



# VOTERS GUIDE

## BROOKLINE TOWN ELECTION - MAY 7, 2019

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of the League of Women Voters of Brookline

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### Where to Vote

To verify your current precinct, go to the Secretary of State's web site: <http://www.wheredoivotema.com>.

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### Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Precinct 1: BU-Wheelock College, 43 Hawes St. Monmouth Street Entrance
- Precinct 2: Coolidge Corner Library, Community Room, 31 Pleasant St.
- Precinct 3: Theresa Morse Apartments, 90 Longwood Ave.
- Precinct 4: Town Hall, 333 Washington St., Room 103
- Precinct 5: New Lincoln School, 19 Kennard Rd.
- Precinct 6: BHS Schluntz Gymnasium, 115 Greenough St.
- Precinct 7: Arthur A. O'Shea House, 61 Park St.
- Precinct 8: Coolidge Corner School, Gymnasium, Stedman Street Entrance
- Precinct 9: Senior Center, 93 Winchester St.
- Precinct 10: John W. Kickham Apartments, 190 Harvard St.
- Precinct 11: Driscoll School New Gymnasium, Washington St. Entrance
- Precinct 12: Runkle School Gymnasium, 50 Druce Street (Front entrance)
- Precinct 13: Runkle School Gymnasium, 50 Druce Street (Front entrance)
- Precinct 14: Heath School Gymnasium, 100 Eliot St.
- Precinct 15: Fire Station #6, 962 Hammond St.
- Precinct 16: Putterham Library, 959 West Roxbury Pkwy

# DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT

## Town Election Forum - April 29 6:30 pm Town Hall Select Board Hearing Room

Massachusetts Bill of Voters' Rights and the Massachusetts Bill of Voters' Responsibilities are on pages 20 and 21 of this guide.

### The Sara K. Wallace Fund for Voter Education

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The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. The League does take positions on issues after study and consideration but does so separately from voter service activities.

See Ballot Question Information on page 23

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<http://brooklinehistoricalsociety.org>

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Every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of the information in this VOTERS GUIDE. If voters have questions, they are encouraged to contact their candidates.

**The League policy is that we do not edit the responses from the candidates.**

An (\*) next to a candidates name indicates incumbency.

(Caucus) indicates candidate became a Town Meeting Member by caucus to fill a vacancy.

### ▼ SELECT BOARD

**Salary:** Chairman: \$4,500 per annum.

Other members: \$3,500 per annum.

**Duties:** The Select Board carries out the votes of Town Meeting; reviews the annual budget for bonds and notes for the borrowing of money; appoints certain department heads, assistants, advisors, boards and committees; serves as a licensing board and as the police and fire commissioners; represents the Town before the General Court in all regional and metropolitan affairs; and enforces the Town Bylaws and regulations.

Candidates were asked to limit responses to 300 words.

**Question 1:** How would you balance the many Town needs against the impact on property taxes?

**Question 2:** Biographical data.

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than One

**Raul Fernandez (New) / 5 Winchester St**

**1.** Brookline deserves excellent, well-funded schools, beautiful parks, first-rate municipal services, and vibrant, sustainable, economically diverse neighborhoods. And we have to find a way to pay for it. We can accomplish that through smart growth – diversifying our commercial tax base by inviting business development in already bustling areas. At the same time, we can incubate small businesses – especially those that are women and minority-owned – to get them through the first year and beyond. The revenue from this mix of larger commercial projects and thriving, well-supported small businesses, as well as additional revenues from hotels, and well-regulated marijuana dispensaries, ride-shares, and Airbnb's will help strengthen and stabilize our finances.

**2.** Dr. Raul Fernandez is an educator and organizer who brings people together to find common ground and dialogue for social change. A son of retired union workers and a first-generation college graduate, he's now an Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at Boston University. He is also a Lecturer in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, as well as an accomplished speaker, having led workshops for thousands of attendees around the country and internationally. As a Town Meeting Member, Raul has spoken out to ensure that all voices are represented in our decision making. He also co-created the Wide Lens film series with the Coolidge Corner Theatre, which has engaged a diverse array of panelists and hundreds of attendees in dialogue about the intersections of race, gender, sexuality, income, and immigration status. An appointee to the Commonwealth's Racial Imbalance Advisory Council, Raul has utilized his research to further the dialogue on eliminating racial imbalances in our schools statewide. He is a vocal proponent of efforts to address the climate crisis, increase affordable housing, grow small businesses,

and maintain excellent, equitable schools. Raul's entire platform is available at: [raulforbrookline.com](http://raulforbrookline.com)

**Richard Nangle (New) / 854 Hammond St**

**1.** We face a crisis of the Earth – the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change urges a radical carbon footprint reduction by 2030. We face a local crisis on affordability. Our present trajectory on capital projects shows a 19% rise in property taxes in just a few years. Coupled with general overrides to fund a new school building and services along with regular annual increases of more than 2.5%, our taxes will rise more than 30% in the near term and 70% by 2030.

As more people of lesser means are pushed out of our community we will lose any semblance of economic diversity – the only true diversity there is.

If you find that to be an unacceptable future, then join me in committing to making hard choices. For starters, reject the Driscoll-Baldwin ballot question. Bring Driscoll back for a vote in 35 days. I would vote in favor at that time.

Baldwin is the test of whether we are serious about making choices that are good for the climate. Driscoll is at least three years away. Baldwin is further down the road because of legal questions. Reject this environmentally unacceptable commuter school. Buy Newbury College and move in immediately. Newbury can be retrofitted for renewable energy. It is Brookline's only option that addresses school space issues right away.

The bundled ballot question is an insult to Brookline voters and has proven highly unpopular. Let's send it back for a do-over.

Then let's streamline our budget to prevent future overrides.

**2.** Former Reporter - Worcester Telegram & Gazette  
Affiliated Faculty - Emerson College  
UMass-Amherst Undergraduate degree - Journalism  
Boston College Graduate degree - Administration  
Town Meeting Member – 23 years  
Member - Green Caucus - Brookline Greenspace Alliance  
Founder - Worcester Chapter - Providence Newspaper Guild

**Isaac Silberberg (New) / 1789 Beacon St**

**1.** Critical needs before the town, such as overcrowding in our schools, require tax increases. Recently, Brookline has raised taxes through voter-approved ballot questions to fund needed school projects, further our sustainability work, and provide needed town services to residents who frequently depend on them. While I am an advocate for meeting our community obligations and striving to reach ambitious goals, we should be doing as much as possible to ease the burden of these tax increases, both through targeted tax relief to lower income and fixed income residents, and tax base expansion through responsible development. On targeted relief, we can increase the number of residents who qualify for key programs such as tax deferrals

or exemptions, particularly for those who are on low or fixed incomes, or live with a physical disability or hardship. For even more property taxpayers, we can continue to increase the residential exemption, as well as responsibly zone more commercial development to ease the burden on taxpayers.

**2.** Isaac Silberberg is a Brookline Public School graduate and a Town Meeting Member. In Town Meeting, Isaac has been a leader on sustainability and education. He helped lead the successful Yes for Brookline 2018 campaign, and is the only Select Board candidate who endorsed both the high school expansion and elementary school projects. Isaac advocated for future school construction to be free of fossil fuel systems, ensuring Brookline's place as an environmental leader. Isaac's professional experience spans the private, government, and non-profit sectors. He currently volunteers as a big brother for Jewish Big Brother Big Sister of Greater Boston.

Learn more at [isaacsilberberg.com](http://isaacsilberberg.com)

#### Did you know...

LWV member Louise Castle in 1960 became the first woman elected to the Board of Selectmen. Future governor Michael Dukakis and future lieutenant governor and U.S. cabinet secretary Eliot Richardson managed her campaign. In 2007, the board had a female majority (Nancy Daly, Betsy DeWitt, and Jesse Mermell) for the first time.

### ▼ TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Salary:** Unpaid.

**Duties:** The Library Trustees appoint the Town Librarian; establish policies; request the annual budget; and supervise all expenditures.

Candidates were asked to limit responses to 300 words.

**Question 1:** How would you allocate funds among staff, print and electronic media? Explain.

**Question 2:** Biographical data.

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Four

**Michael A. Burstein (\*) / 50 Garrison Rd**

**1.** Questions such as these imply that the library budget should continue to be only level-funded. As a trustee for fifteen years, I have constantly pushed for increased funding so we can adequately fund everything the library needs, including staff, books, access to electronic media, programming, etc. As chair of the ad hoc Staffing & Hours committee, I have been looking for ways to increase the hours at all three libraries and to increase the staffing levels to where they really should be to serve the town. And every year I push for as much of an increase in the materials budget as the town can possibly afford.

**2.** Town Meeting Member since 2001; never missed a meeting. Library Trustee since 2004; board chair 2014-2016. Endorsed by PAX in all elections. Harvard College: A.B., Physics; Boston University: M.A., Physics. Brookline resident 1991-3, 1995-date. Teacher: Cambridge School of Weston, Rashi School; editor: Pearson Education. Columnist: The Brookline Parent. Condominium owner in precinct 12 with twin daughters, age 9.  
Website <http://www.bursteinforbrookline.com>

**Koinonia M. Givens** (\*) / 639 Chestnut Hill Ave

**1.** Funding for our library staff is primary in this list. With a new maker's space in the works and with current resources, our Brookline libraries boast some of the most contemporary electronic media and technology, and they are a leader in the Commonwealth with respect to our print media circulation. Yet, it is the library staff that truly make our libraries the community gems that they are. Our library staff exceed expectations in programming and services, even with budget limitations. As anyone could observe, especially in attending a recent memorial for one of our beloved children's librarians, Paula Sharaga, it is the library staff that makes our libraries shine. I would encourage everyone who supports our great library staff to give to the Paula Sharaga Memorial Trust Fund.

**2.** Koinonia is Greek for "community." I value community and all that we can accomplish together, while still honoring our unique voices. I am a licensed Tax, Elder Law Estate Planning Attorney, and Realtor®, and I earned my undergraduate degree from Yale, JD from Stetson, and Tax LLM from the University of Alabama. Brookline has been my home for approximately six years and my husband's home for over two decades. I run a small business in Brookline Village, and I also am a mother of three boys. I am committed to ever improving our Town, Commonwealth, nation, and global community, so that we might leave a better world for our children.

**Puja Mehta** (\*) / 26 Intervale Rd

**1.** Libraries are more than just warehouses for books; today we are a community center. As a Trustee, I am proud of our commitment to serve the diverse populations that make up our community in Brookline. We are striving to meet that challenge by diversifying and modernizing our suite of services, and this has been the guiding principle when we allocate funds.

**2.** Puja is the former Chair of the Library Board of Trustees, current Precinct 16 Town Meeting Member and founding President of the Greater Point Neighborhood Association when she was TMM in precinct 5.

Puja currently works for the current Senate President Karen Spilka as District Director, addressing operating and capital budget needs for the district. Previously, Puja served in the Office of U.S. Senator

Richard Durbin in Washington, D.C. Puja earned her B.B.A in Finance at Loyola University in Chicago and earned her J.D. at the University of Maryland, where she was on a Leadership Scholarship.  
For more info, please visit [www.pujamehta.com](http://www.pujamehta.com)

**Judith A. Vanderkay** (\*) / 16 Columbia St

**1.** I'll first note that the Library's personnel budget and the separate materials budget are developed independently and are fixed once Town Meeting votes -- we can't transfer from one to the other. But in an ideal world, library funding would be unlimited, and in that case I would love to ramp up the pay of our hardworking library staff members! I'd also add to their numbers to bring us up to former staffing levels and ensure that hours at all three locations are equitable -- Putterham has been shortchanged.

As for materials allocations, collection development is a professional skill, and we are fortunate to have highly qualified librarians who focus on this. They continually review circulation reports and fine-tune selections, to make sure that our collections truly deliver what people want. As interest in electronic media has increased in recent years, we have accordingly increased our offerings, while discontinuing some physical materials no longer circulating. Currently print is still several times the circulation of digital, but the ratio will continue to tighten if patrons continue to tell us that's what they want.

I'll also note that print and electronic media are not our only categories of materials -- we have cake pan and game collections, for example, and we loan Wi-Fi hot spots, iPads and telescopes.

**2.** Brookline homeowner since 1983; sent sons through Brookline schools. Town Meeting Member, Pct. 9, since 2011. Library Trustee since 2007; member of Staffing & Hours Committee and Friends of the Library board. B.A., Smith College; M.A. in English, University of Wisconsin; MBA, Simmons College. Self-employed consultant to technology trade associations. Active in working to maintain Brookline's quality of life and the character of our neighborhoods.

#### Did you Know ...

In elections in October 1873, the city of Charlestown and the towns of Brighton and West Roxbury voted to accept annexation to Boston. Only Brookline resisted, after vigorous debate in town, with 70% of voters casting No ballots. Several later attempts at annexation were also defeated.

## ▼ SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Salary:** Unpaid.

**Duties:** The School Committee has the power to select and terminate the Superintendent of Schools; approve and review budgets for public education; establish educational goals and policies for the schools in the district, consistent with the requirements of the law and state-wide goals and standards established by the Massachusetts Board of Education.

Candidates were asked to limit responses to 300 words.

**Question 1:** What cost control measures would you consider to lower the operating costs of the schools?

**Question 2:** Biographical data.

## Candidates For Three Year Term Vote For Not More Than Three

**Helen Charlupski** (\*) / 523 Boylson St

**1.** In my 27 years on the School Committee, I have helped lead Brookline's response to curriculum and governance changes brought by the 1993 Education Reform, to the structural deficits imposed by Prop 2 ½, and to the operational challenges of enrollment growth of 1500 students in our schools. Over the same period, Brookline has made strides especially in early education (my passion and focus), extending our school day, and adding K-12 world language while maintaining small class sizes. All of that and competitive faculty salaries and benefits have driven up the operating costs of the schools. Those are dollars well spent, and I will continue to advocate vigorously for BEEP, for full-day Kindergarten, for a diverse and innovative curriculum, and for our great educators to be compensated fairly and well. But as the 2008 and 2015 override study committees confirmed, there is no "fat" in the Schools budget, and we face huge capital, fiscal, and political challenges in the next few years to maintain the high quality of the schools we are so proud of. We must continue pursuing operating efficiencies such as we've done by combining administration with the Town in several areas. As a veteran of more than five school renovations, I can promise we will continue to ensure fiscal restraint on capital projects as we do the hard work of enlarging our school system while being strong stewards of the public's trust and dollars.

**2.** School Committee Member since 1992, Chair 1999-2001; Chair, Capital Subcommittee; Coolidge Corner School, Runkle School, and Lawrence School Building Committee Co-Chair; EDCO Board Chair 2009-2013; Member, DOE Early Childhood Advisory Council 1994 - 2002, Chair 2000-2002; Board Member: Brookline Mental Health Center; BA, MSW University of Michigan; Dr. Joseph Biederman and I are parents to BHS grads Itai, Daniela, Ari.

**Susan Wolf Ditkoff** (\*) / 145 Mason Terr

**1.** First, Brookline needs new non-residential-tax revenues to stay affordable for residents. Our highly-competitive teacher salaries (in the top 5 statewide) and small class sizes remain Brookline's biggest cost drivers, and I've strongly and consistently advocated for those budget priorities over these past 11 years. I've also advocated for a more joyful, creative, inclusive, whole-child education that includes wellness/social-emotional learning, equity/anti-racism, and academic challenge for every student (from advanced to struggling) that prepares critical thinkers for life and vibrant democratic citizenship.

I support lower operating costs through rigorous expense management. As Finance Chair and Co-Chair of the BHS & Driscoll Renovation Projects, I've championed dozens of highly-specific reductions, like holding down non-personnel/vendor expenses (bus contracts, construction change-orders, ChromeBooks replacing expensive iPads); free, flexible online resources (when approved by our educators) instead of costly textbooks; streamlined administrative paperwork; new shared services (like purchasing) with the Town; sustainable/green energy practices; and school buildings that benefit the ENTIRE community (like improved, fully-accessible Gym/Pool/Field/Arts/MBTA spaces, and increasing Driscoll-campus greenspace by 34%).

I've also pushed specific transparency/accountability changes, including: clearer budget explanations; open audience Q&A during public meetings; expanded dialogue with the community (more than 20 annual school visits to hear parent and teacher concerns); impartial informational posts on Facebook and responses to resident questions—which I believe have increased both our efficiency and effectiveness as a district.

**2.** Daughter of a teachers-union leader and physicians. Mother of 3 Driscollers. 20+-year professional advisor to social justice initiatives. Former bilingual classroom paraprofessional, financial analyst, affordable health-care entrepreneur. Yale BA, Anthropological Linguistics; Harvard MBA. My top issues: walkable K-8 neighborhood schools; new anti-racism training and diversity in hiring/promotions; new green initiatives (fossil fuel-free buildings, composting, electric vehicles, public-transit incentives); and \*full\* inclusion across difference (race, trans/gender, special education, income). I would appreciate your vote May 7th! [www.susanwolfditkoff.com](http://www.susanwolfditkoff.com)

**David M. Pollak** (\*) / 112 Lancaster Terr

**1.** Maintaining high educator-to-student ratios is my highest budget priority. I support current efforts to optimize scheduling for staff that travel between buildings so they can spend less time traveling and more time teaching. I support our collaboration with the Building Department to manage energy use for cost and sustainability. In the past several months we

have closed a \$1.8 million budget shortfall for FY2020 without sacrificing vital teaching positions across the district.

**2.** With 41% enrollment growth we are renovating, expanding, and building new schools as never before. As an experienced architect of public buildings, I have dedicated myself to making these projects the best that they can be for our students, teachers, and taxpayers. I'm running for reelection to continue this vital work. School Committee Chair for the past two years supporting the Committee and Superintendent Andrew Bott through a period of intense renewal, change, new principals, and building projects. Architect and community planner of award-winning public buildings and master plans for Massachusetts Towns, Cities and Local Housing Authorities. LEED Accredited Professional in sustainable design. Served on Brookline Green Technology Task Force and Brookline Committee on Solar Roofs. Supports fossil fuel free buildings and environmental education. Has served in critical roles advancing all school building projects for 14 years on the Brookline Building Commission, co-chair of the Devotion School Building Committee and 9th School Building Committee, member of the 111 Cypress Acquisition Committee, chair of the School Committee Capital Subcommittee.

Dedicated volunteer public servant in Brookline serving ten years on the Brookline Education Foundation Board, six years on the Brookline Music School Board, eight years on the Brookline Building Commission, the 2018 Brookline Open Space Plan Committee, and Precinct 11 Town Meeting member since 2016. Teacher at RISD and Roger Williams University School of Architecture for 17 years.

[www.votedavidpollak.com](http://www.votedavidpollak.com)

**Sharon A. Abramowitz** (New) /

107 University Rd

**1.** According to forecasts by the Public Schools of Brookline, we face rising student enrollment that will peak between 2021-2023. Total student enrollment has increased 41% since 2005. When it normalizes, our school populations will look more like 2019 than 2005.

With our schools struggling now to meet the needs of our students, the middle of an enrollment bubble is the wrong time to cut operating costs at the schoolhouse level. Rather, we should be making aggressive investments in staff, support, and training just to ensure a baseline continuity of excellence in education and staff retention. Recent efforts to cut operating costs have stressed the schools to a breaking point. This exposes students to being underserved and at-risk, which creates operational and liability issues for the district. If cost-cutting is needed during this period of high demand, we need to review and potentially reverse administrative costs that cannot be demonstrated to add direct value to students and teachers.

Moving forward, PSB should decrease costs through long-term, evidence-based planning that allocates expenditures according to our community values, our traditional strengths in innovation, and our priorities for educational excellence, equity, and inclusion. With such a plan, we can prevent wasteful expenditures on unproven and under-researched educational experiments, short-term contractors, data scraping, and operational inefficiencies. It will also enable us to strategically seek state and federal funding to support our long-term goals.

**2.** My family came to Brookline in 2016 for better schools for my three children (at BEEP and Driscoll), two of whom have disabilities. I am an anthropologist and public policy expert with 20+ years' experience in community engagement during epidemics and emergencies. I will use my experience to ensure that Brookline's traditional excellence and innovation in education continues, with a focus on inclusion, equity, greening our schools, and community engagement.

#### Did you Know ...

Both William Dawes and the British relief column led by Lord Percy passed through Brookline on their way to Lexington on April 18, 1775. Brookline men, including three enslaved African-Americans, took part in the fight against the British as they retreated through Cambridge later that day.

### ▼ HOUSING AUTHORITY

**Salary:** Each member may receive a salary of not more than one-fifth of 2% of the gross rental receipts from veterans housing.

**Duties:** The Housing Authority is the agent for the Town in all public housing activities ranging from determining community needs for such housing to development and management.

Candidates were asked to limit responses to 300 words.

**Question 1:** How can Brookline serve its low income residents better as the housing affordability gap increases?

**Question 2:** Biographical data.

### Candidates For Five Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than One

**Joanne M. Sullivan** (\*) / 63 Longwood Ave

**1.** 1. Provide resources and support to residents  
The Housing Authority provides safe, decent, affordable and accessible housing AND resources and support so that our residents can thrive here in Brookline. These services/partners include Brookline Center, Brookline Food Pantry, ESOL, Next Steps, Steps to Success, Springwell, Inc., and Women Thriving, Inc.

2. Housing that fits into and complements the character of a neighborhood

BHA provides about five percent of Brookline's affordable housing quota. 86 Dummer Street, opened in 2016, features 32 units of family housing, including two accessible units, and fits in with BHA's Egmont and Trustman Apartment properties.

### 3. Take advantage of opportunities

The possible acquisition of the Newbury College site, through careful planning, could accommodate potential affordable and/or workforce housing, green space, town, school and recreational needs.

**2.** I am running for re-election as a Commissioner, Brookline Housing Authority. I have lived and been a homeowner in Brookline since 1997 and have worked for 20 years as a government and community relations director for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, a wholesale bank with a mission of housing and community/economic development. I served several terms as a Town Meeting Member in Precinct 3, on the board of Brookline PAX, and as a board member of the Brookline Community Foundation. I am proud of my involvement in the community, my progressive, varied, and linked experiences, and respectfully ask for your vote on Tuesday, May 7. For more information please visit [www.sullivan4brookline.com](http://www.sullivan4brookline.com)

### **Deborah Brown (New) / 26 Parkman St**

**1.** Brookline is in a unique position to better serve its low-income residents by integrating social, educational and economic goals. I will strive to bring more quality affordable housing to low-income families in our transit-rich community. Working collaboratively with Select Board, state and federal officials, BHA residents and staff, I would investigate proven non-equity housing cooperative models and other nonprofits or "B" corporations. I would reassess employing mixed tenancies and housing mobility goals. I would search for more funds to rehabilitate existing housing and better engage housing residents in decision-making. I would advocate for a more aggressive housing repair schedule. I would move properties towards a goal of being a net zero energy community and also reducing energy consumption by upwards of 75%. I would seek to assess whether the Town's major housing programs necessitate a more robust investigation of housing discrimination against voucher holders. Perhaps most importantly, I would work collaboratively with BHA staff and Board members to produce a set of performance measures that support our strategic goals.

**2.** I have lived in Precinct I since 2001 where I have been active on a number of issues. I played a lead role in reducing the scope of the proposed Holiday Inn expansion; am a co-petitioner for renaming the Coolidge Corner School; advocated for bestowing a posthumous BHS diploma to a 16-year-old Brookline soldier killed in WWI; and am working in coalition with other residents to tackle a variety of diversity and inclusion issues. I am an environmental attorney with 30 years experience making things happen. I

am married and the proud god-mother to a spirited 10-year-old who is enrolled in the youth education program at Temple Sinai. For more info go to [www.deborahbrownforbrookline.com](http://www.deborahbrownforbrookline.com)

#### **Did you Know ...**

Brookline got its own church, or meeting house, in 1717 with the formation of First Parish (now in its fourth building) on Warren Street. It remained the only church in town until the formation of the Baptist Church in Brookline Village in 1828

## ▼ TOWN CONSTABLE

**Salary:** The state Legislature establishes the fees for services rendered.

**Duties:** Constables act as process servers at the direction of the court; collect taxes and serve criminal process; post warrants directed by the selectmen.

Candidates were asked to limit responses to 300 words.

**Question 1:** What attributes are most important for the role of Town Constable?

**Question 2:** Biographical data.

## Candidates For Three Year Term

### Vote For Not More Than Five

#### **Joseph G. Figler (\*) / 346 Newton St**

**1.** The attributes are honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, diligence and work ethic. Exhibiting these attributes at the highest level of excellence should be of utmost importance to the Town Constable.

**2.** A lifelong resident of Brookline, residing with his wife Tricia Desingco Figler, their children Vaile, William and Brayden in Precinct 15. He is a Vice President for State Street Corporation and has worked in the financial industry for over 18 years. At State Street, in addition to his regular responsibilities, Joseph served more than 5 years on the steering committee of the Disability Awareness Alliance as well as spending a year on the State Street Foundation Youth Employability subcommittee. For his work he was awarded the 2015 Ambassador of Diversity and Inclusion by State Street's Disability Awareness Alliance, Black Professional Group and Asian Professional Alliance. Joseph was educated by the Brookline Public School system, received a BA from Clark University and a Master's of Science in Finance at Brandeis University. He has served as a Brookline Constable for the past 7 years. Prior to being a Brookline Constable he was appointed 3 times as a Constable for the City of Somerville and has been a member of the Mass Bay Constable Association since June 2010. As a Constable, Joseph has served over 2,900 notices in Brookline and over 5,600 notices throughout Eastern Mass. Joseph strongly believes in community service and volunteerism. As such, he has

been a volunteer lacrosse coach for MetroLacrosse and Brookline High School. Joseph was also Head Coach for the Framingham State and Harvard Club Lacrosse Programs. Joseph participates in fund raising efforts for the Alzheimer's Association. He has organized volunteer and walking groups at State Street to participate in the Greater Boston Walk to End Alzheimer's for the past 7 years collectively raising over \$130,000 for the charity.

#### **Neil R. Gordon (\*) / 87 Ivy St**

**1.** As a Constable, Neil routinely interacts with Brookline Town and School employees, and the public in general. He is the face of civil justice at the front door of our Brookline neighbors, neighbors who are often in difficult and precarious situations.

Constables post public notices, including the Town Meeting Warrant, election notices, zoning and general bylaw changes, in schools, fire houses, other public buildings, and in our parks. They also serve and execute subpoenas, summonses, civil arrest warrants, and, among the most difficult of a Constable's duties, occasional evictions and changes in child custody. Lastly, Constables are charged with preserving the peace. In that context, and as a Brookline elected official, Neil is especially vigilant, not as a law enforcement officer, but as the eyes and ears of our community, especially with regard to issues of public safety and quality of life.

Attitude, demeanor, and empathy are the most important attributes of a Brookline Constable. Here's what Brookline State Representative and former Brookline Constable Tommy Vitolo had to say, in endorsing Neil for a third Constable term: "Neil serves notices in a timely, clear, and compassionate way, often helping bring both sides to the table to avoid costly and sometimes painful proceedings."

**2.** Neil is a Precinct 1 Town Meeting Member, a member of the Advisory Committee, and a member of the Town's Taxation Aid Committee. He has served on a number of Moderator's and Select Board Committees, and is otherwise active in Brookline politics. Neil has been endorsed by Brookline PAX, along with Constable candidates Joe Figler, Stanley Rabinowitz, Ernie Frey and Kristine Knauf.

#### **Stanley N. Rabinovitz (\*) / 117 Thorndike St**

**1.** To follow precise legal rules, and to be responsible, trusted, and a dependable Process Server.

**2.** Former Member of the - Advisory Committee  
- Sub- Committee on Health Services and Redevelopment

- Chairman of Brookline Housing
- Town Meeting Member
- Serving as Constable of over 35 years
- Father of 5 daughters
- 17 Grandchildren
- Veteran, Korean War

As Chairman of Brookline Housing - Supported and helped with building housing for elderly.

- Assisted and aided families for housing with low income.

- Supported to provide high – quality education strategies to implement policies in order to create better conditions for our Brookline Public Schools and Libraries.

**Regina Frawley (New) / 366 Russett Rd**

**1.** Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Mutual Dignity, Professionalism, Human-Kindness, Creative Tenacity, Discretion. Stability. Physical, moral, ethical Courage.

My diplomatic and legal training, as well as senior population experience, is the right skill set for today's legal issues and demographics, especially involving evictions. In Massachusetts, there are 43 daily evictions, many involving seniors, often some with disability. Evictions require utmost care, dignity, compassion and negotiating skills, since Constables interface with both landlords and tenants, lawyers and clients. Constables are the "Face" of landlords and attorneys, and able to listen to special circumstances, and possibly help find a mutually-agreeable solution. Further, as a federal employee handling highly delicate information, I took a life-time confidentiality oath, protecting interviewee privacy. (I had the highest production rate of the team). Finally, multiculturalism is the hallmark of my graduate training, uniquely appropriate for today's society.

**2.** 55 year Resident; 25 years Town Meeting Member, 51 year homeowner. Founder, South Brookline Neighborhood Association, SB Senior Socials; Former TAB/Chronicle Citizen Correspondent; teacher, writer, editor. Federal Government survey interviewer, consistent "Top Producer" on team; Successful author of multiple "Good Government" BY-Laws; Editor-In-Chief, "Where In The World Is Your Precinct", bound in Brookline Room at Main Library; MA Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; BA, Regis College; Baker School/BHS parent; Former Co-Chair, TMM Association, and TAB "Top Ten" citizens for leadership and activism; One of two Nominees as "Volunteer of Year" by Council on Aging.

**Ernest A. Frey (New) / 423 Washington St**

**1.** Important attributes for a Constable include Patience, Loyalty, Justice, Compassion, Wisdom, Creativity, Intellect and Learning, with the most important being Compassion.

Town Constables must be sensitive to all situations they find themselves. As a support for the court process, a Constable serves notices to persons experiencing significant personal stress in their lives. These notices can involve evictions, divorce, child support, and other situations requiring that compassion, while maintaining distance from the circumstances leading to the required service.

A Constable will also post notices of public meetings throughout the Town of Brookline, according to procedures already established by the incumbents of this office. Indeed, if chosen by the voters of Brookline to serve as Constable, I will be relying heavily on the counsel of current or past Constables to continue their excellent service to the community.

A Constable must be respectful toward others. I ask those deciding if I should be a Constable to consider the nature of other service I have given to Brookline, as an elected leader for the Town Meeting Members Association, the League of Women Voters, and the Coolidge Corner SouthSide Neighborhood Association. Also, I have been a successful petitioner of modifications to Brookline By-Laws. All of these positive experiences could not have been possible without a compassionate and open attitude, respecting the situations and feelings of others.

**2.** I am a thirty year resident of Brookline and a Town Meeting Member from Precinct 7 since 2011. In Town Meeting, I have proposed legislation relating to water bills, community awareness for neighborhood development, and revisions to the Town By-laws for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations, while serving as a Commissioner of that body. I have also volunteered at the Brookline Food Pantry.

I would be grateful for your considering me for one of your five votes for Constable.

**Kristine L. Knauf (New) / 630 Hammond St**

**1.** With over 15 years experience as a visiting nurse, I believe that I will be able to execute civil process in a competent and compassionate manner to those who could be in a vulnerable or sensitive situation.

I am knowledgeable about the town's geography and will be able to post public notices in the required time frame. My observational skills will be an asset in this position as eyes and ears of the community.

**2.** Have lived in Brookline for 26 years. Currently a town meeting member in Precinct 15. Prior to living in P15, lived in Precinct 6 for 11 years.

Graduate of Cleveland Metro Hospital School of Nursing. Graduate Suffolk University BS Political Science cum laude. Semi retired, part time case manager BWH. Member Green Caucus, Friends of Soule, Friends of Putterham Woods. Proud mother of Brookline Firefighter.

**Did you know...**

**Representative Town Meeting.** In 1916 Brookline became the first town in Massachusetts to change from an open town meeting in which any registered voter in attendance can participate in decisions to a representative town meeting in which voters elect Town Meeting Members to represent them in the town's legislative body.

**▼ TOWN MEETING MEMBERS**

**Salary:** Unpaid.

**Duties:** As the legislative body of Town government, Town Meeting Members vote on budget and capital items and must consider and vote on any changes in Town Bylaws, including those pertaining to zoning and administrative structure and procedure.

Candidates for Town Meeting were asked to limit their responses to 150 words.

**Question 1:** What are the one or two most critical issues in your precinct and/or the Town and how would you address them?

**Question 2:** Biographical data.

**PRECINCT 1**

**Candidates For Three Year Term**

**Vote For Not More Than Five**

**Alexandra E. Metral (\*) / 42 Beech Rd**

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** The most critical issues I have my eye on are Budgets, Schools, Diversity, And Environment. These pressing issues that will come up in Town Meeting and need a thoughtful and progressive hand in dealing. It has been said that greenspaces are not made. As Brookline looks to best way to optimize potential exciting acquisitions as in Newbury College, a careful balance must be considered.

**2.** 8 year resident in precinct one. Human Rights, Equitable Design and Artist Activist Mother of 3, with children with both public and independent school experiences.

**Robert L. Schram (\*) / 47 Monmouth St**

Attendance 15 of 16

**1.** As a member of the Precinct 1 Coalition I attend scores of meetings each year advocating for constituents and studying the issues which most affect us. Brookline's population will grow by 20% before 2050. Imagine the increasing density, the accompanying pressure on schools, transportation, town services, parks and open space. We are addressing the urgent need to expand our schools but we run the risk of surrendering to a worsening quality of life unless we improve our long-range planning and make opportunistic investments now (e.g. Newbury).

**2.** Board member - Brookline's GreenSpace Alliance, Friends of Hall's Pond; co-sponsored warrant article supporting Brookline's commitment to the Muddy River project; coached Brookline's U14/16 soccer teams; five-time moderator of United Parish of Brookline; Harvard BA; international practice director at Aon Corp; proud father of BHS Graduates and husband of Patricia, Children's Hospital pediatrician & addiction specialist. board of Federation for Children with Special Needs

**Charles Terrell** (\*)/ 83 Ivy St  
Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** Mediating the tension between educational excellence and town affordability by supporting judicious commercial development and voting “Yes” for Brookline, and initiating developments, such as the Brookline’s emerging People of Color Coalition, to foster and improve racial and ethnic access and justice.

**2.** Charles was appointed to the 2017 Override Study Committee, is a Town Meeting Member Association Precinct One representative, and is founder of Cross Creek Associates, a pro-bono higher educational advisory service promoting educational access. A graduate of Colby College, he holds a Master’s degree in African-American Studies from Boston University and an Ed.D. in higher education from Nova Southeastern University. He served as Vice President for Diversity Policy and Programs at the Association of American Medical Colleges, and enjoyed a 25 year career as Director of Student Financial Management and Associate Dean for Student Affairs at the Boston University Medical Center.

**Ana M. Albuquerque** (New)/ 24 Euston St

**1.** Our public schools thrive because of civic belief in their importance. The overcrowding in our schools that impairs the education of children and the great work of the Brookline teachers can be resolved by passing the debt exclusion – Question 1. I am also committed to helping the Town improve its marijuana zoning and bylaws to learn from other municipalities that have gone ahead of us. I support action in Town Meeting to protect residentially dense, small districts from the unintended consequences of recreational marijuana stores.

**2.** I’m a professor of Accounting at BU and have resided in the St. Mary’s neighborhood with my husband and family for 15-years. My two children graduated from Brookline Public Schools. I am originally from Portugal and I love our welcoming, culturally diverse, and inclusive community. I care deeply about the well-being, safety and education of all children.

[www.OpenPIC.org](http://www.OpenPIC.org)

**Nicholas J. Barber** (New)/1056 Beacon St

**1.** Last fall I worked with 1,000 of my neighbors as we opposed a retail marijuana store at the former Waxy’s bar in the St. Mary’s neighborhood. This proposed store was within the buffer zone for a nearby school. The company provided no data on the potential impact to the L-district designed to serve the local community. I support Warrant Article 21, which gives the Select Board more explicit authority to determine whether a site is legal before entering into an agreement with an operator.

**2.** I’m a husband and a dad and I have lived and rented in the St. Mary’s neighborhood for a decade. I work as a tech industry analyst in Cambridge where I take a data-driven approach to advising large companies. I also teach at BU, where I’m a member of SEIU Local

509 union. Learn more about me and my running mates and at [www.OpenPIC.org](http://www.OpenPIC.org)

**Samuel Charles Botsford** (New)/

24 Monmouth Court

**1.** The footbridge from the Emerald Necklace to Carlton Path is an issue that has been around a long time but I believe is still important. I am also interested in the discussion of where the ninth elementary school will be built.

**2.** I was born in Boston and moved to Brookline at the age of 7, growing up on Walnut Street and attending the Heath School and Brookline High. I graduated the University of Michigan, with a BA in communications and earned my JD from Northeastern University School of Law. My wife, Ugonma (“Ugo”) Chukwueke, and I moved to Brookline last fall with our cockapoo, Bagel. In addition to preparing for the bar exam, I am also working as a mental health peer specialist. My interests include politics, theater, improvisational comedy and novels.

**Susan Helms Daley** / 17 Chatham Circle

Attendance 2 of 2 (Caucus)

**1.** I am passionate about addressing the existential threat of climate change and eager to work with Brookline’s new sustainability director to make bold changes in our transportation and energy use. I also want all people who live, work, visit and study here to feel welcome and safe. To these and all issues, I will bring a sense of fiscal responsibility, balancing the wonderful benefits our community provides with the real burden of rising property taxes. Please email me what’s important to you.

**2.** MBA, MEM, 18-year Brookline resident, Brookline Schools parent, Board member, Docent and Education Committee Chair of Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Co-led Mothers Out Front’s Ghost Trees Campaign, Led push to eliminate plastic water bottles at Lawrence School, Active Green Caucus and Precinct 1 Coalition member, Keynote Speaker at Brookline Historical Society and Friends of Hall’s Pond Annual Meetings on the topic of Brookline native and unsung eco-heroine Harriett Hemenway.

**Anthony Ishak** / 131 Freeman St

Attendance 2 of 2 (Caucus)

**1.** As urban towns continue to become denser, the need for optimizing space for residences and schools needs to be balanced with green space to meet our green goals for 2050. We also need to be sure we are creating open space that is complimentary to parks and play areas for our children, aging population and pets.

This will be vital as we look into the best way to optimize potential opportunities for acquisitions (eg Newbury College) and smart growth.

Cost of living in Brookline by making sure we are efficient with resources and potentially growing our commercial tax base to help with balancing property tax. We have a variety of residents in our town and

it will be vital to make sure we are addressing any disparities that are occurring.

**2.** 12 year Precinct 1 resident, pharmacist/bicyclist/Egyptian-American, Green Caucus member. Lead proponent for flavored tobacco sale ban.

**Paul J. Warren** (New)/ 71 Carlton St

**1.** Commercialization of cannabis places a high responsibility on government to avoid harm to existing retail districts. Brookline can learn from the practices of other municipalities, which have exercised more caution when locating retail cannabis. Brookline’s first round of bylaws are less precautionary than others and will need revision as experience develops. I helped draft Warrant Article 21, which gives the Select Board more explicit authority to determine whether a site is legal before entering into an agreement with a cannabis operator.

**2.** My wife Amy and I have lived in Brookline for the past 7 years. Our oldest child attends Brookline Early Education Program (BEEP) and will enter kindergarten at the Lawrence school. I am the founder of a non-profit whose mission is to improve collaboration between the St. Mary’s business district and the neighborhood and I led the effort to oppose retail cannabis at the former Waxy’s bar. [www.OpenPic.org](http://www.OpenPic.org)

## PRECINCT 1

### Candidates For One Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than One

**Deborah Brown** (New)/ 28 Parkman St

**1.** Brookline’s key interconnected issues are maintaining a superior school system, ensuring a robust economic base to eliminate future overrides, providing quality affordable housing and advancing diversity, inclusion and equity. We have to pass laws and identify resources that increase mixed uses; make long-term financial decision-making a significant priority; seriously address our carbon footprint; and change fundamentally how the Town prevents disparities. Critical would be providing the necessary leadership to improve coalitions so that business, faith, civic, and community interests can align to generate community-wide improvements. I would work with Select Board to find funding and innovative financing for projects that comport with community scale and character. I would better incorporate residents’ concerns into day-to-day decision-making. Finally, we have to create a sense of urgency if we are to effectively address issues most impacting Brookline.

**2.** See my Housing Authority response or go to: [www.deborahbrownforbrookline.com](http://www.deborahbrownforbrookline.com)

#### Did you know...

Women won the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920. Prior to that, women in Brookline voted only in school board elections.

## PRECINCT 2

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

**Lisa Liss** (\*) / 74 Parkman St

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** Brookline schools, which have maintained academic excellence for many generations, are now undergoing a physical crisis: overcrowding of many of the schools, which is causing serious problems, both for students and for teachers. I do not support the less than fair “bundled” Driscoll/Baldwin override question, which will be presented to voters on May 7th, and on which I will be voting “No”. I assume that voters, who will be paying ever-higher real estate taxes, are able to decide the merits of having their tax dollars used on a case-specific basis, whether for the renovation of existing schools, fighting legal hurdles involved with the Baldwin School, or evaluating the purchase of Newbury College as a ninth school, with mixed-use possibilities.

I reluctantly support mixed-use development of the Waldo Durgin site, although it is of disproportionate size for the neighborhood.

**2.** Town Meeting member since 1995

Retired librarian, Cambridge Public Schools

**Rita K. McNally** (\*) / 230 Saint Paul St

Attendance 13 of 16

**1.** 1. Out of scale 40B projects threaten harmony of neighborhood and

Present parking and safety issues. I will continue to pressure for more appropriate scale and economic benefits to area, more mixed-income units and small shops.

**2.** Affordable housing for families needed. I will pressure HAB and BIC.

**3.** More effective management of sidewalk ice and snow removal.

**2.** --- MA Boston College; J. D. NESL

--- Mother of four children, graduates of Lawrence School and BHS.

--- Housing Advisory Board – HAB

---Brookline Improvement Coalition BIC- affordable housing

---Brookline Committee on Women

---Chair Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Roundtable

---Jennifer Lynch Domestic Violence Committee

**Jane A. Piercy** (\*) / 8 Still St

Attendance 14 of 16

**1.** I will continue to focus on supporting Brookline Schools, equal opportunity for women, reproductive freedom and sensible development in North Brookline. Brookline must maintain excellence in our schools

and the current overcrowding in our schools is a crisis that must be addressed immediately. I support the Driscoll and Baldwin projects. We must increase our affordable housing opportunities in Brookline and must insure that new development fits into our existing neighborhoods. Endorsed by PAX.

**2.** Biographical data: I have lived in Brookline since 1997 and am Senior Director of Information Technology at Berkshre Hathaway Specialty Insurance. My daughter attended Devo/CCS and graduated from BHS in 2018. Board Member of NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts Foundation, Advisory Member for Brookline Thrives @ Brookline Food Pantry. BA Political Science - University of Michigan.

**John R. Shreffler** (\*) / 60 Browne St

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** For me there is no one issue, though climate change comes closest. Rather, both Precinct and Town are embedded in a challenge matrix: Preservation of quality of life and of municipal services, extension of social equity, maintenance of a sustainable and fair tax structure. As Town Meeting Member, I orient myself, participate, serve as needed, and cast informed votes at Town meeting.

**2.** I have been a resident of Brookline since 2003. A green space advocate, I also serve on the Boards of the Brookline Greenspace Alliance and Friends of Hall's Pond and regularly volunteer at Hall's Pond and in the Minot Rose Garden. I also serve on the Solid Waste and the Pedestrian Advisory Committees and am active in the Town Meeting Green Caucus. I'm currently retired but continue to be an active poet, internationally published at odd intervals. Endorsed by Brookline PAX.

**Bruce Wolff** (\*) / 50 Pleasant St

Attendance 11 of 16

**DID NOT REPLY**

**Davis Wimberley** (New) / 57 Pleasant St

**1.** Real estate development and its ripple effects across the neighborhood are major issues for Precinct

**2.** Given the parks, shops, restaurants, schools, and commutability, it is no wonder that Coolidge Corner is a desirable location for real estate development. Some responsible development is necessary, and I am in favor of working with stakeholders to find solutions that keep our neighborhood progressing while preserving its livability and charm. I would also work to make it easier and safer to get around without a car

**2.** My wife and I moved to the neighborhood about 4 ½ years ago after living in Brookline Village. Our daughter came along about 2 ½ years ago. I was educated at Berklee and Harvard. I am PAX endorsed. I am involved with Climate Action Brookline. We enjoy spending time at the Coolidge Corner Library and the rose garden playground.

#### Did you Know ...

Beacon Street was laid out as narrow country lane, only 50 feet wide, in 1850-51. The area around it was mostly farmland with scattered houses. As late as the 1870s there were only 24 buildings along the length of Beacon Street in the town.

## PRECINCT 3

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

**Harry K. Bohrs** (\*) / 97 Toxteth St

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** Brookline has significant challenges resulting from increased student enrollment and a lack of capacity. We must invest in facilities, ensuring we meet a responsible vision by acquiring and repurposing space to fulfil Brookline's many needs. Also, we face tremendous pressure from intense over development, compromising the very fabric of our neighborhoods. Engaged diligence is required to protect our wonderful community. I worked to create Neighborhood Conservation District enabling legislation at the state level, and then helped establish the Greater Toxteth NCD here in our precinct.

**2.** A Lawrence and BHS parent, I live with my wife Anne Turner in the home where we raised our children. I have been Chair of the Town's Advisory Committee (finance/legislative review) and a member of others, including the Community Development Block Grant Committee; as well as a board member of the Greenspace Alliance and the Brookline Community Foundation.

**Kathleen M. Scanlon** (\*) / 71 Francis St

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** School facilities projects need to move forward and I will work to support the override campaign. Brookline needs to implement its Climate Action Plan to prioritize planning to achieve a 50% reduction of emissions from 2010 levels by 2030, and zero emissions by 2050. I'll work with Brookline's new sustainability program administrator to reach those goals.

**2.** Architect and mother of 3 kids at Lawrence School & BHS. My family lives on Francis Street next to the park. In addition to serving in Town Meeting since 2006, I coordinate Brookline Mothers Out Front, working to get our methane gas leaks fixed and advocating for more renewable energy through the Brookline Green Electricity Program. I'm a member of the Select Board's Climate Action Committee and was co-petitioner last year on the successful warrant article to ensure that future school building projects are net-zero energy. Endorsed by Brookline PAX.

[https://ma.mothersoutfront.org/brookline\\_events](https://ma.mothersoutfront.org/brookline_events)



**Frank R. Steinfield** (\*) / 160 Aspinwall Ave

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** The critical issue in our precinct and across town continues to be school overcrowding. While the need for additional capacity is clear, finding a consensus solution has been challenging and divisive. I will continue to support the town's current effort to systematically address the problem, while exploring additional potential resources such as acquiring Newbury College.

**2.** Brookline resident for 20 years; parent of two Lawrence and BHS graduates; endorsed by PAX. Nonprofit executive and consultant focusing on social services and opportunities for youth. Having served as Board Chair of the Brookline Community Foundation (BCF), as a Lawrence School Extended Day Board member, and as a member of the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board, I've worked extensively to better understand the town's needs – and to help build programs, such as the BCF Safety Net, that promote access to town services and resources for all Brookline residents. BA Wesleyan, MBA Yale.

**Rebecca E. Stone** (\*) / 71 Toxteth St

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** Precinct 3's Lawrence School has been strained by school enrollment growth even after an addition on Newel Rd. It is crucial that we pass Q.1 and move forward with the Driscoll expansion and a new school at Baldwin to finally provide room in the system to right-size Lawrence. I also continue to worry about affordability in our neighborhood and the Town as market-rate developments and \$2-million condos make Brookline unaffordable for working families and seniors. I strongly supported the Lawrence Neighborhood Conservation District to prevent overbuilding, but we need to do more – from senior property tax relief to public- private housing collaborations to ensure affordability for families, younger singles, and seniors across the income spectrum.

**2.** TMM since 2002

School Committee Member 2005-2016, Chair 2010-2012 Non-Profit career focused on women, children, families AB Harvard, MPA Princeton

Proud mom of 2 Lawrence and BHS graduates

**Seth A. Gillman** (New) / 212 Kent St

**1.** The high taxes that continue to increase put a burden on families and others with limited income, and creates a barrier for those looking to move into Brookline. We need to find a way to improve the town infrastructure, reduce overcrowding in our schools while also maintaining a stable budget. This will ensure that our town continues to thrive and be welcoming to all.

**2.** Originally from New York, I moved to Boston to attend Northeastern University and fell in love with this area.

Started working in Finance at State Street Corporation in 2005 and have been there since, currently a Vice President of Strategy. I'm a loyal family man to my wonderful wife and two toddlers, who I intend to send to Brookline public schools. Previously a trustee at 50/60 Longwood ave for 3 years. I would appreciate your vote so I can work towards making Brookline better.

**Michael Wiecek** / 12 Marshall St

Attendance 2 of 2 (Caucus)

**1.** They are largely the same issue: fiscal stability and the schools. We must provide adequate space and resources to educate our children – all our children, including those who move here in the future – which means building the new Baldwin school and renovating Driscoll, Pierce and, over time, the others. I fully support Question 1, which provides funding for Baldwin and Driscoll.

**2.** I have lived in Brookline 22 years. Our children attended Lawrence; our daughter graduated from BHS last year, and our son is a sophomore. After a career in finance I became the at-home parent when they were born. I also began writing and published several novels. I have a particular interest in fiscal issues and hope to focus on revenue, spending and the budget.

**Did you Know ...**

The town name was spelled "Brookline" when the former hamlet of Muddy River was granted its independence from Boston in 1705. The earliest Town Meeting records spelled it "Brooklin" (without the "e"). For the next 70 years the spelling bounced around between "Brooklin", "Brookline", and "Brooklyn" depending, it seems, on the preference of whoever happened to be Town Clerk at the time.

**PRECINCT 4****Candidates For Three Year Term****Vote For Not More Than Five****Alan Christ** (\*) / 117 Kent St

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** Expanding capacity in our schools is the most critical issue that the town currently faces, and I will support the upcoming override to ensure that each project moves forward. In addition, expanding the town's affordable housing stock and improving its environmentally responsible practices are critical issues. To this end, the town must take steps to reduce its carbon footprint by updating its bicycle infrastructure, promoting recycling and composting, incentivizing renewable energy development, and encouraging sustainable transit-oriented development near existing transit stations.

**2.** • Brookline Resident since 2008

• Two-Term Town Meeting Member

• Petitioner of Successful Business Recycling and Net-Zero Schools Warrant Articles

• Member of Green Caucus, EDAB, River Road Study Committee, Coolidge Corner Study Committee, & Kent-Station Senior Housing Committee

• 2015 "Yes for Brookline Lawrence School Co-Captain, 2018 "Yes for Brookline" Precinct 4 Co-Captain

• Practicing Architect in Brookline

• M.Arch. from Harvard University Graduate School of Design

• Lawrence School Parent of 2 Children

**Peter Frumkin** (\*) / 19 Brook St

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** The most critical policy issue for anyone the days is Climate Change. But on a more local level (where Town Meeting has most impact) I'm primarily concerned with: 1) The ongoing crisis in our schools. I support the Baldwin project and each of the proposed renovations, and 2) Development that threatens the things that make Brookline such a fantastic place. Development and growth are inevitable and good, but need to be guided and smart. As a TMM, I'll keep my eye especially focused on those two issues, supporting initiatives that preserve our environment, improve our schools, and promote smart growth, including walkable and bikeable streets, and more affordable housing.

**2.** I've lived in Precinct 4 for ten years, with my wife and two kids, 12 and 14. For 35 years I've made documentary films about a wide range of social and policy issues.

**Virginia A. Smith** (\*) / 12 Linden St

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** 1. Climate Change. Promote net-zero buildings, car-free options. Reduce parking space requirements in new developments. Create safer, more extensive bike lanes. Raise standard of recycling. Town-wide composting. Early and fervent supporter of purchasing Newbury College for green space, possible ninth school; senior and 40B housing.

2. Brookline's K-12 schools. Hold to the highest standards for academic excellence, inclusion, and diversity, and treat our teachers, paras, and indeed all Town employees with dignity and equity.

**2.** Eight years as progressive PAX-endorsed Town Meeting Member. Live on Linden Street (22 years) with spouse Kathy Hitchcock, BHS math teacher; youngest child, a BHS sophomore; and my elderly mother. My three children are proud products of Pierce School and BHS. Head of "Friends of Linden Park," Member of "Pay-As-You-Throw" Committee. Larz Anderson community gardener. Former Acquiring Editor for HarperCollins Publishers and parenting columnist for Boston Globe Sunday magazine. Freelance writer and editor.

**Wendy MacMillan** (New)/55 Village Way

1. As a single parent I have to stress the biggest challenge that I see and that resonates in my community, in general, is the lack of affordable housing and services for lower income families. Brookline should commit fully to affordable/subsidized and market value housing. I know we can and we should do better.

Racial Equity and Social Justice, appropriately funded our schools, diversity in our government, and the intense construction are all vitally important issues in Precinct 4. I believe my community needs a stronger voice and presence in the decisions that are made in Brookline; I hope to be one of those voices.

2. My son attended Lawrence School and BHS. We have lived in subsidized housing in Brookline for 12 years. I work as a Paraprofessional in Brookline. I am on the BEU Executive Board and a Paraprofessional Negotiator on our Negotiation Team. I am originally from London, England.

**Donelle S. O'Neal, Sr.** (New)/ 68 Village Way

1. Racial Social Equity on every item of the Towns Budget.

2. I'm a life long resident of the Town.

## PRECINCT 5

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

**Amy Lindenboim** (\*)/ 66 Chestnut St

Attendance 5 of 5

1. Our biggest neighborhood issue is management of traffic/public transit related to expansions at One Brookline Place, NETA, and (upcoming) Brookline High. I actively review plans and voice constituent concerns. At the Town level: (1)Clearly we need to identify and work through our socio-economic and racial tensions; (2)As we embark upon building a 9th school, decisions we make (following a decade of indecision) will be pivotal. I seek solutions that will allow us to grow as a welcoming, vibrant, proactive town that thrives on the cultural, economic, and demographic diversity of its active and engaged citizenry.

2. B.S., Natural Resources Policy, & J.D. Director, Licensing and Investigation (state agency). Formerly: Program Manager, nonprofit community development corporation; Policy Organizer, Northeast Organic Farming Association; government employee (environmental regulation). Board Member: Greater Point Neighborhood Association. Former: Brookline Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Brookline Greenspace Alliance. Parent: to 2 Lincoln students (1 current, 1 future)

**Randolph Meiklejohn** (\*)/161 Cypress St

Attendance 15 of 16

1. Precinct 5 is diverse, walkable, and changing, like much of Brookline. Can we welcome change and keep our neighborhood livable, in its streets, open spaces, businesses, schools and transportation systems? We can do this together as long as we know each other as neighbors, through the Greater Point and High St. Hill associations, through the schools and at our local restaurants and other businesses. These networks are serving us well as we collectively engage, currently, with the high school building committee over proposed changes to the Brookline Hills T stop.

2. Resident since 1988; married to Diane Sokal; son, daughter graduates of Lincoln and BHS. Co-founder, Greater Point Neighborhood Association, 2013. Town interests in open space; regulation and planning of the physical environment; neighborhood preservation. Currently on Zoning Board of Appeals; previously Conservation Commission, Solid Waste Advisory Committee; Lincoln School PTO gardening and school grounds projects 2000-2010. Architect.

**Andrew M. Olins** (\*)/ 242 Walnut St

Attendance 16 of 16

1. The most important critical issue for the Town is the inexorable rising tax rate. With the loss of federal deductibility for local property taxes over \$10,000, the impact of the series of upcoming overrides, both capital and operating, is greatly magnified. They will be very painful for many folks, home owners and tenants alike. I am especially troubled by the unprecedented bundling of the separate Baldwin and Driscoll override votes. Each override should stand on its own merits. Baldwin has significant problems both legal and within the community. Its approval would make a bid for the much more attractive, and suddenly available, Newbury College site financially unrealistic, a most unfortunate consequence.

2. Long time town resident, four kids through the public schools. Professional city planner. TMM 35+ years, which endows me with valuable experience and institutional memory.

**Olivia Fischer Fox** / 36 Upland Rd

Attendance 2 of 2 (Caucus)

1. Increased density is the most visible critical issue in Precinct 5, Brookline. Climate change is the slower, but more looming critical issue. With change comes opportunity. Building fossil free schools, such as Baldwin and Driscoll, will mitigate overcrowding in all our schools and propel us into a greener future. We can find more solutions like this to the challenges Brookline faces on a myriad of issues. I will bring fresh perspective and new energy to the table and look forward to joining the esteemed membership of Brookline's Town Meeting for the next term. In the meantime, join me and VOTE YES on Question 1 for Brookline Schools.

2. Raised in Brookline and a former Lincoln School and Brookline High School parent, I am also a portrait painter, teach private drawing lessons and am an active climate advocate with Mothers Out Front. I'd love to hear from you at [OliviaTMMP5@gmail.com](mailto:OliviaTMMP5@gmail.com)

**Neil A. Wishinsky** (New)/ 20 Henry St

1. For the Town, how to expand school capacity while keeping Brookline as affordable as possible. We have grown within our existing buildings as much as we can so new space is needed. Unfortunately, the most economical option, the new Baldwin School, is unpopular among its neighbors but the Town needs it. For the precinct, how to guide future development, but not over development, of the Route 9 corridor. I hope to assist in that effort.

2. I've lived in Brookline since 1981, married to Susan; both children are graduates of Lincoln and BHS. Completing my 2nd term on the Select Board, the last 4 years as its Chair. Board member of the Greater Point Neighborhood Association. Served on the Brookline Advisory Committee (the Town's Finance Committee) for 13 years including 9 years as its Vice Chair. Currently leading the effort to purchase the Newbury College campus. Have served on many Town committees.

#### Did you Know ...

Brookline's town seal, adopted in 1848, shows agricultural and farming implements and a view of the city of Boston in the distance with a train of cars running between the two places. It was intended, according to then Town Clerk Artemas Newall, to be "emblematical of the character of the Town from its early settlement...to the present time."

## PRECINCT 6

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

**Brian A. Bergstein** (\*)/ 43 Davis Ave

Attendance 16 of 16

1. Overcrowding at the Pierce School—which is why I support the Baldwin School and other steps that will allow Brookline to quickly and cost-effectively future-proof its vaunted education system.

Keeping Brookline Village vibrant and economically robust—which is why I support creative efforts like a Parking Benefits District in the Village and will advocate for other ways to support local merchants and keep expanding the town's tax base.

2. I am a science and technology journalist who has lived in Brookline since 2005. My wife and I have two children at the Pierce School.

**Clinton Q. Richmond** (\*)/ 3 Greenough Circle  
Attendance 16 of 16

1. The school building projects at the Pierce School and High School expansion are critical. I support renovating Pierce. I will advocate for the BHS project to improve T access for all and preserve the greenspace at Cypress Park.

2. Town Meeting Member since 2010. Consultant/manager, computer technology projects. Former Adjunct Professor of business, Suffolk University. Solid Waste Advisory Committee, 2012-present. Green Caucus of Town Meeting Members, Chair. Brookline GreenSpace Alliance, Board Member. Brookline High School, School Site Council, 2002-2007. Pierce School PTO. Brookline Youth Soccer, Coach. First Parish in Brookline, Buildings & Grounds Committee, current chair. MBA, Finance, Columbia University. Endorsed by Brookline PAX.

**Jeffrey David Rudolph** (\*)/ 29 Greenough St  
Attendance 5 of 5

1. Crucial to both Precinct 6 and Brookline overall is the need to increase the capacity of our schools. Even without further increases, our enrollment is already 42% above our highest previous numbers. I am in favor of adding capacity through building the Driscoll and Baldwin school projects (funded by overrides), as well as a future Pierce renovation/rebuild project that should be partially supported through MSBA funding.

2. I have lived in Brookline for thirteen years, 2000-2007 with my wife Sherry, and 2012-present with Sherry and our two daughters (Ellie & Meg, 5th & 2nd Grade - Pierce). I graduated from Purdue University in 1996 (Computer Engineering/History) and from Boston University in 2002 (MBA & MSIS). I've worked in High Tech for over 20 years as an engineer, manager, and director. I have a passion for Brookline history and I enjoy spending time with my family, running, and doing home improvement projects.

**Ruthann Sneider** (\*)/ 30 Perry St  
Attendance 16 of 16

1. Take 111 Cypress St. by eminent domain for future school use and prevent 40B development. Limit parking in new RiverWay District. Encourage expanded bike routes.

2. Retired Elementary School Teacher. 45 year resident of purple house on Perry St.. Pierce parent. Helped establish and run Pierce's Extended Day program. Have grandchildren in Brookline schools. Am: volunteer METCO tutor, bee keeper, arboretum guide, treasurer BVillage Association. Town Meeting member 12 years. have Introduced legislation that made ZBA notification process more neighborhood friendly and commit Board to practice of A Date Certain; made Daycare licencing specialists create master schedule for use of precinct's parks; and made policy that expands percentage

of people of color in the application pool for all town jobs at all grade levels. Current memberships: TMM Association Board, Liveable Community Advocacy Committee, ad hoc: MLK celebration Committee. PAX endorsed

**Ann Trecker** (\*)/ 21 White Place  
Attendance 6 of 7

1. Brookline faces many challenges. Among those that I am most concerned about are: over-crowded schools; impending tax overrides; and encouraging and supporting diversity in our community—issues that have an impact on each other. I am in favor of the current plan to increase school capacity, including the future renovation of Pierce, and I am in support of “Yes for Brookline”. However, I am mindful of the impact of continued tax increases on senior citizens and lower income residents, and I feel this practice has the potential to negatively impact the diversity of our town. As a TMM, I will strongly advocate for exploration of a variety of solutions to solve the combination of these problems.

2. Lived in Brookline for 39 years  
Two daughters attended Brookline Public Schools  
Pediatric Occupational Therapist with 20+ years of experience in public schools including Boston  
Current TMM, TMMA Board, member of Green Caucus

## PRECINCT 6

### Candidates For One Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than One

**Cher K. Duffield** (New)/ 40 Gardner Rd

1. I get things done! A friend called me, “the most efficient person she knows.” My priorities for Brookline include: 1) Nurture great neighborhood schools where teachers are valued and families form a community. 2) Meaningfully address our climate crisis. 3) Promote walkable urban neighborhoods, locally-owned businesses, safe streets and thriving parks. I support the the acquisition of Newbury College.

2. PAX-endorsed. I live with my husband and four children who attend Pierce. I've co-chaired Pierce's PTO for three years, achieving new fundraising highs and launching new programs and events. I'm a yoga instructor, and co-launched and coach a girls running team. I was previously a management consultant at BCG and Wellspring and a philanthropy advisor at New Profit. I run marathons, bike, hike, ski and generally love the outdoors. Yale BA, magna cum laude, Fulbright Scholar, Oxford MBA, Harvard EdM.  
[www.cherduffield.com](http://www.cherduffield.com)

**Bryan D. Fuller** (New) / 56 Harvard St

1. Brookline residents face a critical shortage of youth classroom space. Town leadership must develop short- and long-term strategies to address need

while maintaining quality of education. Solutions to consider include purchase of existing spaces and new construction. Particularly in Precinct 6, Brookline Village must remain a unique hub for local small businesses. The rising cost of rent forces business to relocate, causing rapid supplantation by large corporate entities, similar to trends in Coolidge Corner.

2. An Army Veteran and CPA, Bryan Fuller holds a BA in Political Science and Government from UMass Amherst and an MBA from BU Questrom. In 2017, Bryan founded Power Rowing (<https://www.powerrowing.com>) on the belief that healthy communities begin with individual transformation. He organizes numerous charitable fundraising competitions, strengthening and promoting local economy through community service. A Progressive Democrat, Bryan envisions Brookline as a leader and change agent for equity and environmental issues.

## PRECINCT 7

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

**Stacey Zelbow Provost** (\*)/ 1 Washburn Place  
Attendance 16 of 16

1. My family moved to Brookline in 2011, and we simply love living here. As an active Pierce parent, I am particularly interested in town-wide strategies to address school overcrowding. We need to expand capacity without unduly disrupting classrooms or neighborhoods, or otherwise sacrificing educational quality. I urge P7 voters to actively represent our neighborhood in major developments on the horizon: 127-131 Harvard private pre-school, Stop & Shop site, and the 209 Harvard medical building.

2. I work at a Brookline-based nonprofit which raises funds to invest in cutting-edge academics at our public high school. I served as Treasurer of the Pierce PTO. I have worked in the sectors of affordable housing, social services, and disability rights; and I value the Town's leadership on these issues. It is a privilege to serve on Town Meeting and invest time in this community that has so warmly welcomed my family.

**Rita Shon-Baker** (\*)/ 10 Alton Court  
Attendance 14 of 16

1. I support school expansions, both K-8 and High School. Our teachers and children deserve quality conditions for learning.

2. Currently TMMA for Prec 7. Two children went through Brookline High School. Retired scientist living in Brookline since 1978.

**James M. Slayton** (\*)/ 4 Auburn St

Attendance 12 of 16

1. This precinct has been focused on ways to accommodate development without changing the essential nature of Brookline's neighborhoods. There have been concerns about development at 127-131 Harvard Street and 54 Auburn Street, in terms of the Zoning Board of Appeals review of structures that could overwhelm the local neighborhood. In addition, there's anticipation regarding the upcoming Pierce School renovation, which is long overdue. One of my goals as TMM is to continue to keep our constituents aware of activities related to these projects.

2. I am a local physician and Brookline resident since 1999; Town Election Warden (Precinct 4) and Town Meeting Member (Precinct 7) since 2010. Father of 3 Pierce School alumni. Board member of the Brookline Community Foundation. Avid musician and singer with the Boston Gay Men's Chorus. I assist in convening Town Meeting by leading the singing of the National Anthem!

**Keith A. Duclos** (New)/ 18 Vernon St

1. School overcrowding issue will not be resolved by lawsuits, NIMBY arguments or commissioning more studies. As a TMM, I will focus on advancing solutions to our overcrowding crisis.

As a 25 year resident of Brookline, I understand why so many people want to live in our wonderful town. I am for growing our housing stock, especially affordable housing, it should not come at the expense of what makes the town special. I will advocate for a strategic and systematic growth plan.

2. I devoted my 35 year career supporting adults with autism and intellectual disabilities to realize their goals and dreams. My wife Kim Percival and I are the proud parents of Abram 12 and Nolan 9 who attend Pierce School. When I am not trying to keep up with the boys, I enjoy spending time at the Brookline Elks Lodge on Kent Street or at the Dorchester Yacht Club.

**Lara Jarrell** (New)/ 42 Alton Place

1. I'm Lara Jarrell, born and raised in Brookline. I attended Lawrence and BHS. I live here with my two year old daughter and husband, in an apartment above my mother. I am a nurse at Boston Children's. I am PAX endorsed.

2. This would be my first time as a TMM. Therefore I won't pretend that I have all the answers on how to fix the issues in our precinct. My intention is to make small changes and glean as much information on how to make larger changes in the future that affect our ease of life and strengthen our sense of community. The economic development of our town was what motivated me to run. Growing up here I remember small and large businesses thriving in Coolidge Corner that all socioeconomic levels enjoyed. I would like to see that in our business districts again.

## PRECINCT 8

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

**Lauren Sara Bernard** (\*)/ 20 John St

Attendance 12 of 16

1. 1) Balancing the needs of diverse stakeholders (students, seniors, low-income families, struggling businesses, etc) which exceed our current revenues. We absolutely must solve our school overcrowding by building capacity and generating revenue from our commercial tax base in creative ways, so as to lessen the burden on residential taxpayers.

2) Brookline must develop and build affordable housing to preserve its middle class. This also will stop the onslaught of 40B applications, especially in already dense North Brookline, which has become a predatory tool for developers.

2. Married 25 years. One son, aged 10, in 4th grade at Coolidge Corner School.

Laureate of two Master Degrees: MIA, Columbia University's School of International & Public Affairs; MA, History, Rice University. Community involvement: Member of Coolidge Corner Study Committee, 2016-2019; TMM from Pct. 8 since 2013; 17 years Trustee of condominium association (2002-present); Co-President, Brookline Parents Organization; Founding Member, Alliance for Brookline Schools.

**John Harris** (\*)/ 41 Osborne Rd

Attendance 15 of 16

1. Controlling growth and providing more affordable housing, while maintaining the high quality of our neighborhoods.

Commitment to the highest quality public education: build and improve schools to meet present and future needs.

Environment: Brookline must do its part to meet the challenge of climate change, especially since the administration is failing to act. Formulate and implement an ambitious Climate Action Plan.

2. Resident of Precinct 8 for 26+ years.

Harvard Bachelor's in History

Town Meeting Member 2014-present.

Concern re education:

Managed residential special education programs.

Equity:

Petitioner of successful 2014 Warrant Article preventing implementation of Taxi Medallions, which would have thwarted the economic hopes of Brookline's taxi drivers, many of whom are first-generation immigrants.

Environment:

Co-Chair: Climate Action Brookline

Co-Petitioner of successful 2017 Warrant Article: Brookline sign the Paris Climate Agreement

Petitioner of current 2019 Warrant Article stating Brookline's commitment to purchase the Newbury College campus.

**Kate Poverman** (\*)/ 39 Adams St

Attendance 12 of 16

1. North Brookline is being disproportionately affected by residential and commercial development. This has affected traffic, congestion, safety, schools, and historic buildings. It also affects the atmosphere that makes North Brookline and Coolidge Corner unique. I will address this trend by supporting initiatives that encourage unique stores and restaurants in Coolidge Corner, and that more evenly distribute development across Brookline. This includes building a 9th school in South Brookline. I would address problems caused by overdevelopment by, among other things, backing initiatives for non-polluting transportation, safe streets for bicyclists and pedestrians, and protecting Brookline's historic buildings.

2. I am a 26 year resident, attorney, married to Brigham surgeon Raphael Bueno. Our children went through the Brookline school system. I am a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and I have been a board and committee member of Brookline organizations supporting education and mental health.

**Barbara C. Scotto** (\*)/ 26 Crowninshield Rd

Attendance 16 of 16

1. A critical issue in Brookline is the need for more revenue to fund urgent school expansion, acquire vacant property for various Town uses, increase affordable housing, maintain roads and sidewalks, making them safe for pedestrians, bikers and drivers and to be environmentally responsible. At the same time we must keep taxes at an affordable level and provide ways to help those for whom the increases are unsustainable. The other very important challenge we face is to make our Town, both in our neighborhoods, schools and in the work place, a safe and welcoming environment for people of all races, ethnicities and religions.

2. TMM since 1973; 2 children who graduated from Devotion/Coolidge Corner School and BHS; Brookline teacher 1981-2006; School Committee member since 2009; School Committee liaison to the Council on Aging, Brookline Education Foundation, BEDAC and METCO. Member: North Brookline and Crowninshield Neighborhood Associations.

**Anne Greenwald** (New)/ 6 Gibbs St

1. Economic diversity, racial justice and a greener Brookline are my guiding principles. These issues need to be addressed through building more affordable housing distributed through the town, creating more environmental programs to make us a Netzero community, developing a plan to bring more diverse business to provide a stronger economic base, and making our schools equitable for our wide diversity of students.

2. Brookline resident for 36+ years. My children attended Devotion, now Coolidge Corner School,

and was a PTO President of that school. I work as a School Nurse in the Boston Public Schools, an RN for 39 years. Co-petitioner 2017 warrant article to bring GARE (Government Alliance on Race and Equity) to Brookline. Co-petitioner 2018 Warrant Article to rename Devotion School.

**Mitchell C. Heineman** (New)/ 92 Beals St

**1.** Brookline must maintain our vibrant community and excellent schools through investment in our many town assets and the schools' infrastructure and educators. We must ensure our streets are safe and welcoming for all, as stated in our Complete Streets Policy: "The Town will create a comprehensive transportation network that sufficiently accommodates people of all ages and abilities, whether traveling by foot, bicycle, wheelchair, mass transit, or motor vehicle."

**2.** I advocate for excellent urban design and a healthy environment. I co-authored Brookline's Green Routes Network Bicycle Plan and its Complete Streets policy. I am a civil engineer working to clean waterways from Boston to Vietnam. My children walked to Coolidge Corner School and Brookline High School from the Beals Street home where we've lived since 2001. Prior to moving here, I served for a decade on the Milton Conservation Commission. I have a BS from Yale and an MS from Stanford.

**Jeffrey Wachter** (New)/ 51 John St

Attendance (5 of 5) (Precinct 11)

**1.** In many ways, Brookline is an open, progressive community. But in practice the town can fall short of living up to our rhetoric of striving toward a more inclusive community. To this end, the town must lead by working with developers and affordable housing advocates to both allow growth and direct it sensibly – at public transit hubs and major corridors. We must improve transit options, access, and safety. And crucially we must diversify the voices at the table – age, gender, economic, racial, and cultural. This will allow us to maintain the vibrancy of our communities, expand housing accessibility, decrease our carbon footprint, and truly live our values.

**2.** Active in the Brookline community for 5 years. Married father of a 4-year-old daughter (CCS '28) and 2-year-old son. Masters in urban history. Committed to high-quality public schools, housing equity, public transit, protecting our environment, and enhancing community vibrancy. Endorsed by Brookline PAX.

**Did you know...**

In 1916 Brookline became the first town in Massachusetts to change from an open town meeting in which any registered voter in attendance can participate in decisions to a representative town meeting in which voters elect Town Meeting Members to represent them in the town's legislative body.

## PRECINCT 9

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

**Harriet Rosenstein** (\*)/ 53 Centre St

Attendance 13 of 16

**DID NOT REPLY**

**Charles Swartz** (\*)/ 69 Centre St

Attendance 12 of 16

**1.** When I first moved to my Centre St. neighborhood, we were faced with the proposed demolition and construction of a 40B at 121 Centre St. I realized how important it was for neighbors, Brookline residents, to be heard about issues affecting the quality of life in Brookline. This is why I choose to run, to be a voice for my neighbors on issues such as development, public safety, maintenance of our infrastructure, for fairness and respect in treatment of the citizens and employees of Brookline, and to insure a high level of quality of life for all"

**2.** I have lived in the Boston area all of my life, the last 20 years in Brookline. I'm a retired teacher, from Lexington High School and UMass Boston. I'm currently a town meeting member from precinct 9 and serve on the Advisory Committee.

**Dwain Tyndal** (\*)/ 60 Columbia St

Attendance 7 of 16

**DID NOT REPLY**

**Elizabeth Catherine Loula** (New)/ 43 Columbia St

**1.** I know very well that every decision has a tradeoff and know the importance of being the voice of my constituency. I would be available to listen and understand the concerns of my precinct and lobby for them in Town Meeting. My profession has made me a good listener.

Personally I'm concerned about climate change, bicycle and pedestrian safety, affordable housing, and school diversity. I've worked on several Brookline green energy efforts. I've participated in public hearings for bicyclist and pedestrian safety. I'm interested in furthering the economic vitality of Coolidge Corner and believe it's important to bring economic and racial diversity to our citizenry. As a town meeting member I want my vote to count towards a more prosperous, economic and environmental community.

**2.** Brookline resident for 25 years. Psychiatrist in private practice. Mother of three daughters, all of whom attend(ed) Brookline public schools. Member Mothers Out Front.

**Robert J. Weintraub** (New)/ 112 Columbia St

**1.** I want to make sure that the voices of citizens of Precinct 9 are heard at Town Meeting. I will be visible;

I will listen carefully; and I will represent their voices. That is mainly about local issues and our public services. I also believe that the Town of Brookline has a role and responsibility in the state and national conversations on politics and policy. We should, for example, support a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United, a Supreme Court decision which has seriously undermined our democracy.

**2.** Brookline homeowner since 1978; two children who attended and graduated from the Brookline Public Schools; Brookline Youth Baseball coach; forty-four years as a teacher, elementary and high school principal (19 years as headmaster of Brookline High); eight years as a professor of educational leadership at Teachers College and Boston University; program director of educational leadership at BU/Wheelock

## PRECINCT 10

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

**Ariel C. Maddocks** (\*)/ 64 Griggs Rd

Attendance 5 of 5

**1.** Brookline is facing challenges around school spaces and budget, as well as the availability of affordable housing, maintaining walkability and keeping up with necessary environmental action. As a TMM, I evaluate data while also listening to my neighbors to advocate for sustainable and equitable solutions.

What makes Brookline great includes its walkability, libraries, neighborhoods surrounded by trees and green spaces, high quality services for the young and elderly, and people who embrace diversity and inclusivity. I believe it is possible to maintain those features that make Brookline unique while supporting school space solutions and affordable housing issues paired with environmental action. I take seriously my TMM responsibility to protect and balance these needs and to help drive us towards both long- and short-term solutions.

**2.** Lived in Brookline 10 years, Parent of Pierce 4th grader and 2nd grader, on the board for PSED, work at Liberty Mutual.

**Theodore Scholnik** (\*)/ 80 Park St

Attendance 16 of 16

**DID NOT REPLY**

**Alexandra "Sandy" Spingarn** (\*)/ 40 Griggs Terr

Attendance 13 of 16

**1.** 1.Many Griggs neighbors appeared before zoning board 2018 petitioning with 125 homeowners opposing new developer to build an addition out of scale/ character with other homes. We won. Encroaching development threatens us, we must be vigilant to protect against it.

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2. Another issue is overcrowding of Pierce school, built 1971 for 400 students, now its 900 students K-8. Town Meeting votes soon on Newbury College. We voted for the Baldwin School project, however, I support purchase of Newbury College as alternative swing space, senior affordable housing. It could offer a school alternative to the Baldwin project.

### 2. Artist NYC 1962 -

Art Historian,

Harvard ALB '95 ALM '2000

Home owner 47 years Brookline

Chair of Griggs Park N.A. 7 years

Town MM 20 years

Advisory 2006-7

Mother of two sons Brookline schools. Grandmother of three.

### Lilly Christina Gaehde (New) / 7 Griggs Terr

1. As a new prospective member of Town Meeting, I am interested in learning more about what we can do to preserve our green spaces and create more safe and accessible bike lanes. I believe it is also important that we continue to address and improve accountability surrounding important issues of race and gender.

2. I am a graduate of Brookline High School and attended Pierce Elementary School. I graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland in 2016. I served as an Americorps member in Miami for the past two years before moving back to Brookline. I am currently working as a paraprofessional at the Coolidge Corner School in a first grade classroom.

### Jesse M. Gray / 8 Griggs Terr

Attendance 1 of 1 (Caucus)

1. A major concern to me is Brookline's contribution to our global planetary emergency on climate. We can reduce our contribution to this slowly evolving catastrophe – while making our Town a far better place to live – through policies that encourage reduced burning of fossil fuels and that promote alternative modes of transport.

2. I am a 43 year-old biologist, married with three boys (7, 4, 0.5) that go (or will go) to the Driscoll School.

## PRECINCT 11

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

### Shanna Giora-Gorfajn (\*) / 66 Winchester St

Attendance 15 of 16

1. We must adapt our municipal landscape to various transportation and access needs, such as safe bicycle lanes and pedestrian crossings, and continue to find innovative uses for our public spaces, such as parks and playgrounds designed for mixed age use. I support thoughtful engagement with developers to create affordable housing and vibrant commercial space that complements (rather than dominates) existing

streetscapes and diverse neighborhoods of our town.

2. Brookline resident since 2003; Precinct 11 homeowner since 2005; married with twelve-year-old twins. Family law attorney by day (and night); passionate about good food and local, sustainable agriculture at all times. First elected to Town Meeting in 2012; endorsed for re-election by Brookline PAX.

### Jennifer Goldsmith (\*) / 148 Jordan Rd

Attendance 12 of 16

1. Create a more accessible and functional town government drawing new diverse constituent leaders. In March 2019, I facilitated a town-wide TMM experience survey and am collaborating with TMMAs, the moderator and TMMs, to implement improvements to create greater transparency and equity in our government.

Focus on fiscal responsibility, revenue generation beyond property taxes, balancing debt with priorities, and consider the possibility of zero based budgeting. Are the structures through which we support town operations optimal? Do our ratios of public service professionals to population exceed national norms? Are we providing as broad a range of services for the roles as possible? How can we innovate our town cost effectively?

### 2. 15 years - resident P11

6 years – Town Meeting Member

5 years - Brookline Commission for Women

Parent of 2 former PSB students

Director of Administration, Finance, and Programs, Global Health Equity, Brigham and Women's Hospital Managing Director, EqualHealth

### Martha E. Gray (\*) / 113 Summit Ave

Attendance 16 of 16

1. Two critical issues: racism in Brookline and addressing the needs of our schools to equitably provide excellent educational environments and stellar experiences for all of our students.

As a Town Meeting Member I pledge to actively participate in honest and constructive conversations. I promise to ally myself with constituencies that are truly committed to addressing the racism that stains our community.

2. I am an educator and work at Roca in Chelsea and Lynn. I belong to Temple Beth Zion and the Brookline Havurah Minyan.

### Kenneth G. Lewis (\*) / 232 Summit Ave

Attendance 15 of 16

1. Commercial Districts: Support small commercial businesses such as those along Beacon Street in Precinct 11 to strengthen the Town's commercial property tax base. The Town should adopt innovative land use regulations and strategies related to zoning, traffic, and parking that support our commercial areas.

Elementary School Enrollment: Support the new

school at Driscoll and expansion of the Pierce campus to address the significant increase in K-8 enrollment. These capital projects in addition to the expansion of BHS will represent a major capital investment and long-term commitment by Town residents.

### 2. Brookline: Precinct 11 resident for 29 years.

Professional Experience: Thirty years in real estate development, investment, asset management.

Education: MBA from BU; MS in City Planning from FSU; BA in Economics from Virginia Tech

Public Service:

- TMM Precinct 11 since 2011

- Economic Development Advisory Board

- Zoning Study Committees for Red Cab, River Road, Coolidge Corner

- Brookline Teen Center Board of Directors

### Maryellen Moran (\*) / 100 Winchester St

Attendance 7 of 16

1. Small, local businesses are disappearing in Brookline. They are being replaced with banks and chain stores. I want to reverse this trend and preserve Brookline as a haven for small business and community.

The lack of openness and transparency in dealing with capital projects is a critical issue facing the Town. Rather than engaging in frank, open discussions, the Select Board have chosen to bundle these projects together in one override. A cafeteria approach is needed. Let each capital project stand on its own; the voters must decide whether a particular project is worthy of an override. Rideshare regulations must be evaluated. Uber & Lyft are impacting congestion and hurting public transit.

2. A homeowner of Brookline for sixteen years, I am married, have an M.S. in Business Management, and work in the transportation (public) sector. I'm an artist and avid supporter of the arts (this counteracts the anguish of politics).

### Nicholas B. Gertler (New) / 49 Summit Ave

1. The growing strain on Brookline's schools is making the Town a victim of its own success. We need to rebuild Driscoll to make space for our children to learn, and gently nudge future development toward a sustainable impact on Town resources. And we need to diversify the tax base – just look at Cambridge – to break the cycle of ever-increasing property taxes to pay for Town projects. Newbury College in particular is a bad idea: the Town shouldn't spend \$40 million it doesn't have to buy a property it has no clear idea what to do with.

2. I am an entrepreneur, a husband and a father of two little girls. With a policy degree from MIT and a law degree from Harvard, I am a former Washington lawyer and McKinsey consultant. I currently co-lead a policy strategy firm I founded four years ago.

### Leonard Wholey (New) / 119 Lancaster Terr

1. I am running for office with the goal of making Brookline a more inclusive neighborhood. This past fall I started volunteering for a Cycling Without Age

Program at 2 Life Communities in Brighton. My friend, who is a 2 Life Communities resident, and I have gone on 9 bike rides around the Chestnut Hill Reservoir. I would like to have a similar program at the 2 Life Communities location that is scheduled to open on Harvard Street in 2020.

2. I have lived in Brookline for over 10 years. I am married and have 2 children, ages 4 and 8. Since December 2018, I have served on Brookline's Bicycle Advisory Committee. I am an Aeronautical engineer at Draper and have degrees from MIT (M.S. in Aeronautics and Astronautics) and the United States Air Force Academy (B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering).

#### Did you know...

Coolidge Corner takes its name from the Coolidge & Brother store that opened at the corner of Harvard and Beacon Streets in 1857. A general store and neighborhood gathering place, it was the only business in North Brookline for more than 30 years.

## PRECINCT 12

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

**Nancy A. Daley** (\*) / 161 Rawson Rd

Attendance 10 of 10

1. The most critical issues facing Brookline are how to provide a first class education for the large population of school-age children, while also maintaining other Town services. The Town has done a good job at essential services, but has fallen behind on programs for Seniors, library services, and art and recreation programs. I will work to support both needs, so that our Town is a vibrant place to live for all.

2. I have been involved with Town government for more than 20 years, first as a Town Meeting member, then as a member of the Advisory (Finance) Committee, 3 years as chair, I then served as a Select Board member for 12 years until 2017, and now as a Town Meeting member again. I am very familiar with the Town budget. I am a lawyer and my two children went through Brookline schools.

**Harry K. Friedman** (\*) / 27 Claffin Rd

Attendance 16 of 16

1. We need to preserve a high level of public services at costs that are maintainable. School construction costs, as well as expenses associated with all other town services, are increasing. We need to continue to scrutinize budgets to eliminate unnecessary spending, in order to ensure we can maintain our services and schools, while still enabling people, especially older residents, to afford to live here.

2. A.B. Colby College magna cum laude; J.D. Boston Univ. School of Law cum laude & Masters of Law in Taxation. Phi Beta Kappa. Former practicing attorney.

Currently CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ practitioner. Former president of Town Meeting Members Assn., as well as former recording secretary and current corresponding secretary. Treasurer Aspinwall Hill Neighborhood Assn. Member of the town's Advisory Committee. Town meeting member since 2002.

**Jonathan H. Grand** (\*) / 120 Beaconsfield Rd  
Attendance 16 of 16

1. 1) Maintaining the high quality of town services and the excellence of our schools while keeping taxes affordable, especially for working and middle-class families as well as seniors. A huge challenge in light of the proposed overrides for the needed high school expansion, moderizing Pierce and Driscoll, and adding a ninth elementary school.

2) Aggressively seeking the acquisition of Newbury College by purchase, gift, or eminent domain. It is a unique opportunity to acquire 8 acres that could be used for: 1) educational facilities to help ease overcrowding as early as 2019 or a possible ninth elementary school if the May override fails; 2) building affordable housing to help reach the 10% level required to stop unwanted overdevelopment that is straining the town budget.

2. Brookline resident for 41 years. Town meeting member since 1997. Volunteer—Brookline Community Emergency Response Team. Past executive director of two nonprofit agencies.

**David B. Klafter** (\*) / 63 Winthrop Rd  
Attendance 16 of 16

1. 1) Climate Change - I support aggressive town action to lower our carbon footprint in town buildings and raising the percentage of renewable energy in the "standard" electricity plan.

2) The "9th school"- We should review the possibilities of the Newbury College property before going ahead with the construction on the Baldwin site. This option appeared after the decision was made by town meeting. I will support the override.

2. I'm a semi-retired business executive, have lived in town 25 years, and been a town meeting member 12 of them. I'm a strong progressive, and have promoted Town Meeting action in support of a greener town, fair treatment of town employees, and more aggressive steps to achieve diversity in town hiring, among many issues.

I have two children, graduates of the Brookline schools. I'm a state-wide leader in 350Mass.org, a group actively supporting strong governmental action on climate.

**Michael Randolph Alperin** (New) /  
46 Regent Circle

1. • School Space: We need more space to deliver top quality Brookline education. Support BEEP at Newbury College, Pierce, Baldwin, and Driscoll plans.

• Smart Housing Policy: Brookline needs to remain accessible for individuals and families from all backgrounds. Work with planning department to create sustainable housing plan that creates sustainable and affordable housing in appropriate locations around town.

• Sustainable Growth: Support green caucus and new solar installations + renewable vehicles around town.

2. Former TMM elected in Precinct 10 running in new precinct. Born in Brookline, Northwestern, MIT and Harvard graduate. Professional experience as teacher, in affordable housing, and at think tanks. Live with wife Lindsay and expecting first daughter summer 2019.

More at: <https://www.michaelalperin.com/>

**Lee Cooke-Childs** / 136 Rawson Rd  
Attendance 11 of 11

1. 1. Additional school(s)/affordability concerns for homeowners & tenants Seek ways to resolve the dilemma.

2. Recycling: how to do it effectively as the options decrease

2. TMM precinct 9: 1994-99, Precinct 12: 2001-2018, homeowner 1972-present, 7 children: 4 biological, including triplets and 3 stepdaughters, all products of Brookline Schools and college graduates. We came to start the eldest in first grade although virtually none could afford to live here now. Real Estate Broker with Chobee Hoy Group, Compass, Chestnut Hill. With Chobee 29 years. Candidacy endorsed by PAX. BL WV Executive Board: Warrant Reviews and Candidates Nights. Co-president AHNA, Treasurer BNA, Real Estate representative on Brookline Improvement Coalition(BIC) to increase affordable housing. VOTE! If you don't vote on an issue you are counted silently with the majority. Your Vote is your Voice.

[www.lwvbrookline.org](http://www.lwvbrookline.org)

**Mike Offner** (New) / 137 Clinton Rd

1. Brookline must find ways to continue to provide outstanding schools and other services, e.g., police and fire protection, without having to continually resort to tax increases such as overrides and debt exclusions.

The most effective way to achieve this is to actively support smart and sensible commercial development, as commercial property taxes are our largest source of revenue that does not increase demands on our schools or burden residential property owners unfairly.

2. Mike lives in Brookline with his wife and three children. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, Yale University, and Newton North High School. Above all, Mike is a proud Runkle dad. His campaign website is:

[www.mikeoffner.com](http://www.mikeoffner.com)

**Kenneth E. Watson IV** (New) / 176 Winthrop Rd

1. The two most critical and pertinent issues facing our town are zoning and education. These are the

areas where our municipal government has the most ability to effect positive change. I would address all issues with an open mind. Relying on rational thought, data supported evidence, and community input to influence my decisions.

2. 3.5 year resident of Brookline and native of Duxbury, MA. I am a graduate of Duxbury High School ('07) and the College of Charleston ('11 - Political Science). Currently I am a budget analyst within the Executive Office of Administration & Finance at the State House. My background has been in the private financial sector, producing equity research and consulting with clients across income various levels. Naturally analytical with a passion for distilling complex problems into understandable and solvable opportunities; I am hoping to bring a fresh perspective to community governance. Thank you for your vote.

**Did you know...**

The tile-roofed T shelters at Coolidge Corner date to 1901 and are the only remaining shelters built by Henry Whitney's West End Railway Company.

## PRECINCT 13

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

**Joanna Baker** (\*)/ 1824 Beacon Street  
Attendance 16 of 16

1. I am committed to citizen engagement, government transparency and access to information. New building projects must offer community spaces for community gatherings. I bring barriers to engagement to the attention of senior officials and access improves, though slowly. My goals: Improving organization of Town web site, increasing evening office hours for citizen access to town departments and holding more official meetings in our neighborhoods rather than at Town Hall. In this era of increasing demands and diminishing resources, it is essential to harness the collective creativity of Brookline's residents. Government processes should welcome everyone and exclude no-one. An accessible government produces maximal use of all resources, especially Newbury College.

2. Active Brookline volunteer. Founder, Friends of Waldstein (Dean Road Park). Appointed Waldstein Design Review Committee. MLK Celebration committee. Co-founder: (new) The Coalition to Eliminate Racism in Brookline. Town Meeting Leader to Rename Devotion School. BA Barnard. MBA Northwestern.

[www.facebook.com/02445JoannaBaker](http://www.facebook.com/02445JoannaBaker)

**Andrew Fischer** (\*)/ 21 Bartlett Crescent  
Attendance 16 of 16

1. Two issues: School expansion, including the Driscoll renovation and the proposed Baldwin School, and Boston's planned 1500+ new housing units along Washington Street starting at the Brookline line. There is strong support for Driscoll but opposition to Baldwin, especially from Heath School parents. I oppose the Baldwin site as contrary to neighborhood schools, a Brookline tradition consistent with limiting climate change with walkable neighborhood schools. Other issues: the site is too small and the roads are too narrow to support the required parking and school busses.

The other major issue, the increased traffic from the housing planned for the Whole Foods site and at the gas station at Corey and Washington, is both a problem and a challenge. Can we reduce traffic with good bicycle accommodations (extending the bikelanes on Washington Street in Brookline to Brighton Center) and better T service?

2. 15 year incumbent; parent of 3 BHS graduates.

**Francis Charlton Hoy** (\*)/ 295 Reservoir Road  
Attendance 12 of 16

1. Our most critical Town issues are: maintaining and improving upon our Town services, including police, fire and human services; and promoting excellence in our schools. We must balance the needs of our neighborhoods and historic districts with appropriate commercial growth and increase our tax base by suitable development, while not over-burdening our home owners with increased taxes, unless necessary. Importantly, our Town functions best when all citizens have an opportunity to participate in the decision making process through open government.

2. Town Meeting Member (18 years); Past Heath School PTO President; Board of Overseers--BHS 21st Century Fund; Volunteer teacher aide, Heath School, second grade; Realtor, Coldwell Banker; Parent of BHS and Heath School graduates: Sarah, Charlton and Clifton; married to former Selectman Gil Hoy (BHS '73, Heath '69).

**Lee L. Selwyn** (\*)/ 285 Reservoir Road  
Attendance 13 of 16

1. A ninth school at Baldwin would divide the Heath School community in Precinct 13. Many kids now able to walk to Heath would likely be redistricted to Baldwin. School would start at 7:45 to avoid heavy traffic. Kids would need to cross Route 9 or be driven through snarled traffic and difficult drop-off arrangements. The school would be shoehorned into a tiny site, with minimal outdoor space, minimal teacher and parent parking – overall a bad idea on multiple levels. I will continue to work for better alternatives.

2. 50+ years in Brookline. TMM since 2009. Advisory Committee (Planning and Regulation Subcommittee).

Actively involved in numerous Town government activities, including 2012 Redistricting Committee, 2014 Override Study Committee, Town Audit Committee, Moderator's Committee on Parking (chair), sponsor of Warrant Articles including the successful 2016 effort to limit the construction of oversized houses and developers' attempts to game our zoning by-law. [www.selwyn4precinct13.com](http://www.selwyn4precinct13.com)

**David Quinn Gacioch** (New)/ 7 Fairway Rd

1. Sustainability is among the most critical issues humanity faces. In Brookline, we recently have made progress to increase recycling and reduce plastic waste. More is needed—especially better planning of public facilities, private development, and infrastructure to reduce car dependency (traffic!) and carbon footprint. Other key issues Brookline faces include racial justice/inclusion, and the need for smart school capacity increases that fully address current overcrowding while maintaining our walkable, neighborhood schools.

2. I am a widowed dad of two Heath School kids (3rd grade and kindergarten), and a neighbor of the school. I am a volunteer soccer and baseball coach. I served on the Baldwin School Building Committee and have since been helping the School Department to improve its student enrollment forecasting. I have presented twice to Town Meeting on school capacity needs and potential solutions. Professionally, I am a data-driven health care lawyer; politically, a pragmatic progressive. [Dave4Brookline.org](http://Dave4Brookline.org)

**Sara Elizabeth Stoutland** (New)/  
104 Westbourne Terr

1. Great schools, high quality services for seniors, walkability, green space, people who embrace inclusion and diversity--these features are why many love Brookline. If we are to retain them, we would do well to implement the townwide solution (Driscoll, Baldwin and Pierce) to our overcrowded schools while helping seniors burdened by increased taxes. Second, we need to work continuously to improve racial and economic inclusion and equity.

2. Brookline resident for 19 years, 3 children (15, 18 and 20) attended BEEP, Driscoll and BHS. Community activities: neighborhood representative on Driscoll Building Committee; Brookline Parent Education Network advisory board member; Driscoll PTO chair ('14-'17); BHS site council co-chair ('13-'17). Professional experience: program and research expertise in education and urban neighbors, including consulting with Brookline's African American Achievement committee and Steps to Success ('99-'04). Education: Oberlin College, B.A.; U of Minnesota, Ph.D. (Anthropology); Harvard Kennedy School, Postdoctoral Researcher.



**Did you know...**

The Coolidge Corner Theatre building was originally a church – the Beacon Universalist Church, built in 1906. It was converted to a movie theater, Brookline's first, in 1933, but only after many years of opposition to a theater in town.

**PRECINCT 14****Candidates For Three Year Term****Vote For Not More Than Five**

**Gill Fishman** (\*) / 79 Holland Rd

Attendance 3 of 16

1. There are many issues that compel me - from preservation to housing, from schools to senior care. But my first priority would be proper and appropriate continuance of the historic neighborhood status of the Fisher Hill including preservation of our green space. And second would be the best and right use of the Newbury College properties and land.

2. Design consultant - two related design offices: Gill Fishman Associates/Design and Marketing; Margolis + Fishman/Architects

Education: Harvard Graduate School of Design, Harvard College, Boston Latin School  
Boards - Fisher Hill Association, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, American Technion Society, Boston Preservation Alliance

**Kathleen M. O'Connell** (\*) / 59 Ackers Ave

Attendance 16 of 16

1. I think two of the most critical issues facing Brookline today are the overcrowding in our schools and the lack of affordable housing. I believe we should move forward with plans to expand our high school, rebuild the Driscoll School and construct a new school. We have been studying and examining alternatives for adding school capacity for many years, and I feel that it is time to move forward on these projects so we can maintain the high quality of our schools. I also feel we need to work to add more affordable housing, so Brookline can continue to be a diverse community where fixed income seniors and modest income families can afford to live.

2. Town Meeting Member Precinct 14 – 6 years  
Member of the Brookline Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Secretary - Settlement Neighborhood Association  
Heath School Grade 4 teacher – 19 years  
Parent of former Heath and BHS student

**Lynda E. Roseman** (\*) / 49 Ackers Ave

Attendance 16 of 16

1. Our biggest challenges are finding creative ways to maintain and create affordable housing and making sure we are balancing our spending so that all municipal services are funded to the level necessary. We also need to maintain our excellent schools in the

face of overcrowding and look at ways to increase our commercial tax base.

2. Co-founder and co-president of the Settlement Neighborhood Association; Executive Board member, Brookline Neighborhood Alliance; Zoning By-law Committee; Strategic Asset Plan, Major Parcel Study Committee; Eliot Playground/Warren Field Design Review Committee; Police Chief Search Committee. B.A., M.A., M.Ed, Boston University. Former BEEP para and current substitute teacher, Heath School. Mom of four adult children educated in the Brookline Public Schools.

**Jennifer E. Segel** (\*) / 22 Loveland Rd

Attendance 16 of 16

1. 1. Schools – many in Precinct 14 are concerned about Baldwin disrupting their school community and commute. I know this has been a long and difficult task (finding Baldwin as 9th school solution), so at this point, although I was not in favor of the Baldwin site, I will encourage exploration into Newbury College but will vote for the override.

2. Housing prices/rental prices – I think continued thought about smart development and inclusion of low income and middle class families should be a priority.

2. I grew up in Brookline and attended public schools. I returned 20 years later after living in Ann Arbor, New York City, and Sevilla Spain. Now I have two bicultural and bilingual children in Brookline schools. I work in philanthropy.

**Koinonia M. Givens** (New) /

639 Chestnut Hill Ave

1. In response to growing inequities, burgeoning nationalism, climate change, exploding school growth, and rising housing costs, I support: \*Social justice and equity; \* Environmental sustainability; greater support for Education and our Educators in our policies and budget; and\*Affordable housing with responsible development.

2. Koinonia is Greek for “community.” I value community and all that we can accomplish together, while still honoring our unique voices. I am a licensed Tax, Elder Law Estate Planning Attorney, and Realtor® in Brookline Village, and I earned my undergraduate degree from Yale, JD from Stetson, and Tax LLM from the University of Alabama. I am a mother of three boys. Brookline has been my home for approximately six years and my husband's home for over two decades. I am committed to ever improving our Town, Commonwealth, nation, and global community, so that we might leave a better world for our children.

**Anne M. Jarvis** (New) / 22 Ackers Ave.

1. 1. Schools- I believe there needs to be careful consideration in planning for the future needs of Brookline schools. There is conflicting data on projected enrollment for the years ahead. This must be considered in the face of overrides.

2. Affordability and accessibility- I am hopeful that Brookline can reach the goal of 10% affordable housing. Additional units for low income families and seniors should be implemented. Improvements in transportation and parking are essential to this goal. I would volunteer for committees that would study these important issues further.

2. I live with my husband and my 2 teenage daughters, both of whom attend Brookline High School. I have lived in Brookline for 20 years. I have a masters degree in Social Work, and currently work as the Director of Senior Congregate Housing for a non-profit agency in Boston. I am the founder and co-president of the Settlement Neighborhood Association in Brookline.

**Youkavet Samih** (New) / 1799 Beacon St

1. 1. I care about the future of schools in Brookline. want to make sure as a mother whose kids will be attending these schools and I want to have a voice in this matter.

2. I care about open space and tree. I believe we should preserve as much of open space and trees as possible. Future of our kids depends on saving the environment.

3. I care about the elderly. Elderly people are a major part of this community and we should make all effort to make it possible for them to remain in Brookline.

4. Brookline is turning into a transit town. We need to make every effort to make Brookline a place where people place their root here.

2. I am a clinical pharmacist who is passionate about helping people. I am a mother. I am passionate about the environment, health and inclusive community.

**PRECINCT 15****Candidates For Three Year Term****Vote For Not More Than Five**

**Jane M. Flanagan** (\*) / 854 Hammond St

Attendance 15 of 16

1. Fortunately, there is uniformity in this town around the critical need to address climate change, yet a largely ignored issue facing this town is a lack of economic diversity. Our middle class continues to erode. With that, we lose all kinds of diversity – age, ethnic, racial and income. In my precinct, the most pressing issue is the commuter Baldwin School. I support the public schools, but I do not support Baldwin or the bundled override that includes this commuter school. I will continue to organize my precinct and beyond to promote a responsive leadership that prioritizes economic diversity and removes the Baldwin School from consideration.

2. I am an associate professor of nursing at Boston College, a nurse scientist at Massachusetts General Hospital and nurse practitioner at Bournwood Hospital. Co-chair: Friends of Putterham Woods.

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Member: GreenSpace Alliance, Brookline Historical Society, Friends of Dane Park, Horace James Civic Association.

**Richard Nangle** (\*) / 854 Hammond St

Attendance 15 of 16

**1.** We must stop the construction of the Baldwin School. It is in a remote area of town. The school cannot function without an earlier start time. Studies show children benefit from later start times. The school proposal conflicts with town efforts to lead on the climate front. Baldwin cannot be net zero. The greenest square foot is the one you don't build on. Vehicles account for 40 percent of carbon emissions. It is irresponsible to build a commuter school. We should buy Newbury College immediately and move our schoolchildren onto that beautiful and modern campus.

**2.** Former Reporter at Worcester Telegram & Gazette  
Affiliated Faculty - Emerson College  
UMass-Amherst Undergraduate degree in Journalism  
Boston College Graduate degree in Administration  
Town Meeting Member – 23 years  
Member of Green Caucus and Brookline Greenspace Alliance  
Founder - Worcester Chapter of the Providence Newspaper Guild union

**Cornelia H. J. van der Ziel** (\*) / 100 Wolcott Rd

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** 1. Siting of the ninth school is a contentious issue in our precinct, with strongly held opposing views regarding the chosen site. An appropriate resolution will require that we listen to each other and respond in a civil manner.

**2.** Tension between growth and livability of our neighborhoods continues. The possibility of the purchase Newbury College may provide needed Town-owned space to pursue not only issues related to siting of schools but also other uses, such as a home for early childhood education facilities, possible housing and open space usage. We need to pursue all that makes our town a wonderful place to live without making it a place that only the wealthy can afford.

**2.** Retired Ob/gyn; member, Commission for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations; Board member, Brookline Sister City Project, Brookline PAX, Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility; member Indigenous People's Day Committee; children graduated from Brookline Schools

**Jason Cunningham** (New) / 800 Newton St

**1.** I am against the ballot override question. The way the question has been posed is very disingenuous and an insult to the voters. The voting body is intelligent enough to answer separate questions regarding the Baldwin and Driscoll schools. The Baldwin proponents are so desperate to move forward with Baldwin that they've forced a joint ballot question. Additionally, I

am in favor of the town purchasing Newbury College and using it for classrooms. The proposed Baldwin school is the perfect example of a select board trying to fit a square peg into a round hole – it is a total planning failure. Thankfully, Newbury College has become available and is truly the perfect solution we have all been hoping for.

**2.** I am running for town meeting because I'm extremely concerned with the way the town is being run. Our taxes are projected to rise 30% over the next ten years. Unacceptable.

**Benedicte Hallowell** / 96 Sears Rd

Attendance 8 of 14

**1.** Brookline faces important issues regarding our growing population of students. We must strike a balance between quality of education and infrastructure—teachers make the difference. Precinct 15 is faced with numerous developments; money has been wasted on studies that “experts” knew were preposterous. We must protect our neighborhoods from oversized 40B developments. Voters will determine Precinct 15 Residents' home values, road/sidewalk safety, environment, town services, and loss of green space and trees both public and private. I learn from those who have lived here all of their lives.

**2.** Brookline resident 19 years, 2 sons. Married to professor who went to school in Brookline whose mother was a teacher in Brookline for 19 years. Coached on town teams, Served on Moderator's Committee on Leaf Blowers  
Past Town Meeting Member 7 Years  
Education: BU '89, Harvard '93  
Art Historian  
Various Boards and Committees that serve Students

**Did you know...**

The area that is Brookline today was once known as Muddy River, a part of Boston. In the 1600s it was used primarily as a place for Boston residents to graze their cattle. Brookline became a separate town in 1705, taking its name from the farm of Judge Samuel Sewall whose property boundary was marked, in part, by Smelt Brook.

**PRECINCT 16**

**Candidates For Three Year Term**

**Vote For Not More Than Five**

**Saralynn J. Allaire** (\*) / 157 Bellingham Road

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** Overcrowding at Baker/other schools continues, but solutions have remained elusive. I believe the 3 school (Baldwin/Driscoll/Pierce) building/renovation plan is a good solution to move us forward. Though Hancock Village expansions are settled, I am helping monitor the development process. The many senior Pct 16 residents

deserve local fitness and social activities. I support these through committee involvement and promotion.

**2.** Running for third term with excellent Town Meeting attendance. As Chairperson of Commission on Disability, I guide its members in addressing access issues throughout Brookline. Active member of two committees that address needs of seniors: Age Friendly City and TRIPPS (transportation). Have attended and spoken at many meetings concerning Hancock Village expansions to reduce their impacts. I am a retired Boston University professor (rehabilitation). My husband Alan and I have lived in Pct. 16 for 17 years. We enjoy yoga sessions at Putterham Library and gardening at Lars Anderson community gardens.

**Adrienne S. Bowman** (\*) / 416 VFW Pkwy

Attendance 16 of 16

**1.** As a TMM, I have worked diligently on the “9th school.” If school overcrowding is not immediately addressed, the Town risks diminishing our public education. I understand the full spectrum of concerns that people have Town-wide, and continue to put my efforts towards problem-solving so that we continue to enjoy some of the best public schools in the state. I will do what I can to see that the Baldwin-Driscoll-Pierce expansion project happens, as well as the acquisition of Newbury College. In addition to educational issues, I am committed to the precinct's disputes with Hancock Village's expansion.

**2.** I grew up in South Brookline, lived in NYC for 9 years, and came back in 2011. I have two young children who will both be at Baker next year. I am a public school teacher in Boston, teaching middle school math to the English Language Learner population.

**Stephen Chiumentì** (\*) / 262 Russett Rd

Attendance 15 of 16

**1.** Housing, particularly accommodating affordable housing within the capacity of the Town to cope with development. And particularly providing and maintaining quality schools in light of present and foreseeable future demand.

**2.** Present Town Meeting Member, Member of the Neighborhood Conservation District Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Retired lawyer. Resident of Brookline since 1985. Sent two children through Brookline schools, soon sending two grandchildren.

**Carolyn R. Thall** / 66 Beverly Rd

Attendance 14 of 16

**DID NOT REPLY**

**Laura Kathryn Baines-Walsh (New) /**

59 Woodcliff Rd

1. Brookline needs to maintain its excellent school system in the face of an ever-expanding student population, which has increased 40% since 2006. I am actively supporting the Yes campaign for Question One to provide funding to renovate Driscoll and build Baldwin. It is crucial that our students and teachers have the space and tools they need to succeed. Another challenge is creating responsible development, which will provide affordable housing. We must ensure that those who serve our community have the option to live in our community and that current Brookline residents are not priced out.

2. I am a US government and history teacher. I have a B.A. from Emory University and a PhD in history from Boston College. I have a daughter who is a first-grader at Baker and a four-year old son. My husband and I moved to Brookline in 2014 to raise our family. Brookline Pax endorsed.

**PRECINCT 16****Candidates For One Year Term****Vote For Not More Than One****Michael Harrington (New) / 135 Beverly Rd**

1. The two most critical issues for Precinct 16 are continued growth of Hancock Village and the need for a ninth school in South Brookline. Having lived for a year in Hancock Village, I know what a vibrant and diverse neighborhood it is and how the many families living there contribute to our wider community. That being said, any expansion of Hancock Village should be reasonable and smart. As a parent, I know how congested our schools already are. I support the siting of a ninth school at Baldwin, and I endorse the override to fund that.

2. Five-year Brookline resident. Son of a public school teacher. Graduate of public schools. My husband and I have two boys in the Brookline Public Schools. Prior to becoming a stay-at-home dad in 2017, I was an in-house attorney at State Street Bank. B.A. Williams College, J.D. Boston College Law School.

**Voter Turnout  
in  
Previous Town Elections**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Voter Turnout</u>	<u>Percent</u>
2018	36,368	8,124	22.3
2017	36,155	5,873	16.2
2016	36,677	2,287	6.2
2015	35,118	10,473	29.8
2014	39,007	4,247	10.9
2013	32,855	8,682	26.4
2012	37,445	3,011	8.0
2011	35,859	2,815	7.8
2010	35,036	3,548	10.1
2009	33,515	3,612	10.8
2008	28,853	9,799	28.8
2007	38,814	3,467	8.9
2006	37,349	4,709	12.6
2005	36,550	5,032	13.8
2004	33,132	5,595	16.9
2003	33,488	6,294	18.8
2002	32,951	7,203	21.9
2001	35,603	3,963	11.1
2000	31,570	5,800	18.4

**NOTES:**

2018, 2015 - Overrides on the ballot

2013 - Special state primary on the ballot

2016, 2012, 2008, 2004, 2000

- Presidential primary years

“We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate”

- Thomas Jefferson

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## Massachusetts Voters Bill of Rights

The Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Massachusetts League of Women Voters, in a joint enterprise, created the following voters' bill of rights. These rights are guaranteed to qualified registered voters.

1. You have the right to vote if you are a qualified registered voter.
2. You have the right to cast your ballot in a manner that ensures privacy. You have the right to vote without any person trying to influence your vote and to vote in a booth that prevents others from watching you mark your ballot.
3. You have the right to remain in the voting booth for five minutes if there are other voters waiting and for ten minutes if there are no other voters waiting.
4. You have the right to receive up to two replacement ballots if you make a mistake and spoil your ballot.
5. You have the right to request assistance when voting from a poll worker or anyone of your choice, except your employer or an officer of your union or their representatives.
6. You have the right to vote if you are disabled. The polling place must be accessible, and there must be an accessible voting booth.
7. You have the right to vote if you cannot read or write or cannot read or write English.
8. You have the right to vote but must show identification if: you are a first-time voter who registered to vote by mail and did not submit identification with the voter registration form; or your name is on the inactive voter list; or your vote is being challenged; or if requested by a poll worker. Acceptable forms of identification are: Massachusetts driver's license, other printed documentation containing your name and address such as a recent utility bill, rent receipt on landlord's letterhead, lease, or a copy of a voter registration acknowledgment or receipt.

9. You have the right to vote by absentee ballot if: you will be absent from your city or town on Election Day; or if you have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place; or if you cannot vote at the polls due to religious belief.

10. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot if you believe you are a qualified registered voter but a poll worker tells you that you are ineligible to vote.

11. You have the right to follow up any challenge to your right to vote through the complaint process.

12. You have the right to vote if you are not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction and have registered as a voter after your release.

13. You have the right to take this Voters' Bill of Rights or any other papers, including a sample ballot, voter guide or campaign material, into the voting booth with you. Please remember to remove all papers when you leave the booth.

14. You have the right to vote at your polling place any time between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. for state and federal elections—hours may vary for local elections. If you are in line at your polling place when the polls close at 8 p.m., you have the right to vote.

15. You have the right to bring your children into the voting booth with you. If you feel that your right to vote has been violated in any way, call the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Elections Division at 1-800-462-VOTE (8683). This call is free within Massachusetts.

**Library.** While not the first public library in Massachusetts, it was the first to be organized under May 1851 state legislation allowing communities to tax themselves for such purposes. In a vote at the March 30, 1857 Town Meeting, the citizens of Brookline established a free library. Among the prominent patrons and advocates of this institution at the time were William I. Bowditch, an abolitionist and Underground Railroad conductor; Frederick Hedge, a Unitarian minister; Edward Atkinson, businessman, abolitionist and inventor of the Aladdin oven; James S. Whitney, president of Metro Steamship Company; and Amos A. Lawrence, abolitionist and industrialist. In honor of benefactor John L. Gardner, the Art and Music Room was named Gardner Hall.

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# Massachusetts Voters Bill of Responsibilities

**1.** It is your responsibility to register to vote at least 20 days before an election. You can register in one of the following locations: at a voter registration drive, your city or town hall, by mail, at the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office (Boston, Fall River or Springfield), at the Registry of Motor Vehicles or another agency when applying for services.

**2.** It is your responsibility to fill out the voter registration form truthfully, accurately and completely.

**3.** It is your responsibility to return the annual local census form to keep your voter status active. If you are an inactive voter, you will be required to show ID at the polls.

**4.** It is your responsibility to re-register to vote if you move to another community.

**5.** It is your responsibility to notify your city or town hall if there are any changes in your address within your community or in your name or if you wish to change your political party enrollment.

**6.** It is your responsibility to re-register to vote if you were convicted of a felony and have completed your jail sentence.

**7.** It is your responsibility to bring acceptable identification to the polls if you are a first time voter and failed to provide your driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number with your voter registration form, or if you did provide these numbers, but they could not be verified. Your voter acknowledgement will state if you have to bring ID to the polls. If you are unsure, bring identification when you vote. Identification must include your name and current address, for example: a current and valid driver's license, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document.

**8.** It is your responsibility to know the hours and location of your polling place. Contact your city or town clerk, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, or the League of Women Voter of Massachusetts.

**9.** It is your responsibility to request an absentee ballot if you are unable to vote in person on Election Day and are eligible to do so. You are eligible to vote by absentee ballot in Massachusetts if you will be absent from your city or town on Election Day, have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place or cannot vote at the polls due to religious beliefs. You must request an absentee ballot by noon the day before Election Day and return it by the time the polls close on Election Day (a different deadline applies to those overseas).

**10.** It is your responsibility to check your ballot for accuracy before casting it. If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask a poll worker for a replacement. If you spoil the second ballot, you can ask for a third, which is your final ballot and will be counted.

**11.** It is your responsibility to ask for assistance at the polling place if you need it. You can seek help from any person of your choice, including poll workers.

**12.** It is your responsibility to respect the privacy of other voters.

**13.** It is your responsibility to refrain from campaigning or influencing other voters within 150 feet of the polling place.

**14.** It is your responsibility to report problems to a poll worker or to report election law violations to your city or town hall and/or the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The League of Women Voters encourages all voters to be informed about the candidates and issues in all elections.

If you have any questions, please call your local city or town clerk or the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Elections Division at 1-800-462-VOTE (8683). This call is free within Massachusetts.

*To fulfill your civic duties, exercise your right to vote in all elections responsibly and know your rights as a voter.*

Prepared by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, October 2006

## Historic Population of Brookline

Year	Pop.	±%
1790	484	—
1800	605	+25.0%
1810	784	+29.6%
1820	900	+14.8%
1830	1,043	+15.9%
1840	1,365	+30.9%
1850	2,516	+84.3%
1860	5,164	+105.2%
1870	6,650	+28.8%
1880	8,057	+21.2%
1890	12,103	+50.2%
1900	19,935	+64.7%
1910	27,792	+39.4%
1920	37,748	+35.8%
1930	47,490	+25.8%
1940	49,786	+4.8%
1950	57,589	+15.7%
1960	54,044	-6.2%
1970	58,689	+8.6%
1980	55,062	-6.2%
1990	54,718	-0.6%
2000	57,107	+4.4%
2010	58,732	+2.8%
2017	59,132*	+0.6%

\* = population estimate.

## Some Programs and Issues the Brookline League is working on:

### Voter Services

- Voter registration and information tables set up at various events around Brookline.
- How to Run for Office - (booklet and/or program) for Brookline Town Elections.
  - Forum and Information Sessions (3) on the Tax Override and Debt Exclusion on the May, 2015 Ballot.
  - Voter's Guide Publication for Annual Brookline Town Elections
  - Begin planning to educate voters about early voting.

### Land Use

- Voted by members as a priority for the Brookline League in 2015-2016
- Hosted Affordable Housing Forum
- Planning for programs concerning land use is currently underway. Issues to be considered include the schools, open space, affordable housing and density zoning.

### Climate Change

- Information Table during Brookline Climate Change Week
- Request to LWVUS asking that it be a priority in the upcoming two years.

### Other

- LWVB website with Information and Featuring Upcoming Events
- Second Fridays - Monthly Discussion at Paneras - various topics
- Opening Meeting (with speaker) - Sept. 2018
- Warrant Article Reviews for Town Meeting
- Money In Politics - LWVUS Study - Consensus Meeting and Results Sent to LWVUS (December and January 2016)

- Day on the Hill - February, 2016 Program of LWVMA and Luncheon of LWVB members with our Legislators to lobby them on issues of concern to the League.
- Annual Meeting (with speaker) - June 2018

### **LWVMA issues:**

- Charter Schools in Massachusetts
- See LWVMA web site for other issues and more information: <https://lwvma.org/>

### **LWVUS issues:**

- Climate Change
- Fair Criminal Code Enforcement
- See LWVUS web site for other issues and more information <http://lwv.org/>

### **What roles can you play?**

#### **It's up to you to...**

...Work to ensure the voting rights of every American. Urge citizen participation in the electoral process,

... Act as a deputy registrar, monitor the polls, or help present candidate debates and forums.

...Join a committee and take part in gathering the facts for one of the League's insightful reports.

...Or help the League be more effective at local, state, and national levels by adding your name to the list of members.

### **2nd Friday**

*Join us* at Anatolia in Brookline Village on the 2nd Friday of each month for coffee and conversation about issues that interest you.

For information on membership and future events, email us at

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**\*\*\* BALLOT QUESTION \*\*\***

**Shall the Town of Brookline be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to reconstruct and enlarge the existing school on the site of the Driscoll School property and to reconstruct and enlarge the existing school on the site of the Baldwin School property?**

**Vote “YES” Submitted by Julie Schreiner-Oldham, Brookline School Committee**

Brookline has struggled with rising school enrollment for over a decade. First, the schools expanded-in-place, adding modular classrooms, and turning offices, utility closets, and even a bathroom, into classrooms. Administrators have sensitive conversations with students/parents in shared offices. Special education students especially are suffering; a special education parent filed a complaint with the state last year, resulting in criticism of our educational spaces. Expand-in-place has failed. But our schools are Brookline’s brand and its backbone: Brookline can and must do better by its students.

Over the years, Brookline spent hundreds of thousands of dollars researching sites to build a single, large elementary school to absorb the student increase. But neighborhood objections and fears about redistricting led to one dead end after another. Finally, the Select Board, School Committee and Town Meeting embraced a three-school solution: an expansion at Driscoll, a new, small K-8 school at Baldwin, and a renovation/expansion at Pierce (not on the ballot in May, as the town seeks state funding).

YES proponents disagree with the proposal to put the Driscoll/Baldwin plan on hold as we explore building a school at Newbury College. First, the location is significantly worse than Baldwin. The majority of Baldwin’s students will come from south of Route 9 whereas a school at Newbury will cause either very disruptive redistricting to the north, long distance bussing from the south, or both. It is 1,000 feet from Runkle School and 1,500 feet from Heath School.

Second, only one school cannot serve all students in Brookline’s southern area – Baldwin is a far more equitable location than Newbury. Baldwin actually creates new walkability for students who have never been able to walk to school – Newbury does not.

Baldwin and Driscoll will be amazing schools that will serve Brookline’s students and community well. It’s time to move forward!

**About the Debt Exclusion Override  
Ballot Question**

**By Betsy DeWitt, President of the  
League of Women Voters of Brookline**

Massachusetts Proposition 2-1/2 limiting local property taxes was passed by referendum 1980. It sets a limit of 2.5% on the annual increase in the municipal property tax levy among other limits. However, it permits local municipalities to vote to override the limit for operating revenue and for new debt issued for a capital project.

Brookline has passed operating overrides and debt exclusion overrides. A debt exclusion override covers the cost of principal and interest payments over the term of the borrowing, usually 20 - 25 years. The levy increase depends on the terms of the loan and the interest rate in effect. For example, in 1995, a debt exclusion override was passed for the major renovation of Brookline High School and will be retired in FY-2020. The tax impact of a debt exclusion override can occur several years after it has been voted depending on the construction/borrowing schedule for the capital project.

Overrides for two debt exclusion capital projects are currently approved. The cost of borrowing for the Coolidge Corner School renovation, passed in 2015, and the initial costs for the Brookline High School Expansion, passed in 2018, will be included in the FY-2020 tax levy.

The Debt Exclusion Ballot question presented to Brookline voters on May 7 proposes to exclude the cost of borrowing for the renovation and expansion of the 4-section Driscoll Elementary School (PreK - 8); and for the cost of borrowing for construction of a 2-section elementary school (PreK - 8), with additional town-wide programs, located at the Baldwin School site. Both projects have been developed to add additional classrooms to address the current overcrowding in Brookline elementary schools.

If approved, this Override will affect the tax levy when construction begins on the Driscoll and Baldwin Schools, which would likely not be prior to the FY2022 tax year.

**Vote “NO” Submitted by John VanScoyoc,  
TMM 13, chair of Spend Smart Brookline**

As someone who has always said yes to overrides, in 2019 I will join with many other Brookline voters in saying “No” to Question 1 because of two fundamental flaws:

**FLAWED PROCESS:** Question 1 is a “bundle” of tax increases for two separate construction projects. Just as your household cable TV bundle forces purchase of a package, Question 1 limits voters to a costly “all or none” decision on replacing the existing Baldwin and Driscoll schools.

In her dissent from the Select Board’s framing of Question 1, Heather Hamilton noted that bundling affronts the “dignity” of the very act of voting, by denying choice.

Furthermore, Question 1 purports to be a decision to increase tax levies, but it contains no numbers as to the impact on tax-paying households, either of Question 1 or of future school-related tax levy increases, despite the Select Board’s insistence that approving any tax increase requires approving all tax increases.

**FLAWED BALDWIN:** Question 1 links the approval-worthy Driscoll School with a flawed Baldwin 9th School. The Baldwin flaws include:

- removal of old-growth trees and demolition of an historic, right-sized school building;
- added construction costs (including blasting) due to limited space for parking;
- narrow adjacent streets and sidewalks, adding to traffic congestion during pickup and dropoff times, while forcing the future 9th school to have an earlier start time than any other K-8 school.
- nearby high-speed, heavily-trafficked roads (Route 9 and Hammond Street) that endanger those who approach on foot or bicycle.

For these reasons, Question 1 is best answered “No,” so that Brookline can promptly move to a separate (unbundled) debt exclusion for Driscoll, while continuing the Newbury campus acquisition process, with a view toward comparing the advantages of the Newbury and Baldwin sites. Question 1 isn’t like past override votes. This time, “No” is better for Brookline.

**Town Election Forum  
April 29 6:30 pm**

**Hear directly from the candidates.  
Learn about the Ballot Question.  
Have your questions answered.**

**Town Hall  
Select Board  
Hearing Room**

## League of Women Voters of Brookline

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Care about your trash and recycling pick-up?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stop signs, traffic lights, and pedestrian crossings on your mind?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obsessed about bicycle lanes?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Love your parks and open spaces?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supportive of senior services?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concerned about affordable housing?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Is a gang of turkeys following you around?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change for the parking meter?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have space for a school in your backyard?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Love taxes? Can't wait for the next override?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Which do you prefer: cigarettes or marijuana?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Complain but don't vote?</b>

Am I Registered to Vote in this Election?

Is my Address Correct?

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