

Brooksville Voters to Face Higher Snow Removal Costs

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BROOKSVILLE — Residents will act on 74 warrant articles at the annual Town Meeting March 3.

A few budget lines have increased this year, including the winter roads account for snow removal, sanding and stockpiling sand. The Budget and Advisory Committee is recommending \$250,000 be put in the account, up from \$190,000 last year.

Selectman Richard Bakeman said most municipalities are facing increased snow removal costs.

The budget also shows an increase in the administration account from \$90,000 to \$103,000. The proposed Brooksville Volunteer Fire Department budget has increased by \$7,000 to \$35,000 this year.

Article 19 will ask residents to appropriate \$15,000 for the support of the Walker Pond access project, a collaboration with Sedgwick to provide access for both towns to Walker Pond. The money would be used for legal expenses to gain a right of way to the waterfront property, Bakeman said.

A related article asks residents

Town Meeting PREVIEW

March 3 at 7 p.m.

**Brooksville Elementary
School**

**Warrant Articles Posted:
at the Brooksville Post
Office, Buck's Harbor Mar-
ket, Snow's Plumbing &
Heating, Bakeman's Garage
and Brooksville Public
Service Building**

to approve spending \$42,000 for the first payment on an \$80,000 loan used to pay Sedgwick half of the assessed value of the land. The loan was approved at a special town meeting in May.

This year's proposed school budget is \$1,695,265, an increase of about .25 percent over the budget approved last year.

Brooksville Municipal Elections

When: March 2, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Brooksville Public Service Building

What: Darrell Fowler is the only candidate for a three-year term as selectman. He is running for the seat long held by Clifford "Kip" Leach, who died in November. Town Clerk Amber Bakeman is running for the post once again. Rhoda Clifford and Yvonne Redman are running for tax collector in the only contested race on this year's ballot. Freida Peasley is running for treasurer. Donald Condon and Christopher Raphael are up for two Planning Board seats. Matthew Dow is the sole candidate for fire chief, a position long held by Bill Leck. Mark Blake is running for road commissioner. Jennifer Chase and Charles Tarr are running for two School Board seats. James Littlefield, Ruth Robinson and Robert Tredwell are on the ballot for three Budget & Advisory Committee seats.