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Telephone: 617-730-2330; TDD 617-730-2327

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**Precinct 1:** BU-Wheelock College, 43 Hawes Street, Monmouth Street Entrance

**Precinct 2:** Ridley School Gymnasium, Stedman Street Entrance

**Precinct 3:** Morse Apartments, 90 Longwood Ave

**Precinct 4:** Brookline Town Hall, 333 Washington Street

**Precinct 5 & 5A:** (New) Lincoln School, 19 Kennard Rd

**Precinct 6:** BHS Schluntz Gymnasium, 115 Greenough Street

**Precinct 7:** O'Shea House, 61 Park Street

**Precinct 8:** Ridley School Gymnasium, Stedman Street Entrance

**Precinct 9:** Senior Center, 93 Winchester St

**Precinct 10:** Driscoll School, Gymnasium, Washington Street Entrance

**Precinct 11:** Driscoll School, Gymnasium, Washington Street Entrance

**Precinct 12:** Runkle School Gymnasium, 50 Druce Street (Front entrance)

**Precinct 13 & 13A:** Runkle School Gymnasium, 50 Druce Street (Front entrance)

**Precinct 14 & 14A:** Hayes School Gymnasium, 100 Eliot Street

**Precinct 15:** Fire Station #6 (rear), 962 Hammond St

**Precinct 16:** Putterham Library, 959 West Roxbury Parkway

**Precinct 17:** Coolidge Corner Library, Community Room, 31 Pleasant St.

# VOTERS GUIDE

Brookline Town Election 2024

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## Which Town-Wide Offices are on the Ballot May 7<sup>th</sup>?

The following Town-Wide Offices are on the Ballot on May 7:

**One Town Moderator for Three Years**

**One Town Clerk for Three Years**

**Two Select Board Members for Three Years**

**Four Trustees of the Public Library for Three Years**

**Three Members of the School Committee for Three Years**

**One Member of the Housing Authority for Five Years**

**Five Town Meeting Members for Three Years:**

In Precincts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

**One Town Meeting Member for Two Years:**

In Precincts 3 and 17

**One Town Meeting Member for One Year:**

In Precincts 1, 10 and 13



## TOWN MODERATOR

**Description:** The Moderator sets the order of the Agenda and presides over Town Meeting. The Moderator also appoints members of the Advisory Committee, the Committee on Town Organization and Structure and ad hoc committees authorized by Town Meeting.

**Question 1:** Biographical Data.

**Question 2:** What criteria will you use for making committee appointments and how would you broaden participation?

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

**Neil Alan Wishinsky (new) / 20 Henry Street**

1. I have held many Brookline town government positions including Select Board (Chair for 4 years), Advisory (Finance) Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Meeting Member (Precinct 5), MBTA-CA Multifamily Permitting Committee, Newbury College Acquisition Committee, and many more. These positions, across many aspects of municipal government, provide a broad background to take on the role of Moderator. Resident since 1983. MBA from Boston University. Wife: Susan; Children: Lisa (BHS Grad) and Aaron (BHS Grad.)

2. Appointing the Advisory Committee is an important responsibility of the Moderator. Having a balanced, respectful and credible Advisory Committee is essential to a well functioning Town Meeting. I plan to work with the Advisory Committee Chair to create an appointment process that ensures a knowledgeable, well respected and thoughtful group that can work together.

However, the Moderator's primary duty is to preside over Town Meeting and set the stage for a civil and productive debate. My goals as Moderator are to: (1) Be fair, respectful, welcoming and supportive of all who participate in Town Meeting; (2) Make sure all viewpoints have had an equal opportunity to be heard; (3) Clearly communicate the parameters of debates and votes while keeping things moving and (4) Work to improve the quality, timeliness, and flow of information about Town Meeting.

## TOWN CLERK

**Description:** The Town Clerk is responsible for keeping a wide range of records such as deeds, voting lists, election records, vital statistics, mortgages, business ownerships, licenses, etc. The Clerk is responsible for the legal conduct of elections, care for voting machines, preparation of sample machine

ballots, training of election workers, and reporting results to the Secretary of State. The Clerk records attendance proceedings and votes at Town Meeting.

**Question 1:** Biographical Data.

**Question 2:** How can the Town Clerk's office reach out to Brookline's diverse population to increase voter participation in local elections?

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

**Ben Kaufman(\*) / 17 Kenwood Street**

1. Ben Kaufman has served as the Town Clerk since he was first elected in May of 2021. The Town Clerk is the Elections Administrator for the Town, responsible for administering all of Brookline's elections. The Town Clerk is also the record keeper for the Town, maintaining custody of Birth, Death, and Marriage certificates, as well as dog licenses, business licenses, and other Town records.

As Town Clerk, Ben has focused on expanding voter access by implementing universal vote by mail and expanding Early Voting options.

Ben has also focused on modernizing the Town Clerk's office, digitizing records, and make services available online.

Prior to being elected Clerk, Ben worked in the State Legislature as a legislative staffer.

2. The Town Clerk's office has focused on expanding voter access during my time as Clerk. We have implemented the VOTES Act, which allows any voter to cast their ballot by mail. We have worked with the Select Board to ensure mailed voting is available for local elections, including paying for postcards to be sent to voters that can be used to ask for a mailed ballot. We have gone beyond State requirements for Early Voting, offering more hours at more locations throughout Brookline. We have installed ballot drop boxes throughout Brookline so voters can return their ballot from their neighborhood.

I plan to continue to expand these offerings, and to continue a robust community engagement program, where we host voter information tables throughout the community to meet voters where they are, and make sure they know all the options they have to make their voices heard in our democracy.

**"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."**

**VOTE!**

## ♦ SELECT BOARD

Description: The Select Board is composed of five members who are elected for three-year terms. As the Chief Elected and Executive Officers of the Town, the Select Board is vested with all the municipal authority not specifically retained by the Town's legislative body, Town Meeting. The Select Board appoints a Town Administrator, responsible for the daily management of the Town. The Select Board issues the Warrants for Town Meetings and makes recommendations on the warrant articles; initiates legislative policy by inserting articles in Town Meeting Warrants and then implements the votes subsequently adopted. It adopts town administrative policies; reviews and sets fiscal guidelines for the annual operating budget and the six-year capital improvements program and makes recommendations to Town Meeting on the same. The Select Board appoints department heads and members of most official boards and commissions; holds public hearings on important town issues and periodic conferences with agencies under their jurisdiction and with community groups; represents the Town before the General Court and in all regional and metropolitan affairs; and enforces Town By-Laws and regulations. The Select Board also serves as the licensing board responsible for issuing and renewing over 600 licenses in more than 20 categories, including common victualler, food vendor, liquor, lodging house, open-air parking lot, inflammables, special events and entertainment. The Select Board meets every Tuesday, unless otherwise posted.

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### Question 1: Biographical Data.

**Question 2:** What major development and fiscal challenges face the Town and how would you address them?

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

### **Bernard W. Greene (\*) / 44 Washington Street**

1. Retired public finance lawyer – general counsel, MA Clean Water Trust; Swarthmore College; Boston College Law. Lived around the world as child in multiple diverse environments; formative adolescent years in Philadelphia. Brookline resident since 2002; Town government since 2006, when elected to Town Meeting (Precinct 7). Select Board 9 years, 3 as chair (current chair). Served on many committees including Advisory and the Audit Committee (chair for seven years). Have two adult children: daughter, a lawyer in NYC; and son, recent grad, U.Mass, Boston – attended Lawrence and Brookline HS.

2. Market driven development will result in Town of largely high-income residents. Comprehensive plan can moderate this. Plan goals should include preserve

middle-income housing & incentivize new housing for middle/low-income families & seniors. Tools include: Housing Auth; inclusionary zoning, including using Afford. Housing Trust for low & moderate income housing; zoning changes for more density in prudently targeted areas; regulatory changes to permit housing types for middle income & starter housing; new zoning like T-5NH. Fiscally, SB must balance needs/desires of residents with tight fiscal resources & be active player in guiding Town Administrator & Depts with its Goals & Objectives – a part of decision-making at start of budget process. Goals should include growing revenue by new bus. develop. & increasing capacity of hotels, restaurants & bars to add to local option tax revenue.

### **Sana Hafeez (new) / 64 Village Way**

1. I am a 27-year-old first generation Pakistani-American Muslim woman, lifelong athlete and travel enthusiast. I live in Brookline, Massachusetts and work as a Community & Political Organizer, Nonprofit National Program Director, as well as in the aviation & green tech industries. As a community organizer, I have campaigned against oppressive legislation, promoted self reliance in communities, worked on countless community initiatives supporting: civic engagement, transformative justice, emergency housing and direct assistance, youth crime prevention, youth mentoring, public health, and inter-community cooperation and solidarity. I believe in community-based solutions and the values of equity, accessibility, and transparency in governance.

2. Affordable childcare, affordable housing, workforce development & job skill programs, environmental sustainability, and transparency & accountability are all major issues of equity in Brookline. I have worked to address each of these as a community organizer and have experienced the barriers to community-based solutions when they reach the office of Select Board first hand. Despite the barriers, historic progress has been made. But, no amount of hard work can overcome repeated, ineffective fiscal decisions. I would employ tried and true methods, such as empowering solutions that originate from the communities with lived experience with these issues, rather than virtue signaling efforts that have little to no tangible impact. I would assess the effectiveness of the millions of dollars allocated from the lifeline ARPA funds and use the data to inform where else we should reevaluate.

### **Alexander Joseph Lebovitz (new) / 3 Bradford Terrace**

1. I am an 8-year resident of Brookline, a Coolidge Corner renter, & a Town Meeting Member who has led the passage of critical bylaws & warrant articles dealing with fiscal management, public health, & housing affordability. I joined local government to make a difference for our community & I am committed to ensuring that opportunity & stability exists for everyone in Town. In my career, I am a Medicaid policy analyst focusing on the safety net. I know the impact that data-driven & compassionate policy can make in people's lives & I am running for Select Board to make Brookline more affordable, inclusive, & welcoming. I am proud to be the only candidate endorsed by Brookline for Everyone, the Brookline Equity Coalition, & Run for Something.

2. Brookline faces serious challenges – our budget is strained, residents are facing a rising cost of living, & housing costs, driven by a shortage of affordable units, continue to increase. The disproportionate impacts of both issues fall on seniors, families, & vulnerable communities. I will develop a comprehensive revenue plan that expands our planning capacity, encourages commercial development, reforms our PILOT policy to encourage local non-profits to contribute their fair share, & incorporates transparency & accountability into our override process. We also need to develop new housing that suits our community needs. I support increasing density around public transit, adopting a reformed ADU bylaw, encouraging mixed use developments, & securing funding for new affordable units. I also support policies that provide rapid relief to residents, including rent stabilization & tax relief.

### **Susan Kay Park (new) / 27 James Street**

1. I taught middle school, high school, and college English and Lit. I was a former Department Head at an International School and designed the high level 11th and 12th grade International Baccalaureate Curriculum. I am a children's author and have written four books which have all been translated into Spanish. The Booksmith carries most of them. My husband Kee and I have lived in Brookline 9 years, and we have three amazing daughters two of which have graduated from college, and one is at BHS. I am a former Girl Scout Troop leader, was on the Advisory Committee, am the Vice President of the Town Meeting Member Association for two years, a Town Meeting member for 2 terms and got my Public Leadership Certificate from the Harvard Kennedy School.

2. We know that Brookline is headed into the "lean/tight years" meaning that finances are tight. We need to be sensible and go back to the basics of spending on what we can afford. I am a retired teacher and know the importance of excellent teachers, curriculum, and leadership. We need to trim on things that don't affect our students quality of learning. I am also excited to really support increasing our revenue in commercial developments. I have a vision to build up the Chestnut Hill West parcels of land and make it a destination location which will bring in revenue for the town which will offset our taxes. We can also pick up the Rt. 9 study that already started and was set aside. It takes leadership to keep identifying revenue sources which I intend to do, and my track record shows that I am a doer. We also need to see where we can get state aid to support our many Brookline projects.

### **David Arenas Pearlman (new) / 1015 West Roxbury Parkway**

1. I am a near life-long resident of Brookline since 1986. I grew up in Coolidge Corner, graduated from what is now known as the FRR school, BHS, Brandeis University, and Boston University. I live with my wife and 9-month old son. I have served in Town Meeting for 10 years since 2013 and School Committee since 2018, the last two years as Chair. I have worked diligently to keep costs down while meeting the needs of our schools and our commitment to the environment. Professionally, I am a child welfare attorney at the trial and appellate levels, representing primarily indigent parents and children in a spectrum of areas, including abuse and neglect, housing instability, mental health,



domestic violence, substance misuse, and public education.

2. Higher property taxes affect us all whether we are renters or homeowners. Affordability is not only an economic priority, but a housing priority, and a racial justice and equity priority. Commitment to the Comprehensive Plan, and growing the proverbial pie through well-planned mixed-use economic development and housing production (with a significant affordability component) will be essential to expanding our tax base in a sustainable manner that can help close the structural deficit and support the level of diversity and services we expect and deserve. I view initiatives around housing, commercial growth, Complete Streets, and climate change mitigation as complementary. Development proposals should include detailed financial and environmental impact studies, with robust opportunities for public input. I will lead by listening and making thoughtful decisions that unite rather than divide.

## ★ TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Description: Twelve are elected as Brookline Library Trustees to oversee services and programs provided at the three Brookline public libraries. Each year after the May election, the Trustees elect 4 officers from their membership: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Trustees represent the interests of the Brookline electorate in matters concerning library policy; they oversee the hiring and function of the head librarian and investing and spending a specific portion of the library's trust funds (gifts and bequests made to the library over the years either for specific purposes or to an "unrestricted" fund). Other activities include planning library events like Brookline Reads, authors' groups and lectures and exhibits; looking at long range planning for library services; having input on physical plant maintenance issues; reviewing and improving library policies; representing library patrons' interests to the Select Board, the Advisory Committee and Town Meeting as needed; and other activities that arise from patrons' input, trustees' concerns or staff concerns. Meetings of the whole Board of Trustees are held one evening a month in the Trustees Room of the Brookline Village Library. Sub-committee meetings are held as needed (these include committees on public relations, fiscal matters, library services, buildings, etc.). (No salary; no health insurance.)

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**Question 1:** Biographical Data.

**Question 2:** Given rising costs and the many ways libraries are being used, what would you do to sustain the staffing, book collections, media sources, and technology of Brookline Public Libraries?

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

### Judith Goleman (\*) / 57 Mason Terrace

1. As a resident of Brookline for 37 years, as well as a retired English professor and administrator at the University of Massachusetts Boston, I believe I have values, knowledge, and skills that are relevant to a position on the Library Board of Trustees.

2. As a current Trustee, I attended all the Town budget hearings for 2024-25 and supported the Director's proposal for the Library; I serve on the Finance Committee and examine the Library's investments monthly; I am a liaison with the Friends of the Brookline Public Library and am familiar with the donations that they (as well as the Brookline Foundation) make to the Library. Municipal support as well as foundation support are important to sustain Library services. In my one-year term as a Trustee I have made an effort to be familiar with these sources and to advocate for additional sources as well.

### Kristin J. Hung (\*) / 10 Vernon Street

1. I joined the Board of Library Trustees in 2021 and have enjoyed being part of the Library's efforts to foster inclusion and opportunity for everyone in our community. I am a mom to a 4th grader at the Florida Ruffin Ridley School where I serve as one of the PTO co-chairs and help lead the FRR Equity PAC. I also work as a physician at MGH and have a passion for improving my patients' quality of life through reconstructive pelvic surgery. In my free time, I pretend that I know how to play golf and hope to get back to playing the piano one day.

2. Continued advocacy for the Library is essential to bolstering our infrastructure so that we are able to maintain and expand our collections in a way that is relevant to the needs of today and allow more usage and therefore more support for the Library. As a public-facing system, nurturing relationships with Brookline community members and organizations will ensure that the demand for and use of diverse and accessible library resources continues to drive our growth in a direction that is useful to library users and that will enable more people to benefit from the Library.

### Carol Troyen Lohe(\*) / 25 Salisbury Road

1. I was appointed, then elected, a Library Trustee in 2012, and was elected Treasurer in 2014. I have served on the Long Range Planning Committee, the Library Services Committee, the Programming Committee, "Brookline Reads," and the Investment Committee. My husband, Werner Lohe, and I have lived in Brookline since 1988; our daughters, Erica and Ellen, graduated from Driscoll and Brookline High. I attended Yale University (B.A., Ph.D.) and have spent my professional life in museums, as Curator of American Art at the Museum of Fine Arts and as Acting Chief Curator at the Wadsworth Atheneum. I serve on the Board of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, a social justice organization based in Roxbury.

2. Town allocations, State Aid, ARPA grants (to support the purchase of an electric bookmobile), and funds

raised by the hard-working Library Foundation and Friends have provided adequate funding for the Library despite rising costs. Trustees should continue to advocate vigorously for the Library's increasing needs as annual budgets are developed, supporting operational overrides when necessary.

But sustaining the Library financially is not our only obligation. Increasingly libraries have come under fire, from both the right and the left, about titles on the shelves and programmatic offerings that some deem offensive. While such challenges have not yet affected our Library, we are not immune. The Trustees need to be vigilant in defending the Library against these pressures, always remembering that, as Justice Holmes argued, the essence of free speech is freedom for the thought that we hate.

### Sassan Zelhka (\*) / 1799 Beacon Street

1. and 2. Candidate has not yet responded.

## ★ SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Description: Nine Brookline residents are elected to 3-year staggered terms with authority to select and to terminate the Superintendent; to review and approve budgets for public education; to seek funding to support its programs from available Town, state and federal sources; and to establish educational goals and policies for the public schools consistent with the requirements of law and state-wide goals and standards established by the State Board of Education. The School Committee generally meets on Thursdays twice a month from September through June at 7:00 p.m. in the James F. Walsh School Committee Room, 5th Floor, Town Hall. (No salary; no health insurance.)

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**Question 1:** Biographical Data.

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**Question 2:** Please outline your approach to ensuring transparent communication with the public regarding curriculum and budget decisions.

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

### Miriam T. Aschkenasy (new) / 311 Dean Road

1. I am one of five town-wide elected Select Board members for the Town of Brookline, finishing my three-year term. I have chaired, co-chaired, or liaised with over ten committees and commissions on the Select Board, including the American Rescue Plan Act funding. Before that, I was a Town Meeting member for precinct 13 for two terms. I cut my teeth as the Hayes School PTO treasurer and board director for the Hayes extended day after-school program. My son is a Junior at Brookline High School, and my daughter is a

freshman. I am a retired emergency medicine physician who now works full-time, running an anti-racism research program at the Harvard Kennedy School. I am also a mom to two dogs, Nori & Blue, who you will often see join my meetings.

2. On the Select Board, I co-chaired the American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) committee, charged with distributing some \$40 million in funds. I was determined that the process by which we made decisions would be fully transparent and publicly engaged—every step of the process allowed for community input and participation. I will take the same approach regarding curriculum and budget decisions. All discussions should be open to the public. There needs to be an opportunity for the public to provide input during multiple stages of curriculum and budget development, not just before final decisions are made. We should ensure we communicate well in advance when these conversations are happening and what will be discussed, and we should provide background materials so the public can be well informed. Finally, it is essential that we use data and science, when available, to make informed decisions.

### **Jesse Hefter (new) / 653 Chestnut Hill Avenue**

1. Jesse is a forty-year resident of Brookline, a Town Meeting Member (2022-present), and a member of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee. He earned a Ph.D. in Chemistry and retired from a 35-year, scientific and technology career with Verizon in 2019. Jesse is married to Brenda, a Brookline native and a Special Needs educator. They raised their children in Brookline and have 2 grandchildren who are students in PSB. Jesse is active in community-facing non-profit organizations. His team-focused approach is to work collaboratively and decisively on complex tasks by building consensus, utilizing data and metrics to inform decisions, promoting fiscal accountability and transparency, and following through with tasks to their conclusion.

2. Prepare cogent summaries of School Committee deliberations involving curricula and budget similar to what I currently prepare for Town residents for Town Meeting proceedings. Ensure that these summaries sufficiently explain decisions, including their rationale, and how they align with PSB goals. Consider other communication channels like PSB website announcements, newsletters, and social media platforms. Residents with questions should be provided with a streamlined process to get answers. Provide budget breakdowns and reports that demonstrate financial transparency and accountability. Finally, encourage community involvement in the decision-making process through advisory committees, community feedback sessions, or feedback surveys.

### **Sarah Moghtader (new) / 16 Chilton Street**

1. Sarah has been a resident of Brookline since 2004 and has a wealth of experience that she brings to the role of School Committee member. She was chosen by the Select Board and School Committee to fill a vacancy on the School Committee in November. When she joined the School Committee, she signed up for the Finance and Capital Improvement Subcommittees because decisions on funding are how to make the most of our schools.

From 2004-2023 Sarah was a middle school French teacher at Ridley, Hayes, Runkle, and Lawrence. Sarah and her husband Paul have three children, the youngest is a 7th grader at the Lawrence School. Sarah is seeking her first full term on the School Committee this May.

2. I read every email addressed to the School Committee and respond as appropriate. We have ensured that all of our meeting materials, such as the initial budget proposal and the meeting presentations, are online at the School Committee page on the town of Brookline's site and our School Committee meetings' and subcommittee meetings' videos are hosted by Brookline Interactive Group.

### **Carolyn Thall (new) / 66 Beverly Road**

1. I've lived in Brookline for 14 years. I've been a PSB parent for 13 years (and counting) - from Kindergarten at the Baker School through to 9th and 12th grade at BHS today.

Community and local government experience: Baker School PTO, Brookline Education Foundation (BEF) board, elected to Town meeting three times since 2016, and appointed to the Advisory Committee (AC) in 2022, where I served on the Schools Subcommittee.

I have a Master's degree in education from BU (Literacy, Language, and Cultural Studies).

I've worked as a teacher of English as a second language, and with educational and social service groups including Fair Test, the Asian American Civic Association, and Jewish Vocational Service.

2. Our school system relies on public support, and I want our schools, and town, to thrive. Public support is built on robust understanding of the district's choices. I am committed to:

Engaging stakeholders in decision-making: seeking input through live forums, surveys, etc., and integrating community values into decisions.

Providing clear and detailed information about the budget, including specific inputs such as non-contractual / discretionary choices.

Transparency on budget additions (not just cuts) and multi-year look-backs, so we understand trends and the compounding impact of choices and the ideological and practical direction of the district.

Ensuring the district articulates rationales and connections between its investments and educational goals, and measures progress toward those goals.

## **✦ Housing Authority**

Description: The Brookline Housing Authority owns and manages more than 1,500 units of affordable housing in the Town. The five-person Board of Commissioners is responsible for overseeing the agency in all regards, approving all contracts, and hiring the Executive Director. Four of the five board members are elected by the voters of Brookline. Of that four, one is always a tenant of the Brookline

Housing Authority. The fifth member is appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (No salary; no health insurance.)

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### **Question 1: Biographical Data.**

**Question 2: As a BHA Commissioner, how would you ensure that the voices and needs of BHA residents are integrated into your decision-making?**

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## **Candidates For Five Year Term Vote For Not More Than One**

### **Shawn K O'Neal (new) / 22 High Street, Unit 36**

1. I believe that one of the most important steps is to encourage new Voters that they can't really make a change and let people know that voting really changes things.

2. My first move would be to make sure that resident are involved in the process. Let them know that you are the voice of the people who need to be and want to be heard. I would also advise them to meet with me and express anything that they may feel is unjust and to let them know that they are the most important part of many parts and BHA housing

### **Kimberley Richardson (new) / 347 Saint Paul Street**

1. I have called (BHA) home for over 12 years. I understand BHA policies and its impact as both a resident and community leader. I am a clinical social worker, MA court employee, community activist, and mother committed to making changes for Brookline's most vulnerable populations. I provide needed representation to ensure that the income vulnerable have a seat at the table. I have been involved in access to recreation for disadvantaged youth, funding for food access, and greater community engagement. I am a board member of Brookline's only affordable housing nonprofit BCDC, board chair for Women Thriving and board chair of Brookline for Racial Justice and Equity. Experience means that you understand the breadth of an issue.

2. I will enhance community engagement within the BHA community, where residents are often overlooked or rendered invisible. I strongly believe in the importance of inclusivity and representation, and I am dedicated to ensuring that the voices and concerns of residents are heard. I will demonstrate a community centered form of leadership that represents the values and priorities of the residents and make decisions that reflect those needs. I will push for town government to demonstrate a greater commitment to BHA by seeking more resources. I will work to make BHA part of the Brookline community and not just an appendage. I will ask questions about how the work gets prioritized and seek greater accountability. I will encourage the implementation of sub-committees that directly focus and prioritize residents. I will encourage an open dialogue between residents and the entire Commission.

**Lynne D. Sweet (new) / 321 Hammond Pond Parkway**

1. I was raised in Brookline and have almost 40 years' affordable housing experience. I have worked on permanent housing for teenage mothers, LGBTQIA+ senior supportive housing and veterans housing. I know grants, funding, and collaborate with municipalities, investors, lenders, not for profits, housing authorities, management companies and residents. Today I have a 25-year-old woman owned and run WBE/DBE business focused on affordable housing development, preservation, and asset management. I serve(d) on the Boards of Second Step, Newton Housing Partnership, CHAPA Housing Production and Preservation Committee and CREW Boston. A past volunteer at the Brookline Food Pantry. I have been a mentor to many women. I hold an MBA from Babson College.

2. This is personal for me. I have family members in public housing. I will listen carefully to all BHA residents, and I will put my skills to work for the BHA. The BHA administers 1,500 rental payment vouchers and manages 1,000 units of affordable elderly, veterans, disabled and family housing. The BHA needs to raise funds to pay for capital improvements, to add more housing units and to increase resident services. The BHA also needs to complete the Colonel Floyd, Juniper and High Street developments. My professional experience is critical to raise capital, negotiate contracts and manage tenant relocation. I offer 40 years of experience to deliver on vital housing concerns, to bridge the gap between residents, the board and management, and to make the money work. I have been endorsed by the Massachusetts Housing Coalition, Brookline by Design and Brookline PAX.

**✦ 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.

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.

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**Question 1:** Biographical Data.

**Question 2:** What should your responsibility be to your precinct and how will you communicate and engage with your constituents?

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**Precinct 1**

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

**Neil R. Gordon (\*) / 87 Ivy Street**

1. I've lived in Brookline nearly 20 years and have been politically active here for most of that time. In addition to serving Precinct 1 as a tmm, for nine years I've served on Brookline's Advisory (finance) Committee and on its Administration & Finance and Public Safety subcommittees. I've been an elected Brookline Constable for nearly eleven years. As a tmm, I've sponsored numerous warrant articles, many of them Brookline bylaw amendments, among those: requiring Advisory Committee members' votes to be recorded and reported; changing bylaw pronouns to gender neutral; defining rules for Election Day signs; enhancing campaign finance transparency; and redefining eligibility to serve on Brookline boards, committees and commissions.

2. An effective tmm balances neighborhood concerns with the overall welfare of the town. I've tried to do that for as long as I've been a tmm. At my best, I am well informed on neighborhood issues and the concerns of constituents, and express those concerns to town officials and to my tmm colleagues. Similarly, I strive to be well informed on townwide issues and issues impacting other precincts, and bring an understanding of those issues to my precinct constituents. It's long been my practice to reach out to constituents to inform them, and especially on significant issues to be taken up by town meeting. I've always been open to receiving phone calls, and have a particular penchant for chatting with neighbors I see when we are out and about.

**Katherine A Ingraham (new) / 64 Amory Street**

1. Originally from Athens, Georgia, I have lived in Brookline since 2004. I went to Wellesley College (Political Science) and MassArt (Metals) and have lived in the UK and Australia.

My husband Richard and I are newly empty nesters, with three teen/young adult children spreading their wings. All three attended Lawrence from 2006-2020 and we were very involved as a family, particularly in the Art, Music and Drama programs, the PTO and international events. I ran the PTO Phonathon for 8 years. Our oldest graduated from BHS in 2020, in full pandemic mode and the next couple of years were certainly filled with shifting plans and expectations.

I work in the world of design/decorative arts and am in the process of launching a small business.

2. Precinct One is diverse demographically, and it is the responsibility of a TMM to be aware of the needs and concerns of ALL residents. I have been involved with many organizations in P1 over the years and will continue to do so. These have included The Brookline Food Pantry at Egmont, Church of Our Saviour on Monmouth, Cottage Farm Neighborhood Association and I have recently joined the Boston University Neighborhood Task Force. While I don't have a newsletter, or any official outgoing method for communicating back to the community as yet, I am

always out and about in the neighborhood talking with people at the parks and in our busy business district. I welcome any communication and feedback from P1 residents, email is best.

**Anthony Ishak (\*) / 131 Freeman Street**

1. I am a primary care pharmacist at a teaching institution and Brookline resident since '07. I grew up in SoCal, but consider Brookline home with many family and friends living here. I'm a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee and also look to improve the town for pedestrians (I voted for the increased budget for sidewalks) and vulnerable members of our community (such as the elderly, children and people of all abilities). I have advocated for improved bicycle infrastructure and parking in our parks/business districts over the past 2 years. I also bring a healthcare provider's perspective to policy such as with the bylaw in 2023 banning firearms in parks and other town property.

2. Being available to my neighbors and those who live in my community to hear their concerns and to advocate for them. In 2022, we had an issue with rat infestation in Knyvet and this was the impetus for me to file a warrant article to increase funding for town resources to improve waste management (a composter, additional staff and Big Belly waste containers)--that aligned with being cost-effective. I was a co-petitioner increasing fines on those who break the law regarding waste disposal. I voted for the MBTA-CD plan that my neighbors voiced as a priority. I've knocked on doors the past few years even when I wasn't running, this year is no different. Please give me 3 more years to continue the unfinished work of improving our hometown!

**Louise P. King (new) / 69 Monmouth St.**

1. Born in NYC; raised in California. Family originally from Boston with deep ties in area.

Lawyer, ethicist and surgeon. Employed at HMS hospitals (first BIDMC then BWH) since 2012.

Nationally recognized expert in law and ethics in women's health.

Mother to 4.

2. My primary reason for running is my concern for equitable housing and a respect for environmental resources as our Town expands. I will make my email and phone available and will hold open zoom meeting for constituents interested in these issues and so that they might bring up their own concerns for me to bring forward. While I have fairly well developed ideas about equity in housing and the need to still protect and nurture open spaces, I recognize as a publicly elected official I must ensure I am bringing forward the ideas and beliefs of my constituents as well.

**Sarah Moghtader (new) / 16 Chilton Street**

1. Sarah has been a resident of Brookline since 2004. She was caucused into Town Meeting Precinct 1 and was chosen by the Select Board and School Committee to fill a vacancy on the School Committee in November, 2023. When she joined the School Committee, she signed up for the Finance and Capital Improvement Subcommittees. She takes advantage of the bike lanes and public transportation in our town and enjoys our

parks. She is the mother of three children and her youngest is at the Lawrence School. Sarah's mother is aging, living in a nearby community, and Sarah has learned a lot about how seniors can age in place with the support of their network. Her husband's grandmother benefitted greatly from Brookline's Hebrew SeniorLife.

2. I see town politics as being all about conversations. I am actively engaged with my neighbors in conversations about what can be improved in our town and I maintain relationships with other town meetings members to hear about their points of view. I read our town's online newspaper, the meeting materials for the different governing boards and as a School Committee member, I engage in decisions for our schools. As a part of that work, I follow the budget process closely. Another issue I follow is increased housing development. My neighbors ask frequent questions and I am able to give them informed replies.

### **Robert Schoen (new) / 10 Beech Rd**

1. Rob Schoen: I've lived in Brookline for 17 years and in Precinct 1 for the last 12. I have two kids in the public schools. My wife has been director of the Lawrence Special Activities and is on the Board of the Brookline Education Foundation. I'm on the Board of the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance, a member of the Brookline Neighborhood Alliance, and a leader of Friends of Longwood Mall (longwoodmall.org). I've coached for Brookline Recreation and for Brookline Soccer Club. I worked at the same investment firm for 27 years, where I've been a member of the Operating Committee and a Chief Investment Officer. I have extensive experience in managing budgets, projects and teams of people. I have a BA from Tufts and an MBA from NYU. robschoen.org

2. Rob Schoen: My responsibilities to Precinct 1 would include advocating for practical solutions, maintaining fiscal discipline, encouraging civility, promoting evidence-based decision-making, supporting our public safety employees, harmonizing development with conservation, honoring Brookline's diversity and character, and protecting our invaluable green spaces. I promise to always be available to the residents of Precinct 1 through email, telephone, zoom, and friendly strolls around Longwood Mall. I will strive to make the complexity of town government accessible to everyone in the neighborhood. I have been endorsed by Brookline By Design and Brookline PAX. For more information, please visit robschoen.org.

## **Candidates For One Year Term Vote For Not More Than One**

### **Allyson Gray (new) / 1111 Beacon St**

1. Resident of Brookline since 2019 but have lived in Newton and East Boston. Education: BA Boston State College, 1969; MLS Simmons 1975.

Career: Library Director at Lasell College, 1997-2008 retired; Minuteman Library Network, board member, retired. I worked as a TSA officer at Logan Airport 2008-2015, retired. I have owned and managed property since 1988.

Volunteer Activities: Served on the Board of East Boston Main Streets. Managed two projects under their auspices. Participated in street tree survey for East Boston.

Endorsements:

Brookline for Everyone and Brookline Equity Coalition.

Personal information: I am a mother of two children and two grandchildren.

2. I will be available by email or text to my constituents. My responsibility to the constituents: Be Available. Listen to their concerns. Help them with their issues that relate to the town's rules or offices and departments, including public works, police, etc. Attend and Vote at the town meeting after careful consideration of the warrants and issues brought there.

### **Bradford Kimball (new) / 4 Monmouth St.**

1. I'm thrilled to be running for a one-year seat on Town Meeting in Precinct 1. I'm a high school senior and I've lived in Precinct 1 for 100% of my life— I care tremendously about this neighborhood and want to give back to the neighborhood that has given me so much. Next year, I'll be attending Harvard College.

Over the last four years, I have been heavily involved in our community. I was the campaign manager for the successful "No on 1" campaign in 2021. I also was an intern in the State House for two years. This past summer, I served as a biomanufacturing policy advisor for Rep. Jake Auchincloss. Additionally, I volunteer at the Brookline Food Pantry. Endorsed by: Brookline Pax | Brookline for Everyone | Brookline by Design

2. My first responsibility if elected as a Town Meeting Member is to represent my constituents. But representing is an active task— it means starting conversations, listening, and thinking deeply about the issues.

My identity as a student shapes how I'll engage with the community. I hope to reach out to younger people and get them more involved in town government. Our conversations are always better when more people are involved.

And finally, I am thinking about the long-term future of Brookline. Not just ten years from now, but fifty, when Brookline will be grappling with the decisions that we make today. It is our responsibility to think about the future as we tackle important issues like housing, climate change, and education.

## **Precinct 2**

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

### **James F. Franco (\*) / 126 Amory Street, Unit 3**

1. I have lived on Amory Street for over 30 years with my wife Ellen. Our two children attended Brookline schools and are BHS graduates. I am running for reelection to Town Meeting because I have been active

in local politics for several years and feel my experience helps me understand the issues that come before Town Meeting. A Town Meeting Member belongs to the Town legislature and our primary function is to consider By Laws presented by Petitioners and to vote on the Town Budget at the Annual (Spring) Town Meeting.

2. Town Meeting Members need to be informed about issues before the Town generally and particularly must keep up with what is happening in the precinct. I expect development proposals will be the most visible precinct topic over the next few years as we go through the Town Comprehensive Planning process. School funding is a topic that is important to Precinct 2 and the Town. I will continue to support our schools. A Town Meeting Member should be a resource for neighbors which is something I think can help make local government less mysterious. Some local voices are advocating to change the Brookline Charter from a Town to City form. There is a committee preparing a neutral report. How different would local government be if we change?

### **Georgina Garcia-Soiffer (new) / 221 Freeman Street**

1. and 2. Candidate has not yet responded.

### **Carol W. Gladstone (\*) / 28 Copley St**

1. ~ 25 year resident on Copley Street. 45+ year career in government and planning, including state and municipal government; affordable housing, non-profit and commercial development.

Most recently Commissioner for the state agency responsible for all capital planning, projects and real estate for all the state agencies; retired last fall.

Two graduates of the excellent BPS. With my husband Ben Whipple, we remain engaged with the BHS through our support of the Whipple Writing Fellowship.

Past President and current board member of Brookline Arts Center.

Endorsed by Brookline for Every, Brookline PAX.

2. The issue that motivated me to run in 2022 is development and zoning. Recent changes in State laws governing zoning mean that significant zoning change in at least some parts of our Town were very likely.

I ended up playing a significant role in the ultimate outcome of the MBTA CA zoning measures. I believe I was influential in achieving a balanced outcome - one that met the spirit as well as the letter of state law, but balanced that with provisions that achieved important goals for our Coolidge Corner neighborhood and local businesses.

I hope to continue to work on the issues around housing and development, and to provide that balanced perspective.

### **Karina Gruesz (new) / 125 Browne St, Apt 2**

1. and 2. Candidate has not yet responded.

**Henry Levinson (new) / 18 Elba Street**

1. I moved to Brookline in fifth grade, and graduated Brookline High school in 2018. Since more people in Brookline rent their homes than own them, I want to help create Town policies around housing development so they reflect the need for more modest rental units near transit. I also think that Brookline needs more commercial and mixed use development to increase its revenues and increase the vibrancy of its commercial areas.

2. It's important to me that I listen to all the concerns of the people who live in Precinct 2. I am interested in working with other Town Meeting Members to set up regular gatherings to hear from everyone.

**Katy W. Owen (new) / 21 Crowninshield Rd, Unit 11**

1. Brookline Resident for 5 years. Master's in School Psychology with an emphasis in Early Intervention. Background in Behavioral therapy. Adjunct professor with courses in psychology and child development.

2. I am running for Town Meeting because I feel drawn to ask for a seat at the table where important decisions regarding my community get made. I enjoy serving and helping people. I would like the opportunity to represent my neighbors who also care deeply and want what's best for Brookline to flourish. I enjoy finding solutions to problems and seeing people come together for the greater good. Personal interests are in affordable housing, sustainability, and community mental health initiatives.

**Kimberley Richardson (\*) / 347 Saint Paul Street, Unit 3**

1. I am a Clinical Social Worker, Community Activist, Change Agent, and Mother who works toward making equitable changes for Brookline's most underserved communities. I volunteer to serve on various boards and commissions in Brookline in order to provide the needed representation to ensure that the BIPOC community has a seat at the table. I work to advance racial justice and equity in order to raise the voices of those who are struggling in the Brookline community to ensure they are reflected in the decisions and direction of the Town. A lot of my focus is on the BHA community, the place I call home along with many of the most underserved people in Brookline.

2. As a Town Meeting Member, it is my priority to enhance community engagement, particularly within the BIPOC and low-income community, where residents are often overlooked or rendered invisible. I strongly believe in the importance of inclusivity and representation, and I am dedicated to ensuring that the voices and concerns of the P2 community are not only heard but also given the attention they deserved in town meeting. P2 has a significant population consisting of renters and it's crucial that their voices are proportionately represented. I also welcome P2 residents to call me with their concerns as I believe in a community centered approach.

**Katha R. Seidman (new) / 18 Elba Street**

1. I became involved in advocating for more housing in Brookline about 5 years ago, when I understood that more housing near transit was a central solution to many of my concerns: racial equity, climate change and economic development. Since then, I have learned how to listen to concerns about change to our daily landscape that need to be understood if we are to craft solutions to the problems, both ethical and practical, that have evolved from our past land use practices. And, since 84% of our Town's revenue comes from property taxes, I hope to pay careful attention to how we spend that money while also finding ways to increase our tax base.

2. I love to explore innovative solutions to problems. Which means I hope to create ways of hearing about and understanding my constituents' concerns. Along with some of my current town meeting members, I have been exploring ways we can increase opportunities to interact with all Precinct 2 constituents, so we are always listening to and responding to their issues.

**Richard Snyder (\*) / 135 Pleasant Street, Unit 311**

1. I am native to the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts and have lived in Brookline for twenty years. My wife Susan and I are the proud parents of our Brookline High Junior Emily. I work in a management capacity for the Digital department of a large health system. I have been a Town Meeting Member in Precinct 2 for two years. In my spare time, you can typically find me at Amory Park with my dog Hansen, enjoying skiing in New Hampshire in the winter and tennis and golf in the summer.

2. Having served a two-year term as a Town Meeting Member I have learned there are several important responsibilities that a TMM must commit to the citizens they represent. Primary among them is that when a TMM votes, they represent their precinct, not their own impression of the perceived importance or validity of a particular warrant article. To that end, the Town Meeting Members of Precinct 2 have been very good about hosting Precinct 2 meetings prior to the Town Meeting for citizens to share their perspectives on the slate of articles to be reviewed at the Town Meeting. I commit to attending these sessions, listening, and representing the community's view in my votes at Town Meeting.

**Precinct 3**

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

**Mary D. Dewart (\*) / 90 Toxteth Street**

1. I am committed to Brookline. Now serve as a precinct 3 Town Meeting member, member of the Climate Action Brookline board and on the Electrify Brookline team of CAB, Brookline Mothers Out Front and ZEAB, the town's Zero Admission Advisory Board to advance a town wide, neighborhood by neighborhood campaign to transition our residences and vehicles out of fossil fuels. Also served on the boards of the Brookline Community Foundation, the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance and

member of the Brookline Park and Recreation Commission.

2. I have been a community activist since moving to precinct 3 in 1983. I have focused on concerns including street safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles, engaged in development challenges for places like the Bertram Inn and the 40B project at 83 Longwood Ave. Lawrence Park is a school, after school, recreation and community/neighborhood crossroads where adults and kids play, walk, stroll, rest and gather. We need to educate and uplift our community and build a healthy future. We need to communicate and advocate for both precinct and town issues and encourage residents to get involved.

**Jane C. Gilman (\*) / 140 Sewall Avenue, Unit A**

1. I settled in Brookline in 1992 after living in several countries & traveling widely. I've represented precinct 3 since 2008 and co-founded Brookline Town Meeting Green Caucus in 2011. The intersection of the climate crisis; the housing crisis; racial and ethnic divisiveness; and economic disparities are our most pressing issues. I am committed to addressing these challenges as they impact our Town and our precinct.

2. Precinct 3 includes apartment dwellers, multi-family and single family homes. Lawrence School and Park lie at our center and two temples are immediately adjacent. Since 2008, I have represented my neighbors in parking, zoning and development issues that arise out of the complex character of our precinct. I take concerns to town boards and commissions, including the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Transportation Board. I take it as my responsibility to advise the precinct regarding issues and information that affect Precinct 3 and the Town via email and phone calls.

**Gina Marie Hahn (\*) / 201 Longwood Avenue**

1. Fifteen-year resident of Brookline and mother of two teenage children who have gone through the Brookline Public Schools (BHS and Lawrence). Board member, Brookline Neighborhood Alliance; Steering Committee, Brookline by Design; Founding member of the Lawrence School Green Team; member, Friends of Lawrence Park; member, Mothers Out Front; graduate of Amherst College and a former staff editor at The Atlantic; freelance copyeditor and fact-checker. Endorsed by Brookline by Design and PAX.

2. A TMM has a responsibility to educate herself on issues contained in the Warrant, attend all Town Meetings, and vote! In representing Precinct 3, I do my best to evaluate proposed resolutions, by-laws, and budgetary policies with an eye to safeguarding and advancing the well-being of our P3 neighborhood community while promoting the flourishing of the Town as a whole. Successful representation requires good communication. I look forward to engaging with P3 constituents with the help of our Precinct 3 website; the Lawrence Neighborhood Association mailing list; informal meet-ups in the park; and, soon, through the robust inclusive public engagement process of our Comprehensive Planning effort set to kick off this spring.



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

1. Architect, climate advocate, and mother of three, I live on Francis St. with my family. I have had the honor of serving pct 3 in Town Meeting since 2006. I am on the Brookline Zero Emissions Advisory Board, a board member for the Brookline Arts Center, and a leader with Mothers Out Front Brookline. I've worked on campaigns to get Brookline's methane gas leaks fixed and advocated for more renewable energy through the Brookline Green Electricity Program. I've co-petitioned many warrant articles to move Brookline buildings to be fossil fuel free, and for future school building projects to be net-zero energy. Currently I'm working on Electrify Brookline, a town-wide campaign to help residents transition their homes to be fossil fuel free.

2. My responsibility to my precinct is to bring important town issues to their attention, represent and direct their concerns to appropriate town staff, and advocate for precinct 3 when voting on issues at Town Meeting.

I consider myself a liaison between Brookline issues debated at the town level and my precinct 3 neighbors. I frequently post information on our neighborhood listserv about important town issues and information sessions, as well as neighborhood happenings that I think will be of interest. I work with neighbors who need clarification on an issue or point them in a direction to get more information. I am very accessible on the listserv, by email and I am frequently walking my dog around the neighborhood to stop and chat.

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

1. My husband and I moved to Brookline in 1999 from Chicago with our (then) young son and daughter. With a graduate degree in public policy and a career in government and policy-focused non-profit work on behalf of women, youth, and families, I have been active in Brookline schools and civic life since we settled in the Lawrence School neighborhood. Briefly:

- Town Meeting Member Pct.3 since 2002
- School Committee Member 2005-2016, Chair 2010-2012
- Mom of 2 Lawrence and BHS graduates
- Born and raised in NYC; AB Harvard; MPA Princeton
- Currently: Brookline Commission for Women (former chair); and Chair, Brookline City Charter Campaign

2. As a TMM, I've tried to keep neighbors informed and involved in local issues, especially those directly affecting our precinct. I've helped build and maintain a precinct website and both use and urge participation in the Lawrence Neighborhood Assoc listserv to share information. But a TMM has a very limited role (to vote at Town Meeting), which diminishes real representation/voice of the precinct in many local decisions. That's one of the reasons I'm working with others across Brookline to elect a Charter Commission. We need that formal process to consider what form of local government can best engage, represent, and be responsive to our diverse residents while providing strong leadership and accountability to meet today's many challenges.

**Candidates For Two Year Term  
Vote For Not More Than One**

**Donald Leka (new) / 140 Sewall Avenue, Unit A**

1. I was raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and came East to school. After graduating from Yale College I came up to Harvard Law School. I held senior legal positions at The Gillette Company and with Teradyne. Nowadays I spend time practicing piano instead of law. I raised my family in Newton, and have lived in Brookline 28 years, and previously served on Town Meeting for 10. Member. I deeply enjoy life in this Town, where civic engagement is a way of life for so many residents. We have 5 daughters and 6 grandchildren. We are enriched to share our lives with them.

2. It's important to learn the preferences and needs of constituents and transmit them to Town Meeting and relevant Town departments. I have a responsibility to educate constituents about Town matters especially as it impacts our precinct. Traffic and pedestrian safety; uncontrolled development; parking; and drainage at Lawrence School Park are among Precinct 3 issues. I am aligned with the missions of Town Meeting Green Caucus and with Brookline By Design. The Precinct 3 caucus has discussed various ways to communicate with our constituents. I support "meet your Town Meeting members" forums to become acquainted with and support constituents.

**Isaac Silberberg (new) / 98 Toxteth Street**

1. Isaac is a current TMM in Precinct 17, and recently moved to Precinct 3. A proud graduate of Brookline public schools, he voted to make Brookline a sustainability leader in decarbonizing infrastructure, introduced legislation to assist financially vulnerable homeowners, and helped spearhead the campaign to build the High School expansion. The kid of an architect and urban planner, he embraces nuance: he knows the importance of our streetscapes, buildings, and public spaces, and supports owner-occupancy requirements for ADUs.

Isaac would be the youngest TMM in the Precinct 3 delegation, and (he believes) the only renter. Isaac studied at MIT, and if not at JP Licks or Kupels he's available at isaacsilberberg@gmail.com or 617-943-1446.

2. I pledge to make myself available and actively seek out the residents of Precinct 3 to hear your opinions on issues that matter to you, and always be honest with you about where I stand.

I've hosted office hours as a TMM, and want to continue that. I always listen with open ears. I want to hear your perspective on everything from the town's structural deficit (I'm concerned) to walk signals being out (I got the one at St. Paul and Longwood repaired).

**Precinct 4**

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

**Karen Ambrose (\*) / 93 Walnut Street, Unit 2**

1. and 2. Candidate has not yet responded.

**Alan Christ (\*) / 117 Kent Street, Unit 2**

- 1. • Brookline Resident since 2008
- Four-Term Town Meeting Member since 2014
- Economic Development Advisory Board Member since 2016
- Petitioner of Successful Business Recycling and Net-Zero Schools Warrant Articles
- Member of Green Caucus, River Road Study Committee, Coolidge Corner Study Committee, Kent-Station Senior Housing Committee, 10 Brookline Place Committee, & Murphy Playground Committee
- 2015 "Yes for Brookline Lawrence School Co-Captain, 2018 "Yes for Brookline" Precinct 4 Co-Captain, Supporter of the Pierce, Driscoll, & BHS Debt-Exclusions
- Practicing Architect in Brookline
- M.Arch. from Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- BHS Parent of 2 Children

2. As a TMM, I am responsible for representing Precinct 4 and advocating for thoughtful solutions to the town's problems. To this end, I will encourage rational planning to create new affordable housing units near transit, while improving the quality of existing affordable units in town. I will also encourage reducing the town's carbon footprint by updating its bicycle network, promoting composting, and incentivizing the use of renewable energy.

Another component of my job is the communication of critical issues to my precinct, and serving as the voice of my precinct in larger townwide discussions. To achieve this, I have spoken out at public meetings regarding many issues, such as the MBTA-CA rezoning and the Pierce School reconstruction.

**Robert S. Daves (\*) / 9 Upland Road**

1. Resident for 25 years. Carpenter. Avid biker. Grandpa. Married with all 3 children graduating BHS. TMM Precinct 5, 2003-2021. TMM Precinct 4, 2021-present. Member of Brookline MLK Day Celebration Committee. Board Member of the Brookline Community Foundation since 2019. Member of the recent Town/BCF Racial Equity Grant Committee. In 2015-16 led town effort to honor tenor Roland Hayes and install plaque at his former home. In 2019-20 led town effort to honor artist John Wilson and install his sculpture of MLK, Jr in Town Hall. (Photo credit: Liz Linder Photography)

2. My main responsibilities as TMM in Precinct 4 are to be an accessible and diligent representative my neighborhood and work to build consensus with the other 254 TMMs to make decisions that secure the best future for all that live in our town. I can use my 25 years of Brookline perspective and personal experience to inform my decisions but I have to work hard to learn the



perspective of others who, in our diverse neighborhood, offer a wide variety of lived experience. Throughout the year I also try to participate any important hearings and proposals. And then I show up. I have never missed a session or even a single vote at TM in over 20 years. I ask myself, “Will my vote make a better, more equitable Brookline?”

**Lisamarie Sears (new) / 21 Kent Street, Unit 1**

1. and 2. Candidate has not yet responded.

**Precinct 5**

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

**Kevin Allen England (\*) / 21 Milton Road**

1. I am a current Town Meeting representative for Precinct 5 serving a two-year term. Subhadra and I are Brookline homeowners for 24 years with 3 children educated in the Brookline public schools. We absolutely love our neighborhood – and Brookline. I am active in The Greater Point Neighborhood Association and an officer on the Board (Secretary) for the past 9 years. I am an IT professional with specialization in HR & Talent Management technology platforms and services.

2. We need representatives in town government who are thoughtful, open-minded and ready to listen and learn – and this is how I think of myself. My hope is to represent people’s priorities and concerns in Precinct 5. This means that I need to be accessible and a familiar face in the neighborhood. It is important to me to participate in all neighborhood events -- and to be reachable by email and phone. The issues we face as a town require all of us to avoid “taking sides” and to instead be open to dialogue and finding the right balance that will work for Brookline.

**Ariel Gruzman (new) / 141 Chestnut St**

1. Brookline resident for a decade with three children at Lincoln School, I've transitioned from renting in the Point area to homeownership. Understanding the hurdles young families encounter in purchasing homes, I run a business that assists them with financial aspects of home buying, aiming to make a meaningful difference family by family. Now, I'm committed to leveraging my experiences to better Brookline for everyone.

2. Brookline's education system is key to attracting families, necessitating continued school investment. However, despite significant efforts, our schools are not meeting our high standards or fully nurturing each child's potential. It's crucial to monitor educational content and methods. I support rebuilding Pierce School and advocating for fair compensation for school staff, stressing the importance of preserving resources crucial for students' growth.

**Omar S. Mabrouk (\*) / 10 Rice Street**

1. I grew up in Cleveland Ohio and have lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Princeton, New Jersey, Ferrara, Italy

and Brookline since 2015. I have 3 children - 2 at Lincoln and 1 at BHS. I studied Chemistry and Biology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and I have a PhD in Neuropharmacology from the University of Ferrara (Italy). I currently work in a Research organization as a Translational Scientist, working on developing medicines for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other rare neurological diseases. In Town I have coached Rec soccer and play the bass guitar in a neighborhood dad band called the Grateful Dads.

2. Town Meeting Members should generally have views that reflect the overall attitudes of the precinct they represent. Many people in precinct 5 have the same types of concerns of the majority in Brookline, i.e. ensuring schools are appropriately funded, access to affordable housing, and improving racial equity in our town. I think TMMs should do a better job engaging with the renter community in Brookline which make up 51% of our population. I will continue communicating with constituents (friends and neighbors) through face-to-face interactions at neighborhood gatherings as well during Precinct 5 specific events.

**Hugh Mattison (\*) / 209 Pond Avenue**

1. Professional: Accountant, financial systems and GIS analyst (retired).

Volunteer: Environmental activist – Friends of Leverett Pond Co-chair, Brookline GreenSpace Alliance Board, Tree Planting Committee member, Payment in Lieu of Taxes Committee (PILOT) Moderator's Committee-2023, Town Meeting Member since 1987, various other committees. Successfully sponsored warrant article creating planting strip for shrubs and trees on Brookline Ave.; Spearheaded restoration of Carlton Street Footbridge and Brookline side of Olmsted Park.

2. Keep informed about issues affecting Precinct 5 through interaction with constituents, attending meetings, reading press, responding to emails and using my experience and best judgment.

**Beth Miller (new) / 122 Chestnut St**

1. A resident of the Greater Point neighborhood in Brookline since 1993, with two daughters who attended Lincoln School and BHS, I also bring many years of experience working in policy analysis, program evaluation, and communications. I have applied my Ph.D. from Brandeis to leadership in education as well as afterschool and philanthropy, and I now have the capacity, energy, and time to lend my hand at making our town a better place.

2. I am running for Town Meeting for one reason--to serve my community. I will engage with my constituents by being present in neighborhood locations, holding coffees where folks can share their thoughts and concerns, and sending email updates to those who want to hear from me. I am committed to listening, learning, and doing all I can to maintain and enhance our ethnically, racially, economically diverse neighborhood.

I believe that with open dialogue and compassionate listening we have much to learn from each other. We can find common areas of agreement and solve problems.

**Phyllis R. O’Leary (\*) / 16 Jamaica Road, Unit 2**

1. Life long resident of precinct 5  
Homeowner  
Have attended Lincoln, Brookline High School  
Married to George OLeary  
Former town employee  
Have Three Children Paul, John, and Robert  
all attended Sewall, Lincoln, & Brookline High  
Self employed Antique Auctioneer,  
Former Parent Coordinator Title 1 program Lincoln & Pierce School  
Member planning com. Harry Downs Field rehabilitation  
1979 & 2020.  
Board member Point Neighborhood Association  
Former Board member of building the new Lincoln School

2. My responsibility as a town meeting member is to be informed of constituent, precinct, and town issues, this is important in making and taking votes on town meeting amendments.  
Being involved in neighborhood activities gives me the opportunity to listen and discuss  
With my neighbors their concerns. personal contact, email, telephone are important ways of communicating  
With my constituents.  
I support Public Services, Education, Police, Fire, & DPW. Sensible housing & commercial development.

**Alok Somani (new) / 126 Cottage St**

1. My name is Alok Somani and my wife, two children and our dog Baozi moved to Brookline in 2019 after completing an expat assignment in China. I am an engineer by training and am a small business owner.

I have been fortunate through my service on the Advisory Committee and community engagement to listen, understand and participate in discussing the many topics that are important to the Brookline and P5 community.

What I hear most is how much people enjoy living in Brookline and treasure the schools, but that affordable housing is a serious concern.

I am endorsed by PAX and Brookline by Design.

2. I serve on the Advisory Committee and pay attention to Select Board activity. Nothing is perfect but both seem to work. And Town staff are dedicated and hard-working. What might improve is Town Meeting and specifically the decisions made there.

I will seek to vote objectively, in the best long-term interest of the Town and P5. I am committed to sharing the pros and cons of topics under consideration and seeking out and representing the views of P5 residents.

Our main challenge seems to be that we have many initiatives each addressing an important issue - schools, public safety, building and road maintenance, parks, affordable housing, zoning reform, senior centers, etc. But revenue is limited and primarily from property tax.

## Precinct 6

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

#### Arthur Wellington Conquest, III (\*) / 115 Tappan Street

1. Resident/homeowner 39 years, with wife, Virginia. 2 children graduated BHS. Outward Bound instructor, public high school teacher and administrator, NYC, Stanford, CT., Boston; Education Director, Thompson Island Outdoor Education Center '80-'82. Town Meeting Member, 21 years. BHS PTO, president, '92; BHS School Site Council; Director, Brookline Black Achievement Math/Science Program, '94-'96. Brookline Adult & Community Education Advisory Board, '85, President since '02; Town Meeting Members Association, President '19-'21; Member of DIRC Sub-Committee for Citizens Complaints 2019; Member Indigenous People's Committee '18-'20; Member New Patterns of Racism Sub-Committee, 2020; Member Committee to Select Superintendent PSB, 2020.

2. As an effective elected TMM I'll try to be responsive to the needs of my constituents within the parameters of the democratic guidelines that govern my involvement and participation in Brookline Town Government. For more than two, plus, decades I've focused on fairness (and sometimes) responded to the minority or opposing points of view so that a wide range of my constituents feel they have been adequately heard and represented. My telephone number is public and I read and answer my emails regularly when contacted. I walk and ride my bike in and around P6 and interact routinely with many constituents when I do. I see myself as a dedicated community servant and almost always act accordingly. I thank you for your vote in advance.

#### Scott L. Englander (\*) / 26 Elm Street

1. Endorsed by PAX, Brookline for Everyone, & Brookline Equity Coalition. Energy consultant & clean energy entrepreneur, lived in Brookline since 1992. My wife and I feel fortunate for our two sons to have attended our outstanding Brookline schools (Pierce, Lawrence, & Brookline High).

Town Meeting Member since 2016. Transportation Board 2013-2018. Chair, Complete Streets Committee 2015-2016. As a TMM, led, co-petitioned, & helped draft many warrant articles, mostly around sustainability, transportation, and housing issues. Instrumental in decision to use geothermal heat pump technology to heat & cool our schools. Served on Boards of nonprofits LivableStreets Alliance, Design Museum Fdn. More info: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/scottenglander/>

2. Brookline is a wonderful place to live, and I'm passionate about continuing to make our town a more sustainable and welcoming place for all by representing Precinct 6 at Town Meeting. If re-elected, I'd aspire to ensure that the diverse needs and concerns of Precinct 6 residents are reflected in the public process, with regard to both precinct-specific and town-wide issues. Whether through email, a phone call, or a conversation in the park or at a public event, constituents know that I'll always make time to actively listen and help get their

questions and concerns addressed, as well as offer guidance on how they themselves can become more engaged in the public process around issues they care about.

#### Ruvi Kitov (new) / 18 Elm Street

1. I graduated from the University of Maryland in 1998 (Computer Science), worked as a developer for a few years, and then co-founded a Cybersecurity software company which I managed for 20 years. I retired from my role in 2023, and now have more time for non-profit and civic activities. I serve on the boards of Tufin, YPO Seacoast Integrated and Futures Forge, an organization dedicated to revolutionizing tertiary education. I also volunteer as a startup mentor with IAC Edge.

With my wife Adi, we have three children who have all attended Brookline public schools (one is currently a senior at BHS).

2. I'm running for Town Meeting because I would like to see Brookline thrive and maintain its uniqueness as a welcoming, friendly community for everyone with great schools and high engagement. At Town Meeting I would be a measured voice with a focus on:

- Ensuring that the new Pierce building is successfully completed;
- Providing proper Town services to all residents, as new housing developments are being planned and built;
- Maintaining the excellence of our school system.

I plan to meet with as many residents as possible, and am always available and open to getting feedback and input on things that matter to people in the precinct.

#### Dave Porter (new) / 21 Clark Rd

1. Before Brookline, my wife and I had nine mailing addresses in nine years, but when it was time to raise our children, we came back here.

Since returning, we've added solar & heat pumps to our home; I've worked for Warrant Articles and spoken to the Select Board, most recently for the long-overdue Pierce project; I've brought my kids to BLM marches and to walk picket lines. My wife and I put our time, our money, and our family where our values are.

Put simply, Brookline is the best place I know of. Nowhere else I've found the same blend of quiet and exciting and diverse; of transit-accessible parks & schools; of great restaurants and stores a short walk away. And we have a government and citizenry dedicated to improving it all. Let's go!

2. I bike my kids to school; we walk to Brookline Village and Coolidge Corner and to Cypress Playground and to the library; when the weather's nice, I work on my laptop in our parks and parklets. Our community is out and about in a way that connects us foundationally, to the benefit of us all — my responsibility is to work as hard as I can to build more of that connectedness into our daily lives.

Our town government is messy but accessible. My responsibility is to help anyone I meet out, or who emails or calls me, with any question at all, navigate how the things work and what we can do together to make our lives better.

This year, my responsibility is to do everything I can to get Pierce rebuilt on time and on budget.

#### Jeffrey David Rudolph (\*) / 29 Greenough Street

1. I have lived in Brookline for nineteen years, 2000-2007 with my wife Sherry, and 2012-present with Sherry and our two daughters (Ellie & Meg, 10th & 5th Grade - BHS & 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 27 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

2. My responsibility to my precinct is to listen and understand their needs, help them with issues related to the Town and the various boards and Commissions, and represent them at Town Meeting. I communicate and engage by walking around and meeting people, and talking with them on the streets, in the parks, and at the schools.

#### Felina Silver (new) / 34 Perry Street

1. I've lived in Brookline since the age of three. I recently returned home to Perry Street with two of my six children. Having recently separated from my husband of 13 years and the loss of my mother, Faye Mucha, I was missing my childhood home and my family.

Brookline is my home, and I want to do all I can to ensure that we are doing right by our community in every way.

2. Town Meeting members should be present at as many meetings as possible to ensure that the voices of their constituents are heard. With that in mind, I want to share information via my campaign page that I feel may be important to my constituents. I will also send out emails and, upon their request, meet with them individually or in groups.

#### Lawrence A. Whitney (new) / 23 White Pl

1. Brookline Village residents since 2013, my wife and I are proud parents of two Pierce School students (2nd and 5th grade), and our multigenerational family includes my father-in-law. I am passionate about Brookline being a walkable community, housing availability and affordability in town, and maintaining the excellence of our schools. I have worked as a chaplain at Brandeis and Boston Universities and a research associate at the Smithsonian. In Brookline I have served on the Pierce Principal search committee, am part of the Build Pierce Now group, and am endorsed by Brookline for Everyone.

2. Town Meeting members are responsible for making decisions for the Town of Brookline and its residents that responsibly manage our shared resources and make our community a happy, healthy place to live and work. I am committed to collaborative and participatory decision-making, and that means hearing from you! Help me keep in touch by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/VQLEJ4xw7qt5AhEz6>

## Precinct 7

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

#### Julia E. Barnes (new) / 411 Washington Street, Apt 1

1. My husband and I became renters in Precinct 7 in 2019. We chose Brookline based on its excellent public school system and vibrant, diverse community. I am currently a stay-at-home parent of two young children, ages five and two, eldest of whom will enter Pierce Elementary School as a kindergartener in fall 2024. Some of the issues I care deeply about are support of our public schools and teachers unions, affordable houses at all levels of income, racial and ethnic diversity and inclusion in our town, and aggressive measures to combat and mitigate the effects of climate change.

2. If elected to Town Meeting, I believe my responsibility will be to reflect the consensus of my precinct. I will aim to stay informed on local initiatives and upcoming statuses, and work to disseminate such information to my neighbors and community members I meet. I will strive to be open and receptive to all opinions brought to me by constituents and will endeavor to promote their concerns in the arena of Town Meeting where I can.

#### David Eber (new) / 7 Littell Road

1. I grew up in Maplewood, New Jersey. I have lived in Brookline since 1997 and on Littell Road since 1998. My wife and I have two children, now adults, who went to the Lawrence School and BHS. We chose to settle in Brookline when we moved to the Boston area, seeing it as nearly unique among American communities for its combination of excellent schools, density and walkability, and easy access to my Back Bay job and the cultural offerings of Boston. I am an attorney who represents book publishers and authors. Before starting my own practice several years ago, I worked as in-house counsel for a Boston-based publisher for 20 years.

This is my first time running for Town Meeting. I have been endorsed by Brookline for Everyone.

2. I am running to help solve the problem of Brookline's housing affordability crisis, and would view my responsibility to P7 as supporting all measures to do so. We are in danger of becoming a town where only the very wealthiest (or fortunate incumbent homeowners) can afford to live, the polar opposite of the diverse, inclusive community most of us want Brookline to be. As a Town Meeting member, I would work to eliminate the barriers that prevent or delay the construction of more housing for all income levels, especially near public transit.

If elected, I will listen respectfully to the folks in Precinct 7, whether they agree or disagree with my views, via phone calls, emails, newsletters, social media, or any other way they wish.

#### Roberta M. Falke (new) / 15 Alton Place, Unit 2

1. Born New York City 1949, lived in Mexico City age 7 - 17, fluent in Spanish and a little Mexican in spirit.

City College of New York 1972 - Albert Einstein College of Medicine 1975 - Resident Montefiore Hosp, Bronx. Oncology Fellow Tufts Medical Center 1981, practiced at Harvard Vanguard, BIDMC and BWH, retired 2016.

Married 44 yrs to Dr A. Levey, who gave me a kidney 14 years ago. A gift of life!

Live in Coolidge Corner for 45 years. Son went to Devotion/Ridley school, BHS. Member Temple Sinai. Walk to lots of Sox games.

Worked for migrant justice, including successful campaigns for licenses for undocumented people and free calls in our prisons.

Have learned that Town government has a real effect on our lives, and I wish to participate.

2. Endorsed: Brookline4Everyone, Brookline Equity Coalition

I love this town and want to see people of all ages and backgrounds be welcome and thrive here, as I did, but the lack of affordable housing gets in the way. Working for change with B4E and GBIO. Issues concerning all aspects of our lives come before Town Meeting. I will listen to the Select Board, and study the TM Warrant. I wish to advocate for my constituents, but will hear all points of view, read and ask questions so as to make thoughtful contributions, and seek change with constructive compromise.

I will address my precinct 7 neighbors' questions respectfully, and listen to their opinions. If possible, I will join community conversations with LWV, BIG or other opportunities.

#### Ernest A. Frey (\*) / 423 Washington Street, Unit 3

1. Retired Programmer Analyst in Insurance Industry for 40 years. 40-year Brookline resident, Town Meeting Member since 2010. Active with League of Women Voters, supporter of Representative Town Meeting. Endorsed by PAX and Brookline By Design. Member of Water & Sewer Rate Task Force. Cost of Brookline water adds 10% to property taxes that is passed on to condominium owners and renters who do not see bills. As a basic need, economically challenged residents should have lower rates. Interested in moderate neighborhood changes for which sufficient opportunity has been given to the residents to comment. Town must inform residents affected by plans, such as Complete Streets, and other neighborhood changes, with participation encouraged.

2. A principal responsibility of Town Meeting Members should be to be aware of happenings in their precinct and the town and communicating those matters to affected constituents. These matters especially include housing and structural demolitions and developments, roadway deteriorations and improvements, and dangers to drivers and pedestrians. As a dense precinct, with many multi-family structures, parking for our elderly and handicapped residents is critical. Town Meeting

Members should be a conduit, connecting the town departments and constituents, providing notice of public hearings regarding those events. To encourage that communication, I intend to resurrect the Coolidge Corner SouthSide (CCSS) Neighborhood Association.

#### Kelly A. Hardebeck (\*) / 18 Littell Road

1. I am running for Town Meeting in P7 to represent my neighborhood as the Town faces several challenges, including the current budget shortfall. I will continue to support and advocate for Pierce School project because it is essential to this community. Precinct 7 is also included in the MBTA-CA zoning that was enacted last November and I'd like to continue to be involved as development in accordance with the zoning begins. Furthermore, I'll stay engaged as the Planning Board examines other changes to our Zoning By-laws to incentivize multi-family development and we start the Comprehensive Plan process.

Brookline resident since 1996; Advisory Committee member; Former PTO President; Technology Professional; Nonprofit Board Member

2. As a town meeting member, my responsibility is to serve as a voice and advocate for the residents of my precinct. I believe strongly in transparent and accessible local government that is responsive to the needs and concerns of residents. While I may have my own views and principles, I would make a concerted effort to understand the diverse perspectives and lived experiences of people in my precinct. I'd engage with neighbors in person, at events, and via email to seek their input and share information.

#### Kevin C. Jefferies (new) / 22 Harris St

1. After growing up in Schenectady, New York, I attended Clarkson University and Syracuse University earning degrees in Engineering and Management and Biochemistry, respectively. I moved to Brookline in 2002 to attend Tufts Medical School, where I earned a Ph.D. in Biochemistry. My family and I moved into our house on Harris Street in 2014, where my wife and I are both scientists in the biotech industry, and my daughter is a 5th grader at Pierce Elementary School.

2. My responsibility to my precinct is to use my best judgement and try to bring a long-term perspective to the critical issues facing our town. It's important to know my precinct and its demographics, starting with my own neighborhood, and the friends, neighbors, and fellow parents at Pierce School, and those who live in the broader community. Our Precinct already has a distribution of TMMs in a variety of living situations (owners and renters, single and multifamily homes) and I am already in close contact with some and look forward to getting to know others. Adding to those, I am committed to actively engaging with the residents in my precinct, listening to their feedback and concerns, and advocating for their interests.

#### Sean Leckey (new) / 31 Harris St, Apt 302

1. Born in New York, I first moved to Brookline in 2007 and my daughter is now in the sixth grade at Lawrence. My work and educational background is in Physics and Electrical Engineering which I've used to work to build the national grid to accommodate green energy.



Currently working at a battery storage company in Boston. Active in political campaigns, local, state and national activism since 1992. Addressing the Climate Crisis and the Housing Crisis are my top concerns and recently, mitigating the impacts to Brookline residents from skyrocketing antisemitism and Islamophobia, impacting students, employees and those that have had their safety threatened. Endorsed by Brookline For Everyone and Brookline Equity Coalition.

2. I believe it is the responsibility of town meeting members to actively engage residents in the neighborhood; particularly those who are impacted by policies debated; and getting encouraging them to have their voice heard.

**Jonathan J. Margolis (\*) / 49 Harvard Avenue, Unit 4**

1. Brookline resident since 1977. Town meeting member 1993-95, 2006-present. Library Trustee 2005-present. Trial lawyer representing plaintiffs in employment-discrimination and civil rights matters. Condominium owner. Endorsed by Brookline PAX and Brookline by Design.

2. As Town Meeting Members we have a responsibility to the precinct, but also to the entire town. Precinct 7 is one of the most densely populated, which gives me a particular view about proposals for still greater density in North Brookline, even as I recognize the need for more housing, particularly for those who are not wealthy (development has been concentrated mainly on high-priced units). The town also faces serious financial challenges, which will mean making hard choices. For instance, the schools' budget presently takes more than 60% of total town spending. Can we continue that, or do we need to re-think our strategy? (As a Library Trustee, I am keenly aware that the library takes only about 1% of the town budget.)

**Brianna Mirabile (new) / 33 Stearns Rd, Unit 2A**

1. "We have to move to Coolidge Corner, it's the best place to live in or around Boston." My roommate said this to me as I moved back to Boston after 6 years in DC. 2 years later, my roommate and I were having serious conversations about moving out due to how expensive it is to live in Brookline. Coolidge Corner is still the best place to live in the Boston area (and I am more than happy to tell everyone I meet about it). However, we need to make sure Brookline remains a destination for young renters like me - people who are starting out building careers and lives. People who don't have access to the kind of income needed to live in town because they're getting priced out. I'm proud to be their voice through May and endorsed by PAX and BBD.

2. First and foremost, my responsibility to my precinct will be to help make Brookline a more affordable place to live. We can't continue down our current path of pricing almost everyone out. If we truly want to be an inclusive place to live, we need more young people and more renters on Town Meeting. In terms of engaging with my constituents, I plan to have an open door policy with my neighbors in Precinct 7. I've made my information publicly available and I plan to do outreach specifically to young people who rent. I also plan to make sure I'm the voice of as many kinds of people who

live in my precinct - while I will have a focus in a certain area, I will make a concerted effort to be accessible to everyone.

**Max Newell (new) / 15 Alton Pl, Unit 3**

1. Born in Boston, raised in Newton, Max Newell has lived in Brookline continuously since 1997. Partner to Amy Newell and father to two children (one teenager, one adult). Max first decided to run for Town Meeting in 2023 because of his longstanding interest in housing and transportation policy and how they both can be used to advance socioeconomic justice and greener living. He served as TMM to replace a departing member in the second half of 2023, and is now running for a full three-year seat. Max has been endorsed by Brookline For Everyone and the Brookline Equity Coalition.

2. I believe that town meeting members have the responsibility not only to represent our own precinct's immediate interests but also to consider the larger values that the voters elected them for. Active participation in the neighborhood and responding to and engaging with folks whether because they reached out about town business or because we just get to talking on the street is important. I support the work of Brookline Equity Coalition and Brookline for Everyone in engaging about important town topics within and across precincts, and I'm actively keeping up with and involved in our townwide FB as well.

**Precinct 8**

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

**Nels Richard Carlson (new) / 147 Fuller St**

1. Endorsed by Brookline for Everyone.

Endorsed by the Brookline Equity Coalition

Nels Richard Carlson is a science teacher and life-long environmentalist who has always been politically active. With one child at Ruffin Ridley school and another who will enroll in a few years, he loves all things Brookline, especially his neighbors.

2. As town meeting member I would represent the shared values of our community in Precinct 8 and work to protect and improve upon what makes Brookline special. My goal if elected would be to help create a Brookline that's more inclusive, push for affordable housing, improve the walking/bike-ability, and help support our schools. One of the many great things about Brookline is how easy it is to get to know your neighbors, whether it's walking your dog, going to the store, dropping the kid off at school. Any time I go out it seems like I run into someone, which I love. For those neighbors whom I have yet to have the pleasure of meeting I offer an open invitation to reach out to me and we can chat about all things Brookline and P8.

**Susan E. Cherry (new) / 34 Babcock Street, Unit 102**

1. Born and raised in Kechi, Kansas, I've since embarked on an enriching journey that led me to Brookline, MA, which I've called home for nearly two decades. Moving here was a pivotal moment, marking the start of a new chapter filled with growth, community, and opportunity. Now deeply rooted in Brookline, I am eager to contribute my experiences and passion to serve as a dedicated advocate for our vibrant town.

2. As a town meeting member for Precinct 8, my primary responsibility is to represent the interests and concerns of my constituents effectively. I will strive to maintain open lines of communication through various channels, including phone, email, one-on-one meetings, and social media platforms. By actively engaging with residents, listening to their feedback, and keeping them informed about relevant issues and decisions, I aim to foster transparency, accessibility, and trust in our local governance.

**David-Marc Goldstein (\*) / 22 Osborne Road, Unit 2**

1. Born and raised in Precinct 8. Attended Brookline schools. Progressive incumbent Town Meeting Member. Appointed as Precinct 8's representative to the Town's Advisory (Finance) Committee, serving as Chair of the Public Safety subcommittee (Police, Fire) and also serving on the Human Services subcommittee (Library, Veterans, Council on Aging, Health). I was appointed to the Moderator's Committee on Forms of Government, as well as the Town's Naming Committee. I also serve on the Steering Committee for the North Brookline Neighborhood Association. My email is dmgoldstein9@gmail.com.

2. Our Town Meeting form of government is designed to encourage resident participation and needs to include everyone's voices and ideas. My responsibility is to continue speaking out on the many concerns our neighborhood faces, including affordable housing, senior issues, education, the need for complete streets for everyone, fighting climate change, etc. Reaching out to ~4,000 residents is complicated, and communication in today's world is fragmented. The challenge is to ensure that residents know the issues that will affect our neighborhood. We need engaged residents to reach out to their TMMs.

I ask for your vote so I can continue to ensure that our neighborhood's concerns are heard at Town Hall. Endorsed by PAX, & Brookline By Design.

**William W Heinemann (new) / 18 Gibbs St, Unit 1**

1. I moved to Brookline from Pennsylvania early last year, and quickly came to appreciate how much this town has to offer. I have long been active in local Democratic politics, both running for office and helping with other campaigns.

I have been endorsed by Brookline For Everyone, Brookline by Design, Brookline PAX, and Brookline Equity Coalition.



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I am retired from a career in software engineering management, and now provide data and technology consulting services to nonprofit organizations. I regularly volunteer with the Brookline Food Pantry, am a board member of Climate Action Brookline, and am also active with Biking Brookline.

I live on Gibbs Street with my wife Linda and our cats, and near our daughter and her family in Newton.

2. I am running for Town Meeting to help meet Brookline's goals of providing excellent schools for all, meeting our 2040 goal of zero greenhouse emissions, increasing housing diversity and availability, improving walkability and other non-vehicle transportation, and supporting our thriving business districts.

All of these issues directly affect Precinct 8. I will try to ensure that the precinct's residents know about them and are aware of how the Town is responding. I believe in open dialog and hearing all points of view, and will work to gather information and perspectives to help determine my vote.

### **Charles Homer (\*) / 76 Green Street, Unit 1**

1. I am a retired pediatrician and Associate Clinical Professor at Harvard. I co-founded the National Institute for Children's Health Quality in 1999 and led it until 2015. I was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Services Policy, US DHHS in the Obama Administration through 2016. I am a leader of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization's Housing Justice Campaign; chair of the Brookline Advisory Council on Public Health; senior advisor at Boston anti-poverty nonprofit Economic Mobility Pathways; and immediate past president of Temple Sinai Brookline. I first moved to Brookline in 1982, and have lived here continuously since 1991. I'm married to Judith Fabricant. My two adult children attended Brookline public schools.

2. I am running because I want Brookline to be a place that more fully reflects its professed liberal values, i.e., a place where a diversity of residents can call the Town home, the schools enable excellent outcomes for all, we lead the nation in the tackling climate change and advancing public health and more. Endorsed by Brookline for Everyone and Pax, I conveyed my priorities when first running two years ago by knocking on doors, and since by doing community walks concerning the Harvard Street re-zoning, holding public meetings together with precinct TMM prior to each Town Meeting and responding to all inquiries from constituents. If re-elected, I will continue these strategies of engagement.

### **Daria Mark (new) / 14 Gibbs St, Unit 3**

1. I'm an electrical engineer by training and I've worked for years in climate advocacy and renewable energy. I am a product of a public school system and a lucky recipient of a merit scholarship and grants for college, so I know first hand the opportunity those 2 things have afforded me.

I was one of the founding members of the Brookline Mothers Out Front team. I was on the statewide taskforce that successfully pushed the legislature to increase the amount of renewable energy in the state's

electricity mix requirements. As part of my work with Mothers Out Front, I started giving energy efficiency presentations around the state and I organized electrification house tours in Brookline for 2 years.

I'm excited for the opportunity to do more.

2. My responsibility to my precinct is to keep Brookline developing a vibrant and diverse residential and commercial community with a solid fiscal governance and a great public school system. I can be found by email, through public forums and around the area while riding my bike.

### **Alisa Maria Plazonja (new) / 152 Naples Rd**

1. I've lived in Pct. 8 for 28 years. I'm passionate about environmental issues and all issues that affect everyone's quality of life - affordability, housing, schools, basic services, equity and livability. I'm running for Town Meeting because Brookline is confronting a myriad of critical issues that I'd like to try to help solve by working to find common ground and creative solutions. I'm confident that if we work together in good faith we can rise to the challenges before us.

I'm a board member of Climate Action Brookline and a member of the Mothers Out Front Tree Group, Electrify Brookline and the Open Space Plan Committee. I'm also a board member of The Animal Rescue League of Boston and chair its Governance Committee. Endorsed by PAX.

2. My responsibility to Pct. 8 will be to make sure that my neighborhood's voices are reflected in all issues. To accomplish this, whether responding to warrant articles or initiating them, I'll show up, listen, learn and then act. I'll stay up to date on town happenings, dig into how they impact both the town at large and our precinct in particular, engage with residents to share my findings and gather perspectives, and then pursue the course of action that best reflects our collective interests. I'll also try to help residents with individual issues by serving as a liaison to town resources. I will make myself available by phone, email, and in person, and will also reach out periodically via email with relevant updates for those interested.

### **David Tytell (new) / 8 Hamilton Rd**

1. David Tytell has been a Brookline resident since 2001 and bought his home here in 2009. He is the father of a K-12 graduate of the Brookline Public Schools and has a second child currently at BHS. He is endorsed by Brookline for Everyone.

A former astronomer, he has also earned a science journalism degree, and he currently brings his strong science background and communication experience to healthcare and higher education communication at MIT. He has served on multiple boards including as President of the Caltech Alumni Association, and is currently a Massachusetts Director of the New England Society for Healthcare Communications.

2. Town Meeting should focus its attention on making Brookline a place where regular people can come, raise a family, and contribute to the vibrancy of our town. Right now, Brookline is becoming the home of the elite — where either you have millions to live here, or you

already own property. It's not fair, and we need to do better and create more opportunities.

I strongly support increasing affordable multi-family housing for lower- and middle-class households. More population, particularly young families, brings more money into our town, keeps Brookline vibrant, and gives others the opportunity to live in this tremendous location.

I also support additional commercial space as our small businesses are among the very best parts of our town.

### **Aone Liyuan Wang (\*) / 51 John Street, Unit 403**

1. A normal person tries to live a not-too-normal life.

I am a Dad of two daughters in BHS and FRR.

In my first term as a town meeting member, I led the warrant articles to make digital meeting documents a default option to reduce printing needs.

About myself, I was lucky to have a job that allowed me to work on a special project to turn carbon dioxide into plastic to replace petroleum-based plastics.

My home has used 100% green energy from <https://brooklinegreen.com> for heating, cooking, and everything else. For 1000 sqft of space with two adults and two kids, the annual energy bill is \$2980 with a heat pump and an electric water tank. (No gas, no oil). I encourage you to explore the potential to turn your place into green energy space.

2. As a supporting coach for a 2nd-grade girl soccer team and the parent of an 11th-grade high schooler, I frequently engage with parents in school and neighbors in my community. I also supported the previous Yes-on-three campaign to limit the number of marijuana stores in our town.

I will keep sharing the information I digest with my communities.

In addition, as a Taiwanese-American in Brookline, I am proud to connect our communities with people in different languages to get involved and support our town further. The more citizens can be involved in public affairs, the more resources there are for our town.

## **Precinct 9**

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

#### **Joseph P. Katz (new) / 14 Wellman St**

1. I was raised in New York, moved to Boston in 1997 (Northeastern, BS-CJ '02), and I am now raising my own family here in Brookline. My wife and I moved to Brookline in 2007 and now have two sons who both go to the Florida Ruffin Ridley School. With a Criminal Justice degree from Northeastern, I started my career working in the security field within the financial services industry. Many of my roles since then (still at the same firm) were in retail customer risk management,

heavily focused on combating fraud and elder abuse. I have devoted much of my personal time to coaching my sons' BREC sports teams, as well as volunteering regularly at Ridley school events. My family and I love living in Brookline!

2. From a fresh perspective, it's apparent – even to us who are formerly less active -- that Brookline's recent years had (past tense, I hope) extra divisiveness, and politics that's too personal and too un-helpful. To this longtime “liberal/progressive” the divisiveness seems extra among some sincere advocates of similar ideologies, e.g. on racial justice/diversity, housing affordability, Schools' budget, and supporting/improving our excellent Police. Call me naïve, but I see broad community consensus on those recently too-polarized issues. So let's collaborate, sometimes even compromise, to benefit Brookline. I'll emphasize constituents' sincere, issues-driven dialogue – before/while working hard for/to improve our community.

### **Sarah B Kitterman (\*) / 51 Kenwood Street**

1. I have lived in Brookline for 25 years and have raised my three children here. I love my Coolidge Corner community and Columbia Park neighbors. I work in community development finance, helping to finance difficult economic development, community facilities and affordable housing project through Mass.

2. Engaging with and hearing from precinct members is central to my role as a TMM. I have tried to engage with my neighbors and have participated in neighborhood forums when possible. I hope to do more to engage with precinct members moving forward.

### **Matti Klock (new) / 5 Verndale Street, Unit 4**

1. My husband and I crossed the river to Brookline in 2018 to be near friends and quickly fell in love with Brookline's parks, libraries, businesses, and people. I bike, skate, and bus to get around, live in a multifamily brownstone that can't be built under today's zoning, and am a member of Brookline for Everyone. Two years ago I got to act on my values by donating a kidney to a stranger.

2. The Town has stated commitments to create housing, reduce carbon impact, and make Brookline a more equitable place to live. My responsibility is to help us act on those! I also want to see the Town's fiscal health improve, to ensure our schools and services remain great (this means, among other things, having a plan for regular overrides).

Town Meeting has a huge role and responsibility in addressing many problems I've heard about from P9 residents: rental costs, transit improvements, multimodal streets, police reform. TM can recommend overrides, and fund services that can take over tasks like traffic enforcement and mental health crisis response from the police.

I'm happy to chat, especially over coffee! Email or text to get in touch.

### **Elizabeth Catherine Loula (\*) / 43 Columbia Street**

1. I've lived in Brookline for 30 years. I'm a psychiatrist and have raised three children in the Brookline school

system. I'm a founding member of Brookline Mothers Out Front, an avid biker, and gardener.

2. My responsibility to my precinct is to represent the residents of my precinct fairly and to also reflect my ethical beliefs in my votes at town meeting. I'm happy to speak with anyone in my precinct and I also post on a local list serve to inform my constituents of important issues in town.

### **Miriam Harley Morgan (new) / 16 Coolidge Street**

1. (She/They) Endorsed by Brookline 4 Everyone. I'm a 21-year-old student at UMass Amherst. I have lived in Brookline my entire life and graduated from BHS. When I'm not at school I work as an EMT, where I get to help people on their worst days. I'm interested in making our town a better place; I want more protected bike infrastructure, more housing without changing what makes this town great, and more climate resiliency. I am a transgender, queer person, so protecting our trans youth from attacks on their self-expression is personal to me; we must come together and show that hate of all kinds has no place in Brookline. I believe that it is time for more young people to get involved in this town, as today's decisions will affect us the most.

2. I will be the voice of my constituents in town meetings. I will always keep their interests in mind. To that end, Young people and families are being priced out of our community. Brookline has become an economically gated community; while more housing on Harvard Street is a good idea, we are being forced to deal with this problem alone. We must distribute the load for more housing across the town. I think that Coolidge Corner is the best neighborhood and it is zoned mostly for two-family housing; if the rest of the town was zoned this way we could increase the amount of housing without a major impact on the look and feel of our town. If you run into me feel free to come up to me and chat. Text and Email also work for getting in touch.

### **Gary Shiffman (new) / 81 Verndale St**

1. My wife, Marian, and I moved to Brookline in 2002. She grew up here, in the house we now live in. Our two daughters did, too. They all attended FRR (then Devo) and graduated from Brookline High. I taught Social Studies and served as department chair at Brookline High from 2006 until last June, when I finally graduated as well!

I attended SUNY-Binghamton and the University of Michigan. Before starting my job at Brookline High, I taught at Newton North High School and, before that, at the University of California, San Diego.

I'm a founding partner of 4QM Teaching, LLC (4qmtaching.net) and co-author of From Story to Judgment: The Four Question Method for Teaching and Learning Social Studies (John Catt 2021)

2. My primary responsibility as a Town Meeting member will be to inform myself and my constituents about issues that affect us as members of the Brookline community. If elected, I'll communicate regularly with my Precinct 9 neighbors through email and social

media. I'll also be available for old-fashioned in-person communication!

I've been endorsed by Brookline For Everyone and PAX. I'm grateful to both organizations for their support.

### **Gerald M (Jerry) Tuckman (\*) / 98 Thorndike Street**

1. Gerald M (Jerry) Tuckman  
98 Thorndike Street  
Brookline, MA  
78 years old - retired  
Married, Father, Grandfather  
Have lived in Brookline for 50 years  
MSW degree  
Careers in non-profit management, public service and corporate real estate  
Have been both renter and homeowner in Brookline  
Served in town meeting ten years in the 1990s  
Completing three years on town meeting currently  
Served on a variety of Boards and Commissions, over the years: WGBH Advisory Board, Mass Law Reform, Roxbury Community College, Greater Boston Jimmy Fund, LeadBoston for example.  
Currently create steel sculpture

2. I should educate my precinct, reflect their wishes where possible and always act responsibly.

## **Precinct 10**

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

#### **C. Scott Ananian (\*) / 103 Griggs Road**

1. C. Scott Ananian writes code for the Wikimedia Foundation, the custodian of Wikipedia and other collaboratively-edited educational projects. Scott received his PhD from MIT in 2007 and has the years since working on systems which allow kids to discover, share, and learn. Since being elected TMM in 2015, he's introduced warrant articles on Electric Vehicle infrastructure and police oversight and helped draft the Town's Sanctuary policy as a CDICR subcommittee member. He wrote two warrant articles on Ranked Choice Voting and served as chair of the Town's RCV committee. He is a member of the Site Council for the Driscoll School and was an active member of the campaign in support of the Pierce School debt exclusion.

2. I am running for town meeting to help guarantee that Brookline's school system remains a magnet for current and future residents. As the father of two Driscoll School students, a robust future for our growing schools is important to me. It is important that we continue to receive the benefit of greater Boston's diversity through the METCO program in order to broaden the horizons of our children. The Materials Fee program attracts talented teachers from other communities to our schools, and as the son of a single-parent teacher I know first-hand how the system benefits when teachers are invested in the same schools as their children.

I have served as guide and navigator to Town processes to my P10 neighbors and am eager to continue.



**Katherine Florio (\*) / 30 Gardner Road, Unit 3I**

1. I am a long-time Brookline resident, a Brookline League of Women Voters Board member and (Co)Treasurer, a member of Brookline's Advisory Committee (Land Use and Health and Human Services Subcommittees) and a member of the Indigenous Peoples Celebration Committee. I believe good local government involves listening and finding common ground. I believe good schools are critical and housing is important, as is pedestrian and bicyclist safety. We need green space for recreation and team sports. Our commercial districts need attention - and we need to be smart about our changing climate. My guiding principal is that we agree on much, much more than we disagree and we need to focus on civil debate.

2. Town Meeting Members speak for their precinct in local government. I take pride in raising our precinct's concerns early in the process, as budgets are finalized and warrant articles written. As a member of the Advisory Committee, I am engaging with issues the town is facing year-round. I respond on a pragmatic level to the needs of our precinct by requisitioning a new picnic table for Griggs Park. I respond on a more complex level by working with the Select Board to ensure the town's response to state regulations addresses the concerns of Precinct 10 residents. Because Advisory Committee meetings and subcommittee hearings are open to the public, and recorded, my votes on the issues facing the town are publicly available.

**Jeremy Isikoff (new) / 569 Washington Street**

1. I have been a Brookline resident for 20 years and resident of precinct 10 for 15 years. I attended college in the Boston area and lived in various locations after that including overseas on a sailboat before returning here to be closer to my sister and her family who also live in Brookline. I am a software engineer for most of my later career but have had stints in electrical engineering and as a lobsterman.

2. Brookline has many great qualities as a community but also faces many challenges including housing availability and affordability, funding schools and services, racial justice and diversity, climate change and policing reform.

As a town meeting member I hope to bring progressive values and solutions to these and other issues and to listen to and represent the constituents of precinct 10 equitably.

**David B Klafter (\*) / 63 Winthrop Road, Unit 2**

1. and 2. Candidate has not yet responded.

**Conor Sheehan (\*) / 516 Washington St**

1. I have been a renter in Precinct 10 since 2013 and fell in love with Brookline on my first day here. Professionally, I have over a decade of experience as a product designer in tech innovation, and am currently working at Toast to support the restaurant industry. I hope to bring a collaborative, creative, and solution-oriented mindset to Brookline Town Meeting. It would be a privilege to represent the residents of Precinct 10. Endorsed by Brookline PAX.

2. As a young renter, I am running for Town Meeting in an effort to create more representation for people in my demographic. I want to make sure that we are setting a growth-minded vision of Brookline and making choices that allow for people of all ages and incomes to be able to make a home here. We host some of the best walkable neighborhoods in all of New England, and we've seen the success of density and mixed-zoning. I'd like to see us expand this successful model, building with both residential and commercial in mind to set ourselves up for a thriving future.

**Candidates For One Year Term  
Vote For Not More Than One**

**Jessica Lang (new) / 67 Griggs Rd**

1. I'm 52, and have lived in Brookline since 2014. After earning a PhD in genetics and working in biomedical research for a decade, I moved into public health, with a focus on maternal and child health. I worked at the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission from 2015-2019, and currently do health policy research and evaluation primarily for state Medicaid agencies around the US. I am a mother to three young adults and stepmother to three more. Since moving to the Griggs Park neighborhood, I've served as treasurer of the Griggs Park Neighborhood Association. I enjoy Latin Dance classes through BACE with my partner, and I recently started singing with the Brookline Rock Voices chorus. I'm a TBZ member and an enthusiastic gardener and biker.

2. I'm committed to approaching issues with an open mind and an equity lens. As a health policy professional, I think a lot about housing and transportation - critical building blocks of public health. In Brookline, we have a chance to address these issues locally. I will welcome and seek out a variety of perspectives from Precinct 10, using multiple modes, including social media, and attending public meetings. I'm excited to deepen my understanding of my community, and learn more about everyone's concerns. As a town meeting member, my goal is to amplify the voice of my constituents and to share information about town government issues in transparent and accessible ways.

**Precinct 11**

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

**Benjamin Garfinkel (new) / 118 Winchester St**

1. I moved to Coolidge Corner with my family 7 years ago for a postdoc at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and fell in love with the town and the neighborhood. I currently work as a scientist in the rare disease area at Alnylam, a biotech company. My wife Nitsan also works in Biotech, and we have two awesome kids that both attend the FRR school.

2. As a representative for the precinct, my major responsibility is to take every vote seriously, educate myself on the topic, and do my best to vote in a way that aligns with the values of those that elected me. I believe

in transparency and welcome engagement and communication via email.

**Ana Jansky (new) / 128 Lancaster Terr**

1. Hi name Ana, I am a Transgender, disabled women who volunteers for Suicide hotline for the last 7 years. I enjoy writing, walks around the town, and just interested in making the town I live in a better place.

2. My responsibility is hearing what the people of my precinct need and doing my best to vote on laws that is best for the precinct and the town as a whole.

**David Lescohier (\*) / 50 Winchester St, Unit 103**

1. Quality of life...  
..Neighborhoods..  
..Schools..  
..Businesses..  
..Walk-ability..  
..Diversity..  
..Parks..

I have been a Town Meeting for nine years, served four years on the Advisory Committee, the Select Board Climate Action Committee, Driscoll Building Advisory Committee, the Land Bank Study Committee, and currently serve on the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Committee as Vice Chair.

The CPA Committee reviews and recommends CPA funds to:

...Acquire, create, preserve, support affordable housing...  
...Acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate parks, open space...  
...Acquire, preserve, rehabilitate historical resources...  
...With the aim of promoting, enhancing, and improving the quality of life in Brookline.

Endorsements: PAX and B4E

2. I serve as an elected Town Meeting (TM) voter. Executive bodies propose budgets, but only TM voters have the power to approve appropriations, and also other major powers such as authorizing land or real property purchases, bonding & borrowing, and changing zoning & general bylaws.

This involves reading and debating the Executive's recommendations, the legislation on the agenda, and 500-1000 pages of reports.

I am a voice and advocate regarding parks, streets, schools, and the public domain in precinct 11, listen to your concerns, respond to your questions, and approach heads of departments, who generally have an open door for TM Members, to be your advocate. Occasionally I have drafted legislation for Town Meeting favorable action.





**Kenneth G. Lewis (\*) / 232 Summit Avenue,  
Unit W103**

1. Brookline: Resident of Precinct 11 for over 24 years.

Professional Experience: Over thirty years' experience in real estate development, investment, and asset management.

Education: (1) MBA from Boston University; (2) MS in City Planning from FSU; (3) BA in Urban Planning from Virginia Tech.

Town Public Service: Town Meeting Member P-11 (active); Economic Development Advisory Board (active); Chestnut Hill Commercial Area Study Committee (active); Ground Floor Commercial Incentive Guidelines Development – EDAB Subcommittee (active); MBTA Community Act Multi-Family Permitting Committee; Community Participation Committee for 2022 US Open; Coolidge Corner - Waldo-Durgin Land Use Study Committee; River Road – Emerald Island Land Use Study Com

2. Promote sound local government land use and budget policies with specific attention to the impacts on Precinct 11. These include zoning / redevelopment regulations (including demolition), Driscoll School, Corey Hill Park, and independent commercial businesses along Beacon Street and in Washington Square.

Communication with precinct residents and other P11 TMM's through TMM Listserve and precinct meetings, and with Town officials at public meetings of boards and commissions.

**Anne Weaver (\*) / 87 Mason Terrace, Unit 2**

1. Hello! I've lived in Brookline since 2008 and am mom to two kids who attended BEEP, Driscoll, & BHS. I joined Town Meeting in 2020 during the pandemic in order to help the Town move safely through that frightening time, as well as work on other Town issues that affected residents and visitors. I have actively participated in Town matters for many years, including organizing a successful petition to improve Brookline's sanctuary city policies in 2017.

I am a licensed mental health therapist, an adjunct professor at BU, and a researcher.

I care about Brookline and hope to help create a community which is diverse, supportive, & welcoming for all who live, work, or visit here. Endorsed by Brookline Equity Coalition & Brookline for Everyone.

2. My responsibility to Precinct 11 is multifaceted; I am always available to my constituents on any issue on which they have a question or need support.

My responsibilities to the precinct are based on supporting residents in the precinct, advocating for new policies that benefit Brookline, and working with other elected officials to advance new ideas and projects which best serve the town.

Affordable housing is currently an issue that I care deeply about, as Brookline is becoming increasingly unaffordable for many individuals and families.

Climate change, equity, community best practices, and protecting residents from stigma and discrimination (i.e., racism, antisemitism, anti-Arab, and anti-LGBTQIA+) are other issues which matter to me.

**Leonard Wholey (\*) / 119 Lancaster Terrace**

1. - Brookline Town Meeting Member for Precinct 11  
- Brookline Member of Transportation Board  
- U.S. Air Force Veteran  
- Adjutant for American Legion Brookline Post 11  
- Aerospace Engineer  
- Math and engineering teacher at a local private school  
- Volunteer for Brookline Food Pantry  
- Volunteered for Mutual Aid Brookline  
- Volunteered for Cycling Without Age  
- Campaigned for the Driscoll School Building Project  
- Advocated for changing sidewalk to be ADA compliant as part of Driscoll School Building Project  
- Dog owner  
- Endorsed by Brookline For Everyone

2. My responsibility to precinct 11 is to listen to my constituents. I know what issues are important to me, but I want to hear from others about what they value. Neighbors can call or email me at any time. I am happy to engage with others at Driscoll events and Transportation Board meetings. I walk or ride my bike just about everywhere and like to stop to say hello.

## Precinct 12

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

**Nancy Daly Cavanaugh (\*) / 161 Rawson Road**

1. and 2. Candidate has not yet responded.

**Lee Cooke-Childs (\*) / 136 Rawson Road**

1. I have lived in Brookline since 1960 and been a member of Town meeting since the late 1990s. I have also been the president of our Aspinwall Hill Neighborhood Association.

We have not held meetings since the pandemic but need to get back to them.

2. Harry Friedman is very good at getting out notices to the neighborhood and we need to reinstate meetings.

**David Frey (\*) / 79 Buckminster Rd**

1. I am a current Town Meeting Member in P12. I am married and the father of three children, ages 12 (Runkle), 17 (BHS) & 19. I am originally from the Midwest, and worked in Asia for many years, where I met my wife, Helen. In 2019 our family relocated to Brookline, choosing this Town for its reputation for strong public schools, proximity to Boston via the T, the multi-cultural makeup of the Town, and an environment that allowed for youth sports, hiking, biking and exploring. I am a Partner in management consulting with KPMG, where I currently lead the Life Sciences team in New England. I have a BA from Kansas University and a MA from Johns Hopkins University. I

previously worked in the US Senate, at the OECD in Paris, and for Sprint.

2. In my first term, I sought to represent the views of P12 residents by voting for measures that balanced financial limits and service/infrastructure improvements. In the near future, it appears likely that the Town will face critical budgetary shortfalls that may impact the Town's future. We must do a better job of moderating improvements on key public structures, such as schools. The recent rise in residential tax rates paid by P12 homeowners is not sustainable. We must continue zoning reforms to make the Town a more vibrant commercial area with a stronger commercial tax base for revenue generation. Enhancing environmental sustainability will be important too. I gain perspective from residents through coffees, calls and local forums.

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

1. 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. Vice chairman of the Town's Advisory Committee. Town meeting member since 2002.

2. I listen to a great deal of debate on all issues. I hear these debates at Advisory Committee subcommittees on which I sit, at the full Advisory Committee, and once again at Town Meeting. I also hear from my constituents. Their opinions bear weight. I welcome them. The responsibility I owe my precinct is to listen to debates and opinions and then take a position using my best judgment. I fail both my precinct and myself if I do any less.

My votes on Advisory subcommittees, at the full Advisory Committee, and at Town Meeting are both on tape and reported. I am happy to sit down and discuss Town matters with voters, to receive their telephone calls, and to answer their e-mails. My telephone number, address, and e-mail address are all public

**Jonathan A. Karon (\*) / 124 Winthrop Road,  
Unit 2**

1. Incumbent TMM for Pct 12 for many years. I've served on the School Committee; the Advisory Committee (Chair of Public Safety and Planning and Regulation Subcommittees) and served as an Assistant Town Moderator. I'm a Trial Lawyer and Brookline Homeowner. I'm also an Elected Member of the Brookline Democratic Town Committee.

2. I have a responsibility to keep informed on the important issues facing our town, such as keeping our schools first rate, providing necessary services and balancing the tough trade offs between affordable housing, open space and historic preservation, while listening to constituent concerns and being approachable and carefully considering all points of view.

**Andrew D. Macrae (new) / 176 Clinton Rd**

1. I'm an engineer and like to consider how subtle changes improve systems. That's led me to track voting reforms and support progressive local politics in the Democratic cities I've lived in. I moved to Brookline in 2020 so my wife could work at Boston Children's Hospital and to be near family. My eldest daughter enjoys her BEEP class and is starting in Brookline Public Schools in the fall. I was asked to run by a representative of Brookline For Everyone, and I'm endorsed by them.

2. I want to be open with my votes, offering transparency before and after the fact. I'll provide information about how I vote, how to give input on upcoming votes, and what I think about the issues that lead me to vote that way. I've started writing about each of the Articles on <https://townmeetingmember.blogspot.com/>, and I'd welcome the input of constituents or members of our community.

**Eric McNulty (new) / 20 Claflin Rd**

1. I am a 25+ year residents of Aspinwall Hill. I love walking the neighborhood streets, visiting the businesses of Washington Square, and meeting friends at our local restaurants.

I am a product of public schools and forever grateful to those teachers: grades 1-12 through my bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. I also hold a master's degree in Leadership from Lesley University.

I teach leadership, negotiation, and conflict resolution at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and serve as Associate Director of the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative at Harvard. I also teach at MIT, UMass Medical Center, and other institutions as well as speak around the world.

2. My responsibility is to attend first to the issues that directly affect my precinct and to represent its interests in deliberations and votes. Second is to represent the precinct's interests on townwide issues.

Even before deciding to run for Town Meeting, I would read all warrant articles and email my contacts in the neighborhood to ensure that they were aware of them. The emails were educational more than advocacy. I also sent my opinions on each article to my TM members. If elected, I will continue and expand this practice to all who opt-in to receive those emails.

I will have a website with a contact form and a dedicated TM email for constituent inquiries. I will attend relevant public events whenever possible.

**Margaret B Molloy (new) / 176 Winthrop Rd**

1. I am teacher in Chelsea, MA, and have rented in Brookline since 2014. I grew up in West Hartford, CT, studied English at College of the Holy Cross, and then began my teaching career in Manhattan. I moved to Brookline when I began pursuing my master's degree at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. When I graduated in 2015, I began teaching 5th grade English at Excel Academy Charter School in Chelsea. My students' intellectual development is not just my job but my civic duty. I work to instill community values in my students,

and running for town meeting is a way of leading by example. I encourage them to advocate for themselves; I've been a renting resident of Brookline for nearly a decade, and I am eager to advocate for our interests.

2. Renters are underrepresented on Town Meeting, although we are an essential part of the vibrance of our town. My responsibility to our precinct is to make sure that I study and deliberate on all warrant articles so that I vote in a way that is best for all residents of the precinct. Town meeting members need to vote so that our town is an inclusive and accessible space. As a member of town meeting, listening to constituents is essential, which means listening to my neighbors ideas and concerns, responding to email, and sharing and soliciting ideas from my neighbors and constituents. I currently email my representatives regarding upcoming warrant articles, and I look forward to hearing from constituents as a town meeting member if elected.

**Jonathan T. Phillips (new) / 3 Addington Rd**

1. My wife and I have lived in Brookline for over four years. We rented in Coolidge Corner and Brookline Village until we bought a unit in Aspinwall Hill, and we love the neighborhood! We are frequents at Schick Park with our dog Skyy, and sometimes with a foster dog. I also enjoy running and competing in marathons, and have logged many miles around Brookline.

I was inspired to run after Brookline came into meaningful compliance with the MBTA- Communities Act. I believe that we can make Brookline a more affordable and equitable place to live. Brookline is a charming town with robust social services; creating an inviting environment that welcomes new neighbors will only strengthen our community and the things we love about it.

2. Town Meeting is a representative body, and the voice of the voter should be echoed by their Town Meeting members. I will engage with my constituents how and where I can- whether on my campaign website, via email, or at the dog park- so that I can listen to their concerns and act on them in Town Meeting.

For those who do not closely follow local politics, it can be difficult to know what's going on, or even who represents you. I am hoping, as part of my campaign, to raise awareness of what's going on in Brookline to more folks in our precinct. There are tons of hotly contested races town-wide, and I hope to drive engagement in our precinct to have new voices heard on election day.

**Charu Swamy (new) / 70 Beaconsfield Rd**

1. I have had the privilege of living in Brookline since 2013 with my husband. I am a practicing Orthodontist in Newton Centre and mom to three young children. I have always valued giving back to my community--I made time to serve as BEEP PTO president while my children attended BEEP and then the Soule PTO president.

2. I find value in having new and diverse minds and input in our community leadership. My neighbors have expressed continued concerns about high costs of housing and frustration at the lack of change. My goal is to be available, to listen and to advocate for progress. My children benefit from the public schools of

Brookline and I would continue to advocate for our public school system.

I am endorsed by the Brookline Equity Coalition and Brookline for Everyone.

**Precinct 13**

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

**Anna Chiumenti (new) / 521 Clinton Road**

1. I grew up in Brookline, and attended Baker School and Brookline High School. I returned to Brookline in 2015, and have lived here since then with my family (one child attending the Roland Hayes School, formerly Heath, and one entering this fall). While I am a lawyer by training, I have spent my career in nonprofit fundraising, first in the performing and visual arts, and now in higher education.

2. I believe that the responsibility of a Town Meeting member is to gather information and engage in the legislative process through debate, discussion, and direct advocacy, in order to create thoughtful, collaborative initiatives that reflect the current and long-term priorities of Precinct 13 and the Town. This includes taking the time to review each session's warrant articles, developing the most complete understanding possible, and welcoming questions, discussion, and input from residents of Precinct 13 on each topic through all channels of communication.

**Jonathan S. Fine (\*) / 57 Willow Crescent**

1. I am a lifelong resident of Brookline and a longtime resident of Precinct Thirteen. My wife and I were drawn to remain in Brookline and raise our children here because of its excellent services, its numerous diverse neighborhoods and its convenient location within the metropolitan area. Green Line access to Boston was especially attractive as I worked downtown. I worked in the financial services sector for over forty years. I have been a longtime and current Town Meeting Member, former Library Trustee and a former member of the Advisory Committee. I have been endorsed by Brookline PAX, Brookline For Everyone and Brookline by Design

2. Precinct Thirteen resembles the diversity of the Town, stretching from the urban areas of Washington Square and the Beacon Street corridor to the more residential neighborhoods towards Route Nine. As such, the issues facing the precinct mirror those facing the Town. If re-elected, I intend to support proposals for commercial development that are supported by the adjoining residential neighborhoods. I will also work for policies that build upon the MBTA Communities Consensus Plan that was voted by Town Meeting last fall with the goal of expanding housing opportunities across the economic spectrum. I am always receptive to hearing the concerns of my neighbors by phone, e-mail or a conversation on the street.

**John W. Freeman (\*) / 530 Clinton Road**

1. - lived in Brookline for over 40 years;  
 - raised two boys who went through the BHS system from K-12;  
 -town meeting member for 15 years;  
 - graduated Williams College and U Pa. Law School  
 -pursued a legal career in economic regulation and intellectual property law, working with medical researchers to turn scientific breakthroughs into improvements in clinical medicine.  
 -Board Member for the Metropolitan Waterworks Museum, with a mission of education about our precious and threatened water resources;  
 -as a parent of a significantly disabled son, I have gained the utmost respect for teachers and school administrators who did great work preparing him for college and independent living.

2. The issues Brookline faces—housing affordability, public safety, responsible and difficult fiscal choices—are complex and not amenable to simple, silver bullets. Key skills are listening, respect, reasoning, and data-based analysis. Brookline has an immense reservoir of talented and effective residents, and we can achieve practical and prudent solutions if we use those talents. I hope we can continue to be a town where renters, homeowners, and diverse groups can thrive.

**Brian Ladd (new) / 1856 Beacon Street, Unit 2A**

1. I am an eternally hopeful Green Line rider, bicyclist, and occasional motorist. My wife and I chose Brookline, and Beacon Street, as a home because of its walkability, transit access, and amenities. I am a historian (Yale PhD), longtime college teacher, and author of five books on how cities are built. I serve on the board of the Boston Climate Action Network. My research in urban history informs my climate activism, including my belief that Brookline should help solve our regional housing crisis by finding places to build in transit-oriented, environmentally sensible locations. I was appointed to a Town Meeting vacancy in 2023 and supported our zoning reform. Endorsed by Brookline for Everyone, Brookline PAX and Brookline Equity Coalition.

2. If elected, I will work for responsible budgeting, which includes promoting commercial development; for policies that build on last year’s rezoning to expand housing opportunities for the full range of ages and incomes; and for the promotion of walking, cycling, and transit, the protection of green space, and climate-friendly town practices. To learn how best to pursue these goals, I will start to engage with constituents on the campaign trail—in the streets and at doors—and will invite them to contact me with their thoughts and concerns. I will work with my precinct partners to set up a convenient online source of information on Town Meeting issues and decisions.

**Susan Podziba (new) / 21 Orchard Rd**

1. My family and I have lived on Orchard Road for 35 years. At Podziba Policy Mediation, I work with senior leadership of governments and representative stakeholders. My past clients include U.S. Departments of Education, Labor, Housing and Urban Development, and Transportation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the United Nations. Recently, I worked

with MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to develop Climate-Oriented Forest Management Guidelines. My past projects include affordable housing for tribes across the U.S., environmental justice cases, and federal regulations for early and secondary education. I am author of Civic Fusion: Mediating Polarized Public Disputes. I hold a masters in city planning from MIT.

2. I will learn of the concerns and interests of my constituents and represent them at Town Meeting. I look forward to meeting P13 neighbors, reaching out through neighborhood associations and organizations, and compiling an email list for ease of communications. In response to rampant and seemingly haphazard development, I supported the effort to initiate a comprehensive and inclusive community planning process. As a member of both the Planning Process Study Committee and the Comprehensive Planning Consultant Selection Committee, I helped frame out a planning process that will integrate deep public engagement into a new town vision. As TMM, I will work hard to integrate priorities of P13 residents into the planning process and final plan.

**Thomas George Renkes (new) / 393 Clinton Rd**

1. I am 36, an attorney and urban planner by training, but my most important job is being a father to my three young children. A proud public school parent, I am running in-part because of issues I have seen with pedestrian infrastructure. I want to ensure that our neighborhoods are safe, and that we have adequate pedestrian crosswalks and signals, especially near parks and schools. I believe in transit-oriented development and see opportunities for Brookline to add more housing and businesses in key areas while preserving the character of neighborhoods throughout our town. I support long-term comprehensive planning, economic development, fully funded schools, and increased housing equity. Endorsed by Brookline for Everyone and Brookline PAX.

2. As an elected representative, it will be my responsibility to communicate clearly with my constituents. I am an active member in the community, volunteering with the PTO and frequently discussing concerns my neighbors share about unsafe automobile traffic and unsafe conditions for pedestrians in our precinct. If elected, I will maintain my public facing web presence, and I will continue to engage in face-to-face and digital communications about any issues that Town Meeting may address. I believe in being responsive to the needs and desires of constituents, even if those needs and desires differ from my own. An elected representative’s ultimate responsibility is to their constituents and I would hope to embody that in my public service.

**Paul Saner (\*) / 462 Chestnut Hill Ave**

1. I was drawn to our precinct 36 years ago by MBTA access, walkable commercial areas, quality public schools and charming neighborhoods. My volunteer leadership experience includes local non-profits and Town boards such as the 2020 Fiscal Advisory Committee. Professionally, I have held senior management positions spanning finance and human services, most recently as the MA Commissioner for the Blind. My diverse experience has been shaped by

personal change and adjusting to vision loss plus evolving town priorities – balancing fiscal, housing and climate issues – all of which call for comprehensive planning and action. As an avid walker with my guide dog, pedestrian safety is also a priority. See Campaign URL for bio/endorsement info.

2. Town Meeting Members must engage with constituents to understand concerns and coordinate actions. As an example, many constituents, both property taxpayers and renters, are concerned about housing affordability, but many are distrustful of development. I have worked with other Town Meeting Members to shape the redevelopment of the AC Hotel in Cleveland Circle. We engaged neighbors who with changes supported this project. This opportunity made it possible for Brookline, rather than just Boston, to get important commercial taxes which takes pressure off residential property tax increases. I also want to help coordinate pedestrian and bike safety issues across our precincts. Good communications and listening make for a better Brookline.

**Lee L. Selwyn (new) / 285 Reservoir Road**

1. I have lived in Brookline since 1967. My three children -- Mark, Jeremy and Amanda -- are all graduates of Heath School and Brookline High. I was elected to Town Meeting in 2009 and have served on the Advisory Committee since 2009. I hold a Ph.D. from the Alfred P. Sloan School of Management at MIT. I have been engaged professionally in consumer and public policy issues for my entire professional life, and have applied my expertise in government and budgetary matters to my work in Brookline Town Meeting.

2. I will represent the interests of all of Precinct 13 to ensure fiscally responsible Town government policies, fair taxation, appropriate and consistent zoning policies, and responsive Town government. As a Town Meeting Member for fourteen years, I have always made myself available to constituents and have on a number of occasions intervened on their behalf in various Town matters.

As a member of the Advisory Committee's Land Use Subcommittee, my focus has been on zoning and land use policy and have supported efforts to maintain the character of Brookline and Brookline neighborhoods. I have been endorsed by Brookline By Design and support its efforts at assuring comprehensive planning for future residential and commercial development.

**Michael Shepsis (new) / 167 Salisbury Rd**

1. Michael Shepsis lives in Brookline with his wife and son. Growing up in Brookline, he attended Lawrence School and Brookline High. As a practicing attorney with audit and tax experience, Michael brings a unique blend of legal and accounting skills. He is running for Town Meeting to

help keep Brookline inclusive, safe, and fiscally responsible.

2. Michael seeks to represent Precinct 13 in Town Meeting.

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

### Mark Nathan Gerber (new) / 405 Clinton Rd

1. I am a 30+ year resident of Brookline and father of 3. Two of my children currently attend the Brookline public schools. I have a BS Civil Engineering from Cornell University and an MBA from Boston College. I currently am employed as a credit officer at a commercial bank. As a former Town Meeting Member in Precinct 13, my work focused on maintenance of household rights, responsible budgeting, thoughtful planning and zoning through community engagement. I am also a supporter of Brookline Youth Hockey and strongly support the development of a new rink in town.

2. As a town meeting meeting member my primary responsibility is to represent the precinct's interests in maintaining the quality of life and public safety of the precinct. As a former TMM, I understand the responsibility to listen thoughtfully to all constituents and maintain open lines of communications (phone and email) at all times.

### Kevin Thomas MacKenzie (new) / 19 Strathmore Road

1. I am a Brookline educator, proud union member, and renter running to represent Precinct 13 at Brookline's Town Meeting. I serve as a member of the Naming Committee and the Commission for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Community Relations, which I chair. I am committed to public education, fully funded Town services, affordable housing, transit accessibility, environmental justice, civic engagement, and support for Brookline seniors.

I found my way to Brookline by chance, starting as a student teacher in our public school system. I quickly fell in love with Brookline and have since remained in the district, first as a paraprofessional and now as a middle school teacher.

To learn more about me visit [kevin4brookline.com](http://kevin4brookline.com)

2. Town Meeting Members are elected to represent the interests of their precinct at Town Meeting. If elected, I will represent the interests of Precinct 13. I will be a thoughtful partner with the other Town Meeting Members in the precinct and expand on existing relationships with members of town government and town departments in order to best represent the precinct.

I believe in frequent communication. This includes a physical presence at community events in Precinct 13 and Brookline at large. In addition, I have an "open door" policy for Precinct 13 residents to contact me. I can be reached via email anytime at [kevin4brookline@gmail.com](mailto:kevin4brookline@gmail.com). Constituents can also text or call me at 617-651-1808.

## Precinct 14

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

### David E Eisenberg (new) / 76 Buckminster Rd

1. Born in Scranton, PA. Served as Captain in USAirForce. Currently semi-retired ophthalmologist. Brookline resident 51 years. Married with nine children now on their own paths. Have done charity surgery in thirteen underdeveloped countries in Central & South America, Asia, Africa & Pacific Island nations. Like to run, bike, play tennis, garden and read.

2. My responsibility to my precinct is to represent the residents concern for the effect of rising taxes for both renters & homeowners as well as town debt. It will also be my responsibility to insure that all precinct residents know that I'm available to hear their concerns about any issue related either to the Town in general or precinct 14 in particular. I plan to provide my phone & email contacts and prepare a precinct newsletter.

### Richard Fredkin (\*) / 166 Hyslop Road

1. Richard Fredkin, born on Beacon St, started professionally in the technology field at the age of twelve. Lives in Brookline with his wife Ingird, two children in Brookline Public Schools and two dogs. Richard is a Town Meeting Member for Precinct 14 and a Brookline Public Library Trustee.

2. My responsibility as a Brookline Town Meeting Member is to be available to the constituents of my Precinct and Brookline residents. I have engaged through work with other TMM's in some of the important issues facing Brookline such as compliance the MBTA CA Act. As well, in my roll as TMM I have always been available to the residents of Brookline to listen on any issue and give my honest thoughts.

### David Quinn Gacioch (\*) / 18 Spooner Rd

1.and 2. Candidate has not yet responded.

### Roger R. Lipson (\*) / 622 Chestnut Hill Avenue

1. Homeowner; Attorney (Retired); TMM, Pct.14 (2004-2024); Advisory Committee (1999-2007); Brookline Chamber of Commerce, President (2007-2009); Brookline Rotary Club, President

(1997-1998); Brookline Improvement Coalition, President (2013-2021), Volunteer Atty., Senior Center (1996-2016), Newbury Negotiating Committee; MA Army National Guard (1960-1963), U.S. Army Reserve (1963-1966); LL.M (tax law), B.U. Law School. Married, Wife, Alberta, Retired MIT Assoc. Dean of Students, Son, Andrew, retired Brookline Chief of Police.

2. To assure that the residents of our Precinct are kept informed of important Town issues that may affect them, such as upcoming Town Meeting Articles or a proposed real estate development that may affect their specific neighborhood. For example, TMM's often get calls from residents asking about proposed hearings before the Town. I served on the Negotiation Committee that reviewed the proposed plans of the developer who purchased Newbury College and who was seeking approval to build a large senior housing complex. That enabled the Committee to negotiate the location and size of the proposed development. It also enabled me to communicate back to the residents who lived in the general area and who shared their concerns with me.

### Pamela C. Lodish (\*) / 120 Seaver Street, Unit C202

1. School Committee 1988-1997, Chair 91-03. Advisory Committee since 1997. Town Meeting since 1989. Fisher Hill Neighborhood Association board member. Retired construction manager for projects large and small. Brookline resident almost years. Raised three children here – all attended Brookline schools. Husband, Harvey, MIT professor.

2. For 10 years I served on the committee to develop the abandoned underground reservoir property to create affordable housing that fit into the neighborhood. I also played an instrumental role in developing the State abandoned reservoir property into the Fisher Hill Park. I will continue to monitor the development of The Newbury of Brookline, a senior living community that plans to open at the end of 2024 as well as the impact of Pierce School students using the former Newbury College property on Fisher Avenue while a new Pierce School is constructed.

### Carlos Ridruejo (\*) / 16 Holland Road

1. Registered Architect. Brookline resident since 2005. Town Meeting Member since 2020. Current Runkle School parent. Member of the Advisory Committee: member of the Capital Subcommittee and the Land Use, Zoning and Sustainability Subcommittee. Member of the Chestnut Hill Commercial Area Study Community Advisory Group. Former member of the Newbury Zoning Committee, Boylston Street Study Committee, Housing Production Plan. President of the Town Meeting Members Association. President of the Fisher Hill Association Board of Directors.



2. We need to work towards a more affordable Town of Brookline for all its residents. We need to balance all the competing priorities in order to achieve this goal of affordability. Transparency in our government is critical. Decisions made by elected officials need to support this transparency so that residents are fully aware of what is happening now and what to expect in the future. This is especially important for decisions that have financial implications. The more we all participate, the better it is for our town.

## Precinct 15

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

#### Michael Berger (\*) / 112 Wolcott Road

1. Brookline resident since 1977. Former Baker and High School Parent. TMM Pcts 15/16 for 32 years. Founder of the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance, Park and Recreation Commissioner 1992 to 1998, Advisory Committee 1998 – 2008, and current member. Redistricting Committee 2021, Climate Action Brookline Board Member, Professor of Chemistry at Simmons University.

2. I am committed to the preservation of open space and increasing its accessibility to all. It is important to have an active land-use plan to retain land for open space and for affordable housing. I would be very careful of changing the requirements for single family housing. Brookline has been a town of contrasts – our citizens range from young students to older adults, our housing ranges from rental, to coop, to condo, to single family, our surroundings range from city to suburban, from ample to insufficient open space. It is important to find a way to preserve this diversity that gives Brookline its strength (and also its challenges.) I support strong schools and expanding our tax base to relieve the homeowner from excessive taxes.

#### Deborah Hatzieleftheriadis (\*) / 24 Whitney St

1. and 2. Candidate has not yet responded.

#### Kristine L. Knauf (\*) / 630 Hammond Street, Unit 106

1. 30 year resident of Brookline. RN semi-retired, numerous experiences research, ICU, ED, 15 years visiting nurse and case management. BS Political Science Suffolk U. 30 year resident of Brookline. RN semi-retired, numerous experiences research, ICU, ED, 15 years visiting nurse and case management. BS Political Science Suffolk U. TMM 8 years 3 years Town Constable. Member Chair Friends of Baldwin Park, Friends of Soule Park, Putterham Woods, and Dane Park.

2. Responsibility is to maintain and protect our green space in P15. Fiscal responsibility to vet and understand all over rides. Have approx. 18 constituents in my building. I have my email and phone number listed for anyone to reach out to me.

#### Ira P. Krepchin (\*) / 63 Craftsland Road

1. I have been a Brookline resident for 20 years and a Town Meeting Member for the last 10 years.

I have an MS degree in mechanical engineering from MIT; and have spent several decades working on energy efficiency issues. I have grown children and a granddaughter.

2. As a Town Meeting Member my goals are to stay informed about town issues so that I can keep my constituents informed; get their feedback on those issues; and check in with them on issues they would like me to bring to Town Meeting. I will also be available to help them identify the appropriate Town officials to contact for specific questions; and I will work with fellow precinct TMMs to gather precinct-wide information. Neighborhood list-serves have been a good tool for communications with constituents.

#### Jean Senat-Fleury (\*) / 72 Rangeley Road

1. Former Judge for 20 years in Haiti after graduating from the School of Magistrates in Paris and Bordeaux (France).

- Master degree in Political Science (Suffolk University).

- Master degree in Public Administration (Suffolk University)

- Professional writer

2. By participating and voting as a Town Meeting in issues important to the voters in Brookline, particularly to voters in my precinct, I earn their trust and love. This is my primary responsibility to my precinct. Volunteering, present in meetings community is the way I communicate and engage with my constituents.

## Precinct 16

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

#### David J. Belton (new) / 32 Plowgate Rd

1. My wife and I moved to Brookline over 30 years ago and our 2 children graduated from Baker School and B.H.S. I am a graduate of Colby College, where I majored in Government. I went on to earn two masters degrees, as well as a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Boston College.

I am a recently retired psychologist, and spent my working life in health care, first managing teams that provided care to adults with major mental illness, then as a health care administrator at a non-profit community health center in Boston, serving as COO and CEO.

I am endorsed by Brookline for Everyone.

2. TMM's should bring an attitude of thoughtful inquiry to their work, to set aside preconceived notions they might have when facts and the consensus of their constituents lead in a different direction. I am intellectually curious, and actually enjoy digging into the details of policy and budgets. I understand and respect the fact that others might have a better grasp of an issue and the only way to know this is to listen with care and respect. I owe the success I enjoyed in my career to my ability to critically evaluate data and other points of view before making decisions.

I am committed to open dialogue with constituents, and am now at a point in my life where I have the time to do so, through neighborhood forums, SBNA, email, etc.

#### Regina M. Frawley (\*) / 366 Russett Road

1. 60 year Brookline resident, 30 as Town Meeting Member, Brookline Schools, Temple Emeth parent; MA, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Author, several "Good Government" By-Laws; Brookline Constable; Senior Center volunteer; Founder South Brookline Neighborhood Association, South Brookline Senior Social.

2. At this time, neighborhood stability and cohesion faces threat posed by proposed zoning changes affecting our strong sense of "Community", including proposal to allow NON-OWNER OCCUPIED Accessory Dwelling Units, meaning, non-residents will be allowed to buy single family homes, create an extra unit, for profit, but not be a "neighbor." Even more "flippers" will buy sf homes.

#### Scott C. Gladstone (\*) / 383 Russett Road

1. I am an attorney in Brookline specializing in construction and real estate disputes. I represent clients before the Brookline ZBA as well. I serve on the Boards of Temple Emeth, Camp Yavneh and N.E. chapter of American Jewish Committee. I have served several terms on Town Meeting.

2. I regularly use the SBNA list serve to communicate about events and issues affecting our Precinct or the Town as a whole about which our precinct may be interested. I have enjoyed working with a terrific Pct 16 Town Meeting delegation over the years on issues of development in Hancock Village and in the surrounding area that affect traffic or have other impacts on our neighborhood. I often connect people with the correct Town department and advocate for them when issues come up concerning

the streets, sidewalks Town services, unwanted graffiti or posters on public resources, etc I have an excellent relationship with our representatives to Beacon Hill, which frequently inures to the benefit of the neighborhood.

**Julie Jette (new) / 73 Payson Rd**

1. I have lived in Precinct 16 for more than a decade and in Brookline for 18 years, and have been an active member of the community throughout that time. I am a proud Baker and BHS parent, and I work in communications for a local university. I was a two-term Town Meeting Member before stepping away last year. I have participated in the political life of the town and our schools by volunteering to serve on the Jack Kirrane rink committee, being involved in the Special Education Parents Advisory Committee, and campaigning for candidates and overrides. I grew up in western Massachusetts, and am a graduate of Wesleyan University.

2. I have found that serving as a Town Meeting Member opens many opportunities for communication with neighbors, which is one of the reasons I am choosing to run again. I have engaged with folks in Precinct 16 through the South Brookline Neighborhood Association listserv, in person at school events, and through our Buy Nothing group, which has enabled me to exchange items and divert them from landfills while meeting neighbors I didn't know!

I believe my responsibility to my precinct is to listen to as many voices as possible, and to share as much information as I can about issues being considered at Town Meeting. While residents of my precinct may not agree with every one of my votes, I am always open to engaging in dialogue.

**Alisa Jonas (\*) / 333 Russett Road**

1. Ridley/BHS grad; BA Economics and German, Brandeis; JD Harvard Law; state budget analyst; analyst at public policy consulting firm; tax attorney; prison mediation program director; tour director in Rome. Daughters graduated Baker/BHS. Town appointments: Advisory Comm., Chair of Moderator's Comm. on PFAS, Public Transportation Advisory Comm. (PTAC), Townwide Taskforce on Bournwood Hospital, Moderator's Comm. on Parking, Moderator's Comm. on Tax Classification. Brookline Neighborhood Alliance Exec Bd. Wrote legislation for fossil fuel free school construction, feasibility study for public outdoor swim facility, and restrictions on Town purchases of products containing PFAS (e.g., for new school construction). All 3 passed by large margins.

2. Responsibilities already assumed: Organized residents w/State Rep to improve safety at Bournwood Hosp. While on Baker Site Council, worked to improve faculty supervision. Organized successful neighborhood petitions to Transp. Bd for stop sign on Russett Rd and traffic light at Putterham

Circle, and recently to Nat. Grid to replace corroded Russett Rd gas line. Joined PTAC to work for SoBro to BHS bus. A founder of the SBNA and its list serves to facilitate precinct communication. On steering comm. to make HV addition scaled to neighborhood (We failed). Recently held Zoom mtg for neighbors to learn of Town resources for electrification. Received Brookline Neighborhood Alliance Leadership Award for my activism on behalf of the neighborhood.

**Kurt Mickelson (new) / 19 Puddingstone Rd**

1. I have lived on Puddingstone Rd for the last 10 years. Technically retired, I work part time for the Town of Brookline at the Brookline Golf Course as well as a Warden for town elections. During the Winter I serve as a Varsity High School Basketball Official for both boys and girls as well as college official for Women's basketball. My wife is a Paraprofessional for Brookline Early Education Program at Temple Emeth. We have two daughters, one at Baker Elementary and another studying Neurobiology at Georgetown University after graduating from Brookline High School. Our ties to Brookline run deep in the relatively short amount of time we have lived here.

2. I am on the ballot to represent all constituents of Precinct 16. As one of 15 Town Meeting Members representing the 3000 residents in Precinct 16 I'd bring an open mind and an independent voice not tied to a single-focused endorsing group. Precinct 16 deserves a new, strong voice that can build bridges and cut through Town Meeting's reputation as a divisive group that accomplishes little. I am not an issue focused candidate running to enforce my agenda but rather a civic minded person who has what is best for Brookline in mind. I want to do my part and hoping you can help me do that. I am available through all normal channels to discuss the business in front of Town Meeting and welcome any and all perspectives.

**Richard Myles Murphy (\*) / 61 Baker Circle**

1. Born and raised in Brookline, attending Baker & BHS, class of 79. Currently live on Baker Circle in South Brookline.

2. Improve roadway safety for all especially our children. Too often we see accidents around SB, which speed of vehicles is a main cause. Currently working on slowing speeds down and a safe route to our schools, whether it is to Baker or BHS. Also was part of a team which pasted Tree Protection during events of constructing additions or new homes to help preserve our tree canopy in Town to combat climate change.

**Precinct 17**

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

**Stephen Kimble (new) / 1284 Beacon St, Unit 620**

1. I am a Software Engineer with a history of public service and volunteering in the Boston area. I am passionate advocate of zoning reform, and increasing the extent to which Brookline is a welcoming community for everyone.

2. Candidate has not yet responded.

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

1. 65 yrs in Brookline, Raising four Lawrence and BHS graduates. Boston College Graduate and Postgraduate, English and Education majors. Teacher for 25 yrs - Grades 3 through college. JD from New England School of Law. Lawyer, serving Mass Attorney General, and Norfolk County DA. Served Brookline as Town Meeting Member for Precincts 2, 3, 7 & 17, and on Rent Control Bd, Human Relations Bd, Domestic Violence Roundtable, CDBG Committee, Housing Advisory Bd, Community Emergency Response Team, Brookline Housing Authority Community Resident Council. Women's Commission Woman of the Year, and District Attorney award for providing community awareness and support to victims of Domestic & Sexual violence.

2. Currently, communication with constituents is varied and limiting. Information from and about the town appears in different forms and is machine dominant. ZOOM rules, and yet fails, true human contact in a satisfactory manner where give-and-take of ideas and trends and danger are lacking. Open Meeting Laws seem abandoned.

Local meetings in Pct. 17 fit well into Coolidge Corner Library, Minot Park, and an area for new groups from Pcts 3 and 7. Personal meetings are important. Coming up are several affordable housing issues, like Harvard St., Coolidge Corner, ADU's, lack of small business and need to be aired. I will try to bring information to my constituents and communicate with them.

**Chris Reale (new) / 11 Longwood Ave**

1. Chris has lived in Brookline with his wife and children since 2018. He works as an Engineer at a nonprofit research laboratory in Cambridge. His children attend Brookline Public Schools.

2. Candidate has not yet responded.



**Susan M. Roberts (\*) / 69 Green Street**

1. Born in Brookline, I grew up in Needham, moving back to Coolidge Corner to live in my grandmother's house to attend law school (I'm a real estate attorney) and raise my children who are Brookline schools graduates. During my 12 years on Town Meeting, I've served on Advisory Committee, Coolidge Corner Study Committee, and worked with Brookline by Design. I've sponsored two successful warrant articles, the most recent of which in 2022 was to require design review for all new residential structures replacing demolished homes that had been found by the Preservation Commission to have been significant.

I am particularly interested in real estate and commercial development issues that affect North Brookline.

2. Engaging with constituents helps inform me of issues important to Pct. 17 residents, and serves to inform my decision making at the time of Town Meeting votes. In issues that particularly affect our precinct, I communicate with those on an email list that I've compiled over the years.

Also, our precinct has held virtual and in person meetings with other Town Meeting members and constituents that I have participated in, which have been helpful. Finally, I welcome communicating with constituents by email.

**Livia Schachter-Kahl (\*) / 200 Saint Paul Street, Unit 2**

1. Lifelong Brookline resident having attended FRR and BHS. Former FRR PTO co-president. Married with two daughters who both graduated from the FRR school and BHS. Formerly on the board of Steps to Success. Attorney for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for over 30 years. Town meeting member since 2014.

2. In order to best serve precinct constituents it's important to be aware of the micro and macro issues effecting the town as a whole and the precinct in particular. To that end I avail myself of the many public committee meetings and discussions. At a practical level this translates into responding to constituents phone calls and emails regarding their concerns.

**John Shreffler (new) / 60 Browne Street**

1. Brookline resident since 2003. Precincts 2 & 17 Town Meeting Member from 2016-2023. A green space advocate, I'm on the Board of Brookline Greenspace Alliance and Co-President of Friends of Hall's Pond and also regularly volunteer in the Minot Rose Garden. I have served on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Pedestrian Advisory Committee. I'm currently retired but continue to be an active poet, published at odd intervals.

Endorsed by Brookline PAX and Brookline By Design.

2. My responsibility to Precinct 17 is to always attend Town Meeting and cast informed non partisan votes and I did just that in my prior 7 years in Town Meeting. As an elected voter, I try to represent the community as best I can. I'm available for discussion at any time and can be reached by my email or phone. I would very much like for the Precinct 17 delegation to establish a regular organized forum for constituents to express their concerns and opinions as the Precinct is the most densely populated Precinct in Brookline and such density makes regular constituent interaction difficult.

**Candidates For Two Year Term  
Vote For Not More Than One**

**Katherine Elizabeth Haenschen (new) / 1236 Beacon St**

1. Hi, I'm Katherine! I'm 42 years old, a Mom to two small kids (ages 2 & 4), and a professor of Communication. I'm also a Brookline resident who knows firsthand how housing costs are hurting members of our community. My family moved to Brookline in 2020, and despite holding two professional jobs we struggle with high housing and childcare costs.

I'm running for Town Meeting to represent residents getting squeezed by high housing costs and limited options. I want every Brookline resident to be able to afford to stay here, raise their family here, and see their kids and grandkids stay Brookline if they want. Our community can and must do better to create housing options for families, young people, and seniors who want to stay here.

2. As a Town Meeting member I will listen to constituents' concerns, connect them to relevant government services whenever possible, work diligently to get answers to problems, and report back transparently on my actions whether I succeed or not.

My primary policy goals on Town Meeting will be to support the creation of dense housing near transit to address affordability and climate change, and to look for ways to lower our highest-in-the-nation childcare costs.

The best way to contact me is via email. I'll acknowledge receipt, and if I don't have an immediate answer I'll let you know next steps and when you can expect a response!

**Christopher Kahl (new) / 200 Saint Paul St.**

1. I have been a resident of Brookline since 1986 and a homeowner since 1992. My wife and I have two daughters that went through the Brookline school system from kindergarten through high school. In

addition, I have previously served two separate terms as a town meeting member. I currently work in the utility industry serving customers mainly in New Hampshire and Maine.

In my current position, my responsibilities include helping the company reduce its carbon footprint and promoting less carbon intensive energy sources.

2. My responsibility is to support the voters of precinct 17 through various channels including town meeting votes, attending key meetings that impact the precinct, and by communicating with various departments at town hall in order to make my constituents voices heard. I will monitor the town hall website for key meetings and will communicate and consult with other precinct 17 town meeting members when important issues come up that impact the neighborhood.

I will communicate with my constituents through emails, texts and phone calls. This approach was successful when communicating with constituents during my prior terms as town meeting member.

Thank you for voting!  
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 ¡Gracias por votar!  
 Спасибо за голосование!





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## **Brookline CAN and LWV Candidates Forum**

**April 17, 2024 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

In person at the Brookline Senior Center, 93 Winchester St.

**Forum live streamed and recorded by Brookline Interactive Group (BIG)  
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April 30

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