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Dear Members of the Board of Selectmen and Citizens:

We are pleased to submit to you Brookline Village Walking Tours, an architectural guide to the neighborhoods in and around Brookline Village which has been prepared under the editorial direction of the distinguished architectural historian Margaret H. Floyd.

In the mid and latter nineteenth century Brookline Village was the heart of Town life. Indeed, the growth of the Town from a small country community known as Muddy River to a major Boston suburb can be readily traced in the architecture and history of the Village neighborhoods. Brookline Village Walking Tours presents the buildings as they exist today - varied in age, style, and history, yet an interesting architectural legacy which warrants attention. This information should increase the public awareness of Brookline's heritage and encourage the preservation and maintenance of the Town's neighborhoods.

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