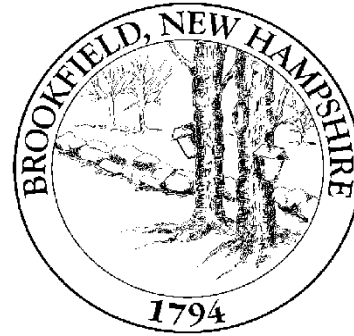




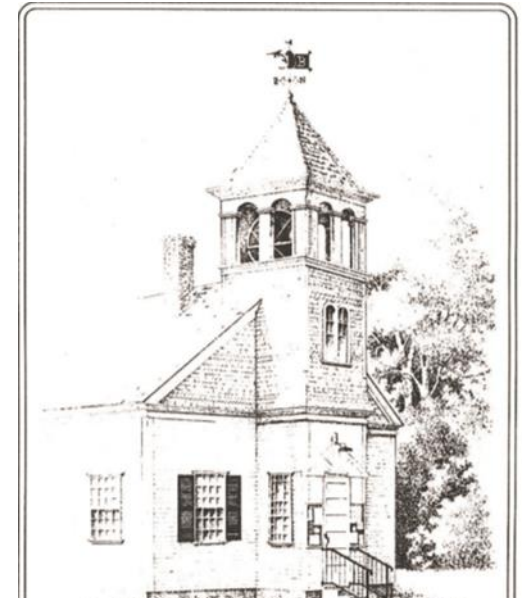
“The Brookfield Town Hall is our most important public building, and given its central role in town affairs, the most historic building in the Town. The Town Hall is also important architecturally as one of the best Victorian or victorianized town halls in the area, and arguably, the best wooden Victorian town hall in the Lakes Region.” (Written by David Ruell in the nomination papers to place the Town Hall on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985)



**Town Seal - Original Pen &
Ink by Judy Brenner**

**Town House - Original Pen &
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TOWN OF BROOKFIELD - HERITAGE COMMISSION

2023 EVENTS

2023 Is The Year We Celebrate our 200 Year Old Town House

Here is a brief history of this building:

- In 1822 a lot was deeded to the Town by Thomas Wentworth for \$ 55.00. The committee raised \$167.61 by subscription for labor & materials.
- The first Town Meeting was held in the new Town House in 1823.
- In 1835 the Town voted to lath and plaster the building and to build pews with doors, a decent pulpit and singers' seats.
- For 17 Years, meetings were held in the Town House without heat of any kind except that from foot warmers brought along by townspeople. In 1840 the Town voted to install a stove, but no money was approved.
- Between 1875 and 1876 two small rooms were added to the front corners – one was a library (now the kitchen) and the other an office.

Here is a partial list of events planned for 2023:

All Events are held in the Town House

April 22, 10 AM – History of the Town House – Town Meeting Warrant Articles from 1823.

May 6, 10 AM – Brookfield Town Gardens – Martha Pike – her day lily gardens; Kate Niewenhous – her English garden.

June 3, 10 AM – Judy Meakin talks about attending the one room **Churchill Schoolhouse**. Dave Towle remembers moving the Schoolhouse to where it rests today.

July 15, 2 PM – Ice Cream Social

August – Church Service

September 9, 5-7 PM – Annual Town BBQ is back!!

October 7, 10 AM – Brookfield Town Graveyards by Robert Servacek

November 4, 10 AM – Treasures from the Archives by Craig Evans

December 9, 9-11 AM – Christmas Breakfast

Check the Town web-site for updates!

Here's a bit more history:

- Since 1823, the Town House has been the major public building in Brookfield. It has been used continuously for Town Meetings, and most years for elections.
- In 1893 the Town voted \$15 to secure the gift of \$100 worth of books from the State and the school board was to act as trustees of the new library. The library functioned until 1941 when the Town voted to turn the library room into the kitchen. We still have many of the library books.
- In 1907, Frank Hutchins offered to give a bell for the Town House. The Town voted to spend \$300 to build the tower. The bell was dedicated June 29, 1908.
- As the only public hall in Brookfield, the Town House has also been the focus of the community's social life, the obvious site for major social gatherings. Dances as well as community suppers are still held regularly in the hall.