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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF BROOKLINE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Norfolk, ss

To Any Constable of the Town of Brookline

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to NOTIFY and WARN the Inhabitants of the TOWN OF BROOKLINE, qualified to vote at elections to meet at the High School Auditorium in said Brookline on TUESDAY, the TWENTY-FOURTH day of MAY, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the Annual Town Meeting at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined by the representative town meeting:

ARTICLE 1

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will establish that the number of Measurers of Wood and Bark be two, to be appointed by the Selectmen, or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2

Submitted by: Human Resources

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum or sums of money to fund the cost items in collective bargaining agreements between the Town and various employee unions; fund wage and salary increases for employees not included in the collective bargaining agreements; and amend the Classification and Pay Plans of the Town; or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3

Submitted by: Treasurer/Collector

To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to enter into Compensating Balance Agreement(s) for FY2017 in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F, or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will authorize the Comptroller to close out either all or a portion of the unexpended balances in certain Special Appropriations and return said sums to the Surplus Revenue accounts, or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64, authorize the payment of one or more of the bills of the previous years, which may be legally unenforceable due to the insufficiency of the appropriations therefore, and appropriate from available funds, a sum or sums of money therefore, or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

To see if the Town will elect to establish an additional property tax exemption for fiscal year 2017 which shall be uniform for all exemptions, in accordance with Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, and accept said Section 4, as amended, or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will:

- (A) Raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to operate the Golf Enterprise Fund in the fiscal year 2016 budget;
- (B) And determine whether such appropriations shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds, provided by borrowing or provided by any combination of the foregoing; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants and aid from both federal and state sources and agencies for any of the purposes aforesaid.

or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8

Submitted by: Advisory Committee

To see if the Town will:

A.) Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

Appropriate the sums requested or proposed by the Selectmen or by any other officer, board or committee, or any other sum or sums, for the fiscal year 2017 budget; without limiting the foregoing, appropriate the sums necessary for all town expenses, including the snow and ice budget, debt and interest, and operating expenses; fix the salaries of all elected officers as provided for in General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108; authorize the leasing, leasing with an option to purchase or installment purchase of equipment; appropriate to a stabilization fund as provided for in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B; authorize the continuation of all revolving funds in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ and all Enterprise Funds in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F½; allocate available free cash; provide for a reserve fund; and establish the requirements for transfers among appropriations, interfund transfers, transfers for the purposes of salary adjustments, filling vacant positions and budgetary reporting.

B.) Fiscal Year 2017 Special Appropriations

Appropriate sums of money for the following special purposes:

- 1) Appropriate \$300,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commission, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for making extraordinary repairs to the garages located on the grounds of the Town Hall complex, including but not limited to the driveway areas between the Pierce School and Town Hall.
- 2) Appropriate \$25,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Chief Procurement Officer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for town furniture upgrades.
- 3) Appropriate \$275,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Chief Information Officer, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for the enhancement of town-wide hardware and software.
- 4) Appropriate \$100,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Department of Planning and Community Development, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for a major parcel study.
- 5) Appropriate \$670,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commission, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for making extraordinary repairs to Fire Stations.
- 6) Appropriate \$110,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Library Trustees, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for furnishings at the libraries.

- 7) Appropriate \$110,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Library Trustees, for interior painting at the libraries.
- 8) Appropriate \$36,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for bicycle access improvements.
- 9) Appropriate \$161,040, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for the purchase of parking meters.
- 10) Appropriate \$260,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for the modernization of the Dean Road / Chestnut Hill Avenue traffic signal.
- 11) Appropriate \$1,630,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for the rehabilitation of streets.
- 12) Appropriate \$304,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for the rehabilitation of sidewalks.
- 13) Appropriate \$65,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for the rehabilitation of Winthrop Path.
- 14) Appropriate \$140,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Park and Recreation Commission, for the design of the renovation of Brookline Reservoir Park.
- 15) Appropriate \$770,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Park and Recreation Commission, for the renovation of Emerson Garden Playground.
- 16) Appropriate \$80,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Park and Recreation Commission, for the design of the renovation of Harry Downes Field & Playground.
- 17) Appropriate \$300,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for the renovation of playground equipment, fields, and fencing.

- 18) Appropriate \$90,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for the rehabilitation of Town and School grounds.
- 19) Appropriate \$40,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Park and Recreation Commission, for the rehabilitation of comfort stations in parks and playgrounds.
- 20) Appropriate \$225,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Tree Planting Committee, for the removal and replacement of trees.
- 21) Appropriate \$80,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Chief Procurement Officer, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, for school furniture upgrades.
- 22) Appropriate \$70,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for ADA renovations to Town and School facilities.
- 23) Appropriate \$275,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commission, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and, with respect to School Buildings, by the School Committee, for improvements to elevators in Town and School facilities.
- 24) Appropriate \$170,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for energy conservation projects in Town and School facilities.
- 25) Appropriate \$175,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, for upgrades to energy management systems in Town and School facilities.
- 26) Appropriate \$175,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and, with respect to School Buildings, by the School Committee, for improvements to life safety systems and building security in Town and School facilities.
- 27) Appropriate \$50,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, for trash compactors at various schools.
- 28) Appropriate \$800,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commission, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, for school expansion studies.

- 29) Appropriate \$1,038,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commission, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, for the expansion of classroom capacity in various schools.
- 30) Appropriate \$350,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commission, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, for remodeling, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to the Old Lincoln School.
- 31) Appropriate \$800,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for the purchase of a fire engine.
- 32) Appropriate \$4,500,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for the construction of a fleet maintenance facility for the Fire Department and for renovations to the training facility located at Fire Station #6.
- 33) Appropriate \$700,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Park and Recreation Commission, for the renovation of Corey Hill Playground.
- 34) Appropriate \$2,100,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building Commission, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and, with respect to School Buildings, by the School Committee, for building envelope / fenestration repairs to Town and School facilities.

C.) Funding

And determine whether such appropriations shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds, borrowed or provided by any combination of the foregoing, and authorize the leasing, leasing with an option to purchase, or the installment purchase of any equipment or any capital items; and authorize the Board of Selectmen, except in the case of the School Department Budget, and with regard to the School Department, the School Committee, to apply for, accept and expend grants, gifts, reimbursements, and aid from both federal, state, and other sources and agencies for any of the purposes noted in this Article, or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9

Submitted by: Town Administrator

To see if the Town will amend Article 3.12, Sections 3.12.4 and 3.12.9 of the Town's General By-laws, as follows (additions appear in underlined text):

ARTICLE 3.12

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SECTION 3.12.4 DIVISIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

The Department shall ~~initially~~ consist of the following divisions: the Division of Planning, ~~and~~ the Division of Housing, ~~and~~ the Division of Economic Development and Long-Term Planning. ~~A Division for Economic Development, as hereinafter described, shall be established by vote of the Board of Selectmen, upon the recommendation of the Town Administrator.~~ Each Division shall be under the general management and control of an Assistant Director. The Assistant Directors shall be subject to the authority and direction of the Director. They shall render reports to the Director on a regular basis, including in such reports a summary of current activities, a list of both current and long-range issues being reviewed or worked on by the Division and a summary of the objectives and programs being implemented by the Division. Each Division shall perform the duties prescribed by law, the town’s By-Laws and assigned to it by the Director.

SECTION 3.12.9 DIVISION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LONG-TERM PLANNING

The Division of Economic Development and Long-term Planning shall, from time to time, recommend modifications and amendments to the economic development, redevelopment, renewal and long-term planning policies of the town. The Division shall initiate policies and programs for the promotion and enhancement of existing business and commercial areas, subject to the approval thereof by the Director, the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) and the Board of Selectmen. The Division shall assist in the implementation of such policies and programs. The Division shall maintain a current Economic Development and Long-term Planning portfolio and a list of all completed projects, all projects in process and all projects awaiting implementation. The Division shall provide administrative and professional assistance to EDAB.

Or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10

Submitted by: John Ross, MD and Megan Sandel, MD

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 8.23 of the Town By-laws to ban the sale or distribution of tobacco products within the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11

Submitted by: Richard Murphy

To see if the Town will adopt the following Article 8.37 of the Town’s General By-laws:

Article 8.37: TREE PROTECTION BY-LAW

Section 8.37.1: Preamble The Town of Brookline finds that mature trees have aesthetic appeal, contribute to the distinct character of the community, improve air quality, provide glare and heat protection, reduce noise, aid in the stabilization of soil, provide natural flood- and climate-control, create habitats for wildlife, enhance property values and provide natural privacy to neighbors.

Section 8.37.2: Intent and Purpose This by-law is enacted for the purpose of preserving and protecting both Public Shade Trees pursuant to General Law Chapter 87 and certain designated trees on private property. It is desirable to plant more public shade trees than are removed to compensate for tree losses and the length of time to maturity.

Section 8.37. 3: Definitions: When used in this by-law, the following definitions shall apply:

3.1 Demolition: Any act of pulling down, destroying, removing or razing a building or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same.

3.2 Caliper: Diameter of a tree trunk (in inches) measured 6 inches above the ground for trees up to and including 4-inch diameter, and 12 inches above the ground for larger trees.

3.3 DBH (“Diameter at Breast Height”): The diameter (in inches) of the trunk of a tree (or, for multiple trunk trees, the aggregate diameters of the multiple trunks) measured 4 ½ feet from the existing grade at the base of the tree.

3.4 Person: Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind including public utility and municipal department.

3.5 Public Shade Tree: Any tree within the public right-of-way except for state highways that, as determined by the Tree Warden, has any portion of the stem between 6 inches and 4 ½ feet above grade actively growing into the public right-of-way.

3.6 Tree Removal: Any act that will cause a tree to die within a three (3) year period.

3.7 Protected Tree: A protected tree is any tree that is greater than eight inches in diameter measured at 4.5’ off the ground.

3.8 Structure: A combination of any materials, whether portable or fixed, having a roof, to form a structure for the shelter of persons, animals or property. For the purpose of this definition "roof" shall include an awning or any similar covering, whether or not permanent in nature. The word "building" shall be construed where the context allows as though followed by the words "or part or parts thereof".

Section 8.37.4: Applicability of the By-law

4.1 Applicability: The circumstances under which the tree removal and replacement regulatory process delineated in this by-law shall apply are as follows: (a) the proposed demolition of an existing residential structure and its replacement with a new dwelling/structure. (b) the proposed construction of an addition to the existing residential structure that constitutes a 10% or greater increase in the building footprint (c) the proposed demolition of an existing non-residential structure and its replacement with a new dwelling/structure. (d) the proposed construction of an addition to the existing non-residential structure that constitutes a 10% or greater increase in the building footprint. (e) the proposed new construction of a residential or non-residential structure on any lot. (f) the proposed removal and replacement of existing public shade trees by the town or

their agents or contractors. (g) Land-disturbing activities of significance as defined in Article 8.26 Section 8.26.2(3) of the Town's General By-laws.

Section 8.37.5: Tree Warden The duties or responsibilities of the Tree Warden shall conform to General Law Chapter 87 and shall include, but not be limited to the following: management of all trees within public rights-of-way and adjacent to public buildings and commons; care and control of trees on Town property if so requested by the Commissioner of Public Works or the Director of Parks and Open Space (a) expending funds, in coordination with the Tree Planting Committee, appropriated for planting trees on Town land under the jurisdiction of the Tree Warden; (b) enforcement of this by-law; (c) work with the Building Commissioner his or her designee to review proposed tree removals as regulated by this by-law. Moreover, the Commissioner of Public Works or the Director of Parks and Open Space may authorize the Tree Warden to undertake other responsibilities consistent with the intent of this by-law.

Section 8.37.6: Regulation of Public Shade Trees

6.1 Scope: A Public Shade Tree may not be cut, pruned, removed or damaged by any person other than the Tree Warden or his or her designee until and unless the Tree Warden issues a written permit pursuant to this section.

6.2 Procedures: Any person seeking to remove a Public Shade Tree shall submit an application to the Tree Planting Committee in accordance with any application requirements issued by the Warden. The Tree Planting Committee shall hold a public hearing on applications for removal, at the expense of the applicant, in accordance with the provisions outlined within General Law Chapter 87. The permit issued by the Tree Planting Committee may specify schedules, terms, and conditions, including requiring the planting of replacement trees.

6.3 Planting of Trees on Public Land Any person seeking to plant a Public Shade Tree on Town land under the jurisdiction of the Tree Warden must obtain written permission from the Tree Warden. Such permission may specify schedules, terms, and conditions as deemed appropriate by the Tree Warden.

Section 8.37.7: Regulation of Protected Trees

7.1 Scope The removal of Protected Trees is prohibited unless authorized by the Tree Warden or the Tree Planting Committee as set forth below.

7.2 Procedures In connection with Major Construction or Demolition, the owner of the property shall submit a proposal for tree removal and mitigation to the Building Commissioner with the application for a demolition or building permit. As part of the permit process, the property owner shall submit to the building commissioner a site plan drawn and stamped by a registered land surveyor showing all existing trees 8" DBH or greater. The Building Commissioner shall refer the tree proposal to the Tree Warden. The Tree Warden shall conduct a site visit. If the applicant's proposal is consistent with the mitigation requirements herein, the Tree Warden will issue a permit within twenty (20) business days of receipt to authorize the tree work. If the proposal does not meet or satisfy these requirements, the Tree Warden shall so notify the applicant and deny the permit. An applicant may appeal the denial or grant of a tree permit to the Tree Planting

Committee. The Tree Planting Committee shall conduct a public hearing on the appeal and shall give the public notice thereof, at the expense of the applicant. Public notice shall include all persons owning land within 300 feet of any part of applicant's land at least fourteen (14) days before said hearing. The Tree Planting Committee shall rule within twenty business (20) days of the public hearing. Appeals of final decisions of the Tree Planting Committee shall be to the Board of Selectmen.

7.3 Mitigation A Protected Tree shall not be removed unless at least one of the following provisions is satisfied: (a) Replanting of trees: such replanting shall be on the basis of ½ inch caliper of new tree(s) for each inch of DBH of tree(s) removed, and each replanted tree must have a minimum caliper of 3 inches. The replanting shall occur no later than 12 months after completion of the construction work, either on applicant's land or on land abutting applicant's land with express approval of the owner of such abutting land; or other site as approved by the Tree Warden (b) Contribution into the Tree Replacement Fund: such contribution shall be \$50 per DBH inch of Protected Tree removed not already mitigated as per section 7.3 (a); or (c) The applicant demonstrates that the removal of a Protected Tree does not adversely impact the interests identified in section one of this by-law.

7.4 Tree Replacement Fund The Director of Parks and Open Space with input from the Tree Warden, shall have sole discretion concerning the use of funds from the Tree Replacement Fund which shall be disbursed by the Tree Warden for the planting (and maintenance, as necessary) of trees on public land or private property with express approval of the owner of such private property.

Section 8.37.8: Emergencies and Exemptions Provisions of this by-law shall not apply to: (a) emergency projects necessary for public safety, health and welfare as determined by the Commissioner of Public Works or the Director of Parks and Open Space; and (b) trees that are hazardous (threat to life and/or property) as determined in writing by the Tree Warden and/or the Town Arborist; and (c) trees identified by the Commonwealth that pose a risk due to insect/disease infestation.

Section 8.37.9: Enforcement/Penalties

9.1 Enforcement: Any person violating this by-law is subject to the penalties under Article I, Section 6 as amended in this warrant article; General Law

Chapter 87; (for violating Section 6 of this by-law); and other legal enforcement action by the Town. The Tree Warden is authorized to enforce the provisions of Article 1 of the General By-laws and the provisions of General Law Chapter 87. Any other legal enforcement action shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Tree Planting Committee, the Tree Warden and Town Counsel.

9.2 Penalties: Any person who removes or trims a public shade tree without a permit or hearing as required by law shall be subject to cumulative fines as follows: up to \$500 as provided by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, § 6. – Triple damages as set forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 242, § 7. Each instance in which a Protected Tree is removed without a Tree Permit shall constitute a violation of this by-law and shall be subject to a fine of \$300 and \$50 per caliper inch. A violation of the provisions of this by-law shall result in the revocation of a building permit.

Section 8.37.10: Rules and Regulations The Selectmen may promulgate, after public notice and hearing, Rules and Regulations to effectuate the purposes and intent of this By-law. Failure by the Selectmen to promulgate such Rules and Regulations shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this By-law.

Section 8.37.11: Severability If any section, paragraph or part of this by-law is for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph and part shall continue in full force.

Section 8.37.12: Relationship to Other By-laws Nothing in this by-law shall be construed to restrict, amend, repeal, or otherwise limit the application or enforcement of existing Town of Brookline by-laws or Commonwealth of Massachusetts laws.

Or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12

Submitted by: Robert Murphy

To see if the Town will amend Table 5.01 -Table of Dimensional Requirements - of the Town of Brookline Zoning By-law as follows: *“New dimensions appearing in bold underline, old dimensions struck out on the attached table 5.01”*

Table 5.01 – Table of Dimensional Requirements:

S-40 District: Increase 1-family detached dwelling minimum side yard from 20 to 30 feet.

S-25 District: Increase 1-family detached dwelling minimum side yard from 20 to 30 feet.

S-15 District: Increase 1-family detached dwelling minimum side yard from 15 to 20 feet.

S-10 District: Increase 1-family detached dwelling minimum side yard from 10 to 15 feet.

S-7 District: Increase 1-family detached dwelling minimum side yard from 7.5 to 10 feet.

S-0.5P District: Increase 1-family detached dwelling minimum side yard from 15 to 20 feet.

S-0.75P District: Increase 1-family detached dwelling minimum side yard from 7.5 to 10 feet.

SC-7 District: Increase 1-family detached dwelling minimum side yard from 7.5 to 10 feet.

SC-10 District: Increase 1-family detached dwelling minimum side yard from 7.5 to 10 feet.

S-4 District: Increase 1-family detached dwelling minimum side yard from 7.5 to 10 feet.

Table 5.01 – Table of Dimensional Requirements		LOT SIZE MINIMUM (sq. ft.)	FLOOR AREA RATIO MAXIMUM	LOT WIDTH MINIMUM (feet)	HEIGHT ⁹ MAXIMUM (feet)	MINIMUM YARD ^{3, 10} (feet)			OPEN SPACE (% of gross floor area)	
DISTRICT	USE					Front _{1,6}	Side ₂	Rear	Landsc.	Usable
S-40	1-family detached dwelling subject to Section 5.11(a) Cluster	20,000	0.20	110	35	30	20 30	50	10%	80%
	1-family detached dwelling not subject to Section 5.11	40,000	0.15	150	35	30	20 30	50	10%	100%
	Any other structure or principal use ¹⁵	40,000	0.15	150	35	40	30	60	100%	none
S-25	1-family detached dwelling subject to Section 5.11(a) Cluster	12,500	0.25	90	35	30	20 30	50	10%	60%
	1-family detached dwelling not subject to Section 5.11	25,000	0.20	120	35	30	20 30	50	10%	80%
	Any other structure or principal use ^{14, 15}	25,000	0.20	120	35	40	30	60	80%	none
S-15	1-family detached dwelling subject to Section 5.11(a) Cluster	7,500	0.30	75	35	25	15 20	40	10%	60%
	1-family detached dwelling not subject to Section 5.11	15,000	0.25	100	35	25	15 20	40	10%	60%
	Any other structure or principal use ¹⁵	15,000	0.25	100	35	35	25	50	60%	none
S-10	1-family detached dwelling	10,000	0.30	85	35	20	10 15	30	10%	40%
	Any other structure or	10,000	0.30	85	35	30	20	40	40%	none

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DISTRICT	USE					Front _{1,6}	Side ₂	Rear	Landsc.	Usable
	principal use ¹⁵									
S-7	1-family detached dwelling	7,000	0.35	65	35	20	7.5 10	30	10%	30%
	Any other structure or principal use ¹⁵	7,000	0.35	65	35	30	20	40	30%	none
S-0.5P	1-family detached dwelling subject to Section 5.11(a) Cluster	7,500	0.30	75	35	25	15 20	40	10%	40%
	1-family detached dwelling not subject to Section 5.11	15,000	0.25	100	35	25	15 20	40	10%	60%
	Other dwelling structure		0.50	75	40	25	15	40	10%	40%
	First dwelling unit	300,000								
	Each additional dwelling unit	1,000								
	Any other structure or principal use ¹⁵	15,000	0.25	100	35	35	25	50	60%	none
S-0.75P	1-family detached dwelling	7,000	0.35	65	35	20	7.5 10	30	10%	30%
	Other dwelling structure		0.75	65	40	20	10	30	10%	30%
	First dwelling unit	140,000								
	Each additional dwelling unit	1,000								

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DISTRICT	USE					Front _{1,6}	Side ₂	Rear	Landsc.	Usable
	Any other structure or principal use ¹⁵	7,000	0.35	65	35	30	20	40	30%	none
SC-7	1-family detached dwelling	7,000	0.35	65	35	20	7.5 10	30	10%	30%
	Converted 1-family detached dwelling	7,000	0.50	65	35	20	7.5 10	30	10%	30%
	Any other structure or principal use ¹⁵	7,000	0.35	65	35	30	20	40	30%	none
SC-10	1-family detached dwelling	10,000	0.35	65	35	20	7.5 10	30	10%	30%
	Converted 1-family detached dwelling	10,000	0.50	65	35	20	7.5 10	30	10%	30%
	Any other structure or principal use ¹⁵	10,000	0.35	65	35	30	20	40	30%	none
S-4	1-family detached dwelling	4,000	1.0	40	35	15	7.5 10	30	10%	30%
	Any other structure or principal use	5,000	1.0	50	35	25	20	40	30%	none
(Additional regulations are contained in the text of Article 5.00) Required Lot Frontage: 25' in S and SC districts and 20' in all other districts										
T-6	1-family detached dwelling	5,000	0.75	45	35	15	7.5	30	10%	30%
	2-family dwelling	6,000	0.75	55	35	15	10	30	10%	30%
	1-family attached dwelling	3,000	0.75	25	35	15	none ₂	30	10%	30%
	Any other structure or principal use	6,000	0.75	55	35	25	20	40	30%	none

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DISTRICT	USE					Front _{1,6}	Side ₂	Rear	Landsc.	Usable
T-5	1-family detached dwelling	4,000	1.0	40	35	15	7.5	30	10%	30%
	2-family dwelling	5,000	1.0	45	35	15	10	30	10%	30%
	1-family attached dwelling	2,500	1.0	20	35	15	none ₂	30	10%	30%
	Any other structure or principal use	5,000	1.0	50	35	25	20	40	30%	none
F-1.0	1-family dwelling	4,000	1.0	40	35	15	7.5	30	10%	30%
	2-family dwelling	5,000	1.0	45	35	15	10	30	10%	30%
	3-family dwelling	5,000	1.0	45	40	15	10	30	10%	30%
	1-family attached dwelling	2,500	1.0	20	35	15	none ₂	30	10%	30%
	Any other structure or principal use	5,000	1.0	60	40	25	20	40	30%	none
(Additional regulations are contained in the text of Article 5.00) Required Lot Frontage: 25' in S and SC districts and 20' in all other districts										

Or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13

Submitted by: Ernest Frey

To see if the Town will amend the Brookline Zoning By-law as follows: (new language in bold and bold underline):

Section 5.09 – Design Review

3. Procedure

a. General

2) Preapplication — Prior to a formal submission to the Building Commissioner, the applicant is strongly encouraged to take the following steps, and in the case of a Major Impact Project as defined in Section 5.09 3. b. such preliminary steps are required:

a) consult with the Building Commissioner and Planning Director or their designees for technical advice relative to the community and environmental impact and design review standards of this section; and

b) schedule and hold at least one neighborhood meeting and make good faith effort to notify **in a timely manner** abutters, tenants of abutters, Town Meeting Members **for the precincts of all abutters**, neighborhood associations, and other interested citizen groups to review the project plans, and the applicant should actively promote citizen involvement throughout the review process. **Timely notification requires notices to be mailed or delivered at least seven days prior to the scheduled neighborhood meeting. Failure to provide timely notice for a Major Impact Project shall require scheduling of another meeting with timely notice.** In the case of Major Impact Projects, the meeting shall be convened prior to the Planning Board’s preliminary meeting as required by Section 5.09 3. b. 4). The Department of Planning and Community Development will assist the applicant in identifying the parties to be notified; and

Or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14

Submitted by: Patricia Connors and Cornelia H.J. van der Ziel

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Section 148C of Chapter 149 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Earned Sick Time Law, pursuant to Article CXV of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

or act on anything relative thereto.

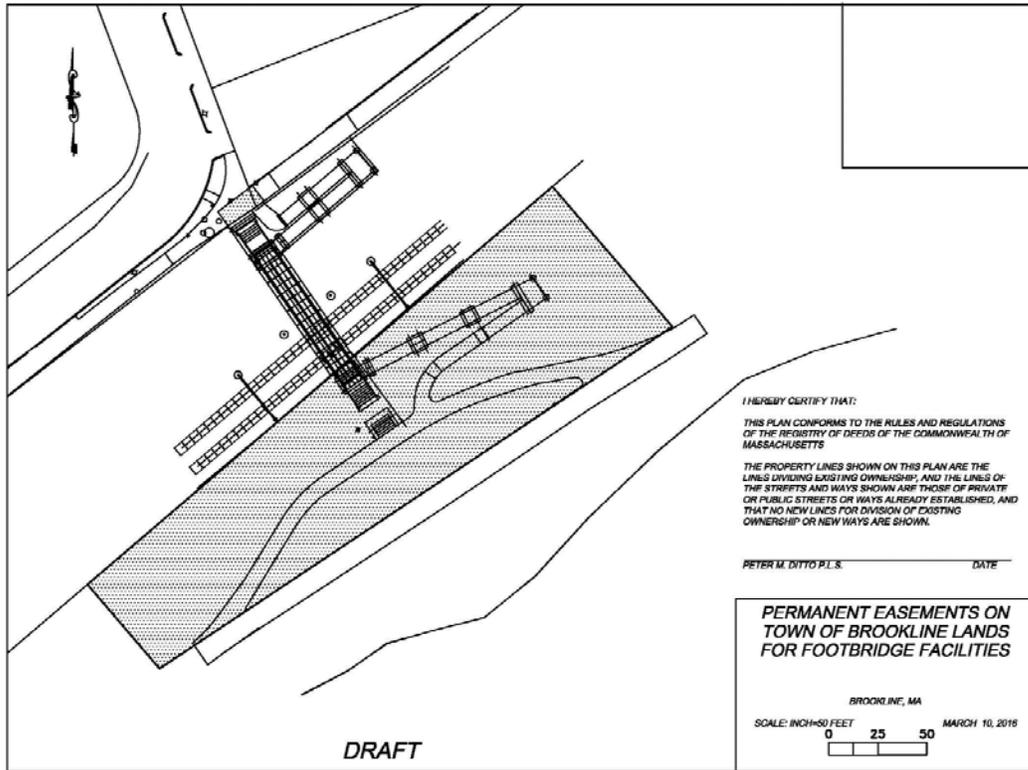
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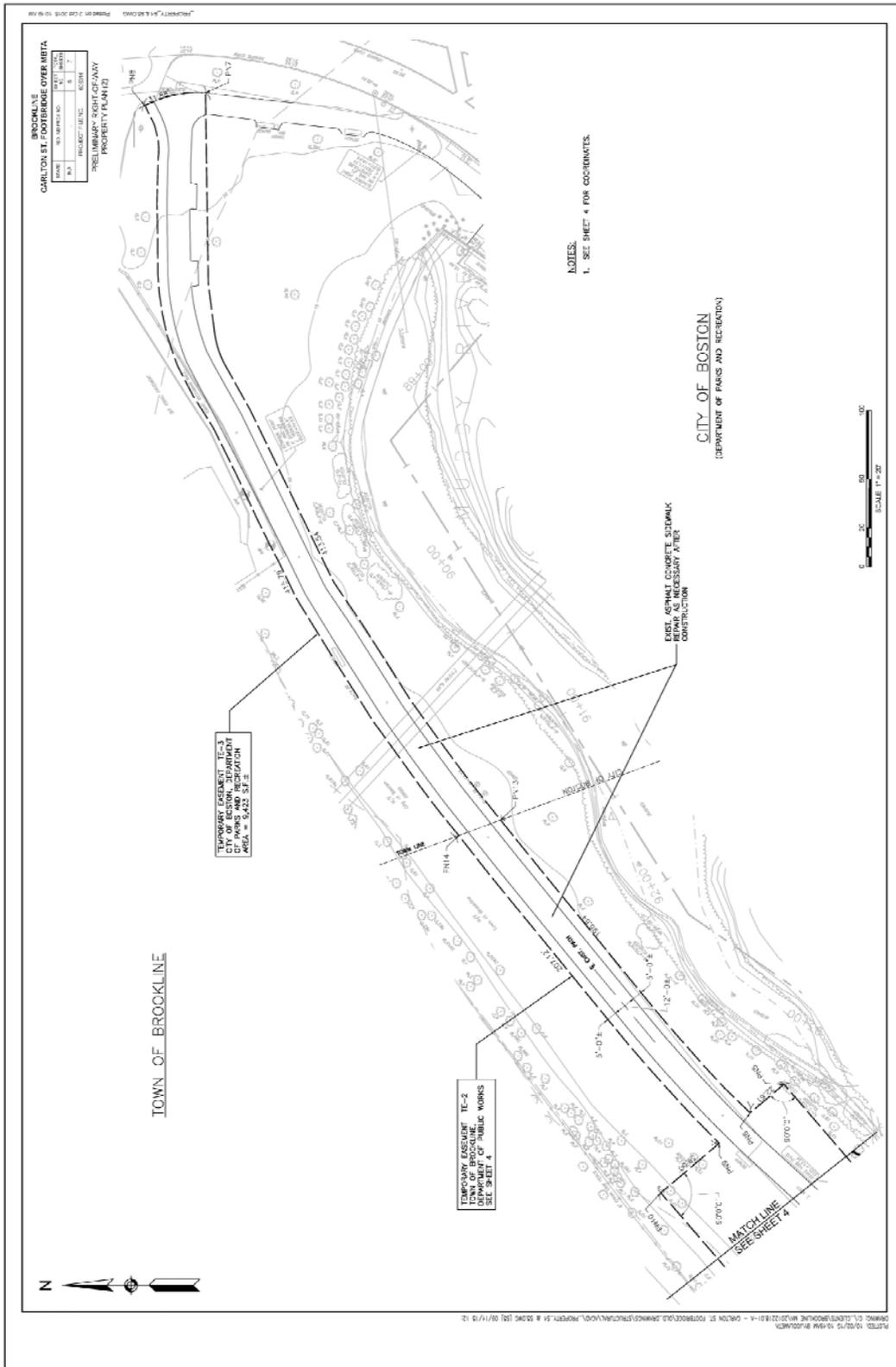
Submitted by: Department of Public Works

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant and acquire, as necessary, permanent easements on Town of Brookline property for structural footings, stairs, accessible ramps, pedestrian walkways and other components of the Carlton Street Footbridge Rehabilitation Project, as substantially shown on the plan submitted herewith entitled “PERMANENT EASEMENTS ON TOWN OF BROOKLINE LANDS FOR FOOTBRIDGE FACILITIES.”

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant and acquire, as necessary, temporary construction easements on Town of Brookline property for construction activities associated with the Carlton Street Footbridge Rehabilitation Project, as substantially shown on the plan submitted herewith entitled “TEMPORARY

CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS ON TOWN OF BROOKLINE LANDS FOR FOOTBRIDGE REHABILITATION.”



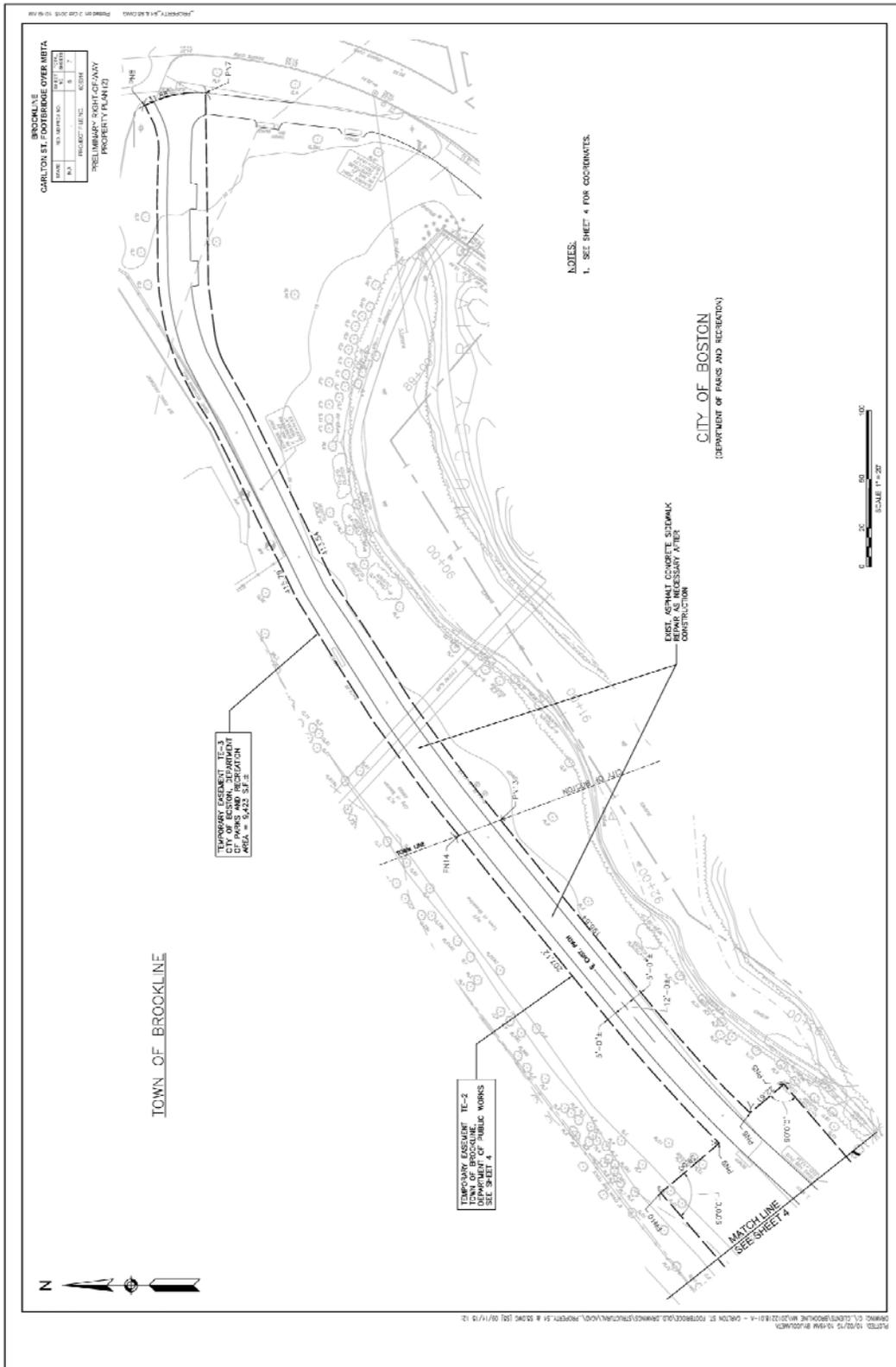


Or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16

Submitted by: Department of Public Works

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, if necessary, temporary construction easements from the City of Boston and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Rail and Transit Division, under which the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) operates, to conduct construction activities associated with the Carlton Street Footbridge Rehabilitation Project, as substantially shown on the plans submitted herewith entitled “TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM THE MBTA FOR FOOTBRIDGE REHABILITATION” and “TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR FOOTBRIDGE REHABILITATION.” Further, to authorize the Selectmen to raise and appropriate, if necessary, funds for the acquisition of all easements required for the project, said funding to be drawn from the Town’s bond funding previously authorized for the Carlton Street Footbridge project by vote of Town Meeting on Article #5 of the Special Town Meeting called for Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.



Or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17

Submitted by: Harry Friedman

Resolution Regarding the Mechanization of Trash Pickup by the Town

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

Whereas, the Town, through its Department of Public Works (“DPW”) is seeking efficiencies in the way in which it picks up curbside trash from Brookline residences; and

Whereas, the way in which it is anticipated to effect these efficiencies is by having residents deposit trash in Toter Carts (of a size yet to be determined), similar to those currently used for recycling; and

Whereas, these carts are not designed for use by those who have storage issues, and/or are unable to easily maneuver the carts due to where they will be located and/or because of physical limitations;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Town Meeting urges the adoption of an exception system for those residences where the use of the Toter Carts is impractical. This exception system could involve, for example, the use of garbage bags instead of Toter Carts; and

Be it further resolved, that the DPW will make a determination of which residences are entitled to be covered by the exception system, using criteria which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Availability of places in which to store the Toter Carts other than in front of residences, and thus visible from the street
- Ease of getting the Toter Carts from the storage location to and from the curb; and

Be it further resolved, that the exception system will not impose an unfair financial burden on the participants,

Or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18

Submitted by: Patricia Connors

To see if the Town will adopt the following resolution:

A Resolution to Urge the Board of Selectmen to Put in Place an Historic Plaque at the Site of the Former St. Aidan’s Church

WHEREAS, St. Aidan’s Church, dedicated in 1912, served as the religious, educational, social justice and cultural center of Brookline’s third Roman Catholic parish, until it was closed and merged with St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in 1999;

WHEREAS, St. Aidan’s was the home parish of the family of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States;

WHEREAS, President Kennedy, his brother U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy and four Kennedy sisters were baptized at St. Aidan's;

WHEREAS, St. Aidan's was designed by award-winning architect Charles D. Maginnis of the nationally prominent architectural firm Maginnis and Walsh in 1911, the church's medieval revival style being evocative of an English village church;

WHEREAS, the St. Aidan's Church building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places for both its architectural and historical significance, was adaptively redesigned as housing while preserving many original architectural elements;

WHEREAS, a centenary copper beech tree on the property of the former St. Aidan's Church continues to be nurtured for continued public enjoyment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Meeting urges the Board of Selectmen to cause to erect an historic plaque at the site of the former St. Aidan's Church.

or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19

Submitted by: Hidden Brookline Committee of the Town of Brookline Department of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations

A Resolution to Honor Roland Hayes

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the mission of the Hidden Brookline Committee of the Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations Department is to bring to light the hidden history of slavery and freedom in our Town.

WHEREAS, Roland Hayes (1887-1977) was one of the world's greatest classical tenors, celebrated throughout Europe and the United States, "not only as an artist, but as an institution and a name, the magic of which has spread his fame across nations and continents" (*Boston Globe*).

WHEREAS, he was born in rural Georgia to tenant farmers on a plantation where his mother had been enslaved.

WHEREAS, he sang with the Fisk Jubilee Singers and came to Boston to develop his talent and further his career.

WHEREAS, he refused to be diminished or denied in a country rife with racism.

WHEREAS, in 1920, when he was informed by the manager of the Boston Symphony Orchestra that, because of his color, he would never succeed, he went to Europe, like many African American artists before and since.

WHEREAS, after his “command performance” for King George and Queen Mary of England and concerts across Europe, he returned in fame to Boston and became the first African American artist to solo with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1923.

WHEREAS, proud of his heritage, he introduced African American Spirituals into his concerts, enriching the previously Eurocentric classical repertoire.

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of him, inspiring audiences with Hayes’ story and fame, saying, “Roland Hayes rose up to be one of the world’s great singers and carried his melodious voice into the palaces and mansions of kings and queens.”

WHEREAS, he blazed a trail for others to follow, including Marian Anderson and Paul Robeson.

WHEREAS, despite Brookline’s past pattern of racial exclusion, Hayes was able to buy a home at 58 Allerton St, where he lived happily with his family for almost 50 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Town Meeting call upon the people of Brookline to honor the life and legacy of this extraordinary man.

RESOLVED, that the School Committee is encouraged to include the music and story of Roland Hayes where appropriate in its curriculum.

RESOLVED, that the people of Town of Brookline honor Roland Hayes as one of its most important and prominent citizens by endorsing the installation of a bronze plaque in front of his former home at 58 Allerton Street with the inscription:

**Roland Hayes
1887-1977**

One of the world’s great tenors, Roland Hayes sang throughout Europe and the United States. Born in rural Georgia to parents who had known slavery, he became the first African American to perform with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He was a trailblazer in classical music, breaking color barriers across the world. Proud of his heritage, Hayes always included Spirituals in his concerts. He lived here with his family for almost 50 years.

**Presented by the people of Brookline
June 2016**

RESOLVED, that Town Meeting encourages the citizens of Brookline to join a dedication ceremony at 58 Allerton Street to dedicate the plaque on June 12, 2016.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20

Submitted by: Peter Miller

To see if the Town will adopt the following resolution:

Resolution Calling for an End to the United States' Economic, Commercial and Financial Embargo against Cuba and Respect for Cuba's Sovereignty

WHEREAS, in 1960, the United States government imposed an economic, commercial and financial blockade against Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. embargo against Cuba — what the Cubans call *el bloqueo*, “the blockade” — continues to inflict hardship on the men, women and children of Cuba by creating shortages of food, medicines and financial and trade opportunities; and

WHEREAS the 1996 Helms Burton Act extended the territorial application of the initial embargo to apply to foreign companies trading with Cuba; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2014, U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced a new era of relations and agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations; and

WHEREAS, Cuba and the United States re-opened their respective embassies in 2015; and

WHEREAS, despite the changes made by President Obama the embargo continues to be in place; and

WHEREAS, 191 countries voted at the United Nations General Assembly in October 2015 in favor of lifting the U.S. blockade against Cuba, with only two countries — the U.S. and Israel — opposed; and

WHEREAS the majority of the people of the United States believe this embargo is ineffective, inhumane and in violation of international conventions; and

WHEREAS the blockade denies U.S. citizens access to Cuban medical technology such as the diabetes drug Heberpot-P, vaccines for meningitis B and hepatitis B, monoclonal antibodies for kidney transplants, as well as the only therapeutic vaccine in the world against advanced lung cancer, CIMAVAX-EGF; and

WHEREAS the U.S. through its Agency for International Development (USAID) has supported and has not disavowed continuing embarrassing covert “regime change” operations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brookline Town Meeting calls for an immediate end to the United States' economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba; and with respect for Cuba's sovereignty, an end to any and all illegal covert “regime change” operations and programs and affirmation thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Brookline Town Meeting supports the following Bills in Congress: 1) [the Freedom to Travel to Cuba Act of 2015 \(HR664\)](#), introduced by Rep. Mark Sanford (R-SC 1st) and Rep. James McGovern (D-MA 2nd), 2) [The Cuba Trade Act of 2015 \(HR3238\)](#), introduced by Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN 6th) and Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL 14th), and strongly encourages Representative Joseph P. Kennedy III to join the list of co-sponsors of both bills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Brookline Town Meetings supports the following Bills in the Senate: 1) [The Freedom to Travel to Cuba Act of 2015 \(S299\)](#), introduced by Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) and Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), language of which is identical to HR664, 2) [The Freedom to Export to Cuba Act \(S491\)](#), introduced by Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), both of which are supported by our Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren;

Or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21

Submitted by: John Harris

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING BROOKLINE'S COMMITMENT TO SOLAR ELECTRICITY (PHOTOVOLTAICS)

To see if the Town will adopt the following Resolution:

Whereas a robust program of **photovoltaics** (solar electricity) in Massachusetts requires:

1. Bidirectional **Net Metering** capability, whereby a small or medium-scale photovoltaic array of rooftop or ground-mounted solar panels is connected to the electric grid, such that when the facility needs electricity, the grid provides it, and when the sun shines brightly and the PV panels produce more electricity than needed onsite, the surplus is fed back to the grid.
2. **Eliminating the Caps** on net metered projects, so that their development can proceed without bureaucratic hindrance.
3. Maintaining a **Fair Value** for net metering credits that accommodates both small and large projects, that takes into account each project's impact on local (site specific) utility costs, the time of day of energy use and energy generation (**Time of Use**), and daily and seasonal variations in load cycles.
4. Creating a new **Solar Incentive Program** that perpetuates renewable industries, to counter the extensive subsidies and tax breaks given to the fossil fuel and nuclear power industries.
5. Permitting **Community Shared Solar** programs, which enable Massachusetts residents and businesses that cannot install solar on their own properties or live in rented property to invest in solar photovoltaic installations located elsewhere. CSS programs are not possible without **Virtual Net Metering**, a mechanism by which the value of electricity produced by a solar generating facility is credited to the accounts of individual Massachusetts residents or businesses located in other locations.
6. For reasons of social equity, increasing the access of municipalities, tax-exempt institutions and **low-income** individuals to federal and state **Tax Credits** and refunds.
7. That appropriate investment be made to upgrade local **Distribution Line**

Capacity in locations suitable for a high density of photovoltaic arrays. In some instances, this may obviate or reduce the need for long-distance **Transmission** line capacity to import electricity from distant plants.

8. **Modernization of the Grid** that leverages technology, in particular the use of **Smart Meters**, to enable **all** customers, irrespective of whether they are generating electricity themselves, to take advantage of the significantly reduced rates possible during non-peak hours, and allows customers who generate electricity to receive fair credit for any excess generation.
9. Addressing the **Security Concerns** of our brittle and over-extended grid. **Locally-generated electricity** reduces our vulnerability to disruption.
10. As we evolve from top-down centralized generation of electricity to a system of dispersed, **Distributed Generation** and **Micro-Grids**, we need to build resiliency into the system, so local areas can operate independently should service from the long-distance transmission lines be interrupted, whether by accidents, terrorists, hackers, climate-related storms, or any other reason.

Now, therefore, be it hereby Resolved:

That the People of Brookline insist that **photovoltaics** (solar electricity) be an integral part of Brookline's energy mix,

That the General Court should expeditiously enact legislation to support a robust program of solar energy in Massachusetts, and

The Brookline Town Meeting asks the Brookline town administration to send copies of this Resolution with the Explanation of the article to Governor Charles Baker, to Attorney General Maura Healey, to Massachusetts Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, to Speaker of the Massachusetts House Robert DeLeo, to Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton, to Commissioners of Public Utilities Angela O'Connor, Jolette Westbrook and Robert Hayden, to Secretary of the Department of Public Utilities Mark D. Marini, to Energy Facilities Siting Board Director Andrew Greene, to state Senator Cynthia Creem, to state Representatives Edward Coppinger, Michael Moran, Jeffrey Sanchez and Frank Smizik, to President Barack Obama, to Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz, to Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioners Norman Bay, Tony Clark, Colette Honorable, Cheryl LaFleur and Philip Moeller, to Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Kimberly Bose, to U.S. Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren and to U.S. Representative Joseph Kennedy, III.

or act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22

Submitted by: Frank Farlow and Nancy Gregg

To see whether the Town will adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS U.S. trade deals over the past 25 years have been corporate-driven, incorporating rules that skew the benefits of their results to individuals with great wealth and influence while requiring working families to bear the brunt of their costs;

WHEREAS the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has displaced 680,000 jobs, the Chinese Trade Agreement 2.7 million jobs, and the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement 75,000 jobs, devastating communities across the nation, depriving municipalities and states of sorely needed tax revenues, and posing a major threat to our national well-being;

WHEREAS under NAFTA-style trade rules, the U.S. annual trade deficit has increased dramatically from \$70 billion in 1993, the year before NAFTA went into effect, to \$540 billion in 2015;

WHEREAS the most recent trade deal of this type, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), is a proposed “free trade” agreement among the United States and 11 other Pacific Rim countries—Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam;

WHEREAS the TPP would be the largest trade deal in history, including countries representing 792 million people and accounting for 40% of the world’s economy, yet it’s been devised in secret, in a process involving lobbyists from the world’s largest corporations and Wall Street’s biggest banks, but not the American public;

WHEREAS, although the Obama administration says the TPP would boost U.S. exports, it would also make it easier for American corporations to outsource still more jobs to low-wage countries abroad;

WHEREAS NAFTA and all but two of the U.S. trade deals that followed it provide special legal rights to foreign investors, known as the “investor-to-state dispute settlement” (ISDS) system, which allows foreign firms to challenge our state and federal laws, regulations, and administrative and judicial decisions in international tribunals, completely bypassing state and federal courts;

WHEREAS the TPP would expand the current ISDS system, giving multinational corporations extraordinary new powers that would undermine our sovereignty and expose U.S. taxpayers to billions in new liability by empowering thousands of foreign firms operating in the United States to seek cash compensation from taxpayers by challenging U.S. government actions, laws and court rulings before foreign tribunals whose rulings cannot be appealed on the merits;

WHEREAS foreign investors have already used NAFTA’s ISDS provisions to challenge decisions regarding local building permits, environmental regulations, state bans on toxic chemicals and decisions of state courts;

WHEREAS, although just 50 known ISDS cases were launched worldwide in the system’s first three decades, from 2011 through 2013 foreign investors launched at least 50 claims each year;

WHEREAS recent ISDS cases include Eli Lilly’s attack on Canada’s cost-saving medicine patent system, Philip Morris’s attack on Australia’s public health policies regulating tobacco, Lone Pine’s attack on a fracking moratorium in Canada, Chevron’s attack on an Ecuadorian court ruling ordering payment for mass toxic contamination in the Amazon, and Vattenfall’s attack on Germany’s phase-out of nuclear power;

WHEREAS under ISDS provisions of the TPP, foreign corporations could demand compensation for capital controls and other prudent financial regulations that promote financial stability, thus restricting the government’s ability to make use of capital controls or financial transaction taxes, including such standard forms of capital controls as those used by TPP governments in the past to ward off financial crises:

WHEREAS climate change and environmental degradation threaten communities across the globe, and ISDS provisions in the TPP will expose nations carrying out policies to fight climate change to the risk of ISDS cases that undermine these efforts;

WHEREAS, as a result of Congress’s enactment of fast-track trade negotiating authority in 2015, states, municipalities and their citizens would have no opportunity to correct shortcomings in the TPP since its text would not be made public until it was final and could no longer be improved;

WHEREAS, although the Obama administration has claimed that the problems with past agreements would be remedied in the TPP, the current version of the text no longer contains various safeguard proposals that were included in a leaked 2012 version of the text; and

WHEREAS the disproportionately powerful voice of global corporations in the formulation of U.S. “free trade” agreements has consistently advanced an agenda that undermines the public interest and threatens democracy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Meeting of Brookline, Massachusetts, formally goes on record in calling upon our elected officials in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership and any similar trade deals that fail to restructure the misguided and failed policies of the past; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk be requested to forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States; the Massachusetts delegation to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives; and the Brookline delegation to the Massachusetts Legislature on behalf of the entire Town Meeting.

Or act on anything relative thereto.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23

Reports of Town Officers and Committees

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS WARRANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this WARRANT, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at least FOURTEEN DAYS before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the TOWN of Brookline, Massachusetts, this 15th day of March, 2016.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



BY VIRTUE OF THIS WARRANT, I THIS DAY NOTIFIED AND WARNED THE INHABITANTS OF SAID TOWN TO MEET AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM IN SAID TOWN ON TUESDAY, May 24, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. BY POSTING TRUE AND ATTESTED COPIES OF THE WITHIN WARRANT IN TEN (10) PUBLIC PLACES. ALL OF THIS WAS DONE AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS BEFORE SAID MEETING.

CONSTABLE

DATE