

ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

By a vote of 21-0-1, the Advisory Committee submits the FY2024 Town Budget with a recommendation of FAVORABLE ACTION on the following motion:

MOVED: To approve the budget for fiscal year 2024 set forth in the attached Tables I and II; to appropriate the amounts set forth for such fiscal year in the departments and expenditure object classifications within departments, as set forth in Tables I and II, subject to the following conditions; to raise all sums so appropriated, unless other funding is provided herein; and to establish the following authorizations:

1.) TRANSFERS AMONG APPROPRIATIONS: Transfers between the total departmental appropriations separately set forth in Tables 1 and 2 shall be permitted by vote of Town Meeting or as otherwise provided by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 33B(b). Within each separate departmental appropriation, expenditures shall be restricted to the expenditure object classifications set forth in the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, and voted by the Town Meeting, for each department, subject to the following exceptions:

- A) Expenditures within the appropriation for the School Department shall not be restricted.
- B) The following transfers within the appropriations for each department (other than the School Department and the Library Department), shall be permitted only with the prior written approval of the Select Board and Advisory Committee:
 - i) Transfers from the appropriation for the capital outlay object classification to any other object classification.
 - ii) Transfers to the appropriation for the personal services object classification from any other object classification.
 - iii) Any transfer which has the effect of increasing the number of positions or the compensation for any position, exclusive of adjustments in wages and benefits voted separately by Town Meeting.
 - v) Transfers within the Department of Public Works from the Parks Division to any other purpose.
 - vi) Transfers within the Department of Public Works from the Snow and Ice budget to any other purpose.
- C) Transfers within the Library Department appropriation shall be permitted with the approval of the Board of Library Trustees, and written notice of such approval shall be

submitted promptly to the Advisory Committee, Town Administrator and Town Comptroller.

- D) All other transfers within the total appropriation for a particular department shall be permitted with the written approval of the Town Administrator, subject to review and approval of the Select Board, and upon the condition that written notice of each such approval shall be submitted promptly to the Advisory Committee and Town Comptroller.

2.) PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS AND LEASES: The Chief Procurement Officer is authorized to lease, or lease with an option to purchase, any equipment or capital item funded within the FY2023 budget, and to solicit and award contracts for terms of not more than four years, provided that in each instance the longer term is determined to be in the best interest of the Town by a vote of the Select Board.

3.) ALLOCATION OF SALARY ADJUSTMENTS: Appropriations for salary and wage adjustments (Item #20) shall be transferred by the Town Comptroller to the various affected departments within (60) days from the beginning of the fiscal year, or in the absence of duly approved collective bargaining agreements, within (60) days of the approval of the collective bargaining agreements by Town Meeting. The Select Board shall determine the salaries, which may include merit adjustments, for employees not included in any collective bargaining agreement.

Should a balance remain after the Town Comptroller has made the transfers specified herein, said balance shall be transferred by the Town Comptroller to a budget line entitled Personnel Services Reserve (Item #19), which shall be used to fund costs incurred over the course of the fiscal year pursuant to employee contracts and/or established personnel policies. The Town Comptroller shall include an accounting of all transfers made from this reserve in the Annual Financial Report.

4.) STIPENDS / SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS: The stipends of members of the Select Board shall be at the rate of \$4,500 per year for the Chair and at the rate of \$3,500 per year for each of the other four members. The annual salary of the Town Clerk shall be at the rate of \$106,861 effective July 1, 2023, plus any adjustment approved by vote of the Select Board. The Town Clerk shall pay all fees received by the Town Clerk by virtue of their office into the Town treasury for Town use.

5.) VACANT POSITIONS: No appropriation for salaries, wages, or other compensation shall be expended for any benefit-eligible position which has become vacant during the fiscal year unless the Select Board, at an official meeting, has determined that the filling of the vacancy is either essential

to the proper operation of the Town or is required by law. This condition shall not apply to appropriations of the School Department.

6.) GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND: The following sums, totaling \$2,517,574 shall be appropriated into the Golf Enterprise Fund, and may be expended under the direction of the Park and Recreation Commission, for the operation of the Golf Course:

Salaries	\$875,572
Purchase of Services	\$438,060
Supplies	\$481,000
Other	\$9,600
Utilities	\$137,741
Capital	\$170,642
Debt Service	\$119,721
Reserve	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total Appropriations	\$2,257,336
Indirect Costs	<u>\$260,238</u>
Total Costs	\$2,517,574

Total costs of \$2,517,574 to be funded from golf receipts with \$260,238 to be reimbursed to the General Fund for indirect costs.

7.) WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND: The following sums, totaling \$32,522,728 shall be appropriated into the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, and may be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for the Water and Sewer purposes as voted below:

	Water	Sewer	Total
Salaries	2,658,407	622,907	3,281,314
Purchase of Services	163,617	150,000	313,617
Supplies	149,805	27,000	176,805
Other	13,900	6,980	20,880
Utilities	141,379	0	141,379
Capital	543,349	65,000	608,349
Intergovernmental	8,551,815	14,169,817	22,721,632
Debt Service	925,750	1,261,540	2,187,290

Reserve	<u>139,185</u>	<u>180,425</u>	<u>319,610</u>
Total Appropriations	13,287,207	16,483,669	29,770,876
Indirect Costs	<u>2,218,878</u>	<u>532,974</u>	<u>2,751,852</u>
Total Costs	15,506,085	17,016,643	32,522,728

Total costs of \$32,522,728 to be funded from water and sewer receipts with \$2,751,852 to be reimbursed to the General Fund for indirect costs.

8.) REVOLVING FUNDS:

- a.) The Park and Recreation Commission is authorized to maintain and operate, under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 and Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2005, a revolving fund for special recreation programs and events. All receipts from said programs and events shall be credited to the fund. Annual expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$4,600,000.
- b.) The Building Commissioner is authorized to maintain and operate, under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 and Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2005, a revolving fund for the repair and maintenance of the Town's rental properties, including all those listed in the vote under Article 13 of the Warrant for the 1999 Annual Town Meeting. All receipts from said rental properties shall be credited to the fund. Annual expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$225,000.
- c.) The Commissioner of Public Works is authorized to maintain and operate, under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 and Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2005, a revolving fund for the construction and reconstruction, upkeep, maintenance, repair and improvement of sidewalks and walkways along public streets and ways over, across and through town owned property. Annual expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$100,000.
- d.) The Director of Planning and Community Development is authorized to maintain and operate, under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 and Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2005, a revolving fund for the Façade Improvement Loan Program. Annual expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$30,000.
- e.) The Library Director is authorized to maintain and operate, under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 and Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2005, a revolving

- fund for the Copier Program. Annual expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$30,000.
- f.) The School Department is authorized to maintain and operate, under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 and Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2005, a revolving fund for the School bus Program. Annual expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$75,000.

9.) SCHOOLHOUSE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR: The sum of \$7,635,891 included within the Building Department appropriation for school building maintenance, shall be expended for School Plant repair and maintenance and not for any other purpose. The listing of work to be accomplished shall be established by the School Department. The feasibility and prioritization of the work to be accomplished under the school plant repair and maintenance budget shall be determined by the Superintendent of Schools and the Building Commissioner, or their designees.

10.) SNOW AND ICE BUDGET: The sum of \$457,530, included within the Department of Public Works appropriation for snow and ice operations, shall be expended for snow and ice operations and not for any other purpose, unless transferred per the provisions of Section 1.B.vi of this Article 9.

11.) INTERFUND TRANSFERS: In order to fund the appropriations voted for the various departments itemized on Table 1, the Town Comptroller is authorized to make the following interfund transfers:

Cemetery Sales Special Revenue Fund [to the General Fund for the Department of Public Works]	\$ 100,000
Recreation Revolving Fund [to the General Fund for benefits reimbursement]	\$460,811

13.) HOST COMMUNITY FUNDS

Appropriate \$683,639 to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator for marijuana mitigation activities, and to meet the appropriation transfer \$683,639 from the HCA stabilization fund.

14.) BUDGETARY REPORTING: The Town Comptroller shall provide the Advisory Committee with a report on the budgetary condition of the Town as of September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30, within 45 days of said dates. This financial report shall include a summary of the status of all annual and special appropriations voted in this article; a report on the status of all special appropriations voted in prior years which remain open at the reporting date; and a summary of the status of all revenues and inter-fund transfers which have been estimated to finance the appropriations voted under this article.

15.) SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS: The appropriations set forth as items 36 through 70, inclusive, in Table 1 shall be specially appropriated for the following purposes. In addition, with the exception of Items #65 - 70, they shall be transferred from the General Fund to the Revenue-Financed Capital Fund.

Appropriate sums of money for the following special purposes:

- 35.) Raise and appropriate \$1,099,920, to resolve the special revenue account deficit as a result of COVID expenses that may not be eligible for reimbursement.
- 36.) Raise and appropriate \$25,000, to be expended under the direction of the Chief Procurement Officer for town furniture upgrades.
- 37.) Raise and appropriate \$375,000, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for the Brookline Village Library HVAC improvements.
- 38.) Raise and appropriate \$900,000, to be expended under the direction of the Police Chief, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for upgrades/replacement of the Police and Fire Department's radio infrastructure.
- 39.) Raise and appropriate \$200,000, to be expended under the direction of the Police Chief, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for the equipment and of the Body Worn and In-Car Camera program.

- 40.) Raise and appropriate \$500,000, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for traffic calming.
- 41.) Raise and appropriate \$700,000, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for bike access improvements.
- 42.) Raise and appropriate \$75,400, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for Accessible Pedestrian Signals.
- 43.) Raise and appropriate \$4,680,000, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for the rehabilitation of streets.
- 44.) Raise and appropriate \$500,000, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for the rehabilitation of sidewalks.
- 45.) Raise and appropriate \$800,000, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for design work related to the Washington Street Rehabilitation and Complete Streets Program.
- 46.) Raise and appropriate \$520,000, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for the design of the renovation of Amory Tennis Courts, Parking and Halls Pond.
- 47.) Raise and appropriate \$350,000, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for improvements to Monmouth Park.
- 48.) Raise and appropriate \$2,000,000, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for the renovation of Schick Playground.
- 49.) Raise and appropriate \$285,000, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for the renovation of playground equipment, fields, and fencing.
- 50.) Raise and appropriate \$100,000, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for the rehabilitation of Town and School grounds.

- 51.) Raise and appropriate \$300,000, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Select Board and the Park and Recreation Commission, for the rehabilitation of tennis courts and basketball courts.
- 52.) Raise and appropriate \$375,000, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board and the Tree Planting Committee, for the removal and replacement of trees.
- 53.) Appropriate \$150,000, to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Director for the renovation of the Soule Courtyard, and to meet the appropriation transfer \$150,000 from the recreation revolving fund balance.
- 54.) Raise and appropriate \$300,000, to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Director, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Select Board and the Park and Recreation Commission, for tree work at Putterham Woods.
- 55.) Raise and appropriate \$25,000, to be expended under the direction of the Chief Procurement Officer for school furniture upgrades.
- 56.) Raise and appropriate \$200,000, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner for HVAC equipment.
- 57.) Raise and appropriate \$90,000, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner for ADA renovations to Town and School facilities.
- 58.) Raise and appropriate \$250,000, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner for elevator renovations.
- 59.) Raise and appropriate \$130,000, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner for upgrades to energy management systems in Town and School facilities.
- 60.) Raise and appropriate \$125,000, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner, for public building fire alarm upgrades.
- 61.) Raise and appropriate \$170,000, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner, for improvements to life safety systems and building security in Town and School facilities.
- 62.) Raise and appropriate \$1,000,000, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the School Committee, for minor renovations / upgrades to school buildings.

- 63.) Raise and appropriate \$2,026,982, to be expended under the direction of the School Superintendent, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the School Committee, for the expansion of classroom capacity in various schools.
- 64.) Raise and appropriate \$600,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for storm water improvements and to meet the appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$600,000 under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8(5), as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; and authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, receive and expend grants, aid, reimbursements, loans, and all other forms of funding and financial assistance from both state and federal sources and agencies for such purpose.
- 65.) Raise and appropriate \$2,000,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for water system improvements and to meet the appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$2,000,000 under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8(5), as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; and authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, receive and expend grants, aid, reimbursements, loans, and all other forms of funding and financial assistance from both state and federal sources and agencies for such purpose.
- 66.) Raise and appropriate \$3,000,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for wastewater system improvements and to meet the appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$3,000,000 under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(1), as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; and authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, receive and expend grants, aid, reimbursements, loans, and all other forms of funding and financial assistance from both state and federal sources and agencies for such purpose.
- 67.) To raise and appropriate \$275,000 to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for improvements at Robinson Playground; and to meet the appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$275,000 under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(1), as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; and authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, receive and expend grants, aid, reimbursements, loans, and all other forms of funding and financial assistance from both state and federal sources and agencies for such purpose; and to rescind a like amount voted at the November 15, 2022 Special Town Meeting under Article 1, Item 4, which item was inadvertently omitted from the warrant for such meeting.

- 68.) To raise and appropriate \$355,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts over \$100,000 to be approved by the Select Board, for improvements at Murphy Playground, and to meet the appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$355,000 under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(1), as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; and authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, receive and expend grants, aid, reimbursements, loans, and all other forms of funding and financial assistance from both state and federal sources and agencies for such purpose and to rescind a like amount voted at the November 15, 2022 Special Town Meeting under Article 1, Item 5, which item was inadvertently omitted from the warrant for such meeting
- 69.) Appropriate Two Hundred Nine Million Nine Hundred Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$209,915,958) to pay costs of constructing a new PreK-8 School which includes renovations/addition to the existing historic Pierce School and other site improvements including reconstruction and repair of the Town Hall and Pierce School garages which are beneath the new school and the Town Park across School Street, including the payment of all costs related to designing the new school project, equipping and furnishing the school, site improvements, and all other costs incidental and related thereto (the “Project”), which new school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Town of Brookline Select Board; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) or G.L. c.70B, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) thirty-five and fifty-five hundredths percent (35.55%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; that the amount of the borrowing authorized by this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in and received pursuant to the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA; provided, however, that the appropriation and authorization to borrow pursuant to this vote shall be contingent upon the Town’s passage of a ballot question to exempt the principal and interest payments on such borrowing from the tax limitations of G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½).
- 16.) **FREE CASH:** Appropriate and transfer \$20,008,706 from free cash for the following purposes:
- a.) Operating Budget Reserve Fund (MGL Chapter 40, Section 6) – \$767,368;
 - b.) Liability/Catastrophe Fund (Chapter 66 of the Acts of 1998, as amended) – \$381,006;

- c.) Stabilization Fund (MGL Chapter 40, Section 5B) - \$4,500,000
- d.) Reduce the tax rate (Special Appropriations) – \$14,360,332.

Article Description	FY2024 Omnibus Budget
AC recommendation (Favorable Action unless indicated)	21-0-1
Ben Birnbaum	
Harry Bohrs	
Cliff Brown	
Patty Correa	Y
John Doggett	Y
Katherine Florio	Y
Harry Friedman	A
David-Marc Goldstein	Y
Neil Gordon	Y
Susan Granoff	
Kelly Hardebeck	Y
Amy Hummel	Y
Anita Johnson	Y
Alisa Jonas	Y
Janice Kahn	Y
Pam Lodish	Y
Joslin Murphy	Y
Donelle O’Neal, Sr.	Y
Linda Olson Pehlke	Y
Markus Penzel	Y

David Pollak	Y
Stephen Reeders	Y
Carlos Ridruejo	Y
Lee Selwyn	Y
Alok Somani	
Carolyn Thall	Y
Christine Westphal	Y
Dennis Doughty *	
* Chairperson does not vote except to break a tie	

ARTICLE 7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTES

FY2024 BUDGET - TABLE 1 MAY 2023

Main Motion

		FY21 ACTUAL	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET	FY24 BUDGET	\$\$ CHANGE FROM FY23	% CHANGE FROM FY23
	REVENUES						
	Property Taxes	254,898,615	272,124,853	281,379,275	296,854,454	15,475,179	5.5%
	Local Receipts	30,479,935	36,614,449	29,065,786	30,343,443	1,277,657	4.4%
	State Aid	22,397,775	22,825,559	23,230,992	23,966,611	735,619	3.2%
	Free Cash	11,065,720	10,401,890	11,598,580	20,008,706	8,410,126	72.5%
	Other Available Funds	4,390,037	3,329,073	4,357,848	4,407,669	49,821	1.1%
	TOTAL REVENUE	323,232,082	345,295,823	349,632,481	375,580,883	25,948,402	7.4%
	EXPENDITURES						
	DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES						
	1 . Select Board	826,296	773,860	848,631	969,387	120,756	14.2%
	2 . Human Resources	572,887	619,381	607,890	646,527	38,637	6.4%
	3 . Information Technology	1,948,968	1,893,914	2,206,095	2,375,179	169,084	7.7%
	4 . Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations	300,971	335,627	358,667	363,864	5,197	1.4%
	5 . Finance Department	3,042,846	3,222,472	3,447,121	3,528,210	81,089	2.4%
	<i>a. Comptroller</i>	687,568	713,961	726,008	743,415	17,407	2.4%
	<i>b. Purchasing</i>	719,383	707,143	761,441	802,173	40,732	5.3%
	<i>c. Assessing</i>	566,093	573,644	737,463	722,732	(14,731)	-2.0%
	<i>d. Treasurer</i>	1,069,802	1,227,724	1,222,209	1,259,890	37,681	3.1%
	6 . Legal Services	1,179,915	1,033,710	1,105,224	1,113,569	8,345	0.8%
	7 . Advisory Committee	18,152	20,242	29,129	30,136	1,007	3.5%
	8 . Town Clerk	1,117,013	530,082	830,521	882,621	52,100	6.3%
	9 . Planning and Community Development	1,039,154	1,217,769	1,467,993	1,783,640	315,647	21.5%
	10 . Police	17,314,441	17,023,052	17,703,841	17,548,217	(155,624)	-0.9%
	11 . Fire	16,546,639	18,134,442	16,934,284	16,853,102	(81,182)	-0.5%
	12 . Building	8,465,596	9,859,939	10,237,173	11,092,213	855,040	8.4%
(1)	13 . Public Works	16,170,468	16,736,731	16,747,737	18,103,751	1,356,014	8.1%
	<i>a. Administration</i>	779,873	946,587	951,914	987,843	35,929	3.8%
	<i>b. Engineering/Transportation</i>	1,304,413	1,230,447	1,459,743	1,488,754	29,011	2.0%
	<i>c. Highway</i>	4,995,342	4,932,637	5,380,746	5,476,294	95,548	1.8%
	<i>d. Sanitation</i>	3,632,171	3,665,056	4,293,420	5,002,072	708,652	16.5%
	<i>e. Parks and Open Space</i>	3,857,133	3,806,730	4,259,100	4,691,258	432,158	10.1%
	<i>f. Snow and Ice</i>	1,601,536	2,155,274	402,814	457,530	54,716	13.6%
	14 . Library	4,104,319	4,507,116	4,387,687	4,480,000	92,313	2.1%
	15 . Health and Human Services	1,474,730	1,567,071	1,400,883	1,528,942	128,059	9.1%
	16 . Veterans' Services	263,282	266,038	316,534	322,728	6,194	2.0%
	17 . Council on Aging	858,548	950,900	1,010,140	1,192,722	182,582	18.1%
	18 . Recreation	1,079,663	1,071,638	1,162,787	1,200,056	37,269	3.2%
(2)	19 . Personnel Services Reserve	715,000	715,000	715,000	1,164,576	449,576	62.9%
(2)	20 . Collective Bargaining - Town	450,000	1,206,587	3,415,593	5,562,127	2,146,534	62.8%
	<i>Subtotal Town</i>	<i>76,773,888</i>	<i>81,685,571</i>	<i>84,932,930</i>	<i>90,741,567</i>	<i>5,808,638</i>	<i>6.8%</i>
	21 . Schools	120,928,616	121,641,293	125,613,878	130,702,376	5,088,498	4.1%
	22 . Vocational Education Assessments	28,179	2,200	92,895	15,000	(77,895)	-83.9%
	<i>Subtotal Education</i>	<i>120,956,795</i>	<i>121,643,493</i>	<i>125,706,773</i>	<i>130,717,376</i>	<i>5,010,603</i>	<i>4.0%</i>
	TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES	197,730,683	203,329,064	210,639,703	221,458,944	10,819,241	5.1%
	NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES						
(1)	23 . Employee Benefits	67,201,499	70,589,374	75,366,050	80,044,127	4,678,078	6.2%
(3)	<i>a. Pensions</i>	26,569,845	28,490,221	30,557,924	32,613,154	2,055,230	6.7%
	<i>b. Group Health</i>	31,707,590	32,753,010	34,799,370	37,078,562	2,279,192	6.5%
(3)	<i>c. Retiree Group Health Trust Fund (OPEB's)</i>	4,181,979	4,181,980	4,431,980	4,681,980	250,000	5.6%
	<i>d. Group Life</i>	128,740	127,365	145,000	145,000	0	0.0%

		FY21 ACTUAL	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET	FY24 BUDGET	\$\$ CHANGE FROM FY23	% CHANGE FROM FY23
	<i>e. Disability Insurance</i>	50,521	53,401	46,000	46,000	0	0.0%
(3)	<i>f. Worker's Compensation</i>	1,850,000	1,850,000	1,850,000	2,193,656	343,656	18.6%
(3)	<i>g. Public Safety IOD Medical Expenses</i>	0	0	275,000	275,000	0	0.0%
(3)	<i>h. Unemployment Compensation</i>	200,000	525,000	250,000	0	(250,000)	-100.0%
	<i>i. Medical Disabilities</i>	11,751	11,103	40,000	40,000	0	0.0%
	<i>j. Medicare Coverage</i>	2,501,073	2,597,294	2,970,776	2,970,776	(0)	0.0%
(2)	24 . Reserve Fund	2,776,291	3,741,209	2,930,043	3,069,471	139,428	4.8%
	25 . HCA Reserve Fund	300,000	0	0		0	#DIV/0!
	26 . Stabilization Fund	1,000,000	2,829,788	3,500,000	4,500,000	1,000,000	28.6%
	27 . Affordable Housing	726,549	80,737	427,012	0	(427,012)	-100.0%
	28 . Liability/Catastrophe Fund	49,729	81,223	132,489	381,006	248,517	187.6%
	29 . General Insurance	534,065	808,202	1,056,923	1,262,183	205,260	19.4%
	30 . Audit/Professional Services	99,284	135,500	149,000	149,000	0	0.0%
(5)	31 . Contingency Fund	6,242	8,185	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%
	32 . Printing of Warrants & Reports	52,405	48,786	116,000	50,000	(66,000)	-56.9%
	33 . MMA Dues	13,226	13,490	14,595	14,960	365	2.5%
	<i>Subtotal General</i>	5,557,791	7,747,120	8,336,062	9,436,620	1,100,557	13.2%
(1)	34 . Borrowing	25,056,165	34,262,603	36,032,468	35,939,014	(93,454)	-0.3%
	<i>a. Funded Debt - Principal</i>	13,674,000	19,262,067	20,280,487	21,285,442	1,004,955	5.0%
	<i>b. Funded Debt - Interest</i>	11,237,370	14,879,854	15,591,981	14,493,572	(1,098,409)	-7.0%
	<i>c. Bond Anticipation Notes</i>	133,256	100,500	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%
	<i>d. Abatement Interest and Refunds</i>	11,539	20,182	60,000	60,000	0	0.0%
	TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES	97,815,455	112,599,097	119,734,580	125,419,761	5,685,181	4.7%
	TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	295,546,138	315,928,161	330,374,283	346,878,705	16,504,422	5.0%
	SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS						
	35 Host Community Agreement Special Appropriation (transfer)				683,639		
	36 . COVID Sepecial Revenue account deficit (revenue financed)				1,099,920		
	37 . Town Building Furniture (revenue financed)				25,000		
	38 . Brookline Village Library HVAC improvements				375,000		
	39 . Police/Fire Radio Infrastructure (revenue financed)				900,000		
	40 . Body Worn and In-Car Camera Equipment (revenue financed)				200,000		
	41 . Traffic Calming / Safety Improvements (revenue financed)				500,000		
	42 . Bicycle Access Improvements (revenue financed)				700,000		
	43 . Accessible Pedestrian Signal Conversion (revenue financed)				75,400		
	44 . Street Rehab. (revenue financed)				4,680,000		
	45 . Sidewalk Repair/Reconstruction (revenue financed)				500,000		
	46 . Washington St. Rehab and Complete Streets (revenue financed)				800,000		
	47 . Design for Amory Tennis Courts, Parking & Halls Pond Reno. (revenue financed)				520,000		
	48 . Monmouth Park Improvements (revenue financed)				350,000		
	49 . Schick Playground Renovation (revenue financed)				2,000,000		
	50 . Playground Equipment, Fields, Fencing (revenue financed)				285,000		
	51 . Town/School Grounds Rehab (revenue financed)				100,000		
	52 . Tennis/Basketball Court Rehabilitation (revenue financed)				300,000		
	53 . Tree Removal and Replacement (revenue financed)				375,000		
	54 . Soule Courtyard renovation (transfer)				150,000		
	55 . Putterham Woods Tree work (revenue financed)				300,000		
	56 . School Furniture Upgrades (revenue financed)				25,000		
	57 . HVAC Equipment				200,000		

	FY21 ACTUAL	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET	FY24 BUDGET	\$\$ CHANGE FROM FY23	% CHANGE FROM FY23
58 . Town/School ADA Renovations (revenue financed)				90,000		
59 . Elevator renovations (revenue financed)				250,000		
60 . Town/School Energy Management Systems (revenue financed)				130,000		
61 . Public Building Fire Alarm Upgrades (revenue financed)				125,000		
62 . Town/School Bldg Security / Life Safety Systems (revenue financed)				170,000		
63 . School Building Rehab/Upgrade (revenue financed)				1,000,000		
64 . Classroom Capacity (revenue financed)				2,026,982		
65 . Stormwater Improvements (utility bond)				600,000		
66 . Water System Improvements (utility bond)				2,000,000		
67 . Wastewater System Improvements (utility bond)				3,000,000		
68 . Robinson Playground - additional authorization (bond)				275,000		
69 . Murphy Playground - additional authorization (bond)				355,000		
70 . Pierce School reconstruction (bond)				209,915,958		
(4) TOTAL REVENUE-FINANCED SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	8,828,250	7,617,048	9,784,287	18,935,941	9,151,654	93.5%
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	304,374,388	323,545,209	340,158,570	365,814,646	25,656,076	7.5%
NON-APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES						
Cherry Sheet Offsets	103,231	101,559	131,592	145,424		
State & County Charges	6,810,339	6,938,649	7,387,258	7,617,499		
Overlay	1,829,768	3,603,145	1,930,062	1,978,315		
Deficits-Judgments-Tax Titles	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000		
TOTAL NON-APPROPRIATED EXPEND.	8,768,339	10,668,353	9,473,912	9,766,238	292,326	3.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	313,142,726	334,213,562	349,632,482	375,580,884	25,948,402	7.4%
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	10,089,356	11,082,262	0	0	0	

(1) Breakdown provided for informational purposes.

(2) Figures provided for informational purposes. Funds were transferred to departmental budgets for expenditure.

(3) Funds are transferred to trust funds for expenditure.

(4) Amounts appropriated. Bonded appropriations are not included in the total amount, as the debt and interest costs associated with them are funded in the Borrowing category (item #35).

FY24 BUDGET - TABLE 2 MAY 2023

Department/Board/Commission	Personnel Services/ Benefits	Purchase of Services	Supplies	Other Charges/ Expenses	Utilities	Capital Outlay	Inter-Gov't'al	Debt Service	Agency Total
Select Board (Town Administrator)	870,753	57,060	2,048	36,900		2,626			969,387
Human Resources Department (Human Resources Director)	345,610	257,877	14,900	26,500		1,640			646,527
Information Technology Department (Chief Information Officer)	1,281,520	786,670	10,350	15,050		281,589			2,375,179
Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations (Director)	321,989	30,000	8,000	3,000		875			363,864
Finance Department (Director of Finance)	2,483,488	959,363	46,960	29,207	1,017	8,175			3,528,210
Legal Services (Town Counsel)	821,420	204,669	2,500	83,100		1,880			1,113,569
Advisory Committee (Chair, Advisory Committee)	25,996		3,275	570		295			30,136
Town Clerk (Town Clerk)	751,090	95,451	34,550	500		1,030			882,621
Planning and Community Department (Plan. & Com. Dev. Dir.)	1,336,316	431,150	8,800	3,805		3,569			1,783,640
Police Department (Police Chief)	16,114,675	536,731	137,857	31,300	301,073	426,581			17,548,217
Fire Department (Fire Chief)	16,048,002	168,426	126,952	27,100	227,270	255,352			16,853,102
Public Buildings Department (Building Commissioner)	2,971,519	4,917,258	25,075	5,248	3,044,643	128,470			11,092,213
Public Works Department (Commissioner of Public Works)	9,370,654	5,418,723	1,007,885	55,500	1,181,758	1,069,230			18,103,751
Public Library Department (Library Board of Trustees)	3,348,383	245,469	596,748	2,200	242,840	44,360			4,480,000
Health & Human Services Department (Health & Human Svcs Dir)	1,136,970	308,411	24,000	4,420	49,171	5,970			1,528,942
Veterans' Services (Veterans' Services Director)	161,341	2,388	1,150	157,339		510			322,728
Council on Aging (Council on Aging Director)	936,776	163,287	18,846	4,250	63,863	5,700			1,192,722
Recreation Department (Recreation Director)	884,089	23,037	86,480	12,400	191,050	3,000			1,200,056
School Department (School Committee)									130,702,376
Total Departmental Budgets	59,210,591	14,605,970	2,156,376	498,389	5,302,685	2,240,852			214,717,240
DEBT SERVICE									
Debt Service (Director of Finance)								35,939,014	35,939,014
Total Debt Service								35,939,014	35,939,014
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS									
Contributory Pensions Contribution (Director of Finance)	32,613,154								32,613,154
Group Health Insurance (Human Resources Director)	37,078,562								37,078,562
Retiree Group Health Insurance - OPEB's (Director of Finance)	4,681,980								4,681,980
Group Life Insurance (Human Resources Director)	145,000								145,000
Disability Insurance	46,000								46,000
Workers' Compensation (Human Resources Director)	2,193,656								2,193,656
Public Safety IOD Medical Expenses (Human Resources Director)	275,000								275,000
Ch. 41, Sec. 100B Medical Benefits (Town Counsel)	40,000								40,000
Medicare Payroll Tax (Director of Finance)	2,970,776								2,970,776
Total Employee Benefits	80,044,127								80,044,127
GENERAL / UNCLASSIFIED									
Vocational Education Assessments									15,000
Reserve Fund (*) (Chair, Advisory Committee)				3,069,471					3,069,471
HCA Reserve (Town Administrator)									
Stabilization Fund (Director of Finance)				4,500,000					4,500,000
Liability/Catastrophe Fund (Director of Finance)				381,006					381,006
General Insurance (Town Administrator)		1,262,183							1,262,183
Audit/Professional Services (Director of Finance)		149,000							149,000
Contingency (Town Administrator)				10,000					10,000
Printing of Warrants (Town Administrator)	20,000	20,000	10,000						50,000
MMA Dues (Town Administrator)				14,960					14,960
Town Salary Reserve (*) (Director of Finance)	5,562,127								5,562,127
Personnel Services Reserve (*) (Director of Finance)	1,164,576								1,164,576
Total General / Unclassified	6,746,703	1,431,183	10,000	7,975,437					16,178,323
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	146,001,421	16,037,153	2,166,376	8,473,826	5,302,685	2,240,852		35,939,014	346,878,704

(*) NO EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED DIRECTLY AGAINST THESE APPROPRIATIONS. FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED AND EXPENDED IN APPROPRIATE DEPT.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

New By-Law 3.12A to Establish an Office of Housing Stability

Recommendation: The Advisory Committee recommends FAVORABLE ACTION on Article 13, as revised by CTOS and the petitioners, by a vote of 24 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Executive Summary:	This new bylaw, as revised by CTOS and the petitioners, will create an Office of Housing Stability within a Town department to be determined by the Town Administrator which would (1) provide assistance to Brookline residents at risk of housing displacement, (2) prevent homelessness, (3) develop initiatives to combat and address displacement, and (4) serve as a resource and clearinghouse of information for residents who need housing-related assistance.
Voting Yes will . . .	Create a new Office of Housing Stability as described above.
Voting No will . . .	Result in continuing the current piecemeal efforts of those Brookline Town departments (including the Council on Aging and Veterans Services) that currently provide assistance to elderly and Veteran residents facing housing displacement, while leaving other residents without comparable help and Town government without a clearly designated single point of contact for residents at risk of housing displacement.
Financial impact	Unknown, but a minimum of at least one part-time employee would likely be required.
Legal Implications	Unlikely.

Introduction

The Advisory Committee agrees with petitioners that the Town needs to do more to help residents who are at risk of eviction and displacement from their rental apartment and to provide Brookline residents with a centralized, coordinated, and guided information and referral system. We support the creation of an Office of Housing Stability as described in the revised language of Article 13.

The Greater Boston area has some of the highest rents in the nation, competing with San Francisco for the second most expensive city in the country for renters (New York City is number one). According to recent US census data (American Community Survey 2015-2019), over 52% of Brookline's households are renters. During the years 2015-2019, approximately 43% of Brookline's rental households were considered to be “cost burdened” (spending over 30% of their household income on housing costs), while 24% were considered to be “severely cost burdened” (spending over 50% of their household

income on housing costs).

An Advisory Committee Member with experience helping renters at risk of displacement spoke of the need for a designated central clearinghouse within Town government because the average renter, when threatened with nonrenewal of their lease or eviction, may not know what to do or where to go for help or what their rights are.

Currently, some Brookline residents struggling with housing displacement receive help from the Brookline Council on Aging and the Veterans Services Department, but other Brookline residents in need of similar help do not have any place to turn for assistance and information within the current Town government structure. Brookline lacks a clearly designated single point of contact for our residents at risk of housing displacement.

Offices of Housing Stability presently exist in other municipalities such as Boston, Somerville, Malden, and Revere. All but one of these communities have a higher percentage of renter households than does Brookline. These Offices vary greatly in staffing and in the services offered, Malden's OHS has contracted with a free-standing non-profit organization to provide services while Somerville's OHS has a staff of nine. There is no one model.

Discussion

The Advisory Committee had some concerns about the original version of Article 13 because it included, as part of the proposed new bylaw, a long and very specific list of broad potential services that this new office would have the discretion to provide – even though there is much unknown about the extent and nature of housing displacement in Brookline and about whether all the services that would be codified in the new bylaw are needed or even desirable. As a result, the Advisory Committee voted to recommend that the original warrant article be referred to a Select Board Committee for further study and a report to the Fall 2023 Town Meeting.

Now, however, these concerns have been addressed by the recent revisions made by CTOS and the petitioners to the original language of the bylaw that would be created by Article 13.

The revised bylaw still provides for the creation of a clearly designated single point of contact (the Office of Housing Stability) within Town government for Brookline residents to turn to for help, information, and guidance when they are at risk of housing displacement. But it has deleted the problematic list of potential specific services from the bylaw language. Note that there is nothing in the wording of the revised bylaw that would prevent the new Office from performing any of these services should it become clear that they are needed. But these services are no longer codified.

Recommendation

The Advisory Committee recommends FAVORABLE ACTION on Warrant Article 13, as revised by CTOS and the petitioners, by a vote of 24-0-1.

Article Description	Office of Housing Stability
---------------------	-----------------------------

AC recommendation (Favorable Action unless indicated)	24-0-1
Ben Birnbaum	Y
Harry Bohrs	Y
Cliff Brown	Y
Patty Correa	Y
John Doggett	Y
Katherine Florio	Y
Harry Friedman	Y
David-Marc Goldstein	A
Neil Gordon	Y
Susan Granoff	Y
Kelly Hardebeck	Y
Amy Hummel	Y
Anita Johnson	Y
Alisa Jonas	Y
Janice Kahn	Y
Pam Lodish	Y
Joslin Murphy	Y
Donelle O’Neal, Sr.	Y
Linda Olson Pehlke	Y
Markus Penzel	Y
David Pollak	
Stephen Reeders	Y
Carlos Ridruejo	Y
Lee Selwyn	Y
Alok Somani	
Carolyn Thall	Y
Christine Westphal	Y
Dennis Doughty *	
* Chairperson does not vote except to break a tie	

ARTICLE 13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTES

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT BY PETITIONERS OF ART. 24

Article 24 was filed by a group of petitioners, all long experienced in Town government, who were concerned that compliance with the MBTA Communities Act was riding only upon one idea: the plan (really at this stage only a concept) for upzoning our most important commercial street to meet a law designed to encourage more market-rate housing. The petitioners were convinced that alternatives must be available and that, given the importance of the issues, they should be considered seriously.

After the article was filed, the Select Board appointed the MBTA Multi-family Permitting Committee to define and examine such alternatives. The committee is to report in mid-July, with sufficient time to draft any necessary articles before the November town meeting.

Although the appointment of the committee meets one of the article's goals, the petitioners continue to believe that a full and frank discussion of the Act's requirements (which some do not seem to be clear on) and the effects of particular approaches to compliance are vital. As one of our number recently observed on the Town Meeting Members' list-serve, changes to Harvard Street, in particular, will affect the town for a century.

Petitioners are supportive of the work to date of the Committee. Following the Select Board's charge, real progress has been made to identify a range of compliance strategies. Town Meeting deserves options to the flawed Harvard St. strategy. However, given the length of the present town meeting, the unfortunate fact that the article was put last on the agenda, and the discussion that has happened already (coupled with the opportunities for further discussion in the next five months), the petitioners have concluded, reluctantly, that it is better to spare the meeting the need to discuss Article 24 at this time. For these reasons, they shall make no motion under it.

Thank you.

Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 1: Amend Article 6.6 (Discharging Firearms) of the Town’s General Bylaws

Recommendation: Favorable Action by a vote of 22 – 0 with 3 abstentions.

Executive Summary:	This Article would amend the town’s general bylaw 6.6 [Discharging Weapons] by adding a section regarding carrying weapons on town-owned property. Exemptions under 6.6.2 (c) include under certain circumstances: law enforcement officers, security guards, and active-duty military personnel.
Voting Yes will...	Would regulate the carrying of firearms
Voting No will...	Leave the existing bylaw as is.
Financial impact	None
Legal implications	May be challenged as unconstitutional.

Hearing Recording:

https://brooklinema.zoomgov.com/rec/play/nXQxNredGyhyHJVai1dpaMOQ0e11U191E_vYo3J4HvQjiGd__E COEjcB_vtx8kbNw0Iey4AdkSLdbn-y.4NMZzKhfjKl0wGw3?startTime=1683842965000

Introduction

This proposed bylaw would amend Article 6.6 [Discharging Firearms] of the town’s general bylaws by adding a new subsection, “Carrying Firearms on Town Property” and changing the title of Article 6.6 to read Discharging **and Carrying** Firearms.

Evaluation Methodology/Research

- Federal Law: The Gun Free School Zones Act of 1990, amended in 1995¹.
- Federal Law: The 2022 Supreme Court Bruen decision^{2 3}.

¹ Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, 1995 Amendment, Ballotpedia, https://ballotpedia.org/Gun-Free_School_Zones_Act

² New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc, et al. v. Bruen, Superintendent of New York State Police, et al., https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_7j80.pdf

³ Miller, Darrell AH The next front in the fight over guns, The Washington Post July 1, 2022, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2022/07/01/bruen-guns-rights-carry-sensitive-places/>

- State Policy: Massachusetts statehouse and courts have policies banning firearms on their properties⁴.
- Local Policy Brookline Parks and Recreation and Conservation⁵.
- Brookline’s state representative is a co-sponsor of legislation *An act to prohibit carrying firearms in sensitive places*⁶. This bill is currently in committee.
- According to the petitioner, Brookline is not pre-empted from taking this action and provided a link to the Giffords Law Center’s interpretation of Massachusetts’ state law for support of this statement.⁷ He also referred to a 1986 case, *Amherst vs Attorney General* that upheld a local bylaw prohibiting the discharge of firearms within the town limits.⁸

Brookline has several policies regulating firearms; this would codify these policies into law.

Discussion

An Advisory Committee member asked how this would be enforced. The answer was the police will be called. Another Advisory Committee member mentioned that Brookline State Representative Tommy Vitolo has co-sponsored *An act to prohibit the carrying of firearms in sensitive places* (see footnote 6). This bylaw is currently in committee. A petitioner noted that they had met with Representative Vitolo in March, and that their language is consistent with the proposed state act.

Another petitioner mentioned that this local bylaw, if passed, will support the state initiative, which, if it passes, will strengthen our local bylaw because this warrant article was written to be consistent with the state initiative.

It was also mentioned that during the vetting process there was much discussion of what language would provide the most clarity for the proposed bylaw. Attention was given to clauses that could be misinterpreted such as “public way”, and locations that may or may not be regulated such as sidewalks and roads.

The petitioners’ intention was to provide a bylaw that was clear to interpret and would regulate firearms in sensitive places (town-owned buildings, playgrounds and parks) while respecting the rights of licensed gun owners.

Recommendation: Favorable Action by a vote of 22 – 0 with 3 abstentions.

⁴ Courts: <https://www.mass.gov/policy-statement/trial-court-weapons-policy>, Statehouse: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/bureau-of-the-state-house-policy-manual/download>

⁵ Brookline Parks and Recreation: <https://www.brooklinema.gov/1312/Park-Rules-and-Regulations>
<https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2045/Conservation-Area-Rules-and-Regulations?bidId=>

⁶ An Act to prohibit carrying firearms in sensitive places <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H2359>

⁷ Preemption of Local Laws in Massachusetts, Other Laws and Policies, Giffords Law Center, <https://giffords.org/lawcenter/state-laws/preemption-of-local-laws-in-massachusetts/>

⁸ *Amherst v Attorney General* 393 Mass. 793 (1986) Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, Suffolk <https://law.justia.com/cases/massachusetts/supreme-court/1986/398-mass-793-2.html>

The Advisory Committee initially voted on this warrant article in May. After the vote the Moderator ruled the version the petitioner presented to the Advisory Committee as out of scope. It was determined that some editing to clarify ambiguous phrases was needed. Members of the Advisory Committee worked with the Office of Town Counsel and the Moderator to create something in scope and constitutional. This version of the warrant article was approved by the petitioner and was voted on by the Advisory Committee on May 30th.

VOTED: That the Town amend the General By-Laws as follows.

1) Amend Article 6.6 “DISCHARGING FIREARMS” as follows (additions in bold underline).

ARTICLE 6.6

DISCHARGING AND CARRYING FIREARMS

SECTION 6.6.1 Discharging Firearms.

No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling-piece, or firearm within two hundred feet of any street in the town of Brookline or on any private grounds, except with the consent of the owner thereof; provided, however, that this by-law shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any military exercise, in law enforcement or in the lawful defense of the person, family, or property of any person.

SECTION 6.6.2 Carrying Firearms

(a) For the purposes of this section, “firearm” shall mean any device, loaded or unloaded, capable of firing a projectile using an explosive charge as a propellant, including, but not limited to, a gun, pistol, shotgun or rifle.

(b) No person shall carry a firearm: (i) in or on any property owned by or under the control of the Town of Brookline, including, but not limited to, any location being used by the Town as an active polling or voting site, including use for the certification of votes and vote counting; or (ii) at any public gathering, public assembly, or special event conducted on property owned or under the control of the Town of Brookline that requires the issuance of a permit from the Town of Brookline, including, but not limited to, a demonstration, march, rally, vigil, protest, or picketing event. For the purposes of this subsection (b) “property” shall not include public ways, streets or sidewalks.

(c) This section shall not apply to: (i) law enforcement officers duly qualified to carry a firearm on their person; (ii) security guards duly licensed to carry a firearm on their person as part of their official duties; (iii) active-duty military personnel where permitted by State and Federal law; (iv) Town employees and others with the express written consent of the Chief of Police or Chief of Police’s designee; (v) law enforcement officers who qualify to carry firearms under the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, 18 U.S.C. 926 C; or (vi) the carrying of firearms in any building or on the grounds of any school under the control of the Public Schools of Brookline, which conduct is expressly prohibited as provided in M.G.L. c. 269, s. 10(j).

(d) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application of this bylaw shall be found to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, that finding shall not affect or undermine the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application of this bylaw.

2) Amend Article 10.3, TABLE OF SPECIFIC PENALTIES UNDER ARTICLE 10.3, as follows (language to be added appearing in bold and underline):

Article 10.3 Discharging and Carrying Firearms

Section 6.6.1 Penalty	\$300.00
Section 6.6.2 Penalty	\$300.00

ARTICLE 1 STM 1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTES

Article Description	Resolution Regarding Discharging and Carrying Firearms
AC recommendation (Favorable Action unless indicated)	22-0-3
Ben Birnbaum	Y
Harry Bohrs	Y
Cliff Brown	Y
Patty Correa	Y
John Doggett	A
Katherine Florio	Y
Harry Friedman	Y
David-Marc Goldstein	Y
Neil Gordon	Y
Susan Granoff	Y
Kelly Hardebeck	Y
Amy Hummel	Y
Anita Johnson	Y
Alisa Jonas	Y
Janice Kahn	Y
Pam Lodish	Y
Joslin Murphy	Y
Donelle O’Neal, Sr.	Y
Linda Olson Pehlke	A
Markus Penzel	Y

David Pollak	
Stephen Reeders	Y
Carlos Ridruejo	Y
Lee Selwyn	Y
Alok Somani	
Carolyn Thall	A
Christine Westphal	Y
Dennis Doughty *	
* Chairperson does not vote except to break a tie	