

# NEWSLETTER

May 2022 *Edition #3*

## SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

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### Dates to Remember

**May 16- 6:30PM @ Brownfield-Denmark School**  
*FY23 MSAD72 Budget Presentation*

**May 18- 6:00PM @ Library**  
*Genealogy Workshop*

**June 1st- 6:00PM @ Library**  
*Mapping Historic Brownfield Homesites*

**June 6th- 6:00PM @ Library**  
*Gravestone Preservation Part 1*

**June 7th- 6:00PM @ Pine Hill Cemetery**  
*Gravestone Preservation Part 2*

**June 14 - 8 AM-8 PM:**  
*Election of Officers & Referendum Voting*

**June 15- 7 PM BCC**  
*Open Town Meeting*

### Valley Pride Day

Thank you to all those who came out to help with the cleanup, and to those who provided refreshments as well as barbecuing for all the workers. Much appreciated!

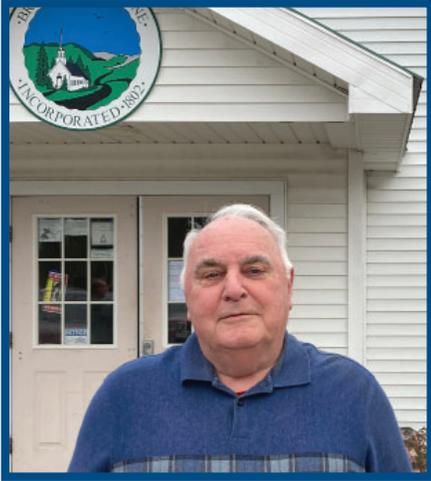
### SELECTBOARD CANDIDACY

Each Selectboard candidate was sent the same set of "prompts" as listed on pages 2 and 3, and a word limit for total responses so that we would have room for each person's response in the limited space we have available in the newsletter. Candidates were told that once we received their responses, we would edit for brevity or clarity, and then return the edited version to each candidate for review and approval. Total word count permitted was 300 for all responses.

Mr. Carbone submitted responses that were significantly over the word limit. He was given an opportunity to reduce the word count, but did not respond to our outreach. In fairness to all candidates, we reduced the word count and returned it to Mr. Carbone for his review and approval. We did not receive any response. The following is our edited version of Mr. Carbone's submission.

**Candidate submissions are on pages 2 and 3.**

**RUNNING FOR SELECTMAN SEAT; 3 YEAR TERM:**



**William Flynn**

**1. Tell us about yourself and how you came to Brownfield.**

My wife and I made several trips to Maine to visit friends and relatives, really grew to love this area, so in the late 1980's decided to make the move. Best decision I have ever made, love it here.

**2. What is your vision for the Town? for future development? Zoning?**

Would like to see the town grow in a controlled fashion. Stand alone homes and most certainly some housing for the elderly should be discussed and planned on.

Do not like the idea of a big mall type affair being built in Brownfield. A zoning ordinance would be well worth the effort.

**3. What skills and experience would you bring to the position of Selectman?**

Have spent nine years serving as Selectman, by profession I am a Respiratory Therapist, managed the Respiratory Department at Central Maine Medical Center for eleven years, fifteen therapists as well as four clerical people.

That experience helps a great deal in dealing with issues in the town.

**4. What do you see as problems the Town faces and how would you address them?**

Several issues face our town as I write this. I believe we need to pave more than a mile or two of roads on a yearly basis, several town structures like the Community Center need a lot of help, Public Works has needs in the Capital Equipment area, but I feel most strongly about the salary and wage program that we expect our employees to live with. Frankly speaking, I think we need to spend some money!

**5. Summarize why you are the best choice to be on the Select Board.**

I have taken the job of Selectman very seriously. I attend a variety of classes throughout the state to learn things that make me a better Selectman. I have certificates of training from six different state agencies. I rarely, if ever, miss a Selectman's Meeting - the same for the Budget Committee. I promise to represent you to the best of my ability.



**John Hicks**

**1. Tell us about yourself and how you came to Brownfield.**

I have lived in Maine most of my life and lived in Brownfield for a brief time in 1962-63 and was a 3rd grader at the Brownfield school. I grew up in Bethel, Maine and moved back to Brownfield permanently in 1977.

**2. What is your vision for the Town? for future development? Zoning?**

I see Brownfield growing as a work in progress as to the wishes of the

town's people as they see fit, and feel zoning should be the same so people can understand every bit of what they are voting for.

**3. What skills and experience would you bring to the position of Selectman?**

I have worked with my hands as a repair mechanic for over 50 years and retired from the University of New England Biddeford & Portland campuses as vehicle & equipment mechanic and was given the task of managing, maintaining and replacing the sixty-vehicle fleet.

**4. What do you see as problems the Town faces and how would you address them?**

My mission is to do the will of the majority of the townspeople whether I agree with them or not.

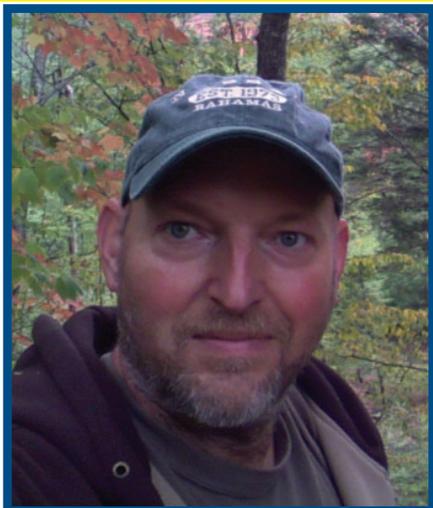
**5. Summarize why you are the best choice to be on the Select Board.**

The selectmen have no power the power is in the people of the town and the selectmen are servants to the townspeople to assist all elected and hired people of the town to succeed for the benefit of the town - keeping their personal feelings out.



<p><b><u>School Board Member</u></b> <i>Mitchell Dondero</i></p>
<p><b><u>School Board Alternate</u></b> <i>Teresa Egan</i></p>
<p><b><u>Planning Board</u></b> <i>Sonia Frye</i></p>

## RUNNING FOR SELECTMAN SEAT; 3 YEAR TERM *Continued:*



**Erik Walker**

### **1. Tell us about yourself and how you came to Brownfield.**

I grew up in Brownfield, Pig Street to be exact. I attended the Brownfield School from kindergarten thru 6th grade. I attended Fryeburg Academy- graduating in the class of 1988. I have worked at Northeast Auto Body in Redstone, N.H., for 36 years.

### **2. What is your vision for the Town? for future development? Zoning?**

One thing we can't deny, the town has grown through the years. We always seem to be playing catch-up, if not with a last minute gravel extraction ordinance or cell tower ordinance or even a water extraction ordinance. We always seem to be behind. That's how I look at the future, zoning is a bad word to some. I look at it as protection that we pre-plan for.

### **3. What skills and experience would you bring to the position of Selectman?**

I want to be involved in the town I grew up and live in. That led to the Budget Committee, and I have attended budget meetings as a member of or just as a concerned person for 30ish years. I attended Selectmen meetings for sever-

al years prior to running my first time. I served as Selectmen for 3 or 4 terms.

### **4. What do you see as problems the Town faces and how would you address them?**

Growth and Infrastructure. Getting people involved is the answer, committees that gather and start with ideas to improve our future.

### **5. Summarize why you are the best choice to be on the Select Board.**

The history I have within municipal government in Brownfield, the people I have built good working relationships with. I am available, always making time to talk through issues or concerns. I always want the answer - even if I don't agree with it.



## **Vincent Carbone**

### **1. Tell us about yourself and how you came to Brownfield.**

I was born in Milford, Ct, and raised up in diversity including homelessness and low-income housing. Being mislabeled; by "authority" seeing the issue of a lack of respect for the youth and "poor". Leading me to the woods!

### **2. What is your vision for the Town? for future development? Zoning?**

To see Our Community come together and raise the Village it takes; to raise our youth while attending to their futures and generations to come, and inspiring civic engagement/morale boosting among the Governing body! Permaculture; Solutions! Future development Committee/research and development; Due diligence! Committee; Community outreach surveys along with public disclosure hearings and open transpar-

ent communication with the Governing body.

### **3. What skills and experience would you bring to the position of Selectman?**

A different point of view and perception along with "a different sense of humor". Many years of getting involved with civic engagement and Community Outreach! Along with the years of working in machine shops in the area, I have spent much of my time doing security and ops management and overseeing the security of 1000s of individuals at a time who are enjoying our local resources.

### **4. What do you see as problems the Town faces and how would you address them?**

Transparency; Accountability! Many issues of Impropriety and conflicts of interest; which continually end up in litigation costs. The lack of a Town Charter and neglect of duties to attend to the Code of Ethics in which elected officials swear an oath to uphold! Public disclosure hearings and Town meeting to educate the Governing body!

### **5. Summarize why you are the best choice to be on the Select Board.**

I am a change maker Community-minded individual who is overcoming adversity and defamation of character campaign! I have the time and energy as well as the passion to address the issues and concerns at hand and will be sure to see to the Governing body's Right to be Heard! The network of support that is available to Our Community is simply waiting for Our Elected Officials to allow forward progress on the numerous readily available resources and services allocated to Our Community!

## CEMETARY CLEANUP RECAP

Benjamin Franklin said, "Show me your cemeteries and I will tell you what kind of people you have." I can tell you that out of the many interested parties we had just ten hard-working volunteers show up to the cemetery clean-up event on May 1<sup>st</sup>. More manpower and equipment would have made the job easier, but we were still able to put a good dent into four cemeteries. Some of these wonderfully dedicated volunteers planned on finishing them up later that week. There's still work to do if you're interested! Hopefully our town will follow through with their decision to hire a mowing company this summer to maintain the cemeteries to this condition. It's time for us to show our ancestors and others what kind of people we have in Brownfield.

*(A special thank you to Joanne Thurston for the cookies and water!)*



Starting the day at Greenlaw Cemetery. There's lots of stones hiding beneath the leaves and brush!



Volunteers hard at work in Cole Cemetery on Porter Road near the Christ's Church.



Weed whacking progress. For the first time I've looked at this beautiful cemetery and felt proud of its condition. Hopefully it will get finished up later. *Jess Davis*



Marston Cemetery off of Farnsworth Road after so many saplings and brush were removed.

## Brownfield Public Library News

We are always getting in new books, both fiction and nonfiction, and through Inter-Library-Loan and The Cloud Library we are able to get most any book for you.

Also, a reminder that we have free seeds for planting your vegetable, herb and flower gardens. We also have many new gardening books focused on native plants and providing for pollinators.

*Free Genealogy Workshops w/ Jess Davis- funded by a grant from the Maine Public Library Fund*

**May 18th 6pm Beginning Genealogy Workshop:** Learn the basics

of how to research and document your family history online using Ancestry.com. For best results, come with names and dates of a few ancestors and a laptop, if possible.

**June 1st 6pm Mapping Historic Brownfield Homesites:** In this presentation, Jess Davis will share her research into historic sites in Brownfield, including farms, schools, mills and churches. She will show how to best utilize online resources such as deeds, LDAR images and historic maps.

**June 6th 6pm Gravestone Preservation Part 1:** In this presentation, Jess Davis will present information

about basic historic gravestone care. You will also learn about common symbolism, carvings and materials used on graves throughout American history.

**June 7th 6pm Gravestone Preservation Part 2:** This hands-on portion will be held at the Pine Hill Cemetery in Brownfield. Participants will see examples of the topics presented the day before as well as learn how to correctly clean gravestones. Dress appropriately for dirty work!

**For more information and to sign-up please call the library at 935-3003**