OWNED SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Permits Issued for:

- 1 - BON-FIRE
- 242 - BURNING
- 4 - FUEL AND FLAMMABLE LIQUID STORAGE TANK

Thank you, Deputy Chief Benson, for your dedication and commitment to the Safety and code Compliance Unit of our Department. For more permit requirements and changes to the Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide laws and regulations, please go to www.mass.gov/dfs and click on “Division of Fire Safety.” You will find the latest Fire Regulations and Code Requirements.

The Department also responds to hazardous waste releases. We responded to fourteen (14) calls in 2013. This action is in coordination with our Hazardous Waste Division. Firefighter Charron has been appointed as our Hazardous Waste Coordinator, Lt. Tebo is his assistant and both do a tremendous job in coordinating action plans, our response to containment, cleanup when we can all to mitigate the impact to the environment. This comes with mountains of paperwork and correspondence with other State agencies. I thank him and Lt. Tebo for their dedication to this ever-increasing responsibility. Their attention to detail and willingness to be available at a moment’s notice is much appreciated.

We are also echoing a much-needed message again this year to homeowners and landowners, which is the need for replacement of your Carbon Monoxide detectors. It has been eight (8) years since the requirement for this detection went into place. Many of these detectors have a seven (7) year life span, and have an internal timer programmed into the detector that will cause the detector to sound a reminder in the form of a beep that mimics a low battery, or in most cases cause homeowners to call for assistance thinking Carbon Monoxide is present.

Please be aware of the alarm indication your individual detector gives as well as its age. The date of manufacture and its alarm beep sequence are printed, in most cases, on the back of the detector and should be reviewed. If found that the detector has been in service for over 7-years, the detector should be discarded and replaced.

By keeping these guidelines in mind, it will reduce the amount of miss-understood alarms and the need for evaluation.

Our other permit process that most Firefighters take part in is the issuing of Brush Burning Permits. In 2013, 242 permits were taken (down 66 permits). We continue to prepare for a catastrophic event as the debris in the woods continues to accumulate. Again, our priority for combating these major fire dangers will be by preventing fires from the beginning, preserving Firefighters lives, and protecting homes from progressive heavily fueled brush fires.

Please tend to your camp fires, never turn you back on it, and never leave it alone, ***and please***, when extinguishing it make sure it is completely out! We continue to hope our low number of incidents is from our prevention programs and conscientious residents taking the necessary precautions when burning brush.

Started in 2010, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) took over the control of outdoor burning activities and dictates when we can or cannot burn brush during the brush-burning season. The ability to burn is governed by the daily air quality that disperses smoke to the atmosphere and fire conditions. You can check the air quality by logging into the DEP Air Quality Map at

public.dep.state.ma.us/MassAir/Pages/MapForecast.aspx?&ht=1&hi=108,
and confirm a good air quality day, or get there from our web page.

If it is not a good air quality day, burning will be suspended until the quality resumes to the proper level of “good.” This is all driven by the ability to dissipate smoke effecting air quality for individuals with breathing difficulties.



The DEP delegates the responsibility to the Fire Chief, and/or his designee, to monitor and issue orders for extinguishment of any fire that causes a compromise to air quality for another person, including a cooking fire. I would like to ask everyone to continue to be considerate of your neighbor when lighting outdoor cooking or recreational campfires, also to have consideration for those who enjoy this controlled campfire activity.

Understand that *if you are requested to extinguish* your fire, you are being requested to do so under these delegated orders from the DEP.

Another responsibility is Public Education in Fire Safety. The Fire Department again was fortunate to apply for and obtain, for the 17th year, the S.A.F.E. (Students Awareness of Fire Education) Grant. This program, coordinated within the school system, provides Fire and Life Safety messages during the school year. Fire personnel visit the school starting in or around January and ending at the conclusion of the school year. We provide Fire Safety tips that we hope are brought home and shared with the entire family.

In addition to Fire Safety messages, this program teaches CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) to the entire 5th grade. CPR Instructors from the Fire Department, and supplies given free for the entire class from the West Brookfield Rescue Squad, provides this instruction. I thank Firefighter Dan McCall for his assistance with the SAFE class this year, especially during the CPR portion. CPR is a great addition to the safety of our community. Over fifty children have been trained and are able to perform CPR when a Cardiac Arrest emergency arises. Our hats are off to the 5th grade... **GREAT JOB!** We would like to *thank* Principal Colleen Mucha for her cooperation and support to our Public Education efforts; and to the 5th grade teachers, Mr. Ryan Hibbard and Mrs. Karen Oliveira, for allowing us time in their classrooms, and for the support they give in assisting with the teaching of our important safety messages.

Training continues to become more demanding, with the introduction of new technologies, additional fire codes, and regulations, and training new recruits. It becomes a never-ending upgrade. Our Training Officer, Scott Anderson, with the assistance of the Operations Officers, continues to head up this task and does a great job. I, again, thank him for his diligent efforts in organizing

monthly trainings and helping the Operational Officers Lieutenant Joe Landry and Lieutenant David Tebo in keeping all Firefighters abreast of the latest techniques and hazards we will face. I thank those officers, as well, for their important work in assisting the Training Lieutenant and assisting myself with the operations of the Department.

I would also like to acknowledge Assistant Chief Dan Santos for his assistance in the operational duties and administration of the Department. Assist Chief Santos provides Command presence on emergency scenes and maintains assurance that all Firefighters are ready for the call. He oversees that all station equipment is maintained and mission ready. I can count on him for any assistance needed to keep the Department ready for duty. ***Thank you,*** Assistant Chief Santos!

Equipment with expiration items has been an ongoing challenge and a battle we seem to be winning. With the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board we were successful in putting a yearly plan in place to spread out the cost of replacing all this much-needed expiring equipment avoiding the need for large sums of money that would be needed to be allocated on Town Meeting, ultimately driving up tax rates. This has been avoided. The Fire Department has been maintaining our older fleet of vehicles and putting off replacements of those trucks by providing good maintenance programs. I will need your continued support, the support I thank you in advance for, to assist us in providing the necessary safety equipment and tools to the Firefighters in order to do the job. Each Firefighter deserves my due diligence in providing this much needed safety equipment, and I know I can count on you to help continue to provide it.

Space continues to be a huge need and I wish you all to be aware of the conditions that exist in our station. Many safety concerns exist with many outdated conditions such as:

- Bays designed for fire trucks that carried half the equipment we do now and were two-thirds the size.
- 18” of space from the side of the truck and the nearest wall.
- 6” clearance between the back of one truck and the front of the next.

- Truck exhaust (producing known carcinogens to cause health issues and more) discharged in proximity to Firefighters donning protective clothing.

We have been looking aggressively for over 20-years for the solution to this issue and have been put off for other capital improvements the town needed (i.e., school and highway expansion) and this is something we cannot avoid for much longer. We are willing to work with all emergency services and place ourselves under the same roof, ultimately reducing operation costs along with maintenance cost. Please help us resolve this need and provide us with the safety we need in order to provide you with the safety you need, expect and deserve.

In 2013, the Department has seen many joys. We have graduated one Firefighter from the District 7 Firefighting Training supported by the Massachusetts Fire Academy. Firefighter, Andrew Sarja has graduated from this training consisting of over 300 hours of classroom and practical training. **GREAT JOB**, be proud of your accomplishments! I appreciate all your efforts in becoming the best in your trade and keep up the good work!

A reminder to our community: the Fire Department is

a CALL VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

All of our duties are performed on this basis.

HOUSE NUMBERS – I also will ask everyone to
PLEASE check your house number.

Is it up?

Is it visible from the street?

It is a Mass General Law 148 sec 59, and
a Town Bylaw.

This small item will assist us in getting emergency services to you quickly. Countless minutes can tick by trying to find you without them displayed.

Please, for your safety!

The Fire Department is a department many times not thought about until needed. The men and women of the Department are the true reason everyone can rest at night knowing that, if the call arises and an emergency strikes, these individuals are on call and ready to respond. I take much pride in saying I lead one of the most dedicated groups of Firemen in the Fire Service. I *thank* the officers for their assistance in leading the Department, and thank each Firefighter for their service. I thank them for their dedication, commitment to serve, and willingness to risk the ultimate sacrifice for the safety of their neighbor, family, or friend!

I would also like to say, if there are any men and women from our community who feel they possess the desire, dedication, commitment to serve, and are physically fit to perform Firefighting duties and are interested in joining our dedicated department – please contact us at (508) 867-1408. Leave a message and we will get back to you. You can also come to the station on any Monday night, we are there, and one of the Fire Officers or Firefighters would gladly talk over this opportunity with you. We need you! We need your help!

Your 2013 Fire Department members are as follows:



Chief Paul Lupacchino
Deputy Chief Robert Benson
Assistant Chief Daniel Santos
Lieutenant Joe Landry
Lieutenant David Tebo
Training Lieutenant Scott Anderson
Firefighter Brian Charron
Firefighter Brian Dustin
Firefighter Clayton Edwards
Firefighter Nicholas Frank
Firefighter William Gray (LOA)
Firefighter Patricia Lupacchino
Firefighter Dan McCall
Firefighter Jessie Merriam
Firefighter Dana Searah
Firefighter Cody Hilliker
Firefighter Andrew Sarja
Firefighter Ashley Anderson
Recruit Firefighter Patrick Gorham
Recruit Firefighter Phillip Fox
Recruit Firefighter Wyatt Alm
Recruit Firefighter Richard Pinkman
Recruit Firefighter Michael McCarthy
Honorary Bagpiper Warren Tirrell

I would like to say *thank you* to all the Departments that supply direct assistance when called upon, especially the Rescue Squad, Police Department, also the Highway and Water Departments, the Central Dispatch Center, and all other departments who assist us in getting our job done daily and during emergencies.

I would like to thank Warren Tirrell, our honorary bagpiper, who voluntarily provides his talent to our department. His gifted talents in providing the unforgettable sound of the pipes are cherished. He joins the members during services on the occasion when the department honors members and past honorary members upon their passing, and during other department functions.

Thank you, Warren; you are truly a good friend!

We thank our families, who put up with us bolting out the door and their willingness to be there upon our return, sharing us with the community, and supporting us in our calling.

In closing, I would like to *thank* the Selectmen, Finance Committee, and all the Town Departments for the support they have extended to the Fire Department. I would like to *thank* the community for their support, but most of all I would like to *thank* the Firefighters of the West Brookfield Fire Department, who stand behind me with unwavering support, dedication, and confidence in this most honorable position in the Fire Service as Chief. I will represent you, protect you, and lead you with honor. *I thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your Chief.* The Town of West Brookfield remains safe because of you!

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Lupacchino, Fire Chief

GAS/PLUMBING INSPECTOR

The following is a compilation of Gas and Plumbing Inspections performed during 2013:

GAS INSPECTIONS

Boiler	12	Oven	3
Conversion Burner	1	Pool Heater	1
Cook Stove	10	Test	5
Direct Vent Heater	3	Unit Heater	2
Dryers	1	Water Heater	6
Fireplace	5	Gas Line (Outdoor)	4
Furnace	9	Gas Valves	2
Generator	7	Chimney Liner	2

PLUMBING INSPECTIONS

Bathtub	19	Service/Mop Sink	4
Cross Connect Device	8	Toilet	37
Dishwasher	8	Urinal	1
Food Disposer	1	Washing Machine Connection	14
Floor/Area Drain	3	Water Piping	12
Interceptor (Interior)	3	Sill Cocks	5
Kitchen Sink	17	Drain Lines	4
Lavatory	45	Temperature Valves	4
Shower Stall	12		

Respectfully submitted,
 Joseph Ciejka, Gas & Plumbing Inspector
 Edward Kent, Assistant Inspector

HARBOR MASTER

Due to hot, humid weather this summer's lake activity was below average. Lake draw down, due to heavy rain, worked well with no flooding. The red flag system also did its job when the lake was treated.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Borlikoski, Harbor Master

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department had a very busy winter of 2013. We encountered 25 sanding events and 8 major snow storms. On February 8th and 9th we dealt with winter storm NEMO, which is currently listed as the 5th worst winter storm for this area. Governor Deval Patrick called a State of Emergency, which kept all non-essential vehicles off the roadways. This enabled the Highway Department to work around the clock with no stranded vehicles or motorists hindering snow removal. NEMO also qualified for FEMA reimbursement so the Town of West Brookfield will be reimbursed 75% of the cost of snow removal and emergency operations that were incurred (approximately \$26,000.00).

The last snow storm of the season was on March 19th. The following work was completed during the spring and early summer:

- 8 weeks of street sweeping
- 37 tons of cold patch applied
- Shoulders and waterways opened
- Crosswalks and street marking were painted by Highway Personnel
- Centerline and gutter line painting was contracted to the Regional Highway Equipment Co-op

- Crack sealing of the following roads was completed (paid through the Chapter 90 Supplementary funds voted at Town Meeting)
 - Long Hill Road (remaining section)
 - New Braintree Road
 - Pierce Road
 - Maple Street
 - Winter Street
 - Oak Street
 - Laurel Street
 - Birch Street
- Guardrails have been replaced on Pierce Road and Sucker Brook bridge on Wickaboag Valley Road.
- Removal of 79 hazardous trees on the Tree Warden’s project list.
- Cleaned 100 catch basins and drop inlets, utilizing East Brookfield’s clam shell truck through the Regional Highway Equipment Co-op. This work was previously subcontracted at a cost of \$5,000.00 - \$10,000.00 per year.
- Shim paved Pierce Road 100-ton of state top.
- Pierce Road is scheduled for chip seal with 10% rubber during the spring of 2014.

BIRCH COVE PRIVATE ROAD PROJECT:

The Town of West Brookfield has funded a Private Road Improvement Program where 50% of the road reconstruction cost will be paid for by the Town with the Highway Department performing the work. The following work was completed:

- Removal of existing pavement 365’ x 12’
- Fine grade and compact new road 365’ x 12’
- Pave 50-ton of binder
- Pave 25-ton of state top

Total Cost:	\$10,250.00
Homeowner’s cost:	\$ 5,125.00
Town of West Brookfield:	\$ 5,125.00

Chapter 90 – Road Reconstruction apportionment \$234,429.00
Phase I of the Ragged Hill Road Project was started on July 1,2013. Phase I encompasses the Intersection of Lyons, Kennedy and Ragged Hill Roads working towards the Pierce Road intersection.

- Over 100 hazardous trees and stumps were removed
- Shoulders and slopes cleaned and cut back

KENNEDY ROAD:

- One (1) 3' diameter x 60' – replaced with new head walls
- One (1) Rip rap swale built
- Four (4) new drain manholes installed
- Three (3) new drop inlets installed
- 730' of 18" diameter N12 pipe installed
- 130' of 12" diameter N12 pipe installed

LYON ROAD:

- Two (2) 3' diameter culverts replaced
- Two (2) new 3' diameter culverts added
- One (1) 2' diameter culvert added
- Rip rap swales and head walls built
- Three (3) new drop inlets installed
- 350' of perf. 15" diameter N12 pipe installed
- Grass swales built

RAGGED HILL ROAD:

- Twelve (12) New drain man holes installed
- Twelve (12) New drop inlets installed
- 400' of 18" diameter N12 pipe installed
- 1,000' of 15" diameter N12 pipe installed
- 310' of 12" diameter N12 pipe installed

This section of the road was reclaimed/compacted with calcium and paved with 2-1/2" of dense binder. The total cost of this project was \$240,986.00, which is all Chapter 90 funding (reimbursed at 100%).

Phase II (Summer of 2014) will start on Ragged Hill near Pierce Road working towards the intersection of Ragged Hill, Tucker and John Gilbert Roads.

Phase III (Summer of 2015) will pave 1-1/2 state top over Phase I & II roadways.

REGIONAL HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT COOPERATIVE:

The Towns of West Brookfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Warren, Brimfield, and Hardwick applied for and received another Community Innovation Grant. This grant is only a small portion of the grant that the RHE Co-op applied for, but is another step to further formalize our cooperative.

Since the program began, the Town of Hardwick joined and several other towns have also expressed an interest. One task is to assess the impact of adding new communities to the cooperative and the process for doing so. In addition, the member communities will explore the possibility of sharing one employee among all the Highway Departments. The RHE Co-op has hired a personnel expert to study the issues and solutions.

Example:

Currently the Towns, as a group, spend \$70,000 to \$80,000 per year on sub-contracted tree work. Would it be more cost effective to have a RHE Co-op tree truck and RHE employee performing tree work?

Landfill/Drop Off Center – The Highway Department and a crew from the Worcester county Sheriff’s Department spent a week at the landfill cleaning trees and brush from swales and detention ponds. This work was done in house saving the town money.

Town Common mowing – The Highway Department is now moving the common and town beach. This work was previously sub-contracted but is now being done in house saving the town money.

In summary, Chapter 90, which is our main source of reconstructing roads, has been level funded for the past several years at \$235,000.00, however, the cost of reconstruction has gone up.

Currently, Massachusetts provides \$200 million in Chapter 90 funding to all the cities and towns. The Massachusetts Municipal Association has proposed a five year Chapter 90 bill that would provide \$300 million per year, indexed to inflation. However, the

estimated funding level required by Highway and DPW Directors has been estimated at \$562 million. It is imperative that we get this additional funding sooner than later.

I have also gone to Town Meeting with an Article to fund a Chapter 90 Supplemental Fund for Road Repairs. This money has been used to save many roads before they completely fell apart and required complete and costly reconstruction.

If we do not continue to maintain our existing roads, the overall condition of West Brookfield's roads will continue to deteriorate.

I would like to express my gratitude to the residents of West Brookfield, the Board of Selectmen and all other Town Department employees for their continued support.

I would also like to thank both full and part time Highway Department employees for their dependability and commitment during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
James Daley, Highway Superintendent

DROP-OFF CENTER PRICE LIST

Wigwam Road

Hours of operation:

Wednesday: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am – 3:00pm

TVs 27" and under	\$ 10.00	TVs over 27"	\$20.00
Radios	\$ 5.00	Stereos	\$ 5.00
VCRs	\$ 5.00		

Large Console TV's: *Priced accordingly by attendant*

Microwaves	\$ 5.00	Refrigerators	\$20.00
Stoves	\$20.00	Dishwashers	\$15.00
Washers	\$20.00	Dryers	\$20.00
Water coolers	\$10.00	Air Conditioners	\$20.00

Computers	\$ 10.00	Monitors	\$ 10.00
Keyboards	\$ 5.00	Copiers	\$ 20.00
Printers	\$ 10.00		

Tires with rims	\$ 5.00	Used Motor Oil	Free
Tires – no rims	\$ 3.00	Scrap Metal	Free
Large Tires: <i>Priced accordingly</i>		Anti-Freeze	Free

Brush	No larger than 3-inch diameter by 4-foot lengths	Free
Leaves	No bags, please	Free
Grass Clippings		Free

Propane Tanks		\$ 5.00
Larger Tanks	<i>Priced accordingly by attendant</i>	

Batteries must have caps attached.

Any motor must have fluids drained.

THE DROP-OFF CENTER IS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY. RULES AND REGULATIONS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS MARKET FLUCTUATES.

***No Contractors * No Construction Materials * No Trash**

*** Any littering will be subject to a fine and/or
Drop-Off privilege denied**

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission met monthly, January to June and September to December in the Commission Office, Room 201 in Town Hall. Two thousand and thirteen was a year of three major accomplishments.

1. In February, the Commission received a “Condition Assessment” of the Old Indian Cemetery on Cottage Street by Fannin-Lehner Associates. This report, funded last year, detailed the conservation required for 118 of the 186 gravestones in the cemetery. With the approval of the Cemetery Commission, Fannin-Lehner was awarded a contract for conservation this year for thirty of the most endangered gravestones. The Commission funded \$13,500 for the conservation and documentation required by the Mass. Historic Commission (MHC). We hope to be able to fund the conservation of the remaining gravestones each of the next three years.
2. In April, Commission members attended the National Historic Register Nomination of the Jedediah Foster Homesite at the Mass. Historical Commission in Boston. The nomination, prepared and presented by Amy Dugas, was approved by MHC. Approval by the National Park Service followed.
3. In May, the East Quabbin Land Trust purchased the 1665 John Pynchon Mill site on Sucker Brook. This was the result of a 10-year preservation effort by the Commission. A Conservation Partnership Grant prepared by the Land Trust covered almost half the cost of the 48-acre parcel. The Commission and the Land Trust worked together to raise the balance. We are grateful for contributions from descendants of the Quaboag Plantation Settlers, who built and operated the mill, the England Trust, the Lake Wickaboag Association, the Quaboag historical Society, and residents of the community. Dedication of the Mill site will be November 1, 2014.

In the spring, the Commission funded two “History on the Road” programs by Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) at the West Brookfield Elementary school. We also partnered with the Friends of the Library to purchase a reduced admission pass to OSV. The pass, available at the Library, provides four admission tickets at half price per visit.

Other activities during the year included:

- ♦ Preparation of a brochure “Scenic Roads of West Brookfield” by members Anne-Marie Nolan and Louise Garwood. The brochure includes a map locating the roads, a brief history of these roads and a description of the “Scenic Road” designation.
- ♦ Coordination with the Highway Department on the design of “Scenic Road” signs.
- ♦ Selection of the recipient of the \$2,000 Historical Commission Scholarship.
- ♦ Co-sponsored and participated in the “Asparagus & Flower Heritage Festival” on the Common in May.
- ♦ Mapped trails at the Pynchon Mill site.
- ♦ Donated “A History of West Brookfield” to the Library raffle.

In the spring, members Amy Dugas and Anne Phillips resigned. We truly thank them for their contributions in recent years.

We welcomed Ed Londergan and Craig Burgess who were appointed to fill the vacancies.

The Commission, once again, thanks the J. Irving and Jane L. England Charitable Trust for the generous gift received. This has enabled us to fund the projects described and continues to motivate us to do more to recognize and preserve the history of our town. We also appreciate the support of the town.

The 2013 members and associate members are:

Craig Burgess	Anne-Marie Nolan
Amy Dugas	Anne Phillips
Dave Fitzgerald	Barbara Rossman
Louise Garwood	Richard Rossman
Ed Londergan	

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Rossman, Chairman

HOUSING AUTHORITY

We hereby submit our annual report to the people of the Town of West Brookfield.

The West Brookfield Housing Authority held eleven (11) regular meetings and two (2) special meetings during 2013. The West Brookfield Housing Authority meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Community Building at Olde Village Place, 29 East Main Street. The meetings are held at 10:00 am and are open to the public. All meetings are posted with the town Clerk. Our annual meeting is held in May.

All housing authorities have four members elected by the voters of the town and one member appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts. Our elected members are Beverly Anderson (Vice Chairman), Ken Miller, James Pierce and Peggy Walker. Our appointed member and Chairman is Michael Frew.

The West Brookfield Housing Authority has three employees: Maintenance Manager Keith Bordeau, Administrative Assistant Laurie Sokol, and Executive Director Fiona Andrewes.

The Authority currently administers 36-one bedroom units under the State's Chapter 667 program and 6-three bedroom units and 4-two bedroom units under the State's Chapter 705 program. Also located on our site is a Ch. 689 program that is administered by the Bridge of Central Massachusetts. All of these programs are funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development

and are operated under state guidelines. The West Brookfield Housing Authority processes applications for state-aided elderly housing from persons who are sixty years of age or older. As in the past, handicapped persons continue to be eligible for state-aided housing for the elderly regardless of age. The Authority also processes applications for state-aided family housing from persons who qualify. Preference is given to local residents and local veterans.

Anyone who wishes to live at Olde Village Place should fill out an application, which can be obtained from the office. Tenant selection is made from our waiting list and all state guidelines are adhered to in the tenant selection process.

In May, we held a dedication ceremony, which was attended by State Representative Anne Gobi and Veterans' Agent S. Patrick Swain. We erected a flagpole on the property with a flag donated by one of our elderly tenants in honor of his brother. At the same time, we acknowledged the wonderful work Dick Chase did painting our new "Olde Village Place" sign at the entrance to the village.

We wish to continue to express our gratitude and appreciation to the West Brookfield Police, Fire, and Rescue Departments for their caring dedication to the safety and security of our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

The West Brookfield Housing Authority

Michael Frew
James Pierce

Beverly Anderson
Peggy Walker

Ken Miller

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Single Family Dwellings	4
Sheds	4
Additions	3
Roofing	22
Garages	6
Windows/Siding	13
Renovations/Remodeling	18
Stoves/Pellet/Wood	23
Pools/In-ground/Above –ground	3
Signs	4
Decks	0
Demolition	2
Barns	1
Pavilion/Gazebo	0
Antenna/Cell Tower	0
ADA Ramp	0
Solar	0
Weatherization/Insulation	12
Treatment Plant	0
Sheet Metal	5
Total	<u>116</u>
Total Permit Income	\$12,792.00
Estimated Value on Permits	\$1,621,416.00

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Taylor, Building Inspector

LAKE WICKABOAG PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION (LWPA)

We should label 2013 as the year of the algae. In June, we received calls about green jelly like blobs along the west shore of the lake. Soon we were observing them around the lake. With some rain and wind, they seemed to disappear only to be discovered deep in the lake when we pulled the red flag anchors at the time of the first weed treatment. These blobs are believed to have been in lakes and ponds for millions of years and are made by a colonial microscopic single-celled protozoan called *Ophrydium versatile*. The individual cells line up side by side in the “blob” and attach themselves to a jelly-like substance they secrete. They are symbiotic with microscopic *Chlorella* algae, which live inside the *Ophrydium* cells and give the blob its green color. So far, there is nothing to worry about. Another alga, Chara, had been present in the lake for several years with excessive amounts at the end of Rodman Road and around the Boat Club. This year, we had lesser amounts at these two locations, but found it in greater quantities in other locations. Chara is a good algal and we don't treat for it unless it becomes excessive. Let us know if you have a problem with it at your home. Finally, in September we had a full lake algae bloom. The tests conducted did not indicate any toxic quantities and we chose not to treat that late in the year.

We received two responses to our weed and algae Request for Proposal (RFP) for the summer of 2013. After a lengthy review process, Lycott Environmental was selected and with the Lycott staff, we conducted several weed surveys of the lake. Our initial analysis again identified a large portion of variable milfoil in the north end of the lake and pondweed in several area of the shoreline. Lycott applied two applications, and a September weed survey indicated that most of the milfoil and pondweed had disappeared or was in a sad state of decline. However, since the weeds grow in very shallow water that cannot be treated effectively, we will continue to see them reappear in the future.

In addition to the lake monitoring, we hosted another successful lake clean-up, published spring and fall newsletters, and supported dam maintenance activities. At our annual meeting, over 70 friends and supporters of Lake Wickaboag heard about the workings of the West Brookfield Stormwater Authority and the Cottage Street Stormwater Improvement Project from Suzanne LePage; the Lake Wickaboag Weed and Algae Management Program from Will Stevenson, President of Lycott Environmental; and the progress on the Lake Wickaboag North Cove Dredging Project from Ken Fields, Senior Project Manager for Apex Companies.

Working with the Stormwater Authority and consultants from ESS, design work and permit applications for the Stormwater Improvement Project, for the two retention ponds next to the town beach, were finalized. The first pond was dredged in December, and dredging of the second pond adjacent to the public beach began in January. Completion of this project, expected by spring in 2014, will limit the amount of run-off of contaminants flowing into the lake.

Representatives of the LWPA have been actively participating with the West Brookfield Board of Health and other interested town residents in a project to dredge part of the north end of the lake. Apex Companies LLC was hired as the project consultants. Permits for the project should be filled in the spring of 2014. Initially, the dredge material was to be deposited at the town landfill subject to approval at a town meeting. However, two sites along Wickaboag Valley Road have been proposed and we are evaluating both to see if they are viable for the placing of the material. Representative Anne Gobi and Senator Steve Brewer are supporting the addition of a \$20 million lake and pond provision in an Environmental Bond Bill that will be considered by the MA legislature in the spring of 2014. We are preparing to apply for some of the funds when it is approved. Watch the LWPA newsletter for additional status reports.

During 2014, we will continue our lake monitoring program. Due to increasing costs, we are considering publishing one spring edition of our newsletter, using the West Brookfield Annual Report in lieu of a winter edition along with utilizing our website for more lake information. We will conduct another lake clean up and add the Pynchon land purchase off Wickaboag Valley Road to the list of sites to visit. In the future, we would like to extend the cleanup program

to include the entire town and will be looking for volunteers for that effort.

ANNUAL BUDGET FROM WEST BROOKFIELD
Fiscal Year July 1 to June 30

	<u>'12 – '13</u>	<u>'13 – '14</u>
	Actual	Estimate
Weed Management	\$9,076	\$9,500
Algae Management	4,500	5,000
Water Testing/Projects	1,500	719
TOTAL	\$15,076	\$15,219
Budget	\$16,910	\$15,219
Under (Over) Budget	\$ 1,834	\$-0-

Weed and algae treatments are funded by appropriation in the West Brookfield town budget. In past years, we have been able not only to fund the treatments, but also we have been able to fund studies of the lake environment. With overall belt tightening in the fiscal year 2014 process, the weed and algae treatment budget was reduced by ten percent from the fiscal 2013 fiscal year budget. With the cost of copper used in copper sulfate for algae treatments remaining high, we estimate that we will only have enough funds for one copper treatment during the summer of 2014. While there has been an overall decline in the weed population, new species arrive and old ones return. Algae will always be with us, so like the maintenance of buildings, we need to continue to provide for the management of excessive aquatic vegetation.

LWPA remains committed to achieving the best water quality for Wickaboag. We thank all town officials and the town residents for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert F. Collings, President
 Mary Beth Czaja, Vice-President

LIBRARY

The Merriam-Gilbert Public Library was full of activity that included 160 children's and adult programs throughout the year. We continue to be a place in the community where townspeople come to learn, borrow educational and recreational materials, and gather. Our multi-functional 'community center' makes us a very valuable asset to the town.

The program year kicked off with "How to Live Life to the Fullest Couponing" with Super Frugal Stephanie. A new monthly program began in February - "Lawyer for a Night" featuring local Counselor at Law, James HOFFEY, (with occasional assistance from nephew, Tom HOFFEY), offering free advice concerning civil legal issues/situations, and answering related questions. Another new ongoing program, the "Computer Help Booth" starring our teen page, Melody Spencer providing one-on-one assistance to patrons was quite popular, covering a variety of topics from the internet to email to E-readers and beyond. Melody also collaborated with Jacob Gorham (Anevry business owner) during the summer for "Computer 101," addressing software and hardware questions. Celebrating St. Patrick's Day, local music group, Boys of the Town returned with another "Evening in Ireland", sponsored by a grant from the West Brookfield Cultural Council. "The JFK Experience" followed with Mike Lowe portraying our 35th president in a live, multimedia theatrical event focused on his life and presidency, including several speeches, "The Inaugural Address," "City Upon a Hill" and "The Speech Never Given." This program was attended by 30 residents and co-sponsored by the West Brookfield Historical Commission and Friends of the Library.

In May, the Friends of the Library co-sponsored Caricaturist, Mark Penta who held court outside on the patio, with 17 in attendance, including the Librarians. Spring ended on the patio with a “Pressed Flower Workshop” given by local resident, Linda Pelletier.



In August, Sangita Desai performed the ancient art of Mehndi with her “Henna Painting,” on 21 participants of all ages outside on the patio. (Summer’s last hurrah with school right around the corner). Outreach librarian, Barbara Figurski, represented the Worcester Talking Book Library by hosting a program explaining free accessible library services available to Massachusetts residents of any age who are unable to read traditional print materials due to a visual or physical disability. The WTBL is a valuable resource, which provides mail-order service by telephone, and immediate service on a walk-in basis. October was a busy month with three programs: “Digital Choices: Online Safety for Teens” presented by Greg Page from Merrimack Analysis Group, covering topics including the consequences of cyber bullying; Liz Barbour’s Creative Feast brought “Feasting on a Budget” to the library, preparing two delicious dishes to sample. In time for Halloween, Rob Goff from Agawam Paranormal presented “Ghostology 101: A General Study of the Paranormal”, a basic introduction to the paranormal world addressing topics such as types of hauntings and apparitions.

November 22, 2013 marked the 50th anniversary of a day that changed the United States of America forever. "The Kennedy Assassination: 50 Years Later" commemorated that day with Christopher Daley of Daley Historical Presentations' multimedia slide presentation in which the audience relived that tragic day in vivid detail through the use of witness statements, photographs, his own pictures and videos of sites in Dallas, and of course, the famous Zapruder Film. This program was sponsored by the Quaboag Historical Society.

The year concluded with holiday festivities- Friends of the Library's Annual Raffle which, in keeping with tradition, was a tremendous success with unprecedented earnings, meaning more museum passes and programs for our Library patrons to enjoy! Once again, two Bemis Farms Nursery programs were full to capacity: "Gingerbread Houses" and "Holiday Centerpieces," both sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



The Adult Book Group was a hit with avid readers, led by Library Director, Carrie Grimshaw, discussing such titles as "The Lacuna" by Barbara Kingsolver, "The Attack" by Yasmina Khadra, "The Lifeboat" by Charlotte Rogan, and "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman.

The Library offered five rotating art exhibits in the 2nd floor meeting room:

- “The Four Seasons”: Brian Alton Higgins, award-winning, local pastel artist displayed his artwork from December until March. He donated a beautiful piece called “Castle Lights” which is currently exhibited on the first floor of the library.
- “Artwork from Crete”: John Tierney, a North Brookfield native, showed some modern art, which was Crete-inspired from May until June.
- “Untitled”: Sam Webber, a local recent graduate from Quaboag Regional Middle/High School displayed unique artwork inspired by cars in July and August.
- “Untitled”: Rachel Takorian, a local freelance artist who does tattoo work displayed pencil drawings that focused on the fantasy realm in the month of September.
- “Photography”: Beth Johnson Lynch, a local photographer, featured a West Brookfield focused photography show that included such images as “Rice Fountain” and local parades that captured people’s emotions in October through December.

In March, the Library hosted a Library Legislative Breakfast, the theme of which was “Libraries are in Demand and Under Pressure”. Due to two feet of snow, attendance was less than we had anticipated; however, Library representatives who braved the storm were Gregor Trinkaus-Randall from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, Mary King from Massachusetts Library System, James Izatt from Worcester Talking Book Library, Advisory Committee member, Diane Vayda, Selectboard Secretary, Johanna Swain, Library Trustee Chair, Paul Spencer, Library Director, Carrie Grimshaw, Adult Services Librarian, Holly Takorian, Children’s Librarian, Mary Beth Jackson, page Kally Judycki, and patron Melanie Merrill and Friend of the Library , Amanda Judycki. The Library Director and Board of Trustees would like to thank Rose 32 and Hannaford Bros. Corp for supporting the program with delicious refreshments. An interesting Massachusetts “by the number” fact:

more people visit Massachusetts public libraries each year than attend entire seasons of the Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins, and Celtics combined.

Computer updates this year included a redesigned website and additional online databases. Our new website, (www.westbrookfieldlibrary.org), was designed by the Library Director and page, Melody Spencer, and is now more user-friendly and up-to-date. Our monthly adult and children's newsletters appear front and center, along with event pictures, our catalog and other resources to include the America's Genealogy Bank online database, which allows patrons to research family history through a plethora of obituaries and newspapers. Two other online databases offered: The Complete Directory for Pediatric Disorders and the Complete Directory for Chronic Illnesses. In our continuing effort to remain current & relevant, due to growing demand, a scanner was purchased for patron use.

Monthly Children's programs continued with Story Hour, Toddler Playgroup, American Girl Club, Wii Dance Party, and Lego Club. In September, our Annual First Grade Field Trip to the Library welcomed 37 students from the West Brookfield Elementary School. The children received their Library Cards and toured the Library after reading stories with Mary Beth Jackson, the Children's Librarian. In addition, for West Brookfield "Community Day" the Kindergarten class of 29 students came to the library and explored the children's room and read stories with the Children's Librarian. Our Children's Librarian continues to be a liaison with the Elementary School and reads monthly to the schoolchildren. The Library continues to outreach to the community by working with the local boy scouts, girl scouts, tutors, book clubs, and other groups.

In the Spring, the Higgins Armory Museum gave a presentation to the library. This program, which had nearly 50 patrons in attendance, was sponsored by the West Brookfield Cultural Council. We were fortunate to schedule a Higgins Armory Museum traveling program



before the museum closed in Worcester. That collection is now located in the Worcester Art Museum.

In January, the Library continued its music program for children with Renee Coro. It was extremely popular with an average audience of 30. The Library received a coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant from the Collaborative for Educational Services, who sponsored a monthly program, which started in September, “Musical Fun for Families with Brianne Miers.” The Collaborative for Educational Services also donated some children’s books in June, which were given out to each child by our Children’s Librarian during a special toddler playgroup program. Also, she visited the two West Brookfield Elementary School preschool classes and gave each student a book. In April, local author Ruth Sanderson gave a program called “The Twelve Dancing Princesses” and donated eight signed children’s books to the library. This program was sponsored by the West Brookfield Cultural Council. In October, local author, David Rottenberg read his book “Gwendolyn the Graceful Pig” with a collaborated choreographed dance by local group, MassMotion. The month of October ended with “Halloween fun with Author Carol Mays.”

In December, Bemis Nursery led a family gingerbread house-making program for families. 37 patrons enjoyed making the houses and had the opportunity to enter the Senior Center White Christmas Annual Contest under the library registered group, “Families of the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library.” This program was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Our popular Summer Reading Program began in July and its theme of “Dig into Reading!” was very fitting. Children of all ages enjoyed crafts every Thursday from 2:30-4:30 pm, and the Creative Performance Series provided family entertainment every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 pm.



Performers included:

Nicole Portwood, “Magical Comedy!”
Rainforest Reptile Shows, “Live Animal Show!”
Lindsay Bezich and her Puppet Pals!
Museum of Science, “Science Magic!”
Creature Teachers, “Live Animal Show!”
Ed Popielarczyk, “Magical Moments!”

“Dig into Reading!” was made possible at your local library through the following local businesses and institutions:

Country Bank for Savings	Dr. Thomas Cahill
Family First Bank	Gremarco Industries
Hannaford Bros., Co.	The Hearst Foundation
Dr. and Mrs. King	North Brookfield Savings Bank
Spencer Savings Bank	Webster First Federal Credit Union
Local Cultural Council Grant	(\$1,300.00)
Massachusetts Library System	
Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and Boston Bruins	

There were a total of 113 Children’s programs in 2013. The total number of participants was 2,843. The average attendance per program was 25.

The Library is extremely valuable to our community. The Library's appropriated budget for the year was \$182,696. The Massachusetts Library Association's Value of the Library Service Calculator reveals exactly how valuable our goods and services are to the people of West Brookfield.

Use	Services	Value
10,522	<i>Adult Books Borrowed</i>	178,874.00
9,202	<i>Children's/Young Adult Books Borrowed</i>	110,424.00
729	<i>Magazines Borrowed</i>	3,645.00
1,001	<i>Newspapers Browsed</i>	9,509.50
8,131	<i>Videos Borrowed</i>	32,524.00
1,682	<i>Audio Books Borrowed</i>	16,735.90
857	<i>CDs Borrowed</i>	8,527.15
86	<i>Museum Passes Borrowed</i>	2,580.00
11,659	<i>Interlibrary Loans</i>	291,475.00
403	<i>Adult Programs Attendance</i>	6,045.00
2,843	<i>Children's Programs Attendance</i>	19,488.00
3,484	<i>Hours of Computer Use</i>	41,808.00
8,323	<i>Information Research Requests Answered</i>	58,261.00
<i>Value to the Community:</i>		<i>\$779,896.55</i>

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners awarded the Library several grants totaling \$3,946.44 for participating in the survey and meeting/exceeding 10 certification requirements.

The Library received generous gifts and grants this year. The England Trust gifted the Library \$8,500, which was set aside for future building maintenance emergencies. The West Brookfield Historical Commission co-funded the Old Sturbridge Village passes with the Friends of the Library, and donated a Library commemorative ornament and a copy of their book, "A History of West Brookfield, 1675-1990" to the Friends of the MGPL White Christmas Raffle Table.

The Board of Library Trustees is composed of a group of elected officials who donate their time to support the Library. They, along with the Director, make important library decisions and as a group strive to make the library relevant to the community. The Board consists of Virginia Allen (Sec.), Mary Magnante, Melanie Merrill, Alexandra McNitt, Jeff Robbins, Peter Scribner, and Paul Spencer (Chair). They would like to *thank our dedicated Library volunteers*: Staci Allen, Sean Jackson, Ashley Leger, Elizabeth Fedirko, Brianna Lamb, Kathleen Kasper, Chris Jackson, Melody Spencer, Paul Spencer and the Friends of the Library.



Melanie Merrill, Paul Spencer, Peter Scribner, and Jeff Robbins.
Not pictured- Virginia Allen, Mary Magnante, and Alexandra McNitt.

The Friends of the Library (FOL), led by President Elizabeth Jay, had an exceptional year of fundraising and supporting the library. The Annual Book Sale was held in June, with special thanks going to members of the North Brookfield Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter Day Saints for their assistance. Prior to the Book Sale, a portion of our books was donated to the West Brookfield Elementary School Library. In addition, the Friends sponsored a table at the Asparagus Festival, which offered a mini book sale, Friends information, and face painting for children. The Annual White Christmas Raffle was a very successful fundraising effort, and again the proceeds were unprecedented. The Friends would like to again thank all of the local businesses who sponsored White Christmas raffle prizes.

The FOL supports the Library by sponsoring our Museum Passes, website updates, and special programming including the Renee Coro Music program for children and the two annual Bemis programs for adults and children. Museum Passes provided by the Friends are the Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens, the Ecotarium, the Springfield Museums, and the Old Sturbridge Village passes (co-sponsored with the Historical Commission). The Library also provides the USS Constitution pass sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services , as well as the Mystic Aquarium pass and a State Parks pass.



(Back row) Elaine Courtemanche, Mary Beth Jackson, Carrie Grimshaw, and John Grabosky. (Front row) Kally Judycki, Holly Takorian, and Melody Spencer. Not pictured: Ashley Leger

Our Staff provides excellent library service to our patrons. We strive to maintain our library building and to make it a comfortable and inviting atmosphere for patrons of all ages. Adult Librarian, Holly Takorian and Children’s Librarian, Mary Beth Jackson are dedicated librarians and continue to improve library services from year to year. They, along with the Library Director, Carrie Grimshaw do their best to keep the collection current and to offer programming that the community would find educational and fun. Our part-time staff of pages is comprised of Elaine Courtemanche, Kally Judycki, Melody Spencer, and Ashley Leger. Finally, our custodian, John Grabosky, continues to maintain and improve the building.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Grimshaw, Library Director

LIST OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS

* Indicates Chairperson. () Indicates Term of Office

ADVISORY BOARD (7 MEMBERS – 3 YEAR TERMS)

Phil Landine	(2014)	
John Tivnan	(2014)	Resigned 1/19/14
William Mansfield	(2014)	Appt by Adv. – Resigned 2/2014
Vacancy	(2014)	
Roger Slobody	(2015)	
Brad Hibbard	(2015)	
Richard Gobi	(2016)	
Tom Long	(2016)	
Roy Roberts	(2016)	Resigned 1/27/14
Kevin Paquette	(2016)	Appt. By Adv/Partial term (2014)

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Brad Quigley	(2014)*	
Tim Morrell	(2014)	
Arthur Maskell	(2014)	
Gordon DeWolf	(2014)	
Matthew Koziol	(2014)	
Barry Nadon, Sr.	(2014)	Alternate
Vacant	(2014)	Alternate
Vacant	(2014)	Alternate
Lisa Long	(2014)	Alternate

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR

Johanna Swain	(2014)
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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/DOG OFFICER

Leah Shattuck	(2014)	
Sydney Plante	(2014)	Assistant

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Barry J. Nadon, Sr. (04/30/14)

ASPARAGUS & FLOWER HERITAGE FESTIVAL

George Hibbard (2014)

Melinda Czub (2014)

Amy Dugas (2014)

Elaine Hibbard (2014)

Jennifer Bujnevicie (2014)

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERKS

Renee Adams-White (2014)

Tammi Melanson (2014)

Geraldine Sauve (2014)

Teresa Barrett (2014)

Christine Long (2014)

Robert Spera (2014)

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Teri Ann Roberts (2014)

AUCTIONEER (PROPERTY)

Johanna Swain (2014)

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Jane R. Dolan (2014)

Anna May Zabek (2015)

Madelyn Tivnan (2016)

Beverly J. Anderson (2014)

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Jeff Taylor (2014)

John Couture (2014) Alternate

BURIAL GROUND COMMISSIONERS

John Bartlett	(2014)	Resigned 1/29/14
Vacancy	(2014)	
Kevin Roberts	(2015)	
Marjorie Reim	(2016)	Resigned 2/12/14
Vacancy	(2016)	

CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE, LOCAL ACCESS

Barry Gillogly	(2014)	Director
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CENTRAL MASS. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Tim Morrell	(2014)	
Mark Long	(2014)	Alternate

CMRPC REGIONAL PLANNING TASK FORCE

C. Thomas O'Donnell	(2014)	
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CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Johanna Swain	(2014)	
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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR

Paul Lupacchino	(2014)	
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COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lyn Tivnan	(2014)	
Mandy Morrison	(2014)	
Keith Arsenault	(2014)	Resigned 12/31/13
Teresa Barrett	(2014)	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERMS – CHP 40, SEC 8C)

Brian Silva	(2014)
Richard Provencher	(2014)
Jesse Serrano	(2014)
Gordon DeWolf	(2015)
James Talvy	(2015)
Christine M. Long	(2016)
Eric Tunley	(2016)

(COA) WB SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Cynthia Norden	(2014)	Director
Betty Frew	(2014)	Assistant Director

COUNCIL ON AGING

Beverly Cassavant	(2014)	
Catherine Buzzell	(2014)	
Connie Pratt	(2015)	
Carolyn Boucher	(2015)	
Gloria Hanks	(2016)	
Jim Pierce	(2016)	Resigned 7/23/13
Elizabeth Bliss	(2016)	
Irene White	(2016)	
Eric Tunley	(2016)	

COUNCIL ON AGING CUSTODIAN

Justyna Ball	(2014)
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COUNCIL ON AGING SMC ELDER BUS BOARD

Cynthia M. Norden	(2014)
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CUSTODIAN OF PROPERTY

Board of Selectmen	(2014)
Keith Arsenault	(2014)

CULTURAL GRANTS COUNCIL

Joan Veinot	(2014)
Fern Maskell	(2014)
Kate Kane	(2014)
Richard Ullman	(2014)
Barry Gillogly	(2014)
Paula Slade	(2014)
Cynthia Laub	(2014)

EARTH REMOVAL BOARD

Bob Lipovsky	(2014)	Planning
Jason Paquette	(2014)	Health
Diane Vayda	(2014)	Selectmen
Gordon DeWolf	(2014)	Conservation
Kevin Dorman	(2014)	Zoning

E-911 COORDINATOR

Paul Lupacchino	(2014)
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ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Kevin Dunivan	(2014)	
Keith Fontaine	(2014)	Alternate

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

C. Thomas O'Donnell	(2014)
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ETHICS COMMISSION LIAISON

Sarah Allen	(2014)
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Johanna Swain	(2016)
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FIRE CHIEF

Paul Lupacchino (2014)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert Benson	Deputy Chief
Daniel Santos	Assistant Chief
Wesley Cassavant	Captain, Retired
Joseph Landry	Lieutenant
Scott Anderson	Training Lieutenant
David Tebo	Lieutenant

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Paul Lupacchino (2014)

GAS PIPING & GAS APPLIANCES/PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Joseph Ciejka	(2014)	
Edward Kent	(2014)	Alternate

HARBORMASTER

Joseph Borlikoski (2014)

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Brian Charron	(2014)	
David Tebo	(2014)	Alternate

HIGHWAY CLERK

Tammi Melanson (2014)

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

James P. Daley (2014)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (7 MEMBER BOARD)

Louise Garwood	(2014)	
Ed Londergan	(2014)	
Richard Rossman	(2015)	Rotating 3-year term
Craig Burgess	(2015)	
Barbara Rossman	(2016)	
David Fitzgerald	(2016)	
Anne Marie Nolan	(2016)	

HISTORICAL CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION

Vacant	(2014)
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INSECT & PEST CONTROL INSPECTOR

James DiMaio	(2014)
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LAKE WICKABOAG DREDGING ADMINISTRATORS

Melvin Dorman	(2014)
John Frizzell	(2014)
Jason Paquette	(2014)

LIAISONS

Barry Nadon	To Quaboag School District
Mark Long	To Fire & Police Departments
Diane Vayda	To Highway Department

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Carrie Grimshaw	(2014)
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MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

Timothy Morrell	(2014)
Gordon DeWolf	(2014)
Sonia Burke	(2014)

**MUNICIPALITIES ORGANIZED FOR REGIONAL EFFECTIVENESS
(MORE) REPRESENTATIVES**

Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (2014)
Vacant (2014) Alternate

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Tracy Ashworth (2014)
Eric Von Bleicken (2014)
Lisa Durkee (2014)
Jaelyn Von Bleicken (2014)

OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Timothy Morrell (2014) Planning
Vacant (2014) Historical
Mary Beth Czaja (2014) LWPA (Ex-Officio)
Ralph Carlson (2014) LWPA
Gordon DeWolf (2014) Conservation
Vacant (2014) Recreation (Ex-Officio)

PARKING CLERK

Teresa Barrett (2014)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

C. Thomas O'Donnell (2014)

SERGEANT

Charles LaPerle (2016) 3 year rollover [13, 16]
Lifetime*

FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Matt Letendre	(2016) Lifetime*	3 year rollover [13, 16]
Jeanine Bonnayer	(2014)	[13, 14]
Craig Charron	(2015)	Appt 3/4/13 [15]

PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS

David Pierce	(2015) Lifetime*	3 year rollover [03,06,09,12,15]
Marissa Brown	(2015) Lifetime*	3 year rollover [06,09,12,15]
Brian Ayers	(2015) Lifetime*	3 year rollover [06,09,12,15]
S. Patrick Swain	(2016) Lifetime*	3 year rollover [07,10,13,16]
Eric Mawhinney	(2014) Lifetime*	3 year rollover [11,14]
Kara Hartung	(2016) Lifetime*	3 year rollover [13,16]
Eric Iwaniec	(2016) Lifetime*	3 year rollover [13,16]
Joseph F. Lazarick	(2014)	[14]
David J. Churchey	(2014)	[14]

CONSTABLES

C. Thomas O'Donnell	(2015)
Arthur Tatro	(2015)
John Healy	(2015)
David Pierce	(2015)
Harold Parker	(2015)
Marissa Brown	(2015)
Charles LaPerle	(2015)
S. Patrick Swain	(2015)
Alan R. Jesky	(2015)

POLICE DEPARTMENT CLERK

Tammi Melanson (2014)

QUABOAG HIGH SCHOOL MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE

Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (2014)

QUABOAG SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (2014)

QUABOAG VALLEY BUSINESS ASST. CORP REP.

Alexandra McNitt (2014)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

John Vayda (2014)

Teresa Barrett (2014)

John Schlosstein (2014)

Steven Gogos (2014)

REGIONAL TASK FORCE

Michael H. Frew (2014)

Mark Long (2014)

Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (2014)

REPRESENTATIVE TO CENTRAL DISPATCH

C. Thomas O'Donnell (2014)

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ROCK HOUSE

Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (2014)

REGIONAL HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT COOPERATIVE (RHE COOP)

Diane Vayda (2014) Board of Directors Rep.

RIGHT TO KNOW MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

Brian Charron (2014)

ROAD PROJECTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Diane Vayda (2014)

James Daley (2014)

Jeff Robbins (2014)

Bill King (2014)

Keith Arsenault (2014)

SEXUAL HARASSMENT OFFICER

Teri Ann Roberts (2014)

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

James Daley	(2014)	Highway
Suzanne LePage	(2014)	Member at Large
John Frizzell	(2014)	Health
Johanna Swain	(2014)	Selectmen
Gordon DeWolf	(2014)	Conservation
Robert Benson	(2014)	Water
Timothy Morrell	(2014)	Planning

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Marie Arsenault (2016)

TOWN COUNSEL

Petrini & Associates (2014)

TREE WARDEN

James DiMaio (2013)

TRIATHLON COMMITTEE

Rachel Wilson (2014)
Billie Moberg (2014)
Amanda Ostrout (2014)
Felix Kurilov (2014)
James Wilson (2014)

VETERAN'S AGENT

S. Patrick Swain (2014)

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Ron Marchessault (2014)
Anna May Zabek (2014)

WMCTF COMMITTEE - Western MA Casino Task Force

Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (2014) Representative

WHITE CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE

Richard Rossman (2014)
Charlotte Boos (2014)
Barbara Rossman (2014)
Michelle Niemiec (2014)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Kevin Dorman (2014)*
George Hibbard (2015)
William Mansfield (2015) Associate Member
Resigned 1/29/14
Douglas Aspinall (2015) Associate Member
Bob Levite (2014) Associate Member
Richard Ullman (2014)

ZONING OFFICER

Gary Simeone (2014)

LIST OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

* Indicates Chairperson. () Indicates Term of Office

MODERATOR

Trevor Brown (2015)

TOWN CLERK

Sarah J. Allen (2016)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark Long (2014)*

Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (2015)

Diane S. Vayda (2016)

TOWN TREASURER

Keith R. Arsenault (2016) Resigned 3/15/14

Teri Roberts Appt Acting Treasurer until
May Election 3/10/14

TAX COLLECTOR

Teresa M. Barrett (2016)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Beverly P. Kenniston (2014)

Kevin G. Dorman (2015)

Michael H. Frew (2016)

BOARD OF HEALTH

Jason Paquette (2014)

Melvin F. Dorman (2015)

John E. Frizzell, Sr. (2016)

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mary Magnante	(2014)	
Virginia A. Allen	(2014)	
Paul D. Spencer	(2014)	
Peter Scribner	(2015)	
Alexandra McNitt	(2015)	
Melanie Merrill	(2016)	Until May 2014 Election
Jeffrey R. Robbins	(2016)	

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Barry J. Nadon, Sr.	(2014)
Lester Paquette, Sr.	(2015)
Robert E. Benson	(2016)

COMMON COMMITTEE

Elisabeth E. DiMaio	(2014)	
Martha Salem-Leaseca	(2014)	(2015)
Robert Joseph Richard	(2016)*	

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YEAR TERMS)

Michael H. Frew	(2010)	State Appt. 5-yr term (*Holdover)
Peggy Walker	(2014)	
James F. Pierce	(2015)	
Kenneth B. Miller	(2016)	
Beverly Anderson	(2017)	

PLANNING BOARD

Robert J. Brodak	(2014)	
Keith Arsenault	(2015)	
William F. Mansfield	(2016)	Resigned 1/29/14
Vacancy	(2016)	
Robert Lipovsky	(2017)	
Timothy S. Morrell	(2018)	

QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Clifford G. Fountain	(2014)
Andrew Schwenker	(2014)
Lori L. Loughlin	(2014)
Gina Lavallee	(2014)
John Dolan	(2015)
Leane M. Pierce	(2015)
Daniel Korzec	(2015)
Vacant – Warren	(2015)
Heather Bish	(2016)
Craig Burgess	(2016)
Paula Messier	(2016)
Robert Souza	(2016)

PARKING CLERK

During 2013, six parking tickets were issued. Forty dollars (\$40.00), was collected and turned over to the Treasurer.

Violations were attributed to unauthorized *All Night Parking* and the *Winter Parking Ban*. There has been a decline of Town Beach Parking Violations and tickets being issued due to the turnover of police officers.

Please be advised that from November 1st through April 1st there is a parking ban in effect during the hours of 1:00am to 6:00am. The Parking ticket violation fees have increased to \$20.00. To obtain a beach-parking sticker, please inquire at the Police Department or Selectmen's office.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Barrett, Parking Clerk

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has had a busy and productive year. Two Public Hearings were held. The Board was involved in the public hearing for the Reconstruction and Tree Removal Project on Kennedy, Ragged Hill, and Lyon Roads in coordination with the Tree Warden, and in line with the Scenic Road Act.

The Board is working towards improvements to the Town Zoning Bylaws in preparation for the Annual Town Meeting in May and has invited public opinion on the specific issues.

The Board is currently meeting on the second Monday of the month, and on an as needed basis for the convenience of those who require Planning Board approval of your projects.

The Planning Board would like to recognize the contribution that William Mansfield has made to the town and thank him for his service to our committee. We wish him well in his next endeavor!

Respectfully submitted,
The West Brookfield Planning Board
Timothy Morrell, Chairman
Robert Lipovsky
Robert Brodak
Keith Arsenault

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 2013 proved to be a busy year. The department responded to 4,147 calls for service, an 8% increase of 2012. While reports of some serious crimes decreased, such as burglaries, there were increases in response to non-crime calls, medical and motor vehicle accidents being the main ones.

Due to a generous grant from Country Bank, the department was able to purchase and deploy Tasers© to the field. This required the department to submit a policy to the state for approval and special training for the officers. Training was conducted at the North Brookfield police station, and run by Sgt. Ryan Daley of the NBPD. Many of the officers volunteered to be “Tased” so that they had a greater understanding of what the weapon would do.

As part of our continued effort to promote safety within the Quaboag Regional District, Chief Spiwakowski (Warren PD) and I have been introducing the A.L.I.C.E. program to the school system. A.L.I.C.E. stands for “*Alert/Lockdown/Inform/Counter/Evacuate*” and is a program recognized and endorsed by the US Dept. of Education and the International Chiefs of Police Association. ALICE goes beyond the traditional lockdown approach, giving teachers, administrators, and students a wide range of options when reacting to a violent encounter within the school. To date staff trainings have been conducted at the high school and the Warren Comm Elementary, with our elementary school slated for training in early 2014.

In November, we welcomed Officer Jeannine Bonnayer to the department. Officer Bonnayer is a native of Palmer and has been a police officer since 1996. She has served with the Broward County, FL Sheriff’s Office, Amherst PD, and the Springfield College PD. Officer Bonnayer is the third female officer currently serving in the department, and we believe the first female full-time officer with the department.

As always we strive to deliver quality police services to the residents of West Brookfield and are extremely grateful for the support we receive from the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief C. Thomas O’Donnell, Jr.

The following are examples of calls for service handled by the Department in 2013:

911-Hang up	39	Alarms	110
Animal calls	115	Assist citizen	169
Assault	7	Assist other agencies	132
Burglary	17	Building check	2327
Carbon Monoxide alarm	5	Computer crimes	0
Complaint/non-specific	66	Court appearance	105
Disturbance	51	Disabled vehicle	65
Domestic Disturbance	13	Escort	12
Assist Fire Dept	64	Gunshots	8
Harassment	8	Hazardous incident	10
Identity theft	2	Illegal dumping	5
Investigation/non-specific	28	Juvenile offences	2
Kidnapping	1	Larceny	15
Lockout	62	Medical emergency	504
Motor Vehicle accident	79	Complaint – MV operations	52
Missing persons	11	Motor Vehicle Investigation	246
Motor Vehicle stop	746	Notification	14
Officer initiated/non-specific	329	Property damage/vandalism	16
Annoying calls	4	Lost/found property	6
Psychiatric emergency	39	Records check	3
Repossession	4	Serve restraining order	4
Safety hazard	89	Sex offenses	0
Stolen vehicle	2	Snow Ban	2
Serve summons	35	Suspicious activity	85
Threat	5	Trespass	14
Traffic control	289	Truant	2
Serve warrant	23	Unattended death	2
Welfare Check	77		

Of the 746 motor vehicle stops conducted by the Department, in 2013, had the following results:

Criminal Complaints	26	Civil Infractions	96
Arrests	16	Written Warnings	288
Verbal Warnings	329	Voided for Procedural Error	4
Town Bylaw violation	1		

During 2013, ninety-eight (98) people were charged with crimes and seven (7) were taken into protective custody. The following is a summary of the charges filed:

Assault and Battery	9	Assault and Battery on a Police Officer	1
Burglary	3	Larceny	6
OUI	7	Warrant arrests	18
Suspended/Revoked license	12	Reckless/negligent operation of a vehicle	4
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	1	Uninsured Vehicle	5
A & B Dangerous Weapon	1	Defrauding a restaurant	1
Abuse Prevention Order Violation	2	Unlicensed Operation	8
Possession of Alcohol in public	2	Possession of Liquor – under 21	1
Harassment Order Violation	2	Failure to Stop for PO	2
Unregistered Vehicle	3	Attaching Plates	1
Threatening a crime	3	Disorderly/Disturbing the Peace	7
Number Plate violation	2	Uttering	1
Allowing Unlicensed Op	3	Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Resisting Arrest	4	Use of Motor Vehicle without authority	1
Damage to Property	5	Mistreating a Police Dog	1
Possession of a class A drug	4	Littering	2
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	1	Operating with a suspended-revoked Registration	2
Lewd conduct	1	Unlawful discharge of a firearm	1
Negligent storage of a firearm	1	Possession of a firearm w/o LTC/FID	1
Keeping a Noisy/Disorderly house	1	Accessory before the fact	1
Accessory after the fact	1		

Respectfully submitted,
Chief C. Thomas O'Donnell, Jr.

PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION

Local Access (aka, West Brookfield Public Access Television, Channel 11 or WBTv) has maintained its 24/7 goal of providing diverse programming and the bulletin board.

EQUIPMENT –

1. Upgrade purchase of new tapeless HD video camera kit for higher quality video and sound; steadicam rig for mobile recording.

PROGRAMMING –

2. The station maintained its multi-age oriented programming to 11 to 12 different programs per day.

BULLETIN BOARD –

3. WBTv has changed its bulletin board requirements. We continue to provide free bulletins to non-profit organizations, but for-profits can post as contributing underwriters to the station as a reasonable rate. Time will tell if this development program is successful.

ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR 2013 -

4. We successfully negotiated a new 10-year renewal contract with Charter Communications. The contract included an increase in the annual grant that will cover general expenses and that of the stipend for the Director, hence removing this stipend from the Town's budget. In addition, there is an \$80k initial equipment upgrade grant and a \$50k equipment grant at the 5-year mark of the contract. The cost for these grants will be funded via proportionate minor fees to Charter subscribers based on their subscription package instead of the old universal fee.

The contract also includes adding a fiber optic uplink from the elementary school in order to be able to activate Channel 12 (Education Channel). The school, with initial assistance from the Local Access Director, will be able to broadcast live or recorded events from the school. Local Access will transfer basic recording equipment from its inventory to accommodate Channel 12. The Director will also be available to assist in helping the school develop their initial plans, but the school will be responsible for any and all programming and future equipment.

Also, Charter will upgrade the uplink feed for Channels 11 and 13 with fiber optics at no cost to Local Access, the Town or subscribers. This will greatly improve our signals.

5. At the request of the Superintendent of the Regional District, the Director has been involved in negotiation with Warren's Channel 12 Access Station; the Regional School District; the West Brookfield Elementary School; Charter Communications and Comcast to provide a link between the two town's systems. The intent is to be able to, at minimum, share video feeds of school related public meetings. Discussions are still in progress. Issues remain on feasibility and, most importantly, any costs involved.
6. Because of the new equipment grant, due sometime in late February or early March, Channel 11 will be upgrading its dated server system and editing computers. This will allow for more consistent programming, less annual material costs and possibly and eventual live stream website.

7. Volunteer recruiting is still a challenge; however, we have made progress. It is expected that one or two experienced individuals will be assisting in additional recordings in the community in 2014. Also, one of these individuals is interested in working with the elementary school to help educate interested students in basic video production.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Gillogly, Director

STORMWATER AUTHORITY

A Stormwater Bylaw was approved at the Annual Town Meeting on May 9, 2006. Stormwater Regulations were approved at 12/06/2006 Stormwater Authority Public Hearing and amended at 2/6/2013 Public Hearing.

Land uses in Town affect our streams, lakes, and drinking water supplies. The purpose of this Bylaw and the Regulations are to protect public health, safety, and welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to manage stormwater runoff and to prevent water pollution from new development and redevelopment.

An important ongoing event for the Stormwater Authority is enforcement of the Town's Stormwater Management Bylaw and Regulations. Significant projects reviewed by the authority are a solar farm at 94 Ragged Hill Road (Ragged Hill Orchards), solar arrays at Route 9, East Main Street by West Brookfield Solar LLC and Rear Route9/Gilbertville Road by Seaboard Solar.

Since Lake Wickaboag is the receiving water body for a major portion of the Town's stormwater runoff, the Authority is committed to activities that promote the water quality and health of the lake.

After successfully receiving EPA funds ("319 Grant") and completing a stormwater mitigation project along Wickaboag Valley Road, the Town applied for and was awarded a second 319 Grant from Mass DEP. The "Two Ponds Project" will include improved wet detention basins, sediment forebays, and vegetated swales on either side of Lakeview Road near the Town Beach and football field for better pollutant trapping efficiency and improved maintenance capability. As with the prior 319 Grant, a public outreach and education component is also included. The project completion is expected in winter 2014. The Authority has also reviewed two gravel operations, and a subdivision on Shea Road.

As fund-raising for the Lake Wickaboag dredging project continued throughout the year, under the leadership of the Lake Association, the Stormwater Authority heard regular updates and will continue to be involved as the Board of Health moves forward with design and permitting.

The Authority consists of seven members, one member each of the following Town Boards – Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Water Department, Highway Department and a citizen-at-large. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM in the Town Hall Lower Level meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon DeWolf, Chairman

Bob Benson

Jim Daley

John Frizzell

Suzanne LePage

Tim Morrell

Johanna Swain

Al Collings, Special Agent

Tax Collector

Totals represent posting activity year to date January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

Fiscal Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	Misc	Totals
Real Estate Tax	\$2,030,708.69	\$2,341,388.83	\$41,139.56	\$5,182.66	\$956.03	\$0.00	\$4,419,375.77
Interest on Real Estate	\$2,047.37	\$17,142.93	\$8,060.25	\$1,773.34	\$464.64	\$0.00	\$29,488.53
Supplemental Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,283.45	\$6,395.33	\$0.00	\$7,678.78
Interest on Supplemental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$624.24	\$0.00	\$624.24
Personal Property Tax	\$45,803.87	\$51,855.24	\$59.21	\$44.08	\$0.00	\$48.47	\$97,810.87
Interest on Personal Property	\$5.59	\$572.76	\$22.79	\$18.73	\$0.00	\$0.13	\$620.00
Motor Vehicle/Trailer Excise	\$0.00	\$375,631.37	\$24,483.85	\$10,386.07	\$1,390.86	\$1,050.52	\$412,942.67
Interest on MV/Trailer Excise	\$0.00	\$1,235.67	\$2,378.04	\$2,514.38	\$555.64	\$679.60	\$7,363.33
Total Receipts	\$2,078,565.52	\$2,787,826.80	\$76,143.70	\$21,202.71	\$10,386.74	\$1,778.72	\$4,975,904.19

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Barrett, Collector of Taxes

TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY
APRIL 30, 2013

REPUBLICAN PARTY RESULTS

<u>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</u>	<u>VOTE FOR ONE</u>
GABRIEL E. GOMEZ	83
MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN	59
DANIEL B. WINSLOW	10
BLANK	0
WRITE IN	1
Total	153

DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESULTS

<u>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</u>	<u>VOTE FOR ONE</u>
STEPH F. LYNCH	128
EDWARD J. MARKEY	132
BLANK	0
WRITE IN	0
Total	260

The polls were open from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM.
There are 2,522 registered voters.

Annual Town Meeting
Warrant
and the
Advisory Committee Report

ELECTION - Tuesday, May 1st 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
West Brookfield Senior Center

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - Tuesday, May 8th, 7:00 p.m.

West Brookfield Elementary School

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING FOR YOUR PERSONAL REFERENCE.

West Brookfield Advisory Committee

The primary task of the Advisory Committee is to review and make recommendations on all articles that appear in any warrant presented to the voters of West Brookfield. In addition, we advise the Board of Selectmen on those issues on which they request our input. The seven Advisory Committee members are appointed by the Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms. In the event that the Board of Selectmen fails to appoint a new member within 30 days after a vacancy occurs, the Committee, itself, may appoint a new member.

The Committee meets regularly throughout the year, and more frequently during periods leading up to Town Meetings in order to review budgets and warrant articles.

In May, Chairman Al Collings left the Committee after almost 10 years of dedicated service. His presence and experience are missed, and we thank him for the countless hours he devoted to the town. Roger Slobody was appointed by the Advisory Committee to fill the vacant position. John Tivnan took over the Chairmanship.

State aid (Cherry Sheet) to cities and towns of the Commonwealth remains at a very low level; therefore, the Advisory Committee requested that for the FY13 budget cycle, the cost of living salary adjustments (except for step and grade increases) be limited to 3%; and that budgeted expenses (excluding salary adjustments, energy, and transportation costs) be limited to 0% of the approved FY12 budgeted expenses.

West Brookfield's state mandated school district minimum contribution budget for FY13 was \$2,388,714, an increase of \$43,255, or 1.9% over last year. The School District requested and received an additional \$50,000.00 in Discretionary Funds above this minimum requirement.

The Town Warrant budget figures for the Annual Town Meeting, excluding debt, are as follows:

Town department operating budget requests	\$3,100,639
Education budget requests (includes vocational ed.)	3,051,803
TOTAL Omnibus Budget	6,152,442
Article requests for funds	145,500
TOTAL Warrant needs	\$6,297,942
Raise & appropriate funds available	\$5,865,076
Funded from other sources	432,866
TOTAL funding needed	\$6,297,942

Free Cash available for the May Town Meeting was \$191,233.17, which was used to fund some of the town’s operating budget above and beyond our income estimate for this year (referred to as “raise and appropriate”). At the conclusion of the meeting, the Free Cash balance was \$11,324.75.

“Free Cash” is a revenue source of actual receipts in excess of expenditures in the previous fiscal year. It is calculated on July 1st, the day the town’s new fiscal year begins. There was a total of \$692,729 in Free Cash certified by the state in July 2012. Therefore, that was the amount the Advisory Committee had to work with at the Fall Special Town Meeting.

At the Fall Special Town Meeting, 10 warrant articles were funded by this Free Cash. Among these were:

Route 9 TIPS Project	\$131,151
Fire Truck Stabilization Fund	30,000
Chapter 90 (Roadwork, will be reimbursed)	235,812
Fleet Account	88,000
2011 Halloween storm clean-up (some reimbursement)	102,724

These and other expenditures totaled \$692,537 leaving Free Cash with a balance of \$191.29 at the close of the meeting.

Over the years, The town of West Brookfield has accumulated financial reserves for funding budget items in times of decreased state aid. The funds have been depleted as we have dipped into them to finance our town’s operational needs. These reserves include three stabilization accounts.

The \$1,306,611 *General Stabilization Account* is reserved for capital projects. The Advisory Committee has recommended that the account balance not dip below \$1,000,000.00. Due to funding articles at the May Town Meeting, the General Stabilization Account was reduced to \$1,048,460.89.

As noted above, \$30,000 was deposited in the *Fire Truck Stabilization Account* (established to fund the purchase of a new truck) bringing the fund’s total to \$253,518. The plan is to continue to increase this account by \$30,000 for the next several years. The Advisory Committee has worked with the Fire Department to delay the purchase of a new truck for as long as possible, and has encouraged the investigation of less expensive options, which will provide needed coverage.

The \$2,123,723 *Water Stabilization Account* was created from the receipt of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) settlement funds from various oil companies. The Advisory Committee has recommended that these accounts be

used for upgrades to the aging well and water distribution system, with the caveat that \$1.5 million remain in the account until such time as there is a higher degree of confidence that the town will never have to defend or pay an MTBE claim. With the development of the new well at the end of Leland Road, the Water Department spent a little more than \$1.3 million of this account at the May Town Meeting and another \$331,000 at the Fall Special Town Meeting, leaving a balance of \$520,630 in the fund.

Last year our share of funding for the quaboag Regional Middle/High School building and technology projects was passed over because Warren voters failed to approve their share. This year Warren voted to approve a debt exclusion and expenditures for their elementary school as well as their share of the Middle/High School projects. West Brookfield approved our estimated \$379,510 share of the Middle/High School technology and building improvements. Because we had already approved a debt exclusion for this amount, only a town meeting article expenditure was needed.

The Road Committee recommended to the town that approximately \$2,502,230 was needed to fund road repair projects. They created a ten-year schedule detailing which roads were to be repaired, upgraded, etc. (This schedule can be found on the town's website: www.wbrookfield.com under Highway Department.) The Advisory Committee recommended funding \$125,000 for FY13. We advised that the town consider entering into a bond agreement and debt exclusion at some future town meeting.

Our continuing updated vehicle purchase analysis for the next five years, which has been shared with voters at town meetings, has proved to be a useful tool. After discussions with department managers, we have deferred a decision to purchase a new fire truck for several years, and considered less expensive option for replacing vehicles in other departments.

With all of our financial needs and limited resources, we are going to have to continue to manage our budget priorities carefully over the next several years. If the current trend of decreased state aid coupled with increased financial demands from the School District, along with the depletion of all our reserves continues, the town will be forced to shrink monies spent on other departmental budgets (Highway, Police, Library, Town Hall, etc.) in order to balance the town's budget.

Respectfully submitted,
John Tivnan, Chairman

Richard Gobi
Roger Slobody

Roy Roberts
Tom Long

Phil Landine
Diane Vayda

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Brookfield
*****Annual Town Meeting*****

Worcester, SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of West Brookfield in the County of Worcester, 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 in Town affairs, to meet at the WEST BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER on 73 Central Street in said WEST BROOKFIELD ON TUESDAY, the SEVENTH day of MAY 2013 at 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM, then and there to elect by ballot the following Town Officers in article #1, and at the WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in said WEST BROOKFIELD on TUESDAY the FOURTEENTH day of MAY 2013 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1

To bring in their votes for one (1) Selectman for 3 years, one (1) Town Clerk for 3 years, one (1) Treasurer for 3 years, one (1) Tax Collector for 3 years, one (1) Assessor for 3 years, one (1) Assessor for 1 year, one (1) Board of Health Member for 3 years, two (2) Library Trustees for 3 years, one (1) Library Trustee for 1 year, one (1) Water Commissioner for 3 years, one (1) Common Committee Member for 3 years, one (1) Common Committee Member for 1 year, one (1) Planning Board Member for 5 years, four (4) Quaboag Regional School Committee members for 3 years or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Town Clerk)

Article 2

To hear and act upon the Annual Reports of the Town Officers and Committees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to determine the compensation to be paid to the following elected Town Officers:

	FY'13 Approved	FY'14 Recommended
Moderator	\$150.00	\$150.00
Selectmen, each member	\$1,760.00	\$1,500.00
Selectmen, Chairman	\$1,760.00	\$1,500.00
Town Treasurer	\$29,958.19	\$30,257.77
Tax Collector	\$32,734.65	\$32,734.65
Assessors, two members	\$4,999.00	\$2,400.00

Assessors, Clerk	\$25,000.00	\$4,,000.00
Board of Health, two members	\$880.00	\$880.00
Board of Health, Chairman	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Town Clerk	\$27,137.00	\$27,137.00
Water Commissioners	\$385.00 each	\$385.00 each

or take any other action relative thereto.
(Sponsored by the Advisory Committee)

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, such sums of money as listed in the Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request and as amended as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013² and ending on June 30, 2014, and to vote that any State reimbursements which result in available funds to the Quaboag Regional School District, in excess of the approved budget, shall be used to reduce the Town’s assessment, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Advisory Committee)

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury **a sum of money** to be placed in the Reserve Fund to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 6 of the General Laws known as the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Advisory Committee)

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ to authorize the use of a revolving fund to pay cemetery related expenses which fund shall be credited with receipts from various Burial Grounds Commission fees, such expenditures not to exceed \$16,000.00 in fiscal year 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Burial Grounds Commission)

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to authorize the use of a revolving fund to pay Police Officer Detail Expenses, which fund shall be credited with receipts from various Details fees, such expenditures not to exceed \$50,000.00 in fiscal year 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Police Department)

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to authorize the Stormwater Authority use of a revolving fund, which fund shall be credited with receipts from various Stormwater Authority fees, such expenditures not to exceed \$25,000.00 in fiscal year 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Stormwater Authority)

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to authorize the Tree Warden use of a revolving fund, which fund shall be credited with receipts from various Stewardship Programs, such expenditures not to exceed \$10,000.00 in fiscal year 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Tree Warden)

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to employ their Licensed Water Commissioners at Grade 1 Step 1 (**\$10.92** per hour) for standby duty and emergency work in the absence of the Superintendent in Fiscal Year 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Water Department)

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury **a sum of money** to be placed into the Revaluation Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Assessors)

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury **a sum of money** to install an Audible Pedestrian Signal system on the Route 9/Cottage/Central Street Intersection, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury **a sum of money** to pay off the Long Hill River Pipe Crossing Loan from the USDA; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Water Department)

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a **sum of money** to be placed in the Town Road Maintenance Account; or take any other action relative thereto.
(Sponsored by the Highway Department)

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MA General Law Chapter 148 Section 261, which provides that buildings hereafter constructed or substantially rehabilitated and occupied for residential use and containing not less than four dwelling units shall be equipped with an approved system of automatic sprinklers; or take any other action relative thereto.
(Sponsored by Fire Department)

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new SECTION 14 to CHAPTER X, as follows:

CHAPTER X, SECTION 14 PUBLIC SHADE TREES

It shall be the policy of the Town of West Brookfield to encourage the conservation of native public shade trees in the Town of West Brookfield and to work for a planned program of replacement for public shade trees that have been removed because of disease or public nuisance, construction or danger, and further, it shall be the policy of the Town to encourage residents, businesses and private builders to conserve and to plant native shade trees. Public Shade Trees shall be those trees as defined by General Laws chapter 87, §1.

- A. A Public Shade Tree Committee shall be established for the purpose of guiding the conservation and care of the Town of West Brookfield's Public Shade Trees. The committee shall be made up of five members and shall include the Tree Warden, Highway Superintendent, and three town residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen for two-year terms.
- B. The Tree Warden or his/her designee shall notify the Board of Selectmen and nay abutters at least seven days in advance of any public hearing called under General Laws chapter 87, §3 for the purpose of presenting cause why a non-diseased public shade tree should be removed and shall tag said tree in a conspicuous manner. The proponent of removing said tree is responsible for all the costs in the tree removal and, if necessary stump removal and landscaping of the area.
- C. The Tree Warden or his/her designee shall annually list those public shade trees which, in his/her opinion, constitute a public nuisance or danger or are diseased and submit said list to the Board of Selectmen on or before September 1 of each year.

- D. The Tree Warden or his/her designee shall prepare and submit to the Board of Selectmen by April 1, a recommendation and a specific site location plan for public native shade tree replacements and new plantings and a proposed planting budget for said replacements and new plantings.
- E. The Board of Selectmen shall encourage all private builders and municipal building committees and municipal agencies to plant and conserve public native shade trees.
- F. The Board of Selectmen shall encourage residents of West Brookfield to plant public and private native shade trees and, from time to time, shall issue public statements that support this procedure and perform a public service by informing residents of best procedures and practices for conservation and planting of shade trees.
- G. These rules and procedures shall not take precedence over any General Laws,

or take any other action relative thereto.
 (Sponsored by the Tree Warden)

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS, ARTICLE 1, VIOLATION CODE NUMBER & FINE SCHEDULE, as follows:

VIOLATION CODE NUMBER	FINE SCHEDULE
<i>01 Within an intersection (Any vertical parking within intersection itself)</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>02 Less than 10 feet unobstructed lane (Vertical parking & not leaving clearance for other vehicle).</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>03 Within 10 feet of a hydrant</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>04 Upon or in front of any Private Drive or Driveway (Primary concern of owner or renter House).</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>05 Parking in disobedience of police officer</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>06 Disobedience to Traffic Signs</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>07 Upon sidewalk</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>08 Upon crosswalk (Vehicles should be tagged)</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>09 Upon railway in a rural or sparsely settled District (Car is obstructing traffic).</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>10 Left wheels on curb (Except one way street).</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>

11	<i>More than 12 inches from curb (Diagonal or Horizontal).</i>	\$20.00
12	<i>Within 20 feet of Intersection</i>	\$20.00
13	<i>Prohibited during certain hours (Areas that are restricted).</i>	\$20.00
14	<i>Overtime</i>	\$20.00
15	<i>Parking in Bus Stop</i>	\$20.00
16	<i>Parking in Taxi Stand</i>	\$20.00
17	<i>Angle parking</i>	\$20.00
18	<i>All night parking (Winter Ban).</i>	\$20.00

(Sponsored by the Parking Clerk)

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C to accept a deed in lieu of a foreclosure of the property described as **71 Stagecoach Road** 0.22 acres of land, more or less, as shown on Map 051.0, Block 0051 on the West Brookfield Assessors' maps and more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 5270, Page 428, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Treasurer)

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C to accept a deed in lieu of a foreclosure of the property described as **270 Shoreline Drive** 0.52 acres of land, more or less, as shown on Map 053.0, Block 0039 on the West Brookfield Assessors' maps and more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 5141, Page 29, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Treasurer)

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C to accept a deed in lieu of a foreclosure of the property described as **563 West Main Street** 0.8 acres of land, more or less, as shown on Map 054.0, Block 0006 on the West Brookfield Assessors' maps and more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 5386, Page 460, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Treasurer)

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury **a sum of money** to be used to supplement the town's Chapter 90 money, which is used for road construction/reconstruction and repair; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Highway Department & Board of Selectmen)

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury **a sum of money** to convert the Town Hall to natural gas and to install a gas generator, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to accept all or a portion of Lakeview Avenue as a public way, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and further to authorized the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, and to accept the deed or deeds to the Town of a fee simple interest or easements in said street and any associated drainage, utility or other easements for said street, and to appropriate a sum of money for this purpose and any related expenses; and further to transfer to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveying, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a parcel of land as shown on said plan, and authorize the Board of Selectmen and town officers to take any and all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen & Stormwater Authority)

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Fire Truck Stabilization Account **a sum of money** to be used to install a power quick dump on the fire tanker; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Fire Department)

AND you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies at the BULLETIN BOARD located on the Cottage Street side of the exterior of the TOWN HALL, in said Town, FOURTEEN (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk, the time and place of meetings, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.

_____ A TRUE COPY. ATTEST:

_____ Selectmen of West Brookfield

_____ Constable

Worcester, SS April _____, 2013 AM PM
Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD by posting an attested copy of the same on the Bulletin Board in the front entrance of the WEST BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Constable of WEST BROOKFIELD

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF COMMONWEATH**

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL STATE PRIMARIES

SS.

To the Constables of the City/Town of West Brookfield

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in the Special State Primaries to vote at

PRECINCT 0
POLLING LOCATION 1
SENIOR CENTER, 73 CENTRAL STREET

on **TUESDAY, THE THIRTEENTH OF APRIL, 2013**, from 7:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M. for the following purpose:

To cast their vote in the Special State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of March, 2013.

_____ A true copy attest: _____
Sarah J. Allen, Town Clerk

Selectmen of West Brookfield

_____, 2013
Constable

POSTED ON THE OUTSIDE BULLETEN BOARD OF THE TOWN CLERK

**SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY RESULTS
APRIL 13, 2013**

REPUBLICAN BALLOT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	VOTE FOR ONE
GABRIEL E. GOMEZ	83
MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN	59
DANIEL B. WINSLOW	10
BLANK	0
WRITE IN	1
Total	153

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	VOTE FOR ONE
STEPH F. LYNCH	128
EDWARD J. MARKEY	132
BLANK	0
WRITE IN	0
Total	260

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS
WEST BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 7, 2013**

<i>SELECTMAN (3-YEARS)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
KEVIN M. PAQUETTE	155
DIANE S. VAYDA	471
BLANK	3
WRITE IN	1
Total	630

<i>TOWN CLERK (3-YEARS)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
SARAH J. ALLEN	530
BLANK	98
WRITE IN	2
Total	630

<i>TREASURER (3-YEARS)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
KEITH R. ARSENAULT	516
BLANK	111
WRITE IN	3
Total	630

<i>TAX COLLECTOR (3-YEARS)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
TERESA M. BARRETT	498
BLANK	129
WRITE IN	3
Total	630

<i>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3-YEARS)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
WILLIAM F. MANSFIELD	273
MICHAEL H. FREW	336
BLANK	20
WRITE IN	1
Total	630

<i>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (1-YEAR)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
BEVERLY POTVIN KENNISTON	518
BLANK	110
WRITE IN	2
Total	630

<i>BOARD OF HEALTH (3-YEARS)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
JOHN E. FRIZZELL, SR.	493

BLANK	136
WRITE IN	1
Total	630

<i>WATER COMMISSIONER (3-YEARS)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
ROBERT E. BENSON	540
BLANK	90
WRITE IN	0
Total	630

<i>LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3-YEARS)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR TWO</i>
WRITE IN	61
BLANK	1199
Total	630

<i>LIBRARY TRUSTEE (1-YEAR)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
WRITE IN	28
BLANK	602
Total	630

<i>COMMON COMMITTEE (3-YEARS)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
ROBERT J. RICHARD	485
BLANK	142
WRITE IN	3
Total	630

<i>COMMON COMMITTEE (1-YEAR)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
MARTHA H. SALEM-LEASCA	507
BLANK	121
WRITE IN	2
Total	630

<i>PLANNING BOARD (5-YEARS)</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
TIMOTHY S. MORRELL	487
BLANK	142
WRITE IN	1
Total	630

QUABOAG REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION IS AT LARGE

3 YEARS YOU MAY VOTE FOR ANY FOUR CANDIDATES

The two candidates with the highest vote totals in each town will be elected

MEMBERS FROM THE TOWN OF WARREN

PAULA MESSIER	373
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MEMBERS FROM THE TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD

HEATHER BISH	420
CRAIG BURGESS	377
BLANK	1348
WRITE IN	2
Total	2520

MEMBERS FROM THE TOWN OF WARREN (2-YEARS) ***VOTE FOR ONE***

WRITE IN	623
BLANK	7
Total	630

The polls were open from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. There are 2,265 registered voters.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ACTIONS
MAY 14, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Barry Nadon, Jr. made a motion to allow the following non-voters to sit with the board of Selectmen: Barbara Saint Andre – Town Counsel, Johanna Swain – Executive Secretary.

And to allow the following non-voters to speak:

Barbara Saint Andre	Town Counsel
Johanna Swain	Executive Secretary
Jim Daley	Highway Superintendent
Brett Kustigian	Superintendent of Schools
Camie Lamica	Business Manager, Quaboag School District

John Tivnan second the motion. The vote: unanimous approval.

Article 1

The Annual Town Election.

Article 2

Voted unanimously to receive the Annual Reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 3

Voted unanimously to determine the compensation to be paid to the following elected Town Officers:

	FY13 Approved	FY14 Recommended
Moderator	\$150.00	\$150.00
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Selectmen, Chairman	\$1,760.00	\$1,500.00
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Board of Health, Chairman	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Town Clerk	\$27,137.00	\$27,137.00
Water Commissioners	\$385.00 each	\$385.00 each

Article 4

Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,222,185.01**, transfer from Chapter 90 receipts the sum of **\$226,000.00**, transfer from Town Building Maintenance the sum of **\$20,000.00**, transfer from the FY13 Vocational Education Account the sum of **\$30,000.00**, transfer from FEMA FY13 Reimbursement the sum of **\$41,708.56** and transfer from the Curb Cut Account the sum of **\$20,000.00** such sums of money as listed in the Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request and as amended as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2014, and to vote that any State reimbursements which result in available funds to the Quaboag Regional School District, in excess of the approved budget, shall be used to reduce the Town's assessment.

Article 5

Voted unanimously to transfer from the FY13 Vocational Education Account the sum of **\$10,000.00** and transfer from the Fleet Account the sum of **\$25,000.00** to be placed in the FY14 Reserve Fund to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 6 of the General Laws known as the Reserve Fund.

Article 6

Voted unanimously pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ to authorize the use of a revolving fund to pay cemetery related expenses which fund shall be credited with receipts from various Burial Grounds Commission fees, such expenditures not to exceed **\$16,000.00** in fiscal year 2014.

Article 7

Voted unanimously pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to authorize the use of a revolving fund to pay Police Officer Detail Expenses, which fund shall be credited with receipts from various Details fees, such expenditures not to exceed **\$50,000.00** in fiscal year 2014.

Article 8

Voted unanimously pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to authorize the Stormwater Authority use of a revolving fund, which fund shall be credited with receipts from various Stormwater Authority fees, such expenditures not to exceed **\$25,000.00** in fiscal year 2014.

Article 9

Voted unanimously pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to authorize the Tree Warden use of a revolving fund, which fund shall be credited with receipts from various Stewardship Programs, such expenditures not to exceed **\$10,000.00** in fiscal year 2014.

Article 10

Voted unanimously to authorize the Water Commissioners to employ their Licensed Water Commissioners at Grade 1 Step 1 (**\$10.92** per hour) for standby duty and emergency work in the absence of the Superintendent in Fiscal Year 2014.

Article 11

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$20,400.00** from the Overlay Surplus Account to be placed into the Revaluation Account.

A 2/3 vote is required to pass Article 12. A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot. The vote: unanimous approval

Article 12

Voted unanimously transfer the sum of **\$10,000.00** from the General Stabilization Account to be placed in the Audible Pedestrian Signal Account.

A 2/3 vote is required to pass Article 13. A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot. The vote: unanimous approval

Article 13

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$134,219.74** from the Water Stabilization Account to be placed in the Long Hill River Pipe Crossing Loan Account.

A 2/3 vote is required to pass Article 14. A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot. The vote: unanimous approval

Article 14

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$50,000.00** from the General Stabilization Account to be placed in the Town Road Maintenance Account.

Article 15

Voted 2/3 majority to pass over Article 15.

Article 16

Voted majority to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new SECTION 14 to CHAPTER X, as written in the warrant.

Article 17

Voted unanimously to amend the General bylaws TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS, ARTICLE 1, VIOLATION CODE NUMBER & FINE SCHEDULE, as written in the warrant.

Article 18

Voted unanimously in accordance with MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C to accept a deed in lieu of a foreclosure of the property described as 71 Stagecoach Road 0.22 acres of land, more or less, as shown on Map 051.0, Block 0051 on the West Brookfield Assessors' Maps and more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 5270, Page 428.

Article 19

Voted unanimously in accordance with MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C to authorize the Town Treasurer, after all non-municipal liens and encumbrances have been paid, to accept a deed in lieu of a foreclosure of the property described as 270 Shoreline Drive 0.52 acres of land, more or less, as shown on Map 053.0, Block 0039 on the West Brookfield Assessors' Maps and more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 5141, Page 29.

Article 20

Voted unanimously in accordance with MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C to authorize the Town Treasurer, after all non-municipal liens and encumbrances have been paid, to accept a deed in lieu of a foreclosure of the property described as 563 West Main Street 0.8 acres of land, more or less, as shown on Map 054.0, Block 0006 on the West Brookfield Assessors' Maps and more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 5386, Page 460.

A 2/3 vote is required to pass Article 21. A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot. The vote: unanimous approval

Article 21

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$90,000.00** from the General Stabilization Account to be placed in the Town's Chapter 90 Account.

A 2/3 vote is required to pass Article 22. A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot. The vote: unanimous approval

Article 22

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$15,000.00** from the General Stabilization Account to be placed in the Town Hall Natural Gas Account.

A 2/3 vote is required to pass Article 23. A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot. The vote: unanimous approval

Timothy Morrell, Planning Board Chairman gave a verbal report as follows: a hearing was conducted on April 8, 2013 and at the hearing the Planning Board decided that it needed more time to review the plan and the meeting was continued until April 11, 2013, during this continuance the board voted unanimously to approve the plan as presented.

Article 23

Voted unanimously to accept all or a portion of Lakeview Avenue as a public way, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, and to accept the deed or deeds to the Town of a fee simple interest or easements in said street and any associated drainage, utility or other easements for said street, and further to transfer to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveying, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a parcel of land as shown on said plan, and authorize the Board of Selectmen and town officers to take any and all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article.

A 2/3 vote is required to pass Article 24. A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot. The vote: unanimous approval

Article 24

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$8,050.00 from the Fire Truck Stabilization Account to be placed in the Fire Department Power Quick Dump Account.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF COMMONWEATH**

**WARRANT
SPECIAL STATE ELECTION**

SS.

To the Constables of the /Town of West Brookfield

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in the Special State Primaries to vote at

**PRECINCT 0
POLLING LOCATION 1
SENIOR CENTER, 73 CENTRAL STREET**

on **TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013**, from 7:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M. for the following purpose:

To cast their vote in the Special State Election for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of March, 2013.

_____ A true copy attest: _____
Sarah J. Allen, Town Clerk

Selectmen of West Brookfield

_____, 2013
Constable

POSTED ON THE OUTSIDE BULLETEN BOARD OF THE TOWN CLERK

**SPECIAL STATE ELECTION
JUNE 25, 2013**

<i>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</i>	<i>VOTE FOR ONE</i>
GABRIEL E. GOMEZ	459
EDWARD J. MARKEY	320
RICHARD A. HEOS	0
BLANK	0
WRITE IN	1
Total	281

The polls were open from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM. There are 2,,530 registered voters.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Brookfield
****Special Town Meeting****

Worcester, SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of West Brookfield in the County of Worcester, 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 in Town affairs, to meet at the **WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 89 NORTH MAIN STREET** in said **WEST BROOKFIELD** on **TUESDAY** the **TWENTY NINTH** day of **OCTOBER 2013**, at **7:00PM** then and there to act on the following *Articles*:

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 4 of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting by deleting the words “transfer from Chapter 90 receipts the sum of \$226,000” and inserting in its place the words “transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$226,000.00”, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Advisory Committee)

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C to accept a deed in lieu of a foreclosure of the property described as **16 Cedar Drive** 0.23 acres of land, more or less, as shown on Map 053.0, Block 0158 on the West Brookfield Assessors’ Maps and more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 12978, Page 168, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C to accept a deed in lieu of a foreclosure of the property described as **24 Mill Road** 0.24 acres of land, more or less, as shown on Map 051.0, Block 0023 on the West Brookfield Assessors’ maps and more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 50323, Page 228; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash **a sum of money** to be deposited into the “Town Building Maintenance Account”; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash **a sum of money** to be deposited into the “General Highway Salaries Account”; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash **a sum of money** to be deposited into the “Police Department Payroll Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

AND you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies at the BULLETIN BOARD in the front entrance way of the TOWN HALL, in said Town, FOURTEEN (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk, the time and place of meetings, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 1st day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.

_____ A TRUE COPY. ATTEST:

_____ Selectmen of West Brookfield

_____ Constable
Worcester, SS

October __, 2013 AM PM

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD by posting an attested copy of the same on the Bulletin Board in the front entrance of the WEST BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Constable of WEST BROOKFIELD

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS OCTOBER 29, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM.

Mark Long made a motion to allow the following non-voters to sit with the Board of Selectmen and allow the following non-voter to speak:

Johanna Swain, Executive Secretary.

The motion was second. The vote: unanimous approval.

Barry J. Nadon, Jr. made a motion to allow the following non-voter to speak:

James Daley, Highway Superintendent

The motion was second. The vote: unanimous approval.

Article 1

Voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$226,000.00 to help defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2014.

A motion was made by Charles Reim to amend Article 2 by adding the following: “and the deed will be transferred upon clearance of all liens including \$750.00 of back dues owed to the Brookhaven Lake Association.”

The motion was second. Voted unanimously to approve the amendment.

Article 2

Voted majority in accordance with MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C to accept a deed in lieu of a foreclosure of the property described as **16 Cedar Drive** 0.23 acres of land, more or less, as shown on Map 053.0, Block 0158 on the West Brookfield Assessor’s Maps and more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 12978, Page 168, and the deed will be transferred upon clearance of all liens including \$750.00 of back dues owed to the Brookhaven Lake Association.

Article 3

Voted unanimously in accordance with MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C to accept a deed in lieu of a foreclosure of the property described as **24 Mill Road** 0.24 acres of land, more or less, as shown on Map 051.0, Block 0023 on the West Brookfield Assessors’ Maps and more particularly described in a deed recorded with the

Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 50323, Page 228, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4

Voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be deposited in the “Town Building Maintenance Account,” or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 5

Voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$8,560.00** to be deposited into the “General Highway Salaries Account” to cover the base salaries for the following highway payroll adjustments from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014:

Steve Pilch	Grade 10/Step 2	\$2,672.80
Gregg Waterman	Grade 10/Step 4	\$2,880.80
Duane Cassavant	Grade 10/Step 5	\$3,005.60

Article 6

Voted unanimously to pass over Article 6.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah J. Allen, Town Clerk

TREASURER

CALENDAR YEAR END BALANCE

Balances of Cash/Investments -December 31, 2012	\$	1,531,679.47
Receipts - January 1 to December 31	\$	6,837,570.49
Interest Earned on Investments	\$	10,747.59
Transfers from Trust Fund	\$	1,644,713.85
Payments per Warrant	\$	<u>(7,657,136.45)</u>
	\$	2,367,574.95

CASH

Country Bank for Savings	\$	987,331.43
Country Bank for Savings - Water	\$	16,372.02
North Brookfield Savings Bank	\$	212,709.10
Century Bank & Trust	\$	140,942.62
Mass Municipal Depository Trust	\$	277,555.19
Country Bank for Savings - CD	\$	644,208.16
Smith Barney	\$	<u>88,456.43</u>
Total Cash/Investments - December 31, 2013	\$	2,367,574.95

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance - December 31, 2012	\$	1,355,821.96
Interest Earned	\$	24,097.66
Appropriations/Transfers	\$	<u>(423,150.00)</u>
Balance - December 31, 2013	\$	956,769.62

WATER STABILIZATION FUND

Balance - December 31, 2012	\$	1,580,629.60
Interest Earned	\$	18,161.61
Appropriations/Transfers	\$	<u>(1,144,219.73)</u>
Balance - December 31, 2013	\$	454,571.48

FIRE TRUCK STABILIZATION FUND

Balance - December 31, 2012	\$	251,406.83
Appropriations/Transfer	\$	(8,050.00)
Interest Earned	\$	5,032.14
Balance - December 31, 2013	\$	<u>248,388.97</u>

CONSERVATION FUNDS

Balance - December 31, 2012	\$	5,220.12
Interest Earned	\$	104.48
Expenditure	\$	0.00
Balance - December 31, 2013	\$	<u>5,324.60</u>

CURB CUT ESCROW

Balance - December 31, 2012	\$	51,046.55
Interest Earned	\$	1,045.30
Deposits	\$	3,000.00
Reimbursements	\$	(1,000.00)
Appropriation	\$	(20,000.00)
Balance - December 31, 2013	\$	<u>34,091.85</u>

REHAB AND SEPTIC ACCOUNT

Balance - December 31, 2012	\$	239,297.32
Interest Earned	\$	4,798.42
Participant Payments	\$	2882.30
Expenditure	\$	(925.00)
Balance - December 31, 2013	\$	<u>246,053.04</u>

SELF INSURANCE TRUST FUND

Balance - December 31, 2012	\$	26,957.38
Interest Earned	\$	539.58
Appropriation/Expenditure	\$	(704.40)
Balance - December 31, 2013	\$	<u>26,792.56</u>

TRUST FUND BALANCES

Quaboag Park	\$	80,436.30
Pine Grove Cemetery	\$	330,935.15
Merriam-Gilbert Library	\$	211,518.74
Fairfax Fund (Ayres Monument)	\$	4,111.16
Margaret Preisach Magnante Fund	\$	33,720.94
Priscilla E. Side Fund	\$	9,349.09
Common Committee Trust	\$	1,757.99
Historical Commission Trust	\$	64,580.61
Recreation Committee	\$	9,407.74
Brady Fund	\$	85.21
Lucy Stone Birthplace Account	\$	873.96
Town Hall Interior Fund - W. Reynis	\$	25,739.07

TRUST FUND INVESTMENT INCOME

Quaboag Park	\$	1,578.42
Pine Grove Cemetery	\$	7,505.82
Merriam-Gilbert Library	\$	7,872.59
Fairfax Fund (Ayres Monument)	\$	80.68
Margaret Preisach Magnante Fund	\$	661.71
Priscilla E. Side Fund	\$	183.46
Common Committee Trust	\$	39.64
Historical Commission Trust	\$	1,407.36
Recreation Committee	\$	184.61
Brady Fund	\$	1.67
Lucy Stone Birthplace Account	\$	17.15
Town Hall Interior Fund - W. Reynis	\$	552.87

TAX TITLE

Tax Title Redemptions	\$	84,887.45
Tax Title Interest	\$	45,274.36
Recovery of Tax Title Expense and Legal Fees	\$	2,552.95

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

West Brookfield Housing Authority	\$	3,591.76
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INTEREST EARNED JANUARY 1, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013

General Funds	\$	10,747.59
Stabilization Funds	\$	24,097.66
Water Stabilization Funds	\$	18,161.61
Fire Truck Fund	\$	5,032.14
Conservation Funds	\$	104.48
Trust Funds	\$	20,085.98
Curb Cut Escrow	\$	1,045.30
Rehab and Septic System Account	\$	4,798.42
Self Insurance Trust Fund	\$	539.58

I would like to thank the residents of West Brookfield for allowing me to serve you for the past twenty five years – first as a member of the Advisory Committee and then, for close to twenty-two years, as Treasurer. I have seen and learned a lot over these years and in turn have served in a competent and professional manner. In addition, I can say I’ve brought in millions of dollars of additional income to the town through careful investments and seizing opportunities on your behalf as they arose.

Through careful debt management, we have been able to retire debt quickly at a reduced cost to all of us as taxpayers. The town has no outstanding debt now, except that issued through the regional school district, which is scheduled to be paid off over the next several years. One of the many management strategies we have employed is to keep the tax rate as even as possible so as not to impact you when debt exclusions are added on top of the tax rate. We have been quite successful doing so while accommodating the regional school district’s capital needs.

Reflecting over the past several years, I have been most impressed with the people who come together for a sole purpose event, such as the Committee to refurbish the Rice Fountain and the annual groups that bring the community White Christmas in December or the concerts on the Common in the summer.

Here is a partial list: Asparagus and Flower Festival, Historical Society, Quaboag Plantation – 350th Anniversary Committee, Quaboag Triathlon Committee, Friends of the Trustees of Reservations Rock House, West Brookfield Farmer’s Market, Friends of Merriam-Gilbert Library, the many people who volunteer their time to coach the numerous sports teams, and so many more. You are the folks that make the West Brookfield Community such a wonderful place to live!

Respectfully submitted,

Keith R. Arsenault, Town Treasurer

Combined Balance Sheet June 30, 2012

ASSETS:	General Fund (01)	State Aid To Highway (13)	Other Special Revenue (14)	Water Fund (28)	Water Capital Project (80)	Trust & Agency Funds (82-84-85-89)	Memorandum Only
Cash & Investments	\$1,507,873.37	\$137,699.63	\$304,194.15	\$224,013.56	\$494,474.84	\$2,844,332.08	\$5,512,587.63
Receivable:							
Real Estate Taxes	\$254,890.33						\$254,890.33
Personal Property Taxes	\$38,879.52						\$38,879.52
Less Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	(\$290,070.24)						(\$290,070.24)
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$172,151.25						\$172,151.25
Tax Liens Receivable	\$318,240.50						\$318,240.50
Tax Possessions Receivable	\$74,123.38						\$74,123.38
Land of Low Value	\$11,217.62						\$11,217.62
Water Rates Receivable				\$75,795.73			\$75,795.73
Special Revenue Receivable							\$0.00
Due from Commonwealth		\$267,865.32					\$267,865.32
Amounts Provided For				\$132,275.00			\$132,275.00
TOTAL ASSESTS	\$2,087,305.73	\$405,564.95	\$304,194.15	\$432,084.29	\$494,474.84	\$2,844,332.08	\$6,567,956.04
LIABILITIES:							
Warrants Payable	\$119,232.39						\$119,232.39
Due to Agency Fund							\$0.00
Other Liabilities	\$5,539.99						\$5,539.99
Tailings	\$5,116.07						\$5,116.07
Note Payable				\$132,275.00			\$132,275.00
Deferred Revenue:							
Property Real & Personal	\$3,699.61						\$3,699.61
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$172,151.25						\$172,151.25
Tax Liens	\$318,240.50						\$318,240.50
Tax Possession & Land of Low Value	\$85,341.00						\$85,341.00
Water Rates				\$75,795.73			\$75,795.73
Special Revenue							\$0.00
Commonwealth of Mass.		\$267,865.32					\$267,865.32
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for Encumb.	\$498,468.16		\$304,194.15				\$802,662.31
Reserved for Expend.	\$147,108.56	\$137,699.63		\$17,298.80	\$494,474.84	\$2,844,332.08	\$3,640,913.91
Undesignated	\$732,408.20			\$206,714.76			\$939,122.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$2,087,305.73	\$405,564.95	\$304,194.15	\$432,084.29	\$494,474.84	\$2,844,332.08	\$6,567,956.04

TREE WARDEN

The focus of the Town of West Brookfield's Shade Tree Program is to provide diverse native shade trees that are safe and urban/rural ecosystem services such as: aesthetics, water quality, heating and cooling amelioration, and to a certain degree wildlife habitat. In general, most of the town's shade trees are of good health. However, there are a number of older trees that are dying and have interior stem decay that pose a hazard to public safety and risk to private property and continuous interrupted utility supply. West Brookfield residents are becoming keenly aware of the town's hazardous trees and routinely report dead, dying, and dangerous trees and forest insects that are infesting trees and forests. Two thousand and thirteen continued to pose some extreme weather conditions in the form of an exceptional wet June, summer drought, and high winds that caused significant amounts of damage to our public shade trees. In addition, tree insects and diseases are adversely impacting sugar, red and Norway maple and white ash trees. In November, the state identified emerald ash borer, a highly destructive invasive species, in the North Andover area, (last year it was found in the Berkshires), which will eventually spread throughout Massachusetts and cause mortality to our green, white, and black ash trees.

This past year, the Town responded to the following Public Shade Tree Program needs:

- ♦ Seventeen (17) public shade trees were planted as part of the third Annual West Brookfield Arbor Day Tree Replacement Program. The West Brookfield's Elementary School and Highway Department participated by planting shade trees. The West Brookfield Selectmen officially proclaimed and endorsed the Arbor Day Celebration. West Brookfield Lions Club, Jim Rust, Northern Tree Service, and Palmer Paving donated most of the shade trees that were planted this year.

- ♦ Seventy-nine (79) large public shade trees were removed that were deemed hazardous.
- ♦ Twelve (12) stumps were ground, topsoil replaced, and grass planted as remedial efforts to improve aesthetics in the downtown section of West Brookfield.
- ♦ A number of public shade trees had dead, dying, or obstructive limbs pruned for safety purposes.
- ♦ The Common had almost every tree pruned removing dead, dying, dangerous, or obstructing branches.
- ♦ The Town's Highway Department with assistance from local tree service contractors and National Grid responded to wind events that caused public shade tree damage and related safety problems to many sections of West Brookfield.
- ♦ National Grid removed ten (10) large trees and pruned three (3) trees that were interfering with power transmission and ultimately reduced the amount of damage to the utility lines that occurred from extreme weather.
- ♦ A Public Shade Tree Inventory was conducted along Route 9, downtown streets, and Hunt Road that assessed the condition of all public shade trees and old stumps needing treatment.
- ♦ Eighty (80) hazardous public shade trees were identified for removal because they were dead, dying or pose a public safety and personal property threat. A public meeting was held to discuss these trees resulting in full public support for removal of all the identified hazardous trees. Removal is scheduled for 2014.
- ♦ A Public Shade Tree Inventory, public meeting, and twenty-two (22) hazardous trees were removed and thirty-five (35) trees trimmed on John Gilbert Road associated with the Ragged Hill Solar Farm Project.
- ♦ A Public Shade Tree Inventory, public meeting, and Phase I (62 trees) associated with the Kennedy, Lyon, and Ragged Hill Road Reconstruction Project.

- ♦ The Tucker Road Town Forest Stewardship Project was divided into two (2) projects: 1) a small firewood sale that sold for \$900 and 2) a larger wildlife habitat and ecological restoration sale the sold for \$8,410. Project completion is slated for FY14 with the proceeds going towards the Town's Tree Replacement and Hazardous Tree Removal Programs.

There is a continued need to coordinate with West Brookfield's residents, conduct public shade tree inventory, remove hazardous trees, and implement the Arbor Day Celebration and the Tree Replacement Programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim DiMaio, Tree Warden

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

As many Veterans seek assistance, Massachusetts continues to be a leader among states providing assistance through the Chapter 115 Program. This program continues to help Veterans from all conflicts and wars in seeking benefits to improve their lives.

Again, with many generous donations a 3rd Veteran's dinner was held at the Salem Cross Inn to honor Veterans. This dinner not only honors the Veteran, but also allows us to say *Thank You* to a family member or friend who has or is supporting the Veteran. A special thanks again to the Salem family for partnering with us for this special night.

I have been appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve as Veterans' Service Officer and will strive to provide the best services to those Veterans in need. I am available by appointment by calling (413) 218-6990.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Patrick Swain, Veterans' Service Officer

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department are pleased to submit the following Annual Report of the year 2013. The Water commissioners are Robert E. Benson, Chairman; Lester Paquette, Barry Nadon, Sr., Superintendent Wesley Cassavant; Richard Kennan, Operator; and Jean Wrobel, Clerk. We may be reached by calling (508) 867-1421 Ext. 306 or the Filtration Plant at (508) 867-1412.

The Water Department would like to inform you that there was a setback in the Leland Road Project due to that after an agreement could not be reached on an easement between National Grid and a property owner for the existing poles and lines for the power they ran new poles and lines down Leland Road. The power was turned on December 31, 2013 setting the project back a good 6 to 8 months.

The new meter project is still in motion with a couple hundred to go, but we are still having trouble with customers not calling for appointments. So if you have received a notice please contact us for an appointment it only take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Thank you for your cooperation.

We continue to update our system; we also had one water main break and a few leaking service lines that we have fixed. We added two more new houses to the systems this year and thank you for all your support. Supplying the town with quantity and quality water is our goal. We would also like to thank the Highway Department for their help during the year. Please call (508) 867-1412 with any questions you might have.

Respectfully submitted,
The West Brookfield Water Department

“In accordant with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race; color; national origin, sex, age or disability. (Not all prohibited basis apply to all programs.)”

To file a complaint of discrimination...

Write
USDA, Director
Office of Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

Call

VOICE:
(800) 795-3272
TTD:
(202) 795-6382

WIRING INSPECTOR

In 2013, the following was inspected in the Town of West Brookfield:

New Houses	6
Alterations to existing structures	14
Additions	7
Services	13
Alarm Systems	7
Water Heaters	4
Commercial Buildings	2
Generators	3
Pools	2
Garages	2

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Dunivan, Wiring Inspector

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals for 2013 granted seven Special Permits and one Extension.

The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Lower Level Conference Rooms.

The Board was represented as follows:

Chairman – Kevin Dorman

Members – George Hibbard and Dick Ullman

Alternate Member – Bill Mansfield

The Board advises any applicants to purchase a Zoning Bylaw Booklet before completing the application and submitting it to the ZBA. A letter from the Zoning Enforcement Officer stating that a Building Permit has been denied must be issued before an application can be accepted for a hearing. Applications can be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office. The application must be signed by the Tax Collector stating that all taxes are up to date, as well as other required documents and plans. Applications are reviewed by the Board at their monthly meeting prior to scheduling a public hearing. At this time, the Zoning Board has only one special permit under appeal.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Dorman, Chairman
George Hibbard, Member
Dick Ullman, Member
Bill Mansfield, Alternate

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Regular office hours were maintained to assist the Building Inspector to expedite permit-required projects in assuring compliance to the Town of

West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws. During the 2013 year, this office has taken and responded to 109 phone calls and 246 email requests.

Seven (7) projects were documented and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for special permit or variance.

This office sent out several letters to property owners identifying zoning infractions and requesting that they comply with the Zoning Bylaws for the Town of West Brookfield. In most cases, these infractions were corrected immediately. However, there were those that required further communication and continued follow up to remedy the situation. One of the issues is still being worked out with the property owner(s).

A few issues were brought to Town Counsel for opinion and interpretation of the bylaws raised during the project and/or complaint. These have since been settled.

Cooperation and compliance with Zoning Bylaws, decisions of the zoning Enforcement Officer, ZBA, Planning Board and respect for neighbors is appreciated and helps to reduce the cost to the Town of West Brookfield when issues can be settled without the need for Town Counsel.

Copies of the Town of West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws are available from the Town Clerk or they may be viewed or printed from the town web site.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary M. Simeone, Zoning Enforcement Officer

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