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of the League of Women Voters of Brookline

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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:** **(Old) Lincoln School Gymnasium,**  
**194 Boylston Street**

**Precinct 5:** (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:** Runkle School Gymnasium,  
50 Druce Street (Front entrance)

**Precinct 14:** Heath 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**

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See back page for information  
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Massachusetts Bill of Voters' Responsibilities are on  
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**The League policy is that we do not edit the responses from the candidates.**

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

## Which Town-Wide Offices are on the ballot on May 3?

The following Town-Wide offices, for the following terms, are on the ballot on May 3:

### ONE SELECT BOARD MEMBER FOR THREE YEARS

### FOUR TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

### ONE TRUSTEE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR ONE YEAR

### THREE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

### ONE MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEARS

### FIVE CONSTABLES FOR THREE YEARS

## Which Town Meeting seats are on the ballot on May 3?

Brookline has a new Precinct map for 2022 due to a Redistricting/Reprecincting process in 2021, and State Law dictates that, if a precinct line should change during this process, all Town Meeting seats in that precinct are up for re-election at the subsequent Annual Town Election. This results in the following Town Meeting Seats and terms being on the ballot on May 3:

### FIFTEEN TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

(Top 5 finishers are elected for three years, next 5 for two years, and next 5 for one year terms)

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

### FIVE TOWN MEETING MEMBERS FOR THREE YEARS

In Precinct 16

### ONE TOWN MEETING MEMBER FOR TWO YEARS

In Precinct 16

## ◆ SELECT BOARD

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

Other members: \$3,500 per annum.

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

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

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**Candidates were asked to limit responses to 300 words.**

**Question 1:** What strategies do you recommend to meet the town's long- and short-term needs?

**Question 2:** Biographical data.

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than One

**Michael A. Sandman** (New) / 115 Sewall Ave

**1. Addressing Climate Change.** Brookline has led and must continue to lead with steps to reduce carbon emissions and by improving public and private infrastructure for climate resiliency. *For example:*

- Partner with other municipalities to get legislative action on changing the building code to allow us to require fossil-free HVAC
- Make permits to utilities conditional on repairing leaks and adding electric capacity to meet increased demand from EVs and fossil-free building systems
- **Housing Affordability.** We need planning and zoning reforms that promote sustainable development in residential and commercial areas. I'm particularly concerned about middle-income families who are being squeezed out of Brookline's housing market. *For example:*

- Encourage reasonable increases in density that also respect neighborhood streetscapes;
- Provide predictability for residents and developers alike; and
- Provide clear guidelines for commercial development to expand the commercial tax base and take some of the burden off residential property taxes

See [www.electmike.us](http://www.electmike.us) and click on Meet Mike for a more complete list.

### 2. BROOKLINE CIVIC LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:

• **Brookline Community Foundation**, Board member, 1983-2005; Chair, 1993-2003

• **Transportation Board**, Member 2003-2011; Chair, 2007-2011

• **Advisory Committee** (the Town's Finance & Budget Committee)

Member, 2012-2022; Schools Subcommittee Chair, 2012-2019; Chair 2019-2021

• **Town Meeting Member**, Precinct 3, 2016-present

### PROFESSIONAL CAREER

• **Fuld & Company, Inc.**, Cambridge, MA (Competitive Intelligence Consulting)

Sr. Vice President, 1992-2014; COO 1992-2011

• **SMI, Inc.**, Needham, MA (Closed-Loop Control Systems)

Chairman, 1989-1991

• **Bainbridge-Aquabatten, Inc.**, Canton, MA (Sailcloth & Marine Hardware)

Director of Operations, 1986-1989

### VOLUNTEER

• **SCORE Boston**, Mentor, 2015 – present; co-chair 2017-2019; national Board of Directors 2019-2021

SCORE is a national, federally-financed organization that provides mentors to businesses and start-ups at no cost.

## ◆ TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Salary:** Unpaid.

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

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**Library.** While not the first public library in Massachusetts, it was the first to be organized under May 1851 state legislation allowing communities to tax themselves for such purposes. In a vote at the March 30, 1857 Town Meeting, the citizens of Brookline established a free library. Among the prominent patrons and advocates of this institution at the time were William I. Bowditch, an abolitionist and Underground Railroad conductor; Frederick Hedge, a Unitarian minister; Edward Atkinson, businessman, abolitionist and inventor of the Aladdin oven; James S. Whitney, president of Metro Steamship Company; and Amos A. Lawrence, abolitionist and industrialist. In honor of benefactor John L. Gardner, the Art and Music Room was named Gardner Hall. One of its most momentous legacies is the establishment of a separate reading room exclusively for children in April 1890. The Brookline model was influential in sparking the expansion of library services to children across the country.

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**Candidates were asked to limit responses to 300 words.**

**Question 1:** What is your vision for the Brookline libraries in a changing world?

**Question 2:** Biographical data.

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

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

**1.** My main priority is hiring a new Library Director, followed by increasing staffing and hours.

**2.** Town Meeting Member since 2001; never missed a meeting. Library Trustee since 2004; chair 2014-2016, 2021-now. Endorsed by PAX in all elections. Harvard College: A.B., Physics; Boston University: M.A., Physics. Brookline resident 1991-3, 1995-date. Teacher (1995-2004): Cambridge School of Weston, Rashi School; Editorial Manager (now): Savvas Learning Company. Columnist: The Brookline Parent. Condominium owner in precinct 12 with twin daughters, age 12.

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639 Chestnut Hill Ave

**1.** The library lacks the ability to pay its staff comparably to what their positions are paid at similar libraries. Without this needed funding for our library staff, we will be unable to improve and maintain the level of library services that residents have come to know. Our Brookline libraries continue to be among the best in the Commonwealth, and that is largely due to the library staff. Even when the physical buildings had to close due to the pandemic, and despite budget cuts, Brookline's dedicated library staff never shut down. The library provided virtual programming for all ages, curbside book borrowing and returns, free craft and book kits for kids and families to do at home, and more. However, we now face a crisis because we are losing great staff and cannot attract strong candidates without the ability to provide competitive compensation and benefits. This must be a priority for Brookline.

**2.** I am a Brookline business owner and a Brookline Public Schools parent. Like some others in our community, the pandemic significantly impacted my business and family; however, it did not deter my public service. While I have been a Brookline resident for almost nine years, for five of those years, I have volunteered in public service in varying capacities, including as a Library Trustee. I believe our libraries are community gems, and I look forward to continuing to advocate for our wonderful Brookline libraries.

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

**1.** The first priority is to ensure equitable access to Library programs and services across all constituencies, and to offer programs and services tailored to their needs. Our libraries pivoted admirably during the pandemic, and I expect the amazing innovations will continue.

However, we face additional challenges. Our staff turnover is dismayingly high, because we cannot match the salaries and benefits offered by comparable municipalities. We hire and train promising employees, but soon lose them to better situations. This is not cost-effective, and it harms staff morale. In fact, we are unable to attract qualified candidates for some positions right now. Although it is a townwide issue, as a Library Trustee I will seek solutions for the library as well as across departments.

We also face the challenge of hiring a new Library Director, because the current one is leaving in May, as well as a new Assistant Director for Technology.

Finally, though the budget has now largely been restored, the Libraries were cut during the pandemic

out of proportion to most other Town departments, and we were in danger of losing state certification. That would be catastrophic for the community!

I will advocate for budget fairness going forward. The library is delivering more things to more people than ever, serving a more diverse and growing population, with a staff that's essentially the same size as it was decades ago, and an allocation that is a tiny percentage of the Town budget. We need a budget increase to make sure that we fulfill the needs and expectations of Brookline residents.

**2.** Brookline resident since 1983, Library Trustee since 2007. Work as editor/consultant to technology trade associations. Smith College B.A. (Religions), University of Wisconsin M.A. (English), Simmons MBA.

## ◆ TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

**Lori Genese Cawthorne** (New) /

577 Hammond St

**1.** If elected as a Library Trustee, I would be a strong advocate for the library staff, its programs, and its services. I believe the Public Library of Brookline is vital to our community. Libraries are the nexus to information, history, community building, and providing opportunities to learn and grow. In this role, I would prioritize branding and community outreach, to ensure the Town of Brookline is aware of the wealth of resources available to them as well as know that they are welcomed and represented within the stacks.

I would love to serve as a trustee because I am passionate about libraries and their purpose. As an HR professional for an academic library, I understand the inner workings of libraries, and how each library role is critical to its existence. I feel libraries inspire our curiosity and engage our minds.

**2.** I have over 10 years of library human resources experience. In my role, I provide consultation, strategic planning, budget, and policy review and am charged with enriching our employees' experience by helping to advance the library's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree from Grambling State University, a master's degree in public administration from Suffolk University, and was a 2018 Administrative Fellow at Harvard University.



## ◆ SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Salary:** Unpaid.

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

**Ridley School.** Florida Ruffin Ridley, a writer and activist for the rights of African Americans and women, and her husband, the tailor Ulysses Ridley, were perhaps the first African Americans to own their own home in Brookline. The new house on Kent Street that they purchased in the 1890s still stands. In 2020, the former Edward Devotion School, originally named for a colonial era slaveholder who left money to the town, was renamed the Florida Ruffin Ridley School.

**Candidates were asked to limit responses to 300 words.**

**Question 1:** What are the top challenges facing the school system and how would you address them?

**Question 2:** Biographical data.

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Three

**Helen Esther Charlupski** (\*) / 523 Boylston St

1. There are a number of critical issues facing the School Committee – the structural deficit (our budget growing by more than 2.5% a year); stalled contract negotiations; pandemic related loss of learning by students, especially our most vulnerable students and making sure that our new Superintendent is successful. These issues have been cyclical during the 30 years I have been on the School Committee. When we have had strong leadership in the past, we have been able to navigate the many issues that arise, however, strong leadership has been lacking in the last 5 years. We now have the opportunity, with a new Superintendent who has strong leadership qualities, to be able to successful on all the issues mentioned above. We need to work with and support the Superintendent on setting priorities through a strategic planning process and enabling him to be the leader we hired.

I feel that I am in a unique position, with my 30 years of experience on the Committee, to work to resolve the issues and maintain and grow Brookline's excellent education for all students.

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**2. Brookline School Committee 1992 – present;** Chair 1999-2001 Chair - Capital Subcommittee 2004-present; Curriculum subcommittee (Past Chair) member; Government Relations (Chair-2016-present) Co-Chair Coolidge Corner School Building Committee; Co-chair Runkle School Building Committee; Cochair Lawrence School Building Committee; Co chair Pierce School Building Committee Liaison to – Early childhood, Steps to Success,

**Massachusetts Association of School Committees - Department of Early Education and Care Advisory Committee -MASC Representative** 2007- present

**EDCO (Education Collaborative) Chair Board of Directors** 2009-2013 member 2013-present

**Mass. Department of Education, Early Childhood Advisory Council** – 1994 – 2002 Chair 2000-2002

**Brookline Mental Health Center – School Committee Liaison 2015- present;** Board Member 1985-20015

**Fisher Hill Association - Board Member** 1989-present

**University of Michigan** B.A. '70; M.S.W. '73

**Steven I. Ehrenberg** (\*) / 25 Stearns Rd

1. The Public Schools of Brookline have a history of excellence, but two years of COVID have exposed and exacerbated its weaknesses. The critical problems facing PSB include reduced curricular offerings; inequitable experiences and opportunities for students of color and students with special needs; perilously low teacher morale; a lack of coordination and support for environmental education; and a structural budget deficit that threatens to worsen these issues. Further, the Public Schools of Brookline have had five superintendents in as many years and need stable and strong leadership. The School Committee can strengthen our schools first by ensuring that Superintendent Guillory has the resources, support, and authority he needs to complete and execute his strategic plan. Second, we can bolster and establish mechanisms - subcommittees, working groups, and community panels - that increase the transparency, visibility, and community engagement in district work and hold us accountable for the progress we must make. Third, we need to restore trust between teachers and our community by holding public conversations in areas where we share common goals, so that both sides can better hear and understand the other.

2. I am a parent of two children at Lawrence and have served on Brookline's School Committee since May 2021. I currently serve on the Curriculum and Finance subcommittees, and as the liaison to METCO and the town environmental advisory board. I have spent much of my career designing and

leading international education programs at nonprofit organizations, and I have a doctorate in international education from Columbia University. Currently, I direct Next Engineers, a global program that aims to prepare and provide scholarships for youth from underrepresented backgrounds in engineering for a career as an engineer. I bring a broad understanding of educational research and good practices to the School Committee.

**Valerie Frias** (Appointed) / 20 Englewood Ave

1. I will prioritize **five key issues**: (1) **protecting school budgets** during the pandemic, (2) centering the voices, inclusion, and safety of all PSB students, especially those **who identify as AAPI, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+**, (3) expanding student **mental health services** particularly during the ongoing pandemic, (4) ensuring **special education services** that support every PSB student, and (5) working with students to confront the **climate crisis** in classrooms, buildings, and planning.

**My experience has prepared me for each of these challenges:**

1.As Executive Director of a nonprofit with a \$55 million budget, I know that budgets are values statements. **I will manage the current budget challenges with my colleagues with progressive, smart budget management.**

2.Through activism and as former CEO of Boston PFLAG, an LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, I have spent my life fighting racism, hate, and discrimination. **I will center student voices, diversity, equity and inclusion, and be a relentless advocate for welcoming, safe schools.**

3.As a survivor, mom of kids who struggle, and a mental health advocate, **I will fight to expand mental health services so that our students get the support they need.**

4.As the parent of two children on IEPs, **special education is personal. I'll support maximally-feasible inclusion, co-teaching, and student-centered services so every student can flourish.**

5.I have worked and advocated on climate issues for many years and will **collaborate to identify and implement strategies to achieve greener schools, including geothermal at the Driscoll project.**

2. I'm a current School Committee member, chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee, chair of the Driscoll Building Committee, mom of two PSB 6<sup>th</sup> graders, attorney, nonprofit leader, and civil rights activist. I am CEO of a nonprofit serving elders and disabled adults, and understand that PSB is a member of our broader Brookline community. More: <https://www.valfrias.com/>

## ◆ SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### Candidates For Two Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than One

**Nancy Rhei-Gorer** (New) / 133 Salisbury Rd

1. In the almost 14 years since we moved to Brookline our community has been through a lot. Our schools have seen tremendous transition at every level - administration, teachers, staff, students and families. With each wave of change, we became further divided as our sense of safety, community and trust eroded. We have a lot of work to do in helping teachers, students and families peel back layers of social, emotional, and learning losses as a result of this pandemic and seemingly immovable contract negotiations.

But for the first time in a long time, it looks like the tide may be turning. Strong, qualified leadership and administration are in position and gaining traction. As a School Committee member, I will do everything I can to continue this forward momentum and enable us to come back together as a community. Only then can we regain and rebuild trust and reestablish Brookline Schools' culture of collaboration and innovation. Let's open up safe channels of two-way open conversation between administration, teachers and families. Let's help our students and teachers feel safe, welcome, supported, seen and heard.

2. My husband and I have lived in Brookline for nearly 14 years. Our son has attended Brookline Schools from BEEP at the Lynch Center to K-8 at the Runkle School and I have been a Room Parent every year. I am an avid supporter and advocate for Brookline teachers. I am one of the original co-founders of the Brookline Parents Organization (The BPO). I am a retired VP and Director of Marketing and Communications for major credit card companies with a BS in Marketing and Management from NYU's Stern School of Business.

## ◆ TOWN CONSTABLE

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

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

**Candidates were asked to limit responses to 300 words.**

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

**Question 2:** Biographical data.

### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Five

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

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

2. A lifelong resident of Brookline, residing with his wife Tricia Desingco Figler, their children Vaile, William, Brayden and Sarina in Precinct 15. He is a Vice President for State Street Corporation and has worked in the financial industry for over 20+ years. At State Street, in addition to his regular responsibilities, Joseph served more than 5 years on the steering committee of the Disability Awareness Alliance as well as spending a year on the State Street Foundation Youth Employability subcommittee. For his work he was awarded the 2015 Ambassador of Diversity and Inclusion by State Street's Disability Awareness Alliance, Black Professional Group and Asian Professional Alliance. Joseph was educated by the Brookline Public School system, received a BA from Clark University and a Master's of Science in Finance at Brandeis University. He has served as a Brookline Constable for the past 10 years. Prior to being a Brookline Constable he was appointed 3 times as a Constable for the City of Somerville. As a Constable, Joseph has served over 3,200 notices in Brookline and over 6,500 notices throughout Eastern Mass. Joseph strongly believes in community service and volunteerism. As such, he has been a volunteer lacrosse coach for MetroLacrosse and Brookline High School. Joseph was also Head Coach for the Framingham State and Harvard Club Lacrosse Programs. Joseph participates in fund raising efforts for the Alzheimer's Association. He has organized volunteer and walking groups at State Street to participate in the Greater Boston Walk to End Alzheimer's for the past 10 years collectively raising over \$150,000 for the charity.

**Regina M. Frawley** (\*) / 366 Russett Rd

1. Professionalism, and all it implies: Respect, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Reliability, Duty, Courtesy, Sensitivity. Those receiving "service" can experience anxiety. Constables and public servants can allay some of that anxiety by simple respectful behavior and demeanor.

2. Brookline resident, 58 years; Town Meeting Member 28 years; MA, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; BA, Regis College; Principal Founder, South Brookline Neighborhood Association, South Brookline Senior Social; Volunteer, Baker School Library; Former parent, Brookline schools.

**Neil Roger Gordon** (\*) / 87 Ivy St

1. As a Constable, Neil routinely interacts with Brookline Town and School employees, and the public in general. He is the face of civil justice at the front door of our Brookline neighbors who are often in difficult and precarious situations. Constables post public notices, including the Town Meeting Warrant, election notices, zoning and general bylaw changes, in schools, fire houses, other public buildings, and in our parks. Constables also serve and execute subpoenas, summonses, civil arrest warrants, and, among the most difficult of a Constable's duties, occasional evictions and changes in child custody. Lastly, Constables are charged with preserving the peace. In that context, and as a Brookline elected official, Neil is especially vigilant, not as a law enforcement officer, but as the eyes and ears of our community, especially with regard to issues of public safety and quality of life. Attitude, demeanor, and empathy are the most important attributes of a Brookline Constable.

2. Neil is a Precinct 1 Town Meeting Member, a member of the Advisory Committee, a member of the Town's Taxation Aid Committee, and actively assists the Town's Homelessness Task Force. He has served on a number of Moderator's and Select Board Committees, and is otherwise active in Brookline politics. Neil has again been endorsed by Brookline PAX.

**Deborah L. Hatzieleftheriadis** (New) /

24 Whitney St

1. The most important attributes in the role of Town Constable are honesty, integrity, and reliability!

2. I have lived in Brookline the majority of my life. I attended, Pierce, and graduated Brookline High School. I raised four children who attended Heath, and also graduated from Brookline High. I have a BA in criminal justice, I am the first African American female Police Officer in Brookline. I served on the Brookline Police Department for 15 years. Supported by Brookline By Design and 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.

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

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

**Question 2:** Biographical data.

### ◆ PRECINCT 1

#### Candidates For Three Year Term

#### Vote For Not More Than Fifteen

**Ana M. Albuquerque** (\*) / 24 Euston St  
Attendance 27 of 29

**1.** The most pressing issues for Brookline are pace of development, and the preservation of a healthy and safe environment for our youth where students have access to good public education and teachers are supported. I am concerned about easy access to recreational marijuana by youth and ensuring our police has the resources needed to guarantee that Brookline is a safe place for families to raise their kids, the elderly, and our many visitors.

**2.** I was born in Portugal, and I am the first in my family to finish high school and college. I am an accounting professor at Boston University. I have lived in Brookline since 2015 and my kids attended the Brookline Public schools. I was appointed to the Moderator's Short-Term Rental Committee and the Moderator's Committee on Cannabis Policy. I sponsor the education of economic underprivileged kids in Portugal.

I was endorsed by PAX and Brookline by Design.

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**Deborah Brown** (\*) / 26 Parkman St  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** 1) Brookline has an affordable housing shortage that has only been exacerbated by high demand for Brookline homes. Funds need to be directed to increasing significantly affordable housing And I mean senior, family, disabled and workforce housing.

2) Seniors and a great many residents are only becoming more marginalized. We need to provide our neighbors with essential services like access to food, fully funding social services, improving traffic safety, and ensuring that the town has a robust Covid response plan.

**2.** I have lived in Brookline for a little over 20 years and have been a Town Meeting member for about four years. I enjoy Brookline and I am committed to working with most anyone. My town priorities are affordable housing, transparency and ready access to public information.

**Cathleen C. Cavell** (\*) / 27 Monmouth Court  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** The pandemic heightened many longstanding problems: economic and racial inequities; the climate crisis; food insecurity; neglected BHA properties; lack of middle income and affordable housing; overreliance on residential property taxes. I favor inclusive planning to add commercial development and affordable housing; support for families in need; creative environmental strategies; civility in public discourse.

**2.** I'm a lawyer, teacher and progressive organizer. I graduated from Radcliffe College, Wesleyan University's MAT program, and Boston University Law School. With my late husband Stanley, I raised two sons here; David ran for Congress from Brookline in 2020. I was Brookline's lawyer 1977-1990, helped start Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts and served eight years on Governor Patrick's Judicial Nominating Commission. I have worked in government for most of my career. PAX and Brookline By Design endorsed.

**Susan Helms Daley** (\*) / 17 Chatham Circle  
Attendance 24 of 24

**1.** I am passionate about addressing climate change and protecting greenspace, all with an environmental justice lens. This means addressing public transportation (I co-sponsored a 2019 WA promoting sustainable transportation measures, and I support the Bridle Path and other bicycle and pedestrian friendly initiatives), planting more trees (including spreading the word about Brookline's free front yard tree planting program and funding our recent Urban Canopy plan), electrifying everything from buildings

to vehicles, and advocating for the swift repair of our largest fossil gas leaks. By pursuing these measures, we help address asthma, heat islands, obesity and mental health among many other public health and livable city goals. I'd be grateful for your support.

**2.** Brookline Schools Parent, Sustainability Consultant ([sustainabilitynxt.com](http://sustainabilitynxt.com)), Active Volunteer with Mothers Out Front, Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Brookline Greenspace Alliance and more. Master of Environmental Management (Yale) and MBA (Simmons). Brookline Resident since 1997. Town Meeting Member since 2020.

**Amy R. Evenson** (\*) / 71 Carlton St  
Attendance 13 of 13

**1.** 1) Development of a comprehensive plan for growth of the residential and commercial interests of the Town while preserving green space, livability and access to services. I support current efforts to enact the Planning Process Study Committee outlined in Article 26 during the Fall Town Meeting.

2) Encouraging environmentally-sustainable practices for the Town and its residents relating to preservation (and augmentation) of green spaces & our tree canopy, encouraging alternatives to vehicle use, and moving away from fossil fuels. I currently walk to work, support local and national environmental causes, and am teaching my kids about the importance of protecting our environment.

**2.** I am a mother, wife, surgeon, and educator. I have lived in Brookline with my husband and kids for over 10 years. I serve on the Lawrence School Site Council and am currently a Town Meeting member. I am endorsed by Brookline PAX and recommended by Brookline By Design

**Neil Roger Gordon** (\*) / 87 Ivy St  
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**1.** P1 faces many of the same issues at the town more broadly. As we recover from COVID, storefronts are empty. We struggle to balance needed services with ability to pay, growth vs. preservation, and public safety vs. fairness and equity. Brookline needs civil, rational discourse, compromise, humble winners and gracious losers, particular challenges in these fractious, polarized (yes, even in Brookline) times.

**2.** I have a long history of public and community service, served on active duty with the United States Navy, am a Vietnam veteran, and an avid sailor and cyclist. As I've scaled back my corporate finance consulting work, I've focused more on service to Brookline. I've been a Brookline Town Meeting Member since 2009, serve on the Advisory Committee, the Taxation Aid Committee and the Homelessness Task Force. I'm endorsed by both Brookline PAX and by Brookline By Design.



**Carol B. Hillman** (\*) / 287 Kent St

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**1.** Past increased school enrollments have led to need for constant requests for operating budget and debt exclusion overrides. This is still the case despite lack of growth, putting added burdens on all Brookline residents, especially the elderly. We need to fund both school and public needs without constant overrides. A centralized budgeting process would help and a mayoral form of government where all town needs are considered together when budgeting.

Destroying neighborhoods in the name of affordable housing is another issue we need to have a dialog on.

**2.** Brookline Resident since 2008; TMM for 12 years. Phi Beta Kappa honors graduate University of Wisconsin; MA Cornell University. Corporate communications executive at Fortune 500 corporations. Served on board of Planned Parenthood League of MA, chaired Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Partnership. Worked to get government funds to restore Riverway Park and Carlton Street footbridge.

**Sean Lynn-Jones** (\*) / 53 Monmouth St

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**1.** The key Precinct 1 issues are the ones that affect its residents' quality of life. I will continue to use my experience in Brookline government and community organizations to be an effective advocate for Precinct 1. Town-wide: (1) carefully plan development so that Brookline is a great place to live for all residents, (2) ensure that every student in Brookline's schools receives an excellent education; (3) protect the environment and fight climate change.

**2.** Precinct 1 resident since 1995. Retired editor of Harvard-based academic journal. Town Meeting member since 2011. Worked to improve pedestrian safety at multiple intersections. Led efforts for rapid opening of Whole Foods. Opposed cannabis store. Worked to redesign and renovate Monmouth Park. Supported Riverway Park restoration. Vice President, Brookline GreenSpace Alliance. Board member, Brookline Neighborhood Alliance. Elected member, Brookline Democratic Town Committee. Former chair, Brookline Advisory Committee. Former Lawrence School parent. Endorsements: Brookline PAX; Brookline by Design.

**Bettina Neufeind** (\*) / 20 Amory St

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**1.** I strive to find and build on common ground among seemingly disparate interests to address the legitimate and substantial needs of the full range of

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precinct and town residents. My priorities include increasing equitable access and amplifying attention to: affordable housing; safe public ways for pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit users; preserving green space; environmentally responsible development; and inclusive education for kids outside the mainstream.

**2.** I was born in Germany, raised in St. Louis, and moved lots before settling Brookline in 2009 with my partner and three kids. I am a special education attorney with the Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative; I previously documented war crimes, enforced fair housing law and disability rights, and developed food literacy and child nutrition policy. As a PSB parent, I founded the annual Lawrence Food Fest and served on the Town's Wellness Committee. This is my tenth year representing Precinct 1 in Town Meeting.

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

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**1.** Long-term financial planning and comprehensive zoning review to balance necessary growth with new sources of tax revenue, maintaining quality of life / schools / town services / neighborliness, while explicitly allocating more budget dollars to equity line items, serving the underserved and vulnerable. Closer to home: building community consensus for smart upzoning of the Beacon Street Corridor St Mary's commercial district. Maintaining our parks and keeping our tree canopy intact. Traffic control – pedestrian and bike-friendly streets

**2.** TMM since 2007, Brookline GreenSpace Alliance Board member, Co-President Friends of Hall's Pond, Five-term Moderator United Parish of Brookline, *Thrifty Threads* Volunteer, Greater Boston Interfaith Organization – Housing Action Team, Brookline Town U14 and U16 Soccer Coach, Carlton Street Footbridge Restoration WA Proponent, Managing Director Aon Corporation, Harvard '76, expatriated for 12 years, proud father of two BHS Grads. Committed volunteer and advocate for Brookline and its community institutions. Endorsed by PAX and BBD

**Katharine Silbaugh** (\*) / 68 Amory St

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**1.** Proximity: look at the new high-rise luxury development blocks away in Fenway. Precinct 1 is facing pressure for the same changes. We need to make the development process work for residents, not just for developers. I'm committed to preservation of green spaces and walkable human-scaled streetscapes; high quality schools; affordability; equity; youth

welfare; responsive government; respect among neighborhoods; aligning revenue sources with community welfare; exploring mayoral/city government form.

**2.** Highly engaged TMM for 12 years, I work hard to represent this precinct. I attend countless meetings and actively intervene where it matters to us. Law Professor, BU. Scholar of gender, families, and youth and the institutions that shape them. Parent of 3. Brookline Education Foundation BOO and 6-year Director. Former School Council Co-Chair at Lawrence. Committee member that established BPS anti-bullying policy. Believe it or not, 2022 Brookline Woman of the Year for Town Meeting work. BBD endorsed, [www.brooklinebydesign.com](http://www.brooklinebydesign.com).

**Charles Terrell** (\*) / 83 Ivy St

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**1.** There are many critical issues in Precinct One and in our town. I'd like to focus, however, on our most pressing issue, fair and equal treatment of our B-POC (Black-People of Color), community, as exemplified by Brookline police profiling and harassment, which may be less onerous than many years ago, when I was repeatedly harassed (once by our current Interim Police Chief) than it is now, but still troublesomely apparent, as evidenced by last week's high school protests regarding racial-ethnic discrimination and the unfortunate Brookline educators' decision to remove Black students from class. What an extraordinary example of "blaming the victim?"

**2.** Charles Terrell, Ed.D. is a 38-year resident of Precinct One. Among his TMM passions are educational excellence, racial equity, and town affordability.

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

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**1.** Precinct 1 and Brookline faces pressure from the State, from developers, and from many Town Meeting members to rapidly increase density. Growth is inevitable, but whether it benefits Town residents depends entirely on who is voting in Town Meeting. In the absence of community-based planning, growth will benefit only the developers, without corresponding benefits to the Town. This puts Brookline at risk of losing its human-scaled neighborhoods, walkable streetscapes, and valued open space in favor of luxury development and at the cost of affordability. As your representative, I will be thoughtful, intentional and independent as proposals come before Town Meeting that impact growth and density.

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 2. My wife Amy Evenson and I feel fortunate to serve our community as Town Meeting Members. We have lived in Brookline for 11 years raising our children who attend Brookline Public Schools. I have been recommended to voters by both Brookline by Design and PAX.

### **Rui Andre Pinto Albuquerque** (New) /

24 Euston St

1. I care about youth safety and education, and maintaining Brookline a welcoming, livable community to families, young and old. I want to assure: a high level of education for all and a work environment that keeps teachers supported and focused on our children; that we invest in quality and training of our police officers; that Brookline increases opportunities for young families, of diverse backgrounds, to find Brookline their home.

2. Rui was born in Mozambique and resides in Brookline since 2015. He teaches finance at Boston College. Rui works with the NGO Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States to promote greater civic engagement by the Portuguese community in the US. He works with two other NGOs: the Cooperative League of the USA in promoting associativism of smallholder farmers in Mozambique; and, Jesuit Refugee Services in the design of their global sustainability strategy. Rui is endorsed by Brookline PAX.

### **Johnathon Card** (New) / 283 Saint Paul St

1. I believe that the most critical issues facing our town are economic and racial justice. In my time in Brookline I've seen the breadth of resources and abundance that the town has to offer, and I hope to see Brookline extend itself as a model for other well-resourced localities. Brookline can do so by expanding housing opportunities, supporting and empowering intergenerational cooperation amongst its citizens, and using an intersectional race equity lens when developing or changing town policy and guidance.

2. I am a white, queer, young adult who has rented in Brookline for several years. In my professional life I am a public interest attorney who works with low-income, disabled folks to address issues of housing insecurity, access to public benefits, end of life planning, and reentry from incarceration. I am passionate about civic engagement, building inclusive spaces for the LGBTQ+ community, and promoting the eradication of poverty and inequity.

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#### **Sarah S. Ericsson** (New) / 79 Carlton St

1. Precinct 1 is a dense neighborhood, and a thoughtful planning process is needed to balance development with preserving the integrity of the neighborhood. We need to be mindful of protecting our green space and expand our Tree Canopy preservation. Also, combating climate change is critical for our future, and we can do our part by getting to zero carbon emissions.

2. My husband and I have been Brookline residents for over 30 years. Our three children attended Brookline Schools. I am a Grammy nominated classical harpist and a former Boston Symphony Orchestra harpist. I will advocate for Precinct 1 and work hard to find common ground to solve Brookline's most pressing issues.

Endorsed by PAX and Brookline by Design.

#### **Anthony Ishak** (New) / 131 Freeman St

1. Affordability-The rising value of property is pricing out businesses which impacts revenue to our town and leaves many empty store fronts. The premium on housing is leading to many people of middle and lower income households being priced out of our town. My hope is to look into how to incentivize property owners to maximize space and use in an efficient manner that maximizes capacity of use.

Balance-Making sure our budget is funded to meet our town's needs to schools, services and infrastructure in a climate-conscious manner (parks and pedestrian/cyclist friendly streets-yes!, potholes-no!) while keeping property taxes affordable to residents.

2. 15 year condo resident of precinct 1, pharmacist, walk/bike commuter, 1st generation Egyptian-American. Lead petitioner on multiple warrant articles around voting, increasing bike parking for condos, and a first in the world tobacco ban (<https://time.com/6126252/brookline-tobacco-free-generation-law/>) Improving Brookline with an eye on social equity.

#### **David A. Walker** (New) / 1080 Beacon St

1. The defining issue of our time is inequality. It is the lens I use to see what matters: having enough to eat, getting a good education, affording a place to live. I believe in a progressive Brookline that fixes inequalities.

I would help this by keeping inequality in mind with every vote. There is much to do, such as: building affordable housing, addressing the climate crisis, advocating for the unrepresented. These issues impact us all, but they hit some the hardest. I believe the government should take real action to help them.

I share these values with the Brookline Equity Coalition. See our values, and help us make Brookline a more progressive town at:

<https://www.brooklineequitycoalition.org/>

2. I moved with my wife Elisabeth to Brookline on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, on our sixth wedding anniversary. We met in Ph.D. graduate school and have worked in the sciences industry for 14 years.

#### **Rachel Roma Watson** (New) / 1100 Beacon St

1. Promoting equity- race, income, gender, and historical injustices combine to compound discrimination and inequities. We must make Brookline a place where everyone can thrive. Increasing affordable housing and accessible transportation will reduce exclusivity towards BIPOC and lower income individuals. We MUST advocate for racial, economic, and social justice — and amplify the voices of the historically excluded. We must make local government accessible to all residents; there should be a seat for everyone at the table. TMMs must commit to addressing the needs of ALL community members.

2. I'm a 23-year-old renter, full-time BCH researcher, teaching assistant, and MPH candidate at BUSPH studying community health. In collaborating with the BHA to identify needed services, I was inspired to run for TM. Improving BHA housing hasn't been a priority; this must change. I rely on public transportation and walking; I understand that ensuring Brookline is accessible for all is pertinent to inclusivity.

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

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## ◆ PRECINCT 2

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

**James F. Franco** (\*) / 126 Amory St

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1. Precinct 2 has new boundaries starting this year combining parts of the prior Precinct 2 with sections of Precincts 1 and 8. I look forward to learning what residents in our ne Precinct care about.

We need to unite people in understanding that town government has core responsibilities to provide infrastructure, education, public service and access to the public square and is financially challenged to deliver the services people expect. I want to make sure the Town as a whole and Precinct 2 in particular receive services they need. Development pressures on density and quality of life will be my special focus. We need to find a way to assure development is neighborhood friendly.

2. Amory Street resident for over 30 years, married to Ellen, two children who graduated Lawrence and BHS. Vice-Chair of Brookline Democratic Town Committee, Friends of Hall's Pond Board Member.

**Robert M. Miller** (\*) / 19 Copley St

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1. The most critical issues facing precinct 2 and the town are funding for housing and the schools. This should be addressed by seeking state funding and by measured and predictable overrides. The Town government should be supporting initiatives like the Fair Share Amendment.

2. Half of my work experience has been in the private sector, primarily high tech, and half working for the Town of Brookline as a middle school teacher. Climate is a top concern for me, I am a past chair and current board member of Climate Action Brookline. I serve as the president of the non-profit booster organization for the BHS boys basketball program and volunteer during home and road games. I am the vice president of the Brookline Educators Union. I love riding my bicycle and find it to be a great way to travel around Brookline.

**Kimberley Richardson** (\*) / 347 Saint Paul St

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1. The first issue is achieving racial justice and equity.

The second issue is making improvements to BHA units so that the quality of life is improved for these residents.

2. I am a single black mother, I am a social worker, and an activist who wants to give meaningful representation to those who have been underserved

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for years. I moved to Brookline almost 10 years ago and little has changed. It's time to make important equitable changes and I want to assist in this transformation. Representing P2 will give me the opportunity to speak about the issues around race and equity from the point of view of someone who lives in housing. It will give an opportunity for the perspective of BHA residents to be seen and voiced. BHA families deserve more than affordable housing; they deserve to come home to a better quality of life.

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

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1. Many people are concerned with the numerous large construction projects that add only a few units of affordable housing throughout the Town. It is time for Brookline to engage in serious comprehensive planning, which will direct Brookline's future development. Residents must decide what they want Brookline to be in the future - a wealthy suburb, or a welcoming town, which both preserves its architectural history and where people of all incomes, races and walks of life can find housing that meets their needs. We also need to solve the issues in the police department, support the schools as they work to make everyone a valued part of the school community, and implement measures that reduce our carbon footprint.

2. Resident of Brookline since 1966; two children who graduated from BHS; teacher at Driscoll School for 25 years; Town Meeting member for many years; former School Committee member for 12 years.

**Maura Toomey** (\*) / 102 Crowninshield Rd

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1. In Precinct 2, like most of North Brookline, we are faced with congestion and commercial and residential developments. The desire to live in Brookline never ceases to wane. Keeping up with the demand has proven very complex, costly, and divisive. We need a comprehensive plan to make certain our precinct as well as the entire Town are in agreement with what the future of Brookline looks like.

2. I have lived in Brookline since 2006. Homeowner. 3 children attended Brookline Public Schools. I work in Sales. Endorsed by PAX and BBD. Member, Minot Rose Garden, BNA, NBNA, Green Caucus, Coolidge Corner Study Committee, Crowninshield LHD Com

**Raphael Bueno** (New) / 39 Adams St

1. One critical issue is to improve our public school system by providing adequate funding, leadership, and support. This includes ensuring equitable access and support for all students with emphasis on

diversity, inclusion, and support to those students with special needs.

A second critical issue is to have a comprehensive, climate-conscious plan for development in Brookline including affordable housing, improving public transportation infrastructure, sufficient parking to support local businesses and green spaces.

2. I am a first generation American and have lived in Brookline for 37 years. My wife and I have raised our two daughters here and both went through the Brookline school system from K to 12. I am a surgeon and a cancer researcher. I work at the Brigham and Women's Hospital as the Chief of Thoracic and Cardiac Surgery and am a Professor of Surgery at Harvard.

**Rebecca Bueno** (New) / 39 Adams St

1. I believe that having a plan to sensibly structure Brookline's development is the most critical issue both in the town and P2. Northern Brookline is the densest area in town and is carrying the weight of most new family & multifamily construction. One of the ways to balance new development throughout Brookline is to improve transportation infrastructure in other areas of Brookline. This would involve a town wide effort in lobbying the legislature for increased funding.

2. I am a 24 year old woman who has called Brookline her home since birth, leaving only to attend college in Pennsylvania. My whole life has been surrounded by politics. One week post grad I began to manage a successful mayoral campaign, after winning, I went on to work in the state house as a legislative aide for two years. Women in politics, especially young women is absolutely crucial at all levels, thus why I am running.

**Kristina Colbert Lourie** (New) /

163 Babcock St

1. Our family moved to North Brookline in 2008. We have enjoyed wonderful neighbors and walkable schools. After hearing about the recent BHS walk-out to protest racist incidents, and watching the Florida Ruffin Ridley school's renaming process first-hand (TMMs, School Committee, administrators and students work years to successfully achieve a level of restorative justice), without doubt, our most critical issue is being able to assure everyone the opportunity to live and thrive in a family-friendly and safe Brookline. What I lack in experience, I will make up for in earnestness.

2. Graduate of public schools, first-generation college graduate (Mount Holyoke), attendee Lesley University's master's in education. Pre-pandemic: Ruffin Ridley Art room Library volunteer.

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2020-present: Equity PAC, developing and executing Ruffin Ridley Readers & Leaders (Zoom), K-8 “read-alouds” discussing themes social justice, equity and inclusion.

I live in North Brookline, have a supportive partner, three BHS graduates and a rising freshman.

**Paul William Dickinson** (New) /

150 Pleasant St

1. I believe that the most pressing issue facing Brookline is how do we manage the town’s continued growth while preserving the quality and character of Brookline’s schools, business districts, neighborhoods, parks, and green spaces. We should be developing a plan, utilizing quantitative and qualitative data, that strategically and incrementally spreads development throughout Brookline and invests in quality transportation options (e.g., safe pedestrian access, bike lanes, and additional public transportation). In Precinct 2 the biggest issue is one of representation. TMMs should advocate for everyone they represent, not just some. Precinct 2’s population includes the youngest and most diverse residents in town, yet not everyone’s concerns are being represented. I want to represent everyone.

2. I am the Deputy Chief Compliance Officer for a large financial services firm in Boston and have lived in Brookline with my wife for approximately 10 years. I have been endorsed by Brookline PAX.

**Carol W. Gladstone** (New) / 28 Copley St

1. Town Meeting will be voting on big issues this year – zoning and budget. With new state zoning laws, there’s likely significant rezoning and increased development – great potential benefits (more housing) but also issues. We have budget challenges: costs are increasing faster than revenue. Funding schools and other services is job 1 for town government. These are the responsibility of Town Meeting; let’s do the work to get this right!

2. One of the luckiest days of my life was when my husband Ben & I moved to Copley Street 20+ years ago with our two kids. Brookline is a special place, where we look forward to growing old. My 40+ year professional life has been spent in government and real estate. I now have time to offer this experience to my neighborhood and town. I promise to listen, learn, and work hard to solve problems. Endorsed by Brookline by Design and PAX.

**Catherine Harris** (New) / 33 Egmont St

**NO REPLY**

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**Brenda J. Hochberg** (New) /

50 Crowninshield Rd

1. The most critical issues facing us are affordable housing and the environment. We need a development plan to steadily add to and maintain our affordable housing and balance the needs of our diverse constituencies. The plan will help us retain the qualities that lead people to move to, and remain in, Brookline. I am also interested in keeping Brookline at the forefront of municipal environmental initiatives. The town can continue to provide leadership in controlling waste and limiting climate-impacting emissions.

2. Brookline resident since 2000; our four children attended FRR and BHS. I have been a tax attorney and a tax and family law software developer, and volunteer with immigration support organization BIJAN and fundraising organization Force Multiplier. I enjoy walking and cycling around Brookline and am a Biking Brookline member. Endorsed by PAX and Brookline by Design.

**Chanda L. Jones** (New) / 71 Egmont St

1. Brookline is in dire need of more affordable and deeply affordable housing. It will promote economic development and increase racial and social diversity. I would create an affordable housing overlay district and encourage transit rich housing and funds from community preservation act (CPA) for more affordable housing.

Climate change is existential threat to our very survival, especially low income residents. I would support incentives for residential and commercial properties to be fossil fuel free and education is also essential.

2. I have lived in Brookline for 12 years with my family. My daughter is a senior at Brookline High. I am employed at Boston University for 8 years and also a union steward there and member of SEIU.

**Nina Makhortova** (New) / 140 Pleasant St

1. Precinct 2 is diverse – it is home to the historic Crowninshield sector, five affordable housing complexes, BU students, and young professional families. As a working mom of two school-age children, I want to represent this demographic diversity in Brookline’s government. My focus is on safety, education, parks, recreation, and city infrastructure. These areas affected by COVID need attention and careful data-driven decisions. I want to make life better for everyone in Brookline.

2. I am Russian-Ukrainian, born in Kazakhstan. My spouse (born in the UK) and I are naturalized US citizens. We consider ourselves a multicultural family.

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I am an MD, PhD scientist and I currently work at Boston Children’s Hospital as an instructor in Neurology and a Director of the Human Neuron Core, a frontier in stem-cell research. I am an advisory member for Parks and Recreation and got the endorsement from Brookline for Everyone and Brookline PAX.

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/nina-makhortova-a6045132/>

**Chris J. Mears** (New) / 222 Pleasant St

1. Three forces push for increased population density in Brookline:

**Climate Change:** Higher density reduces greenhouse emissions.

**Affordability:** Higher density is required to make Brookline less unaffordable.

**Efficiency:** Brookline’s real estate is very valuable. The value of many single family homes - mine included - is a fraction of their lot’s value. Higher density allows the precious Brookline land to be available to more.

Given the above, our critical issue is to increase density while keeping the side effects acceptable. For example, I believe Brookline will eventually require more schools, expanded transportation options, larger buildings, and overnight on-street parking. Rather than fight these changes, we should accept and design the changes so that more people can share the privilege of living here.

2. 25 year resident. Parent with 30+ student-years’ experience with PSB. Dedicated bicycle commuter.

Not (yet) 100% bald.

**Joshua Cody Patrick Ow Ogunbadero**

(New) / 7 Egmont St

1. My name is Joshua Ogunbadero and I am a life-long Brookline resident. I have been fortunate to grow up in this community and that is why I have a strong interest in preserving and renovating landmarks and natural environments. For example, since Hall’s Pond was renovated by the Conservation Commission, it transformed from an impenetrable swamp into a natural getaway where people can jog, observe wildlife, and enjoy quiet time, making it an experience for the whole family. If elected, I pledge to work with the Conservation Commission and other town bodies to preserve and renovate other natural areas for the betterment of the neighborhood. My goal is to encourage the community to make use of preserved and renovated natural spaces throughout the town to promote healthy life styles and contribute to the beauty of Brookline.

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**Markus L. Penzel** (New) / 182 Pleasant St

1. The lack of far-sighted, comprehensive development plans and increasingly unaffordable housing are most critical to North Brookline. These impact schools, infrastructure, inclusivity, and green space. My first remedy would be to vote for Warrant Article 10, proposed by Brookline By Design, at the Spring Town Meeting.

2. I was born in New Hampshire and grew up in Texas. I came East for college and law school. After a judicial clerkship, I worked in South Texas as a legal aid lawyer. I spent the rest of my professional life representing victims of discrimination in the workplace. My wife Cathy Corman and I have lived on Pleasant Street since 1998. We are parents of adult triplets who attended what is now the Ridley School. Recently retired, I am eager to serve the community my family and I have been so lucky to live in. Endorsed by Brookline PAX and Brookline By Design.

**Pamela L. Roberts** (New) / 47 Crowninshield Rd

1. There's a statewide affordable housing crisis. Can we play a role in addressing it? At the same time, density is a concern. Living safely and healthily shouldn't be determined by one's income or one's race. Planned growth is a must, as we work to maintain our green and open spaces. Brookline has done good work on our climate crisis, but we can do much more. I look forward to tackling these issues on Town Meeting.

2. Endorsed by PAX and Brookline by Design. Board Member, Friends of the Public Library. Volunteer in the Florida Ruffin Ridley School, including PTO Co-President, library work, and co-leading the Understanding Our Differences Program. Member, Edward Devotion School Building Committee. Member, Naming Committee. Seven-year volunteer with the BHS After the Prom Party.

My husband and I have lived in Brookline for 29 years. Our three children grew up in the public schools.

**Stuart P. Rubinow** (New) / 19 Thatcher St

1. We need to develop an integrated long-range plan that balances the sometimes conflicting needs of residential, commercial, open space, infrastructure, and schools – this is necessary for our future. We should expand climate action and improve sustainable practices town wide. We must also add to the commercial tax base, to avoid over-reliance on property tax revenue. I support a mix of affordable and moderate-income housing, but with thoughtful

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limits on development and density. I would protect parks and open space as key parts of the town's appeal and character.

2. I have lived in Brookline since 1987, and my daughters attended Devotion and BHS. My careers were as a clinical psychologist, executive coach, and corporate trainer. Since retiring, I record books at the Perkins School, and volunteer and lead tours at WGBH and Gore Place in Waltham. I have been endorsed for Town Meeting by Brookline PAX and Brookline By Design.

**Richard D. Snyder** (New) / 135 Pleasant St

1. The two primary reasons why I have decided to run are first, that we must work to enhance trust and improve the relationship with our public employees. This must be inclusive of departmental leaders and handled with respect. The other equally important reason is to make sure that when we build new buildings, adapt older buildings, or create green space, that we do so in a responsible way. We must be fiscally sound while continuing to enhance Brookline's diverse community. As a Town Meeting Member, I will work to drive forward improvements in both critical areas.

2. I am a life-long resident of Massachusetts and have lived in Brookline for eighteen years. I am a forward-thinking person who strives to bring people to table through collaboration and transparent communication. I am proud to say that I have been endorsed by Brookline PAX and Brookline by Design!

**Ariel Jeremy Soiffer** (New) / 221 Freeman St

1. We need to get back to basics: better roads and rigorous schools.

Our pothole-ridden roads create risk for cyclists and electric scooter riders and raise costs for maintenance of automobiles. We can do better; other parts of New England manage it despite similar weather conditions. Our schools do not push children. Recent MCAS scores at Florida Ruffin Ridley have been going down. Our children have lost so much due to the pandemic, and we need to turn things around so that all children have the opportunity to grow.

As a member of town meeting, I will focus on these basic quality of life issues.

2. My mother is of mixed Moroccan and Hispanic origin; my wife is of mixed Asian and Hispanic origin. We have three children that we are raising in our Jewish faith. I am a lawyer that focuses on technology and biotechnology transactions.

**Carlos Mario Tamayo** (New) / 341 Saint Paul St

1. The impact of COVID-19 on all areas of life and racial justice are two crucial issues. I am a resident of Brookline Housing and I am running to work with and for its residents, who are typically excluded from Brookline's big decisions but who have a strong desire to feel included and a strong love for this town.

2. My name is Carlos Tamayo. I am a proud first-generation American. I spent my childhood living in tiny apartments with my family and attending schools in the Brookline/Allston area. My sister attended BHS, so I am familiar with the school system. I became the first in my family to graduate from college, earning a political science degree from Boston College in May 2021. Now, I have a strong desire to fight so that every single person in my precinct, no matter their background, is included.

**David E. Trevett** (New) / 177 Babcock St

1. Precinct 2: (a) Worrisome air quality issues reported in Egmont & Trustman BHA units. (b) In this new majority-minority precinct with wide income differences, how to achieve better attention to minority issues. We need good communication among P2 TMMs and with residents, to learn from each other, find common ground, advocate for all.

Town overall: Aspirations exceed budgets, key infrastructure components deteriorating, pressing need for more affordable housing. Need more revenue sources, e.g., expanding the commercial tax base, promoting and growing a diversity of local businesses. Important for Town livability as well.

2. Brookline resident since 2011. Chair, Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Steering Committee member, Brookline Community Aging Network. Advocate for pedestrian safety & walk-friendly streets, public transit, senior services, local businesses.

Primary professional: 1982-2010 managed central information systems departments for University of Chicago. Good at listening, translating between disparate groups. Endorsed by Brookline PAX and Brookline by Design.

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

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## ◆ PRECINCT 3

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

**Kathryn M. Becker** (\*) / 83 Stearns Rd

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**1.** Managing development in a way that will make our community more affordable, inclusive, and sustainable while preserving the qualities we value most, through a planning process that engages our whole community, including those whose voices have been marginalized. I'm especially interested in finding new ways for residents to get involved and engaged in Town government.

**2.** I grew up near Detroit and put down roots in Brookline fifteen years ago. I have two children currently at Lawrence, a kindergartener and a third-grader. I work as a science writer, and spent seven years as editorial researcher with the NOVA documentary series. At WGBH I also served as steward and secretary of AEEF-CWA Local 1300.

**Jeffrey R. Benson** (\*) / 101 Stearns Rd

Attendance 29 of 29

**1. A)** More consistently inform all residents of town business. Among many strategies: 1) increase stipends for positions such as School Committee and Selectboard (often half-time jobs) so the ability to serve is not based on wealth, but talent; 2) collect email addresses so town meeting members inform their constituents of relevant meetings and events, including how to run for town meeting, or sit on committees and commissions-- increasing the diversity of perspectives, possibly, our greatest resources.

**B)** Increase housing options across the economic spectrum, in part so that town employees can live here. One strategy:, address zoning regulations, allowing more multi-family housing near our transportation corridors. Good for climate stability too.

**2.** 26 years in town; 4 years on town meeting; children graduated BHS; internationally known author of education books; coached youth soccer; Brookline Porchfest performer; organized Lawrence park Little Library

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

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Affordability and excessive development are significant issues. Current market incentives are contrary to a healthy diverse community. Developers cram in more multi-million-dollar units, squeezing out light, air and greenspace with overly large projects; and further crushing affordability. The Town must

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work actively to counterbalance this dynamic. It requires thoughtful planning. We can strategically increase density, create mixed-use development, without destroying neighborhoods.

Brookline is a wonderful town, I would like to ensure it can provide the same opportunities to everyone that our family has been fortunate to enjoy.

**2.** My wife Anne Turner and I raised our children in Brookline public schools. I have been Chair of Advisory Committee, committees on Schools, Public Safety, Human Services; Board Member of Brookline Greenspace Alliance advocating for openspace in our community; Board Member of Brookline Community Foundation where I collaborated in focusing our resolve and activities in addressing disparities in Brookline.

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

Attendance 29 of 30

**1.** Let's focus and pull together on complex issues starting with inclusive, equitable comprehensive planning and zoning reform and affordable housing strategies. A recent Brookline Planning Board session focused on a luxury developer proposing the tear down of Sewall Avenue's Bertram Inn and replaced by an "aggressive" luxury building in precinct 3. A multi-unit apartment up the street was highlighted for adaptive reuse and humanistic values. Let's keep learning and working together to prioritize livable and equitable outcomes on climate emergency, ecosystem health, and parks and come together for effective, equitable schools and racial equity. Both change and civil society can prevail.

**2.** Have served as: Board, Brookline Community Foundation; Commissioner, Brookline Park and Recreation; Founder and Board, Brookline GreenSpace Alliance; Board, Climate Action Brookline and Climate Week organizer; Member, Brookline Commission for the Arts; Founder and member Friends of Lawrence Park; Town Meeting Member since 1991.

**Murray W. Dewart, Jr.** (\*) / 90 Toxteth St

Attendance 29 of 30

**1.** The town needs to implement a comprehensive plan for addressing growth and the transformative changes taking place. Affordable housing is disappearing and massive high rise buildings loom on the horizon. Miscellaneous piecemeal solutions are not working. Our neighborhood is heavily impacted. Boston and the Longwood Medical Area are world class destinations. We cannot change that, but we need to moderate the intensifying impact of development.

**2.** I have been in Town Meeting since 1988. I grew up in Brookline, raised my family here, taught in the schools and at St. Anselm College. I am the co-founder of Boston Sculptors, have built public sculptures around the country, and in Israel, China and Peru and have works in more than thirty-five museums.

**Dennis L. Doughty** (\*) / 57 Perry St

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Town: getting the budget under control. As Advisory Committee Chair I have tried to bring greater transparency and longer-term consideration to the budget review process. Precinct 3: pedestrian and bicycle safety; we must work with the Transportation Department to improve safety especially at certain intersections.

**2.** 30+ year resident of Brookline. Chair of Advisory Committee (2021- present; member for 7 years; previously Chair of Administration & Finance Subcommittee; member of Schools Subcommittee). MIT graduate. Married, two children, both attended Lawrence Elementary and BHS. Active participant in task forces investigating and setting policies for: Virtual Town Meeting, Electronic Document Distribution, Sidewalk Safety, Pay-As-You-Throw, and Leaf Blower usage. Developed analytical tools used to help with school enrollment analysis and site option selection. Active for years in Lawrence School PTO including as director of annual fundraiser. Technology professional.

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

Attendance 29 of 30

**1.** The most critical issue in the world is climate. Everything needs to be viewed through that lens. This reflects itself locally in issues including zoning, infrastructure, housing, transportation, and energy.

A second key issue for Pct. 3, is development. North Brookline faces ongoing change. We need to continually look at issues like density, income and housing inequality, and again environment, and decide what we want the neighborhood and the town to be as we move forward.

I support measures to increase density where appropriate, promote non-car transit, increase affordable housing, increase economic diversity, while maintaining green cover and green spaces.

**2.** 63 years old. Brookline resident for 13 years. Married, two excellent teens. I've made documentary films for 40+ years. It's given me exposure (though not expertise) in many critical areas that relate to Brookline - environment, urban design, human rights - and the knowledge that solutions exist.

**Jane C. Gilman** (\*) / 140 Sewall Ave

Attendance 30 of 30

1. Precinct 3 is being hammered by developers and we are losing historic, iconic buildings to massive new construction. In May 2021 there were approximately 700 proposed new units including, within ½ mile radius, on Kent and St. Paul Streets and Longwood Avenue.

We need a land use plan to address climate crisis; pedestrian safety; Open Space; Complete Streets; future school capacity and Public Works. We need to commit to Affordable Housing not “luxury” housing. We need to site development wisely, not haphazardly. We need a plan to support and encourage rising families to own their home and settle into Brookline. I favor 2- and 3- bedroom, family friendly units and creative financing such as rent-to-own schemes

2. B.A., Boston University and M.A. Boston College. Resident since 1992. Co-founded Brookline Town Meeting Green Caucus and served on the Select Board Committee on bottled water to study eliminating single-use plastic bottles.

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

Attendance 13 of 13

1. The Town, and in particular Precinct 3, is experiencing pressure to rapidly increase density. We need to manage growth in an intentional, community-driven way that furthers sustainability, equity, affordability, commercial vitality, and the principles of good urbanism—within budget constraints and without undermining our existing infrastructure and Town services. Pursuing a comprehensive, inclusive, neighborhood-based planning process would enable us to come together as a community to clarify our goals and rewrite our antiquated zoning bylaw to maximize the beneficial long-term impacts of development on the Town.

2. Fourteen-year resident of Brookline; mother of two Brookline Public School students (BHS and Lawrence). Steering committee member, [Brookline by Design](#); Board member, Brookline Neighborhood Association; Founding member, Lawrence School Green Team; member, Mothers Out Front; Graduate of Amherst College; former staff editor, *The Atlantic*; freelance editor and fact-checker. Endorsed by Brookline by Design and PAX.

**Mariah C. Nobrega** (\*) / 33 Bowker St

Attendance 30 of 30

1. Critical issues: development, affordability, environment, maintaining town services. Justice and equity for Brookline’s historically marginalized communities are paramount across all issues. We

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should encourage smart zoning and development (residential and commercial) to enable creative solutions that both increase our commercial tax base and our affordable housing. We must ensure development doesn’t worsen environmental impacts, particularly in the Village, which is already prone to flooding and elevated temperatures. Town services (particularly, but not limited to, schools, buildings, roads, public housing) need support; by design, Proposition 2.5 erodes government and inflation has worsened that. An operating override should be considered soon, alongside needed renovations of Pierce School and the fire stations. Balancing these issues during pandemic recovery is complex.

2. Raised in Brookline, I have three children (at BHS, Pierce, preschool). Town service: Town Meeting 2009-present; multiple committees including School Committee 2020-present; Advisory Committee 2015-2019, Commission for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations 2019-2021.

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

Attendance 30 of 30

1. Brookline’s climate goal is to prioritize planning to achieve a 50% reduction of emissions from 2010 levels by 2030. I’m leading initiatives so buildings will be fossil fuel free by transitioning away from fossil fuels equitably.

2. Mother of three teens who attended Brookline schools, resident for 16 years. Architect. TMM pct 3 since 2010. Current: Brookline Arts Center and Zero Emissions Advisory Board member. Previous: Co-founder of Brookline Mothers Out Front, co-coordinator of Mothers Out Front statewide Campaign, Select Board Climate Action Committee member, Brookline Commission for Women’s 2021 Woman of the Year award co-recipient. Worked on TM warrant articles for Brookline Green Electricity program, co-petitioner for all warrant article related to building electrification and fossil fuel free for schools and all buildings. Longtime advocate to get methane gas leaks fixed which harm our health, trees, and the air we breathe which then in turn impact low-income minority populations disproportionately.

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

Attendance 30 of 30

1. As we begin year 3 of Covid, Brookline faces a challenging operating deficit, which affects all town services as well as our climate response, complex development issues, and ensuring a safe/welcoming community for all residents (and visitors). I helped host the initial community forum for Building a Better Brookline and would continue to support

housing and development issues that expand housing affordability.

In my Precinct 3, I would continue to promote pedestrian safety, having recently advocated for much-needed traffic mitigation at Kent and Longwood.

2. Brookline resident for 22 years; parent of two Lawrence and BHS graduates. Nonprofit executive and consultant focusing on social services and opportunities for youth. Former roles include Board Chair and Interim Executive Director of the Brookline Community Foundation, Lawrence School Extended Day Board, and the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board. BA Wesleyan, MBA Yale. Endorsed by PAX, B4E, and Brookline by Design.

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

Attendance 30 of 30

1. Affordability, congested streets, climate readiness, and responsiveness of Town government are all crucial issues. As a TMM, I’ve tried to keep neighbors informed and involved in the local housing development process, but am frustrated by the difficulty of making local voices heard. We need more housing, especially affordable choices for families with moderate incomes, but growing responsibly and sustainably needs strong town-wide planning, not developer-driven piecemeal approaches. I support planning efforts with robust, diverse resident participation. To meet all these challenges, however, town government must adapt. We need a Charter Commission to consider what form of local government can best sustain Brookline’s historic civic engagement while providing stronger leadership, efficiency, and accountability to move us forward.

2. · TMM Pct.3 since 2002

- Chair, Brookline Commission for Women
- Mom of 2 Lawrence and BHS graduates
- School Committee Member 2005-2016, Chair 2010-2012
- Professional career in Public Policy & Non-Profits

**Michael Wiecek** (\*) 12 Marshal St

Attendance 29 of 30

1. Climate change is a global problem that demands both global and local solutions. In Brookline we can aggressively discourage fossil fuel use and encourage lower-impact energy consumption. As two examples: by mandating bike lanes be part of every road project, and, to the extent the state allows, requiring electric stoves, heat pumps, and so forth.

**(Precinct 3 continues)**

Housing affordability is another problem much larger than Brookline can solve alone. Still, our part is to encourage the construction of housing of all kinds. Expensive, less expensive, large, small, affordable – it all helps.

**2.** Mike has lived in Brookline since 1997. He and his wife have two children, who went through Lawrence and BHS and are now in college. While the stay-at-home parent he published four novels, but he has now returned to regular employment as director of finance for a biotech.

**Sean Thomas Johnatha Leckey** (New) / 48 Marshal St

**1.** The housing crisis is about more than housing. A vision for our town shapes how our communities thrive, how we connect between work, home and recreation, and how we renew our spaces to meet our town needs. We need to systematically engage the public, not just town meeting members, across our neighborhoods and demographics to develop a shared vision to guide our planning to allow Brookline to be an exceptional place to live, work, play and raise a family, for everyone.

**2.** Sean Leckey works as an electrical engineer focusing on transmission of electricity and has connected over 10 GWs of wind and solar to the grid across the country. He is also active in the stakeholder process advocating for reforms of our electric grid on topics including the climate crisis, market power of legacy generation and market manipulation. Originally from NYC, he has also lived in Philadelphia and Virginia.

**Donald G. Leka** (New) / 140 Sewall Ave

**1.** We must welcome and embrace development in Brookline, but it should unfold pursuant to a plan after all interested parties are heard. The Select Board should immediately begin the process for neighborhood-based planning as endorsed at the last Town Meeting. Otherwise, the haphazard development and random changes to zoning regulations, as currently practiced, will continue to degrade our community and the environment. Second issue: Brookline has no clearly articulated vision of what it stands for and what it means to live here. That problem can also be addressed by neighborhood residents convening to discuss and agree what their neighborhood should become as part of creating a form-based zoning code

**2.** Yale College, Harvard Law School, senior counsel positions at Gillette Company and Teradyne. Keyboard musician for chamber music and jazz. Town Meeting and Green Caucus member 2009-2021

**Joanne Marie Liautaud** (New) / 160 Sewall Ave

**1.** Brookline needs to identify opportunities to increase housing, improve commercial districts and develop sustainable infrastructure, not commercial developers. I am a fan of affordable housing, bike lanes, schools, outside restaurant space, and ensuring commercial vitality. I am not of fan of razing 19th century buildings to add a few more luxury condominiums. We can do better. Our town needs a comprehensive strategy and improved zoning to ensure all objectives.

**2.** I am a 17-year Brookline resident, married with two college-aged kids; former President of the Lawrence After-School Program (7 years); Chair of BHS After-the-Prom Party (4 years); Executive Steering Committee Brookline Education Foundation (4 years); former TMM (3 years); Stanford graduate; and recent start-up consultant. I am ready to work hard to ensure we have good planning as we develop our infrastructure, expand our housing opportunities, meet our climate goals and objectives, identify our transportation needs and serve all residents in our town.

**Felina Silver Robinson** (New) / 41 Brook St

**1.** Potholes and low hanging wires are a very big problem in our neighborhood. I'd like to work with DPW until these issues are handled. Something more talked about right now is our current policing situation. Our new police chief has just been announced but will not start until July. I was a part of the search panel and although we ended up with an amazingly capable man, I was truly hoping for a local inside Brookline resident (ie Richie Allen or Jen Paster) to have the job. But our Town Administrator took control and we lost the battle.

**2.** I've lived in Brookline since age 3. I became interested in politics when I joined the Plastics, Glass and Recycling Committee with John Dempsey. I started working in the polls, which led to other acts of volunteerism: Police Chief Search Panel, Vice Chair Brookline Commission for Women, Board Member Women Thriving and many others.

**Benjamin M. Stern** (New) / 183 Aspinwall Ave

**1.** There has been a lot of residential development in Precinct 3, turning single family houses into multi-unit residences. Increasing the availability of housing is generally a good thing. I would advocate for "smart growth" and to develop a coordinated position/response. The negotiations with the BEU over a contract are a serious concern. Our kids are getting hurt. I would advocate for taking a fresh look at the dispute.

**2.** Lived in Brookline for 19 years. Married with 3 boys (sophomore at BHS, 8th grader and 3d grader at Lawrence). TMM in mid 2000s in (now) Precinct 10 and member of Moderator's Committee on Parking. Board Member, Brookline Innovation Fund. Board Member, Crossroads. Former Board Member, Temple Israel of Boston and currently on several committees. Coached Town soccer, basketball, and baseball teams over the years. Attorney at Nutter, McClennen & Fish LLP, focusing on intellectual property litigation/disputes involving technology.

**Nathaniel B. Tucker** (New) / 21 Bowker St

**1.** First: search for next Town Administrator. Second: PSB budget shortfall and contract negotiations. Also affordable housing, property development, public health, climate and social justice. With a projected budget of \$382 million, current model of volunteer legislative and hybrid executive branches needs revisiting. I value representative democracy and civic engagement, and also transparency and accountability. One example would be an executive decision to reallocate funds to PSB for the current budget shortfall and contract negotiations.

**2.** I've lived in Brookline for 12 years (our three children, 7 and younger, were born in Brookline and the school age ones are in PSB), been teaching middle school in Boston Public Schools for 20 years. Was on town's Bottled Water Committee, have been a member of BEEP School Site Council, volunteered for A Better Brookline. Endorsements: Brookline by Design, Brookline for Everyone, Brookline PAX. <https://n8-tucker.wixsite.com/natefortmm>

**Kara Jean VanGuilder** (New) / 73 Longwood Ave

**1.** Brookline is facing a number of critical issues, and the ones I am heavily focusing on are affordable housing, racial justice, and climate change. Climate justice is racial justice. These issues are intertwined. We cannot work on one without working on the others. We must address them at every level and take steps to reach our climate goals (fossil fuel free!), increase affordable housing in Brookline, and continue building a culture of accountability.

**2.** I am a 27-year old, climate activist, a Brookline renter, work in healthcare administration, and this is my first time running for an elected position. I am on the Gas Leaks committee and co-chair to social media manager for Brookline Mothers Out Front. I am the 'other' in mother. I advocate for a fossil fuel free future in Brookline and beyond. I have been enthusiastically endorsed by Brookline PAX and Brookline For Everyone.



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**Sidewalks.** As early as the 1850s, the Town of Brookline installed wooden sidewalks to enable residents to walk on local streets above the mud that could accumulate on dirt roads. The last of these planks sidewalks – by then a nostalgic holdover from earlier times – was removed in 1955, a century after the first one was put in place.

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## ◆ PRECINCT 4

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

**Alan Christ (\*) / 117 Kent St**

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1. Addressing the town's housing affordability crisis and improving its environmentally responsible practices are both critical issues for Precinct 4. To this end, the town must encourage the creation of affordable accessory dwelling units, while locating walkable sites for new affordable housing near existing transit stations. The town must also take steps to reduce its carbon footprint by updating its bicycle infrastructure, promoting recycling and composting, and incentivizing the use of renewable energy .

2. Brookline Resident since 2008

Three-Term Town Meeting Member

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

Member of Green Caucus, EDAB, River Road Study Committee, Coolidge Corner Study Committee, Kent-Station Senior Housing Committee, 10 Brookline Place Committee, & Murphy Playground Committee

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

Practicing Architect in Brookline

M.Arch. from Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Lawrence School & BHS Parent of 2 Children

**Robert Steven Daves (\*) / 9 Upland Rd**

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1. There isn't one main issue. We have to balance many pressing demands— housing, sustainability, schools, police and fire services and public works, etc. But as the recent Disparity Report and the ARPA surveys make clear, we also need to correct some serious historic oversights for those who are underserved in our community, especially in Pct 4.

My challenge as a P4 TMM will be to listen to my new constituents and, with my experience in TM, help bring their voice to the deliberations at TM. Our biggest challenge as a governing body is to come

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together with civility and clear purpose to make a better Brookline for all.

2. TMM in Precinct 5 since 2003, Member of the Board of the Brookline Community Foundation, the Racial Equity Grant Committee and the MLK Committee; Led efforts to honor artist John Wilson and tenor Roland Hayes; 3 children graduated BHS.

**Christopher S. Dempsey (\*) / 257 Walnut St**

Attendance 25 of 30

1. Town Meeting can help residents recover from the pandemic by advancing a thoughtful budget that provides our schools and town services with the resources they need. Long-term support of Brookline's budget will require growth of the commercial tax base, which must be done in ways that strengthen our community's character as a historic "streetcar suburb" of walkable, transit-oriented neighborhoods. Brookline must work to become a more welcoming place for people of all races and income-levels; that requires a concerted effort to develop inclusive processes and public policies.

2. Graduate of Brookline Public Schools, Pomona College, and Harvard Business School. Former Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Governor Deval Patrick. Current candidate for MA State Auditor. Elected Town Meeting Member since 2012. Formerly chaired Brookline Transportation Board. Live with my fiancée, Anna, a few blocks from where I grew up on Brington Road.

**Wendy S. Machmuller (\*) / 110 Walnut St**

Attendance 29 of 30

1. In past years we've experienced many changes in Precincts 4 & 5, particularly towards the eastern end of Boylston / Gateway East. While development is inevitable, it has the potential to engender positive transformation with an improved streetscape, pedestrian experience, and quality of life. I'll continue to engage constituents, strive to reconcile competing priorities and advocate for a thoughtful balance that will benefit *all* residents in our Precinct.

2. Brookline resident for 19 years, renter at current address since 2008. Served on Design Advisory Teams for two major impact projects in Gateway East, two Study Committees including River Road and Boylston Street Corridor. Served neighborhood as President, High Street Hill Association for past five years, and as Town Meeting Member since 2016.

Growing up in Iowa, I've retained quintessential "Midwestern values" while embracing New England's progressive policies. Fervent animal welfare advocate, humble roommate to my two cats and rescue dog Peaches.

**Wendy Walsh MacMillan (\*) / 55 Village Way**

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1. I ultimately believe that it is a fundamental right that a family has housing, food and healthcare. These are critical issues that affect my immediate community and I will do everything I can to support my neighbors and represent their voices and needs. In 2019 I co-sponsored the Real Estate Transfer Fee WA 9 to secure funding for low income housing; I will continue to push to get this funding for low income housing into Brookline. Racial Equity, Social Justice, appropriately funded schools, and diversity in our government are all critical issues in PCT 4.

2. I am originally from London, England. My son graduated from BHS in 2015 and BHCC in 2020. I have lived in subsidized housing in Brookline for 15 years and I have been working Brookline paraprofessional for the past 21 years. I am also the BEU Membership Chair and a Paraprofessional Negotiator.

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

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1. 10 Brookline Place. Brookline Community Center. REAF barriers. Low Income Housing Availability.

2. CNA Spaulding Rehab Hospital Cambridge. Brookline TMM4/AC Brookline Juneteenth Celebration Coordinator

**Vena Louise Priestly (\*) / 8 Juniper St**

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1. An issue is the lack of acceptance of vouchers in Brookline daycares. Families from Brookline housing, affordable units, and section 8 are forced to travel outside of their community to find childcare then proceed to work. Why can't every daycare take 1 or 2 vouchers based on the number of children enrolled? Economic diversity is best for our children for excellent childcare! Every child deserves quality education no matter what their parent's financial means are.

2. I am a 4th generation townie who grew up in Brookline housing. I was a teen mom and have four children. I earned a BS degree in Biology and am currently a Real Estate Agent. I volunteer with Steps to Success. I love Brookline and want to be the voice for people that don't always have a voice at the table. I am of a diverse background and am a big supporter of love and education!

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**1.** As a Precinct 4 TMM, my continued focus will be on strengthening our business community and pandemic recovery, including the availability and affordability of housing and economic stability. Precinct 4 should be positioned to capture the benefits of Boylston Street corridor development and improved transportation and mobility. I will continue to advocate for the fiscal sustainability and economic health of Brookline through the lens of racial and social justice. To learn more about me, visit: [www.raittforbrookline.com](http://www.raittforbrookline.com).

**2.** I have lived in Brookline Village since 2013. My daughter attended Pierce and graduated from BHS in 2019. Through my 25 years of professional work in housing, community development, and urban planning for government and nonprofits, I strive to create equitable places and build capacity to make change possible. As a TMM, I served on the Redistricting Committee and am on the ARPA Submission Review Committee. I serve on the Housing Advisory Board.

**Karen E. Ambrose** (New) / 93 Walnut St

**1.** Affordable housing and improvement to the special education system. I plan on addressing special education by advocating for adequate and qualified teachers, as well as more widespread diversity amongst educators within our school system. Endorsed by Brookline PAX & Brookline By Design.

**2.** My name is Karen Ambrose and I have lived in the Town of Brookline for over 16 years. I absolutely love living here, the people are amazing and I love how diversified, this town is becoming. I work in the Healthcare field and have a son with special needs. I am very passionate about advocacy for Special Education, especially for minorities, who do not have access to adequate resources to ensure that their child's needs are being met. As a person of color, I will bring diversity to town meeting and fresh perspectives.

**Thomas Ambrose** (New) / 93 Walnut St

**1.** Climate and environmental issues. Have been involved in all aspects of environmental matters. My knowledge will assist in lobbying and advocating for more green projects. This will assist in the mitigation of pollution of all types such as Urban heat etc.

Need for stronger advocacy in the area of Housing. More than two family zones to increase housing and more opportunities for people to interact socially which will improve the overall mental health and family life of the town.

**2.** I am Thomas Ambrose, retired school teacher. I have lived in the town of Brookline for over twenty years. I am aware of the needs of residents, especially minorities.

I have worked for many years with underprivileged individuals. A member of many organizations whose mantra is to assist underprivileged individuals to live a better quality of life.

I HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY BROOKLINE PAX & BROOKLINE BY DESIGN.

**Elizabeth Childs** (New) / 157 Walnut St

**1.** We are first and foremost a community of neighbors. Neighborhood input should guide Town policies, budgets, and zoning regulations. Town government should be responsive to residents and businesses, fiscally sound and sustainable. All members of our community deserve to be safe, and I will put the needs and concerns of all our neighbors first in my decisions at Town Meeting.

**2.** In Brookline for 32 years, I am a child, adolescent, adult psychiatrist, mother of two Brookline High graduates, wife of a Navy veteran. My education: B.A. Mount Holyoke College, M.D. University of Cincinnati, M.P.A. Harvard Kennedy School. Selected local and state government experience: Currently MA Catastrophic Illness in Children's Relief Fund Commission, Norfolk County Advisory Board Vice Chair, Brookline Committee on Police Reform, Brookline's 9/11 Remembrance Committee; Previously, MA Mental Health Commissioner, MA Department of Early Education and Care Board, High Street Hill Board, Brookline School Committee and Town Meeting.

**Kalymba D. Clark** (New) / 22 High St

**1.** My biggest concerns are BHA tenant issues. I have been meeting with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization to work to bring attention to security issues, vermin infestations, asbestos in tiles, and slow response of BHA to maintenance issues. I am also concerned about the development at 10 Brookline Place. I want to be sure that the development is done safely and the neighborhood receives some direct benefits since we are coping with disruptions caused by years of disruption.

**2.** My name is Kalymba Clark and I am a BIPOC resident, I have lived in Brookline for 16 years at 22 High Street. I have been involved with Women Thriving activities and computer lab support for children. I have a son who graduated from BHS, and a daughter who is in the Pierce School.

**Ralph G. Grieco** (New) / 157 Walnut St

**1.** Bike paths and traffic calming projects should receive input from all stakeholders and advocates to promote safety and efficiency for all users. Public congestion around marijuana outlets needs to be controlled by delivery and appointment-only access for all users. Brookline needs to balance its budgets and assure financial sustainability. Development projects need to be scaled to enhance the character of Brookline as a welcoming community of safe neighborhoods with vibrant local retail and green space.

**2.** Resident and homeowner in Brookline since 1999; Married with two children who attended Brookline Public Schools; Military parent of Ensign, USCG, on USCGC Northland, Portsmouth, VA; B.S., Civil Engineer, M.S., Environmental Engineer; Registered Professional Engineer, Massachusetts; Project engineer, Boston consulting firms 1978- 2003; Veteran: U.S. Navy, U.S. Navy Air Reserve, 1968-1992.

**Paul F. Hsieh** (New) / 115 Walnut St

**1.** The most critical issue facing Brookline is the divisiveness and polarization from national politics. I have canvassed my "majority minority" precinct and found that we have far more commonality than differences. I believe that I can help Town Meeting see past inflammatory rhetoric to understand and address the real underlying issues.

I believe that climate change is an existential crisis facing all of us. It is a lens through which we need to examine the decisions we make. It is a perspective I hope to add to Town Meeting.

**2.** I am a 25-year resident of Brookline and a father of two bi-racial daughters. I wish to leave them a world where they can thrive and raise a family of their own. I am a PhD scientist who has worked in nuclear physics, astrophysics, telecommunications, software engineering, and genomic medicine. I believe in our ability to solve hard problems.

**Matthew D. Hyatt** (New) / 87 Walnut St

1. I love Brookline Village. It looks very different than it did when I first moved here and with development proposals, zoning warrant articles and MassDOT requests supporting the strategic re-development of the Boylston Street Corridor, the Village is poised to see significant continued investment. Coupled with the newly defined P4 boundary, this creates a tremendous opportunity to work together to positively shape our collective future. We have an opportunity to increase our tax base through strategic zoning and redevelopment, a responsibility to increase housing and business diversity, and invest in improving the public realm which connects all who live here.

2. Brookline resident for 25 years. Practicing commercial architect. Father to 2 sons who graduated from Lincoln and BHS. Serving on the HSHA board (10 years), CMAC, and 10 Brookline Place Committee. With my dog, Ozzy, I'm an active user of our town's many green spaces and the Green Dog Program.

**Elizabeth P. Linder** (New) / 31 Station St

1. The newly re-districted Precinct 4 community is facing rapid development that will substantially change this area. For those living and working here, transparency regarding impacts of development (both positive and negative), along with local community inclusion in thoughtful decision-making is vital to our well-being and that of our neighborhoods. I value sustainable growth, green and open spaces, and historic assets, all of which form the unique character of Brookline Village.

2. As resident and business owner in Brookline Village for almost twenty years, I've served on local committees and boards addressing smart, sustainable growth. As a photographer, I work with both celebrated and invisible populations, elevating both. I was drawn to the scale, character and culture of Brookline and live in a historic building by the T where I can walk around the corner to my photography studio. I understand, value and respect the fabric of this community. Brookline PAX endorsed.

**Shawn K. O'Neal** (New) / 22 High St

1. I believe Brookline needs more low-income housing and to improve the conditions of existing low-income housing. I also believe we have a significant problem with hunger in our community. If we do not take care of those in our community who have the greatest need, how can we claim to be a just community? I will advocate for changes to make Brookline more fair, more affordable, and more welcoming for all.

2. My name is Shawn O'Neal. I have lived in Brookline for over 35 years. I was born with cerebral palsy and I am currently wheelchair bound. I raised my son in Brookline. I have been very active in tenant issues at 22 High Street. Growing up in Brookline has been a rich experience, and I have been fortunate to have many wonderful mentors that shaped who I am.

**Marianna Jisun Yang** (New) / 150 Walnut St

1. My approach to most issues begin with the idea of advancing social justice and protecting the environment. As Precinct 4 looks to build community anew with the changes in precinct boundaries, I believe we must do so with a critical eye toward the impact town decisions have on access and equity. Having committed professionally to advocate for and strengthen marginalized populations as a legal aid lawyer, I aspire to bring the same commitment to town government. Likewise, we must prioritize actions that place clean and sustainable environment rightfully at the forefront of town decisions. These ideas are foundational to all TMM decisions but include work towards pedestrian/micromobility focused development, town-wide composting, diversifying representation in town leadership, and equitable access to resources.

2. I am an immigrant, mother of two, resident of Brookline since 2014, an attorney and a teacher apiring to improve the world we share.

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

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**“We do not have  
government by the majority.  
We have government by the  
majority who participate”  
- Thomas Jefferson**

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## ◆ PRECINCT 5

### Candidates For Three Year Term

### Vote For Not More Than Fifteen

**Bonnie M. Bastien** (\*) / 32 Oakland Rd

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1. The most critical issue in Brookline is inequity. It impacts every aspect of life and can be addressed via every issue Town government deals with—affordable housing, zoning, climate crisis mitigation strategies, our public schools, public safety strategies, and especially our Town and school budgets. Our budget is a reflection of our true values as a community, whether they match our stated values or not. Looking at every issue, policy decision, and budget allocation through an equity lens means asking the question, “does this policy/budget item/etc. have a disproportionately negative impact on our most vulnerable residents?” and acting accordingly. It’s that simple.

2. Bonnie Bastien is a general organizer for Mutual Aid Brookline, a member of BRJE Leadership Team, a member of Brookline Budget Justice, and a mother of an amazing second grader at Lincoln School. Bonnie is proudly endorsed by the Brookline Equity Coalition and Brookline for Everyone

**Cynthia Drake** (\*) / 32 Milton Rd

Attendance 30 of 30

1. Issues (within P5 and across Brookline) include (but are not limited to): Schools (state of), Affordability (housing shortage, balanced development, zoning), Climate Change (green spaces, density, accessibility, accessibility to alternatives to fossil fuel), Diversity and Inclusion (ethnic, economic). Over the past two years I have supported warrant articles that address these and other challenges. What continues to be true is that we as a town government need to think holistically on the consequences of our decision making (not single thread focused). This will be particularly important in the year(s) to come as there continues to be fiscal pressures on town revenue and by extension our ability to fund that which represents us as a community.

2. Resident since 1991. Spouse Jeff Browning, Daughter Morgan (Lincoln and BHS), Beya (a green dog). Volunteer experience - GPNA Treasurer, Brookline Food Pantry, Mothers Out Front, Mutual Aid

**Anthony E. Flint** (\*) / 254 Walnut St

Attendance 13 of 13

1. We all have something to contribute to addressing the climate crisis at the local level -- both for individual households considering things like composting, solar panels, heat pumps, and electrification; and also supporting climate friendly policies like bike lanes, accessible parks and open space, and environments that are conducive to walking and taking transit. With regard to affordable housing, I support efforts to bring down barriers to multifamily housing at appropriate, smart locations (e.g. near transit). Socio-economic diversity reflects on the strength of the community.

2. I moved to Brookline in 2010 and am so impressed with this incredible community. I live in a 130-year-old townhouse with my wife and two sons -- one graduating from 8th grade at Lincoln School, the other graduating from Brookline High School. I am a journalist and author and well-versed in urban planning, land use regulations, and local tax policies.

**Michael A. Glover** (\*) / 4 Franklin Court

Attendance 30 of 30

1. The Town should make every effort to support our schools; address lingering issues relative to diversity, equity and inclusion; responsibly increase and manage affordable housing; promote economic development; and address the climate crisis. While fiscal realities make accomplishing these tasks challenging, I believe that we can responsibly balance our priorities in a way that provides for the critical operational needs of the Town; supports our most vulnerable citizens; and positively impacts issues of regional, national and global concern.

2. I am an attorney at Northeastern University where my practice focuses on business operations and real estate. I have been a Town Meeting Member since 2019. I served on the Brookline School Committee from 2014 to 2020, the 2014 Override Study Committee, the Newbury Campus Zoning Study Committee, and the Robinson Park Design Review Committee. My wife, Jessica Mols, and I have two daughters, both of whom attend the Lincoln School.

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

Attendance 30 of 30

1. Balance needs between affordable housing, development, sustainable growth, cost of municipal services, and quality of life including maintaining open space, historic preservation and environmental protection. To establish priorities, determine goal for affordable housing (10%, 11%, more?) and other needs, and develop a model to accomplish these while

conforming to BFAC recommendations. There should be a fund established to acquire land when available, similar to the Housing Trust Fund. Possibly, CPA funds could contribute to this.

2. Professional – accounting, financial systems, geographic information systems. Environmental activist for Olmsted Park, Carlton Street Footbridge and Emerald Necklace, member of Directors of Brookline GreenSpace Alliance, Chair of Tree Planting Committee, Town Meeting Member for over 20 years, served on many committees, lead petitioner of more than 5 warrant articles. See 2020 video at [www.tinyurl.com/hughfortm](http://www.tinyurl.com/hughfortm)

**Phyllis O’Leary** (\*) / 16 Jamaica Rd

Attendance 26 of 30

1. Rising taxes: It is important that we support smart and careful, commercial & residential development, in order to further grow town resources, this will help lessen the burden of rising taxes on homeowners and renters, it will help the town maintain the good services that we need and enjoy, A good School system Police, Fire, Highway, Park Depts, Affordable & Senior housing. I have advocated Supported and voted for the above services.

2. 1. Lifelong resident of precinct five. 2. Attended Brookline elementary & high school. 3. Former Parent Coordinator Title One Program Lincoln & Pierce Schools 4. Member planning committee Harry Downs Field. 5. Board member Greater Point Neighborhood Association. 6. Self employed Antiques Auctioneer 7. Married to George O’Leary Retired Brookline Highway Dept. 8. Home owner 9. Mother of Robert, Electrician, former Brookline Firefighter, John Firefighter, Paul O’Leary Nurse Anesthetist, all attended Brookline Schools.

**William E. Reyelt** (\*) / 121 Chestnut St

Attendance 30 of 30

1. The issue I hear about the most is our ability to maintain and improve the quality and equity of our schools. As with other important issues we face, funding for resources is often the critical underlying issue preventing us from agreeing on investments in not just our schools but all the town services, facilities, and human capital that make Brookline a great place to live. I am focused on sustainable commercial/mixed-use development and other equitable means of revenue generation and increased efficiencies that protect our most vulnerable community members/businesses while expanding rather than limiting access to our schools and the broader opportunity to live in Brookline.

2. 29-year Boston/Brookline resident; P5 since 2009. TMM since 2014 – Green Caucus. Two daughters attended Lincoln. Former PTO Green Team co-chair. Spouse: Olivia, Driscoll teacher. River Road Study Committee. Boylston St Visioning Group. Yes4Brookline P5 coordinator. GPNA & WalkBoston Board. Profession: housing administration & planning.

**Neil A. Wishinsky** (\*) 20 Henry St

Attendance 29 of 29

1. How to manage Brookline's growth given regional pressures; keeping the Town as affordable as possible while preserving what we love about the Town. I have been advocating, in conjunction with Brookline by Design, that we commence a comprehensive planning process examining possible land-use scenarios on the Town's character, infrastructure, quality of life, commercial vitality, sustainability, housing affordability and historic assets. We need to be planning for growth; not just adding mostly luxury housing units.

2. Resident of Brookline since 1981, married to Susan; both children are graduates of Lincoln and BHS. Served 2 terms on the Select Board, 4 years as its Chair. Board member of the Greater Point Neighborhood Association. Brookline Advisory Committee (the Town's Finance Committee) for about 15 years including 9 years as its Vice Chair. Have served on many Town Committees including possible redevelopment at 10 Brookline Place. Endorsed by Brookline PAX and Brookline by Design.

**Wendy Sheridan Ames** (New) / 356 Walnut St

1. I am passionate about community building and care deeply about the physical and mental health of Brookline residents. In particular, I feel we must: invest in our parks and open spaces; increase access to out-of-school time activities for students and recreational programs for children and seniors; invest in and improve conditions of Brookline Housing Authority neighborhoods (both interior and exterior); diversify the composition of Brookline's elected and appointed boards and commissions to better reflect our community.

2. Small business owner - W Sheridan Interior Design (est 2001)

Attended Pierce, Brookline High School and University of Vermont

Married to Andrew Ames. We have three children - Henry and Grady attend BHS and Francie is at Lincoln.

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Community Involvement:  
Brookline Park and Recreation Commissioner - 2016-present  
Brookline Youth Lacrosse - Volunteer Coach 2009-present  
Lincoln School PTO Co-Chair - 2017-2019  
Sportsmen's Tennis and Enrichment Center - Active Volunteer  
Interests:  
Gardening, tennis, antiquing/thrift hunting, giving back

**Kevin Allen England** (New) / 21 Milton Rd

1. There are so many issues facing our town which require an open dialogue and willingness to find solutions that respect what makes Brookline a special place. Living here is becoming out-of-reach for many residents. We must address affordability and the housing crisis while protecting the characteristics of the neighborhoods that attracted us all to Brookline. This requires thoughtful planning, resident input and careful consideration to funding town services. We must address the climate crisis by creating incentives to replace fossil fuels (heat pumps, EV infrastructure, low impact construction) and support alternative transportation (dedicated bike lanes, pedestrian-friendly street scapes, etc.).

2. P5 homeowners for 22 years, my wife and I have 3 daughters who attended Lincoln School – two graduates of BHS and one in high school. Greater Point Neighborhood Association Board (7 years) - Secretary. I am an IT professional with specialization in HR / Talent technology services.

**Wendy A. Friedman** (Caucus) / 322 Walnut St

Attendance 13 of 13

1. My dream is to live in a diverse, integrated and engaged Brookline that has a great school system, safe streets, excellent transit, thriving commerce, open greenspace, sustainable infrastructure, and creative arts. The most critical issues I see are those presenting barriers to this dream: affordable housing to facilitate economic diversity; intentional street design that supports personal interactions and social exchange; creative town planning that fosters commercial growth and bolsters our finances; and the equitable application of practices and policies to promote fairness. These things are as critical in precinct 5 as they are in the town at large and my goal is to contribute to building a stronger community by focusing on these core issues.

2. Caucused into TMM in 2021, I serve on the Transportation Board, the Safe Routes to School Taskforce and the Boylston Study Committee. I have two children, one at Lincoln and one at BHS.

**Edward N. Gadsby, Jr.** (New) / 60 Glen Rd

1. The Town is facing a structural financial deficit that will require significant reductions in Town and School services. I will give substantial weight to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee concerning how best to handle these issues as they arise.

The Town is not adhering to any coherent plan in its zoning and development decisions. Zoning is done haphazardly, when and as proposals happen to be brought before Town Meeting. I fully support Town Meeting's creation of a Planning Process Study Committee last Fall to develop a zoning process and plan, and will support article 10 at the Annual Town Meeting to fund the work of this committee.

2. Brookline Town Moderator (1994-2021); present Assistant Town Moderator; retired partner, Foley Hoag, Boston; longtime Precinct 5 resident and former Lincoln and BHS parent.

**Perry Grossman** (New) / 42 Jamaica Rd

Education and a strong economy are top concerns for me and are the reasons my wife and I moved to Brookline. I am also deeply concerned about energy and environmental issues. We need sustainable development, building resilience, including mitigation and adaptation to climate change. I have worked to address climate issues, while also supporting biking, schools, parks, housing, and more. I appreciate the complex issues that Town Meeting Members are addressing and hope to be an active and considerate participant in that process.

2. Brookline resident since 2000

Married, with two kids in Brookline public schools  
B.A. Sociology, McGill University  
PhD. Sociology, New York University  
MBA. Finance, Boston University  
Assistant Registrar. Boston University School of Dental Medicine

Member, Brookline Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Member, Board of Advisors. River Advocate. Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA)

Member, Safe Routes to School Taskforce (SRTS)  
Volunteer. Climate Action Brookline (CAB)

**(Precinct 5 continues)**

**Keith O. Lacy** (New) / 39 Kendall St

1. Issues that have motivated me to run for Town Meeting are school safety, safe roadways, fiscal responsibility within Town Hall, thoughtful development, and mindfulness of our aging population. Brookline can do better in all these areas, and if elected I would hope to become a part of efforts to enhance them. I believe that civilized, in-person, local government works: let's return to it.

2. I have lived in Precinct 5 for over forty-five years. I went through BPS and own a home on Kendall Street. My wife Julie and I have raised three children (2 still in BPS). I'm a 22-year veteran of the Brookline Police Department and take great satisfaction in serving the residents of Brookline. I would welcome the opportunity to serve my neighbors in precinct 5, and residents throughout town as a Town Meeting Member. Please consider voting for me on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Omar S. Mabrouk** (New) / 10 Rice St

1. Brookline should set an example for the Greater Boston area by modernizing its roadways - prioritizing safer bike lanes especially along common school routes. The Town must also prepare for a future where the majority of vehicles are electric. This would include increasing public charging stations (both on and off street). As a parent, I would be a strong advocate for Brookline Public Schools, ensuring that all classrooms are resourced appropriately.

2. My wife Julie and I are both scientists and have 3 children - 2 at Lincoln and our youngest will start next year. I am a Lincoln Extended Day board member, a Brookline Rec soccer coach and I've been involved in a number of block party and Porchfest events over the past few years. We love Brookline and want to do our part to make the Town even more welcoming for our neighbors and families looking to call Brookline home.

**Alexander Ross Neary** (New) / 17 Hart St

1. Community trust. Elected representatives should lead this by encouraging fairness and dialogue. Even if your need is not 'their political issue', the people you vote for should extend a hand simply because it is a relief to you to have it. A representative of P5 should treat those in our Precinct, new and prominent community members alike, as constituents, even in conversations the public doesn't see. I see you, not as an issue to be traded or vote to be secured, but as a person to be recognized and respected. As a TMM I will continue to do so.

2. Project manager for infrastructure projects, with expertise in budget tracking. Husband to Zi Ye. I care about transparency, understandable zoning, and ensuring our tax dollars are spent correctly. I am currently renovating my home at 17 Hart. PAX and Brookline for Everyone endorsed. More info at [alexanderneary.com/resources](http://alexanderneary.com/resources)

**Alok Kumar Somani** (New) / 126 Cottage St

1. Brookline residents vocally support many local and global priorities - quality of our schools, housing and climate change for example. Ensuring the long-term fiscal stability of Brookline is foundational to fund our many priorities and to build and maintain a vibrant community. A Town Meeting that seeks to listen and is willing to compromise, one that is not ideological but instead built on seeking consensus about priorities, is also foundational. I will bring my deep business experience and moderate voice to the conversation.

2. My wife, two teenage children and our dog Baozi, made Brookline our home in Nov 2019. I am an at-large member of the Advisory Committee and I also serve on the Audit Committee. I was caucused in as a P5 TMM in Fall 2021. I am an engineer by training and own and operate a small business. My wife is in education.

**Susan C. Wishinsky** (New) / 20 Henry St

1. 1) Creating affordable housing without damaging community 2) countering agenda-driven decision-making with civil, thoughtful discourse; research; and community outreach. I'm running after watching elected TMMs choose to vote personal, scripted agendas regarding both neighborhood development and policing that were not representative of their constituencies or the town. Sadly, members at the highest levels of town government have sometimes engaged in hyperbolic rhetoric to manufacture agenda-driven crises. Brookline needs good faith initiatives, community engagement, and consensus building. I'm committed to trying to do it right.

2. I'm a retired BU International Relations/Political Science Librarian, 40-year resident with my husband Neil and 2 children in Brookline schools K-12. I enjoy gardening, sewing, and volunteer work - I've made over 1000 masks for neighbors and family. I have strong opinions about justice and personal responsibility and appreciate well-reasoned, logical arguments and debate.

Endorsed by Brookline by Design and PAX.

◆ **PRECINCT 6**

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

**John Bassett** (\*) / 26 Searle Ave

Attendance 29 of 30

1. Growth, including proposed developments at 10 Brookline Place and 370 Washington St. Growth can either support the commercial health of Brookline Village with more stores, better vehicular access, parking and public transportation, or threaten it by overwhelming with oversized buildings, destruction of older buildings and the loss of the distinctive Village historic appearance. Comprehensive planning and zoning review are needed.

2. Retired carpenter, Town Meeting Member since 1981, Advisory Committee, Public Safety Subcommittee, Council for the Arts and Humanities, 1988 Comprehensive Plan Commission, Pierce School PTO, Brookline Pax Board, Brookline Neighborhood Alliance past Co-Chair, Brookline Sister City Quezaltenango, Nicaragua, Brookline Community Band, Rockport Community Band, Too Klez for Comfort, and a sculptor of recycled glass [www.basglas.com](http://www.basglas.com)

I'm married to Christina Wolfe, Town Meeting Member and Brookline Public Housing Commissioner for ten years. Our children Andrew Wolfe, Sarah Bassett, Julia Wolfe and Oliver Bassett attended Brookline Schools.

**Ryan D. Black** (\*) / 10 Davis Ave

Attendance 13 of 13

1. Barriers to civic participation and inequality. Residents struggle with paying high percentages of income towards housing costs, underfunded social services, systemic racial injustices, and food insecurity. These inequalities are compounded because of how difficult it is for those who feel these inequities the hardest to participate civically.

For example, A) the State Gov hasn't answered Town Meeting's requests to allow non-citizens and sixteen-/seventeen-year-olds the right to vote in local elections; B) no living wage for the Select Board and School Committee; C) not having METCO parents vote in School Committee elections; D) Massachusetts lacking same-day voter registration; and E) the State Gov has yet to permanently allow virtual participation in Town governance.

2. I'm a 27-year-old renter, current Town Meeting Member who's dedicated his life to progressive organizing in Greater Boston. In Brookline, I've helped found the Brookline Equity Coalition ([BrooklineEquityCoalition.Org](http://BrooklineEquityCoalition.Org)), a group dedicated to racial, environmental, and economic justice.



**Arthur Wellington Conquest III (\*) /**

115 Tappan St

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** A year ago Brookline was found guilty by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court of violating the rights of a Black firefighter and then agreeing to an "11 million" settlement. Prior there were also financial settlements made with two Black Police Officers for racial mistreatment. And then Black and Latino students staged a walkout and demonstration in front of Brookline High School for racial mistreatment towards them by the Head administrator and several White Deans. Racism kills.

**2.** Resident and homeowner 40 years, with wife, Virginia. Two children graduated BHS. Outward Bound instructor, public high school teacher and administrator, NYC, Stanford, CT, Boston. Town Meeting Member, 22 years. BHS PTO, President, '92; BHS Site Council, '94-'98. Brookline Adult & Community Education Advisory Board, President since '02; Town Meeting Members Association, President '19 - '21; Member of Indigenous People's Committee, '18-Present; Member of Committee to Select Superintendent of Public School of Brookline 2020.

**Malcolm Coltrane Doldron (\*) /**

83 Harvard St

Attendance 29 of 29

**1.** Covid-19 has intensified socioeconomic disparities and exposed racial tensions that have existed in our community for generations. Access to affordable housing is central to these issues, and requires an integrated planning and development process approach, utilizing principles of Smart Growth, to support Affordable Housing AND small business development simultaneously. Identifying leaders of industry, policy, education, and services, spanning all economic, cultural, and age demographics, will be vital. Bringing diverse perspectives to the table is how we forge a Brookline that works for everyone.

**2.** A career educator, Malcolm moved to Boston in 2011, becoming the only head coaches of color, in NCAA Collegiate Division I Rowing. With over 25 years of experience developing successful programs and leaders, Malcolm is an exceptional collaborator, adept in working with multiple stakeholders. Currently a TMM in Precinct 6, Malcolm also serves on the Board of Directors for BIG, and Boston's Head of the Charles Regatta.

**LWV Brookline VOTERS GUIDE to Town Election****Scott L. Englander (\*) / 26 Elm St**

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Global change begins at home; local action is critical for democracy and the planet. Pierce School is overcrowded; key decisions regarding our school system are ever-present. 40B development pressures abound. We need to find ways to pay for / cost-effectively deliver the community services we want and need, and make aging-in-community feasible. Concerns over diversity and racism still trouble our community. COVID-19 continues to test us, and we must find ways to mitigate the impact on those most vulnerable.

**2.** Endorsed by PAX, Brookline for Everyone. Resident since 1992; TMM since 2016; Transportation Board 2013-2018; chaired (Select Board's) Complete Streets Committee. Former Brookline schools parent. Occupation: President, Longwood Energy Group ([longwoodenergy.com](http://longwoodenergy.com)) and Cofounder, FLxDER Inc. (clean energy technology startup). Nonprofit: Boards of Directors, Design Museum & LivableStreets Alliance. Education: M.S.E., Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (Princeton). Other: Chair/founder, Environmental Commission, City of Lambertville NJ.

**Daniel Reuven Fishman (\*) / 11 Hurd Rd**

Attendance 27 of 30

**1.** Our town is at a crossroads. The pandemic devastated almost every aspect of our community and society. The Town budget was insufficient before the pandemic. Our housing stock is expensive and getting more expensive. Climate change remains an existential threat. Our Town continues to suffer racial injustices. Our town can choose to address these issues full-on or with half measures and Band-Aids. We need to go big.

**2.** I have been involved in various progressive causes both locally and statewide including serving on the board of directors for the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action, Brookline Democratic Town Committee, and Brookline PAX. I've lived through multiple stages of life in Brookline: young professional splitting an apartment with roommates, law student in a microunit with my spouse, and condo owner raising a toddler. I want to make Brookline a great place for everyone in all stages of life.

**Natalia Linos (\*) / 336 Washington St**

Attendance 13 of 13

**1.** The most critical issue for our town is an equitable COVID-19 recovery, meeting the needs of all residents while responding to the climate emergency and advancing racial justice. This requires aligning our budgets (including ARP funds) and policies to these priorities. Learn more about my positions at [nataliaforcongress.com](http://nataliaforcongress.com).

**2.** I am an epidemiologist, Executive Director of the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard, and current Town Meeting Member. I serve on the Advisory Council on Public Health and the Board of the Environmental League of Massachusetts. Previously I worked for the United Nations on some of the most pressing global challenges: from climate change to gender equality. With my husband, Paul, we have three young children: Amalia, Leonidas, and Alexandra. In 2020 I [ran to represent our district](#), hoping to bring my skills as an epidemiologist to Congress for an equitable COVID-19 response and recovery.

**Clinton Q. Richmond (\*) / 3 Greenough Cir**

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Managing major construction projects such as the Pierce School and Brookline Place are critical to Precinct 6. For the Town, I will personally continue to focus on making Brookline an environmental leader.

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

**Jeffrey Rudolph (\*) / 29 Greenough St**

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Two critical issues to both Precinct 6 and Brookline overall are the need to complete our recent school expansion/renovation projects that can be accomplished by approving the Pierce renovation/rebuild project that will be partially supported through MSBA funding, as well as revising our zoning laws to allow for well-planned residential and commercial growth to address our housing crunch and structural deficit.

**(Precinct 6 continues)**

**2.** I have lived in Brookline for seventeen years, 2000-2007 with my wife Sherry, and 2012-present with Sherry and our two daughters (Ellie & Meg, 8th & 5th Grade - Pierce). I graduated from Purdue University in 1996 (Computer Engineering/History) and from Boston University in 2002 (MBA & MSIS). I've worked in High Tech for over 25 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.

**Daniel G. Saltzman** (\*) / 62 White Place

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Critical issues that I'll continue focusing on: 1) The rapid development happening in and around Brookline Village, and how that development affects our neighborhoods. I support reasonable development that respects our existing residents. 2) The tenor of debate in Town Meeting has devolved. I will always support reasoned, civil debate. If re-elected, above all, I will always \*civilly\* advocate for our neighbors and their neighborhoods.

**2.** 18-year White Place resident. Two kids at Pierce, one at BHS. I'm a co-chair of the Brookline Neighborhood Alliance, and board chair of Brookline Interactive Group. On the town's Zoning Bylaw Committee, and Town Meeting Member since 2015. Previously on the Davis Path Committee that appropriately zoned the hotel behind White Place, minimizing impacts on the neighborhood. Zealous advocacy for reasonable regulations of NETA to minimize impact on the surrounding area. I'm an attorney in child welfare cases, and own an educational technology consulting business.

**Kim Smith** (\*) / 22 Brington Rd

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** COVID-19 upended our world. Brookline faces serious challenges addressing its health and economic consequences. I support directing Town resources, including ARPA funds, toward recovery efforts. Decisions should reflect our values, commitment to education and essential services, and concern for vulnerable populations, businesses and workers. In precinct 6, I support Pierce School and also reasonable efforts to mitigate developments' (10 Boylston Place, Boylston Street Corridor) impact on neighborhoods. More broadly, I support efforts to address racial issues and the climate crisis.

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**2.** A longstanding resident and TMM, I love Brookline, where I live with my partner Dan Weiner, a math professor. I have academic and professional backgrounds in health and disability policy. I am a member of the Green Caucus, Recorded Vote Coalition, and formerly the Advisory Committee. I served on nonprofit boards and committees. An active Democrat, I campaign(ed) for candidates and causes. My interests include arts, animals, and politics.

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

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Precinct 6: 1) Support anti-racism efforts at BHS and elsewhere; 2) Preserve beautiful, historic houses/buildings in Brookline Village from demolition by developers.

Town: Brookline is rapidly becoming two communities, one that can barely afford to live here, the other responsible for the surge in luxury housing and \$1-2MM+ condos. I support a comprehensive plan to increase affordable housing, environmental and transportation initiatives, and implement a progressive real estate tax.

**2.** Originally from England, I grew up on the South Side of Chicago in the only truly integrated (50/50 Black/White) community in the US. MBA from Harvard, co-president of HBS LGBTQ student and alumni groups for 16 years. Worked in NYC book publishing, now freelance writer/editor. Three kids educated at Pierce, two at BHS. Larz Anderson Community Gardener, Parks and Recreation volunteer, Head of Friends of Linden Park since 2005. Pay-As-You-Throw Moderator's Committee member 2010-2013. Town Meeting Member since 2009.

**Ruthann Sneider** (\*) / 30 Perry St

Attendance 29 of 30

**1.** Think Sustainable

**2.** Owner/occupant three family house. Helped start Pierce School's first Extended Day Programs. METCO host family.

Town Meeting Member 18 BUSY years. numerous committees. proud of:

receiving a Woman of the Year Award from Brookline Commission for Women.

Creating legislation increasing diversity of Town's work force from 12% to 38%.

Creating legislation scheduling large daycare centers use of playgrounds - prevent toddler turf wars .

Saving Dennis Conroy Memorial, small island at intersections St. Paul St. & Aspinwall Ave. from destruction by developer. Dennis grew up precinct 6. died in Vietnam.

Digging through paper history of earlier Boylston

Street Study Group. Discovered concept of "SKYSCAPE" in notes. Saved White Place from constant shadowing. New standard for construction in abutting Boylston St. commercial residential zones.

Currently, member Mothers Out Front Zero Waste Team working with BHS students on three tier composting. Endorsed by Brookline PAX and Brookline By Design

**Marissa Farland Vogt** (\*) / 12 Tabor Place

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**1.** Brookline continues to cope with public health and economic crises brought by the pandemic, and a major challenge will be leveraging Town resources – including federal ARPA funding – to confront systemic inequities and support our schools, most vulnerable residents, and businesses. Maintaining high-quality resident services and providing Town staff with fair compensation will require increased tax revenue. Brookline should be affordable and welcoming to people of all backgrounds.

**2.** I am a planetary space physicist at BU and have lived in Brookline with my husband since 2014. Our two children will attend BEEP and Pierce in the fall. I have served in Town Meeting (Precinct 4) and the Pedestrian Advisory Committee since 2020. I am the lead petitioner on this spring's Warrant Article 35, a resolution to increase transparency of email communication among Town Meeting Members. I support progressive policies and accountability. Voting record and more: <http://bit.ly/vogt4brookline>. Twitter: @vogt4brookline. She/her.

**Jennifer Anne Amigone** (New) / 62 White Place

**1.** Continuing to invest in the quality of our schools remains Brookline's most critical issue. This is achieved through recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers and leaders, ensuring all students have equitable opportunities and outcomes, and maintaining innovation.

**2.** My husband, Dan Saltzman, and I have lived at 62 White Place for almost 20 years. We have three children, all of whom attend the Brookline Public Schools: Noah (16), Owen (14), and Lucy (11). I have served as the co-chair of both the Pierce School PTO and Pierce School Site Council. I am currently the Director of Research, Evaluation & Assessment for the Cambridge Public Schools and I have worked in non-profits, government and the private sector. I have a BA in English from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a Master's of Public Administration from Columbia University.

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**Gordon E. Bennett** (New) / 55 Davis Ave

1. Amongst the issues facing Brookline, growing housing stock and police funding levels are paramount. I am supportive of selective zoning changes in existing areas of development including Boylston, Harvard, and Beacon Street to enable more apartment construction; at the same time, I am uneasy about disrupting the fabric of longstanding neighborhoods in other areas. On police funding, I support maintaining funding levels in real terms.

2. I am a graduate of Lawrence School as well as the High School (1979). I've worked in the financial markets since college both in NYC and Boston. Since moving back to Brookline in 2001 with my wife, I've raised two sons, served on the Brookline Override Study Commission in 2008 and co-sponsored one warrant article. I've served on the Board of Congregation Kehillath Israel for over 10 years, with the last three being as president.

**Laura Beth Bradford** (New) / 11 Clark Rd

1. The first issue I'm most passionate about is improving the quality of public housing. Finding the funds for major rehabilitations of these properties. We must treat all Brookline residents with the respect and dignity they deserve. The second is addressing issues of racial justice and equity everywhere. In schools and all Townwide buildings and programs.

2. I'm an educator and currently work at the Martin Trust Center for Early Learning. I moved to Brookline in 1990 and raised my three children here. I am running as a TMM to help move Brookline further towards equity for all; we have made progress in recent years toward this goal and I want to bring my support and vision to this ongoing work." I'm also a part time artist who loves taking photos and making public art with chalk.

**Gideon Coltof** (New) / 181 Davis Ave

1. I am a strong supporter of designing for environmental resilience, which includes sustainable transportation - walking, cycling, micro-mobility, public transit - and greenspace. I support investing in our greenspace, expanding our bicycle infrastructure, and liberalizing/accelerating the process for the town to tackle vegetation on private property that obstructs sidewalk traffic.

Ensuring that the architectural aesthetics of new construction/renovation follow the flavor of the local community. I feel that daring designs have their place and should be encouraged to ensure a place does not go stale. However, this should be done whilst still

appreciating the materials and designs of surrounding structures. I support tightening design review requirements to ensure that architecture pays heed to the context of the communities where they are built, while allowing higher density construction as is appropriate to the immediate neighborhood.

2. I am an engineer, entrepreneur, and parent who has lived in Brookline for 18 years.

**Ana Rosa Otero** (New) / 12 White Place

1. Commercial and housing development and vehicle traffic in the village.

The population and traffic in Brookline Village has increased dramatically over the last few years. Housing should not be a luxury. At the same time, we must preserve our historic landmarks and quality of life. We need thoughtful planning that ensures our schools continue to be excellent, our roads are safe for pedestrians and bikers and our small local businesses can flourish.

Sustainable growth.

When it comes to environmental sustainability, Brookline lags behind nearby communities, from energy sourcing and efficiency to composting.

Racial climate in our schools.

Recent events at the high school illustrate that we have to prioritize education on diversity in our schools.

2. I am an immigrant and a 19 year Brookline Village resident with a son in Brookline schools. I currently serve on the town Cannabis Mitigation Committee.

**David Crawford Porter** (New) / 21 Clark Rd

1. Endorsed by Brookline for Everyone and Brookline PAX, I see my role in Town Meeting as bridging factions, understanding differences, and diligently building coalitions to move our shared progressive goals forward. Please reach out at [daveforbrookline@gmail.com](mailto:daveforbrookline@gmail.com) and let me know what's on your mind.

The pressing issues of our time include climate change and racial justice. These hit home in Precinct 6 in our schools, transit, parks and parklets, shared community spaces, and environmental zoning & justice. As goes Brookline, so follows Massachusetts!

2. My wife and I moved here to put down roots. Our son is a Runkle kindergartener, to be followed soon by our pirate/ballerina daughter.

Though still imperfect, Brookline is the best place I know. I'm asking for your vote to help move us forward where we fall short, while protecting and improving what makes our town such a great place to live.

**Ethan James Treistman** (New) / 26 Gorham Ave

1. I think maintaining the walkability of Brookline Village and the community cohesiveness is important as we continue to grow as a community and welcome new residents to our neighborhoods and schools. I also think that there has been a real decline in the tone of debate in the town. I fear that strong feelings have given rise to disrespectful and counterproductive attitudes in town debates. As a generally easy going guy who doesn't think that someone is a bad person because they don't see things my way, I hope to help foster a more respectful and open-minded approach to the town's improvement.

2. I have lived in Brookline since 2007 and my wife was born and raised here. We have three kids in the public schools. I am a custom furniture maker and frequent youth sports coach. I have been endorsed by

Brookline Pax and Brookline by Design

**Lawrence Arnold Whitney** (New) / 23 White Pl

1. In Precinct 6 we eagerly anticipate the renovation of the Pierce School, and I look forward to advocating and helping navigate the override necessary to make that happen. Townwide we will benefit from more inclusive and participatory processes with transparent and accountable leadership to address ongoing inequities in our schools, housing, and development planning and policies. I aim to cultivate partnerships across Precinct 6 and the town to develop progressive and pragmatic solutions to these problems.

2. Brookline residents for eight years, my wife and I are proud Pierce parents of a third grader and a kindergartner, and our intergenerational family includes my father-in-law next door. I recently served on the Pierce principal interview committee, am a research associate at the Smithsonian, and a chaplain at Brandeis University.

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**Telephone.** The first telephone exchange in New England that enabled people to place calls directly without going through an operator was on Marion Street in Brookline. The exchange building, constructed in 1916, was converted to direct dialing in 1923. The building was torn down in the 1990s, but the entrance arch was preserved and now serves as a gateway to the residences at 25 Marion Street.

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## ◆ PRECINCT 7

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

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

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**1.** Precinct 7 has been continually threatened by development, and much of it has not conformed to, nor been well-received by, the surrounding neighborhood. As TMM, I will be aware of notices from the Preservation and Planning Departments about public hearings scheduled for these developments and pass these notices on to constituents. Transparency and communication are extremely important for a government to properly respond to and understand the needs of its citizens. These have been and will continue to be principal tenets of my attempts be sure that Brookline is the town we all wish for it to be.

**2.** I have lived in Brookline for more than thirty years and Precinct 7 TMM for more than ten. I am a condominium owner and retired systems analyst for an insurance company. I have served the TMMA and the League of Women Voters, looking for ways to increase voter participation.

**Susan N. Granoff** (\*) / 52 Vernon St

Attendance 29 of 30

**1.** The key challenge facing our town and precinct is how to how to keep Brookline affordable for middle- and lower-income residents while maintaining both the excellence of our schools and the quality of Brookline's other town services. (Renovating Pierce is essential.) Another critical issue is helping our residents, schools, and businesses fully recover from the impact of COVID.

**2.** Town Meeting Member (2015- ). Endorsed by PAX and Brookline By Design. Advisory Committee member (2018- ); Chair, Advisory Committee's Human Services subcommittee. Organized successful "Save Stop&Shop" campaign (2016) to keep only full-service supermarket in precinct. Brookline and precinct resident over 32 years – first as young married, then as single mom of two teenagers, now as retired attorney and grandmother of Brookline High student. After 25-year publishing career, became Harvard Law graduate and employment-law attorney. Chair, Moderator's Committee on Elderly Tax Relief; Chair, BrooklineCAN's Livable Community advocacy committee for seniors.

**Kelly A. Hardebeck** (\*) / 18 Littell Rd

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**1.** Increased development is the most critical issue facing precinct 7 and the Town today. In recent years, Brookline has seen an explosion of 40-B developments and by-right construction. Currently, this development is happening where zoning allows and not necessarily in alignment with public transportation, schools, or other neighborhood amenities. Many of the new residential buildings maximize the benefit to the developer while providing little or no benefit to the Town overall. While increased density through multi-family housing is desirable and environmentally responsible, development needs to be balanced with open space to retain qualities that Brookline values like walkability.

Brookline's current approach to managing the growth is reactive and the Town needs a comprehensive vision for its long-term growth and an updated zoning-by-law that reflects the vision.

**2.** Technology professional

Advisory Committee Member

Town Meeting Member since 2008

Former Lawrence School PTO President & BHS PTO Board Member

Endorsed by Brookline by Design

**Lara F. Jarrell** (\*) / 42 Alton Place

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**1.** Affordability is a critical issue in our town affecting our housing and our commerce. We need to address zoning bottlenecks to increase our housing supply, specifically for middle income. We also need to work with zoning and economic development to increase businesses in Brookline. This would increase our commercial tax base and welcome more small businesses to Brookline. Increasing our commercial tax base would also provide more funds to invest in our town – to increase walkability/accessibility, have a town-wide plan for rat control, maintain our parks, commit to elder services and renovate our schools.

**2.** I grew up in Brookline (Lawrence and BHS) and now live here with my husband and daughter who attends BEEP. We are fortunate to raise our daughter in a multi-generational home with my mom and sister. I am a nurse in a pediatric emergency department. I am running for my second term on town meeting.

**Mark E. Levy** (\*) / 61 Park St

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**NO REPLY**

**Jonathan J. Margolis** (\*) / 49 Harvard Ave

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**1.** We, as a town, need to decide where we want to be in ten to fifteen years, and then work on how we will get there. I have been saying this for years, and I'll continue to advocate for comprehensive planning. We need a town-wide plan for zoning, but also for the structure of government, town finances and other large-scale challenges. That means changing our focus from an ad hoc approach to one that emphasizes broad goals first, and then the practical means to attain them. For instance, if we are really dedicated to increasing the supply of affordable housing, we cannot rely on the market to do it—we shall need to bite the bullet and find ways to pay the real cost to achieve the desired result.

**2.** Town Meeting, 2006 - . Library Trustee 2005 - . Civil rights lawyer. Endorsed by PAX and Brookline by Design

**Stacey Zelbow Provost** (\*) / 1 Washburn Place

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**1.** My family moved to Brookline in 2011, and we simply love living here. As an active BHS parent, I am particularly interested in town-wide strategies to support our public schools. We need to address pandemic-related learning loss, provide social-emotional supports, and celebrate the resilience of teaching and learning in Brookline. I urge P7 voters to actively represent our neighborhood in major developments on the horizon, such as building and transportation related to the Pierce School renovation.

**2.** I work at a Brookline-based nonprofit which raises funds to invest in cutting-edge academics at our public high school. I served as Treasurer of the Pierce PTO. I have worked in the sectors of affordable housing, social services, and disability rights; and I value the Town's leadership on these issues. It's been a privilege to serve on Town Meeting since 2015 and invest time in this community that has so warmly welcomed my family.

**Rita Shon-Baker** (\*) / 10 Alton Court

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**1.** I would like to see a more walkable town that sidewalks without obstacles; potholes filled on roads; streets with less /no trash, bottles and masks; utility/postal boxes and walls absence of graffiti; and gas leaks fixed. It would help to work with the Public Works Dept, also to remind our people this is their town.

2. I was from Taiwan, came to the US in 1966. My family lives in Brookline since 1978. Two children born here and graduated from Brookline High School. Retired from my job as a scientist many years ago, being a town meeting member over 15 years.

**Ilan Wapinski** (\*) / 48 Harris St

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1. Our collective experience in recent years have demonstrated the need for compassionate and data-driven decision making to navigate the most difficult challenges we face – from housing and transportation, to healthcare and education. Our priorities must always be to continue providing essential care for our most vulnerable citizens and an enriching environment for our future generations. I will continue to advocate for policies that are equitable, sustainable, and evidence-based.

2. I have lived in the Boston area for nineteen years, the last eleven of which have been here in Brookline. My wife and I are raising three children, the two older are school aged. I have a background in computer science and have worked in biotech since completing my PhD. I am passionate about applying scientific breakthroughs to improving the lives of people and the wellbeing of our planet.

**Chi Chi Wu** (\*) / 14 Marion Terr

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1. Racial justice is a top issue in the US, and Brookline is no exception, we've had some high-profile problems. We need to ensure equity for all our residents – the 1/3 that is people of color, low-and-moderate income residents, and immigrants. In my first year in Town Meeting, I co-sponsored a successful warrant article to require the Town to provide adequate language access to the 10% of residents who are limited English proficient. Because of Prop 2 1/2, we struggle to properly fund our schools and services despite being a well-off community. Housing in Brookline is shockingly expensive – we need more affordable and middle-income housing.

2. Brookline resident since 1993. Son attended Pierce and BHS. Chair of the Brookline Asian American Family Network, <https://baafn.weebly.com>. Previously served on the Task Force on Re-imagining Policing and Advisory Committee. My day job is a consumer advocate with a national nonprofit.

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**Amanda L. Zimmerman** (\*) /

411 Washington St

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1. Brookline has an ever increasing housing affordability problem (for both low- and middle income households), that's due in a large part to our regional housing shortage. Housing affordability is an economic justice, racial justice, and climate change issue, and we have many tools in our arsenal we could use to address this, if we act with purpose and urgency (find out more at [brooklineforeveryone.com](http://brooklineforeveryone.com)). Other critical issues include: combating climate change with real, structural changes, making our streets less centered around cars and more centered around people, improving transit, and making our town government more representative of (and focused on the needs of) all town residents.

2. Amanda Zimmerman (she/her) is a neuroscientist and biomedical engineer with a working in neuro biotech. She is a Pierce parent with 3 young children, a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, and co-founder of Brookline for Everyone

**Susan F. Cohen** (New) / 23 Littell Rd

1. Affordable Housing and maintaining open space are the most critical issues in precinct 7. A change in zoning bylaws must be done first, and then a comprehensive plan for construction put into place that will take both density and open spaces into account.

2. Longtime Brookline resident and homeowner, former Treasurer TMMA, Treasurer of CCSSNA, one of two TMMA to help save Stop & Shop, member of Livability Committee for Brookline Seniors

Endorsed by Brookline by Design and Brookline Pax

**Simon David Ace Grossman** (New) /

23 Harris St

1. Brookline consistently ranks as having the most expensive housing prices in the state. This lack of affordable and middle income housing prevents many from being able to move to or stay in Brookline - especially people who are younger, lower income, and/or people of color. To address this, I support building more dense, less-expensive housing, as well as pursuing smart zoning regulations that preserve Brookline's local spirit such as reducing parking minimums, creating more protected bike lanes, and preserving historic buildings.

2. I'm a 2020 graduate of Brookline High School and current college student. Prior to college I worked on political campaigns across the country, including field organizing for the Arizona Democratic Party in Phoenix, AZ and most recently as the Field Coordinator for Miriam Aschkenasy's Select Board campaign here in Brookline. I'm running because Brookline needs young voices in government helping to shape the future we want for our town.

**John P. Hebert** (New) / 21 Auburn St

1. (1) Development: Brookline should develop a comprehensive plan that retains neighborhood character and right-sizes population to town services. People-centered regulations such as form-based codes should be followed (see <https://formbasedcodes.org/definition/>). I support greater citizen awareness and involvement in the planning process, especially for Precinct 7.

(2) Civics: Brookline suffers from a breakdown in civic pride and engagement -- apparent in local-election turnouts typically around 20%, and under 30% even during contested races with major tax overrides. I support working with fellow TMMs to identify and better understand issues, and disseminating information to constituents for informed decision-making.

2. Precinct 7 homeowner since 1976. With wife Barbara, raised two extraordinary sons who attended Pierce and BHS 1985-2000. Founder and principal of Brookline-based communications firm (1992-2018). PR Society of America member (1985-2016); Boston Chapter officer (2010-2016) and treasurer (2010-2013). Treasurer, Dorer Community Service Foundation. B.A. Boston University. Endorsed by Brookline by Design and PAX.

**Craig E. Miller** (New) / 427 Washington St

1. I will address many of the topics dealing with my top priority EDUCATION, including the health of school buildings and all students, faculty, and employees now and post- COVID; supporting teachers; ethnic and socio-economic diversity, racial justice, and the challenges of climate change; school budgets and other issues.

2. Born in New Jersey. Columbia High School, Maplewood, NJ, 1962; Rutgers University, B.A. 1966; University of Wisconsin Law School, LLB, 1969. Fluent in Spanish and Portuguese.

Married (Nancy – Interior Designer). Son (Daniel – Graphic Designer, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee). Daughter (Rachel Miller Munzer [Alon] – owners of Mamalehs). Granddaughters (Miriam – Lawrence School 7th and Golda – Lawrence School 4th).

In Wisconsin I specialized in juvenile and family law and served as a Guardian ad Litem representing the best interest of children in adoptions, custody and divorce cases. Since retiring and moving to Brookline, I have substitute taught at Lawrence and several other schools.

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## ◆ PRECINCT 8

## Candidates For Three Year Term

## Vote For Not More Than Fifteen

**Jerry O. Navarrete** (New) / 31 Harvard St

1. Zoning, which should be addressed with a sustainable balance of residential, commercial and quality of life needs. And safe public spaces, which should focus on parks, pedestrians and public transportation.

2. First generation Mexican-American. Eighteen year Brookline resident. Married eighteen years with children attending Pierce and BHS. Daily Green Line commuter.

**Colin S. Stokes** (New) / 9 Auburn Place

1. I believe Brookline has long outgrown the 18th-century Town Meeting model. But while we work on a charter revision, I hope to represent my neighbors with a progressive vote. I support well-planned and green development of both housing and commercial space here in North Brookline; better engagement between residents and decision-makers; and dismantling racism within our institutions. We all benefit when everyone can participate and belong.

2. I've lived in Brookline for 15 years with my wife Jessica and our two kids (BHS and Pierce). Some of you know us from organizing around construction in our precinct. My background is in communications, education, and racial justice; I work with METCO's Boston office, facilitate a workshop called White People Challenging Racism, and edit a weekly antiracism newsletter called Breakthrough Brookline ([breakthroughbrookline.org](http://breakthroughbrookline.org)). I've been active in the Pierce PTO and parent equity groups at Pierce, the high school, and townwide.

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

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**Tracie Elliot Burns** (\*) / 100 Beals St

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1. I originally ran for Town Meeting to bring another voice advocating for policies to address Climate Change, fossil fuel-free planning, safe bike lanes, and improved public transit. But Town Meeting requires making informed voting decisions on so many additional topics that are equally important. Other areas Brookline must address in the near future include social justice policies and increasing affordable housing. In addition, the Brookline Financial Advisory Committee recommendations should be heeded as we need to better align our revenues and costs, as well as create new ways to diversify our revenue base.

2. Co-coordinator of Brookline Mothers Out Front, Board of Directors of Biking Brookline. I have two children who attended the Brookline Public Schools. I was a co-lead in the #FixBigGasLeaks rally last fall, where I saw many of your faces – thank you for attending!

**David-Marc Goldstein** (\*) / 22 Osborne Rd

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1. Our Town Meeting form of government is designed to encourage citizen participation and include diverse voices and ideas. We continue to face serious issues in Precinct 8 and North Brookline, especially affordable housing, caring for our seniors, education, the need for complete streets, etc., and we will have to work together to find equitable solutions to our town's problems. 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.

2. 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 (2015-Present), serving on the Public Safety (Police, Fire) and Human Services (Library, Veterans, Council on Aging, Health) subcommittees. I also serve on the Steering Committee for the North Brookline Neighborhood Association.

[dmgoldstein9@gmail.com](mailto:dmgoldstein9@gmail.com)

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

Attendance 30 of 30

1. Brookline should prioritize developing diverse types of affordable housing, maintaining green space, and ensuring that basic health, safety and educational needs are met for all residents. I will support legislation to achieve these goals and encourage Brookline to use an equity and carbon neutrality lens to evaluate all potential programming and development.

2. I have lived in my condo for 37 years. My two children attended Brookline public schools K-12, and I am a former PTO co-president. I am a retired School Nurse from the Boston Public Schools, and I am currently Board President of the Boston Workers Circle. I was elected to Town Meeting in 2019. Prior to that, I petitioned two warrant articles. First, to incorporate GARE (Government Alliance on Race and Equity) into Brookline government; second, to change the name of the former Devotion School to the Florida Ruffin Ridley School.

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

Attendance 30 of 30

1. 1) Increasing housing in Brookline (and nationwide) while retaining the character of the Town, through mixed-use development in Brookline's transit-rich commercial "village" centers. Preserving neighborhoods by reconfiguring many of our large single-family homes to accommodate two or three families, with no or minimal exterior alteration. Extensive landscaping, emphasizing bushes and shade trees, to moderate the impact of large buildings while providing cooling. Facilitating equity-building for people of modest income by promoting home ownership for everyone who wants it.

2) Climate Change: Addressing Brookline's major greenhouse gas-emitters: fossil fuel consumption in buildings, in transportation, and to generate electricity, by supplementing MA and federal initiatives, while retaining our quality of life.

3) Restoring civility to Town Meeting, by each side acknowledging the other's legitimate concerns.

2. Proud thirty-year resident of Brookline. Precinct 8 TMM 2012-present. Co-Chair, Climate Action Brookline Board, Brookline PAX Board, Friends of Hall's Pond Human Services Manager, ret.



**Benjamin Hellerstein** (\*) / 163 Coolidge St

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1. I believe the biggest issue facing us is to create a more sustainable Brookline. During my time on Town Meeting so far, I'm proud to have supported efforts to reduce waste, increase walking and biking, decrease the use of fossil fuels, encourage transit-accessible development, and protect our open spaces. But there is more to be done on all of these fronts. Brookline should aim to be the greenest community we can be.

2. I first got involved in politics as a college student in Minnesota, running a successful campaign to increase bike lanes and sidewalks. I moved to Massachusetts in 2013, and since then, I have worked for a nonprofit advocating for environmental policies at the state level. I also serve as the chair of Brookline's Shared Mobility Advisory Committee, advising the Transportation Board on strategies to improve public transit and other sustainable transportation options.

**Anita L. Johnson** (\*) / 41 Osborne Rd

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1. Funding and enacting the Brookline Urban Forest Resiliency Plan, to restore and enhance our tree canopy; it is critical to cleaning our air, lowering temperatures (and decreasing our energy use), storing and sequestering carbon, improving water quality and quantity, and reducing noise.

Designing our streets and sidewalks to promote safe non-motor vehicle transportation, safer and reduced driving.

2. Brookline Town Meeting Member since 2008. Member: Brookline Advisory Committee, Brookline Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Brookline Greenspace Alliance Board; WalkBoston Board.

Recently retired Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Boston. Previously Trial Attorney, Office of Consumer Litigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice; Attorney, Environmental Defense Fund, Public Citizen's Health Research Group.

**Arden Reamer** (\*) / 72 Stedman St

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1. Town-wide access and equity so that Brookline is inclusive for ALL of our community members and progressive environmental policy to combat the climate crisis. I am willing to do the hard work to make this Town the most inclusive, equitable and sustainable place on Earth.

2. I am a lifelong resident of Brookline invested in our community, local businesses and schools. My husband and I have 2 children, who attend the Florida Ruffin Ridley School and Brookline High School, and our dog, Oreo. My mother and brother are also longtime Brookline residents. For 3 years I served as PTO

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Treasurer and Devotion School Building Committee Parent Representative. I have a Master's in Education and in Business Administration, and spent my early years in social work with underserved communities and in the Massachusetts Office for Administration and Finance. Most importantly, please let me know what I can do for you!

**Diana Lees Spiegel** (\*) / 39 Stetson St

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1. **Fiscal challenges:** Brookline's projected expenses chronically exceed its revenue, requiring unacceptable cuts or property tax overrides. We moved here for the public services – great schools, safe neighborhoods, beautiful parks, wonderful libraries, with greater diversity and shorter commutes than distant suburbs. To maintain excellent town services we must pay employees competitive wages. **Affordable housing:** We need more but our chief tool, 40B, creates excess density, producing 3-4 times as many luxury "market" units as affordable, putting pressure on town services. Meanwhile, there are important new needs in town due to pandemic, equity and climate initiatives. We need thoughtful residential and commercial townwide planning to balance our current and future needs with fiscal reality.

2. Former MIT researcher, Town Meeting Member since 1994, Co-chair Campaign to Preserve St Aidan's, Chair Brookline Neighborhood Alliance, North Brookline Neighborhood Assoc, Brookline PAX Board. Parent of BHS, Devotion (Ridley) graduates. PAX, BBD endorsed.

**Stanley L. Spiegel** (\*) / 39 Stetson St

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1. I've long supported schools, safe streets, open space, affordable housing, sustainability, racial equity. Public safety's a top priority, therefore I oppose cutting our police budget. Our low crime rate results from our strong police presence and success apprehending criminals. We need accountability, but cutting budgets solves nothing and undermines public safety.

Additionally, I oppose zoning changes allowing developers to build whatever and wherever they want. The steady influx of affluent new employees being hired in Boston and Cambridge means that luxury units are in high demand, so nothing else gets built.

For affordability, we should require new housing to have a 20% affordable set-aside, subsidize affordable housing construction, and seek to restore rent control. For-profit developers will only give us Brookline for Millionaires.

2. TMM since 1981, 30 years on Advisory (Finance) Committee. Retired math professor. Married 49 years. Two children BHS, Devotion (Ridley) graduates. Endorsed by PAX, BBD, Donelle O'Neal.

**Michael W. Toffel** (\*) / 25 Abbottsford Rd

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1. As a TMM, I have authored laws requiring more transparency and accountability in Town government, and helped launch Precinct 8 community meetings before each Town Meeting. Brookline needs to remain a diverse community with excellent public schools and services, and to be a sustainability leader and to improve on diversity and inclusion to better demonstrate progressive values. Brookline needs more strategic planning, and more economic development to afford: competitive wages; more neighborhood-scale affordable housing; better-maintained streets, buildings, libraries, and parks; and making our streets safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. Brookline's sustainability leadership must include greener electricity and making it safer to walk and bike.

2. Parent of a Brookline High student and one alumnus. Served on Brookline Fiscal Advisory Committee (BFAC), FFR School Council. Serve on BFAC Moderator Committee. Harvard Business School professor of environmental management and operations management. UC Berkeley PhD. Yale Master's of Environmental Management + MBA.

<http://people.hbs.edu/mtoffel/>

**Donald C. Weitzman** (\*) / 104 Babcock St

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1. Housing affordability and development. I support judicious development that increases supply of affordable housing, but not at the expense of neighborhood integrity. Market forces will not solve our housing problems. It's time to consider a state-wide campaign to re-establish some form of rent control or rent stabilization. Not easy, but current political climate, especially in Boston and ring communities, may make this do-able.

Climate change. Brookline must aggressively address our carbon output, in our buildings and transportation, and must provide leadership in support of essential State legislation.

2. Retired math teacher, investor. Married to Harriet Goldberg, songwriter. Father of Lillian, Runkle and BHS grad, Brookline reference librarian. Brookline homeowner since 1990. Town Meeting Member since 1994. Previously: Select Board Member; Advisory Committee; co-founder and co-chair, Climate Action Brookline, Select Board's Climate Action Committee, Brookline Neighborhood Alliance, Town Meeting Members Association. Currently: Board member, Climate Action Brookline and Brookline PAX.

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**Sam L. Cournoyer** (New) / 184 Naples Rd

1. Increasing diverse representation through accessible housing policies and improving eco-friendly community access in Brookline are the two most important issues to me, and I believe these two problems can be solved together. Denser, affordable housing through revising exclusionary zoning policies can help build a more socioeconomically and racially representative community while bringing individuals closer to the amenities they need. This combined with improvement of the town's biking infrastructure can help reduce reliance on cars in the community, improving quality of life and reducing our contribution to the climate crisis.

2. I am a law student and renter who is proud to call Brookline home. I live with three friends and I'm passionate about supporting and building our vibrant community. I look forward to working with a progressive coalition to improve accessibility and quality of life in Brookline! See [SamForBrookline.com](http://SamForBrookline.com) for more information.

**Tyler James Daddio** (New) / 184 Naples Rd

1. First, we need to build more & cheaper housing. Our prices are among the highest in Massachusetts, a pain most acutely experienced by those historically & structurally excluded from home ownership. A solution starts with revisiting zoning & restructuring public assistance.

Second, we need to build a richer, more inclusive town civic culture. We can start by fostering an appreciation for local governance in our youth by giving our high school-aged peers a voice in our local elections. And as the pandemic winds down, I want more fun town events that get us out of our bunkers and into each others' company again.

2. I am a 25-year old renter living with my partner & our two friends. Though I've not held office before, I endeavor to learn all I can & advocate for concrete, progressive change in Brookline. For more info about me, please visit [TylerForBrookline.com](http://TylerForBrookline.com).

**Saul J. Feldman** (New) / 83 Fuller St

1. The need for affordable housing is a critical issue in my precinct. Brookline should adopt land use policies to make it easier to build a duplex or fourplex instead of a new McMansion. Zoning rules should be changed to allow developers more flexibility in building. Developers should be able to build multi-family units, either for sale or for rent, on a single lot. Also, 3D building systems or pre-fabricated houses save time and money.

2. I am a real estate lawyer who practiced for over five decades and retired in 2017. I have lived in Brookline since 2005. Prior to that I lived in Swampscott and was on the town meeting for over twenty years. I am a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

**Carolyn Gail Goodwin** (New) /

47 Manchester Rd

1. There is a need for affordable housing and walkable/bikeable streets. Funding for public schools, senior services, libraries, and other public services are necessary. Thoughtful consideration of the short- and long-term impacts of policies, including zoning and transportation policies, on Precinct 8's diverse community is critical to ensure an equitable and inclusive Brookline. Development of policies that mitigate climate change are vital. Community engagement and transparency in decision-making are essential.

2. Born and raised in Precinct 8 and returned to live here with my husband, mother, and rescue dog. Graduate of Brookline Public Schools. Currently, Director of the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission. Practiced law in the Government and a private public interest law firm. Served as Director of Public Service and Pro Bono at Boston University School of Law. Volunteer with local anti-hunger, workers' rights, and animal rescue organizations. Town Meeting Member (2021-2022).

**Nancy Schneider Heller** (New) /

40 Abbottsford Rd

1. A significant issue for Precinct 8 / Town is planning for growth. Developers are demolishing homes that add to the character of streetscapes, and cram a taller, wider, bigger building on a lot at the expense of open space, trees, light through neighbor windows, historic streetscapes, overwhelming School/Town services and decreasing our carbon footprint, etc. Let's plan to increase development but ensure high quality Town/School services, preserve open space/landscaping/trees, increase our efforts to reduce carbon.

2. Select Board 6 years; Town Meeting 33 years; Advisory Committee 7 years; Co-Chair BHS Expansion Advisory Committee 2016-present; Petitioner 2012 bylaw banning polystyrene; Co-Petitioner 2010 bylaw on noise/nuisance behaviors, School Committee 12 years; Many leadership roles: Environmental Activist, PTO, Extended Day, Day Care, Understanding Disabilities, Graffam-McKay Historic District, BHS China Exchange, Brookline Friends of METCO; Widow of Dr. Daniel Heller, 3 children graduated Brookline Schools, 3 grandchildren attending Brookline Schools; Retired Attorney/Medical Administrator/Social Worker.

**Charles Jay Homer** (New) / 76 Green St

1. Housing affordability is the most critical issue confronting our Town. This will require increased density with attention to appropriate design and scale. We must promote the recovery of our community's businesses to maintain Brookline's vibrancy while providing revenue for our schools and other services. Implementing Complete Streets will enable more residents to walk, cycle and drive safely.

2. A Brookline resident for over thirty years, I served on Town Meeting in the 1990's (precinct 6). As a pediatrician, I practiced and did research at MGH and Children's and then founded a national nonprofit ([NICHQ.org](http://NICHQ.org)) focused on improving children's health care. After that, I served in the Obama Administration overseeing human services policy at HHS. I am married and have two adult children (Aaron and Rachel) who both graduated from the Pierce School and Brookline High.

**Christina Marie Kovach** (New) / 99 Beals St

1. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted and exacerbated several existing issues that we as a community continue to face. As we strive to maintain and support Brookline's stellar schools, greenspaces, local businesses, and address the climate crisis and housing affordability issues, we need to come up with thoughtful, equitable solutions that center the needs of our most vulnerable and underserved community members. I am running to ensure that our community continues to strive for a vibrant, inclusive, well-resourced, and sustainable community through equitable solutions.

2. Christina Kovach is a first generation Asian American and a lifelong Brookline resident who grew up in Brookline public housing. She is the parent of three children; a toddler, a FRR student, and a recent BHS graduate. She is a volunteer soccer coach, an attorney, and a member of her agency's diversity council.

**Alexander Lebovitz** (New) / 3 Bradford Terr

1. The impact of the pandemic has demonstrated that we need to make serious investments in public health. However, creating healthy communities starts with addressing the social determinants of health. I will fight to create a healthier and stronger Brookline by expanding affordable housing, creating economic opportunity for all residents, combating racial inequality, improving access to primary and behavioral healthcare, and investing in municipal departments and services.



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

**Paul Harris** (\*) / 111 Centre St

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### 1. (1) Racial Justice and Equity:

We need a shared 21st Century vision, strategy, and plans for our public schools, housing, and Town administration to ensure better racial justice and equity in Brookline.

**(2) Climate Change:** The new Zero Emissions Advisory Board (ZEAB) can help Brookline achieve zero emissions by 2050. We may have 100% clean electricity (including the state mandate) as a default by 2025. We may also need a Town Sustainability Department.

**2.** Town Meeting member since 2010; board member of the Brookline Improvement Coalition (BIC), Climate Action Brookline, and Brookline PAX; leadership team of Brookline for Racial Justice and Equity (BRJE); volunteer at the Florida Ruffin Ridley School; Wellness Committee of the Public Schools of Brookline; Co-founded Green Caucus in 2011. Website: [paulharris.org](http://paulharris.org)

**Sarah B. Kitterman** (\*) / 51 Kenwood St

Attendance 13 of 13

**1.** I believe that the most critical issues are the rising cost of living and the need to diversify our revenue base. I feel strongly about the need to increase the supply of affordable housing as well as diversify the housing stock, while looking for ways to promote a healthy commercial tax base. I also believe that improving public transit and bike accessibility and safety are also critical issue facing out town.

**2.** I have lived in Brookline for 24 years. I love my Columbia Park neighborhood and my three children have all attended Brookline Public Schools from kindergarten (and one starting in BEEP). I still have one child at the high school. I have been active supporting the schools, supporting Mother's Out Front's work on climate change, and am excited to continue my work as a Town Meeting Member. I also work for a local nonprofit doing community development finance.

**Robert D. Lepson** (\*) / 36 Thorndike St

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**1.** As a third term Precinct 9 Town Meeting Member, I plan to continue my work on

- Promoting affordable housing and thoughtful, sustainable development
- Fighting for **racial, economic, and environmental justice**, especially during our continued fiscal crisis

- Maintaining and improving **town services**, especially those services that if cut, would disproportionately affect historically marginalized and otherwise vulnerable communities

- Increasing accountability, transparency, and accessibility across all levels of town government

**2.** Precinct 9 resident since 1991; Town Meeting member since 2017. Progressive voter and activist, proud to be **endorsed by the Brookline Equity Coalition** and **Brookline for Everyone**. Member of Town Meeting's Green Caucus and the Commission for Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations. Campaign treasurer for State Rep candidate Raul Fernandez and Select Board member Miriam Aschkenasy. Fee-only financial advisor and CFP® at Adviser Investments in Newton. Former youth baseball and basketball coach. Softball enthusiast. B.A. Brandeis University. Married to Johanna Klein, MD.

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

Attendance 29 of 29

**1.** We have budgetary shortfalls, are facing the true existential crisis of climate catastrophe and have become more aware of significant issues in social justice and housing affordability. I will use my vote in Town Meeting to work towards solutions to these problems. The deliberative process at Town Meeting is meant to bring together voices from the different walks of life represented in our town. I value this process and believe I bring a clear and future oriented attitude.

**2.** A Brookline resident for 29 years, I am a psychiatrist and mother of three daughters, all of whom attended Brookline public schools. I am a founding member of Brookline Mothers Out Front, a group that focuses on creating a sustainable and survivable future for our children. An avid gardener, bicycler and happy dog owner, since age 20 I've been active in various environmental and activist organizations.

**Thomas R. Marton** (\*) / 32 Russell St

Attendance 17 of 18

**1.** Promoting (by modeling) civil, productive discourse, avoiding ideological entrenchment and ad hominem criticism. Town-wide strategic planning development, vs piecemeal projects, to promote thoughtful affordable housing development.

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**2.** I am a health policy analyst, a former Democratic campaign staffer, and a long-time supporter of progressive campaigns and causes. I have lived in Precinct 8 for six years, and my candidacy for Town Meeting has been endorsed by the Brookline Equity Coalition, Brookline PAX, and Brookline for Everyone. I want to see Brookline reach its full potential as a leading community in the fight for racial, economic, and environmental justice, and this is what I will work towards as a Town Meeting member.

**Aone Liyuan Wang** (New) / 51 John St

**1.1)** Overcrowded North Brookline with new high rise building will result in limited resources per student in already rebuilt schools. We should develop South Brookline and encourage the population to move to South Brookline. **2)** Circular economy and sustainability is important to reduce the global warming. We should ask our town to

1. restrict the new building to go with electricity energy only.
2. find a better way to recycle the trash. It is time to change single stream model.

**2.** A nothing fancy dad lives in Brookline since 2008. Working in a start-up on research to turn CO2 into plastic. My daughter will graduate from FRR school in two months. From Devotion to FRR, I got involved in BEEP, room parents, PTO, Brookline Rec/Travel soccer. I met nice friends and families. Let's keep Brookline as the best place to live in the world before handing it to our kids.

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

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 2. Brookline resident for 29 years; Married to Danit Ben-Ari; Raised 2 children here, both went through Brookline public schools. Attorney at Lourie & Cutler for nearly 25 years; past PTO member & Treasurer. Born in NY; graduated University of California, Berkeley, Musician's Institute, Los Angeles & University of Chicago Law School

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

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**1. Rampant, scattershot development.** Major results: Needless demolitions, skyrocketing rents, displaced residents, unbuilt affordable housing, bulldozed historic houses, damaged neighborhoods and damaged lives.

To address this and related development nightmares we must enstate comprehensive planning and zoning reform for the whole Town.

**2. B.A:** Northwestern

M.A. Brandeis

Ph.D. Brandeis

Retired psychotherapist, retired university professor. MFA docent since 2008.

Married to Herbert Krohn, retired MGH physician

Daughter Annie, Brookline schools graduate

Brookline resident and homeowner since 1980.

Housing and preservation activist since 90s.

Town Meeting Member since 2004

**Martin R. Rosenthal** (\*) / 62 Columbia St

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Ending "moderate" [sic] GOP governorships, ideally Sonia Chang-Diaz, Climate-change, budget shortages, regressive taxes, housing affordability, preserving neighborhoods. Civility-respect-collaboration, LIKE: heightened anti-racism that AVOIDS reckless ex aggerations shouting "Stay Away, BIPOC's" and *ad-hominem-isms*; LIKE improving/supporting our excellent/beleaguered Police; LIKE stopping misrepresenting "complaints" like Pilot's/Zera'i's; LIKE a Diversity Comm'n that builds bridges, not walls.

**2.** Devotion-'60, BHS-'64, Harvard-'68, Stanford Law (& Poli.Sci M.A.). SaraAnn (Devo-'11,-BHS-'15)'s dad. Litigation (criminal & atty-discipline), public defender ('73-90); Managing Atty, CJI, Harvard Law ('90-2). Co-chair, MA Citizens Against Death Penalty '94-'02; MA Sentencing Comm'n 2014-18; ACLU Bd./Dirs. '85-99; MBA '22 Pro Bono Justice Award; Thurgood Marshall Awards, CPCS '09 & BBA '00; Selectman '85-8; TMM '79- (100% attendance); CTO&S '89- ; Advisory '83-5; Diversity Commiss'n By-Law Drafting '13-4; Co-

**LWV Brookline VOTERS GUIDE to Town Election** chair [www.BrooklinePax.org](http://www.BrooklinePax.org); Police/Community Relations Rpt '87; Police Reform Committee '19-21; immigrant sanctuary '85-'06-'17. BY-LAWS: selectmen Police Commissioners; sidewalk-shoveling; restaurants' bathrooms; political-signs; 2-hour parking permits; Transportation Bd. under T/M; Meetings e-notices.

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

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**1.** (1) Overwhelming development: I would encourage efforts to study and carefully plan where and what kinds of development would be appropriate, with an eye on maintaining open space and controlling the filling in of North Brookline.

(2) Health and safety: We need to improve our infrastructure to eliminate everyday hazards, to improve performance of our public transportation, and to foster an environment which treats the citizens and employees of Brookline with fairness and respect.

**2.** I have lived in the Boston area all of my life, the last 23 years in Coolidge Corner. I'm a retired teacher from Lexington High School and UMass Boston. I have been a town meeting member from Pct. 9 for the past fifteen years and had served on the Advisory Committee for ten years.

**Gerald M. Tuckman** (\*) / 98 Thorndike St

Attendance 13 of 13

**1.** Precinct: increasing affordable housing consistent with the character of the neighborhood (not 4+ story buildings). Town: balancing the need for education and town services with tax needs of fixed- and moderate-income residents and resolving town and high school racial issues.

**2.** Married, 2 children k-12 Brookline grads, resident since 1974 (rented/owned), MSW

Worked in the public, non-profit and private sectors in education and housing and community development. Brought differing viewpoints together and turned transactions into relationships.

I wish to serve my neighborhood and my town and would appreciate your vote.

Former:

TMM (10 years)

Brookline Recreation Commission (3 )

WGBH Community Advisory Board (3 )

Greater Boston Jimmy Fund Board (3 )

Lead Boston/Racial Dialogues (5)

Poor Peoples' Campaign (1968)

Currently retired

Former Employers (most recent first):

National Consumer Law Center

UMass (Boston/Medical School)

Tufts University

Equitable Real Estate

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

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

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**1.** Environmental Justice issues

Fair Housing Issues

Executive Director of ACE, an environmental justice organization with a strong civil rights emphasis.

**2. Alternative for Community and Environment**

2017-2022 - Executive Director

**Heading Home Inc**, 2015 to 2017

Assistant Director of Family Services

**Fair Housing Center for Greater Boston**, 2012 to

2015 - Director of Policy and Outreach

**Boston University, 2011 - Certificate:** Nonprofit

Management and Leadership

**National Institute of Corrections** - 2006 -

**Certificate:** Offender Employment Specialist

**National Institute of Corrections** - 2006 -

**Certificate:** Offender Workforce Development Specialist

**New School for Social Research**, 1998

**Degree:** MS in Management and Urban Policy

**Morehouse College**, 1995

**Degree:** BA in Urban Management

**Manchester Community College** 1991

**Degree:** AA in Criminal Justice

**Woodrow Wilson Public Policy and International**

**Affairs Fellow**, 1993 to 1996

**Awarded:** Fellowship from the University of Texas,

LBJ School of International Affairs to complete graduate studies in Public Policy.

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

Attendance 26 of 30

**1.** Precinct 9, like much of North Brookline, is under siege by luxury housing developers. In addition to trying to mitigate the effects of individual projects, we need to develop a town-wide approach to development – a PLAN – that ensures equitable access to housing for all, along with minimizing negative effects of development on existing residents (an even bigger problem near Hancock Village).

As a town, we must also ensure that our employees are treated fairly, both to retain current employees and recruit highly qualified new ones. Currently, our pay and benefits are not comparable to those of similar municipalities, which has led to morale issues. Given our finite town budget, this will require thoughtful work.

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**2.** Brookline resident since 1983, homeowner, sent two sons through Brookline Public Schools, serve as Library Trustee. Work as editor/consultant to technology trade associations. Smith College B.A., University of Wisconsin M.A., Simmons MBA.

**Robert J. Weintraub (\*) / 112 Columbia St**  
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**1.** The most important Town-wide issue, which also impacts every precinct, is the fiscal health of Brookline. I support one of the key recommendations in the 2020 report of the Brookline Fiscal Advisory Committee (BFAC) to “aggressively pursue new economic development to increase the vibrancy of the town’s economy, generate new property tax revenues, minimize the burden on residential taxpayers, and expand payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) revenues.”

Connected to this recommendation on our fiscal health is my strong support for our public schools, public safety, and other key Town services.

**2.** Homeowner in Brookline since 1978; coach in Brookline Youth Baseball; school leader in Brookline Public Schools including Head of Brookline High from 1992 – 2011; currently senior lecturer and program director of Education Leadership Pre-K-12 at BU Wheelock; Brookline PAX, Board.

**George Abbott White (\*) / 143 Winchester St**  
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**1.** Chief lesson these last five years have taught, particularly under COVID’s scourge, is the importance of responsible, inclusive, caring and competent government. I support Brookline’s refusal to consider either long term or current issues in isolation. Quality public services are not separated from the diversity of providers, working towards “Green” Brookline doesn’t mean neglecting our elderly or very young. North Brookline overwhelmed by “gut and rehabs” bringing engaged parents very little “affordable” housing. Special taxing mechanism for development’s “fair share” must be established where their profit provides compensation for increased services: help schools and public health.

**2.** Chester, PA; Dearborn, public schools 1961; University of Michigan 1966; graduate study Brandeis and Harvard; PhD Charles University (Prague)1992. University and Newton Public Schools 40+ years; author, editor, consultant (Apple). Union and education activist; photographer to progressive campaigns. Brookline resident (1970) married (Ann Worthen), two daughters (Devotion, BHS). Twice TMMA President & VP.

**Ernest C. Adams (New) / 129 Centre St**

**1.** Brookline must continue to be Brookline and not become Boston. Development pressure is the dominant issue in Precinct 9. I live on Centre Street which has been ground zero for 50 years. Twenty houses have been replaced by unsightly boxes on a narrow residential street. Future growth must be controlled with effective zoning laws reflecting community values.

Maintaining high level public services (schools and seniors) while keeping the town’s finances strong is daunting. I believe that my financial background and my ability to work in a team environment will enable me to make a positive contribution.

**2.** Life-long resident of Brookline (same house). Education: Dexter School, Andover, Northwestern University. Recently retired after 21 years as Director of Football Research, New England Patriots. Worked for 36 years in NFL. Five year career on Wall Street. CFA charter holder. Ten years Board of Trustees, Dexter Southfield; 7 years Chair of Finance Committee.

**Lee L. Biernbaum (New) / 7 Verndale St**

**1.** Brookline is an amazing place to live. Brookline has real challenges: a housing crisis, infrastructure needing repair, climate change, and resistance to racial/social change by people who refuse to acknowledge failures in the status quo.

Brookline is an amazing place to live, but we cannot rest on our laurels. We have work to do to maintain what is special and ensure it can be amazing for everyone.

I’m running to do this hard work.

**2.** I moved here following graduate school and Brookline is my home. I’m the parent of two children at the Ruffin Ridley School and a long-time election worker. I work in transportation policy with interests in how transportation, land use, and social justice overlap. I live carfree in a rowhouse that cannot legally be built in Brookline today. I’m a co-founder and board member of Brookline for Everyone.

<https://townmeeting.acrossb.com>

**Benjamin Birnbaum (New) / 15 Feneno Terr**

**1.** The main issue is affordability, which is what has nourished Brookline’s and Pct. 9’s distinctive populations and character. Two actions: ONE) Establish a practice of regular strategic planning by town departments that will lay out overall direction and set investment in school programming, senior support, public health and public safety services, subsidized housing, etc. TWO) In concert with

neighborhoods, develop goals and guidelines that cogently drive commercial and residential development and Town income. (See this TM’s Article 10.) If we don’t know where we want to go, none of us is going to get there.

**2.** Lived here in two-family home since 1993. Children graduates of BHS. Been a TMM, member of Advisory Committee, and of Economic Development Advisory Board. Worked in marketing, editing, and writing. Do pro bono work for senior housing and humanities programming. Planted 28 trees and shrubs in my backyard. Endorsed by PAX and Brookline by Design.

**Jacqueline Dupré (New) / 52 Verndale St**

**1.** One of the most critical issues facing Brookline is finding balance in our Town. I support a well funded Police Department, supported by Town Management. It’s crucial we settle Town Employee contracts. We do this by giving our employees fair, and competitive wages, recruiting quality candidates who bring not only longevity, but bring Brookline back to an attractive place to live and work.

I support maintaining Brookline’s identity by not making it more dense. We need to keep Brookline’s character, and charm by encouraging the preservation of houses, and buildings that fit into our unique historical neighborhoods. I don’t support rezoning single family homes.

I support open green space, and support Brookline by Design, and their philosophies. I believe in fiscal responsibility, transparency, and maintaining a strong small business community, which helps support a strong commercial tax base.

Fairness for All

**2.** Life long Brookline resident  
Retired Police Officer

**Ashley Y. Eng (New) / 144 Columbia Street**

**1.** Racial justice and equity is a critical issue in Brookline. Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) deserve to feel safe and represented; Brookline should welcome and be accessible to everyone. To ensure this, we need to invest in public infrastructure like affordable housing, safe sidewalks, bike lanes, our libraries, and increased language translation services. Another critical issue is civic engagement. Brookline has low voter turnout during local elections. A likely explanation is a lack of awareness and understanding of our municipal government, highlighting the need to devote resources towards increasing civic engagement.

**(Precinct 9 continues)**

**2.** Junior at UMass Amherst. Raised in Brookline; attended Florida Ruffin Ridley School and BHS. Advocated with the Brookline Asian American Family Network (BAAFN) to make Lunar New Year a day off for the Public Schools of Brookline (PSB). Working with BAAFN to develop Asian American and Pacific Islander curricula for implementation in PSB. Contact: [aeng@umass.edu](mailto:aeng@umass.edu)

**Marion Helen Freedman-Gurspan** (New) /

11 Wellman Street

**1.** Brookline is being challenged to increase its housing supply. A commission is needed to look town-wide at residential and commercial development opportunities and recommend zoning changes. Buildings should both address the need and fit the scale of surrounding streets. In Precinct 9, parking has been a longstanding concern and must be a consideration. I would oppose the taking of the Babcock Street or Centre Street parking lot for the purpose of housing, as the loss of spaces would have a significant negative impact on Coolidge Corner businesses and residents.

**2.** Married, Brookline resident for 34 years, daughter Raffi attended Brookline Public Schools K-12. I am an advocate for children, people who are LGBTQ+, those facing mental health or physical health challenges, immigrants and seniors. I am a Board member of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health. I have been endorsed by Brookline PAX and Brookline by Design.

**Damon Erik Graff** (New) / 46 Williams St

**1.** Brookline faces many challenges in the coming years. For example, we should increase our Housing capacity, especially affordable housing, carefully considering Transportation, Education, Public Safety and Preservation. I consistently stand for justice and equity, especially when it comes to housing, economics, voter participation and disability issues. Having an MBA, I am also very understanding of the changing needs of the business community.

**2.** I am a life-long Brookline resident, homeowner and school parent, and a graduate of the Brookline public school system. Being blind, I have a rare perspective on the Town. I have been honored to serve in Town Meeting over the past year, and on the Immigrant Advancement Committee and on the board of the Town Meeting Members Association. I have been endorsed by Brookline PAX and Brookline for Everyone. Please get out and vote for me on May 3rd. <http://DamonForBrookline.com>

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**Susan K. Howards** (New) / 19 Winchester St

**1. A) SAFETY:** food, housing, health and reasonable development. Respect police, increase funding, and post Floyd training and promote from within Many officers leaving. Return SROS and AWARE Curriculum to schools. SROS removed without community notice. Domestic Violence a crime.

**B) TRANSPARENCY.** More stakeholder meetings and input from the community.

**2.** Criminal lawyer focusing on family violence, now Ukrainian refugees leave war area pro bono, Framingham Eight Eugenia Moore's life sentence commuted, immigration VAWA case. Host of BIG Safety Net cable show, member of Norfolk County Domestic Violence Round Table, Jennifer A Lynch Committee, CIMS, Surveillance Committees, CERT, Medical Reserve Corps Covid Call Center Volunteer, Fulbright Hays Award, Rotarian, BA Boston University, PhD Boston College JD Suffolk Law School substitute teacher for students with mental illness and eating disorders.

**Mattie E. Klock** (New) / 5 Verndale St

**1.** We have a housing crisis! I love Brookline, but few people I know can afford to live here. We have restrictive zoning that makes it difficult to build dense and affordable housing, including the type of lovely houses that help make our neighborhood character what it is. Connected to housing are climate change and social justice: places where there is a gap between our town's values and where we are now.

I'm running for Town Meeting to help us turn these values into action.

**2.** My husband and I crossed the river to Brookline in 2018 to be near friends and quickly fell in love! I work in tech, live in a gorgeous multifamily brownstone that can't be built under today's zoning, and am a member of Brookline for Everyone. Recently I got to act on my values by donating a kidney to a stranger.

Visit: <https://mattiforbrookline.org/>

**Ellen Novinsky** (New) / 19 Winchester St

**NO REPLY**

**Alan G. Shepro** (New) / 50 Williams St

**1.** Those who make a lot of decisions in and for the Town appear to do so without knowing and examining the full facts of a situation. I would encourage more study before voting for something we know very little about.

**2.** Recently retired from a 45+ year career in IT as a User and Customer Support and Operations Specialist, I have been a Brookline resident since 1985, having migrated to Brookline from Western Massachusetts.

- Justice of the Peace
- Notary Public
- Poll Worker – Prescient Warden
- Volunteer at the Brookline Senior Center

**Harold Mark Simansky** (New) /

99 Winchester St

**1.** The most important issue for the town is financial stability. Costs for the town are rising by 5%, while revenue is rising by 3% per year. We have an unfunded pension liability of \$200 million and millions of dollars of deferred capital expenditures. Unless the issues around finance and budget are resolved, the town cannot move forward in the way it hopes.

**2.** I am a Brookline native (BHS 1984) where I am raising my three sons. My oldest is BHS 2020 and my youngest is in the RISE Program at Runkle School. My involvement in the town has included being on the Economic Development Advisory Board, various green committees, a Brookline Baseball coach, and former Town Meeting member. The home I built is one of the greenest in Brookline, being LEED certified with a geothermal heating and cooling system.

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**Brookline Parks.** In 1871, Town meeting approved the acquisition of two pieces of private land for use as parks. These two properties, which became Cypress Field and the Brookline Avenue Playground, are among the first known examples in the United States of private property being purchased specifically for public parks.

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## ◆ PRECINCT 10

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

**C. Scott Ananian (\*) / 103 Griggs Rd**

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1. Our schools are underfunded, teachers are leaving, and our Town can't afford to maintain its roads, libraries, and public works equipment. We need an override in the Fall to continue the quality of our schools and Town infrastructure. Second, we must foster the diversity of our neighborhood by ensuring those who work here can afford to live here; by hiring educators who can broaden the horizons of our children; and through the METCO and Materials Fee programs.

2. 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 spent over a decade 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. <https://cscott.net>

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

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1. I am concerned with pedestrian and bike safety. I have witnessed cars not stopping at lights and cross walks on Washington Street, among other places. I am also concerned about investment in our parks and town trees. I would like to see more commercial development to help our tax base and smart land-use policies that permit balanced, sustainable growth.

2. I'm a parent of four school-age children in Brookline and was Pierce PTO co-chair for 3 years. I am involved in youth activities including the BHS PTO, room parent, Scout Troop 6, Board member for Voices Boston. I am also a local yoga instructor. Before focusing on volunteering and kids, I was a management consultant. I have degrees from Yale, Harvard and Oxford.

**Roslyn L. Feldberg (\*) / 1501 Beacon St**

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1. My two critical issues are climate change and affordable housing. I work with Brookline Mothers Out Front on the transition to green, renewable energy; composting and the new town program to plant "front yard trees", especially in heat zones. I work in town meeting and with several groups to get affordable housing built, so low and moderate-income singles, families and seniors can live in Brookline.

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2. I've lived in Brookline for five years, am married and raised our daughter in public Schools, because I value public education. Formerly a sociology professor at BU, most of my career was spent negotiating contracts for nurses for the Massachusetts Nurses Association. Now I work on climate, locally and globally, am trying to figure out how to work for racial justice, and am on the board of the Newton/SanJuan del Sur (Nicaragua) Sister City.

**Jesse M. Gray (\*) / 8 Griggs Terr**

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1. I am focused on putting in place the policies that will enable the Town to achieve its climate goals — including net-zero emissions by 2040. By showing the way in Brookline, we can also help the Commonwealth to meet its legally binding emissions targets, which includes a 50% reduction (from 1990 levels) by 2030. We can also make life better and more equitable for everyone, especially those who have the least.

2. I apply my training as a scientist and team-builder to climate activism. I am Chair of Brookline's new Zero Emissions Advisory Board and a founder of ZeroCarbonMA. I filed the first gas ban east of the Sierra Nevadas in 2019. I convinced the town then that it was practical to implement, and built the teams to pass it. Since it first passed, we have been lobbying the state for the legal authority to put it in place.

**Stefanie A. Greenfield (\*) / 154 University Rd**

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1. The effects of this pandemic to our local business community, our families with young children and our elderly who require support are our most critical needs. I will advocate now to transition safely from mask mandates and best practices to establish our new normal. I support thoughtful and visionary growth in the town through careful design and planning. I will advocate for excellence in our schools, highest quality of town services, and support of diversity and inclusion at all levels of town wide leadership. My watch list includes attracting and nurturing great teachers, leaders and implementing best sustainable building and lifestyle practices for Brookline.

2. TMM since 2007; Architect, Principal, LEED AP, CambridgeSeven, AIA, BSA, USGBC; Teaching, Thesis Advisor; Support and Engagement: Brookline High School, 100 Centre Street Hebrew Senior Life, Brookline-Xi'an China Exchange Program, Boston Society Architects Women's Principal Group; married to Mark Allen, two children graduates Driscoll BHS

**Casey A. Hatchett (\*) / 84 University Rd**

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1. 1) Community vibrancy in wake of the pandemic and a divisive political climate; 2) the strain on Town services due to fiscal constraints, staffing shortages, population growth/development and COVID. As a TMM, I will continue to implement/support programs/events that celebrate the rich diversity of our community and bring people together. I will remain educated and involved as to current/future projects and their impact on services (Schools, Public Works, Public Safety).

2. Brookline resident for 25 years, University Road homeowner with husband (Derek), three sons (Max, Alex and Dylan) and daughter (Madeline). Very active in our community – serving as a Brookline Police Sergeant, CERT Coordinator, Emergency Preparedness educator, Past Co-Chair of Commission for Women & active parent at Driscoll School/BHS. Named 2013 Unsung Hero by Brookline Community Foundation, 2016 Brookline Rotary Community Service Award Recipient & 2020 Brookline Police Officer of the Year. Endorsed by PAX and Brookline by Design.

**Eric Emanuel Hyett (\*) / 1569 Beacon St**

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1. Brookline's weak official response to the Covid-19 pandemic exposed the limitations of our town style of government. Neighboring cities (Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Newton) outperformed Brookline in terms of gaining the community's trust during this crisis. Brookline voters deserve accountability, and they can get it by voting to adopt a charter, with a Mayor and City Council replacing our Select Board and Town Meeting.

In the meantime, we must govern as a town. To me, that means using Brookline's excellent credit rating to invest in real estate (as savvy developers have been doing for years). Our municipal leaders should partner thoughtfully with developers to create workforce housing, improve streets and sidewalks, and add affordable housing for older adults. Brookline's racial, social and economic climate will improve through sustained investment in eco-friendly growth.

2. [Poet, Japanese translator](#). Renter. Driscoll alum (also BHS, Harvard, MIT). Endorsed by: Brookline For Everyone, Brookline PAX.

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**David Benjamin Klafter** (\*) / 63 Winthrop Rd

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1. 1) Racial and social inequality: The town needs to focus on the structural aspects of racism that are present in our town institutions and policies - from the schools and public housing to town employment policies to the budget. 2) Addressing Climate Change: This is an overarching issue at all levels of government. It is an existential crisis for humanity. We need to continue to advance towards net zero ASAP.

2. I am a semi-retired executive from a locally based business, a long-time town meeting member, and a leader of 350Mass, a statewide climate organization. I have two children, graduates of Brookline public schools, and have been an activist around progressive issues for all my adult life, starting with the antiwar movement in the 60's, and including issues from the labor movement to public school policy to questions of war and peace, and currently climate.

**Kimberly Elizabeth Loscalzo** (\*) /

1601 Beacon St

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1. My top priority is to address and support racial justice and equity in our Community. Brookline needs to be a welcoming and open town where everyone has a place and stake in our community. I am a member of the Brookline Equity Coalition and part of PSB CARE (Coalition Anti-Racism Education) team.

Another priority is to support our teachers and staff and buildings. I am a life long proponent for a quality and equitable education for every child that our schools serve. I am part of Building Brookline's Future Team that helped run the debt exclusion override to fund the New Driscoll School. I will continue that work as we plan for the new Pierce Building in the near future.

2. I reside in Washington Square with my husband Alex and two young children. I'm currently a PTO co-chair at the Driscoll School and part of the Brookline Parents Organization.

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

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1. Brookline has many qualities I love (walkability, parks, tree lined streets, schools, community spaces, libraries, services for all ages, neighborhoods of caring neighbors) and I believe we have a lot of work to do to create racial and economic justice, affordable and public housing, climate action at both a personal and town level, and ensure the best schooling experience possible.

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As a Town Meeting Member I listen to neighbors, carefully consider warrant articles and actively support efforts that improve the town.

2. Brookline resident for 13 years, TMM since 2018, parent of two kids at Pierce, PSED board president, and frequently found outside gardening (please stop and chat if you see me).

At work I am a leader who listens and gathers input to inform solutions and guide technology decisions that improve the human experience and I actively participate in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts.

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

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1. A.Redistricting: The redistribution of TM Members in nearly all town precincts' is disruptive. On May 3rd, P10 will inherit new members across Washington Street. For Griggs Park, I think it's a positive move. We've been largely monolithic in our votes and need strong independent thinkers to represent our diverse community.

B. Affordable Housing: We must protect Brookline housing for low income residents.

I support rebuilding and expanding the Col. Floyd apartments, which will more than double affordable housing on Marion Street in our neighborhood. Additionally, we will have many new 40B buildings with 20% affordable housing in the next few years.

2. 1. Own home 1971-
2. 2 sons Pierce, 3 grandkids
- 3.Artist: ASL NYC (61-65)
- 4.Pratt Institute(65-69)
- 5.Harvard ALB (1995)- ALM Art History (2000)
- 6.Head of Griggs Park Neighborhood Assn. 8 years.
- 7.Advisory Committee 2005-6
- 8.Town Meeting 2002-22
- 9.Temple Sinai.

**Daniel J. Stone** (\*) / 19 Fairbanks St

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1. Our town's climate goal is to be net-zero by 2040. That's not far away, which means we have work to do. Centering climate goals reaches into many other issues. When we build a more sustainable town, we prioritize affordable housing and denser living near public transit where residents don't need to rely on cars. Building more housing and tackling zoning restrictions helps us rectify our history of racist redlining and zoning-based segregation. Centering our climate goal also helps us prioritize pedestrians over drivers and invest in safe, walkable/ADA-accessible sidewalks and protected bike lanes. All of this will make Brookline a more equitable and more affordable place to live, learn, work, and play.

May 3, 2022

2. I live between Coolidge Corner and Washington Square and serve on the Cannabis Mitigation Advisory Committee. It would be an honor to continue representing my neighbors in Town Meeting.

**Naomi Leigh Sweitzer** (\*) / 14 Griggs Terr

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1. We need to focus on equity & inclusion to ensure everyone is treated with respect and dignity, and can participate fully in our community. We've taken steps on climate and sustainability, and must do more including bolstering public transportation, biking and walking options. Brookline needs more affordable housing so that a wide range of households, including seniors, families and singles can live and thrive here. We need to actively support our local businesses in their recovery from COVID-19.

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

2. Brookline resident since 2005. Town Meeting Member since 2013. Member of Griggs Park Neighborhood Association. Parent of 5<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Member of Pierce School FLARE (Families Leading to Advance Racial Equity). Past member of the Pierce School Site Council & the Kent/Station Street Senior Affordable Housing Committee. Professionally, working with HUD & state governments to end homelessness and to protect people experiencing homelessness from COVID-19.

**Suzette Abbott** (New) / 63 Winthrop Rd

1. Education, where all students irrespective of their race, disabilities, gender preferences are treated equitably by teachers and administrators in our schools. Additionally, teachers should be given appropriate professional development and support to do this. Teachers should not have to work for years without a contract. The Brookline Teacher's Union's plan for diversifying the teaching staff should be seriously considered.

2. I have been a Brookline resident since 1994. My 2 sons graduated from BHS. Before retiring I taught early Childhood education in South Africa, London, New York, and the Cambridge, MA Public Schools, where I currently volunteer in 3 schools doing Storytelling/Story Acting. I am actively involved in a climate group, 350Mass, also joining with Mothers Out Front activities. I volunteer with Mutual Aid Brookline, the Justice Seekers group (UU church) and also through JALSA working to fight voter suppression.

**LWV Brookline VOTERS GUIDE to Town Election****Rachel Barenbaum** (New) / 46 Griggs Rd

1. Critical issues in Brookline that are Rachel's priorities include :

- More and better bike lanes. We have failed to keep pace with national trends in creating bicycle-friendly routes because we haven't made it a priority. It is time to do so as we re-plan, re-pave and re-design our bigger streets.
- EV infrastructure that brings in more electric cars and cuts down on the combustion engine
- Building codes that require greener energy
- Affordable housing.

Brookline is growing and we must make sure we grow responsibly and with an eye towards a greener future and higher density.

2. Rachel Barenbaum is a writer. *ATOMIC ANNA* is her latest novel. She has one child at Pierce and one at BHS. She coaches the girls' 7<sup>th</sup> grade travel basketball team, has been an escort into Planned Parenthood clinics, graduated from Harvard and HBS, and always chooses her bike over a car or bus.

**John L. Bowman** (New) / 80 Park St

1. The following aims will guide my actions on all issues: (1) Address climate change (e.g. fossil fuel free housing and transportation); (2) Enhance livable streets and neighborhoods (e.g. protected bike lanes, safe routes to school); (3) Realize racial and economic justice (e.g. close school achievement gap, high-quality affordable housing); (4) Assure fiscal responsibility (e.g. avoid unfunded mandates, support important overrides); (5) Inform, listen and respond to concerns of Precinct 10 residents (e.g. Washington Street rebuild, Pierce School renovation)

2. I arrived in 1992 with partner and children (Ridley/BHS graduates) to study urban transportation at MIT. Why? I believed in the value of bicycling and walking. Why Brookline? Here we could live car-free near great neighborhood schools.

On Town committees I've championed a more safe, just and sustainable transportation system (Complete Streets Policy, Sustainable Transportation Warrant Article, protected bike lanes). I've spoken publicly for racial and immigration justice.

**Michael D. Burns** (New) / 22 University Rd

1. I see Brookline facing a crossroads as a town. Brookline has an image as an upper-middle class elitist town. There is nothing wrong with having a beautiful town to be proud of, but Brookline needs to be accessible to all. I recently received the endorsement of Brookline For Everyone, and strongly support their mission of supporting housing policies that promote diversity, inclusion, and sustainability.

2. I grew up in Belmont, Massachusetts but always loved Brookline from as young as I can remember - I had an aunt that lived here that I frequently visited as a child. A disillusioned business graduate from UMass Amherst, I decided to change my course and become politically active, which I discovered was my passion. It was a no-brainer for me to run when the opportunity arose. If elected to Town Meeting, I vow to serve beautiful Brookline to the best of my ability!

**Jeremy Stuart Duffield** (New) / 40 Gardner Rd

1. Climate adaptation is our most critical issue locally and globally. I have been an advocate and activist to abolish single-use plastics and waste, reduce fossil fuel dependence, worked to improve services for bike commuters and walkers, and to preserve/enhance our tree canopy, local environment, greenspaces and to enhance public transit.

I am also concerned about "spot development" and will support a holistic and planned approach to growth in Brookline so we can grow while keeping the character, services, schools that we enjoy.

2. I grew up in Canada and England. I have worked as a Physician with time in India, England and Scotland. In addition to being a Nephrologist, I have been a research scientist at Harvard Medical School, University of Washington, Biogen and Vertex. I currently run a gene editing company with the potential to eliminate genetic-based disease.

**Katherine Florio** (New) / 30 Gardner Rd

1. Brookline needs a long term plan, created with robust civic engagement and expert voices, ensuring the services the Town provides are what we want and need and are fiscally responsible. I value our dense, vibrant, racially diverse neighborhoods near public transportation, increasing walkability and bike-ability while reducing fossil fuel dependence. I'd balance the needs of our aging population with those of families with children. We must be intentional about equity. People want to live where their families will thrive, where they feel welcome, safe and respected.

2. My candidacy is endorsed by Brookline Pax, Brookline by Design, and Brookline for Everyone. I am a Brookline League of Women Voters Board member, Advisory Committee member, passionate about good government, committed to listening and finding common ground. I have experience in finance, disaster planning, non-profit management, graduate level work in Urban and Environmental Policy, and experience funding a minority academic after-school program.

**Dustin Kloempken** (New) / 1477 Beacon St

1. While reviewing the last round of candidates published through LWV I found that most of the candidates had grown up or lived in Brookline for most of their life. Although I have only been in Brookline for ~4 years, I believe that my experience living in multiple types of cities will prove beneficial to shape the town's bylaws. If a city is truly going to prosper, public transportation is key. Take it from me, traveling around Paris or Boulder is much easier than that of Bogota or Minneapolis. Ease of access is critical to business and town longevity.

2. I am a 3D printing application engineer fostering innovation on the east coast and Canada. My hopes are to leverage my Spanish language & cultural understanding to build more cultural bridges in our community. My experience living in an off-grid community will prove helpful with the growing need of climate change adaptation.

**Conor Z. Sheehan** (New) / 516 Washington St

1. Brookline's biggest opportunities are in setting its course towards a sustainable future. We must (1) take more immediate action to combat the existential threat of climate change, (2) grow our human-centric, walkable neighborhoods, and (3) continue fostering local commercial development to support our community's goals.

2. 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, Brookline by Design, and Brookline for Everyone.

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

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## ◆ PRECINCT 11

### Candidates For Three Year Term

### Vote For Not More Than Fifteen

**Shira H. Fischer** (\*) / 76 Summit Ave

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**1.** Over the past two years, COVID-19 has brought to light issues we have not taken seriously enough in the past: public health and access to health care; education and access to education; disparities in Internet access and health care and education; and expanding access to outdoor spaces. Affordable housing, supporting schools, protecting our environment, building community, and safe streets are major issues for all citizens, in my precinct and beyond. Of late, racist and antisemitic at the high school and in the community have been in the news, but this is not a new problem; we need to make structural changes to better embrace diversity.

**2.** Shira grew up in Brookline. She and her husband both attended BHS and they have 3 daughters. She works in health care policy, focusing on health informatics, and holds an MD as well as a PhD in epidemiology. She has been a TMM since 2014.

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

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**1.** We must adapt our municipal landscape to various transportation and access needs, such as safe bicycle lanes and pedestrian crossings, and create affordable housing and vibrant commercial space that complements existing streetscapes while advancing diversity and equity throughout our town. We must also develop a reasonable, long-term approach to our budget. Proposition 2 ½ imposes artificial and unsustainable financial limits, causing us to lose quality employees and fall behind peer communities. Brookline should and can remain an excellent community with top-notch schools, if we are willing to accept the realities of inflation, competitive compensation, and changing departmental needs.

**2.** Brookline resident since 2003; Precinct 11 homeowner since 2005; married with fifteen-year-old twins, including one BHS student. Family law attorney by day (and night); passionate about good food and local, sustainable agriculture at all times.

First elected to Town Meeting in 2012.

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**Jonathan Joseph Golden** (\*) / 1450 Beacon St

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**1.** The new Driscoll School project continues to be critical in terms of its impact on students, parents, neighbors, and teachers. I want to ensure that the needs of all stakeholders are heard and addressed during this project. A rise in car accidents and near misses at key intersections in Brookline has led to important focus on a Vision Zero approach to ensure the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and all residents. I will continue to work with my Town Meeting colleagues to advocate for increased funding for the Transportation Department to continue its important work to ensure safe and accessible streets and sidewalks.

**2.** Brookline resident since 1999 as renter, owner, and condo board member. Driscoll parent of second grader. Member of Driscoll School Site Council. BA Princeton PhD Brandeis. History teacher at Gann Academy. Member at TBZ. Endorsed by Brookline for Everyone.

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

Attendance 29 of 30

**1. Create more functional, accessible town government drawing new diverse constituent leaders.** I facilitated extremely well-received town meeting member experience surveys (2019, 2020), and redesigned/re-wrote the Town Meeting Member Handbook (2020) to be a substantially more accessible document. I am committed to exploring and implementing improvements to create greater transparency, access and equity in our government.

**Focus on fiscal responsibility, creative revenue generation, balancing priorities, and consider possibility of zero-based budgeting.** Are the structures through which we support town operations optimal? Do our ratios of public service professionals to population and functions of staff reflect benchmarked best practices? I aim to explore how we can innovate Brookline and meet current needs cost-effectively.

**2.** 19 years - resident P11

10 years – Town Meeting Member

6 years –Beacon Academy Mentor

Parent of 2 former PSB students

Senior Director for Equity Initiatives, Institute for Healthcare Improvement

Adjunct faculty, Tufts University

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jennifergoldsmith/>

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

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

As a town meeting member, I pledge to continue actively participating in crucial, constructive, and impactful conversations. I promise to continue allying myself with progressive colleagues and coalitions. I vow to listen carefully and respectfully to the opinions and concerns of my constituency.

**2.** Full-time educator at ROCA in Chelsea and Lynn.

Member of the Brookline Equity Coalition

Member of Temple Beth Zion and the Brookline

Havurah Minyan.

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

Attendance 30 of 30

**1. Strengthen Town's Commercial Property Tax**

**Base:** TM should adopt land use policies that promote quality mixed-use development in transit-oriented districts, support our commercial businesses, and expand the Town's commercial property tax base to provide revenue for critical municipal services.

**Oversight of Major Capital Improvement Projects:**

TM must provide oversight of the Town's substantial investment in new school projects at BHS, Driscoll, and Pierce.

**2. Brookline:** Precinct 11 resident for 32 years.

**Professional Experience:** Over 35 years in real estate development, investment, and asset management.

**Education:** MBA from Boston University; MS in Urban Planning from Florida State University; BA from Virginia Tech

**Public Service:**

- TMM Precinct 11 since 2011

- Economic Development Advisory Board since 2004

- Zoning Study Committees for Red Cab, River Road, and Waldo-Durgin overlay districts

- Brookline Teen Center Board of Directors

- Community Partnership Committee for 2022 U.S. Open Championship

**David Lowe** (\*) / 177 Mason Terr

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**1.** As we continue recovering from the pandemic's lost two years, community cohesion should be our focus. For Brookline, this means supporting students and teachers, affordable living (housing and aging in place), and shifting to affordable, clean energy and transportation. Noticing many vacant storefronts, rebuilding our commercial base will add community vibrance as we renew social engagement.

**2.** Community service, international and local sustainable development, education, and conservation combine to define my career and volunteer commitments. Working across sectors, agency type, and disciplines, affords me useful institutional insight. In Brookline, climate concern drove my civic and elected engagement. I co-founded and boosted local climate and sustainable energy initiatives in Brookline and regionally for a decade. I directed and built up Climate Action Brookline for two years, still a Board Member. I seek a one-year term to complete an interrupted last term and to provide continuity during significant TMM turnover.

**Rebecca Plaut Mautner** (\*) / 12 York Terr

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**1.** As construction on Driscoll progresses, we must ensure that project proceeds as well as possible while continuing to support our students, neighbors and businesses. Creating a plan to keep commercial districts lively is important and challenging at this time. Town-wide, we face budgetary challenges while also needing to address systemic racism throughout our town – we need to work to build bridges among the many different populations within Brookline. We need to find ways to make it easier for everyone to participate in decision making and charting our town's path forward.

**2.** Brookline resident – 14 years; TMM - 10 years. Mother of BHS student (Driscoll alum). Active in local synagogues, Girl Scouts, climate justice and anti-racism work. 30 years experience in affordable housing in Massachusetts. Professional experience in the private, nonprofit and public sectors enables me to approach complex issues with progressive values and pragmatism.

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

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**1.** We must continue to invest in and support Brookline to keep and grow it as a vibrant, diverse and inclusive community of all ages and backgrounds. We want it all – great schools, parks and open space, more affordable housing, safety and security for everyone, and leadership as global citizens – and we have to work very hard to achieve this.

**2.** Resident of Brookline since 1984. Architect and Community Planner working for Massachusetts cities, towns and housing authorities on public projects. Over two decades of volunteer service in Brookline including Building Commission, School Committee, and the Brookline Education Foundation and Music School Boards. Currently serving on the Advisory Committee and the Driscoll School Building Committee as well as Town Meeting.

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**Lisa F. Shatz** (\*) / 252 Summit Ave

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**1.** The two most critical issues in the town right now are housing affordability and the poor conditions of Brookline Public Housing. I believe following through on the recommendations that will come from the current, on-going Housing Production Plan is the best way to address both issues. In the past, I've supported the Warrant Articles for micro-units (to allow for more affordable units for young adults), and reducing parking minimums (to allow land to be used for housing instead of parking).

**2.** My husband Mike and I have lived in our house on Summit Avenue for over thirty years. I teach electrical engineering at the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology and am currently the Principal Investigator of a \$1.5 million NSF S-STEM grant to support low-income students from Boston Public Schools to become electrical engineers. I am on the Board of Brookline for Everyone., a housing advocacy group.

**Anne L. Weaver** (\*) / 87 Mason Terr

Attendance 23 of 23

**1.** Continue to monitor the Driscoll School construction, as well as any new housing construction in the neighborhood, including on Bartlett Crescent and Corey Road. Advocate for increased pedestrian and bicyclist safety, both in our precinct and throughout town.

For the town, continue to respond to the public health and fiscal health needs of Brookline residents and businesses during and (hopefully soon!) post-pandemic. Develop new community-led supports and services for all residents; address and reduce racial inequities and economic inequalities; and increase affordable housing options.

**2.** Brookline resident since 2008, with 2 kids now at BHS. Former member of the Brookline *Task Force on Reimagining Police*, and current *Community Crisis Support Program* Town Work Group member. I have actively participated in Town matters for many years, including organizing a successful petition to improve Brookline's sanctuary city policies in 2017. Licensed mental health therapist, adjunct professor at BU, and researcher.

**Leonard N. Wholey** (\*) / 119 Lancaster Terr

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**1.** One of the most critical issues in Brookline is pedestrian safety. Brookline typically has over 1,000 motor vehicle crashes per year. In 2021, there were 28 motor vehicle crashes with pedestrians of which 17 were injured and 1 was killed. I have advocated for

pedestrian and cyclist safety. I helped successfully petition for having a fully ADA compliant sidewalk as part of the new Driscoll School building project. I will vote in support of increasing funding for the Transportation Division to design and implement safer streets for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

**2.** I am a new high school math teacher, a Town Meeting member for 3 years, and a member of the Transportation Board for 1.5 years. I have two children at the Driscoll School.

**Joshua D. Blouwoff** (New) / 63 Summit Ave

**1.** I see maintaining strong public schools as a high priority and making streets and transportation safe and accessible. I would vote to continue to fund updating the school buildings' infrastructure and would support safe streets and vision zero programs.

**2.** I've been a Brookline resident since 2007. I have 2 children at the Driscoll School where I've volunteered. I coach youth Ultimate frisbee and I'm a member of Temple Beth Zion.

**Susan B. Fried** (New) / 50 Winchester St

**1.** I am committed to the belief that government belongs to all the people, not just special interest groups that are often the most vocal.

Every initiative needs to be assessed for its impact on the other areas of our daily life. Eliminating traffic lanes impacts traffic congestion. Eliminating parking makes it difficult to attract retail establishments that need to draw from more than foot traffic. High rise building projects can negatively impact neighboring buildings' site lines and property values which decreases town revenue.

**2.** I've lived in Coolidge Corner for 24 years and have seen the results of multiple short-term decisions that resulted in unnecessary costs to remediate their long-term impact.

My professional background managing global telecommunications projects honed my skills at seeing the interdependence of change and improvement. Since retirement, I am a Board member of the Fried Academy for Holocaust and Genocide Education at the University of Nebraska

**Zsuzsanna Kaldy** (New) / 36 Summit Ave

**1.** I believe there are many ways Brookline could be a more welcoming town for first-generation immigrants and people of color. I plan to support and propose warrant articles that promote expanding representation in town governance and programs related to housing equity (more affordable housing, more support for public housing).

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2. I grew up in Budapest, Hungary and moved to the US to complete my doctoral studies. I have been a professor at the University of Massachusetts Boston since 2003. My family moved to Brookline in 2009, and I currently have two children in the Brookline Public School system (Driscoll and BHS). I am a scientist studying the development of memory in infants and young children. In my free time, I like reading about US history and hiking (or nature walking, as my kids prefer to call it.)

**David C. Lescossier** (New) / 50 Winchester St

1. Housing: Brookline is becoming beyond reach for middle-class families and seniors. Housing costs are overwhelming. Many seniors face daunting challenges aging-in-place because it requires access to safe, dignified, affordable housing convenient to transportation, parks, and shopping. I chaired the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Question 2 campaign last year. The CPA will provide additional funds for Brookline affordable housing and parks.

Climate: As temperatures rise and storms become more severe, Brookline must enhance its sustainability, especially for vulnerable children, seniors, and those who live in heat island zones and flood prone areas. I am active in Climate Action Brookline to improve Brookline's sustainability.

2. I have seven years of Town Meeting experience, served four years on the Advisory Committee, and the Select Board Climate Action Committee, Driscoll School Building Advisory Committee, and the Land Bank Study Committee. After a year off for physical rehabilitation, I am asking for your vote.

**Jacob A. Pourati** (New) / 31 York Terr

1. I believe we need some fresh voices and ideas in Brookline politics. We need to focus on: (1) our schools - the infrastructure, curriculum, and teachers; (2) our safety - the police and their relationship to the Town; and (3) our community, including greater respect for diversity. Improving each will lead to a better Brookline.

2. I have been a proud Brookline resident since 1988, when my family immigrated from Iran. We were welcomed into the community, and I have been here ever since. I am an alumni of Coolidge Elementary and Brookline High; remained in Brookline while pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees; and now happily live in Coolidge Corner with my wife Sabrina and daughter Zoe. I would like to give back to the community I love.

◆ PRECINCT 12

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

**Petra Gospodnetic Bignami** (\*) /

146 Tappan St

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1. It is critical that we foster a working consensus when weighing competing priorities, fiscal pressures, constituent concerns and our own personal views. I will continue to cultivate compromise in an increasingly polarized town government and our society overall. I faithfully commit to continue serving our residents via balanced and thoughtful evaluations of every warrant article and every vote. Equitable access to public education and health services are two challenges that keep me up at night to which I will continue to apply a social and racial equity lens in all deliberations. Above all, I pledge to listen to what burns brightly for each of you, my neighbors.

2. Public Service:

Lead Petitioner WA22 Firearm Regulation

Runkle School Council (Community Member)

Brookline Community Foundation, Investment Committee since 2013

Professional Experience: 20 years Consulting for Endowments and Foundations: Governance, Planning, Investment, Team Development

MA International Law (Tufts)

MBA (MIT)

[petrabignami.com](http://petrabignami.com)

**Stephanie A. Bruce** (\*) / 185 Rawson Rd

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1. Brookline's most critical issues include the need for commercial development/revenue, lack of affordable housing, declining teacher morale, pandemic preparedness/recovery, and, of course, climate change. I have supported - and will continue to support - efforts to grow/support local businesses, increase housing supply/density, refocus our schools' priorities to promote teacher autonomy and creativity in learning, and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and single-use plastics. It is critical to set the agenda locally on climate change, even if it is inconvenient or costly, because we cannot afford the consequences of inaction, and because Brookline can influence changes across the state and across the country.

2. Brookline resident/homeowner since 2009. TMM since 2017. Member - Mothers Out Front, Brookline Parents Organization, PAX. Parent of Runkle fifth-grader and three-year-old Corner Co-op. Labor and employment attorney. Married to local business owner Ben Kelley.  
[StephanieBruce12.com](http://StephanieBruce12.com)

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

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1. The most critical issue is passing a budget that will provide the quality services that the town has come to expect.

2. Town Meeting Member since 2001; never missed a meeting. Library Trustee since 2004; chair 2014-2016, 2021-now. Endorsed by PAX in all elections. Harvard College: A.B., Physics; Boston University: M.A., Physics. Brookline resident 1991-3, 1995-date. Teacher (1995-2004): Cambridge School of Weston, Rashi School; Editorial Manager (now): Savvas Learning Company. Columnist: The Brookline Parent. Condominium owner in precinct 12 with twin daughters, age 12.

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

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1. We are getting a lot of redevelopment in our neighborhood. Sometimes beautiful buildings are disappearing and overly large buildings take their place. We need to keep monitoring individual projects and our zoning code to keep Brookline livable and green without stifling all change.

Keeping the stores and restaurants of Washington Square vibrant during the challenges of Covid is also a problem. The outside seating has been helpful to restaurants but reduces parking. We need to discuss trade-offs.

2. I served on the Town's Advisory (Finance) Committee for 8 years, 3 as Chair, then I served on the Town's Board of Selectmen for 12 years, 3 as Chair. My two children went through the Brookline schools. I recently added my husband's last name (my legal name). I am a lawyer but mostly retired now. I also serve on the board of the charitable foundation for the Brookline Senior Center.

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

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1. Matching up the Town budget and available resources with the list of needs and desires that must be done or are wished for. It will require creative thinking, careful listening and sensitive compromise from all parties to get the best outcomes for the most residents.

2. I have been a resident of Brookline for more than 50 years and a Town Meeting Member upwards of 25. All of our children are products of the Brookline Schools (which is why we moved here). I subsequently had triplets and step children. All attended Brookline Schools. None could afford to live in Brookline so are spread across the country living successful lives. We owe it to children to give them the best education we can.



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

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1. Need to preserve high level of services at sustainable costs. School construction costs, as well as expenses associated with all other town services, are increasing. Most of the town's revenues come from property taxes on existing buildings, generally limited to annual increases of 2.5%. This creates a major structural problem as inflation rises. We need to scrutinize budgets to eliminate unnecessary spending, in order to ensure we can maintain our services and schools, while still enabling people, especially older residents, to afford to live here.

2. A.B. Colby College magna cum laude; J.D. Boston Univ. School of Law cum laude & Masters of Law in Taxation. Phi Beta Kappa. Former practicing attorney. Currently CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ practitioner. Former president of Town Meeting Members Assn., as well as former recording secretary and current corresponding secretary. Treasurer Aspinwall Hill Neighborhood Assn. Vice chairman of the town's Advisory Committee. Town meeting member since 2002.

**Amy Hummel** (\*) / 226 Clark Rd

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1. Maintaining excellent schools, preserving parks and open spaces, and advocating for thoughtful, community driven development (residential and commercial), top my list of priorities; however, my overarching goal remains keeping Brookline a great place to live for all, including families, seniors and working professionals. That work requires listening, identifying competing-interests, balancing resources fairly and finding common ground. To that end, I remain committed to considering concerns across our community, independently and evenhandedly, with social, educational, economic and climate outcomes in mind.

2. Ethics and Business Law Lecturer; petitioner of the Town's Face Surveillance Ban; Advisory (finance) Committee eleven years, serving on the Capital and the Long-Term Planning & Policies Subcommittees; Surveillance and Military Type Equipment Study Committee; 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee; past Runkle PTO Co-chair and School Council member; 2008 Runkle Override Co-chair.

**Mazal Jaret** (\*) / 182 Rawson Rd

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1. As a teacher, I believe one of the most important issues facing Brookline is maintaining the excellence of our public schools. Great schools keep the housing market stable, and ensure the ability to meet budgetary needs.

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Small businesses have suffered due to Covid and creative efforts must be utilized to support them. One idea might be to offer limited free parking in high density commercial centers.

2. Resident of Brookline for 30+ years. My husband and I have raised and educated our children in this welcoming town. I retired from the Brookline public school system in 2019 after teaching ELL at the elementary school level for over 30 years. I've been committed to Brookline all my adult life, and believe it's in every resident's best interest to keep Brookline safe, strong and inclusive.

**Jonathan A. Karon** (\*) / 124 Winthrop Rd

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1. My top priorities are first class schools and safe streets. Presently, our Police Department is suffering from a morale crisis created by the efforts of some to punish the BPD (and drastically defund it) for the sins of other departments in other cities. This has resulted in an exodus of Brookline officers to departments in other towns. The schools are also facing budget challenges. We must properly fund both our police department and our schools. We also need a coordinated plan for future development to promote affordable housing, open space and historic preservation.

2. Experience Includes: Brookline School Committee; Advisory Committee (Chair Planning and Regulation and Public Safety Sub-Committees); Board of Directors Brookline Rotary Club and Brookline Greenspace Alliance; Elected Member Brookline Democratic Town Committee. Former President Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys.

Homeowner. Trial Attorney with KJC Law Firm, LLC in Boston.

**Mark Lowenstein** (\*) / 197 Rawson Rd

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1. Three areas I believe are priorities: **Affordable housing**, which I would address by promoting denser development in transit-friendly corridors, and promoting more commercial development to increase the tax base. **Climate change**, which locally we can address by prioritizing less consumption of fossil fuels and greater multi-modal transportation development. And **schools**, where I believe we need match *operational* expenditures (*i.e.* lower class sizes, more contemporary curriculum & methods) to all the *infrastructure* we've been building. ENDORSED BY: PAX, Brookline for Everyone, Brookline by Design.

2. Resident of Brookline for 15 years. Two children put through Brookline Public Schools. Have been on Bicycle Advisory Committee, and on the Board of Brookline Music School and Boston Jewish Film. Professionally, a long-time telecom consultant, head of Great Runs website, and author of *Great Runs in Brookline* & several local running books.

**Jonathan Michael Abbett** (New) /

168 Gardner Rd

1. I am running because I simply see no way that my children, ages 15, 11, and 10, might afford to live in Brookline as adults. Solutions like transit-oriented development, accessory-dwelling and micro units, and reduced parking minimums might help us meaningfully increase available homes as well as the diversity of housing options. Our inaction speaks to the limits of our volunteer form of government. I support a charter commission to recommend a more responsive government structure that can better address chronic needs and systemic problems.

2. My wife Sarah and I have been Brookliners since 2003. I lead user experience design at a healthcare technology company in Boston where I help teams understand goals and constraints, and then generate a range of solutions that we can inclusively test and iteratively refine. I hope to contribute such a design-thinking approach to the challenges that face our town.

**Emily J. Dolbear** (New) / 110 Addington Rd

1. Two post-pandemic challenges—and opportunities: (1) Providing high-quality, innovative education for every student. Mission of equity, inclusion, and belonging in our PK-grade 12 schools. (2) Long-term planning for commercial, residential, and recreational growth that includes all stakeholders and meaningful climate action. I am not a single-issue candidate. Town governance requires the ability to gather information, listen to others closely, sometimes change your mind, and ultimately, make the best choice for Brookline and all who live here.

2. Brookline resident since 2004. Parent of two college-age voters (Joseph and Marco, Runkle/BHS graduates). Brookline Education Foundation (BEF) Advisory Board member (2020-), BEF Board President (2017-20), BEF Communications chair (2013-17), Runkle PTO cochair (2010-13), Brookline HS PTO class rep (2014-18). Graduated from Williams College. Taught English for a year in a high school in southern Poland. Published author and editor of nonfiction books, mostly for young people. Endorsed by PAX, Brookline by Design.

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

1. 1. Brookline values multi-culturalism and strong public education. To ensure that we continue to have a base of dynamic and diverse residents, we must support a comprehensive plan to address urban planning and provide funding to enhance the town's aging infrastructure. We should place "greenification" front of mind for future town construction projects including commercial, residential, or town-owned properties. We must maintain budgeting balance while adequately addressing public schools and other critical town needs.

2. — Brookline resident since 2019; married and father of three children all in Brookline public schools (BHS, elementary)

— Active member of BHS PTO Exec Board since 2019

— Leader of KPMG Life Sciences team in New England; 30-year track record in public sector and private sector consulting

— Degrees from Johns Hopkins and Kansas University

— Head coach of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys rec and travel basketball teams; assistant coach for Brookline Youth Baseball; proud girls "swimming dad"

**Michael Kushner (New)** / 205 Winthrop Rd

1. I will focus on racial justice, specifically in public safety and housing. I will work to expand the definition of public safety beyond policing to include public health, social services and anti-poverty measures. I will also work to expand and invest in safe and affordable housing.

2. I am a 26-year-old white male social worker and Boston University School of Social work alumnus. I work primarily in community mental health, including previously at the Brookline Center for Community Mental Health. I have lived in Brookline for about two years. I have been a renter my entire life and I hope to bring my experience as a renter and newer resident to Town Meeting. I also organize with Brookline Budget Justice and the Brookline Equity Coalition.

**Steven Morris Laduzinski (New)** /

197 Gardner Rd

1. Land use and development are critical issues as it affects diversity, affordability, and quality of life, ie, traffic congestion and vehicular and pedestrian safety. I would address them by gaining expertise in the zoning/building code and learning how to improve/better enforce them so that these better reflect what our residents want Brookline to look like.

2. I was very fortunate to have moved to Brookline almost three years ago with my family. I find the town very unique in many respects and love so many things about it. I am originally from Latin America where I've lived for extensive periods of time, as well as in other parts of the USA. I have two children in our excellent public schools and am an attorney for an agency of the Commonwealth. Education: BA, JD/MBA from Tulane University, MS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and LLM (Taxation) from New York University.

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

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**Old Burying Ground.** Brookline's oldest cemetery, the Old Burying Ground on Walnut Street, was established in 1717, twelve years after the former hamlet of Muddy River became an independent town. It includes the graves of many early inhabitants of the town as well as an unknown number of enslaved African Americans. A stone marker placed in the wall of the cemetery in 2009 commemorates a few of the enslaved men and women whose names are known.

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## ◆ PRECINCT 13

### Candidates For Three Year Term

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**John Doggett (\*)** / 8 Penniman Rd

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1. Land-use management particularly housing and open space: I support a comprehensive Town-wide planning process with significant community input to generate an overall balanced land-use framework for new development, particularly affordable housing and commercial space, as well as open space needs. Safety of our streets needs urgent attention as pedestrian and cyclist accidents have been rising. In a recent Advisory Committee budget review, I supported a position to be added to the Transportation Department, as a first step to speeding up safety project implementations.

2. Resident of Brookline for over 35 years, married to Brookline Pediatrician Jenny Lewis with two daughters who attended Heath School. Have been a TMM for P13 since 2012 and on the Advisory Committee for 8 years. My background is in technology and finance gained through a career in the financial services industry. I am endorsed by Brookline By Design and Brookline PAX.

**Andrew M. Fischer (\*)** / 21 Bartlett Crescent

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1. Two issues are housing and climate change. Both have ripple effects. Tear downs, replacing older affordable housing stock with luxury condos, is rendering Brookline unaffordable except for the rich and destroying our neighborhoods. We need more housing that is affordable for the people who make Brookline neighborhoods green and livable. Fighting for affordable housing and protecting our neighborhoods are not incompatible. The most affordable housing stock is the existing stock.

Likewise, safer streets for all users reduces car miles, providing safety while addressing climate change. We accomplish this with wider sidewalks, protected crossings, and bike lanes: complete streets. We also accomplish this with no new gas hookups, more greenspace, and replacing fossil fuel heat and electricity with clean energy.

2. Retired trial lawyer, involved in numerous environmental, alternative transportation and community campaigns. TMM Green Caucus member, former president, JALSA, MASSBIKE, authored state bicycle legislation, youth basketball coach, among other activities.

**John Wellford Freeman (\*) / 530 Clinton Rd**

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1. Brookline must recognize the need for more housing without destroying the town's unique characteristics, a difficult task. We must engage in neighborhood-based planning to promote growth and development that is predictable and consistent with existing neighborhoods. This will require improved regulatory tools.

We need continuity and improved supervision in key departments (schools, police fire) to address morale and the quality of the service those departments provide.

2. · Town Meeting Member PCT 13;

· Metropolitan Waterworks Museum, Board Member;  
· Temple Israel Lifelong Learning Institute (TILLI), Core Committee Member

· 50 years as attorney, including intellectual property specialization in service of academic research

· SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEPAC)

· Two sons graduated Brookline schools

Brookline resident for over 40 years.

**Francis Charlton Hoy (\*) / 295 Reservoir Rd**

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

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

**Gil Hoy (\*) / 295 Reservoir Rd**

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1. We're living in divisive times and stretched budgets. I can help. I was honored to be your Select Board Member for 12 years and am a current Town Meeting Member. Experience is valuable.

2. Experience:

Town Meeting Member (Precinct 13)

Select Board (4 terms)

Chair, Commercial Areas Committee

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Chair, Commission for the Disabled

Chair, Library Renovation Oversight Committee

Chair, CATV Committee

Advisory Committee

Personal:

BHS, Heath School Graduate

BU, B.A. Political Science; Georgetown University, M.A. Government; University of Virginia Law School

Married to Fran Hoy--Former Heath School PTO President

3 Children: Sarah, Charlton and Clifton, BHS and Heath School Graduates

**Werner Lohe (\*) / 25 Salisbury Rd**

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1. Sustainability is critical for Brookline's future. Sustainability is best thought of as a three-legged stool: economic, social, and environmental. Many residents face a housing affordability crisis, our Town's budget is under stress, and we all face the climate emergency. While some of our public social networks have actually been strengthened during the pandemic by organizations like Mutual Aid Brookline, we also need creative governmental approaches—such as our recent local adoption of the Community Preservation Act and the proposed statewide “Millionaire's Tax”—to protect the environment, raise revenues, and address social needs.

2. Brookline Zero Emissions Advisory Board, Climate Action Brookline (founding member), Brookline Conservation Commission, Select Board's Climate Action Committee (past co-chair), Solarize Brookline (past co-chair), Salisbury Road-Corey Farm Neighborhood Association; former youth soccer coach; Yale College, University of Pennsylvania Law School; married, two children graduated Brookline High School.

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

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1. Our Town is stressed before funding urgent priorities such as sustainability and affordable housing. This has been caused by a deteriorating fiscal outlook from an inflation charged structural operating deficit, a backlog of capital projects and limited commercial development tax growth, which means greater future overrides. Rising tax bills impact Town and School services, people on fixed incomes and struggling small businesses. Our present governance is challenged undertaking effective long-term planning. Factionalism overwhelms executive leadership. I proactively seek collaborating between Coalitions and encourage the consideration of municipal charter reform.

2. Demonstrated leadership in economic development, finance, human services and non-profit management. Governor-appointed Commissioner, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind. Co-chair, Brookline Economic Development Advisory Board. Founding Board Chair, Waterworks Museum. Brookline Fiscal Advisory Committee member. Retired Managing Director, BankBoston. MBA Finance. Former BCF Trustee. Helped reopen Chestnut Hill Reservoir. Former President, BHS Rowing. Daughters attended Brookline public schools. Contact: [paulsaner@comcast.net](mailto:paulsaner@comcast.net)

**Lee L. Selwyn (\*) / 285 Reservoir Rd**

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1. Brookline land-use development should be driven by community consensus, not developer financial goals or special interests. Brookline has limited developable land, so additional housing will necessarily involve teardowns and replacements with denser development. A long-range land use plan that addresses multiple – and often conflicting – interests, and a zero-base revision of our zoning by-law that protects both individual property rights and community-wide concerns, are critical. I have long viewed zoning as a type of “social contract” in which individuals forego certain property rights in exchange for broader neighborhood and community-wide protections.

2. 54+ years in Brookline. TMM since 2009. Advisory Committee (Land Use Subcommittee). Active in numerous Town government activities, including 2014 Override Study Committee, Audit Committee, Moderator's Committee on Parking (chair), sponsor of Warrant Articles including the successful 2016 effort to limit construction of oversized houses and developers' attempts to game our zoning by-law. [www.selwyn4precinct13.com](http://www.selwyn4precinct13.com)

**Barbara M. Senecal (\*) / 345 Clinton Rd**

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1. Real Estate taxes, specifically how high can they go and will the town try to enforce transfer taxes upon sale. We need to protect both homeowners and renters from large increases. The best way to obtain more revenue is to LIMIT SPENDING, specifically control all town budgets

2. Girls Latin School, Mount Holyoke College, Boston College Law School. Married 3 children who all attended Brookline Schools, former School Committee member, past-President Runkle PTO and Fisher Hill Association, Town Meeting member for many years, but still young at heart, practicing attorney

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**Ada Tadmor** (\*) / 8 Strathmore Rd  
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**1.** I believe there is meaningful work to be done in our continued pursuit of social and economic justice as a Town. The pandemic has only exacerbated pre-existing inequities, and it is the responsibility of Brookline's governing bodies to take thoughtful steps to increase the affordability of housing, ensure we have better schools that serve all children, and set our operating budget to fully reflect our spoken values.

**2.** I grew up in Brookline and am a 2006 graduate of the Brookline Public Schools. Upon graduating from Bates College, I joined Teach For America and taught K-3 in Denver and Newark. After four years in the classroom, I moved home to Brookline and now continue to work to address educational inequity as the Chief of Staff at Teach For America Massachusetts. My wife and I have a beloved goldendoodle named Beacon and are expecting our first child in June.

**Michael Thomas Best** (New) /  
37 Englewood Ave

**1.** My family loves the walkability of Brookline but the high-speed traffic on, and spilling off of, the larger arteries, coupled with a need for more pedestrian safety features in some places often makes our walks to school or the playground anxiety inducing. I will prioritize pedestrian safety and reducing the backlog of traffic calming requests.

As a nonprofit advocate, I strive to center all my work in racial, economic, and environmental justice. I hope to work with my neighbors in TM to advance those values in Brookline. I believe our local action can help make broader change.

**2.** Back home from D.C. for good and love the winter—you can always bundle up here but it was hard to stay cool in the southern sun. Runkle parent. Non-profit attorney, organizer and lobbyist for a more equitable economy for 15 years. Endorsed by Brookline Equity Coalition and Brookline for Everyone.

<https://www.facebook.com/mikebestforTMM/>

**Joseph D. Chafins** (New) / 1688 Beacon St

**1.** A: Opportunity to rent at a fair price. Equity in opportunity for all to make a home in Brookline. Brookline is a wonderful town, and fair rent will keep it that way.

**2.** A: I am a 36 year old Junior at Boston College and have lived with my wife in Brookline for the last six years. We have built a life in Brookline, and I look forward to representing my precinct at town meetings.

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**Maxine H. Aiken Freedman** (New) /  
40 Strathmore Rd

**1.** Brookline is a beacon of community engagement, diversity, excellent school systems, and eco-friendliness. With the rapidly growing housing market in Town and adjacent communities, concerns have been raised about the future of its unique character. Additionally, the Town's resources, including school systems, infrastructure, safety, and traffic will be impacted. To prepare for this we must create a master plan, with resident input, to ensure that Brookline can maintain its authentic character, while caring for the current and new residents.

**2.** Maxine Freedman is a twenty-eight year resident of Brookline, where she resides with her husband, Elliott. Maxine's children attended schools in Town and spent afternoons in "their backyard" of Waldstein Park. Maxine enjoys walking in the beautiful streets and parks of Brookline and teaching seminars for home buyers at Brookline Adult Education. Maxine was a widely sought-after relationship coach and is currently a successful Real Estate Agent.

**Valerie Frias** (New) / 20 Englewood Ave

**1.** Smart, equity-based budget management and ensuring diverse populations are served in town are my drivers. It permeates all we do and want to do: affordable housing, quality schools, climate issues, senior programs, transportation, parks, opens pace and so much more. As Executive Director of a nonprofit with a \$55 million budget, I know that budgets are values statements. I will manage the current budget challenges with my colleagues through progressive, responsible management and policy initiatives.

**2.** I'm a current School Committee member, chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee, chair of the Driscoll Building Committee, mom of two PSB 6<sup>th</sup> graders, attorney, nonprofit leader, and civil rights activist. I am CEO of a nonprofit serving elders and disabled adults, and bring the skills and values needed to be an effective TMM for precinct 13 and the broader Brookline community.

More: <https://www.valfrias.com/>

**Mark N. Gerber** (New) / 405 Clinton Rd

**1.** The most critical issue facing the town is the lack of support for law enforcement. As demonstrated by the number of experienced officers leaving Brookline, it is evident that a fringe, but vocal, anti-police movement within the town has been able to demoralize the Brookline Police creating unnecessary public safety risks for all town citizens. The town should

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immediately ensure officer pay is raised to be competitive in the market, end the needless anti-police rhetoric coming from the select board and reinstate community service resource officers (and their dogs) in the schools.

**2.** Brookline resident since 1994, married with three children (2 currently attending the Heath School). Graduate of Cornell University with a degree in Civil Engineering. Currently work in finance. Volunteer with Brookline Youth Hockey and supporter of a new year round rink.

**Beth K. Gilligan** (Caucus) / 52 Kilsyth Rd  
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**1.** The pandemic has exacerbated inequities in our system, and the Town must do more to ensure that Brookline's tradition of educational excellence is accessible to all, and that there is sufficient funding to meet the needs of our students, teachers, and staff. In the past I have volunteered on override campaigns to support new, climate-friendly building projects, and am committed to working on future ballot initiatives to fund educational needs.

**2.** I moved to Brookline in 2009 to join the team at the nonprofit Coolidge Corner Theatre, where I currently serve as Deputy Director. My two children attend Driscoll School, where I am an active member of the PTO. I am also a board member of the Brookline Education Foundation. Education: B.A., Trinity College (Hartford, CT); M.A., University of East Anglia (United Kingdom). I was caucused into Town Meeting in May 2021 and hope to continue my service.

**James Lee** (New) / 1731 Beacon St

**1.** Accessibility is an issue of concern, especially to those with disabilities. As current Chair of the Brookline Commission on Disability, I support initiatives, warrant articles, and programs to improve accessibility.

Currently, there are many construction projects underway or in planning stages throughout Brookline. Funding, design, zoning, and sustainable construction are even more critical after the pandemic. We need infrastructure that allows for housing, pedestrian/cyclist-friendly roads, modernized schools, and green spaces. I will continue to lobby appropriate agencies for funding such projects.

**2.** James Lee Chairs the Brookline Commission on Disability. He holds a Masters in Construction Management from Wentworth and had a career in sales, marketing and management. An educator, he is currently adjunct professor at Wentworth. An

entrepreneur, he is Founder and President of TECHTRAINING llc.

James and his wife are long-time residents of Brookline. James Lee has been endorsed by Brookline PAX and recently joined Washington Street DRC.

**Kevin Thomas MacKenzie** (New) / 19 Strathmore Rd

**1.** The Town must continue to invest in its public education system, maintaining its status as a highly sought after district. Schools and students need new resources to guide them through the significant challenges they face as we begin to emerge from COVID-19, among which is the mental health crisis students face. The schools - and Town at large - must also work towards racial justice in the wake of a series of racist and anti-semitic incidents in schools. This is part of a larger, systematic trend that must be addressed with urgency. No more harm can be done to our students and families of color.

**2.** I'm a Brookline educator and am committed to progressive causes including: anti-racism, public education, affordable housing, transit accessibility, climate change, civic engagement, and support for our seniors. Brookline has quickly become my home and I want to deliver the best future possible for my students.

**Nancy Rhei-Gorer** (New) / 133 Salisbury Rd

**1.** Brookline needs a plan. Our town cannot continue to build ad-hoc without community oversight that is transparent, inclusive and comprehensive. Every build needs to take into account each and every impact it has on its immediate and corresponding neighborhoods from schools, to traffic to public works. I also believe builders need to shoulder a significantly greater financial responsibility for the impact made by their buildings. A comprehensive urban plan will enable Brookline to move forward, while maintaining the health and well being of our town.

**2.** My family and I have been proud Brookline residents for nearly 14 years. I am a retired marketing and communications professional, a strong and vocal advocate for Brookline Public Schools and a prolific home cook and baker with a recipe for a very serious chocolate chip cookie.

## LWV Brookline VOTERS GUIDE to Town Election

**Judith E. Selwyn** (New) / 285 Reservoir Rd

**1.** Affordable housing requires a regional solution that reflects the source of demand while maintaining the character of neighborhoods that make Brookline special. Massive job creation in Boston and Cambridge are driving the demand for additional housing, yet proponents of unplanned upzoning and development seek to make Brookline the bedroom for these new workers. Brookline has become less affordable due to three tax overrides since 2015. Revenue from commercial growth in Boston and Cambridge have allowed them to avoid overrides. We need planned development, not massive teardowns of existing housing. I support the efforts of Brookline By Design for sound land use planning and regulation of growth and development to preserve the built-up character of our Town.

**2.** 55-year Brookline resident. Past Chair of the Brookline Preservation Commission. Professional consultant on the preservation of historic buildings. Three children, all graduates of Heath School and Brookline High. Ph.D in Chemistry, MIT.

**Donald A. Warner** (New) / 45 Willow Crescent

**1.** Brookline needs increased revenues to maintain services without further taxing property owners. This can be achieved by encouraging well-designed commercial development in appropriate locations. As part of the Town's Economic Advisory Board, I assisted in the planning of developments such as the Coolidge Corner Marriott Courtyard and the Cleveland Circle AC Hotel which together generate \$1.5 million in annual tax revenues. Town also needs its zoning by-laws updated to protect existing neighborhoods and create more affordable housing especially for the elderly.

**2.** My wife and I have lived in Brookline since 1975. Our daughters graduated from the high school and one continues to live in Brookline with her husband and two sons. I am an architect. My volunteer work in Brookline has included: Town Meeting Member, Economic Development Advisory Board, Kent/Station Senior Housing committee endeavoring to develop affordable housing in Brookline Village, and several Design Advisory Committees.

## Voter Turnout in Previous Town Elections

| Year | Registered Voter |         | Percent |
|------|------------------|---------|---------|
|      | Voters           | Turnout |         |
| 2021 | 39,790           | 7,453   | 18.7    |
| 2020 | 38,910           | 6,815   | 17.5    |
| 2019 | 37,179           | 9,808   | 28.4    |
| 2018 | 36,368           | 8,124   | 22.3    |
| 2017 | 36,155           | 5,873   | 16.2    |
| 2016 | 36,677           | 2,287   | 6.2     |
| 2015 | 35,118           | 10,473  | 29.8    |
| 2014 | 39,007           | 4,247   | 10.9    |
| 2013 | 32,855           | 8,682   | 26.4    |
| 2012 | 37,445           | 3,011   | 8.0     |
| 2011 | 35,859           | 2,815   | 7.8     |
| 2010 | 35,036           | 3,548   | 10.1    |
| 2009 | 33,515           | 3,612   | 10.8    |
| 2008 | 28,853           | 9,799   | 28.8    |
| 2007 | 38,814           | 3,467   | 8.9     |
| 2006 | 37,349           | 4,709   | 12.6    |
| 2005 | 36,550           | 5,032   | 13.8    |
| 2004 | 33,132           | 5,595   | 16.9    |
| 2003 | 33,488           | 6,294   | 18.8    |
| 2002 | 32,951           | 7,203   | 21.9    |
| 2001 | 35,603           | 3,963   | 11.1    |
| 2000 | 31,570           | 5,800   | 18.4    |

### Notes:

**2018, 2015 - Overrides on the ballot**

**2013 - Special primary on the ballot**

**2020, 2016, 2012, 2008, 2004, 2000**

**- Presidential primary years**

**Fisher Hill.** Fisher Hill was once the site of two reservoirs: a covered reservoir built in the 1870s that stored water pumped from the Charles River in West Roxbury for use by the town; and a state-owned reservoir built in the 1880s as part of the metropolitan Boston water system. The town reservoir property is now the site of mixed income housing while the state reservoir site is now the town's Fisher Hill Reservoir Park.

## ◆ PRECINCT 14

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

**Carla Wyman Benka** (\*) / 26 Circuit Rd

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Efforts are underway to begin a community-based planning process for the entire town, focusing on such issues as climate change, zoning, housing affordability, open space needs, and business vitality. Neighborhood participation and input for this effort and for the development of individual properties, be they on Route 9 or within Pct 14's neighborhoods, is essential for positive and enduring outcomes. Current ideological positions and unwillingness to consider other perspectives make working together as a community a significant challenge and require a strong commitment to find common ground and interests

**2.** Incumbent TMM; Vice-Chair, Town Advisory (Finance) Committee, Chair, Capital Subcommittee (Town and School capital projects), member, Long-Range Planning and Policy Subcommittee; Zoning By-Law Committee; Town Naming Committee; Planning Board Strategic Asset Subcommittee; Executive Board, Brookline Neighborhood Alliance; former Brookline Preservation Planner; former Heath PTO Co-President; former Vice-chair and Grants Committee Chair, Brookline Community Foundation; endorsed by PAX and Brookline By Design

**Richard Dick Benka** (\*) / 26 Circuit Rd

Attendance 23 of 23

**1.** One issue is ensuring thoughtful development, including commercial corridor, Fisher Hill and 40B projects. A broader issue is local rhetoric (mirroring the national pattern) disparaging public institutions, including the Brookline Schools and Public Safety; demoralizing employees; and dividing the community.

Both require insistence on fact-based responses – thoughtful planning and zoning that consider neighborhood and long-term financial consequences; analysis fairly evaluating actual institutional performance rather than relying on assumptions.

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**2.** Incumbent TMM. Select Board (2008-2014). Committee on Town Organization & Structure. Former Chair – Zoning By-Law; Efficiency Initiative; Davis Path Rezoning Committees. Co-chair 2014 Override Study Committee. Harvard College, Law School, Kennedy School of Government. Clerk, Justice William O. Douglas, U.S. Supreme Court. Retired Attorney; lead counsel for Black and Latinx plaintiffs overturning Massachusetts House redistricting. OISTE Amigos Award for “relentless commitment upholding civil rights for Latinos.” 15-year volunteer math teacher/tutor/track coach with 94% Black and Latinx students. Brookline By Design; PAX endorsements.

**Clifford Michael Brown** (\*) / 9 Hyslop Rd

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Our greatest challenge is the smart allocation of scarce resources to meet our many needs and wants.

Public safety, planning/zoning, parks and green space, schools, affordable housing, services for the elderly and residents in need, climate change, social justice and our deteriorating infrastructure all need and deserve attention. Addressing them is expensive and we have fiscal challenges. Priorities must be set and revenue enhancement pursued. Operating overrides should be considered, but only after the review and implementation of other reasonable options/reform is exhausted. I support examination of charter reform.

**2.** Independent candidate: I do not seek special interest endorsements. Wife Lisa Halpert and I are 26 year Brookline homeowners. Our three children went through the PSB. Dog owner (Pepper). Advisory Committee (Chair, Schools Subcommittee), EDAB, Zoning By-Law Committee, Brookline Fiscal Advisory Committee (2019-2020). Board Member FHA. Twenty-three year Pan-Mass Challenge rider. University of Pennsylvania undergraduate and graduate finance degrees.

**Paula K. Friedman** (\*) / 170 Hyslop Rd

Attendance 27 of 30

**1.** Rising property taxes are becoming unsustainable for the Town and for property owners. Many are feeling crushed by property taxes, and more overrides are already in the pipeline, making it even more expensive to live in Brookline, for everyone.

**2.** I have lived in Brookline for 39 years. Served as President of Fisher Hill Association, Town Meeting Member for 16 years, support Green Space Alliance, Council on Aging, Preservation, Open Space. I was elected Chair of the Moderator' Committee on Short-Term Rentals and led a successful outcome to a highly

complicated issue. I believe that quality schools and an excellent education system are important to our Town. Quality of life issues are of paramount importance to all of us. I am considered a voice of reason and someone who takes the time to analyze issues and act responsibly. I ask for your vote.

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

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Because I love Brookline, I want to help make it even better—for everyone. We face many challenges but also have amazing resources (especially people). Budget is a central issue. Brookline has fallen behind in competitive employee pay, building/road/sidewalk maintenance, etc. due primarily to artificial constraints of Proposition 2½. We need transparent, long-term budget planning that adequately funds strong workforce compensation; top notch public education and libraries; 21<sup>st</sup> century green infrastructure; robust public health and social services; and strong public works and safety—while providing better tax deferral options for residents facing hardship. We also have significant anti-racism work to do and desperately need more affordable housing (preserving trees and green space).

**2.** Heath School dad; cancer widower; data-driven lawyer; youth soccer coach; chair of Public Schools of Brookline Advisory Panel 4 (COVID-19 Health/Safety); Town Meeting Member (Precinct 13) since 2019; co-led Driscoll School campaign; former EMT/volunteer firefighter; pragmatic progressive

**Kenneth Michael Goldstein** (\*) /

111 Holland Rd

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** The most important issue is managing the revenues and expenditures of the Town to maintain the high level of service and reasonable growth that the Town has long been known for and benefited from. The second most important is providing new housing opportunities to broaden the diversity of Brookline's resident population. We should study the possibility of zoning changes to allow conversion of single-family residences to two-family in appropriate situations.

**2.** Life-long Brookline resident and product of the Brookline Schools (as are my two grown daughters). Brookline attorney. Former member and chair of the Brookline Selectboard. Former member and chair of the Brookline Planning Board. Member of numerous Town committees including the Zoning By-law Review Committee. Current Co-chair of the 2022 US Open Community Partnership Committee. Proud member of the Rotary Club of Brookline.



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

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** The Town must develop the West Side of the former Newbury College campus. I suggest it be used for affordable senior housing which would be compatible with the use of the East Side now being developed for expensive assisted living.

To increase the amount of affordable housing in the Town, I support lowering the 2/3's requirement needed for changes in some of the Town's zoning by-laws and for an increase in the number of affordable units required under the Town's inclusionary zoning by-laws.

**2.** Homeowner, attorney, TMM, Pct. 14 (2004-present), former member of the Advisory Committee, Past President of the Brookline Chamber of Commerce, Brookline Rotary Club and the Brookline Improvement Coalition, Inc., a nonprofit CDC providing affordable housing to low income tenants, Newbury College Negotiating Committee, volunteer attorney, Brookline Legal Assistance Bureau, providing free legal assistance to seniors at the Senior Center. LLM (tax law), B.U. Law School.

**Pamela C. Lodish (\*) / 120 Seaver St**

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** PLANNING - to be a community that attracts a diversified population, affordable housing options must be developed. Residents should elect Town Meeting Members who support Article 10 (funding for a comprehensive plan) at the May 2022 Town Meeting. Growth and development can be thoughtful and ensure the future well-being of our Town.

**BUDGETING** - Brookline's annual expenses are growing faster than annual revenues, resulting in a deepening structural deficit. The Town must close the projected gap that occurs each fiscal year. The Town must be thoughtful about depending on overrides to close operating gaps or to fund a new school or fire station. If we spend what we "want" not "need" today, we can't afford what's coming tomorrow .

**2.** Town Meeting since 1989. Advisory Committee since 1997. School Committee 1988-1997, Chair 91-03. MBA Boston University. Board Member Brookline Center for CommunityMental Health. Brookline resident 50 years. Husband, Harvey, MIT professor.

**Shaari S. Mittel (\*) / 309 Buckminster Rd**

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** A proposal allowing multi-family housing to be zoned throughout all Brookline districts would result in more residents and less open space. This density increase could raise Town spending on waste

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management and other services, worsen our air quality, diminish water and energy sources and cause school overcrowding. Decreased Property Tax revenue from lower property assessments could lead to a possible Prop.2-1/2 Override. Balancing our Town's many needs will take much careful planning, so I'll support funding for a new Town Comprehensive Plan.

**2.** B.U., Phi Beta Kappa; Currently Town Meeting Member - 35 yrs.; Board Member Brookline League of Women Voters (former Pres.) and Fisher Hill Neighborhood Assn.; Formerly: Town Advisory Committee - 25 yrs.; LWVMA Legislative Aide; Runkle Planning Committee Chair; V.P. Town Meeting Members Assn.; Brookline Deputy Probation Officer.

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

Attendance 29 of 30

**1.** Brookline is faced with a housing shortage, especially affordable housing. Across our precinct, it's important to identify/develop projects that fill this gap, but it's also important to develop projects that respect the concerns of the abutting neighborhood. Maintaining green space is also important as one thing that defines Brookline is its leafy neighborhoods and green parks. As climate change impacts us more, maintaining/increasing this green space becomes more crucial. Finally, maintaining the quality of our public schools is critical. As we rebound from the impacts of COVID, we can't be short sighted about cutting school staff if enrollments have temporarily declined. We need the staff to help students deal with the emotional impacts of COVID and the learning gaps that developed or expanded during this period.

**2.** 35 year Ackers Avenue resident; retired Heath School teacher; Brookline Solid Waste Advisory Committee Member; Settlement Neighborhood Association founding member/secretary.

**Carlos Mateo Ridruejo (\*) / 16 Holland Rd**

Attendance 29 of 30

**1.** My primary concern is balancing our need for increasing housing affordability and access to subsidized affordable housing units, with preserving the unique characteristics of each of our Town's neighborhoods. Wholesale up-zoning strategies in Brookline are not appropriate. However, careful urban planning strategies that increase density (and possibly add mixed-use development) in areas that are compatible with the surrounding neighborhoods will increase our tax base and help pay for our ever-increasing budgetary needs.

**2.** I am a LEED Registered Architect, born and raised in Madrid, Spain. Came to the US for my studies (Bachelor of Architecture, Cornell University and Masters of Achitecture, MIT). Living in Brookline since 2005. Parent of a Runkle student. Member of Town committees: Advisory Committee; Chair, Land Use, Zoning and Sustainability subcommittee of the AC; Boylston Street Corridor Study Committee; Newbury Zoning Committee and several DAT's. President, Fisher Hill Association. Endorsed by Brookline By Design and Brookline PAX.

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

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** One of our biggest challenges is finding creative ways to increase both affordable housing and commercial growth by taking a holistic approach to planning and zoning. We must also keep up with our infrastructure whether it be roads or building maintenance. Public safety and schools are also priorities of mine.

**2.** B.A., M.A., M.Ed. Boston University  
Mom of four children educated in the Brookline Publc Schools

Retired Driscoll School Pre-K paraprofessional and Heath School Substitute teacher

Precinct 14 Town Meeting Member since 2013.

Co-Founder and Co-President, Settlement Neighborhood Association

Co-Chair, Brookline Neighborhood Alliance

Chair, Police Commissioners' Advisory Committee

Community Liason, Brookline by Design

Zoning Bylaw Committee

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

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** School budget gap, and high taxes are the residents' significant issues. The town needs to find a sustainable solution to yearly school budget gaps and the town needs to figure out a way to reduce real estate taxes on residential units.

**2.** I am an immigrant who moved here from Iran over 15 years ago. I lived in Brookline for six years. I am a mother of two children and a clinical pharmacist. I like to explore Brookline parks and open spaces during my spare time

**Sharon R. Schoffmann (\*) / 6 Eliot Crescent**

Attendance 30 of 30

**NO REPLY**

**(Precinct 14 continues)**

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**Arthur I Segel (\*)** / 118 Dean Rd  
Attendance 23 of 23

**1.** We need to preserve the character of our Town with its values of decency, of equity and of diversity. That is our richness-that is the history I want to preserve.

Need-more workforce/elderly housing; green space.Town failed because we have become elite/close minded/with calcified planning/leadership.

Grew up here where my teachers/police/firemen and their families lived in our neighborhoods.This cannot happen anymore.

Need to densify transit corridors as 1890 Olmsted Plan originally recommended. TAKE 52 acres Pine Manor-workforce/luxury housing/green/rec space/BC keep historic bldg-classes. Not take down any trees. New source of prop taxes.

**2.** I grew up in this Town, went to the public schools as my 4 children, some of my grandchildren. Worked Gov Dukakis/started business/taught affordable housing/cities/sustainability/development univ for 27 years. TrusteeUrbanInstitute.Cofounded TobinProject-org won Genius Award work inequality.Cofounded BHSInnovationFund.

**Sami Zelkha (\*)** / 12 Dean Rd  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** We are entering into a difficult economic climate where revenue shortfalls might not support the current level of services. Town Meeting and all Town Departments should adopt the recommendations of the Brookline Fiscal Advisory Committee (BFAC). The BFAC recommendations will put us on a prudent, metrics-based path toward sustainable financial stewardship. We should strive for a balanced budget by expanding town revenues in a way that does not hurt our residents. I support residential tax deferrals and increased exemption levels for seniors, the disabled, and the unemployed. Revenue growth should come through commercial expansion in urban parts of town.

**2.** I am an immigrant who came to Brookline as a child. I am a graduate of Brookline High School. I received my bachelors and masters degrees from Boston University. I obtained my DDS degree from Howard University. I am a practicing dentist at a suburban clinic.

**Sassan Zelkha (\*)** / 1799 Beacon St  
Attendance 23 of 23

**1.** High inflation, school budget gap, and high taxes are the residents' three significant issues. Unlike the city of Cambridge, the town of Brookline has failed to diversify the source of its taxes. I will work with other town meeting members to develop new sources of income for the town.

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**2.** I lived in Brookline for over 25 years. I attended Florida Ruffin Ridley School (formally known as Devotion) and BHS. For college, I attended BU for my bachelor's degree and MIT for my Master's. I specialize in the development of medical devices. I have two young children. Our family loves exploring different playgrounds in and around Brookline.

**Richard Fredkin** (Caucus) / 166 Hyslop Rd  
Attendance 13 of 13

**1.** My focus would be around areas such as education, technology, fiscal responsibility. Also, to learn from other TMM and residents of Brookline as to how I can support efforts of the town.

What you'll get from me is a person who will put in the time. Someone who's not stuck in an ideology. Someone open and willing to engage and understand what the community is saying.

And someone who will vote my consonance.

**2.** I'm from a mixed-race family and am Black. I was born on Beacon St and raised my whole life in Brookline. I'm the founder and CEO of Eduporium, a leading US supplier of advanced STEM technology in the education sector. In this role, I've worked across the US in helping to develop educational solutions.

I live in Precinct 14 in Brookline with my wife, originally from Brazil, my two children who attend Runkle School, and three dogs.

**Jesse Hefter** (New) / 653 Chestnut Hill Ave

**1.** One of the most critical issues facing Brookline as we continue growth and development is land use planning. We need to upgrade our land-use regulations to enable improved decision-making and transparency. I want to ensure that we balance needs for affordable housing and quality of life with climate change awareness and our Town's historic assets. As we continue to progress with infrastructure improvements on our big three thoroughfares (Washington, Beacon, and Boylston),we must allow for neighborhood level consensus, concern for commercial viability, and a focus on sustainability.

**2.** Retired IT professional, Ph.D. chemist/materials scientist, Brookline resident since 1984, Homeowner, tax payer, grandparent of public school children; volunteer president: Greater Boston Eruv Corporation, Member: Committee on Pedestrian-Friendly Street Lighting, volunteer adult educator. Works collaboratively on complex tasks, utilizes metrics to inform decisions, builds consensus with stakeholders, sticks with projects to their conclusion. Enjoys radio-control modeling, woodworking, sailing, tennis, skiing.

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### Historic Population of Brookline

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Pop.</u> | <u>±</u> |
|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 1790        | 484         | —        |
| 1800        | 605         | +25.0%   |
| 1810        | 784         | +29.6%   |
| 1820        | 900         | +14.8%   |
| 1830        | 1,043       | +15.9%   |
| 1840        | 1,365       | +30.9%   |
| 1850        | 2,516       | +84.3%   |
| 1860        | 5,164       | +105.2%  |
| 1870        | 6,650       | +28.8%   |
| 1880        | 8,057       | +21.2%   |
| 1890        | 12,103      | +50.2%   |
| 1900        | 19,935      | +64.7%   |
| 1910        | 27,792      | +39.4%   |
| 1920        | 37,748      | +35.8%   |
| 1930        | 47,490      | +25.8%   |
| 1940        | 49,786      | +4.8%    |
| 1950        | 57,589      | +15.7%   |
| 1960        | 54,044      | -6.2%    |
| 1970        | 58,689      | +8.6%    |
| 1980        | 55,062      | -6.2%    |
| 1990        | 54,718      | -0.6%    |
| 2000        | 57,107      | +4.4%    |
| 2010        | 58,732      | +2.8%    |
| 2020        | 63,191      | +7.6%    |

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

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## ◆ PRECINCT 15

### Candidates For Three Year Term

### Vote For Not More Than Fifteen

**Eileen Connell Berger** (\*) / 112 Wolcott Rd

Attendance 29 of 30

1. Brookline faces major challenges including funding schools, town services, maintaining quality public safety, protecting open space and working towards environmental sustainability as Brookline faces extreme financial challenges. I support warrant articles that address economic security of vulnerable elderly and disabled residents as well as comprehensive, long range neighborhood planning for growth and development of Brookline. I support collaboration among all precincts to sustain a quality of life and services for all Brookline residents.

2. Brookline resident since 1977. Town Meeting Member p 15 and p16 for 14 years. Former chair of Brookline Disability Commission for 12 years, active in environmental sustainability initiatives, recent administrator emeritus of Harvard GSE, have current leadership roles on nonprofit boards and organizations, early work in sped K-12 urban teaching and administration, educational consultant, SUPPORT broker for the Arc of Massachusetts, and school involved parent of 2 children, proud graduates of Baker, Heath and BHS.

**Michael Berger** (\*) / 112 Wolcott Rd

Attendance 22 of 23

1. The lack of a sustainable commercial base in Brookline has created several problems; taxes continue to increase - placing senior residents at risk. I strongly support broadening inclusion and equity, but I also value other important priorities in our Town – teachers, police, and parks, and affordable housing. Affordable Housing is an important goal, but I am concerned handing over the keys to the Town to developers who promote overdevelopment and loss of our historic heritage. I support maintaining the unique character of South Brookline. We must have a Master Plan that supports our diverse populations with input from all parts of Town. Balance is key.

2. Brookline resident since 1977. TMM Pcts 15/16 for 33 years. Park and Recreation Commissioner 1992 to 1998, Advisory Committee 1998 – 2008. Redistricting Committee 2021, Climate Action Brookline Board Member, currently Professor, Simmons University.

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**Elisabeth W. Cunningham** (\*) / 397 Newton St

Attendance 30 of 30

1. Brookline's most critical issue is also the world's: confront our climate crisis and take urgent action. I will continue to be a strong leader on climate. We must stop using fossil fuels immediately. We must accelerate our efforts to meet our local, State, and Federal mandates of reducing emissions by over 50% by 2030 and to net-zero by 2040. I am a strong supporter of open space. I care deeply about issues of racial, gender, and social equity. Our housing crisis must be addressed in a responsible way. We face unique issues in South Brookline: lack of public transportation, safe biking, safe walking and safe streets - we need attention and action from Town Hall. We can do all this while also being fiscally responsible.

2. Architect, small business owner, climate activist, grandmother of two who will soon be in PSB. Building a Better Brookline board member, co-founder ZeroCarbonMA. PAX endorsed.

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

Attendance 22 of 29

1. In our precinct, the number one issue by far are the transportation/road issues. We have insanely fast drivers, roads that are falling apart, and need more bike lanes and crosswalks for pedestrian and biker safety. The second most critical issue has to do with protection of greenspace and maintaining our trails and parks. I know there are more pressing "human" needs in other parts of Brookline, but in my opinion these are the issues that are most critical in Pct 15.

2. I have lived in Brookline since 2017 and my daughter attends Brookline public schools. I have served on Town Meeting for over 3 years now and feel like we are making great progress towards a better Brookline that is more inclusive, more environmentally friendly, and focused on education and fiscal responsibility. It would be an honor to serve Brookline's town residents again.

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

Attendance 30 of 30

1. In the town, a critical issue is the lack of respect for our public service employees, i.e. police, fire DPW and others who serve this town incredibly well. The hostility by a vocal minority is overshadowing the reality. We have great public employees/first responders to whom we should express gratitude, not disdain. Another critical issue in this precinct/town is the attack on passive open space, important for both recreation and environmental reasons. Rezoning and increasing density are making this town more

exclusionary. Without comprehensive planning, Brookline has and will continue to be less affordable while simultaneously compromising our town services. I support Brookline by Design.

2. Jane Flanagan, RN/NP, PhD

Associate Professor of Nursing, Boston College  
Clinical Appointments: Nurse Scientist, Massachusetts General Hospital &  
Nurse Practitioner, Bournewood Hospital  
Co-chair Friends of Putterham Woods and member, Friends of Dame Park & GreenSpace Alliance

**Barbara S. Gutman** (\*) / 629 Hammond St

Attendance 30 of 30

1. We have aspirations & challenges in town; including maintaining our excellent schools, providing more affordable housing, guaranteeing a social safety net for our most vulnerable residents, and doing it through a lens of equity and inclusion. To continue preserving the qualities that makes Brookline unique, town leaders must be both proactive & creative in seeking revenue growth opportunities. My home is Precinct 15, which has wonderful parks and open space, I am committed to improving our natural recreational areas and preserving open space.

2. I've been a Brookline resident since 1999, have two daughters in their 20's & a 14 mos. old floppy puppy. I'm running for my 3<sup>rd</sup> term in P. 15. I work as a public policy consultant whose focus is on state level issues that affect working parents and children.

**Benedicte Hallowell** (\*) / 96 Sears Rd

Attendance 25 of 30

1. Brookline faces critical issues regarding our growing student population and the stewardship of our resources. My priorities are educating our youth and protecting the character of our neighborhoods, and Larz Anderson Park. How we handle these issues will determine residents' taxes, quality of life, the environment, town services and much more.

2. I have lived in Brookline for 21years and raised 2 sons here. I am married to a professor who went to school in Brookline and whose mother was a teacher in Brookline for 19 years. I have coached on town teams, served on the Moderator's Committee on leaf blowers and been involved in the preservation of green spaces. I continually learn from those who have lived here all of their lives.

Served on Town Meeting for 9 Years

Endorsed by Brookline By Design

Education: BU '89, Harvard '93 Art Historian Served on boards/committees for our community and students.

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**Janice S. Kahn** (\*) / 63 Craftsland Rd  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** (1) Precinct: Chestnut Hill Village/Route 9 development. Brookline's "last frontier" for commercial growth needs a thoughtful, community-based process that strengthens the commercial tax base, balancing the tax burdens on residential taxpayers and renters being displaced by rising taxes.

(2) Town: Rebuilding cohesiveness in a Town fragmented by a growing intolerance of differing views and opinions. One strategy for achieving a meaningful town wide conversation is to create opportunities for residents to gather and talk to each other in a safe, neutral space, such as a community center .

**2.** A.B., Vassar; Ph.D., Boston University. 44+- year resident. TMM P15 – 23 years; Advisory Committee – 15+ years; Former Chair, Brookline Commission for Women; Past-President CHVA neighborhood association; Past Co-President, LWV/Brookline; Co-Founder, CHVAlliance, Brookline/Newton association. Received Brookline Neighborhood Alliance 2010 Leadership Award; Co-Recipient of Brookline GreenSpace Alliance 2010 Green Umbrella Award for CHVAlliance efforts to improve Route 9's Brookline/Newton border.

**Kristine L. Knauf** (\*) / 630 Hammond St  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Town wide, affordable housing is critical to retain our residents as either renters or home buyers. This is to be done with thoughtful planning for these various projects. Can we always depend on builders to add Affordable Housing as part of their building plan? This needs to have oversight. Green space is critical to maintain and protect.

**2.** Biographical data :Running for 3<sup>rd</sup> term Town Meeting.in Precinct 15. Completed 3 year term as constable. Lived P6 for 11 years, P 15 for 19 years. Registered nurse semi-retired. Pt time at BWH, Mother of Brookline Fire Fighter.

**Ira Paul Krepchin** (\*) / 63 Craftsland Rd  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** One of the biggest issues facing Brookline, and indeed the world, is climate change. Our Town has been a leader in advocating for fossil-fuel-free construction and we should continue along that path. It is also important to consider embodied carbon when constructing new buildings and determining whether or not to tear down existing buildings.

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**2.** I have been a Brookline resident for 20 years and a Town Meeting Member for the last 8 years. My warrant article to encourage the use of low carbon concrete to help mitigate climate change passed unanously at the Fall 2021 Town Meeting. 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 grand daughter.

**Richard A. Nangle** (\*) 854 Hammond St  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Precinct 15 is the largest contributor of property taxes in the town of Brookline. Precinct 14 is a close second. Our contribution is nearly double that of the average precinct. A growing number of Town Meeting members would build thousands of new units of luxury housing and eliminate the single-family zoning that allows our precinct to make its disproportionately large contribution to the community. Perhaps not surprisingly, many of these same Town Meeting members also voted to defund our Police Department. What would a dense Chestnut Hill of multifamily housing units do to our ability to fund a top-ranked school system or any other services?

This Town Meeting election, the most important in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, is a referendum on land use and whether Town Meeting will support our police.

**2.** 26-year Town Meeting member  
Friends of Dane Park, Friends of Putterham Woods  
Supporter of Brookline by Design

**David Arenas Pearlman** (\*) / 25 Goddard Circle  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** Major challenges include funding school and town services at levels that allow us to enhance services without sacrificing the economic security of vulnerable residents on fixed incomes. I support implementing Brookline Fiscal Advisory Committee recommendations and passing Warrant Articles that provide relief to such residents. I also look forward to further collaboration with town leaders and local neighborhoods on efforts to facilitate revenue expansion by incentivizing commercial growth in urban corridors. Precinct 15 is home to multiple parks and open space. I am committed to improving natural recreational resources, preserving open space, and expanding conservation holdings.

**2.** I am seeking a fourth term as TMM. I was elected twice to School Committee, currently serving as Vice Chair. I attended the Brookline Public Schools PreK-12, Brandeis University (BA), and Boston University (JD). I am a child welfare attorney.

May 3, 2022  
**James C. Rourke, Jr.** (\*) / 679 Hammond St  
Attendance 18 of 30

**1.** The Brookline by Design Town Meeting slate will return normalcy to our community's legislative body as we get back to focusing on the many difficult issues including funding our schools, building new fire stations to ensure the safety of our firefighters, giving public works employees the tools they need, and restoring the dignity of our Police Department.

We have lost two police chiefs and seen an exodus of police officers all due to the unnecessary attack on the department brought on by some Town Meeting members.

Interestingly, the same Town Meeting members who would eliminate single-family zoning and add thousands of new luxury and unaffordable housing units to the town are in many cases the same ones who voted in 2020 to defund the police.

Vote the Brookline by Design slate!

**2.** Third generation Brookline resident. Wife of Carol – 38 years. Daughters Nicole and Brittany. Granddaughter Lucy.

**Jean Sénat-Fleury** (\*) / 72 Rangeley Rd  
Attendance 18 of 19

**1.** Among all the progress being made in Brookline, there is still much more to be done. With several cases of harassment in Brookline High School, it is important to tackle the issue. BHS is successful by student accomplishments. However, we must admit that discrimination is still common in BHS. Serving nearly 2,000 students, with 56% white, 16% Asian, 12% Hispanic, 7% Black, these ratings measure how much some students could be victimized on the issue of Race/Ethnicity. There was a walkout at Brookline High School on March 16, 2022. According to organizers, students and adults protested incidents of racism inside the school. That rally confirmed that racial injustice is one of the most critical issues in the town. Therefore, we must reinforce the Racial Equity Committee.

**2.** Born, Saint-Marc, Haiti  
Suffolk University (Master in Public Administration)  
Suffolk University (Master in Political Science)  
National School of Magistrate (Bordeaux-France)  
Faculty of Law (Haiti)  
Former Judge  
Professional Writer

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

100 Wolcott Rd  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** We have seen a troubling and counterproductive divisiveness in our Town politics, whether over issues of growth and livability, affordable housing, or racism embedded in our communities to name a few. We must find a way forward to resolve our differences. We must be willing to listen to each other while confronting some uncomfortable truths. The social isolation of the past 2+ years exacerbates these problems. We also need to continue our quest to address the climate catastrophe that looms over us. Brookline has taken important steps on this front. We now need to see that our state legislature allows us to move forward in an expeditious manner.

**2.** Brookline resident for 37 years, retired Ob/Gyn, member Commission for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations, board member Brookline Quezalguaque Sister City, board member Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility, active member Brookline LWV, children attended Brookline schools

**Deborah L. Hatzieleftheriadis** (New) /

24 Whitney St

**1.** I am concerned about the lack of support for public service. Our police and fire departments have always been supported. We always had proper equipment in preparedness for any emergency, that is no longer the case. We need to get back to having police contact in a positive manner. Police are no longer in our schools or housing developments, which takes away the invaluable bond that the officers make with our children. We are also losing quality officers to other departments due to pay and benefits.

**2.** I have lived in Brookline the majority of my life. I attended Piecrc, and graduated from Brookline High. My four children are all graduates of Heath and BHS. I have a BA in criminal justice, and served on the Brookline police department for 15 years. I am the first African American female Police Officer in Brookline. Supported by Brookline By Design

**Wadner Oge** (New) / 147 Newton St

**1.** I believe that the most critical issue that Brookline faces with is rapid growth. I would address this issue by persuading Town Meeting Members to consider development proposals that are based on smart growth principles such as walkable neighborhoods connected to the T and parks; preservation of open spaces and natural beauty; and range of housing opportunities and choices to attract families with different socio-economic background.

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**2.** I am 45 years old, a husband, a father to two school-aged children, and an attorney with more than 15 years of experience in state government. I have also served in different volunteer capacities throughout the Brookline School District: member of the Florida Ruffin Ridley School Site Council; advisor to the Florida Ruffin Ridley School PTO Board; former member of the Brookline School District's Math Program Review Committee (2017-2019); and former president of the Extended Day Program at the Florida Ruffin Ridley School.

**John P. Parla** (New) / 95 Grove St

**1.** I'd like to maximize the plans to renovate and upgrade the Brookline Golf Course. This valuable resource has been neglected too long. These long overdue improvements will provide a substantial and sustainable revenue source for years. Protecting this resource and enhancing the existing and possible expansion of the surrounding trail system from Skyline to Larz Anderson will help reduce climate impact, enhance lifestyle and bring new appreciation for the natural beauty of Brookline.

**2.** My wife and I have lived on Grove Street since '95. My three children went to Brookline schools K-12. I'm currently the owner of AAMCO of Roslindale.

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

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◆ **PRECINCT 16****Candidates For Three Year Term****Vote For Not More Than Five****Laura Kathryn Baines-Walsh** (\*) /

59 Woodcliff Rd  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** One challenge facing Brookline is maintaining our excellent schools. Children need academic and social-emotional support following Covid, and teachers need more resources to provide this. However, we once again face a massive shortfall that could bring layoffs and higher student-teacher ratios. We must guarantee that our students get a world-class education. The second challenge is creating responsible development. We must produce a comprehensive development plan so that we control development, not the developers. To ensure this, we must build affordable housing and new commercial developments, not only luxury housing.

**2.** I have a B.A. from Emory University, a Ph.D. from Boston College, and currently teach AP US Government and history. My husband and I moved to Brookline in 2014 to raise our family. Our daughter and son are in the fourth and first grades at Baker School. Brookline Pax endorsed.

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

Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** I think that the most pressing issue precinct 16 has is the Hancock Village construction and the impacts it will have on the precinct. We have been asking for a citizen oversight committee for a long time, and throughout the construction, there have been a number of incidents that have warranted TM members writing letters to get action taken. Once the buildings are completed, there will undoubtedly be an impact on Baker School and the other public resources we have in our precinct, which are already limited. I will continue to work to keep 16 from getting forgotten.

**2.** I am an almost lifelong resident of Brookline, graduating from Baker and Brookline High School. My two children currently go to Baker. I am a public school teacher in Boston and have served on TM since 2016.

(Precinct 17 continues)

1. The principal issues are 1. schools, and 2. the amount and nature of urban development. They are in fact related in that the nature and extent of development makes the delivery of excellent education more challenging and less affordable to the Town, and affects school districting which can adversely impact the character of our neighborhoods. In particular, the location of a new school to address overcrowding in Precinct 16 may adversely affect the sense of the Precinct as a “neighborhood.” The recurring dependence on over-rides and other taxes on real estate makes living and purchasing in Brookline that much less affordable.

2. Brookline resident for over 37 years. My wife and I raised 2 children in the Brookline schools. I am a retired attorney (having practiced primarily in tax and securities) and actuary.

**Carolyn R. Thall** (\*) / 66 Beverly Rd  
Attendance 28 of 30

**NO REPLY**

**Joslin H. Murphy** (New) / 62 Baker Circle

1. Some of the more critical issues facing Precinct 16 are access to affordable housing, public transit, and open space. I share the view that addressing these issues requires a holistic, purposeful approach to zoning and development in the Town. Addressing these issues may include petitioning relevant Town Boards and Commissions and proposing local legislative action at Town Meeting.

2. I attended the Runkle School and Brookline High School. After college, I was appointed as a Brookline Police Officer and attended law school. I joined the Middlesex County District Attorney’s Office and the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, working as an Assistant Attorney General in the Special Investigations Unit of the Criminal Division. After my appointment as the Interim Police Chief in Chelsea, I served as Associate Town Counsel and Town Counsel in Brookline until March, 2022. I was recently reappointed by the Select Board as a Trustee of the Walnut Hills Cemetery.

**Candidates For Two Year Term**

**Vote For Not More Than One**

**Michelle Marie Morrissey** (New) / 363 South St

**NO REPLY**

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

1. Affordable housing – We need to develop a solution so young families can afford to live in Brookline. By addressing Acquisition Opportunity Programs and realistic rent levels, rent stabilizing moves and other measures.

Road and Traffic Improvements – Improvement of road conditions, commuter congestion and road safety throughout the Town for pedestrians, bicyclist and motorists by addressing funding, reviews and mandates for improvements.

2. I was born in Brookline and attended the Baker School, Brookline High School, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. I have worked in sales & marketing in the private industry since then. My father was a Brookline Police Officer who died in the line of duty in 1983. My parents rented a house in Brookline so they could afford to live here with a large family. After meeting my wife Patty Wong, we moved back to Brookline in 2004 and have lived here ever since.

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

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**Candidates For Three Year Term**

**Vote For Not More Than Fifteen**

**Jacqueline Baum** (\*) / 194 Saint Paul St

Attendance 13 of 13

1. Brookline is faced with challenges in terms of its growth and accompanying development. Expanding both our commercial and residential footprints needs to proceed with mindful planning so as not to overwhelm any given neighborhood. The Town also appears to be at a crossroads in terms of how it will confront issues of social justice in housing, policing etc. and I would like to be a voice in shaping that outcome.

2. My family and I moved to Brookline over 20 years ago. My daughter and son both attended FRR and BHS. I am a past FRR PTO co-president. I have been a co-owner of 2 Boston area food businesses, Cooking Culture Caterers and Trillfoods. Town Meeting Member for the last two years.

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

Attendance 23 of 23

1. Astronomical housing cost and recovery from the pandemic are among Brookline’s most critical issues. I strongly support Town-led affordable housing and mixed-use zoning. Mixed-use developments are essential to building our commercial tax base to provide a reliable revenue stream for necessary investments in affordable housing, climate initiatives, public health spending, and education. In Precinct 17, many local businesses were heavily impacted by the pandemic, and we must help them recover.

2. Brookline resident since 1999

Married with a 7th grade son

Executive Director, *DASEP* (After School Program at Ridley School) since 2015 Co-President, *Brookline*

*Parents Organization*

Brookline Town Meeting Member, Pct. 8 (2013-2022)

Member, Waldo-Durgin Design Advisory Team (DAT) Member, Babcock Street Parking Lot Study Committee Member, North Brookline Neighborhood Association Member, Coolidge Corner Study Committee

Member, Coolidge Corner Theater Design Advisory Team (DAT) Member, PSB Expert Advisory Panel 2

Member, PSB Task Force on Remote Learning

Member, Mothers Out Front



**Jonathan H. Davis** (\*) / 125 Park St  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1. Issue:** planned hotel at 30 Webster. Developer is a slumlord with no hotel experience. He plans to cut corners and understaff. This can lead to sex trafficking. I've appeared at Planning Board, Zoning Board and town departments (and I'll continue) about dangers and solutions. **Issue:** Demoralization of the Brookline Police. Qualified officers and a highly regarded chief have quit. I voted against defunding and stigmatizing the Brookline police. If elected I'll continue to vote that way. Pct. 17 has many elderly and vulnerable residents: they need security. **Issue:** Overdevelopment, including at 63 Green (tear down to build a box of luxury condos with no affordable housing). I've lobbied the Planning Board for the neighbors. I support a comprehensive study of zoning.

**2.** Neighborhood focus. The voters of my previous precinct (10) must have liked my work for them, reelecting me seven times. Lawyer in private practice. Married; kids; grandkids.

**Jonathan Klein** (\*) / 150 Saint Paul St  
Attendance 20 of 23

**1.** While many issues require attention, including racial justice and climate justice, my personal focus has been on affordable housing, which is essential to retaining and increasing the diversity so many of us treasure in Brookline. We need more subsidized housing for low income households and more non-luxury housing for middle income households. I currently a TMM, a member of the Housing Advisory Board (HAB), a board member of Brookline for Everyone, and a founder of Building a Better Brookline (BaBB). I strongly support a real estate transfer tax dedicated to affordable housing, stronger inclusionary zoning, and allowing multifamily housing as a matter of right in transit corridors.

**2.** Retired affordable housing attorney, founder of Klein Hornig LLP and General Counsel of The Community Builders; current boards include Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA) and Jewish Community Relations Council; married with 2 children and 4 grandchildren .

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**Rita K. McNally** (\*) / 230 Saint Paul St  
Attendance 24 of 30

**1.** The Coolidge (WALDO/DURGIN) building project forecasts a major negative impact for the Coolidge Corner area and demands constant public oversight and community participation.

The Housing Production Plan process presents challenges and also needs community and neighborhood participation to accommodate promised affordable housing.

Where has the pride of Coolidge Corner gone? Plans? When and how can we return to respectful, supportive community policing? Need positive common sense leadership.

## **2. EXPERIENCE& COMMITMENT**

Educator & Attorney

Mother and Grandmother

Town Meeting Member: 2,3,7

Housing Advisory Board Member (HAB)

Domestic Violence Roundtable, Chair

C.E.R.T. member

Rotary

Minot Rose Garden Team

Brookline By Design member

PAX Board

NBNA member

**Susan Park** (\*) / 27 James St  
Attendance 25 of 25

**1.** Precinct 17 is a new precinct; therefore, this is new for all Precinct 17 incumbents, TMM's, and voters. If elected again, I look forward to hear from my new constituents and will really try to understand how I can be a voice for them. I am a good listener and welcome calls and emails and am known to promptly reply. Due to the pandemic and now Ukraine, people have suffered and need support.

**2.** I am married to Kee Park and have three daughters. Was former PTO Chair for the Remote Learning Academy during the pandemic. I am a former English literature teacher for grades middle school, high school, and college. I am a freelance reporter for the Brookline TAB and was on Advisory Committee for 1 year. Serving families, students, and our community is a joy, and I continue to do my best for our town.

<https://www.wickedlocal.com/story/brookline-tab/2021/12/23/brookline-food-pantry-busy-covid-continues-spread/9008281002/>

**Linda Olson Pehlke** (\*) / 48 Browne St  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.** We need to heal from the isolation, grief, and disruption caused by COVID-19. By maintaining our neighborhood park, the Minot Rose Garden, the Friends help provide one such healing venue. Shared public spaces facilitate community-building and public health and I support expanding our parks with an eye towards equity and resiliency. Growth and development pressures must be addressed through a community-driven process creating a plan for our land use future; one that provides for our collective well-being. The Town should improve our by-laws to achieve more appropriate development outcomes. I founded Brookline by Design to advocate for such a planning and zoning reform process.

**2.** I've lived in Brookline for 33 years. I'm a professional urban planner, researcher and writer. I serve on the Town's Advisory Committee and Zoning By-Law Committee. I lead the Friends of the Minot Rose Garden and am the author of *Exploring the Paths of Brookline*.

**Susan M. Roberts** (\*) / 69 Green St  
Attendance 30 of 30

**1.**Real estate development in North Brookline is prolific. We suffer the loss of modest homes, replaced by large numbers of high-end condominiums and apartments. This affects Brookline's budget priorities and other critical challenges, including our police and fire services, schools, tenant displacement and rent increases, housing affordability, and environmental costs from building demolition.

We should best address this issue through thoughtful, thorough and inclusive development planning as urged Brookline By Design that I support. Indeed, following 2021 Town Meeting's vote, this effort is moving forward, and I will be involved.

**2.** I am 4<sup>th</sup> generation Brookline. Born here, I grew up in Needham, and moved back to Coolidge Corner to attend law school and raise my children who graduated Brookline Public Schools. I practice as a real estate attorney. During my 10 years on Town Meeting, I've served on Advisory Committee, Coolidge Corner Study Committee, and work with Brookline by Design.

**Livia Schachter-Kahl (\*)** / 200 Saint Paul St

Attendance 30 of 30

1. One of the most critical issues we face in Precinct 17 is development. Development has numerous impacts on the town, including safety, schools, parking, density and traffic. In particular, massive developments without a comprehensive plan threaten to compromise the character of our neighborhoods. While some development is expected, each project must be carefully scrutinized to ensure that we address the current housing crisis.

2. Lifelong Brookline resident having attended FRR and BHS. Former FRR PTO co-president. Married with two daughters that 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 .

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

Attendance 29 of 30

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

2. Brookline resident since 2003. 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 also serve on the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, have served until recently on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and am active in the Town Meeting Green Caucus. I'm currently retired but continue to be an active poet, published at odd intervals.

**Isaac Frederic Louis Silberberg (\*)** /

9 Greenway Court

Attendance 13 of 13

**NO REPLY**

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**Martin D. Yaseen (\*)** / 25 John St

Attendance 21 of 23

1.1) The most critical issue for Precinct 17 is what steps will be taken to ensure that the demolition of the buildings on the massive Chestnut Hill Realty hotel/apartment development on the PLEASANT AND BEACON STREETS site will not present toxic dangers to the residents of the surrounding neighborhood; and what steps will be taken to mitigate the noise associated with such a massive development and ensure the safety of our pedestrians from the constant entrance/egress of the massive trucks and equipment integral to this project from and onto John Street.

2) Brookline must end the unfair concentration of development in the six block radius around Coolidge Corner, which already has a density exceeding the Gaza strip, and begin studying the impact of further development on the lives, health, and safety of those already living here.

2. 35 year resident of John Street. Businessman, jazz vocalist, lyricist, composer.

**Christopher A. Kahl (New)** / 200 Saint Paul St

1. I live in the Coolidge Corner area and the most critical issue for me is development. Numerous projects have been developed in North Brookline that are too large, do not fit in well with existing streetscape and whose size and shape seem driven solely by profit. If this continues, areas such as Coolidge Corner will lose their charm and quaintness. I am a supporter of the group Brooklin by Design and hope the town's planning process and zoning can be improved to help insure future projects work not only for the developer but for the neighborhood and the town as well.

2. Resident of Brookline since 1986. I have two daughters that were graduates of the Ridley School and Brookline High School. I also previously served on town meeting for about 7 years starting in 2004 and was caused in last year.

**Bruce D. Levin (New)** / 20 Webster St

1. **Pedestrian Safety:** There is no acceptable number of pedestrian injuries. Town agencies and the Pedestrian Advisory Committee need encouragement, support, and funding. The Town should actively pursue pertinent state, federal and private grants to enhance walking, running, and cycling. Road design, traffic signals, adequate lighting and sidewalk maintenance should reflect the Town's prioritization of pedestrian safety.

**Green Spaces:** Brookline is fortunate to be part of Olmsted's Emerald Necklace and to have many superb parks and gardens. The preservation and maintenance of Brookline's green spaces is integral to combatting climate change. The Town needs to preserve and enhance the vision that saw the site of an incinerator become Skyline Park. Preservation of green space is both an environmental imperative and a key component of a high quality of life.

2. 30-year resident of Coolidge Corner  
Member, Cannabis Mitigation Advisory Committee  
Endorsed by: Brookline PAX

Brookline By Design

**Uri Mariash (New)** / 59 Green St

**NO REPLY**

**Samuel Carson Parnell (New)** /

60 Longwood Ave

1. The precinct's critical issue is to increase environmentally sustainable and affordable housing that retains the character of Coolidge Corner. We need balanced development guided by neighborhood consensus and the precinct's best interests, not luxury developers. The town's critical issue is to help residents, schools, and businesses recover from the pandemic. We need to come together as a community as we address racial inequality, climate change, and looming fiscal issues. I wish to serve my neighbors and would appreciate your vote.

2. After growing up in Needham and attending public schools, I graduated from Middlebury College (2011) and Columbia Law School (2018). I served as a state prosecutor in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Human Trafficking Division (2018-2019) and a local prosecutor in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office (2019-2021) before going into private practice. I am available at [parnell.sam.c@gmail.com](mailto:parnell.sam.c@gmail.com) or 781-747-8162.

Endorsed by Brookline PAX.

**Elizabeth A. Schafer** (Caucus) / 28 James St

Attendance 13 of 13

1. Inequity is critical, intersecting with housing, education, public safety, climate, and all other aspects of life. Inequities are made worse when barriers to civic participation exclude so many. **I view all issues through an equity lens, working towards racial, environmental, economic, and disability justice for all community members.**

2. Web developer and accessibility specialist. Coolidge Corner since 2012. My husband and I have two kids that attend FRR. Long-term renters. Became involved in Town as a result of increased remote access. Town Meeting (P10) since 2021. Redistricting Committee. Co-petitioner on successful warrant articles promoting remote participation and equal rights for people with disabilities. Organizer with Brookline Equity Coalition. **Strongly support progressive policies promoting equity and justice.**

**Endorsed by Brookline Equity Coalition and Brookline for Everyone.**

See [www.elizabethforbrookline.com](http://www.elizabethforbrookline.com) for more about my voting record and positions. Thank you for voting!

**Beata J. Zakrzewski** (\*) / 59 Green St

1. Brookline is a wonderful community with a lot going for it. Unsurprisingly, the Town is an attractive hub for all sorts of development – commercial, residential, and everything in between. I believe development in Brookline should be thoughtfully weighted against a variety of criteria, including impacts on economic inequality, systemic racism, the strength and capacity of our schools, climate change, and our tax base. We must allow for healthy discourse and debate to ensure competing demands are not usurped by the voice of a few.

2. My husband and I moved to Brookline in 2012, first on Park Street and now on Green Street. We love this community and all it offers to our 3 children and dog; most days you will find some combination of us at a local dog park or playground. I work in biotech finance and have a BS in International Economics and an MBA.



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# Massachusetts Voters Bill of Rights

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

1. You have the right to vote if you are a qualified registered voter.
2. You have the right to cast your ballot in a manner that ensures privacy. You have the right to vote without any person trying to influence your vote and to vote in a booth that prevents others from watching you mark your ballot.
3. You have the right to remain in the voting booth for five minutes if there are other voters waiting and for ten minutes if there are no other voters waiting.
4. You have the right to receive up to two replacement ballots if you make a mistake and spoil your ballot.
5. You have the right to request assistance when voting from a poll worker or anyone of your choice, except your employer or an officer of your union or their representatives.
6. You have the right to vote if you are disabled. The polling place must be accessible, and there must be an accessible voting booth.
7. You have the right to vote if you cannot read or write or cannot read or write English.

8. You have the right to vote but must show identification if: you are a first-time voter who registered to vote by mail and did not submit identification with the voter registration form; or your name is on the inactive voter list; or your vote is being challenged; or if requested by a poll worker. Acceptable forms of identification are: Massachusetts driver's license, other printed documentation containing your name and address such as a recent utility bill, rent receipt on landlord's letterhead, lease, or a copy of a voter registration acknowledgment or receipt.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15. You have the right to bring your children into the voting booth with you.

**If you feel that your right to vote has been violated in any way, call the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Elections Division at 1-800-462-VOTE (8683). This call is free within Massachusetts.**

# Massachusetts Voters

## Bill of Responsibilities

1. It is your responsibility to register to vote at least 20 days before an election. You can register in one of the following locations: at a voter registration drive, your city or town hall, by mail, at the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office (Boston, Fall River or Springfield), at the Registry of Motor Vehicles or another agency when applying for services.
2. It is your responsibility to fill out the voter registration form truthfully, accurately and completely.
3. It is your responsibility to return the annual local census form to keep your voter status active. If you are an inactive voter, you will be required to show ID at the polls.
4. It is your responsibility to re-register to vote if you move to another community.
5. It is your responsibility to notify your city or town hall if there are any changes in your address within your community or in your name or if you wish to change your political party enrollment.
6. It is your responsibility to re-register to vote if you were convicted of a felony and have completed your jail sentence.
7. It is your responsibility to bring acceptable identification to the polls if you are a first time voter and failed to provide your driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number with your voter registration form, or if you did provide these numbers, but they could not be verified. Your voter

acknowledgement will state if you have to bring ID to the polls. If you are unsure, bring identification when you vote. Identification must include your name and current address, for example: a current and valid driver's license, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# The Brookline Town Election will be held on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

Check your voter registration status and make any needed changes at: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

**Because the state legislature did not pass an extension to the temporary state laws that allowed early no-excuse voting by mail in 2020 and 2021, absentee ballots are currently the only option to vote by mail.**

**You can find more information on who qualifies for an absentee ballot below.**

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**Vote by Absentee Ballot applications and information on who qualifies to vote absentee can be obtained here: <https://www.brooklinema.gov/136/Voting-Absentee>**

**All absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office or dropped in the grey supply box outside of Town Hall by 8:00 pm on May 3, 2022 - Election Day.**

**BE SURE YOUR BALLOT IS COUNTED. SUBMIT IT PROMPTLY.**

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**IF YOU PLAN TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY  
BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR PRECINCT.  
IT MAY HAVE CHANGED.**

Election Day polling locations will open from 7 AM until 8 PM.

To ascertain your precinct number: [www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx)

Check your precinct location on the front page of this Voters Guide.

**NOTE: Several polling locations have changed for this election. [See page 1 for locations.](#)**

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**This is your community. Your vote is your voice.  
Please support democracy at work by participating!**

**League of Women Voters of Brookline**

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

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