

## **2022 TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

### **Town of Greenfield State of New Hampshire**

On March 8, 2022, Moderator William Nichols, opened the polls at the Meeting House at 10:00A.M. for Town Elections and then lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor of the Checklist, Linda Dodge, announced that the checklist had 1036 names listed.

Moderator, William Nichols, declared the polls closed at 7:00P.M. The results were tallied and reported. A total of 289 Greenfield Voters cast ballots on March 8, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned and will reconvene on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at 9:00A.M. at the Greenfield Elementary School on Forest Road.

The Meeting reconvened, as scheduled, at 9:10A.M. on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Greenfield Elementary School. The Moderator opened the meeting, reviewing the protocols and thanked everyone for coming out. The Girl Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance for us again this year. The Moderator reviewed some rules of the building, no smoking, turn off cell phones etc. If you want to speak, be sure you are recognized and state your name. If you are not a registered voter, you cannot speak. Anyone speaking, please use the microphone so everyone can hear you. The Moderator also informed everyone on how to use the Yes/No tickets they were given in case we have a secret ballot vote and the use of the orange card that voters were given to raise when voting on each article in lieu of a voice vote.

The Moderator introduced the Select Board Members, Robert Marshall, serving as Chair, Michael Borden and Mason Parker. Also, our Town Council, Katherine Heck our Town Treasurer, Dorene Adams our Town Clerk, Aaron Patt our Town Administrator and Catherine Shaw our Office Manager.

There will be a few people speaking today who are not residents. They are Aaron Patt, Town Administrator, Town Council, CJ from the Recycling Center, Rick McQuade, our Fire Chief and Brian Giamarrino our Police Chief. Reminder for all those elected to positions, please come up to get sworn in before we adjourn the meeting.

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

**Select Board Member - 3 Year Term: (Vote for one)** Jason J. Duval 22 votes. Marc "Dave" Thimmel 100 votes. Thomas J. Bascom Jr. 151 votes. Therefore Thomas J. Bascom Jr. was elected for three (3) years.

**Moderator – 2 Year Term: (Vote for one)** Write in votes for Andre Wood 61. Write in votes for Mike Gasper 19. Therefore Andre Wood was elected for Two (2) years.

**Budget Advisory Committee – 1 Year Term: (Vote for one)** Shannon M. Billodeau 256 votes. Therefore Shannon M. Billodeau was elected for one (1) year.

Budget Advisory Committee – 2 Year Term: (Vote for one) Kathleen Seigars 259 votes. Therefore Kathleen Seigars was elected for Two (2) years.

Budget Advisory Committee – 3 Year Term: (Vote for two) Sean Sylvester 219 votes. Therefore Sean Sylvester was elected to a Three (3) year term.

Cemetery Trustee – 3 Year Term: (Vote for one) Write In votes for Roger Lessard 42 votes. Write in votes for Mike Gasper 15 votes. Therefore Roger Lessard was elected for a Three (3) Year term.

Planning Board 1 Year Term: (Vote for one) Timothy J. Schloemer 119 votes. Bow Smith 118 votes. Therefore Timothy J. Schloemer was elected for a One (1) year term.

Planning Board 3 Year Term: (Vote for Two) Catrina A. Mamczak 184 votes. Iris Waitt 148 votes. Therefore Catrina A. Mamczak and Iris Waitt were both elected for a Three year term.

Supervisor of Checklist – 6 Year Term: (Vote for one) Kathleen Seigars 259 votes. Therefore Kathleen Seigars was elected for a Six (6) year term.

Trustee of Trust funds – 3 Year Term: (Vote for one) Kevin R. Taylor 223 Votes. Therefore Kevin R. Taylor was elected to a Three (3) year term.

Library Trustee – 3 Year Term: (Vote for one) Katie Marie Cartier 134 Votes. Sheila Nichols 128 Votes. Therefore Katie Marie Cartier was elected to a 3 year term.

**Article 1(a):** To hear the reports of agents, standing committees, or other officers heretofore, and chosen and to pass any vote relative thereto.

**Article 1(b):** To vote by ballot on the following proposed amendment(s):

#### **Amendment # 1 – Business District Boundaries**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Greenfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section III – Districts. Section B. Business District Boundaries, to include V3-23, the Greenfield Inn Property, as part of the Business District.

*Planning Board note: to modify the business district boundaries consistent with the recommendations in the Greenfield Community Design Charrette, 2014.*

*Proposed Change:*

The Business District, as defined in Section LLL A, shall be bounded as follows: Beginning at the railroad crossing on Forest Road; thence to a point, four hundred (400') feet due north of the crossing; thence Easterly, on a line four hundred (400') feet north of Forest Road, to a point four hundred (400') feet west of Sawmill Road; thence Northerly and four hundred (400') feet west of Sawmill Road. To a point due west of the junction of Sawmill Road and the northern boundary line of V2-3; thence Due east to a point four hundred (400') feet east of Sawmill Road; thence Southerly and four hundred (400') feet east of Sawmill Road, to the south side of Forest Road; thence along the south side of Forest Road to the northeast corner of ~~V3-22, the Library property~~ **V3-23, The Greenfield Inn property**; thence **to follow the eastern boundary of V3-23 to the southeast corner of V3-23**; thence to a point on the southern boundary of V3-23 that is four hundred (400') feet east of Slip Road; thence Southerly on a line four hundred (400') feet east of Slip Road to the railroad right of way; thence Northerly and westerly along the east and north boundaries of the railroad right of way, to the point beginning.

**Amendment #1 Passes with a ballot vote of: 243 YES 26 NO**

**Amendment #2 – Business District Minimum Lot Size**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Greenfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section III – DISTRICTS. Section A. Business District Subsection 1.c. making the minimum lot size in the business district **one quarter (1/4) acre**.

*Planning Board note: to modify the minimum lot size consistent with the recommendations in the Greenfield Community Design Charrette, 2014.*

*Proposed Change:*

c. The lot area shall be no less than ~~one-half (1/2)~~ **one quarter (1/4)** acres and the frontage not less than sixty-five (65') feet, provided, however, that a lot with less acreage or less frontage, or both, which is recorded in the Office of the Registry of Deeds at the time of passage of this amendment shall be deemed a conforming lot. There shall be between the nearest side if any public highway and the extreme front of any building, a setback at least equivalent to the "build-to" line. There shall be between the nearest part of any building or structure on the lot, a rear yard and side yards if not less than twenty (20') feet. There is, however, an exception to these setback requirements. For lots smaller than ~~one-half (1/2)~~ **one quarter (1/4)** acres in area and deemed conforming per the above, setback requirements will be reduced in proportion to the actual lot size divided by the minimum lot size, however, in no case will setbacks be less than the "build-to" line at the front, and twenty (20') feet at the sides and rear. No building addition shall have to be set back from the lot line any further than any existing building on the lot.

**Amendment #2 Passes with a ballot vote of 179 YES 90 NO**

### **Amendment #3 - Adoption of RSA 72:82**

To see if the town will adopt a new construction property tax exemption for commercial or industrial uses or both according to RSA 72:82 within the business and industrial districts. The exemption shall equal 50% of the increase in assessed value attributed to construction of new structures, additions, renovations, or improvements to existing structures. The period of the exemption shall be 5 years. The public benefit from the exemption is to further the economic development of the community by providing incentive to business to build, rebuild, modernize, or enlarge in the town.

**Amendment #3 Passes with a vote of 173 YES 96 NO**

*(end of Zoning Amendments)*

*The Moderator introduced Katherine Heck, our Town Treasurer, and she presented a power point presentation outlining the budget process. A question was asked by a resident what impact Gersh will have on the Taxes, now that Crotched Mountain is no longer there. Aaron Patt, Town Administrator gave an explanation, but summed up that we will not know the exact impact until the property is appraised. The Moderator stated that this discussion is not part of the meeting*

*and that anyone who has questions about this may ask Aaron at another time. The Moderator continued the meeting.*

**Article 2:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thirty Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$130,863)** to support the Recycling Center. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2021 values**) of \$0.76. Allocation as follows:

RECYCLING CENTER - 4324	
Advertising	200.00
Contract Services	
Electronics Recycling	1,450.00
Monadnock Disposal	36,500.00
NRRA/Recycling Services	6,000.00
Total Contract Services	43,950.00
Dues and Certifications	500.00
Education/Conventions	400.00
Electricity	1,600.00
Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	2,000.00
Fuel	300.00
General Supplies	500.00
Glass Disposal	1,400.00
Hazardous Waste	2,110.00
Heating Fuel	1,000.00
Mileage	300.00
Part-Time Wages	25,552.00
Refrigerant Removal	800.00
Safety Equipment/Supplies/Protection	300.00
Supervisor Wages	48,051.00
Telephone	1,300.00
Tire Removal	600.00
Total RECYCLING CENTER - 4324	130,863.00

### **Article 2 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 3:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **Two Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400)** for the purpose of expending funds that will be offset by the Used Oil Collection Grant Assistance Program, to purchase materials and/or obtain services to establish, improve, or operate a used oil collection center in accordance with the terms and conditions of Used Oil Collection Grants at the Recycling Center. (Majority vote required). This article has no tax impact.

### **Article 3 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 4:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$173,500)**, and to place said amount(s) in the existing

Capital Reserve Funds as outlined below. *The Selectboard recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2021 values**) of \$1.01. Allocation as follows:

Capital Reserve Fund Savings:

Assessment CRF	6,000
Fire/Rescue Apparatus CRF	40,000
Highway Equipment CRF	30,000
Library Buildings & Grounds Maint. CRF	10,000
Master Plan CRF	4,000
Meeting House Improvements CRF	50,000
Non-Apparatus Fire Dept. CRF	7,500
Police Vehicle CRF	10,000
Recycling Center Facilities & Equip. CRF	1,000
Town Buildings Maintenance CRF	15,000
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**Article 4 Passes with a show of orange hand cards.**

**Article 5:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Forty Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$140,777)** to support the Fire Department (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2021 values**) of \$0.82. Allocation as follows:

FIRE - 4220

Background Checks	150.00
Chief's Stipend	19,976.00
Construction and Props	250.00
Dry Hydrant Maint	1,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	950.00
Electricity	4,600.00
Equipment	8,050.00
Equipment Repairs	1,250.00
Equipment Replacement	3,000.00
Explorer Post	500.00
Fire Fighter/Rescue Stipends	33,376.00
Fire Prevention	200.00
Forest Fire Equipment	500.00
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	1,250.00
General Supplies	500.00
Heating Fuel-Oil	4,700.00
Medical Supplies	2,000.00
Mileage	250.00
Mutual Aid Dispatching	24,500.00
Physicals/Inoculations	200.00
Postage	25.00
Propane	1,100.00

Radio Repairs/Maint.	750.00
Telephone	1,950.00
Training Services	8,750.00
Turnout Gear	6,000.00
Uniform Allowance	2,000.00
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	13,000.00
Total FIRE - 4220	<hr/> 140,777.00

*Questions were asked about the Chief's stipend and why it is a stipend when many years ago it was a salary. Aaron Patt stated the legalities of having a stipend for the Fire Chief instead of a salary, as he is already a Town employee and adding another salary would put him in the bracket of overtime.*

**Article 5 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 6:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a Five-Year lease agreement in the amount of **One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seventy-Three Dollars (\$123,073)** for the purpose of purchasing SCBA Air Packs for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$26,500)** for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease has a municipal escape clause. (Majority vote required) This article has a tax impact (2021 values) of \$0.15.

**Article 6 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 7:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand, Eighteen Dollars (\$278,018)** to support the Police Department. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2021 values**) of \$1.61. Allocation as follows:

POLICE - 4210	
Chief's Salary	85,677.00
Dispatch Services - 911	18,500.00
Equipment	4,000.00
Full-Time Wages	122,441.00
Gasoline	9,000.00
General Supplies	2,600.00
Over-Time Wages	4,000.00
Part-Time Wages	20,000.00
Police Prosecutor	2,500.00
Postage	300.00
Radio Repair/Maint.	500.00
Telephone	3,000.00
Training Services	2,500.00
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	3,000.00
Total POLICE - 4210	<hr/> 278,018.00

**Article 7 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 8:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million Seventy-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$1,079,672)** to support the Operation

and Maintenance of the Town. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2021 values**) of \$6.77. Allocation as follows:

BLDG INSP / Code Enforcement	17,873
Cemeteries	8,175
Conservation/Town Forest	1
Conservation	5,325
COVID-19	1
Emergency Management	5,000
Executive	146,050
Financial Administration	82,301
Gen. Gov. Buildings	96,171
Health Agencies	3,325
Insurance	52,251
Interest Long Term Notes	14,517
Interest T.A.N	1
Capital Outlay -Buildings	1
Legal	20,000
Oak Park Committee	1,000
Other Debt Service	7,035
Other General Government	61,675
Parks & Rec.	23,235
Patriotic Purposes	1,100
Personnel Administration	390,000
Planning Board	8,901
Principal Long Term Bonds	82,000
Regional Associations	3,388
Street Lighting	7,500
Welfare Administration	34,715
Zoning Board	8,130
Total Expense	<hr/> 1,079,672

## **Article 8 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 9:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ninety Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$99,477)** for the purpose of providing Ambulance Service to the Town of Greenfield. This amount represents year one of a 3 year contract extension with the current provider, the Wilton Ambulance Service. If Article 10 passes, this article will be null and void. (Majority vote required). This article represents a tax impact (2021 values) of \$0.58.

*Discussion ensued: Questions to the Fire Dept., if they were happy with Wilton's service. Yes they are. Janice Pack spoke about Wilton possibly moving the Ambulance service into the Wilton Fire Dept. building, thus the expense for the current building would not be needed. Wilton Ambulance will take you to the Hospital of your choice. Peterborough Ambulance takes you to Monadnock Comm. Hospital. Contract with Wilton is 3 years, while Peterborough is a 5 year*

*and you can not get out of the contract with either of them. Questions arose about what the cost will be in a few years. Peterborough is looking to build a new Fire Station and will the cost for ambulance service go up and if so how high? Those questions cannot be answered at this time. Robert Marshall and Mason Parker were not in favor of Wilton because the administrative dealings were slow and they did not think the service will be able to continue with the current management. Discussion continued until a resident called to move the vote.*

## **Article 9 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 10:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars \$65,832** for the purpose of providing Ambulance Service to the Town of Greenfield. This amount represents year one of a five year contract with Peterborough Fire and Rescue. (Majority vote required). This article represents a tax impact (2021 values) of \$0.38.

*Discussion ensued: Questions arose as to what happens if Wilton fails. Mason pointed out they have no say in Wilton contract and he believes Peterborough is the better choice. The vote was moved.*

*A petition of 5 residents for a Secret Ballot was presented to the Moderator. The Moderator explained the use of the Yes/No cards and took a ten minute break while the secret ballot vote was taking place. The Supervisors of the Checklist tallied the votes.*

**Article 10 Fails with a Secret Ballot Count    NO 47    YES 41**

**Article 11:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$528,671)** to support the Department of Public Works. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2021 values**) of \$3.36. Allocation as follows:

DPW -

4311

Advertising	250.00
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Buildings & Grounds Maint.

DPW Building Maint.	5,250.00
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Fire Station Building Maint.	4,500.00
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Library Building Maint.	3,400.00
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Meeting House Building Maint.	8,900.00
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Oak Park + Beaches Maint.	5,500.00
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Old Town Office Building Maint.	1,000.00
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Recycling Center Building Maint	2,400.00
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Town Office Building Maint.	1,000.00
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Total Buildings & Grounds Maint.	31,950.00
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Calcium Chloride - Summer	10,000.00
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Contract Services	6,200.00
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DPW Director Salary	65,835.00
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Drainage Material	3,800.00
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Drug/Alcohol Testing	400.00
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Dues and Subscriptions	150.00
Education/Conventions	800.00
Electricity	3,600.00
Equipment Rental	4,800.00
Full-Time Wages	150,365.00
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	25,000.00
General Supplies	2,900.00
Gravel/Stone	20,000.00
Heat	4,000.00
Mileage	800.00
Over-Time Wages	15,000.00
Part-Time Wages	6,000.00
Protective Clothing	1,300.00
Road Maintenance/Gravel	65,000.00
Safety Equipment	800.00
Salt	20,000.00
Sealing & Tarring	2,500.00
Small Tools & Equipment	2,400.00
Street Signs	1,500.00
Telephone	3,000.00
Tree Trimming	1.00
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	31,500.00
Welding Supplies	1,000.00
Wetlands Engineer	3,000.00
Winter Maintenance	11,500.00
W.A. '20 #11 2020 Dump Truck	33,320.00

Total DPW - 4311

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528,671.00

#### **Article 11 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 12:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000)** for the purpose of providing Road Paving and/or Reconstruction. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2021 values**) of \$0.73.

#### **Article 12 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 13:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** for the purpose of providing Gravel Road Repair and/or Maintenance throughout the town. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2021 values**) of \$0.15.

#### **Article 13 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 14:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** for the purpose of purchasing a CAT938M Loader with a lease purchase

agreement in the amount of \$222,500 less \$30,000 for trade in, for a total of \$192,500; with five years of payments in the amount of \$42,261.55 annually. This lease has a municipal escape clause. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact of **(2021 values)** of \$0.15.

#### **Article 14 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 15:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000)** for the purpose of Chip Sealing Paved Roads throughout the town. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact **(2021 values)** of \$0.32.

#### **Article 15 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 16:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500)** and place said amount in the existing Forest Fire Fighters Expendable Trust Fund. *The Selectboard recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact **(2021 values)** of \$0.003.

#### **Article 16 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 17:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Forty -Three Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$143,242)** to support the Stephenson Memorial Library (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact **(2021 values)** of \$0.86. Allocation as follows:

##### **LIBRARY - 4550**

Books/Print/Digital Collections	4,500.00
Clerical Wages	960.00
Computer Support/Maint.	3,000.00
Computer Technology	2,000.00
Director Salary	44,594.00
Dues & Professional Expenses	1,000.00
Electricity	5,000.00
Fire/Security System	800.00
General Supplies & Postage	4,000.00
Heating Fuel	5,500.00
Legal	1,500.00
Marketing	300.00
Mileage	500.00
Office Equipment	400.00
Part-Time Wages	63,513.00
Post-Office Box	100.00
Programs/Entertainment	2,700.00
Sewer Fees	675.00
Telephone	2,200.00
Total LIBRARY - 4550	143,242.00

#### **Article 17 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 18:** To see if the town will vote to **adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:11-a authorizing that all money received from a library's income-generating equipment shall be retained by the library in a non-lapsing fund** and used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment. This authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting. This article has no tax impact.

*The Moderator informed the voters that this article was not written in accordance with RSA's, which town council agreed, but that the DRA will take the voters intent and that the residents can vote on it.*

### **Article 18 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 19:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$39,492)** to fund the operation of the Town Clerk's office. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2021 values**) of \$0.23.

ELECT./REG./VITAL STAT.- 4140	
Computer Equipment	100.00
Computer Support/Maint. INTW	2,522.00
Dues and Subscriptions	20.00
Education/Conventions	1,000.00
Elections	4,000.00
General Supplies	3,000.00
Mileage	150.00
Postage	1,200.00
Town Clerk Deputy/MA Wages	7,000.00
Town Clerk Salary/Wages	19,000.00
Vital Statistics	1,500.00
Total ELECT./REG./VITAL STAT.- 4140	39,492.00

### **Article 19 Passes with a show of orange hand cards.**

**Article 20:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for the purpose of providing a stipend to a Recreation Director. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact of \$0.003

### **Article 20 Passes with a show of orange hand cards**

**Article 21:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Michael Borden gave a short speech, thanking Robert Marshall for his many years of service on the Select Board and other committees he has served on. Residents applauded and gave a standing ovation to show there appreciation.

Linda Dodge thanked William Nichols for his service as Moderator, especially during the 2020 elections, when things were very difficult.

The Moderator swore in all elected officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorene Adams  
Town Clerk  
Greenfield, NH