

IN MEMORY OF

Everett Allen

September 16, 1920 – September 8, 2021

It is with great sadness that the Town of West Brookfield has realized one of its greatest losses. Mr. Allen, resident, and true American hero passed away at the age of 100 on September 8, 2021.

After the pre-mature passing of his mother, Everett was sent here to live in West Brookfield and attended high school at Worcester Vocational. After enlisting in the US Army Air Force (later named the US Air Force) at 22 years of age, he was trained as a tail gunner on a B24 Liberator in the European Theater with the Charles Armour Crew of the 458th Bomb Group.

Mr. Allen's first combat mission was on one of the most pivotal days in modern history, D-Day – June 6, 1944. After receiving orders to “bail out” he was able to hide for 16 days with the Dutch underground before he was captured by the Gestapo. He then became a POW at Stalag Luft IV in northeastern Germany. This camp is famous for its “Black March” in early 1945 when the Red Army got close to the camp, and prisoners were forced to march west some 400+ miles over a period of several months. During this march Mr. Allen became very sick, which landed him in a German hospital where he remained until being liberated by the Soviets.

Mr. Allen took immense pride in being present at everyone of the town's Memorial Day parades since 1946 wearing the uniform he received after his liberation from his time as a POW in Germany.

His love for this community is only surpassed by that of his love for our country.

Rest in Peace

TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD

WORCESTER COUNTY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ESTABLISHED: 1660 – Quaboag Plantation
INCORPORATED: March 3, 1848
LAND AREA: 20.67 Square Miles
POPULATION: 3,478

LOCATION: Central Massachusetts bordered on the north by North Brookfield, northwest by New Braintree, west by Ware, southwest by Warren and southeast by Brookfield.

TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES: Generally hilly terrain with elevation ranging from 598 feet above sea level to 1,206 feet above sea level. A relatively wide valley crosses the southern portion of the Town where the Quaboag River flows. Wickaboag Pond is the only major body of water.

ELEVATION AT TOWN HALL: 633 feet above sea level

SCHOOL SYSTEM: Quaboag Regional M/H School (Warren/West Brookfield)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1ST Massachusetts
Richard Neal, Congressman, Springfield
1-413-785-0325

UNITED STATES SENATOR: Elizabeth Warren 1-617 565-3170
Edward J Markey 1-617-565-8519

STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICT: Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Worcester Counties:

Anne M. Gobi 1-617-722-1540

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT: 5TH Worcester
Donald Berthiaume 1-617-722-2090

TYPE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:
Town Meeting
Board of Selectmen – Three (3) Members

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue		Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	Account Groups		
		Capital Projects								
Deferred revenue:										
Real and personal property taxes	(267,488.49)									(267,488.49)
Tax liens	250,819.58									250,819.58
Deferred taxes	0.00									0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	98,329.91									98,329.91
Motor vehicle excise	167,313.77									167,313.77
Other excises										0.00
User fees										0.00
Utility liens added to taxes										0.00
Departmental	(30,789.00)	107,258.51								76,469.51
Special assessments										0.00
Due from other governments										0.00
Other receivables	11,217.62	2,051.56								13,269.18
Deposits receivable										0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees										0.00
Tailings	8,053.10									8,053.10
IBNR										0.00
Agency Funds						623,355.85				623,355.85
Notes payable										0.00
Bonds payable							516,500.00			516,500.00
Vacation and sick leave liability										0.00
Total Liabilities	237,456.49	109,310.07	92,538.06	0.00	0.00	623,355.85	516,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,579,160.47
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Fund Equity:										
Reserved for encumbrances	24,471.91									24,471.91
Reserved for continuing appropriations	567,393.70									567,393.70
Reserved for expenditures	514,939.00									514,939.00
Reserved for petty cash										0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit										0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit										0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit										0.00
Reserved for debt service										0.00
Reserved for premiums										0.00
Reserved for working deposit										0.00
Undesignated fund balance	1,966,298.50	631,604.86	41,089.24						2,177,602.07	4,816,594.67
Unreserved retained earnings										0.00
Investment in capital assets										0.00
Total Fund Equity	3,073,103.11	631,604.86	41,089.24	0.00	0.00	2,177,602.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,923,399.28
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	3,310,559.60	740,914.93	133,627.30	0.00	0.00	2,800,957.92	516,500.00	0.00	0.00	7,502,559.75

PROOF BALANCE SHEET IS IN BALANCE 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

PROOF FUND BALANCE DETAIL AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

PROOF RECEIVABLES DETAIL 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt			
AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00

	General 1	General 2	General 3	General 4	General 5	General 6	Total
Deferred revenue:							
Real and personal property taxes							0.00
Tax liens							0.00
Deferred taxes							0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions							0.00
Motor vehicle excise							0.00
Other excises							0.00
User fees							0.00
Utility liens added to taxes							0.00
Departmental							0.00
Special assessments							0.00
Due from other governments							0.00
Other receivables							0.00
Deposits receivable							0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees							0.00
IBNR							0.00
Agency Funds							0.00
Notes Payable							0.00
Bonds Payable							0.00
Vacation and sick leave liability							0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Fund Equity:							
Reserved for encumbrances							0.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations							0.00
Reserved for expenditures							0.00
Reserved for petty cash							0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit							0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit							0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit							0.00
Reserved for debt service							0.00
Reserved for premiums							0.00
Reserved for working deposit							0.00
Undesignated fund balance							0.00
Unreserved retained earnings							0.00
Investment in capital assets							0.00
Total Fund Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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ACCOUNTANT

Special Revenue Fund Balance Detail
as of June 30, 2021
(Unaudited)

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2021	Receipts thru 9/30/2021	BAN's	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2021
21	Water Fund	107,258.51	107,258.51	447,991.18			0.00
22	Revolving						0.00
22	Planning BD			663.75			0.00
22	Stormwater			9,602.57			0.00
22	Stewardship Program			3,105.00			0.00
22	Cemetery Revolving			25,476.18			0.00
23	Cable Revolving			77,856.56			0.00
24	Gifts and Donations						0.00
24	Common Committee			12,209.13			0.00
24	Open Space Donations			100.00			0.00
24	Dare Donations			944.62			0.00
24	Explorers Donations			2,947.45			0.00
24	Fire Safe			300.00			0.00
24	Lyons Doantion			2,495.51			0.00
24	COA Transportation Medicar			23,857.62			0.00
24	COA Donations			86.78			0.00
24	Veterans Dinner			492.24			0.00
24	War Memorial Walkway			1,557.19			0.00
24	Library Books			1,736.59			0.00
24	WBTv			669.27			0.00
24	Asparagus and Flower			11,079.49			0.00
24	Historical			1,734.00			0.00
24	White Christmas			7,357.17			0.00
24	Lake Water Quality			20,080.97			0.00
25	SSRP/Housing	2,051.56	2,051.56	4,422.76			0.00
27	Other Town Revolving						0.00
27	Ins. Reimb under \$100k			27,185.19			0.00
27	Town Document Search			411.35			0.00
27	Conservation Improvement			8,060.05			0.00
27	Conservation Consultant			1,100.00			0.00
27	TH Water Damage			18,224.89			0.00
27	Road Machinery			12,867.68			0.00

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Trust Fund Balance Detail
as of June 30, 2021
(Unaudited)

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2021	Receipts thru 9/30/2021	BAN's	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2021
81	Trust Funds						
	M. Preisach Magnante			40,552.90			0.00
	Col. Fairfax Ayers			5,359.35			0.00
	Common John Shackley			66,390.03			0.00
	Common Hawks/Stickney			16,652.01			0.00
	Helen Paige Shackley Band			19,424.26			0.00
	Peter Brady Memorial			111.10			0.00
	Common I England			713.37			0.00
	Rice Fountain			28,167.60			0.00
	Septic and Housing Rehab			13,733.12			0.00
	Conservation			7,587.69			0.00
	Town Hall Reynolds			26,413.60			0.00
	Cemetery Perpetual Care			227,075.06			0.00
	Cemetery William A. Edson			30,471.04			0.00
	Cemetery			2,237.77			0.00
	Cemetery Gilbert Landscape			10,248.13			0.00
	Cemetery WG Woodward			8,326.01			0.00
	Library Mary L Brown			9,881.67			0.00
	Library Lydia Lane			2,330.02			0.00
	Library Fairbanks Holmes			2,305.27			0.00
	Library Merriam			2,058.36			0.00
	Library Hawkes			23,001.04			0.00
	Library WG Woodward			586.71			0.00
	Library Gilbert Salary			24,300.26			0.00
	Library I. England			102,260.20			0.00
	Self Insurance			20,688.30			0.00
	Recreation England			2,283.09			0.00
	Priscilla E. Side			5,678.79			0.00
	Cemetery Helen B. Hawkes			54,576.53			0.00

	Historical England	69,667.51				
	Lucy Stone Birthplace	274.21				
	Unemployment	25,000.00				
82	Stabilization					
	General	419,531.31				
	Fire Truck	204,545.39				
	Water	276,711.49				
83	OPEB	428,458.88				
	Total Expendable Trust Fund Balance	2,177,602.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Combining Balance Sheet - Internal Service Funds
as of June 30, 2021
(Unaudited)

	(Insert Name) Internal Service Fund	(Insert Name) Internal Service Fund	(Insert Name) Internal Service Fund	(Insert Name) Internal Service Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents					0.00
Investments					0.00
Receivables:					
Departmental					0.00
Other receivables					0.00
Due from other governments					0.00
Due to/from other funds					0.00
Working deposit					0.00
Prepays					0.00
Total Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:					
Accrued claims payable					0.00
IBNR					0.00
Accounts payable					0.00
Other liabilities					0.00
Deferred revenue:					
Departmental					0.00
Other receivables					0.00
Due from other governments					0.00
Due to/from other funds					0.00
Due to other governments					0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Equity:					
Reserved for working deposit					0.00
Reserved fund balance					0.00
Unreserved fund balance					0.00
Total Fund Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Undesignated Fund Balance Roll-forward as of June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance	1,631,370.34
 <u>Add:</u>	
Prior Year Reserved for Encumbrance	468,415.38
Prior Year Reserved for Expenditures	342,464.00
Prior Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	_____
Prior Year Reserved for Petty Cash	_____
Prior Year Reserved for OFU	20,000.00
Prior Year Reserved for _____	_____
Prior Year Reserved for _____	_____
Prior Year Reserved for _____	_____
Prior Year Reserved for _____	_____
Prior Year Reserved for _____	_____
 <u>Less:</u>	
Prior Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	_____
Prior Year Reserved for Snow and Ice Deficits	_____
 Prior Year Total Fund Balance	 2,462,249.72
 <u>Deduct:</u>	
Current Year Reserved for Encumbrance	24,471.91
Current Year Reserved for Expenditures	514,939.00
Current Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	567,393.70
Current Year Reserved for Petty Cash	_____
Current Year Reserved for _____	_____
Current Year Reserved for _____	_____
Current Year Reserved for _____	_____
Current Year Reserved for _____	_____
Current Year Reserved for _____	_____
Current Year Reserved for _____	_____
 <u>Add:</u>	
Current Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	_____
Current Year Reserved for Snow and Ice Deficits	_____
 <u>Add:</u>	
Current Year Revenue Closeouts	8,541,877.06
Other Financing Sources	279,435.21
Audit Adjustments	_____
 <u>Less:</u>	
Current Year Expenditure Closeouts	8,190,458.88
Other Financing Uses	20,000.00
Audit Adjustments	_____
 Current Year Undesignated Fund Balance	 1,966,298.50

Accountant's Report of all Fund Balances for FY21 Annual Town Report

AccountNumber	AccountName	Allocated	DebitsToDate	CreditsToDate	EndBalance
01-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 01 General	\$2,470,302.72	\$11,563,214.13	\$10,952,360.64	\$3,081,156.21
01-000-1210-000000	Personal Property Receivable Prior Years	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.03	(\$0.03)
01-000-1210-201000	Personal Property Receivable 2010	(\$0.04)	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-000-1210-201200	Personal Property Receivable 2012	(\$0.17)	\$0.17	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-000-1210-201400	Personal Property Receivable 2014	(\$3.22)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3.22)
01-000-1210-201500	Personal Property Receivable 2015	\$0.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.86
01-000-1210-201600	Personal Property Receivable 2016	(\$207.93)	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$12.07
01-000-1210-201700	Personal Property Receivable 2017	\$448.49	\$0.00	\$76.85	\$371.64
01-000-1210-201800	Personal Property Receivable 2018	\$2,032.82	\$784.81	\$368.59	\$2,449.04
01-000-1210-201900	Personal Property Receivable 2019	\$4,069.60	\$0.00	\$71.09	\$3,998.51
01-000-1210-202000	Personal Property Receivable 2020	\$93,061.02	\$88.83	\$88,342.43	\$4,807.42
01-000-1210-202100	Personal Property 2021	\$0.00	\$313,558.57	\$309,381.08	\$4,177.49
01-000-1220-201100	Real Estate Receivable 2011	\$428.17	\$511.88	\$137.09	\$802.96
01-000-1220-201200	Real Estate Receivable 2012	\$192.43	\$765.77	\$177.63	\$780.57
01-000-1220-201300	Real Estate Receivable 2013	\$3,404.64	\$791.87	\$159.86	\$4,036.65
01-000-1220-201400	Real Estate Receivable 2014	\$2,099.06	\$867.15	\$1,478.92	\$1,487.29
01-000-1220-201500	Real Estate Receivable 2015	\$6,226.24	\$862.22	\$1,754.86	\$5,333.60
01-000-1220-201600	Real Estate Receivable 2016	\$22,340.25	\$756.63	\$7,876.88	\$15,220.00
01-000-1220-201700	Real Estate Receivable 2017	\$71,605.10	\$10.99	\$45,981.86	\$25,634.23
01-000-1220-201800	Real Estate Receivable 2018	\$89,721.40	\$3,943.47	\$50,436.42	\$43,228.45
01-000-1220-201900	Real Estate Receivable 2019	\$118,860.31	\$114.50	\$70,825.67	\$48,149.14
01-000-1220-202000	Real Estate Receivable 2020	\$248,988.13	\$31,807.52	\$172,660.73	\$108,134.92
01-000-1220-202100	Real Estate 2021	\$0.00	\$6,180,428.18	\$5,969,683.69	\$210,744.49
01-000-1230-000000	Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	(\$731,279.92)	\$132,895.55	\$148,470.20	(\$746,854.57)
01-000-1240-000000	Tax Lien Receivable	\$173,443.96	\$190,850.03	\$113,474.41	\$250,819.58
01-000-1260-000000	Motor Vehicle Excise Prior Years	\$13,542.21	\$0.00	\$13,542.21	\$0.00
01-000-1260-200300	Motor Vehicle Excise 2003	\$0.00	\$951.67	\$951.67	\$0.00
01-000-1260-200400	Motor Vehicle Excise 2004	\$0.00	\$2,008.03	\$2,008.03	\$0.00
01-000-1260-200500	Motor Vehicle Excise 2005	\$0.00	\$1,027.29	\$1,027.29	\$0.00
01-000-1260-200600	Motor Vehicle Excise 2006	\$0.00	\$1,954.58	\$1,954.58	\$0.00
01-000-1260-200700	Motor Vehicle Excise 2007	\$4,201.56	\$0.00	\$4,201.56	\$0.00
01-000-1260-200800	Motor Vehicle Excise 2008	\$3,371.25	\$0.00	\$3,371.25	\$0.00
01-000-1260-200900	Motor Vehicle Excise 2009	\$4,619.50	\$0.00	\$4,619.50	\$0.00
01-000-1260-201000	Motor Vehicle Excise 2010	\$1,372.50	\$0.00	\$1,372.50	\$0.00
01-000-1260-201100	Motor Vehicle Excise 2011	(\$458.86)	\$42.71	\$0.00	(\$416.15)
01-000-1260-201200	Motor Vehicle Excise 2012	(\$79.07)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$79.07)
01-000-1260-201300	Motor Vehicle Excise 2013	\$6,399.54	\$4.00	\$172.92	\$6,230.62
01-000-1260-201400	Motor Vehicle Excise 2014	\$12,110.44	\$0.00	\$841.76	\$11,268.68
01-000-1260-201500	Motor Vehicle Excise 2015	\$7,523.85	\$0.00	\$1,539.17	\$5,984.68
01-000-1260-201600	Motor Vehicle Excise 2016	\$5,478.52	\$0.00	\$1,260.52	\$4,218.00
01-000-1260-201700	Motor Vehicle Excise 2017	\$10,249.21	\$0.00	\$1,127.71	\$9,121.50
01-000-1260-201800	Motor Vehicle Excise 2018	\$12,327.44	\$0.00	\$3,827.87	\$8,499.57
01-000-1260-201900	MV Excise Rec 2019	\$26,576.75	\$378.55	\$20,339.86	\$6,615.44
01-000-1260-202000	Motor Vehicle Excise 2020	\$65,311.73	\$83,343.77	\$129,591.30	\$19,064.20
01-000-1260-202100	Motor Vehicle Excise 2021	\$0.00	\$525,071.88	\$428,265.58	\$96,806.30
01-000-1261-000000	Receivable Excess on Sale of Low Value	\$11,217.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,217.62
01-000-1340-000000	Veterans Receivable	(\$1,179.00)	\$0.00	\$29,610.00	(\$30,789.00)
01-000-1880-000000	Tax Foreclosures & Possessions	\$95,245.64	\$3,084.27	\$0.00	\$98,329.91
01-000-2520-000000	Abandoned Property/Tailings	(\$8,053.10)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$8,053.10)
01-000-2530-000000	Excess on Sale of Land of Low Value	(\$11,217.62)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$11,217.62)
01-000-2610-000000	DFR - Property Taxes	\$68,012.76	\$6,717,397.14	\$6,517,921.41	\$267,488.49
01-000-2622-000000	DFR - Tax Liens	(\$173,443.96)	\$112,951.86	\$190,327.48	(\$250,819.58)
01-000-2623-000000	DFR - Tax Foreclosures & Possessions	(\$95,245.64)	\$0.00	\$3,084.27	(\$98,329.91)
01-000-2630-000000	DFR - Motor Vehicle Excise	(\$172,546.57)	\$614,073.71	\$608,840.91	(\$167,313.77)
01-000-2654-000000	DFR-Veterans Departmental Receivable	\$1,179.00	\$29,610.00	\$0.00	\$30,789.00
01-000-3211-000000	FB Res. For Encumbrances	(\$609,451.27)	\$609,451.27	\$24,471.91	(\$24,471.91)
01-000-3240-000000	FB Res. For Expenditures	(\$342,464.00)	\$342,464.00	\$514,939.00	(\$514,939.00)

01-000-3295-000000	FB Res. For Continued Appropriations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$567,393.70	(\$567,393.70)
01-000-3590-000000	UFB Undesignated Fund Balance	(\$1,562,334.45)	\$9,369,263.49	\$9,773,227.54	(\$1,966,298.50)
01-000-3910-000000	Revenue Control	\$0.00	\$8,695,905.68	\$8,695,905.68	\$0.00
01-000-3920-000000	OFS Control	\$0.00	\$279,435.21	\$279,435.21	\$0.00
01-000-3930-000000	Expenditure Control - Operations	\$0.00	\$8,609,850.48	\$8,609,850.48	\$0.00
01-000-3935-000000	Expenditure Control - Special Articles	\$0.10	\$1,217,458.99	\$1,217,459.09	\$0.00
01-000-3970-000000	OFU Control	(\$20,000.00)	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-700-2720-000000	BANS Payable for non Capital Projects such as vehicles	\$0.00	\$950,500.00	\$950,500.00	\$0.00
21-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 21 Water	\$289,008.52	\$741,018.58	\$582,035.92	\$447,991.18
21-000-1310-000000	Water Rates Receivable	\$98,730.86	\$688,438.82	\$679,911.17	\$107,258.51
21-000-2651-000000	DFR - Water Rates Receivable	(\$98,730.86)	\$679,911.17	\$688,438.82	(\$107,258.51)
21-000-3590-000000	UFB Undesignated Fund Balance	(\$289,008.52)	\$377,950.08	\$536,932.74	(\$447,991.18)
21-000-3910-000000	Revenue Control	\$0.00	\$536,932.74	\$536,932.74	\$0.00
21-000-3920-000000	Water Dept OFS Control	\$0.00	\$196,000.00	\$196,000.00	\$0.00
21-000-3930-000000	Expenditure Control	\$0.00	\$386,035.92	\$386,035.92	\$0.00
22-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 22 53E1/2 Revolving	\$31,232.50	\$17,720.19	\$10,105.19	\$38,847.50
22-175-2580-000000	Planning Board MGL 53G	(\$663.75)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$663.75)
22-194-3590-221001	Stormwater Revolving MGL 53E1/2	(\$9,602.57)	\$10,105.19	\$10,105.19	(\$9,602.57)
22-294-3590-221002	Stewardship Program Revolving MGL 53E1/2	(\$3,025.00)	\$0.00	\$80.00	(\$3,105.00)
22-491-3590-221003	Cemetery Revolving MGL 53E1/2	(\$17,941.18)	\$0.00	\$7,535.00	(\$25,476.18)
23-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 23 53F3/4 Cable Revolving	\$43,159.09	\$40,109.45	\$5,411.98	\$77,856.56
23-000-3590-000000	UFB Undesignated Fund Balance	(\$43,159.09)	\$5,411.98	\$40,109.45	(\$77,856.56)
24-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 24 Gifts & Donations	\$80,685.87	\$20,265.65	\$13,303.49	\$87,648.03
24-000-3590-241015	Common Committee Gifts & Donations	(\$12,430.61)	\$221.48	\$0.00	(\$12,209.13)
24-171-3590-241016	FB Open Space Donations	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
24-210-3590-241001	Dare Donations Police Dept.	(\$944.62)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$944.62)
24-211-3590-241002	Explorers Donations	(\$2,947.45)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,947.45)
24-220-3590-241003	Fire Safe Donations	(\$300.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$300.00)
24-422-3590-241004	Lyons Donation Stormwater	(\$2,495.51)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,495.51)
24-541-3590-241005	COA Transportation Medicare Program	(\$12,857.62)	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	(\$23,857.62)
24-541-3590-241006	Council on Aging Donations	(\$36.78)	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$86.78)
24-543-3590-241007	Veterans Dinner Donations	(\$492.24)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$492.24)
24-543-3590-241008	War Memorial Walkway	(\$1,557.19)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,557.19)
24-610-3590-241009	Library Donations Books	(\$3,718.35)	\$2,947.41	\$965.65	(\$1,736.59)
24-675-3590-241010	WBTV Donations	(\$669.27)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$669.27)
24-691-3590-241011	Asparagus & Flower Festival	(\$11,079.49)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$11,079.49)
24-691-3590-241012	Historical Donations	(\$1,734.00)	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00	(\$1,734.00)
24-691-3590-241013	White Christmas	(\$9,241.77)	\$1,884.60	\$0.00	(\$7,357.17)
24-693-3590-241014	Lake Water Quality Donations	(\$20,080.97)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$20,080.97)
25-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 25 SSRP	\$3,725.80	\$696.96	\$0.00	\$4,422.76
25-000-1720-251000	Housing Receivable	\$1,421.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,421.09
25-000-1720-251001	Septic Loan Repayment Receivables	\$1,327.43	\$0.00	\$696.96	\$630.47
25-000-2670-000000	DFR - Septic Loan & Housing Receivable	(\$2,748.52)	\$696.96	\$0.00	(\$2,051.56)
25-000-3590-251001	UFB Undesignated Fund Balance SSRP	(\$3,725.80)	\$0.00	\$696.96	(\$4,422.76)
27-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 27 Other Town Revolving	\$49,637.05	\$54,585.56	\$25,757.70	\$78,464.91
27-000-3590-271007	FB Insurance Reimbursements Under \$100k	(\$1,287.33)	\$24,204.08	\$34,285.14	(\$11,368.39)
27-000-3590-271008	Insurance Water Damage Broken pipe in BOS office	\$0.00	\$553.62	\$16,370.42	(\$15,816.80)
27-122-3590-271001	Town Document Search	(\$411.35)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$411.35)
27-171-3590-271711	Conservation Improvement incorrectly consolidated into Conservation Trust by JC	(\$8,060.05)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$8,060.05)
27-171-3590-271712	Conservation Consultant incorrectly consolidated into Conservation Trust by JC	(\$1,100.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,100.00)
27-192-3590-271002	Town Hall Insurance Water Damage	(\$18,224.89)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$18,224.89)
27-422-3590-271003	Road Machinery Fund	(\$9,442.68)	\$0.00	\$3,425.00	(\$12,867.68)
27-422-3590-271004	Repairs to Private Roads	(\$2,571.78)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,571.78)
27-691-3590-271006	Quaboag Plantation Triathlon	(\$8,538.97)	\$1,000.00	\$505.00	(\$8,043.97)
28-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 28 Federal Grants	\$0.00	\$24,113.56	\$44,044.24	(\$19,930.68)
28-162-3590-281621	CARES Postage Reimbursement FB	\$0.00	\$413.91	\$413.91	\$0.00
28-210-3590-281001	Police Emergency Mgt Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$838.52	(\$838.52)
28-210-3590-282101	Byrne Federal Grant \$39917.12 FY21	\$0.00	\$39,244.62	\$20,952.95	\$18,291.67

28-291-3590-282911	FFY2019EMPG/ FY21EMPG \$2700.00	\$0.00	\$1,908.18	\$1,908.18	\$0.00
28-291-3590-282912	FFY2020EMPG/FY21EMPG \$2700.00	\$0.00	\$2,477.53	\$0.00	\$2,477.53
29-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 29 State Grants	\$109,852.15	\$530,059.63	\$723,607.18	(\$83,695.40)
29-122-3590-291002	Smart Growth Grant	(\$4,558.36)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,558.36)
29-122-3590-291220	FB-Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Planning Process Grant MVP \$20k	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	(\$10,000.00)
29-122-3590-291221	Green Community Grant 2021	\$0.00	\$98,363.26	\$101,182.50	(\$2,819.24)
29-160-3590-291004	Extended Polling Hours	(\$1,320.71)	\$2,761.40	\$2,475.77	(\$1,035.08)
29-162-3590-291620	Secretary of State Ballot Box Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$1,081.96	\$1,071.37	\$10.59
29-210-3590-291005	Lap Top Grant	(\$570.85)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$570.85)
29-210-3590-291006	Police Public Safety Grant	(\$93.85)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$93.85)
29-210-3590-292100	Police Dept. Grant for Med-Project	(\$1,950.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,950.00)
29-220-3590-291008	Fire Safe Grant	(\$843.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$843.00)
29-220-3590-291009	Fire Public Safety Grant	(\$2,897.57)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,897.57)
29-220-3590-291010	Fire Grant FY 2012	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
29-220-3590-291011	VFA Fire Grant	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
29-220-3590-291012	Senior SAFE Grant FY 2016	(\$1,709.49)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,709.49)
29-220-3590-291015	Student SAFE Grant FY 2016	(\$472.75)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$472.75)
29-220-3590-291023	Senior SAFE Grant FY 2018	(\$4,149.50)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,149.50)
29-220-3590-291029	FB 2019 Safe Grant	(\$2,854.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,854.00)
29-220-3590-291030	FB 2019 Senior Safe Grant	(\$2,100.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,100.00)
29-220-3590-292201	FY21 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant \$9527.14 Reimbursable Grant ends 6/30/2021	\$0.00	\$9,527.14	\$0.00	\$9,527.14
29-291-3590-291170	Fy17EMPG \$4849.00	(\$5,287.42)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$5,287.42)
29-291-3590-292911	FFY 19 EMPG grant fund \$1908.18	\$0.00	\$1,908.18	\$0.00	\$1,908.18
29-422-3590-291016	Storm Water Grant	(\$12,531.89)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$12,531.89)
29-422-3590-291017	Mass Works Grant Town Share	(\$7,020.09)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,020.09)
29-422-3590-294220	Complete Street Grany DOT \$383228.00	\$0.00	\$383,228.00	\$383,218.00	\$10.00
29-422-3590-294221	MWIP 2020 Mass Works \$985k Downtown Safety Improvements	\$0.00	\$205,785.11	\$0.00	\$205,785.11
29-511-3590-291031	CMRPC BOH DPH Covid 19 Grant	(\$2,930.20)	\$4,994.64	\$2,064.44	\$0.00
29-541-3590-291019	COA EOEa Formula Grant	(\$409.60)	\$3,457.49	\$12,156.00	(\$9,108.11)
29-541-3590-291022	COA LCC	(\$1,729.06)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,729.06)
29-610-3590-291020	Library Offsets Lig Meg	(\$39,619.49)	\$0.00	\$7,891.55	(\$47,511.04)
29-610-3590-291021	Library Cultural Grant	(\$350.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$350.00)
29-610-3590-291022	Library LCC	(\$2,154.32)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,154.32)
29-675-3590-291001	Peg Access Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
29-675-3590-291027	PEG Access Equipment Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
29-693-3590-296930	ENV GRANT \$5000.00 DREDGE LAKE WICKABOAG	(\$5,100.00)	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	(\$2,600.00)
29-699-3590-291022	Local Cultural Grant	(\$5,200.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$5,200.00)
30-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 30	(\$123,074.24)	\$451,414.03	\$325,070.10	\$3,269.69
30-000-1720-000000	Due From Comm of Mass.	\$311,482.09	\$232,470.00	\$451,414.03	\$92,538.06
30-000-2670-000000	DFR - Due from Comm of Mass.	(\$311,482.09)	\$451,414.03	\$232,470.00	(\$92,538.06)
30-422-3590-000000	UFB Undesignated Fund Balance	\$123,074.24	\$325,070.10	\$451,414.03	(\$3,269.69)
35-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 35 Capital	\$39,044.55	\$0.00	\$1,225.00	\$37,819.55
35-450-3590-351000	Water Line Settlement	(\$20,335.00)	\$1,225.00	\$0.00	(\$19,110.00)
35-450-3590-351001	New Braintree Road Project	(\$18,709.55)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$18,709.55)
81-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 81 Trust	\$741,130.00	\$239,949.87	\$448,485.34	\$532,594.53
81-000-1060-000000	Restricted Cash Fund 81 Trust	\$315,760.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$315,760.47
81-000-3580-811003	M. Preisach Magnante (Nexp)	(\$29,132.41)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$29,132.41)
81-000-3580-811004	Col. Fairfax Ayers Historical (Nexp)	(\$980.58)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$980.58)
81-000-3580-811006	Common John Shackley (Nexp)	(\$48,405.25)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$48,405.25)
81-000-3580-811007	Common Hawks/Stickney (Nexp)	(\$10,891.84)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$10,891.84)
81-000-3590-811003	M. Preisach Magnante	(\$9,431.39)	\$2,972.74	\$4,961.84	(\$11,420.49)
81-000-3590-811004	Col. Fairfax Ayers Historical	(\$4,115.88)	\$392.86	\$655.75	(\$4,378.77)
81-000-3590-811005	Helen Paige Shackley Bandstand	(\$18,471.50)	\$1,423.91	\$2,376.67	(\$19,424.26)
81-000-3590-811006	Common John Shackley	(\$14,728.36)	\$4,866.75	\$8,123.17	(\$17,984.78)
81-000-3590-811007	Common Hawks/Stickney	(\$4,943.35)	\$1,220.70	\$2,037.52	(\$5,760.17)
81-000-3590-811026	Peter Brady Memorial Gift	(\$105.66)	\$8.13	\$13.57	(\$111.10)
81-000-3590-811027	Common I. England Trust	(\$713.37)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$713.37)
81-000-3590-811028	Rice Fountain Trust	(\$26,785.99)	\$2,064.82	\$3,446.43	(\$28,167.60)
81-000-3590-811029	Septic and Rehabilitation Trust	(\$309,999.45)	\$370,686.63	\$74,420.30	(\$13,733.12)

81-171-3590-811000	Conservation Fund	(\$7,194.27)	\$554.39	\$947.81	(\$7,587.69)
81-192-3590-811014	Town Hall Reynis Estate Trust	(\$25,314.45)	\$1,953.11	\$3,052.26	(\$26,413.60)
81-491-3580-811001	Cemetery Perpetual Care (Nexp)	(\$165,646.94)	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	(\$170,646.94)
81-491-3580-811002	William A. Edson Cemetery (Nexp)	(\$13,506.39)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$13,506.39)
81-491-3580-811015	Cemetery Trust Funds	(\$7,237.77)	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,237.77)
81-491-3590-811001	Cemetery Perpetual Care	(\$44,544.86)	\$16,392.43	\$28,275.69	(\$56,428.12)
81-491-3590-811002	William A. Edson Cemetery	(\$15,470.04)	\$2,233.70	\$3,728.31	(\$16,964.65)
81-491-3590-811012	Cemetery Helen B Hawkes	\$0.00	\$5,379.92	\$59,956.45	(\$54,576.53)
81-491-3590-811016	Cemetery Gilbert Landscape	(\$9,745.47)	\$751.23	\$1,253.89	(\$10,248.13)
81-491-3590-811017	Cemetery W.G. Woodard	(\$7,917.64)	\$610.34	\$1,018.71	(\$8,326.01)
81-610-3580-811008	Library Mary L. Brown (Nexp)	(\$5,304.96)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$5,304.96)
81-610-3580-811009	Library Lydia Lane (Nexp)	(\$1,051.89)	\$0.06	\$0.00	(\$1,051.83)
81-610-3580-811010	Lib. Fairbanks Holmes (Nexp)	(\$1,000.42)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.42)
81-610-3580-811011	Library Merriam (Nexp)	(\$928.41)	\$0.05	\$0.00	(\$928.36)
81-610-3590-811008	Library Mary L. Brown	(\$4,092.01)	\$724.38	\$1,209.08	(\$4,576.71)
81-610-3590-811009	Library Lydia Lane	(\$1,163.83)	\$170.81	\$285.17	(\$1,278.19)
81-610-3590-811010	Lib. Fairbanks Holmes	(\$1,191.78)	\$168.99	\$282.06	(\$1,304.85)
81-610-3590-811011	Library Merriam	(\$1,028.97)	\$150.90	\$251.93	(\$1,130.00)
81-610-3590-811013	Library Helen Hawkes	(\$20,808.70)	\$1,520.45	\$3,712.79	(\$23,001.04)
81-610-3590-811018	Library W.G. Woodard	(\$552.17)	\$42.51	\$77.05	(\$586.71)
81-610-3590-811019	Library Gilbert Salary	(\$23,513.38)	\$6,480.17	\$7,267.05	(\$24,300.26)
81-610-3590-811020	Library I. England Trust	(\$78,529.75)	\$6,792.21	\$30,522.66	(\$102,260.20)
81-630-3590-811021	Self Insurance Fund	(\$19,821.91)	\$1,529.28	\$2,395.67	(\$20,688.30)
81-630-3590-811022	Recreation Trust England	(\$2,499.30)	\$615.25	\$399.04	(\$2,283.09)
81-630-3590-811023	Priscilla E. Side Fund	(\$5,654.69)	\$639.67	\$663.77	(\$5,678.79)
81-691-3590-811012	Cemetery Helen B. Hawkes	(\$49,145.87)	\$63,224.80	\$14,078.93	\$0.00
81-691-3590-811024	Historical England Trust	(\$65,020.80)	\$11,688.43	\$16,335.14	(\$69,667.51)
81-691-3590-811025	Lucy Stone Birthplace	(\$298.77)	\$54.34	\$29.78	(\$274.21)
81-912-3590-819120	STM Art5 Unemployment Fund Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	(\$25,000.00)
82-000-1060-000000	Cash Fund 82 Stabilization	\$915,536.34	\$439,012.36	\$453,760.51	\$900,788.19
82-000-3580-821000	General Stabilization	(\$253,471.57)	\$19,539.19	\$185,598.93	(\$419,531.31)
82-000-3580-821001	Fire Truck Stabilization	(\$194,512.47)	\$210,994.25	\$221,027.17	(\$204,545.39)
82-000-3580-821002	Water Stabilization	(\$467,552.30)	\$419,227.07	\$228,386.26	(\$276,711.49)
83-000-1060-000000	Cash Fund 83 OPEB	\$296,855.70	\$187,306.16	\$55,702.98	\$428,458.88
83-000-3580-831000	Other Post Employment Benefits Trust	(\$276,855.70)	\$55,702.98	\$207,306.16	(\$428,458.88)
90-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 90 Performance Bonds	\$65,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65,700.00
90-122-2550-901001	VH West Brookfield LLC Solar	(\$64,200.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$64,200.00)
90-179-2550-901003	Bond Earth Removal	(\$1,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,500.00)
91-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 91 Payroll Withholdings	\$21,126.47	\$429,332.46	\$424,047.90	\$26,411.03
91-000-2130-000000	PR Withholdings State Taxes	(\$266.08)	\$0.00	\$133.04	(\$399.12)
91-000-2150-000000	PR Withholdings Employee Health	(\$20,860.39)	\$377,439.48	\$374,172.07	(\$17,592.98)
91-000-2151-000000	Withholdings Retiree Health	\$0.00	\$41,593.52	\$47,244.62	(\$5,651.10)
91-000-2155-000000	PR Withholdings Employee Life & Dental	\$0.00	\$4,213.45	\$6,209.67	(\$1,996.22)
91-000-2156-000000	Withholdings Retiree Life & Dental	\$0.00	\$801.45	\$1,573.06	(\$771.61)
94-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 94 Other Agency	\$528,285.58	\$296,612.67	\$293,653.43	\$531,244.82
94-146-2580-941001	Agency Deputy Collector	(\$41,433.84)	\$19,052.00	\$9,383.00	(\$31,764.84)
94-176-2550-941005	450K deposit held to decommission Solar at 50 Boston Post Road 6/30/2020	(\$451,592.02)	\$0.00	\$1,212.35	(\$452,804.37)
94-210-2580-941002	Agency Police Detail	\$17,917.82	\$256,221.20	\$262,668.98	\$11,470.04
94-210-2580-941003	Agency Fire Arms Fees Due to Comm of Mass	(\$8,050.00)	\$11,825.00	\$10,875.00	(\$7,100.00)
94-422-2550-941006	Deposit held for payment to repair private ways	(\$3,740.74)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,740.74)
94-422-2580-941004	Agency Curb Cut Escrow	(\$41,386.80)	\$6,555.23	\$12,473.34	(\$47,304.91)
99-000-1994-000000	Bans	\$0.00	\$659,000.00	\$329,500.00	\$329,500.00
99-000-1996-000000	Amounts to be Provided for the Payment of LT Debt	\$278,000.00	\$0.00	\$91,000.00	\$187,000.00
99-000-2936-991001	Highway Loader	(\$86,000.00)	\$43,000.00	\$0.00	(\$43,000.00)
99-000-2936-991002	Debt HWY Dump Truck	(\$192,000.00)	\$48,000.00	\$0.00	(\$144,000.00)
99-000-2937-991003	borrowing	\$0.00	\$329,500.00	\$659,000.00	(\$329,500.00)

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Allard CGA
Town Accountant

ADA COORDINATOR

The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 USC, 4151 et seq.) requires certain federally assisted buildings to be constructed 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,

Board of Selectmen

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee is comprised of volunteer, appointed members tasked with understanding the workings of the town, making reports and recommendations to the town on all municipal matters, submitting a budget at the annual town meeting, and providing an annual report of the work we have performed. All meetings are posted and open for public participation, which is encouraged. The Committee was reduced from seven to five members this year. This was necessary as maintaining seven members and achieving a quorum for each meeting was becoming increasingly difficult. We said goodbye to one member, Tracey Dodenhoff, and we thank her for her dedication and contributions to the town. We also welcomed new member, Michael Audette.

In Fiscal Year 2022, the Advisory Committee continued to meet regularly, offering virtual access to meetings. This was necessary due to the ongoing pandemic, to ensure access and to encourage participation. The Committee identified a number of goals for FY22, and we continue to work with the Select Board and town accountant in advancing these goals. In addition to our standard budget commitments, the following were identified as priority goals:

1. Produce an annual town calendar for budget purposes
2. Ensure town accountant has custody of all original contracts, as legally required
3. Centralize the budgeting expenses and process of town-wide technology
4. Analyze budget for town fuel and make recommendations thereto
5. Meet with the school district more often
6. Work towards building a capital plan for the town
7. Standardize wage classification and step & grade tables
8. Ensure Lake Wickaboag is maintained, and the Lake Committee has the support they need
9. Support and promote the hiring of a town manager

These are lofty goals and progress has been made in most of them. We continue to add new goals as the year progresses. We will endure to work with the other departments in achieving these.

The Advisory Committee is comprised of independent volunteers. We serve the town and make recommendations that are in its best interest. Unfortunately, we need to make tough decisions as there is not enough money to fund all the requests. We enjoy hearing from all the other boards, committees, and department heads. Each of them is enthusiastic and promote their valued ideas and projects that are best for the town. We strive to get to a point where we can meet all of the demands of the town. This is a process, and we encourage the town's participation in it.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Loughlin, Co-Chairperson
Pamela Griffing, Co-Chairperson
Doug Aspinall
Ron Garceau
Michael Audette

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

I am happy to report that 2021 marks yet another year that our little town had not one unclaimed stray dog. People seem to be doing a better job at keeping their dogs contained as well. Many loose dogs have found their owners through the efforts of neighbors through Facebook and often, they have not contacted me.

I will continue to ask people not to feed or remove healthy cats they see outside. Cats are opportunistic and will eat food offered. They are allowed to wander about freely. If a cat is wounded or debilitated, animal control should be contacted. Otherwise, please let them be. They most likely have a home and family to go to.

Keep up the good work with the dogs in town.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Shattuck

Animal Control Officer

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The animal inspector numbers for 2021 are as follows:

72 goats, 23 sheep, 137 horses, 44 swine, 3 dairy cows, 116 beef cows, 2 donkeys, 7 lamas, 223 chickens, 2 turkeys, 13 game birds, 71 waterfowl, and 45 rabbits.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Shattuck

Animal Control Officer

ANNUAL SALARY

Acerra, Rebecca	\$58,911.82	Green, Jonah	\$1,260.00
Adams-White, Renee	\$14,746.57	Gustafson, Peter	\$987.98
Allard, Donna	\$64,253.49	Haesche, Mary	\$890.00
Allen, Sarah	\$44,049.48	Hartung, Kara	\$12,695.56
Ash, Benjamin	\$489.48	Henrichon, Dora	\$3,464.88
Bacon, Patricia	\$48.00	Hicks, John	\$2,097.41
Bagg, Ethan	\$930.19	Higgins, Linda	\$3,915.20
Ballard, Autumnn	\$3,661.11	Hitt, Kelly	\$19,391.66
Barrett, Teresa	\$24.00	Hopkins, Joseph	\$566.08
Bell, John	\$65,829.49	Hunter, Sara	\$49,569.06
Benson, Robert	\$6,871.31	Ingraham, Jane	\$5,043.45
Bidga, Daniel	\$750.00	Jolin, Frank	\$12,101.38
Bonin, Jonathan	\$1,488.31	Kemp, Karlee	\$1,749.25
Borlikosk, Joseph	\$8,273.90	Kemp, Tessa	\$441.00
Bradway, Shawn	\$630.00	Kenniston, Beverly	\$48.00
Burns-Jackson, Mary	\$36,763.84	Korman, Debra	\$48.00
Cassavant, Beverly	\$48.00	Kuranda, Dariusz	\$7,414.08
Cassavant, Duane	\$67,168.04	Lapierre Jr., Richard	\$12,220.90
Cassavant, Wesley	\$75,100.20	Lapine, Gary	\$3,945.06
Charron, Craig	\$69,626.97	Letendre, Matthew	\$106,027.13
Chisholm, Grace	\$903.00	Leupold, Ashton	\$413.94
Courtmanche, Elaine	\$2,188.29	Lewis, Derek	\$7,583.47
Crane, Tracy	\$525.00	Long, Christine	\$4,019.25
Czub, Melinda	\$3,840.50	Lucia, Christopher	\$1,011.73
Daley, James	\$96,150.29	Mann, Ann Marie	\$31,039.29
DiMaio, Elisabeth	\$36,458.70	Manseau, Cory	\$8,024.34
DiMaio, James	\$638.00	Mansfield, William	\$2,913.12
Dolan, Jane	\$3,247.66	Mardirosian, Nicholas	\$25,446.54
Dorman, Kevin	\$4,161.76	Martel, Michael	\$1,055.35
Dorman, Melvin	\$1,100.00	Melanson, Tammi	\$46,198.33
Dupont, Craig	\$5,429.75	Melendez-Santos, Hector	\$27,080.93
Dupuis, Michael	\$13,254.90	Merriam, Jesse	\$428.40
Edwards, Clayton	\$21,934.60	Mieltowski, Paul	\$13,268.65
Esser, Daniel	\$167.92	Mondragon, Roberto	\$639.24
Florence, Christina	\$16,550.00	Nadon, Barry	\$3,755.67
Foley, Herbert	\$5,066.92	O'Donnell, Mark	\$69,404.21
Fontaine, Keith	\$5,088.88	O'Donnell, Patrick	\$274.68
Frew, Betty	\$23,917.60	O'Donnell Jr., C. Thomas	\$104,013.89
Frew, Michael	\$3,909.42	Pakseresht, Luke	\$62.57
Gagnon, Joshua	\$1,188.99	Paquette, Jason	\$890.00
Germain, Thomas	\$630.69	Paquette, Lester	\$400.55

Pasierb, Paul	\$1,402.01	Sickenberger, Roland	\$750.00
Pelletier, Mary Anne	\$43,005.36	Simeone, Gary	\$10,288.88
Phillips, Karen	\$36,885.51	Skowyra, Pamela	\$480.00
Pierce, David	\$1,500.00	Takorian, Holly	\$38,568.16
Pluta, Michael	\$2,906.90	Taylor, Jeffrey	\$16,464.79
Posusky, Tyler	\$460.02	Tessier, Nicholas	\$47,905.14
Pratt, Kathleen	\$48.00	Thomasian, John	\$5,100.00
Quansah, Naomi	\$48,502.58	Thurber, Glenn	\$2,060.45
Raymond, Susan	\$11,792.10	Tivnan, John	\$48.00
Rocco, Laurie	\$125.00	Tomasino, Susan	\$48.00
Routhier, Angela	\$1,506.00	Tombor, Andrew	\$49,375.92
Rust, James	\$583.53	Vayda, Diane	\$1,560.00
Ryan, Jordan	\$64,442.52	Wade, Katherine	\$2,289.00
Santos Jr., Daniel	\$8,601.51	Walker, Jennifer	\$175.89
Sauve, Geraldine	\$10,978.80	Waterman, Gregg	\$56,173.39
Searah, Dana	\$3,179.20	Whitehouse, Louise	\$48.00
Seery, Michael	\$3,496.76	Whittemore, Eric	\$57,366.27
Seeton, Nancy	\$48.00	Wildes, Brian	\$6,278.00
Seymour, Benjamin	\$2,245.38	Wirf Sr., Kenneth	\$115.01
Shattuck, Leah	\$7,587.50	Wrobel, Jean	\$30,021.51
Sickenberger, Daniel	\$2,128.00	Zachariewicz, John	\$1,222.35

\$1,935,580.74

Police Detail Amounts

*The amounts are not included in the Annual Salary amounts

Bell, John	\$6,704.00
Charron, Craig	\$17,498.00
Hartung, Kara	\$5,422.00
Jolin, Frank	\$1,632.00
Letendre, Matthew	\$21,409.00
Mardirosian, Nicholas	\$2,568.00
Melendez-Santos, Hector	\$14,739.00
Ryan, Jordan	\$9,104.00
Tessier, Nicholas	\$1,392.00

\$80,468.00

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The mission of the Board of Assessors is to value real and personal property efficiently, fairly and accurately, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; to administer motor vehicle excise, exemption and abatement programs; to address concerns from the public quickly courteously.

The Town of West Brookfield has 2,544 taxable real and personal property accounts:

- 1419 Residential Improved Parcels
- 760 Vacant Parcels
- 72 Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use Parcels
- 64 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B Parcels
- 147 Personal Property

The value of all taxable property for Fiscal Year 2022 was \$447,591,821. The Fiscal Year tax rate is \$13.23 per thousand dollars of valuation. The tax rate is a formula that uses two basic figures, the total levy, which is the amount to be raised by taxation, and the total value of the Town divided by 1,000.

$R \text{ (Rate)} = L \text{ (Levy)} / V \text{ (Total value)}$ $R = (\$6,604,423 / \$499,044,498 / \$1,000 = \$13.23)$ <p>The tax rate is \$13.23 per thousand dollars of value.</p>

The major variable in the equation is the tax levy, which is determined by the approved town budget. The higher the levy, the higher the taxes. It is Town spending, not the value, that determines what one will pay in taxes. The assessed values are a mechanism that allows the levy to be distributed fairly among all the taxpayers. The Town is required to

appraise property within very strict guidelines by the Department of Revenue (DOR).

Proposition 2 ½ - Levy Limit Explained

‘Proposition 2 ½’ refers to an initiative statute adopted by the voters of the Commonwealth in November 1980. Its purpose was to stabilize municipal property taxes. It limits the amount by which the taxing capacity of the Town is allowed to increase each year. The allowed growth is 2.5 percent of the prior year’s levy limit. This allowed increase in the limit for FY2022 is \$160,333 (which is 2.5% of the FY2021 levy limit, \$ 6,413,228.

Also, added to the levy limit computation is the levy increase attributable to “new growth”. This represents additions to the base of taxable property, typically as a result of new construction, renovations and minor additions, or change of use.

Permitting the levy to be adjusted by “new growth” recognizes the fact that development creates pressures on Town services over the long term. The new tax rate reflects \$56,314 in new growth.

The assessment date for each tax year is the previous January 1. The Town has accepted the provisions of Section 40 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 regarding assessment date changes for new growth. This legislation allows communities to tax in the current fiscal year all new construction built between January 1 and June 30 of that year. The purpose of this local option legislation is to reduce the delay that can occur between construction and taxation.

Total growth of the levy limit is therefore attributable to two factors, allowed growth, which is fixed (2.5% per year), and new growth that is variable and subject to economic conditions.

Property Inspections

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 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 the assessors. When these forms are not returned to our office, we cannot make the necessary changes to ensure that the information we have on file is accurate.

Address Changes

The bulk of information used in the Assessors' 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 into 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 1st. 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.

The Board of Assessors welcomes 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,

Kevin Dorman, Chairman

Michael Frew

William Mansfield

Renee-Adams White – Assessor Assistant

Elisabeth DiMaio, Administrative Assistant

BOARD OF HEALTH

During the past year, the Board of Health has generated approximately \$23,473.00 through various required permit fees.

The Board of Health issued:

1. Thirty-three Perc Permits
2. Thirty Septic Permits
3. Thirty-four Food Permits
4. Eleven Milk Permits.
5. Zero Tanning Permits.
6. Twelve Septic Installer Permits
7. Two Motel/Campground Permits.
8. One Mobile Home Park Permit.
9. One Pool Permits.
10. Six Septage Hauling Permits.
11. Five Trash Hauling Permits.
12. Four Farmer's Market/Seasonal Food Permits.
13. Two Bathing Beach Permits.
14. Zero Outdoor Wood Boilers

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.**

The board continues to manage Lake Wickaboag (a Great Pond) and the Wigwam Landfill.

The Board of Health has formed a Health Coalition with the Towns of Palmer and Warren. The Emergency Dispensing Site in Palmer was a great success that administered over 8,000 COVID-19 vaccinations. The board applied for and received several grants through the state to aid in financing the COVID-19 crisis. We wish to thank Chrissy Florence for her work in contract tracing and heading the dispensing site. She was awarded the Massachusetts Unsung Heroine award by Governor Baker's office for leading this effort in response to the pandemic. We wish to thank the West Brookfield Senior Center with scheduling all vaccines sixty-five and older in Southbridge and Palmer.

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. Office hour are varied or by appointment. The Board of Health telephone number is 867-1421 Ext. 5.

Title V Agent-John Thomasian Health Agent/Title V Agent-Chrissy
Florence
Administrative Assistant-Sarah J. Allen

Respectfully submitted,
Melvin Dorman, Chairman Jason Paquette MJ Haesche

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As the Chief Elected Officials for the town, the Board of Selectmen is charged with the responsibilities of the general direction and management of the town. With authority under Massachusetts General Law, the Executive Board is responsible for the Town Meeting Warrant, making appointments to Town boards and committees, as well as appointments for various Town officials. The Board is also responsible for the hiring of Town Counsel, the signing of warrants for payments of town expenses along with many other duties for day-to-day operations. The Board meets regularly throughout the year and residents are encouraged to attend all open meetings.

Each new calendar year brings with it a renewed sense of hope and challenges. 2021 brought the highly anticipated loosening of restrictions implemented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Once again, the Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to recognize all our employees as we found ourselves amid a global pandemic. Everyone's dedication and willingness to adapt to a rapidly changing environment has proven to be challenging, however has also highlighted the strengths of each of them to ensure that local government continues to move in a forward, albeit modified fashion. In May, the Board of Selectmen re-opened the Town Hall to the public. Enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols remain in place. We'd like to thank our employees for exercising responsible behavior.

In May, the elections also provided change as we welcomed Roland Sickenberger as the newest member to the Select Board. Our thanks go out to Dan Bigda for all his time and effort on behalf of the town.

The Board has worked and continues to do so on securing several Host Community Agreements (HCA's) with Marijuana Developers. This year, the office, with the assistance of Northeast IT Systems, Inc., applied for and was awarded an IT Grant in the amount of \$47,000.00. This grant (Community Compact IT Grant Program) is a competitive grant program

focused on driving innovation and transformation at the local level via investments in technology. Monies from the grant is for the costs associated with improving disaster recovery and cybersecurity capabilities. The funds will allow the town to purchase backup storage onsite in the form of Network attached storage and hardware to establish a secure connection to the backup site. The town also received \$361,963.03 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds, which was the county allocation. An additional disbursement is anticipated in the summer of 2022.

Work continues with the Water Department to address the concerns of the Leland Road Water Project. Led by Core Team Members, David Brown and Barbara Portal along with several other team leaders, workshops were held on the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program. The MVP Program is a state grant program that supports cities and towns to begin the process of planning for climate resiliency. Roundtable discussions took place with the objective of defining extreme weather and climate-related hazards, identify current and future vulnerabilities and strengths and develop and prioritize actions for the community and identify opportunities for the community to advance actions to reduce risks and build resilience. The town has been certified as an MVP Community, thus becoming eligible for MVP Action Grant funding.

The town also renewed the following Liquor Licenses for 2022:

<i>Adams-Coney-Frew, American Legion</i>	<i>Wine & Malt</i>
<i>Colonial Heights Spirits, Inc.</i>	<i>All Alcohol</i>
<i>Country Corner Citgo, Inc.</i>	<i>Wine & Malt</i>
<i>Varniragi Liquos, Inc.</i>	<i>All Alcohol</i>
<i>Jenz, Inc. d/b/a Northeast Pizza</i>	<i>Wine & Malt</i>
<i>Ragged Hill Cider Company</i>	<i>Wine Only</i>
<i>Salem Cross Inn, Inc.</i>	<i>All Alcohol</i>
<i>WB Tavern, Inc. d/b/a Ye Olde Tavern</i>	<i>All Alcohol</i>

In closing, we would like to extend a very special thank you to all the many board and committee members who contribute countless hours of their time for the betterment of the community. We would also like to extend our gratitude to all our citizens for their continued commitment to community and for their participation in town government.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Vayda, Chair

David Pierce, Vice-Chair

Roland Sickenberger, Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

VRIS TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD
 Voter Total Sheet as of 12/31/2022
 All Voters
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| A - Conservative | G - Green Party USA | N - New Alliance | T - Inter 3rd Party | Z - Working Families |
| B - Natural Law Party | H - We The People | O - MA Independent Party | U - Unenrolled | AA - Pizza Party |
| C - New World Council | J - Green Rainbow | P - Prohibition | V - America First Party | BB - American Term Limits |
| D - Democrat | K - Constitution Party | Q - American Independent | W - Veteran Party America | CC - United Independent Party |
| E - Reform | L - Libertarian | R - Republican | X - Pirate | DD - Twelve Visions Party |
| F - Rainbow Coalition | M - Timeszng Not Down | S - Socialist | Y - World Citizens Party | |

Ward	Precinct	A	AA	CC	D	FF	J	L	O	Q	R	S	T	U	Z	Grand Totals
0	1	5	1	22	572	1	1	20	1	5	428	2	3	1879	1	2941
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Residents : 3438

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*** End of Report ****

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Single Family Dwellings	10
Sheds	7
Additions	6
Roofing	37
Garages	7
Windows/Siding	8
Renovations/Remodeling	8
Stoves/Pellet/Wood	13
Pools/In ground/ Above ground	6
Signs	3
Decks	6
Demolition	2
Barns	1
Pavilion /Gazebo	0
Antenna/Cell tower	3
ADA Ramp	0
Solar	16
Weatherization/insulation	27
Sprinkler System	1
Sheet Metal	<u>7</u>

TOTAL	168
Total permit income	\$30,661.20
Estimated value on permits	\$5,904,001.35

Zoning Enforcement fines collected	\$650.00
Dbl. building permit fees collected	\$579.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffery Taylor
Inspector of Buildings

BURIAL GROUND COMMISSION

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 Cemetery Commission extends sympathy to those who have experienced a loss of a loved one over the past year. We also wish to thank individuals who have taken special interest in providing care for the lots and surroundings.

There were 23 interments in Pine Grove during 2021:

Pricilla A. Toppin	Linsey Smith	John Bartlett
Valentina Bukatko	Richard Gauvin	Judith Bartlett
Arthur Lamay	Marie King	Nancy Stevens
Florence Ritzer	Raymond Haire	
William Dame	Bertha Leblanc	
Doris Thurber	Doris Brewer	
Roger Thurber	Richard Greene Jr.	
Joyce Parker	Everett Allen	
Lucille Smith	Francis Bugbee	
Mildred Silverberg	Jennie Bugbee	

The Total sum collected for burials was \$6,835.00 dollars and the total sum for Lot Purchases was \$1,800.00.

As a reminder and in respect for our deceased, dogs are not allowed at any time on cemetery grounds. Also, please report any vandalism or suspicious activity to the West Brookfield Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

David Swekla-Chairman
Marc Astrella
Ross Ranks

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is specifically “charged with the protection of the community’s natural resources”. Massachusetts has one of the most restrictive environmental codes in the United States and one “cannot do anything “within the 100-foot buffer zone of any wetland (intermittent stream, lake, marsh, bog, or seasonal wet area) or the 200-foot buffer zone of any permanent stream without filing a Request for Determination of Applicability.

This past year the Commission has reviewed, issued, and followed up on many permits including the emergency culvert repair on Shea Road, the Foster Hill Road bridge completion as well as many tree removals, deck replacements/construction, septic repairs and stonewall reconstructions.

The Commission would like to remind everyone that the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program is available to assist and encourage the preservation of existing farmland. One may contact the Commission for further information.

The Conservation Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Lower-Level Conference Room in the Town Hall unless otherwise posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Provencher, Chair
Brian Silva
Steven Carroll
Paul Lussier

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Senior Center is a focal point for social and support services for older adults, families, and caregivers. We provide aging adults with meaningful opportunities for engagement. The Senior Center fills a social, educational, physical, and nutritional void.

2021 was still impacted by the pandemic. The Senior Center remained closed to the public until the end of May. Luckily, we were able to start up many of the programs. We have kept our groups small to keep our seniors healthy.

Thanks to the generosity of the J Irving England and Jane L England Charitable Trust, we were able to purchase air purifiers and implement other measures to keep the building as safe as possible.

Tri-Valley, Marge Christian, Meal Site Manager, and the volunteers, never stopped serving Meals on Wheels to eligible seniors in the region. They also offered “Grab ‘N Go” meals, where people could come to the center and get a lunch to bring with them.

Gary Lapine, the Veteran’s Agent, continued to help veterans in need. He had appointments at the Senior Center as well as fielding many phone calls.

The SHINE Counselor continued to assist people with health insurance questions over the phone.

The Senior Center was able to continue helping with medical concerns. A new Foot Care Clinic was started with Diane DeWan, LPN. She comes monthly. This has been a huge help to seniors. The Hearing Clinic, with Dr. Moreno, was able to continue to assist people with hearing issues with a monthly clinic.

Angels Answer stepped up to help seniors in need of food during the pandemic. Many people face food insecurity, where they don’t have enough. Some of these people limit how much they eat daily, and many

run out of food. The pandemic made this worse. Angels Answer has been bringing food from Hannaford and Panera Bread. Senior Center staff and volunteers put together about 30 bags of food every week. This helps to combat food issues in the community.

The Friends of the West Brookfield COA stepped up to bring cheer to the Seniors. They brought cider donuts and cider to celebrate National Donut Day. They provided goodie bags for Halloween. The Friends were able to do a grab and go Christmas dinner in December, with a turkey dinner from Mason's Grille. They were also able to make up a holiday basket and a lottery wreath. The Friends have been instrumental in keeping everyone's morale up.

National Pumpkin Day was celebrated with homemade pumpkin muffins courtesy of Cedarbrook Village in Ware.

One-on-one outreach appointments were available, and people were helped with fuel assistance applications, MassHealth applications, food stamps, and other benefits. We continued to loan out medical equipment to those in need. The Senior Center newsletter was printed up every month. It was a great way to get accurate and current information out to seniors.

Senior Center staff spent countless hours fielding phone calls and booking people for Covid-19 vaccines. Through group efforts, we were able to assist about 300 seniors to get vaccinated.

Betty Frew, Assistant Director, Sue Raymond, Outreach Coordinator, and Dariusz Kurando, Custodian, worked hard during the pandemic to make sure that seniors' needs were met. We also were lucky to have a small but dedicated group of volunteers to keep the Senior Center and its programs running smoothly.

While this year was different, we were able to continue helping those in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Phillips, COA Director

DROP-OFF CENTER

THE DROP-OFF CENTER IS LOCATED ON WIGWAM ROAD AND IS FOR

RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY

Hours of Operation

Wednesday from 9:00 am – 3:00pm

Saturday from 9:00am – 3:00pm

(Saturdays only – December through March)

TVs 27” and under: \$10.00

TVs over 27”: \$20.00

(Large console TVs: priced accordingly by attendant)

Radios: \$5.00

Printers: \$10.00

VCRs: \$5.00

Dishwashers: \$15.00

Keyboards: \$5.00

Stoves: \$20.00

Stereos: \$5.00

Washers: \$20.00

Microwaves: \$5.00

Dryers: \$20.00

Water coolers: \$10.00

Copiers: \$20.00

Computers: \$10.00

Air Conditioners: \$20.00

Monitors: \$10.00

Refrigerators: \$20.00

Propane Tanks: \$5.00

Tires with rims: \$5.00

Tires without rims: \$3.00

(Large Tires: priced accordingly)

***BRUSH: 1st load is free, additional loads are \$5.00 each per day
(no larger than 3” diameter & 4’ length)***

Leaves: Free (no bags, *please*), Grass Clippings: Free, Scrap metal: Free
Wood chips and compost may be taken by residents but MUST be loaded by hand.

Batteries are free but must have caps attached. Any motor must have fluids drained.

NO equipment allowed into Drop Off Center (i.e., chain saws, tractors, cut off saws etc.)

No Contractors, *No Construction materials, *No trash, No Ashes

No other materials shall be removed (i.e., loam, gravel, stone etc.)

****USED MOTOR OIL AND ANTI-FREEZE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED****

RULES AND REGULATIONS ***SUBJECT TO CHANGE*** AS MARKET FLUCTUATES

Any littering will be subject to a fine and/or privilege denial.

EARTH REMOVAL

“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 during customary agricultural use of land for a farm, garden, or nursery; excavation of material subject to a licensed issued under M.G.L. 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 the town.

The Earth Removal Board continues to manage one (1) active permit relative to earth material excavation under Section XII Section 2 of the Town’s General Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Dean Wisniewski
Kevin Dorman
Melvin Dorman
Diane Vayda
Steve Carroll

Planning Board
Zoning Board of Appeals
Board of Health
Selectboard
Conservation Commission

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Below is a list of Electrical permit applications for the year 2021:

Residential Solar Installations	7
Residential Renovations	13
Residential Generators	8
Temporary Services	3
Residential Additions	3
New Houses	5
Residential Service Changes	9
Commercial Service Changes	1
Garages	1
Large Commercial Renovation/Additional	1
Miscellaneous	12
Fire Investigation	1

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Fontaine

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 ensuring the town's compliance with regulations adopted by both the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

2021 saw the continuance of the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergence of different variants of the virus made the response for health and emergency management officials a constant challenge. Fortunately, it seems as though we may finally be emerging from the other end of the "tunnel."

This past year saw work being done on the town's Municipal Vulnerability Plan. This process, spearheaded by members of the lake and conservation committees, brought together major stakeholders in the town to identify different areas where the town's infrastructure, economics, and general safety are vulnerable. Using this document, and the soon to be updated Hazard Mitigation plan, the town will be in the position to apply for federal funding to address identified problems.

We continue to work with the town of Warren on our local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT members are volunteers with varying backgrounds, but a common desire to help their communities. 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. CERT is funded through state grants, and members receive

training on such subjects as traffic direction, First Aid/CPR, and shelter operations. Anyone interested in finding out more information, or volunteering for the CERT should contact either the West Brookfield, or Warren Police Departments, or either towns Emergency Management department.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Thomas O'Donnell, Jr.

Director of Emergency Management

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2021 proved to be another busy year for the West Brookfield Fire Department (WBFD). Not only with calls, both emergency and non-emergency but with implementation of new operational guidelines, training curriculum, and membership.

In the year 2021 the WBFD responded to a total of 167 calls, down from 187 in 2020 due in part to the increased pro-active fire prevention/public awareness throughout the year. Of the 167 calls WBFD responded to, the calls included but were not limited to the following:

- ten fires, including vehicles, equipment and structures
- nine severe weather/natural disasters
- thirty-two vegetation fires
- forty-five alarm activations
- eleven hazardous conditions
- nineteen motor vehicle accidents
- two life flight incidents
- three distressed animal incidents
- mutual aid was received six times

In 2021 the WBFD sold 196 open burn permits including agricultural burn permits. Also, the WBFD conducted 112 inspections throughout the town including but not limited to smoke/CO inspections, business inspections, furnace inspections and liquid propane gas storage inspections. All permit and inspection fees generated by the WBFD submitted to the treasurer totaled over \$9,500.

As with past years we need to reiterate that our fire fleet is aging rapidly and in need of more extensive repair and maintenance on a more regular basis. Our Tanker-1 which we received from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and from Federal Military Excess Property in 2011 has failed and needs costly repairs. Due to the fact this truck will never be owned by the Town of West Brookfield we are strongly evaluating the need for repair which has been quoted up to \$25,000. Parts are becoming hard to find and often parts are being customized, manufactured for the specific application or just unavailable all together. Referencing the *2011 Vehicle Inventory Replacement Schedule*, our Engine-2 was to be replaced in 2018 and our Forestry-1 to be replaced in 2015. That being said, we care and maintain our fleet with great pride; therefore, our apparatus is still in working order. The average age of our fire fleet is thirty-seven years old, per National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1911 Annex D, "Apparatus that was not manufactured to the applicable NFPA fire apparatus

standards or that is over 25 years old should be replaced.” We are actively finding, writing and applying for grants for new fire apparatus’ that would require minimal monies from the town if any.

As has been the case for years, our fire station is extremely cramped and outdated. Our fleet is not completely stored inside or on site. When considering new fire apparatus, we are kept within very limiting specifications as the “typical” fire truck of today is too large to fit in our station. We have multiple trailers and equipment stored outside of the station and our forestry truck is housed at the Water Department.

Our department continues to grow, as we add new recruits. Several new members have come to us already certified to Firefighter I/II. As of the publishing of this town report, Nicholas Lucia has advanced from a Junior Firefighter to Probationary Firefighter. As always, we are looking for new members to fill our ranks and become part of our family.

2021 Membership	
Clayton Edwards	Chief
Daniel Santos	Deputy Chief
Richard Lapierre	Captain
Jonathan Hicks	Lieutenant
Derek Lewis	Lieutenant/EMT
Dana Searah	Firefighter
Christopher Lucia	Firefighter
Autumn Ballard	Firefighter
Joshua Gagnon	Firefighter
Roberto Mondragon	Firefighter
Benjamin Ash	Firefighter
Jennifer Walker	Firefighter
Hallie Smith	Firefighter
Michael Martel	Probationary Firefighter
Ethan Bagg	Probationary Firefighter
Jonathan Bonin	Probationary Firefighter
Nicholas Lucia	Junior Firefighter
Mason Lucia	Junior Firefighter

This past year we have implemented a “duty week” assignment which guarantees a response of at least one full crew of firefighters in the event of an emergency. Lack of adequate personnel during a response or lack of manpower on calls is something that has plagued the Call/Volunteer fire service for years. With the implementation of these “duty weeks” we as a department and you as a town have the reassurance, that at minimum we will have a crew ready at a moment’s notice. While we have implemented these “duty weeks” we currently are seeing responses of “off duty” members acting as support, back-up and second due crews. In the eyes of the officers and the Department this has been a great success, we are extremely lucky we have the personnel to do this.

In this past year our department has been working on fund raisers and gathering donations to purchase a new rescue boat. At the present time the town does not own a rescue boat to facilitate a rescue on any body of water in town. Firefighters are doing this on there own time to help support the community.

We appreciate the support in our efforts and will do all we can with the limited resources we have. 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.

I would like to thank the officers, firefighters and their families for their dedication, devotion and support to the Town of West Brookfield and surrounding communities. I would also like to thank the towns people, boards and departments in town that have supported the fire department.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton L. Edwards, Fire Chief

GAS/PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During the calendar year of 2021, 42 plumbing permits were issued which generated \$3,155.00 in permit fees along with 54 gas permits generating \$2,881.00 in fees, for a total of \$6,036.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Pluta

Gas/Plumbing Inspector

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

West Brookfield had a moderate 2020/2021 winter with 27 snow and ice events and 1 major snowstorm (Orlena). After our annual spring clean-up, we were out mowing roadsides and working with the Tree Warden on the hazardous tree list. We also got almost all our catch basins and drop inlets cleaned and repaired.

In the shop we pulled apart the 2001 Mack ten-wheel dump/plow and sander truck.

The following work was completed on it:

New frame rails, wiring, replaced floorboards and radiator. The dump body was repaired, sand blasted and painted. We are hoping to get another 15 or more years of service from this truck which will save the Town around \$200,000.

Chapter 90 was level funded at \$231,924 which does not go very far with the current costs of road materials. Please contact your state & local government officials to express the need to increase this funding.

Snow Road was the only chapter 90 project we worked on this year. We were hoping to install drainage on the second half of Snow Road and get binder down but could not get pipe until October which would not leave us time enough to complete this phase of Snow Road. So, we went to phase III of Snow Road and put down 1,463 ton of state top and backed up road shoulders.

We received a \$985,000 MassWorks Grant for downtown safety improvements which was our main focus during the summer months. The project bids came in low, so we were able to extend the work limits to include Pleasant and High Street. The work consisted in the project as follows

- removal of old and hazardous trees
- drainage improvements
- all new sidewalks
- ADA compliant
- new curb and berm
- mill and overlay of all roads
- install crosswalk beacons
- install new traffic lights
line painting
- new signage
- grass and tree planting

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

Respectfully submitted,

James Daley

Highway Department Project List
Road and Street Re-construction Project List
(Current Chapter 90 State contribution \$231,924 per year)
October 27, 2021

<u>Road/Street</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Estimated Completion Date</u>
West Main Street MassWorks Grant	\$750,000	Sidewalk / crosswalk Intersection safety improvements	Fall 2021
Pleasant Street & High Street MassWorks Grant	\$235,000	Tree removal, additional drainage required, curb and sidewalk replacement, reclaim and pave	Fall 2021
Coy Hill Road	\$20,000	Regrade using 1,000 ton of millings	Spring 2022 If possible
Snow Road 1.8 miles	\$550,000	Replace existing drainage, add additional drainage, reclaim and pave including overlay of a section of Wickaboag Valley Road	Start Summer 2020 Finish 2023
West Main St/Rte 9 to Pierce Rd TIP Projects # 606517 & # 609049	\$12,500,000	Route 9 between the Ware Town line and Pierce Road (2.1 miles) will be widened to provide appropriate bicycle accommodation and resurfaced. Drainage improvements are proposed to remove storm water runoff and snowmelt from the highway. Guardrail will be replaced as required and new signage and pavement markings will be included	Phase I 2024 Phase II 2025
Madden & Shea Roads	\$450,000	Drainage, tree removal and box widen Full depth reclamation with calcium, 2 ½ binder 1 ½ state top	2024/25

Kennedy Road 1.5 miles Scenic Rd	\$450,000	Extensive drainage problems, box widen in places, reclaim and pave	TBA
Ridge Road .40 miles	\$280,000	Extensive drainage problems, tree removal, reclaim and pave	TBA
Section of North Main and Sheldon Drive & Winter St Intersection	\$450,000 (possible Grant)	Reclaim and pave including sidewalks	TBA
Front and Central Streets	\$600,000 (possible Grant)	Drainage and safety improvement by Senior Center	TBA
55 West Main St/Rte 9 from Pierce Road to Cutler Rd (east end) TIP Project	\$10,000,000	Rte 9 between the Ware Town line and Pierce Rd (2.1 miles) will be widened to provide appropriate bicycle accommodation and resurfaced. Drainage improvements are proposed to remove storm water runoff and snowmelt from the highway. Guardrail will be replaced as required and new signage and pavement markings will be included	TBA
Long Hill and Richardson Roads	\$200,000	Chip seal	Should be done ASAP

COMPLETED ROAD PROJECT LIST

October 27, 2021

<u>Road/Street</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
School St Intersection TIP Project # 604739	\$2,500,000	Reconstruction on Rte 9/Rte 67 and Intersection at School St	Fall 2017
Bridge replacement Wickaboag Valley Rd over Sucker Brook	\$2,798,450	TIP Project # 604468	Summer 2018
Church Street MassWorks Grant	\$130,000	Mill, overlay, new curb and sidewalks	Summer 2018
New Braintree Road (section)	\$30,600	Overlay section (1 New Braintree Rd to 47 New Braintree Rd) (Chapter 90 project)	Summer 2018
Lyon Road .75 miles Scenic Road	\$400,000	Extensive re-construction, tree and ledge removal, box-widen, utility poles moved additional drainage required reclamation and pave	Fall 2018

Cottage / Lake Street .9 miles MassWorks Grant	\$1,000,000	Gas line replacement, drainage improvements, tree removal, tree planting, new sidewalks, curb in areas, reclaim and pave	Fall 2018
Ragged Hill Road, Tucker Rd to Wickaboag Valley Rd	\$400,000	Replace existing drainage, add additional drainage, box-widen, reclaim and pave	Fall 2019
Shea Road (section)	\$130,000	Drainage improvements, reclaim and pave from Wickaboag Valley Road to Madden Road	Fall 2019
West Main Street Complete Streets Grant	\$400,000	Cross Street intersection & sidewalks/crosswalks	Fall 2020
Replace Bridge TIP Project # 608633	\$2,200,000	Bridge over Coy Brook on Foster Hill Road	Fall 2021
Route 9 Sidewalk TIP Project # 608191	\$923,000	New sidewalk on Route 9 from Foster Hill Road East Main Street to Ridge Road	Fall 2021

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission met January to June and September to December by ZOOM or in the Commission office, Room 201 in Town Hall.

In February, after funds required to apply for a Mass Historical Commission grant were approved at Town Meeting in December, the decision was made not to submit the application. It was determined that participants and additional funds required if the grant was awarded would not be available. Later in the year the approved funds were reappropriated at Town Meeting for Town Hall repairs.

The effects of Covid-19 continued again this year. Programs at the Library sponsored by the Commission were cancelled. Conservation of gravestones at the Old Indian Cemetery continued at a slower pace. There were no applications for the Commission Scholarship meeting criteria received this year.

After nomination of the “Lucy Stone Homesite” to the Mass Historic Register, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service followed.

Work on a “Demolition Delay” bylaw and a comprehensive list of all “Historical Memorials and Sites” in town continued. Commission members designed four historic signs that the East Quabbin Land Trust funded and installed at the Pynchon Mill Site.

Additional projects included purchase of a document scanner, establishing a Facebook page, repair of an old hitching post and participation in “Open Meeting Law” and “Municipal Vulnerability” programs.

Updating of the Commission website WESTBROOKFIELD.ORG continued. Our meeting minutes are posted monthly. We welcomed Mike Sroka who has taken over maintenance of our website.

Once again, we thank the J. Irving England and Jane L. England Charitable Trust for the generous gifts and thank the town for its support.

2021 Members:

Richard Rossman - Chairman
Jesse Morrison
Anne-Marie Nolan – Secretary
Michael Sroka – Website Manager
Heather Walker – Treasurer
Louise Garwood

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Rossman, Chairman

WEST BROOKFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

We hereby submit our annual report to you, the Honorable Board of Selectmen, and the people of the Town of West Brookfield. Unfortunately, we did not submit a report last year.

The West Brookfield Housing Authority held 11 regular meetings including our Annual Meeting on May 18, 2021. There were also 2 Special Meetings in June and September, 2021. 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. There is no meeting held in August of each year. Throughout COVID we managed using ZOOM some of the months

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, Susan Rowden (Interim Chairman/treasurer), Anthony M Fernandes Jr (Vice Chairman), Debra Korman (State Appointee) and Margaret Goudreau (Tenant). Due to the resignation of Marta Davis late last year, Eric Von Bleicken has been appointed as an interim board member until the next election.

The West Brookfield Housing Authority has three employees. Maintenance Supervisor, 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, 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 now administered by Open Sky Community Services. 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. This past year we housed 2 new elderly tenants, and 0 new family tenants.

We continue to use the CHAMP system to manage our waiting lists. Anyone interested in housing here in West Brookfield can go onto the CHAMP website and complete all necessary requirements for applying. By using this system, applicants can now check off as many housing authorities as they want, without having to travel/mail paper applications to each housing authority. Tenant selection is made from our waiting list and all state guidelines are adhered to in the tenant selection process.

The Department of Housing and Community Development continues to support us with capital improvement awards. This past year we upgraded our wheelchair accessible unit with a completely walk-in/roll in shower. There was a power washing project carried out throughout the whole development. Building 9 received a new roof. We also had to carry out a couple of emergency repairs, to our septic system and Open Sky lighting.

Our non-smoking policy has been going very well and generally everyone is adhering to the policy and helping to make the development a safer and cleaner place for all who reside here.

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

We are happy to continue our great relationship with Dipody Doo Child Care and Development Center. This past Halloween, we did a trick-or-treat with the tenants outside. Everyone bundled up and had their candy in bowls at the end of their walkways. It was a great opportunity to continue using COVID protocols but have something fun happening in the development for the tenants and the children from Dipody Doo. We hope to continue this activity with them. We live in such a great community that is so supportive of the housing authority.

Respectfully submitted,

WEST BROOKFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY
Susan Rowden, Anthony M Fernandes, Jr, Margaret Goudreau, Eric Von
Bleicken and Debra Korman

MERRIAM-GILBERT PUBLIC LIBRARY

“Libraries are reservoirs of strength, grace and wit, reminders of order, calm and continuity, lakes of mental energy, neither warm nor cold, light nor dark ... In any library in the world, I am at home, unselfconscious, still and absorbed.”
Germaine Greer

“It was good to walk into a library again; it smelled like home.”
Elizabeth Kostova



The library as “home” ... a sentiment that is echoed by many. The Merriam-Gilbert Public Library is no exception to this endearment, and staff members often hear comments from patrons about how the Library is a second home and – in these past years of pandemic woes – a “lifeline” when so much has changed and connections with friends and family even are diminished by social distancing. The Library staff has worked diligently to fill the void felt by many and to provide services – whether in person, curbside, or via homebound delivery – throughout the pandemic. From providing books, movies, and craft kits to faxing/copying services and even helping patrons search online for vaccine appointments, the Library has strived to meet the needs of our community while trying to keep everyone safe in the process.

Thanks to a grant obtained by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), the opportunity to borrow wireless hotspots was introduced in September of 2021, bridging a digital divide for some community members. The year also boasted a substantial increase in digital content available through the CWMARS network with as many as 170,000 titles adding to the more than 25,000 print, audio, and video materials on hand within the Library. In addition, patrons have access to thousands of materials via the interlibrary loan services offered across the State and Country. The Merriam-Gilbert Public Library hosts 2,878 registered borrowers (2,154 of which are West Brookfield residents) and hundreds more from neighboring communities.

Fluctuations in the severity of the pandemic allowed for some anxiously awaited in-person programming at the Library in 2021. In addition to take-home craft kits offered year-round for all ages and outdoor programming in the warmer months, a few in-person limited occupancy programs were held indoors including Fall Crafting Fun, Holiday Card-Making, Gnome Night, and Winter Centerpieces/Swags. The book discussion group and Wednesday knitting group also met when guidelines allowed.



Visitors to the Library enjoyed the beautiful paintings of local artist, Louise Douglas, and the exquisite quilts adorning the adult fiction room created by the late Margaret Robbins, mother of Library Board of Trustees Chairman Jeff Robbins.

On behalf of the West Brookfield community, the Library staff and trustees would like to offer a huge thank-you to the Friends of the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library for their ongoing support. The Friends are led by Chairperson Elizabeth Jay and Treasurer Laverne Cholewa with members Marie Andrea, Margo Arel, Nancy Brown, Despina Fazzuoli, Monica Frew, Donna Lapenas, Megan Pereira, Lisa Remiszewski, Elaine Spencer, and Pat Zazula. Although altered in format due to COVID-19, some beloved Friends of the Library traditions were able to take place including a large used book sale and White Christmas 2021. The Friends also welcomed Caricaturist Mark Penta who delighted all ages with his creations, and musicians Deb Hudgins and Julie Stepanek for joyful children's programs.



The staff members of the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library - Director MaryAnne Pelletier, Adult Services Librarian Holly Takorian, Children's Services Librarian Mary Beth Jackson, as well as Library Assistants Elaine Courtemanche, Linda Higgins, and Jane Ingraham - take great joy in serving the West Brookfield community. Custodian Cory Manseau and substitute custodian Clay Takorian care for and maintain our beautiful Library, while snow shovelers Luke Pakseresht (Spring 2021) and Jason Swistak (Fall 2021) diligently clear our walkways in the winter months.

Library Trustees, Chairman Jeff Robbins, Janet Foley, Jane Higgins (secretary), Susan Rowden, Peter Scribner, and David Swekla devotedly lend their life and career experience in planning, policy development, and budgetary decisions. Volunteers Katherine Champoux, Makenna Matczak, Alex McKenna, Haileigh Swistak, and Katelyn Swistak also generously gave of their time when COVID restrictions allowed them to help with various tasks in the Library – all of which was much appreciated!

In closing, the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library trustees, staff, and Friends are forever thankful for the patrons we serve, the Town of West Brookfield and all of the local businesses, organizations, and benefactors who continue to support our beloved Library. We hope that, by our dedication and service, we have somehow made the difficult times easier for our community, and look forward to the days when COVID-19 will simply be a topic in a history book found on a library shelf.

Respectfully submitted,
MaryAnne Pelletier
Library Director

PLANING BOARD

The Planning Board approved Two (2) ANR Lot Subdivision application and One (1) Backlot Special Permit in 2021.

The Planning Board submitted four articles to the Annual Town Meeting, including amendments to the Town Zoning Bylaws surrounding Use Regulations, Non-Conforming Structures, Signs and Solar Energy Facilities. These articles were presented and passed at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Planning Board wishes to recognize the years of service of Ms. Mary Jane (MJ) Haesche. MJ first joined the Planning Board in 2017. We wish MJ well in future endeavors. The Planning Board has welcomed back Mr. Timothy Morrell as well as welcomed new member Mr. David Brown who both were appointed in 2021.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

The West Brookfield Planning Board

Rebekah Cornell (Chair)
Steve Carroll
Dean Wisniewski
David Brown
Timothy Morrell

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 2021 turned out to be a busy one for the department, despite the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021 the department logged 11923 calls for service, a major increase from the 7096 in 2020. With the graduation of Off. Jordan Ryan from the Boylston Police Academy in October and hiring of Off. Nicholas Tessier, the department returned to five full time officers.

We continue to see the scourge of opioid addiction keeping the area in its grip. The department participates in the Worcester District Attorney's CIMS (critical incident management system) program. This program started as a pilot last year to track opioid overdoses, where Narcan was used to reverse the effects of the drugs. The ultimate goal being to follow up with the victims, to offer avenues to treatment. We, along with the rest of the country, have seen an uptick in mental health related emergencies. This is especially true amongst children and young adults. We are involved in regional efforts to develop a program to respond effectively to these emergencies in the field and provide pre-hospital treatment options to persons experiencing mental health emergencies. We look forward to working with our partners to bring this to fruition.

We couldn't hope to effectively complete our mission, if it wasn't for the great working relationships with our other town agencies, and surrounding police departments, and the volunteer Warren-West Brookfield CERT. We deeply appreciate the assistance we receive daily.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Thomas O'Donnell, Jr.
Chief of Police

Sample of Calls Responded To:

911 Hang Up 69 911 misdial 162 Alarm 97 Animal Call 94
Assist Citizen 131

Assault 1 Assist Other Agency 134 Burglary 5 By Law vio. 10
Building Check 4426

Community Policing 15 Complaints (General) 63 Disturbance 24
Disabled Vehicle 42

Domestic Disturbance 24 Directed Patrol 3689 Assist FD 77
Fraud 5 Gun Shots 5

Harassment 5 Hazardous incident 4 Illegal Dumping 3
Investigations 55

Larceny 10 Lockout 25 Medical Assist 415 Harassment
Protection Order 1

Missing Person 11 MV Accident 45 MV Complaint (Operation) 88

MV Investigations 51 MV Stop 553 Officer Initiated Activity 80
Parking Complaint 39

Property Damage/Vandalism 14 Lost/Found Property 5 Psych
Emergency 9

Serve Restraining Order 11 Scam 11 Safety Hazard 102 Sex
Offenses 2

Serve Summons 22 Suspicious Activity 69 Threat 9 Trespass 7
 Serve Warrant 26

Welfare Check 74 Unattended Death 3

Motor Vehicle Enforcement

Of the 553 motor vehicle stops conducted by the department in 2021; 30 resulted in citations, 11 in arrest, 21 in criminal complaints, 172 in written warnings, 299 in verbal warnings, 19 in municipal citations, and 1 void for procedural errors.

License to Carry/Firearms Identification Cards

In 2021 the department processed 497 applications for LTCs and 32 for FIDs.

Criminal Charges:

During 2021, criminal charges were filed against 107 persons and 5 were taken into protective custody. What follows is a break down of the charges filed:

Larceny 3 Negligent Operation MV 10 Warrant Arrests 13 Assault with a DW 1

Assault & Battery Household Member 10 Assault & Battery/Strangulation 1

Assault & Battery (victim 60+) 1 Indecent A&B victim 60+/Disabled 1
A&B w/serious injury 2

Trespass 3 Threat to Commit Crime 1 Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle 10

Narcotics Violations 4 Operating Under the Influence 5 Disorderly Conduct 2

Suspended License 9 Witness Intimidation 1 Poss. of Firearm
During a Felony 1

F1 to Stop for Police 1 Uninsured MV 11 Suspended/Revoked
Registration 2

Malicious Destruction of Property 2 Possession of firearm/ammunition
No FID/LTC 4

Leaving the Scene of an Accident 6 Poss. of Dangerous Weapon 2 Poss.
of Explosives 2

Assault & Battery on a Police Officer 1 Attempt to Commit a Crime-
Murder 1

Probation Violation 1 Harassing Calls 1 Breaking and Entering 2
Receiving Stolen Prop. 2

Indecent A/B Child Under 14 1 Larceny of a Motor Vehicle 1
Reckless Endangerment of Child 1

Abuse Prevention Order Violation 2 Op out of License Class 1
Resisting Arrest 1 Harassment 1

Concealing Number Plate 2 Involuntary Temporary Hospitalization 26

RECREATION COMMITTEE

This year the Recreation Committee made a few improvements to the Town Beach. The Town Beach had a good summer and saw lots of town residents visiting the beach. There have been staffing issues with Lifeguards, which we will most likely see happen again this year. If anyone is interested in becoming a Lifeguard or please see the West Brookfield Recreation Facebook page for information.

As a reminder the Town Beach is swim at your own risk especially when Lifeguards are not present. We hope to see swim lessons return this summer but that is contingent on having enough staff.

Due to the price increase to replace the Ice Rink liner and fill it. The rink was not put up last winter but is currently budgeted and planned for this coming winter.

We welcomed Matti Sjoblom to the Recreation Committee this year. She has already been working on ideas for the Town Beach, Movies on the Common, and applied for and was awarded a grant for use by the Recreation Committee.

Thank you to all the residents for helping, offering help, and getting out and enjoying this beautiful town.

Sincerely,
Craig Charron

RESCUE SQUAD

The West Brookfield Rescue Squad completed over 1,371 patient transports in 2021. These transports include all 911 emergency medical calls, motor vehicle accidents, patient lift assists, evaluations, and refusals, assisting the Fire Department at fire scenes, and non-emergent transports. Emergency calls have increased, and our new capabilities have increased our volume. We have increased our Mutual Aid responses to assist with the region as well as offering our residents non-emergent transports. The West Brookfield Rescue Squad is a private non-profit 501c3 organization and receives no municipal funding from the town. We rely solely on insurance billing, private contributions, memorial donations, and our annual subscription drive.

The West Brookfield Rescue Squad currently has 16 Licensed EMT's, 3 licensed Paramedics and we operate three class 1 ambulances and an All-Terrain Vehicle. The West Brookfield Rescue Squad has a very dedicated group of men and women who sign up for shifts on a monthly basis. Crews are on duty at our station 24 hours a day 7 days per week 365 days a year. We are currently licensed at the Advanced Life Support level which is the highest level of care. We are truly grateful for the support of this community and the success of our fundraiser that helped make this happen.

The West Brookfield Rescue Squad offers to all its members continued education training to maintain certification. We offer advanced training to our members and offer educational assistance to those who want to advance their career. In addition to free CPR certification training to all town employees, the Rescue Squad maintains all Automatic Defibrillators (AED's) located in the Town Hall, Elementary School, Senior Center, and Library, all free of charge. This has designated West Brookfield as being a "Heart Safe Community" by the Central Mass Regional Office of Emergency Medical Services and the American Heart Association. The West Brookfield Rescue Squad, with its dedicated staff also provides a community wellness program for its citizens with medical needs as well as providing training seminars, clinics, and wellness checks

for residents in cooperation with the Senior Center staff. The West Brookfield Rescue Squad provides support and medical team coverage for all special events that our great town has throughout the year.

With the increased demand and need for 24-hour coverage, the Rescue Squad continues to need more EMT's and Paramedics. Please ask any member or stop by the station and ask about EMT training programs in the area and our tuition reimbursement and scholarship programs. You can also visit us at www.westbrookfieldrescuesquad.com and like us on our Facebook page.

We would like to thank the West Brookfield Police Department and West Brookfield Fire Department with assisting and keeping us safe on every call. We also thank the West Brookfield Highway Department for making sure our roads are safe and for assisting the Squad with emergency snow removal during emergency calls.

Please call 911 for life threatening or medical emergencies

A very special thank you goes to the residents of West Brookfield for their continued support of our efforts. We appreciate the great financial support through the subscription drive, memorial contributions, and other generous donations throughout the years.

We are all very proud to serve this great community

Officers:

President/ Chief of EMS	Dan McCall / Paramedic
Vice President/ Captain	Kelly Bakiri / EMT
Supervisor/ Lieutenant	Michaela Casey/ EMT

Members:

Paramedics

Peter Laitinen / Clinical Coordinator
Jason Labelle / FTO

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Renee Adams-White

Lily Juda

Justin Cook

Bonny Cook

Natasha Boynton

Derrick Legault

Derek Lewis

Jocely Trifiro

Chris Blood

Rachel May

Chase Carlson / FTO

Leah Bartholomew

Kenny Payano

Mikey Splaine

FIRST RESPONDER

Frank Johnson Jr.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Directors

West Brookfield Rescue Squad

“Because We Care”

TAX COLLECTOR

*Totals represent posting activity year to date January 1, 2021
through December 31, 2021*

Fiscal Year 2021

Tax Estate Tax	\$6,259,964.84
Personal Property Tax	\$330,509.39
Motor Vehicle/Trailer Excise	\$576,405.49
Total Receipts	\$7,166,879.72

PARKING CLERK

*Totals represent posting activity year to date January 1, 2021
through December 31, 2021*

Parking Tickets (11)
\$220.00

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

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 **FOURTH** day of **May, 2021** at **8:00 AM until 8:00 PM**, then and there to elect by ballot the following Town Officers in Article #1, and to 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 **FIRST** day of **JUNE 2021** 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) Assessor for 3 years, one (1) Board of Health for 3 years, one (1) Water Commissioner for 3 years, two (2) Library Trustees for 3 years, one (1) Library Trustee for 1 year, one (1) Common Committee Member for 3 years, one (1) Planning Board Member for 5 years, one (1) Housing Authority Member for 5 years, four (4) Quaboag Regional School District School Committee Members as follows: two (2) members from West Brookfield for 3 years and two (2) members from Warren for 3 years. (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 (Sponsored by Town Clerk)

Article 3

To see what action the Town will take with regard to fixing the compensation of the elected Town Officers for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2021, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108, or take any other action relative thereto: (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>
	Approved	Recommended
Moderator	\$600.00	\$600.00
Selectmen 2 members	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Selectmen, Chairman	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

Assessors, (each) 2 members	\$2,913.12	\$2,913.12
Assessors, Clerk	\$4,161.60	\$4,161.60
Board of Health, (each) 2 members	\$915.55	\$915.55
Board of Health, Chairman	\$1,144.40	\$1,144.40
Town Clerk	\$31,040.00	\$30,661.00
Water Commissioners (each)	\$400.55	\$400.55

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from other available funds in the Treasury, such sums of money as listed in the Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request and as amended as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022, 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 pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, 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 no to exceed \$16,000.00 in fiscal year 2022 or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Burial Grounds Commission)

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, 53E ½ to authorize the Stormwater Authority's 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 2022; or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Stormwater Authority)

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, 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 2022; or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Tree Warden)

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to employ their Licensed Water Commissioners at Grade 1 Step 2 (\$12.58 per hour) for standby duty and emergency work in the absence of the Superintendent in Fiscal Year 2022; or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Water Department) (Simple majority under M.G.L. c. 40, § 5).

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, permanent easements on the parcels of land shown on plans entitled "Massachusetts Highway Division Plan and Profile West Main Street (Route 9) in the Town of West Brookfield Worcester County Preliminary Right of Way," the 75% submittal for which is dated 06/04/2020, prepared by CHA, said plans on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended, for public way purposes, including, but not limited to, the construction, alteration, maintenance, improvement, and repair to Route 9 from the Ware Town Line for a distance of 1.1 miles,

identified as MassDOT Project # 606517; and, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek authorization and approval of the General Court, which may include a petition brought pursuant to the provisions of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to certain permanent and temporary easements located upon land owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, by Order of Taking dated June 12, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 39186, Page 357, and shown on the aforesaid plans, as may be amended, and to exchange such Town-owned land and/or easements as may be necessary to acquire said permanent easements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisitions and other acts authorized herein; or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen) (two-thirds majority to authorize use of eminent domain under M.G.L. c. 79 see M.G.L. c. 79, § 5 requiring special legislation for taking land already in public use).

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$35,000.00 from the Fire Truck Stabilization Account for the 5% grant match towards a new 3,000 gallon Pumper/Tanker Truck, contingent upon receiving the FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Fire Department/Board of Selectmen) (two-thirds vote under M.G.L. c. 40, 5B)

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the amount of \$50,000.00 to be placed in the "Town Road Maintenance Account", or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Highway Department) (Simple majority under M.G.L. c. 40, § 5 unless funds are transferred from Stabilization Fund which requires a two-thirds vote under M.G.L. c. 40, 5B).

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the amount of \$100,000.00 to be used for engineering fees related to ROW, wetland markings, slope design and construction traffic control plan and others associated with the Route 9 Reconstruction (TIP) Projects #606517 and #609049, or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Board of Selectmen/Highway Department) (Authority to borrow requires two-thirds vote under M.G.L. c. 44, § 2).

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the amount of \$65,000.00 contingent upon receiving the Complete Streets Grant for the final design, bid documents for the reconstruction of the Central Street & Front Street Intersection including the Senior Center parking lot, or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Board of Selectmen/Highway Department)

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning bylaw Section 2.1 by adding the underlined, bold text and Section 3: Use Regulations, Sections 3.1 by adding the underlined, bold text below, and by deleting Sections 3.21, 3.22, 3.23, 3.24, 3.25 and 3.26 in their entirety and replacing them with new Sections 3.21, 3.22, 3.23, 3.24, 3.25 and 3.26 below as petitioned by the Planning Board, the text of such amendments having been filed with the Town Clerk. The proposal would amend the following provisions of said Section 3 by _____:

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

2.1 Classes of Districts: For the purposes of this bylaw the Town of West Brookfield is hereby divided into the following districts:

RR- -Rural Residential

Purpose and Intent: To encourage low-density residential development and agricultural commercial activity and preserve open space in a manner consistent with the traditional rural, agricultural character of the community.

RN- -Neighborhood Residential

Purpose and Intent: to encourage residential development that meets the housing needs of a broad spectrum of the town's population in a manner consistent with village and residential neighborhood development.

G- -General

Purpose and Intent: to provide sites for small-scale business development for local and transient services compatible with low- and medium-density residential development within village settings which, through landscaping and design or through preservation, enhance the natural landscaping and historic environs; at the same time protecting any existing views, minimizing the visibility of parked cars, avoiding the appearance of commercial strips as well as congestion in the abutting streets and ways, and retaining the character and the quality of life in the rural New England village.

SECTION 3. USE REGULATIONS

3.1 Basic Requirements: No building, structure, or land shall be used for any purpose or in any manner other than is permitted and set forth **in the provisions** of this bylaw and in accordance with the following notation:

Y - Use Permitted

SP - Use allowed as an Exception under Special Permit by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section 6.44 hereafter.

N - Use Prohibited Permitted uses and uses allowed by the Board of Appeals shall be in conformity with all dimensional requirements and all other applicable requirements of this bylaw.

If an applicant for a building permit is referred to the Zoning Officer for a determination and; that use is not specifically listed in the Use Regulation Table and; The Zoning Officer determines the proposed use meets the intent & purpose of the bylaw or bylaw section; The Zoning Officer may refer the applicant to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Special Permit and; The Zoning Board of Appeals may issue a Special Permit upon determining the proposed use meets the intent & purpose of the bylaw and other requirements as determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

An applicant for two or more special permits pertaining to a single property, or adjoining properties under the same ownership, may combine them in a single special permit application and the Zoning Board of Appeals shall subsequently administer the application in the same way as a single application.

The combining of uses may be allowed by special permit provided said uses are allowed either by right or by special permit within the district in which the subject property is situated.

There shall be no more than one residential structure on any lot.

3.21 Agricultural Use	Definition, Condition	RR	RN	G
1. Farm	Agricultural, orchard, plant or tree nursery, livestock and/or poultry, but not including the raising of furbearing animals for commercial use, and which may include one single-family dwelling.	Y	Y	Y
2. Sales room or stand, - seasonal	For the display or sale of agricultural or horticultural products on a seasonal basis - <i>under five acres in size.</i>	SP	SP	Y
	For the display or sale of agricultural or horticultural products on a seasonal basis - <i>over five acres in size.</i>	Y	Y	Y
3. Farm sales room or stand - <i>non-seasonal,</i>	Whose primary business is the sale or display of agricultural or horticultural products - <i>under five acres in size.</i>	SP	SP	Y
	Whose primary business is the sale or display of agricultural or horticultural products - <i>over five acres in size.</i>	Y	Y	Y
4.1. Commercial Green Houses - <i>under five acres in size</i>		SP	SP	SP
4.2. Commercial Green Houses - <i>over five acres in size</i>		Y	Y	Y
5.1. Riding Stables - <i>under five acres in size</i>		SP	SP	SP
5.2 Riding Stables - <i>over five acres in size</i>		Y	Y	Y

3.22 Residential Use	Definition, Condition	RR	RN	G
1. Single-family detached dwelling, together with such accessory structures as are normally incidental thereto, including garage	Garaging or parking of one commercial vehicle with a maximum gross vehicle of 26,000 pounds shall be a permitted accessory use; garaging or parking of larger commercial vehicle or more than one commercial vehicle may be allowed by special permit. Farms are exempt.	Y	Y	Y
2. Alteration and conversion of a single-family dwelling to two-family dwelling	Shall apply to single-family dwellings containing at least 6 rooms exclusive of hall and bathroom existing prior to the date of adoption of the Bylaw to accommodate not more than two families, provided that the exterior design of the structure is not changed from the character of a single-family dwelling.	SP	SP	SP
3. Two-family dwellings		SP	SP	SP
4. Multifamily dwellings or apartments		N	N	SP
5. Mobile home or mobile home park		N	N	N
6. Use of Single-Family dwelling as Boarding House / Bed and Breakfast	Renting of one or two rooms and the furnishing of board by a resident family to not more than three non-transient persons provided that sufficient parking is provided on the premises. Use of up to three rooms for provisions of "Bed and Breakfast" facilities for not more than six transient persons, by special permit in Rural Residential.	Y	Y	Y
7. Use of residential premises for professional purposes	Professional office or studio of a resident physician, dentist, attorney, architect, artist, musician, engineer, real estate or insurance broker or member of other recognized profession provided that no more than two other persons are regularly employed therein in connection with such use, and further provided that any display or advertising shall be in accordance with provisions of section 5.3.	Y	Y	Y
8. Customary Home Occupation	Customary home occupation conducted by a resident of the premises provided that no more than one (1) other person is regularly employed therein in connection with such use,	Y	Y	Y

	and that there is no exterior storage of material or equipment, and there is incidental display of products visible from the street, and that any display or advertising is in accordance with those allowed for residential uses under Section 5.3.			
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3.23 Commercial Use	Definition, Condition	RR	RN	G
1. Retail	Retail store distributing merchandise to the general public.	N	N	Y
2. Personal Service Establishment	Craft, consumer, or commercial service establishment dealing directly with the general public.	SP	SP	Y
3. Undertaking establishment or funeral home		N	N	Y
4. Animal or veterinary hospital	Subject to Special Conditions of Section 3.3	SP	SP	SP
5. Commercial breeding, sale, grooming or boarding of dogs, cats, or fur-bearing animals	Subject to Special Condition No. 1 of Section 3.3	SP	SP	SP
6. Commercial Greenhouse		SP	SP	Y
7. Riding Stable	Subject to Special Condition No. 1 of Section 3.3	Y	SP	N
8. Restaurant or café	Whose primary use is serving food and beverages for consumption on the premises	N	SP	Y
	Whose primary use is serving food and beverages for consumption off the premises, provided the applicant shall demonstrate adequate off-street parking and on-site vehicle circulation, the provision of which shall have minimal adverse effects on existing roads, sidewalks and other infrastructure	N	N	SP
9. Business or professional office or agency		N	SP	Y
10. Bank or other financial institution		N	N	Y
11. Insurance or real estate office		N	SP	Y

12. Commercial indoor amusement or recreation place, or place of assembly		N	N	SP
13. Commercial outdoor amusement or recreation place not including an outdoor movie theater		SP	SP	SP
14. Hotel or Motel		N	N	Y
15. Beauty and Barber shops		N	SP	SP
16. The Commercial use of Automatic Amusement Devices	Wherein the use of such devices is the primary commercial use of the premise.	N	N	N

3.24 Automotive Sales and Service Use	Definition, Condition	RR	RN	G
1. Automotive "filling" or service station	Subject to Special Condition No. 2 of Section 3.3.	N	N	SP
2. Repair of storage garage for motor vehicles or trailers	Which may include body repair, welding or soldering shop for motor vehicles or trailers, provided such operation shall be sufficiently insulated so that any noise, flashing, fumes, gases, smoke and vapor should be confined to the premises.	N	N	SP
3. Salesroom for franchised dealer or recognized agent of motor vehicle manufacturer	Whose principal business is the sale of new motor vehicles, the purchase and sale of secondhand motor vehicles being incidental thereto, together with indoor storage and service facilities reasonably incidental to such salesroom.	N	N	SP
4. Contracting business and equipment storage yard.		SP	SP	SP
5. Sales room for the purchase of secondhand motor vehicles as an additional use to an automotive repair garage with no more than 1 unit per 2000 square feet of open land area.		N	N	SP

3.25 Industrial Use	Definition, Condition	RR	RN	G
1. Wholesale warehouse and storage	Subject to Special Condition No. 1 of Section 3.3	N	N	SP
2. Any manufacturing or industrial use	Including processing fabrication and assembly, provided that no such use shall be permitted which would be detrimental or offensive or tend to reduce property values by reason of dirt, odor, fumes, smoke, gas, sewage, refuse, noise, excessive vibration or danger of explosion fire and subject to Special Condition No. 1 of Section 3.3.	N	N	SP
3. Newspaper printing or job printing		N	N	SP

3.26 Institutional, Education, and Recreational Use	Definition, Condition	RR	RN	G
1. Church or other place of worship	Parish house, rectory, convent, and other religious institutions.	Y	Y	Y
2. Schools or playgrounds - public, religious, sectarian, or denominational		Y	Y	Y
3. Schools - private, including dormitories accessory thereto		SP	SP	SP
4. Nursery school	Or other use for the day care of children or a privately organized camp, providing any outdoor play area is at such a distance and so screened from any residential structure on an adjoining lot as to avoid nuisance.	Y	Y	Y
5. Public buildings and premises for government use including public libraries		Y	Y	Y
6. Country, golf, swimming, skating, yacht, or tennis club, or other social, civic, or recreational lodge or club, not conducted as a business		SP	SP	SP
7. Family campground subject to Special Condition No. 3 of Section 3.3		SP	SP	N

8. Cable TV Facilities	The uses defined under Sec. 3.26, No. 8 shall be exempt from dimensional requirements described in Sec. 4.2	SP	SP	SP
9. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Facilities (Non-Residential)		SP	SP	SP
10. Wind Energy Systems		SP	SP	SP

Or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board)

Article 15

To see if the town will vote to amend Section 1.52 B, Non-Conformity, of the Town’s Zoning Bylaw with respect to non-conforming structures, as petitioned by the Planning Board, the text of such amendments having been filed with the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board)

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.3 B.6 Signs, of the Town’s Zoning Bylaw, as petitioned by the Planning Board, the text of such amendments having been filed with the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board)

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.28.10.B2 of the Town’s Zoning Bylaw with respect to the prohibition of batteries or storage of batteries for any Solar Energy Facility, as petitioned by the Planning Board, the text of such amendments having been filed with the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to reallocate the sum of \$72,000.00 as voted on at the December 15, 2020 Special Town Meeting (Article 3) for the repair and maintenance of the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen/Historical Commission)

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Road Machinery the amount of \$7,500.00 to be used to purchase a new sand/salt spreader, or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Highway Department)

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money into the Fire Truck Stabilization Account, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Fire Department)

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund; or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Advisory Board)

Article 22

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund; or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Advisory Board)

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 **16th day** of April in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.

_____ A TRUE COPY. ATTEST:

Selectmen of West Brookfield

Constable

Worcester, ss. Date: _____, 2021 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

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS
MAY 4, 2021

SELECTMAN 3 YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

ROLAND H. SICKENBERGER	78
WRITE IN	5
<u>BLANK</u>	<u>27</u>
TOTAL	110

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 3 YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

KEVIN G. DORMAN	85
WRITE IN	5
<u>BLANK</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	110

BOARD OF HEALTH 3 YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

MELVIN DORMAN	93
WRITE IN	2
<u>BLANK</u>	<u>15</u>
TOTAL	110

WATER COMMISSIONER 3 YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

LESTER JOSEPH PAQUETTE	87
WRITE IN	6
<u>BLANK</u>	<u>17</u>
TOTAL	110

LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 YEARS VOTE FOR TWO

PETER M. SCRIBNER	78
SUSAN ROWDEN	88
WRITE IN	1
<u>BLANK</u>	<u>53</u>
TOTAL	220

LIBRARY TRUSTEE 1 YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

DAVID W. SWEKLA	85
WRITE IN	1
<u>BLANK</u>	<u>24</u>
TOTAL	110

COMMON COMMITTEE 3 YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

WRITE IN	13
<u>BLANK</u>	<u>97</u>
TOTAL	110

PLANNING BOARD 5 YEAR VOTE FOR ONE

REBEKAH LYNNE CORNELL	80
WRITE IN	1

BLANK	29
TOTAL	110

HOUSING AUTHORITY 5 YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

MARGARET GOUDREAU	87
WRITE IN	1
BLANK	22
TOTAL	110

QUABOAG REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION IS AT LARGE

3 YEARS YOU MAY VOTE FOR ANY FOUR CANDIDATES

JASON G. MORGAN	61
SARAH D. TETREault	57
DUSTIN J. ATWOOD	84
GREGORY S. MORSE	70
WRITE IN	0
BLANK	168
TOTAL	440

QUABOAG REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1 YEAR VOTE FOR ONE

MEGAN E. SEARS	73
WRITE IN	0
BLANK	37
TOTAL	110

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS
JUNE 1, 2021**

Michael Frew, Town Moderator called to order the Special Town Meeting at 6:30 PM.

Opening remarks by Selectmen

Opening remarks by Advisory Board

Opening remarks by Moderator

Opening Motion

Voted unanimously to allow the following non-voters to sit with the Board of Selectmen:

Amanda Zuretti	Petrini & Associates, PC
Rebecca Acerra	Executive Secretary
John Madden	Budget Consultant

And to allow the following non-voters to speak:

Amanda Zuretti	Petrini & Associates, PC
C. Thomas O'Donnell	Police Chief
Clayton Edwards	Fire Chief
Dr. Brett M. Kustigian	Superintendent of Schools, Quaboag
Donna Allard	Town Accountant
James Daley	Highway Superintendent
Rebecca Acerra	Executive Secretary-BOS
Karen Phillips	Council on Aging Director
John Madden	Budget Consultant

ARTICLE 1

Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of **\$30,582.53** to supplement appropriations previously voted under Article 4 at the Annual Town Meeting of June 23, 2020, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, for various Departments, and to meet said appropriations, transfer the sums as follows.

Item #	Department	Budget	Adjustment	Revised FY21 Budget	Funding Source
1	424 – Municipal Lighting – Services & Supplies	\$22,500.00	\$16,500.00	\$39,000.00	Title V Septic Fund
2	911 - Worcester Regional Retirement Assessment	\$316,435.00	\$5,904.00	\$322,339.00	Title V Septic Fund
3	945 - General Insurance – Workers Compensation	\$21,968.38	\$6,000.62	\$27,969.00	Title V Septic Fund
4	911 – General Insurance – Police & Fire 111F	\$23,234.09	\$2,177.91	\$25,412.00	Title V Septic Fund

ARTICLE 2

Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund (OPEB), and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of **\$50,000.00** from the **Title V Septic Relief Fund** to such fund.

ARTICLE 3

Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$8,435.84** to pay the following unpaid bills of previous fiscal years, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sums as follows:

LINE NUMBER	VENDOR	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	FUNDING SOURCE
1	TCG Network Services	Tax/Treasury	\$67.50	Title V Septic Fund
2	Edp renewables (C2 MA Adams II, LLC)	Board of Selectmen	\$7,991.26	Title V Septic Fund
3	LHS Associates, Inc.	Town Clerk	\$377.08	Title V Septic Fund

ARTICLE 4

Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of **\$44,416.84** to pay the remaining balance of the Bond Anticipation Notes used to fund the purchase of a 2020 Police Ford Interceptor SUV and to meet said appropriate, transfer the sum of **\$44,416.84** from the **Title V Septic Relief Fund**.

ARTICLE 5

Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** to the Unemployment Fund, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of **\$25,000.00** from the **Title V Septic Relief Fund** to such fund.

ARTICLE 6

Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of **\$141,500.00** to the Stabilization Fund, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of **\$141,500.00** from the **Title V Septic Relief Fund** to such fund.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS
JUNE 1, 2021

Michael Frew, Town Moderator called to order the Annual Town Meeting at 7:02 PM.

Opening remarks by Selectmen

Opening remarks by Advisory Board

Opening remarks by Moderator

Opening Motion

Voted unanimously to allow the following non-voters to sit with the Board of Selectmen:

Amanda Zuretti	Petrini & Associates, PC
Rebecca Acerra	Executive Secretary
John Madden	Budget Consultant

And to allow the following non-voters to speak:

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Article 1

Annual Town Election.

Article 2

Voted unanimously to hear and act upon the Annual Reports of the Town Officers and Committees; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3

Voted unanimously to determine the compensation to be paid to the following elected Town Officers as stated in the warrant, for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2021,

FY 2021

FY 2022

Approved

Recommended

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Water Commissioners (each)	\$400.55	\$400.55

Article 4

Voted unanimously to appropriate **\$8,891,600.00** as the operating budget of the Town as listed in the Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request for the purposes and in the amounts specified, and to meet said appropriation, raise the sum of **\$8,561,661.00** and to transfer the sum of **\$329,939.00** from Free Cash, and further, 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.

Article 5

Voted unanimously to pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, 53E ½ to reauthorize 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 2022 or take any other action relative thereto.

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Voted unanimously to pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, 53E ½ to reauthorize the Stormwater Authority's 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 2022; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7

Voted unanimously to pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, 53E ½ to reauthorize the Tree Warden's 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 2022; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8

Voted unanimously to authorize the Water Commissioners to employ their Licensed Water Commissioners at Grade I Step 2 for standby duty and emergency work at \$12.58 per hour in the absence of the Superintendent in Fiscal Year 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot for Article # 9. The vote: unanimous approval.

Article 9

Voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, permanent easements on the parcels of land shown on plans identified as MassDOT Project # 606517 with details as printed in the warrant or taken any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot for Article # 10. The vote: unanimous approval.

Article 10

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$35,000.00 from the Fire Truck Stabilization Account for the 5% grant match towards a new 3,000 - gallon Pumper/Tanker Truck, contingent upon receiving the FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 11

Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be deposited into the "Town Road Maintenance Account", and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from Free Cash, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12

Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to be used for engineering fees related to rights of way ("ROW"), wetland markings, slope design and construction traffic control plan and others associated with the Route 9 Reconstruction (TIP) Projects #606517 and #609049, and to meet said appropriation from Free Cash, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13

Voted unanimously to postpone indefinitely Article 13, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot for Article # 14. The vote: unanimous approval. The Planning Board Report was read.

Article 14

Voted unanimously to amend the Town's Zoning By-law Section 2.1, as amended and as printed in the Warrant, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot for Article # 15. The vote: unanimous approval. The Planning Board Report was read.

Article 15

Voted unanimously to amend Section 1.52 B, Non-Conformity, of the Town’s Zoning Bylaw with respect to non-conforming structures, as petitioned by the Planning Board, the text of such amendments having been filed with the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot for Article #16. The vote: unanimous approval. The Planning Board Report was read.

Article 16

Voted unanimously to amend Section 5.3 B.6 Signs, of the Town’s Zoning Bylaw, as petitioned by the Planning Board, the text of such amendments having been filed with the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made and second to dispense with the required secret ballot for Article # 17. The vote: unanimous approval. The Planning Board Report was read.

Article 17

Voted unanimously to amend Section 3.28.10.B2 of the Town’s Zoning Bylaw with respect to the prohibition of batteries or storage of batteries for any Solar Energy Facility, as petitioned by the Planning Board, the text of such amendments having been filed with the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18

Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of **\$72,000.00** for the repair and maintenance of the Town Hall, and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of **\$72,000.00** from Article 3 – Town Hall Historical Rehabilitation approved at the December 15, 2020 Special Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19

Voted unanimously to postpone indefinitely Article 19, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20

Voted unanimously to postpone indefinitely Article 20, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21

Voted unanimously to postpone indefinitely Article 21, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22

Voted unanimously to postpone indefinitely Article 22, or take any other action relative thereto.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

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 ecosystem services such as: high aesthetics, water quality, heating and cooling amelioration, carbon sequestration (storage) and wildlife habitat.

In general, most of the town's shade trees continue to be in good health. There are several trees that are reaching maturity and old age and are highly susceptible to insects, diseases, and severe weather. Once again, 2021 posed a very difficult year regarding tree health, mortality, weather conditions, and economic hardship in the form of inflation. A combination of factors is contributing to poor tree health and mortality, such as: trees that were previously planted and are not native to the area, old trees, gypsy moth, new insects such as emerald ash borer and diseases such as leaf and needle blight, drought, excessive rain conditions, and multiple severe high wind events resulted in a number of trees dying and damaged throughout the town. In particular, older mature trees with multiple tops, especially white pine oak, sugar maple, and white ash trees are rapidly declining in health and pose a significant, immediate public safety and property threat.

The town continues to support the tree removal and replacement programs by allocating additional funding to respond to the tree mortality.

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. Forest insects and diseases are adversely impacting sugar, red and Norway maple, oak, and white ash trees. Emerald ash borer, a highly destructive invasive species, continues to spread throughout Massachusetts, was officially located on Tucker Road and causes severe mortality to our white, green, and black ash trees. Gypsy moth and leaf blight is severely impacted oaks and other trees. We are faced with a real challenge keeping up with the dying and

hazardous trees which seem to increase as we experience severe high winds and extreme weather conditions such as drought or excessive rains.

This past year the town responded to the following public shade tree program needs:

- The Eighth (8) Annual West Brookfield Arbor Day Tree Replacement Program with the West Brookfield's Elementary School was canceled due to the Corona Virus.
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- The town removed approximately 135 public shade trees that were deemed hazardous, dead, dying or damaged by the four (4) severe high wind events that took place in 2021.
- National Grid removed approximately 172 trees that posed an immediate hazard to out utility lines, pruned miles of trees where branches were over-hanging the lines, responded immediately during high wind events to remove trees that affected electrical services or damaged the utility poles. National Grid provided critical and timely (immediate) services to West Brookfield.
- Seven (7) 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 dangerous limbs pruned.
- The town's Highway Department with assistance from local tree service contractors responded to weather events that posed public safety problems and cleared roads and removed down and damaged trees.

- The town did not conduct a new inventory in 2020 due to the large number of back-logged trees needing removal or pruning. However, the public routinely reports (average a call per week) damaged, down, dead, dying, and hazardous trees that pose a public safety and personal property threat. The tree list of immediate takedown or pruning needs continues to grow. The town has deferred the treatment of trees that are assessed as not an immediate high risk
- One (1) tree was planted in the common through a donation by a citizens group and trees (flowering dogwood, crab apple, red oak, and hickory trees) were planted along west Main Street to replace the trees removed by the downtown main Street rehabilitation project.

There is a continued need to coordinate with West Brookfield's residents, conduct public shade tree inventory, remove hazardous trees, manage the town public shade trees and open space lands' sustainably, implement the Arbor Day Celebration with our youth and ramp up the tree replacement programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim DiMaio
Tree Warden

VETERANS SERVICES OFFICER

The COVID pandemic, for the past two years has been especially trying for West Brookfield Veterans. Referrals, the best source in advertising products and services, assisted in alleviating most situations, and continues to assist.

With the cost of food, gasoline and home heating costs rising, the needs of veterans and their families on the financial edge, find themselves in need of assistance. The Veterans Department will be working with the City of Worcester's Project New Hope to establish a food distribution point at the Brookfield Town Hall. However, the same problems exist for this project. For those veterans who need the food, but cannot drive, will need delivery. Volunteer drivers will have to foot the costs of driving: pandemic spikes, may close the Town Hall, etc.

For those that qualify, the Department of Veterans Services, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115 Program will help defray home operation and medical expenses. So, if you are a veteran in need of services or know of a veteran in need of services, please feel free to contact me at (508) 344-5592.

As always, I will continue to outreach to the Town's veterans, and no veteran or veteran's family will be refused services. Along with some volunteers, I hope to initiate a new organization, that will be better prepared to assist our local veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Lapine
Veteran Services Office

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department is pleased to submit the following Annual Report for the year 2021. The Water Commissioners are Robert E. Benson, Lester Paquette, Barry Nadon Sr., the superintendent is Wesley Cassavant; our operator is Andrew Tombor and our Administrative Assistant is Jean Wrobel.

The West Brookfield Water Department would like to receive your support on matter that is eminent. We are still working on getting filtration into Plant #2 (Leland Road Plant) which is non-compliance with the MassDEP due to the high iron and manganese. The Water Department is hoping to receive some infrastructure monies from the state but have run into a standstill with our engineering services, the Commissioners are working on rectifying the problem we are having due to the Covid situation.

Year 2021 we have put in 4 New Services into the system. We replace 1 old iron pipe service with new 1" poly plastic pipe.

There was a lot of construction in the center of town areas, so we had a lot of marking water services, gate boxes, mains, and fixing things to match the new pavement.

We thank our consumer for all the patience and the Highway Department for all there help through the year of 2021.

Respectfully Submitted

The West Brookfield Water Department

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals for 2021 granted eleven special permits, and one variance. The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM in the Lower-Level Conference Rooms.

The Board was represented as follows:

Chairman-Kevin Dorman

Members-George Hibbard and Dick Ulman

Alternate Members-Bill Mansfield and Renee Adams White

The Board advises any applicants to purchase a Zoning Bylaw Booklet before completing the application and submitting it to the ZBA. The booklet is also available on line at wbrookfield.com. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Dorman, Chairman

George Hibbard, Member

Dick Ullman, Member

Bill Mansfield, Alternate

Renee Adams White, Alternate

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Town Hall re-opened to the public in May. 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. Prior to May, requests came to the office via mail, email, and phone as we dealt with working through the pandemic period. Upon re-opening, processing requests were only done in-person. During the 2021 year, this office has taken and responded to 219 phone calls and 707 email requests.

Sixteen (16) projects were documented and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for special permits or a variance. This office sent out eleven (11) letters to property owners for either specific zoning infractions, inquiries or requesting that they comply with the Zoning Bylaws to avoid further action and possible fines or inquiry into complaints(s) received. In all cases, these infractions were corrected over time and no outstanding issues existed at the end of the year. Town Counsel was needed for input to several issues including grandfather application reviews.

Eight (8) projects were fined a total of \$650.00 for starting without first applying for and acquiring a building permit from our office. Two (2) grandfather application requests were requested at \$500.00 each for a total of \$1,000.00. 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 website.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary M. Simeone
Zoning Enforcement Officer