



News Fall 2021

A newsletter to inform, celebrate, promote and contribute to the community of Brookfield.

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Brookfield Old Town Hall Opens - FINALLY!

After being dark for almost two years, our beloved Old Town Hall opened on July 13 for a much-anticipated community pot luck dinner. The hall was filled with chatter and laughter, as neighbors and friends greeted each other, following a long hiatus.

Before that opening could happen, the BCP Board and members of the Events Committee developed COVID safety guidelines to allow for indoor activities to be enjoyed safely. We finalized liability waiver procedures and masking guidelines that made it possible to welcome community members back into the Old Town Hall.

Our creative and hard-working Events Committee planned a terrific variety of community events into the fall. These included Yoga sessions with Deonne Myrick, a Myra Flynn Duo concert, several Movie Nights, Market Day with local vendors, the first Annual Oktoberfest 5K Fun Run, a Vermont Legislative Update Forum, and a Family Spider-Making Art Party, followed by a Family Halloween Trick or Treat party.

Many thanks to our BCP Board, the Events Committee, our loyal donors and business sponsors. We plan to see you back next spring at the Old Town Hall. You can keep track of the activities at the Old Town Hall on our website www.brookfieldoth.org. Thank you to David Doda of Earthcare Technologies, Inc., who designed the website.

And a very special thank you to Ted Elzey for his many years of Board leadership and hard work.

Sincerely,

Perry Kacik, Interim Chair
BCP Board of Directors



Five candidates for the two open seats on Brookfield's newly-expanded selectboard met voters on July 13 for a pot luck dinner and forum at the Brookfield Old Town Hall. On stage from left are candidates Dennis Boggs, Robert Godfrey, Jack Zebora, Brenda Flint, and Kate Threlkeld. (Herald photo/Tim Calabro)

Funds raised

Oct. 2020 - Oct. 2021

<i>Business Sponsors</i>	\$1,700
<i>Events</i>	\$2,500
<i>Individuals</i>	\$12,042
	\$16,242

First Annual Oktoberfest 5K Fun Run

The first Oktoberfest was held at the Old Town Hall in 2019, and it was so popular that we decided to make it an annual event. However, the realities of COVID caused us to change our plans. The Board felt that it was still too risky to hold the event inside this year, so it was decided to plan an outdoor event instead. The Oktoberfest 5K Fun Run became our way of celebrating an Oktoberfest gathering, while avoiding the potential perils of the indoors.

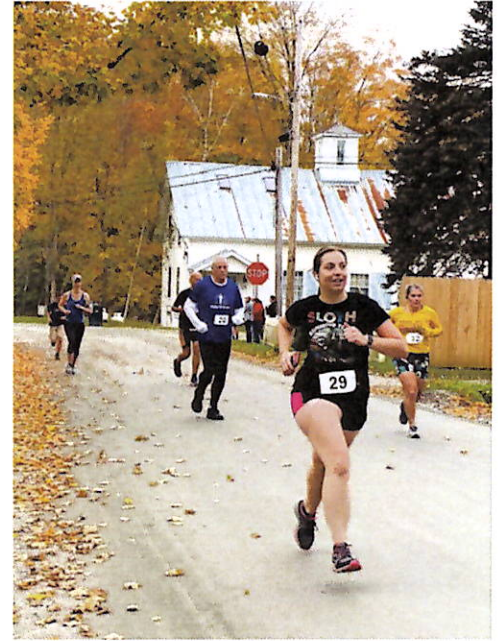
The route was 3.1 miles long with 300 feet of tough elevation gain. The starting horn sounded on the historic Floating Bridge, after which the runners and walkers headed toward the church, looped back up Stone Road, onto Northfield Road, to West Street, and then onto Route 65 to the finish line across the bridge.

There were 36 participants: 32 runners and 4 walkers. The men's winner was Joseph Kill, who finished in a blazing 22 minutes and 15 seconds. The women's winner was Donna Smithers, who finished in 24 minutes and 53 seconds.

Approximately 15 volunteers gave generously of their time. Two police officers provided help with traffic control. One officer was Scott Clouatre from Brookfield, whose involvement began, during the planning phase.

The event would not have been possible without the cooperation of the Brookfield Select Board. Special recognition goes to Pete Mancauskas, who did an excellent job of spearheading the planning and organization of the event from the very beginning.

Thank you to all these friends and neighbors for making the first Oktoberfest 5K Fun Run a smashing success.



Runners zip through Pond Village, during the Oktoberfest 5K Fun Run in Pond Village on October 9.

BCP Endowment Fund Established

The Brookfield Community Partnership has entered into an exciting new phase of our development. In November 2019 we established a self-managed endowment to provide a reliable source of ongoing income to help fund our operations in the future. As of October 2021, there is approximately \$6,200 in the fund.

We would like to grow this endowment to the point where it can generate enough income to pay for a substantial portion of BCP's yearly operating expenses.

If you would like to contribute to the Brookfield Community Partnership Fund, enclose a short note in the reply envelope with your contribution. Please indicate the best way for us to contact you.

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