

2026 Brookline Town Meeting **Continued** Conservatives Voters Guide

9:00 am, **Sat, March 28, 2026** - Captain Samuel Douglass Academy, 24 Townsend Hill Rd

Proposed total spending : \$9,614,376, up \$1,078,585 (+12.6%)

2026 Municipal Portion of Property Tax Rate

If the approved and pending proposed spending is approved:

2026 Municipal Rate will increase to \$5.22/1K

(Increase of +\$0.49/1K (12.6%) from 2025 tax rate of \$4.73/1K)

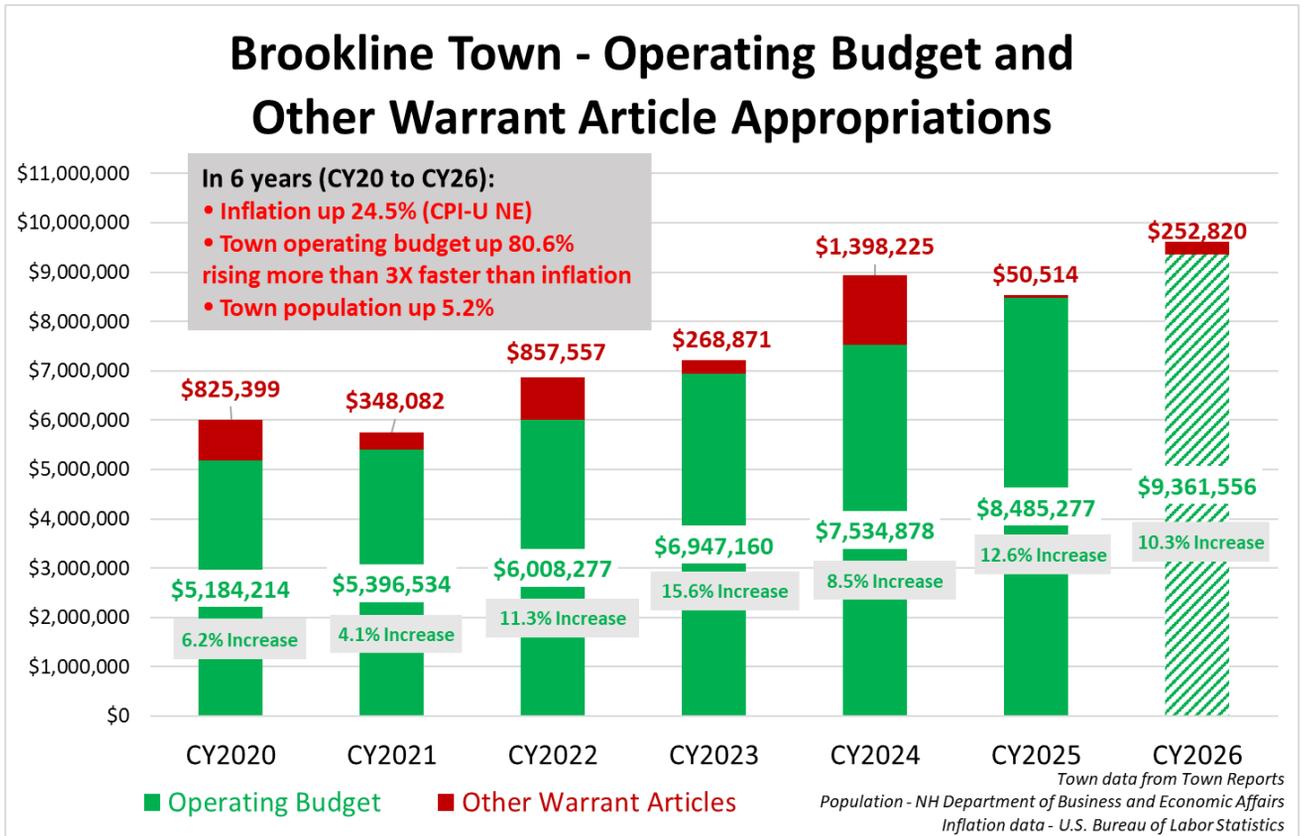
In 2027, another +\$0.23/1K increase for the dam removal bond and 2 new DPW workers

Spending is unsustainable!

Recent five Operating Budget Annual Increases:

11.3%, 15.6%, 8.5%, 12.6%, 10.3%

**We need to pass SB2, town budget cap,
and local tax cap on March 28!**



Pending Warrant Articles

Items in green: conservative action to support
Items in red: conservative action to oppose

Article 8: \$102,666 Two More DPW Employees (\$183,652 annual cost) – Recommend NO
\$60,480 in pay and \$42,186 in benefits for seven (7) months of 2026.
Tax impact of \$0.09/1K (2026), \$0.16/1K (2027 and beyond)

Article 14: \$25,000 for Establishing Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) – Recommend YES
Recommend creating CRF and fund with small amount to fund future public fire safety equipment needs
Tax impact of \$0.02/1K

Article 15: Sell old fire trucks for \$28,350 and fund Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) – Recommend YES
Recommend selling 3 old fire trucks, place expected \$28,350 into existing Fire Truck CRF. **No tax impact**

Article 16: Establish Fire Dept Detail Revenue Revolving Fund – Recommend YES
Good fiscal tool to manage revenues and payments from fire department details. Will be initialized with up to \$5,000 from the town unassigned fund balance (surplus). **No tax impact**

 **Article 26: Adopt SB2 Official Ballot Voting – Recommend YES (1 hr ballot vote at meeting)**
Same system used with Brookline School District. Deliberative Session then all day official ballot voting on all warrant articles. **No tax impact, but increases voter participation and will likely lead to more sustainable budgets.**

 **Article 27: Adopt Town Budget Cap – Recommend YES (1 hr ballot vote at meeting)**
Sets common sense town budget cap at \$1,493 per resident—adjusts annually for inflation and population growth. **No tax impact, but virtually guarantees slower property tax growth.**

 **Article 28: Local Tax Cap for Town – Recommend YES (1 hr ballot vote at meeting)**
Allows tax effort each year to increase by inflation and population growth (tax effort = total expenditures – revenues) **No tax impact, but virtually guarantees slower property tax growth.**

Article 29: Petition to inform NH General Court to ensure costs of services are not shifted onto local taxpayers (Advisory) – Recommend NO

Seeks to send a message to NH General Court about not “down-shifting” costs. In reality, NH General Court has been sending more and more aid to towns.

See 2026 article: ***GOP doubles Rooms and Meals Revenue to NH towns***

<https://gc.nh.gov/senate/newsroom/2026/Senate%20GOP%20doubles%20Rooms%20and%20Meals%20Revenue%20to%20NH%20towns.pdf>

No tax impact.

Article 30: Petition to request NH General Court to establish independent redistricting commission (Advisory) – Recommend NO

Seeks to take away authority of legislature to perform redistricting (every 10 years) and put it in the hands of unelected bureaucrats & activists. Current system by our elected representatives works. **No tax impact.**

Article 31: Petition to inform NH Legislature to collect and publish more data on Education Freedom Accounts (EFAs) (Advisory) – Recommend NO

We know we are successful when we fund students, not systems. EFAs fund students and school choice. Why should public schools get funding when the student leaves? It's common sense that adequacy aid should follow the student, even those in private schools or homeschooled. The public schools say they have accountability but the results are poor and who is held accountable? **No tax impact.**