To: Lynn Boyle, a citizen of the Town of Brownfield, County of Oxford, State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Brownfield, in the County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Brownfield Town Office in said Town on Tuesday, the 13th day of June 2023 A.D. from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. for the election of Town Officials and the vote on any referendum questions. The polls will open as soon as Article 01 has been acted upon. All other articles, beginning with Article 02, will be voted upon at the Brownfield Community Center on Wednesday, the 14th day of June 2023 A.D. at 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 01 To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting who will follow the Rules of Procedure from the Maine Moderators Manual.

Norman Blake was elected Moderator.

ARTICLE 02 To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the checklist.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 03 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all necessary Town Officials in accordance with 30-A M.R.S. § 2601.

Moved and Seconded. After much discussion the Article fails as written.

ARTICLE 04 To see if the Town will vote to make the Bookkeeper/Deputy Treasurer position a full-time position with the same benefits as other full-time employees.

Moved and Seconded. After much discussion the Article fails as written.

ARTICLE 05 To see if the Town will vote to make the Recreation Director position a full-time position with the same benefits as other full-time employees.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 06 To see if the Town will vote to change the office of Tax Collector/Treasurer from a position that is elected by ballot to a position that is appointed by the Board of

Selectmen, to become effective at the expiration of the Tax Collector/Treasurer's current term, which ends on June 30, 2024.

Moved and Seconded. After much discussion an amendment was made to the article to read: "To see if the Town will vote to change the office of Tax Collector/Treasure from a position that is elected by ballot to a position that is appointed. To see if the Town will vote to authorize forming a Hiring Committee consisting of three Select Board Members and four citizens elected at large all having a vote of equal weight in choosing the most qualified candidate for the positions and that a job description for these positions be established by this committee. Committee members should have some business experience". Article passes as amended.

ARTICLE 07 To see if the Town will vote to change the office of Town Clerk/Registrar from a position that is elected by ballot to a position that is appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to become effective at the expiration of the Town Clerk's current term, which ends on June 30, 2024.

Moved and Seconded. After much discussion an amendment was made to the article to read: "To see if the Town will vote to change the office of Town Clerk/Registrar from a position that is elected by ballot to a position that is appointed. To see if the Town will vote to authorize forming a Hiring Committee consisting of three Select Board Members and four citizens elected at large all having a vote of equal weight in choosing the most qualified candidate for these positions and that a job description for these positions be established by this committee. Committee members should have some business experience." Article passes as amended.

ARTICLE 08 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$814,314 for payroll and benefits.

Payroll and Benefits based on 5% for most employees	22/23	22/23	23/24	23/24	23/24	23/24
Administrative Assistant inc to \$20.00*	\$35,472	\$41,600	\$43,680	\$43,680	\$43,680	\$43,680
Tax Collector/Treasurer*	\$40,182	\$40,182	\$42,192	\$42,192	\$42,192	\$42,192

Town Clerk*	\$35,028	\$35,028	\$36,780	\$36,780	\$36,780	\$36,780
Assessor @6%	\$23,400	\$23,400		+	\$24,800	
Deputy Treasurer /Tax Collector	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$42,192	\$21,000	
Code Enforcement Officer*	\$26,397	\$26,397	\$27,717	\$27,717	\$27,717	\$27,717
Animal Control Officer	\$3,616	\$3,616	\$6,015	\$6,015	\$6,015	\$6,015
Planning Board Secretary*	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
Rec Director hourly increase to \$18.00*	\$24,954	\$24,954	\$29,484	\$29,484	\$39,312	\$39,312
Selectmen*	\$16,499	\$16,499	\$17,324	\$17,324	\$17,324	\$17,324
Registrar*	\$2,405	\$2,405	\$2,526	\$2,526	\$2,526	\$2,526
Fire Chief*	\$46,610	\$46,610	\$48,941	\$48,941	\$48,941	\$48,941
Fire Department Members*	\$16,670	\$16,670	\$17,504	\$17,504	\$17,504	\$17,504
PW Director*	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$54,600	\$54,600	\$54,600	\$54,600
PW Employee #1*	\$48,880	\$48,880	\$51,324	\$51,324	\$51,324	\$51,324
PW Employee #2*	\$45,760	\$45,760	\$48,048	\$48,048	\$48,048	\$48,048
OT for PW Employees*	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
PW Extra Manpower*	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500
TS Employee #1*	\$22,464	\$22,464	\$23,588	\$23,588	\$23,588	\$23,588
TS Employee #2*	\$22,464	\$22,464	\$23,588	\$23,588	\$23,588	\$23,588
TS Seasonal Employee*	\$11,232	\$11,232	\$11,794	\$11,794	\$11,794	\$11,794
TS Extra Man Power*	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,300
Total Payroll Proposed:	\$544,033	\$550,161	\$582,455	\$603,647	\$592,283	\$613,475
Plus FICA @7.65%	\$41,619	\$42,087	\$44,578	\$46,179	\$45,310	\$46,931
Retirement @ 3% for full-time employees	\$9,118	\$9,301	\$9,766	\$11,033	\$10,946	\$12,212
Health Insurance full-time emp @\$1,312	\$95,837	\$95,837	\$110,208	\$125,952	\$125,952	\$141,696
Total of all Employee Payroll expenses:	\$690,607	\$697,386	\$747,007	\$786,811	\$774,491	\$814,314
Updated on 5/19/2023	7 full time	7 full time	7 full time	8 full time	8 full time	9 full time
				Dep Treas	Rec Dir	

Budget Committee Recommendation for this document: 7-1-2; BC vote on Planning Board and Assessor requests earlier in the process: 9-0-0

Moved and Seconded. After much discussion column with 8 full time employees with Rec Director passes as written.

ARTICLE 09 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$179,000 for the fixed costs portion of **Administrative expenses.**

Fixed costs-Administrative Expenses	2022/2023	2023/2024

Insurance	\$52,000	\$60,750
Operational Expenses	\$13,500	\$16,300
Custodian	\$3,120	\$6,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$100	\$100
Fire Warden	\$100	\$100
Health Officer	\$700	\$700
Audit Expense	\$8,600	\$10,000
Dues (MMA, \$4000)	\$8,700	\$10,000
Computer Licensing	\$12,525	\$14,000
Computer Maintenance	\$2,850	\$4,240
Security System	\$300	\$1,000
Cemetery Lots/Maintenance	\$10,945	\$10,945
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	\$1,607	\$1,631
Fryeburg Rescue	\$38,818	\$43,234
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$149,320	\$179,000

Budget Committee Recommendation: 10-0-1

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 for the non-fixed costs portion of **Administrative expenses.**

Non-fixed costs-Administrative Expenses	2022/2023	2023/2024
Service Charges	\$3,500	\$3,500
Ballot Clerks	\$2,500	\$2,500
Mileage/Fuel	\$2,000	\$2,000
Contingency	\$3,000	\$3,000
Election Expense	\$2,700	\$2,700
Tax Map Update	\$1,500	\$10,000
Town Report	\$1,000	\$1,000
Seminars & Training	\$1,500	\$1,500
Legal	\$25,000	\$25,000
General Assistance	\$5,000	\$5,000
Office Expense	\$15,000	\$15,000
Computer replacement	\$2,000	\$2,000
Cellphones-fd & hotspot, pw, aco, rec + ceo	\$0	\$4,800
Memorial Flags & Markers	\$1,500	\$1,500
Abatements	\$3,000	\$5,000
Street Lights	\$9,600	\$10,000
Veteran's Grave Repair	\$500	\$500
TOTAL PROPSED	\$79,300	\$95,000

Budget Committee Recommendation before cellphones: \$90,200 11-0-0

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$49,500 for the overall operation of the **Fire Department**.

Fire Department	2022/2023	2023/2024
Volunteer Firefighters Insurance	\$500	\$550
Electricity	\$1,500	\$2,500
Heat (oil)	\$8,000	\$8,000
Training	\$1,500	\$1,500
Dues	\$600	\$1,000
Telephone/DSL	\$2,000	\$1,500
Maintenance – Building	\$1,500	\$1,000
Maintenance – Vehicle	\$5,000	\$5,000
Equipment	\$10,000	\$15,000
Computer/Software	\$2,500	\$2,500
Emergency Preparedness	\$100	\$100
Hydrants	\$250	\$250
Fire Hose	\$500	\$500
Hepatitis Vaccine/Medical	\$100	\$100
Safety Gear	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$44,050	\$49,500

Budget Committee Recommendation: 10-0-0

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$57,616 to transfer to the Fire Dept capital improvement account to make financing payments for the new fire engine.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$30,000 to be divided into the three (3) Capital Improvement Accounts.

Moved and Seconded. After much discussion an amendment was made To the Article to read: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$30,000 to be divided equally into the three (3) Capital Improvement Accounts."

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, in the name of the Town of Brownfield for the purpose of planning and designing a new **Public**

Safety Building at Spring Street, any construction would be pending the approval of the Congressional Direct Spending Fund.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$3,100 for the operational expenses of the Animal Control Office.

Animal Control Office	2022/2023	2023/2024
Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,800
Cell Phone	\$900	0
Training	\$500	\$600
Mileage	\$1,500	\$1,700
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$4,400	\$3,100

Budget Committee Recommendation: 11-0-0

Moved and Seconded. After a discussion about an addition error. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to carry over \$480,464 and raise and appropriate the amount of \$350,500 for the overall operation of the **Public Works Department.**

Public Works Department	2022/2023	2023/2024
Telephone/DSL	\$2,000	\$2,000
Electricity	\$2,500	\$3,100
Heating Oil	\$5,500	\$7,200
Vehicle Fuel – Diesel	\$30,000	\$35,000
Vehicle Fuel – Gasoline	\$6,500	\$6,500
Maintenance – Garage	\$5,000	\$7,000
Maintenance – Office	\$7,000	\$7,000
Maintenance – Fire Protection	\$1,000	\$1,000
Maintenance – Vehicles	\$55,000	\$65,000
Maintenance – Radios	\$600	\$600
Tool Replacement	\$5,500	\$5,500
Screened Salt & Sand	\$80,000	\$80,000
Gravel	\$15,000	\$15,000
Culverts	\$8,500	\$8,500
Cold Patch	\$1,000	\$1,000
Office supply	\$500	\$500
Bridge Repair	\$10,000	\$10,000
Brush Control / Equip. Rental	\$20,000	\$25,000
Signs	\$1,000	\$1,000
Calcium	\$6,000	\$10,000
Parks & Memorials – Mowing	\$6,000	\$6,600

Parks & Memorials – Porta Pots	\$2,000		\$2,000
Parks & Memorials – Electricity	\$250		\$300
Security	\$500		\$500
Erosion Control	\$500		\$500
Safety Equipment	\$1,500		\$1,500
Drug & Alcohol Testing	\$500		\$500
Training	\$1,000		\$1,000
Uniforms	\$5,000		\$6,200
Miscellaneous	\$1,500		\$1,500
Road Sealing	\$8,500	200	\$9,000
Guardrails	\$5,000		\$5,000
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$294,850		\$325,500
Paving Projects	\$360,000	carry over	\$360,000
Road Improvements	\$25,000		\$25,000
Road Gravel	\$140,000	carry over	\$120,464
GRAND-TOTAL PROPOSED	\$819,850		\$830,964

Budget Committee Recommendation: 10-0-1

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$203,560 for the overall operation of the **Transfer Station** with any unexpended funds to be rolled over into the Transfer Station Reserve Account.

Transfer Station	2022/2023	2023/2024
Container Rental	\$3,500	\$3,500
Tipping Fees	\$79,000	\$85,000
Demo/Bulky Waste/ Tire Disposal	\$2,500	\$4,000
Trucking	\$75,000	\$80,000
Hazardous Waste	\$1,500	\$1,500
Electricity	\$1,000	\$1,500
Telephone	\$550	\$550
Health & Safety	\$500	\$500
Uniforms	\$3,000	\$3,000
Heat (Propane)	\$1,500	\$2,000
Licensing	\$750	\$750
Misc. / Mileage / Seminars	\$600	\$600
Security	\$360	\$360
Maintenance/Repair	\$7,500	\$15,000
Recycling	\$4,500	\$5,000
Supplies	\$300	\$300
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$182,060	\$203,560

Budget Committee Recommendation: 11-0-0

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to authorize any unexpended funds from the Public Works Budget to be rolled over into the Public Works Capital Improvement Account.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to authorize any unexpended funds from the Selectmen's overlay account be divided into the Capital Improvement accounts.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$160,000 towards paving of roads, bridges, etc. It is recommended to apply all Local Road Assistance Funds (LRAF) received to offset this article.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount \$11,195 to hire a part-time employee to train and work for the Town Clerk/Registrar. This is based upon a pay scale of \$20.00 per hour for 10 hours a week for 52 weeks and includes 7.65% FICA.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$18,204.82 for the Planning Board expenses.

Planning Board Expenses	2022/2023	2023/2024
Mileage/Fuel	\$300	\$300
Seminars	\$750	\$1,000
Land Use Law Books	\$100	\$100
Postage	\$100	\$100
Supplies	\$250	\$250
Advertising	\$600	\$600
Legal	\$15,000	\$15,000
Mapping	\$500	\$500
Software Updates	\$200	\$200
Zoom	\$0	\$154.82
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$17,550	\$18,204.82

**The Planning Board is asking for a total of \$15,000 for Legal so any rolled over money from last year will reduce the amount needed to grant and raise.

Budget Committee Recommendation: 9-0-0

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$ 1,750 for the Assessing Department expenses.

Assessing Department Expenses	2022/2023	2023/2024
Legal	\$750	\$750
Training	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$1,750	\$1,750

The above article was not put before the Budget Committee.

Moved and Seconded. The Assessor Bob Konczal asked to speak And after getting Town permission, He stated that this article can Be removed. Article fails as written.

ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will vote to carry over from last year's budget of \$125,000 the amount of \$62,500 to complete the revaluation process.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$7,450 for the Operational expenses of the Code Enforcement Office.

Code Enforcement Office Expenses	2022/2023	2023/2024
Legal	\$4,000	\$4,000
Training	\$1,500	\$1,500
Supplies	\$0	\$250
Mileage	\$0	\$1,700
TOTAL PROPSED	\$5,500	\$7,450

Budget Committee Recommendation: 9-0-0

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$47,120 for the upkeep and maintenance at the **Brownfield Community Center.**

Brownfield Community Center Expenses	2022/2023	2023/2024
Electric	\$4,800	\$4,800
Telephone	\$1,800	\$2,400

Heating	\$7,200	\$8,000
Security	\$300	\$300
Custodian	\$3,500	\$4,420
Building Maintenance	\$6,000	\$26,000
Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$24,800	\$47,120

Budget Committee Recommendation: 8-0-1

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount \$14,995 for Recreation Department expenses.

Recreation Department Expenses	2022/2023	2023/2024
Advertising	\$200	\$400
Training & Seminars	\$800	\$800
Milage	\$360	\$480
Phone/DSL	\$1,500	0
Community Activities	\$1,200	\$1,200
Sports Equipment / Activities/Uniforms	\$3,500	\$3,500
Background check/Med Supplies	\$500	\$500
Dues	\$375	\$375
Ground Maintenance / Repair / Field Spray	\$6,000	\$6,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,200	\$1,200
Skate Park	\$500	\$500
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$16,135	\$14,995

Budget request with phone: \$16,155 BC Recommendation: \$14,995 11-0-0

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will vote to place all funds collected from the Fitness Center into a rollover account to be used to maintain/upgrade the Fitness Center.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,700 for Water Recreation.

Water Recreation Expenses	2022/2023	2023/2024
Beach / Water Equipment	\$300	\$500
Docks	\$3,500	\$2,500
Swimming Instructor Salary	\$2,400	\$4,800
Swim Aide Stipend	\$1,200	\$2,400
Water Testing	\$500	\$500
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$7,900	\$10,700

Budget Committee Recommendation: 11-0-0 (Recommend use some Boat Excise money).

Moved and Seconded. After much discussion an amendment to To the article to read: To see if the Town will vote to use Boat Exise To offset this article for Water Recreation. Article passes as amended.

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$32,700 for other **In-Town Organizations**.

In – Town Organizations	2022/2023	2023/2024	B C Vote
Brownfield Food Pantry/Southern Oxford County Nutrition, Inc	\$6,700	\$6,700	11-0-0
Brownfield Historical Society	\$1,000	\$1,000	11-0-0
Brownfield Old Home Days	\$2,500	\$5,000	8-0-1
Brownfield Public Library	\$16,000	17,000	\$14,000
Friends of Brownfield Rec	\$2,500	\$3,000	9-0-0
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$28,700	\$32,700	\$29,700

Budget Committee Recommends \$14,000 for the Library: 6-5-0 Budget Committee Total recommendation for the article: \$29,700

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$11,913 for the **Out-Of-Town Organizations**.

Out – Of – Town Organizations	2022/2023	2023/2024
American Red Cross	\$825	\$825
Androscroggin Home Healthcare & Hospice	\$250	\$500
Cancer Resources Center of Western Maine	\$200	\$200
Community Concepts	\$2,000	\$2,200
Main Health – Care at home	\$500	\$500
SafeVoices	\$500	\$550
Seniors Plus	\$500	\$500
Sexual Assault Prevention/Response Services	\$500	\$500
The Life Flight Foundation	\$800	\$816
Tri County Mental Health Services	\$1,500	\$1,500
United Way – Oxford County	\$750	\$750
Visiting Nurse Home Care & Hospice	\$500	\$500
Western Maine Veterans Home (So. Paris & Scarborough) \$500 each	\$1,000	\$1000
White Mountain Adult Day Care (no request this year)	\$2,500	0
White Mountain Community Health Center	\$1,587	\$1,572
TOTAL PROPOSED	\$13,912	\$11,913

Budget Committee Recommendation: 11-0-0

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will vote to rollover any unexpended health insurance premiums to be kept in a health care account to help offset future premium increases.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will vote to charge four percent (4%) interest annually on taxes (and amounts owed to the Town) not paid by November 15, 2023 and May 15, 2024.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate paid by the Town on abated taxes at three percent (3%) for the fiscal year.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will vote to hold its Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 and Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

Moved and Seconded. After much discussion an amendment was made To the article to read: "To see if the Town will vote to hold its Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 and Wednesday, June 12, 2024 With the Open Town Meeting starting at 6PM" Article passes as amended.

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will vote to increase the levy limit established for the town by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment greater than this property tax levy limit.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend any grants and/or donations of money or property providing the donations or grants serve the best interest of the Town.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax process at public sale, except when being sold back to the former owner, or party who has succeeded to the title of the former owner, when a private sale may be utilized. "Public Sale" shall not mean "Public Auction" but shall mean a sale pursuant to such published notice in newspaper of general circulation within the Town as the Selectmen deem appropriate with notification of 30 days prior to the sale. The terms

and conditions of any such sale shall be as the Selectmen deem advisable. In all cases, conveyance is to be made my municipal quitclaim deed.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any town owned personal property, upon such terms and conditions as they deem in the best interest of the Town; all such property with an estimated value of \$500 or more to be sold by bid, notice to be given to the Public by being posted on the town website, posted on the reader board, and in the Town Office.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 40 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,944 for the Recreation Department to add a "2024 Summer Camp, Junior Guide/Outdoorsman Program" The program will be a six (6) week, 8 hr. per day, 3 days a week course. Starting the end of June and ending the first week of August. This will run on opposite days of swim lessons. This program will include fishing, knot tying, shelter building, archery, water/atv safety, foraging, hiking, wildlife preservation, game prep, and other outdoor conservation lessons. 2 registered Maine Guides will lead teaching and assist in the program. Providing the Rec Department meets the qualifications established in the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for disease control and prevention rules relating to youth camps, primitive, and trip camping 10-144 CMR 208 and the State Regulations for Maine License Requirements.

Moved and Seconded. Article fails as written.

ARTICLE 41 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply up to \$700,000 of other income (surplus) received by the Town during the 2022/2023 fiscal year (principally excise taxes, interest on delinquent taxes, state reimbursement income, selectmen's overlay) to reduce the overall amounts to be granted and raised for fiscal year 2023/2024, thereby lowering the taxes needed to be raised by the Town.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

ARTICLE 42 A budget estimate was prepared for the renovation of the Town's Community Center. The estimated cost is \$1,689,434.00. If the Town is successful in its efforts to secure funding through Federal, State, or private sources, and the grantor requires the Town to contribute a portion of the cost, should the Town's voters authorize the Select Board to contribute an amount not to exceed 25%. \$422,358.50.

Moved and Seconded. Article passes as written.

As a point of reference, last year, 372 votes were cast on June 13th, 2023 Election of Officers, and 104 votes were cast on June 14th, 2023 Open Town Meeting.

The Town of Brownfield, Maine:

A true copy, Attest:

Signed by:

Michelle L. Day

Town Clerk