

ARTICLE 1 & 2

SELECT BOARD'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

The Select Board considered the petitioner motions under Articles 1 and 2 of the Special Town Meeting. Members expressed concern that these articles were circumventing the budget process, and a process that will be developed for prioritization of the American Rescue Plan funding. One member also expressed a concern that the request was more appropriate coming from the Executive Director of the Brookline Housing Authority (BHA) and that the prioritization of projects should be made by the BHA.

A motion on the Articles failed by a vote of 2-3

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>Aye:</u>	<u>No:</u>
Fernandez	Green
Aschkenasy	Hamilton
	VanScoyoc

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

The following was voted FAVORABLE ACTION by the Advisory Committee:

Article 1

MOVED: That the Town adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Brookline is an affluent community, but 12% of its residents live below the poverty level. Over 30% of its residents struggle to pay their bills. Senior single women and women head of households are especially vulnerable;

WHEREAS, this Warrant Article is about Brookline's humanity and our willingness as a community to help those most in need;

WHEREAS, this Warrant Article seeks to bridge the gap between our aspirations as a progressive community and to actually provide essential services for some of our most vulnerable residents;

WHEREAS, internet access is critical to the health, education and wellbeing of Brookline residents;

WHEREAS, the Brookline Housing Authority lacks to resources, despite its best efforts, to provide WIFI for its residents;

WHEREAS, at least \$140,000 is needed the ensure that all BHA residents have access to WIFI;

RESOLVED THAT: Town Meeting urges the Select Board to use its authority, promptly, to undertake discussions with the Brookline Housing Authority to identify no less than \$140,000 from Brookline resources like, but not limited to, federal stimulus dollars, to upgrade and expand WIFI access at BHA properties.

Article 2

MOVED: That the Town adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Brookline is an affluent community, but 12% of its residents live below the poverty level. Over 30% of its residents struggle to pay their bills. Senior single women and women head of households are especially vulnerable;

WHEREAS, this Warrant Article is about Brookline's humanity and our willingness as a community to help those most in need;

WHEREAS, Brookline Housing Authority has aggressively sought to secure funds to make these essential repairs to its housing with minimal success;

WHEREAS, the kitchens at High Street, Veterans, Trustman and Egmont are in dire need of repairs;

WHEREAS, this Warrant Article seeks to bridge the gap between our aspirations as a progressive community and to actually provide essential services for some of our most vulnerable residents;

WHEREAS, at least \$625,000 is needed to repair a fraction of Brookline Housing Authority's (BHA's) worst state funded housing (25 of 375) kitchens and bathrooms;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. Town Meeting urges the Select Board to use its authority, promptly, to undertake discussions with the Brookline Housing Authority to identify no less than \$625,000 from Brookline resources like, but not limited to, federal stimulus dollars to repair units at BHA.

Roll Call votes:

	Attendance	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3
# Votes Yes	0	24	21	20
# Votes No		0	1	1
# Votes Abstain		1	2	3
Vote Description:		Motion for no action on referral of 17	STM Article 1 amended to "urges" in place of "directs" and "promptly" in place of "60 days" and resources in place of sources	STM Article 2 amended to "urges" in place of "directs" and "promptly" in place of "60 days"
	<i>Enter P for Present</i>	<i>Enter Y, N or A</i>	<i>Enter Y, N or A</i>	<i>Enter Y, N or A</i>
Carla Benka	P	Y	Y	y
Ben Birnbaum	P	Y	Y	y
Harry Bohrs				
Cliff Brown	P	A	Y	y
John Doggett	P	Y	Y	y
Dennis Doughty	P	Y	Y	y
Harry Friedman	P	Y	A	a
David-Marc Goldstein	P	Y	Y	Y
Neil Gordon	P	Y	A	A
Susan Granoff	P	Y	Y	Y
Amy Hummel	P	Y	Y	Y
Alisa Jonas	P	Y	Y	Y
Janice Kahn				
Steve Kanes	P	Y	Y	Y
Carol Levin	P	Y	Y	A
Pam Lodish	P	Y		
Susan Park	P	Y	Y	Y
David Pollak	P	Y	Y	Y
Carlos Ridruejo	P	Y	Y	Y
Lee Selwyn	P	Y	N	N

Kim Smith	P	Y	Y	Y
Alok Somani	P	Y	Y	Y
Claire Stampfer	P	Y	Y	Y
Paul Warren	P	Y	Y	Y
Christine Westphal	P	Y	Y	Y
Neil Wishinsky	P	Y	Y	Y
Chi Chi Wu	P	Y	Y	Y
Mike Sandman	P			