

2023 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Town of Greenfield State of New Hampshire

On March 18th, Assistant Moderator, William Nichols, called the Town Meeting to order at 9:00AM, at the Meeting House. He announced that the Town Elections were postponed to March 28th, 2023, at The Meeting House, 10:00AM to 7:00PM, due to the snow storm on March 14, 2023.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by the Greenfield Girl Scouts. The Assistant Moderator read the ground rules of the meeting and explained the use of the hand count cards that the voters were given, as well as directing all questions to the Assistant Moderator.

Katherine Heck, our town Treasurer, gave a detailed presentation and explained the Town's budget.

The Assistant Moderator introduced the Select Board, Mike Borden, Thomas Bascom and Mason Parker, as well as Dorene Adams, Town Clerk.

The Thomas Bascom, Select Board, made opening comments about all the things that went on during the past year, such as Oak Park having a lot of activities, Sunset Lake, many residents have signed up for broadband and the DPW getting a lot of work done in Town, and especially after the snow storm. Mason Parker, Select Board, commented about the budget and how they are moving away from a flat budget and towards building a budget for what our Town needs and reflecting what those things actually cost and what the residents expect, which will service the Town going forward into the future.

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 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Seven Dollars (\$158,207)** to support the Recycling Center. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2022 values**) of \$0.87. Allocation as follows:

RECYCLING CENTER - 4324	
Advertising	200
Contract Services	
DC Slocomb / MXD Paper	2,080
Electronics Recycling	1,450
Monadnock Disposal	56,885
NRR/Recycling Services	6,000
Total Contract Services	66,415
Dues and Certifications	500
Education/Conventions	400
Electricity	1,890
Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	2,000
Fuel	480
General Supplies	500
Glass Disposal	1,400

Hazardous Waste	2,110
Heating Fuel	1,000
Mileage	300
Part-Time Wages	26,300
Refrigerant Removal	800
Safety Equip/Sppl/Protection	300
Supervisor Wages	51,412
Telephone	1,300
Tire Removal	900
Total RECYCLING CENTER - 4324	<u>158,207</u>

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 up to **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** for the purpose of purchasing Storage Facility, at the Recycling Center. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2022 values**) of \$.05.

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 **Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$223,500)**, 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 (**2022 values**) of \$1.23. Allocation as follows:

Capital Reserve Fund Savings:

Assessment CRF	6,000
Fire/Rescue Apparatus CRF	50,000
Highway Equipment CRF	50,000
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	20,000
Recycling Center Facilities & Equip. CRF	1,000
Town Buildings Maintenance CRF	<u>25,000</u>
	223,500

Article 5 Passes with a show of orange hand cards

Article 6: 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 (**2022 values**) of \$0.003.

Article 6 Passes with a show of orange hand cards

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to establish an Emergency Energy Expendable Trust Fund to provide fuel for electricity generation, heating, cooling and for vehicles and equipment in an emergency, and to appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000)** from fund balance, and to place said amount in the newly established Emergency Energy Expendable Trust Fund as outlined. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend and annually to allow funds from the Emergency Management budget to lapse to this fund at year-end unless otherwise allocated by the Selectboard. *The Selectboard recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has no tax impact.

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 Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$189,941)** to support the Fire Department (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2022 values**) of \$1.04. Allocation as follows:

FIRE - 4220

Background Checks	150
Chief's Stipend	19,976
Construction and Props	250
Dry Hydrant Maint	1,000
Dues & Subscriptions	950
Electricity	6,600
Equipment	6,900
Equipment Repairs	1,500
Equipment Replacement	2,800
Explorer Post	1
Fire Fighter/Rescue Stipends	40,000
Fire Prevention	200
Forest Fire Equipment	500
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	2,000
General Supplies	900
Heating Fuel-Oil	11,500
Medical Supplies	2,000
Mileage	100
Mutual Aid Dispatching	25,500
Physicals/Inoculations	200
Postage	25
Propane	1,500
Radio Repairs/Maint.	750
Telephone	2,400
Training Services	8,750
Turnout Gear	12,000
Unanticipated Grant Expenditure	1
Uniform Allowance	2,500
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	13,000

W.A. '22 #6 SCBA FD Air Packs	25,988
Total FIRE - 4220	189,941

Article 8 Passes with a show of orange hand cards

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to change the Fire Department Chief's wages, previously capped by Town Meeting, to wages set by the Selectmen based on qualifications, experience, and performance. This change to begin in 2023. RSA 154:1. (Majority Vote Required).

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 **Two Hundred Ninety Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$290,977)** to support the Police Department. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2022 values**) of \$1.60. Allocation as follows:

POLICE - 4210	
Chief's Salary	91,674
Dispatch Services - 911	18,500
Electricity	1
Full-Time Wages	129,400
Gasoline	9,000
General Supplies	2,600
Heat	1
Officer Equipment	4,000
Over-Time Wages	4,000
Part-Time Wages	20,000
Police Prosecutor	2,500
Postage	300
Radio Repair/Maintenance	500
Sewer Fees	1
Telephone	3,000
Training Services/Supplies	2,500
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	3,000
Total POLICE - 4210	290,977

Article 10 Passes with a show of orange hand cards

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million, Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$1,262,571)** to support the Operation and Maintenance of the Town. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2022 values**) of \$6.58. Allocation as follows:

Ambulance	63,732
Building Inspector / Code Enforcement	18,882
Cemeteries	17,425
Conservation/Town Forest	1
Conservation	5,100
Health Emergencies / COVID-19	1
Emergency Management	7,000

Executive	176,697
Financial Administration	64,901
General Government Buildings	101,821
Health Agencies	3,325
Insurance	55,393
Interest Long Term Notes	27,263
Interest T.A. N	1
Capital Outlay - Buildings	1
Legal	18,000
Oak Park Committee	2,000
Other Debt Service	7,035
Other General Government	80,675
Parks & Recreation	40,650
Patriotic Purposes	1,100
Personnel Administration	469,082
Planning Board	8,901
Principal Long-Term Bonds	38,900
Regional Associations	3,415
Street Lighting	7,700
Welfare Administration	37,940
Zoning Board	5,630
Total Expense	<u>1,262,571</u>

Article 11 Amendment Submitted to reduce the amount of Article 11 to \$1,114,452
After much discussion, **Article 11 Amendment Failed by show of orange hand cards**

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 **Six Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$664,258)** to support the Department of Public Works. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2022 values**) of \$3.65. Allocation as follows:

DPW - 4311	
Advertising	250
Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	
DPW Building Maint.	7,000
Fire Station Building Maint.	5,000
Library Building Maint.	3,400
Meeting House Building Maint.	6,900
Oak Park + Beaches Maint.	12,000
Old Town Office Building Maint.	2,500
Recycling Center Building Maint.	5,000
Town Office Building Maint.	7,000
Total Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	<u>48,800</u>
Calcium Chloride - Summer	11,000
Contract Services	20,500
DPW Director Salary	70,443
Drainage Material	11,000

Drug/Alcohol Testing	1,900
Dues and Subscriptions	150
Education/Conventions	1,000
Electricity	4,200
Equipment Rental	7,550
Full-Time Wages	139,360
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	34,800
General Supplies	2,900
Gravel/Stone	20,000
Heat	8,000
Hydraulics	3,000
Mileage	800
Over-Time Wages	15,000
Part-Time Wages	20,000
Protective Clothing	1,300
Road Maintenance/Gravel	53,000
Safety Equipment	1,000
Salt	22,000
Sealing & Tarring	6,000
Shop Hardware	6,000
Small Tools & Equipment	2,400
Street Signs	2,000
Telephone	3,000
Tree Trimming	10,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	50,000
Welding Supplies	1,000
Wetlands Engineer	4,000
Winter Maintenance	10,000
W.A. '20 #11 2020 Dump Truck	33,320
W.A. '22 #14 Loader	38,585
Total DPW - 4311	<hr/> 664,258

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 **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000)** for the purpose of providing Road Paving and/or Reconstruction. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2022 values**) of \$1.10.

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 **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 (**2022 values**) of \$0.14.

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 **Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000)** for the purpose of Chip Sealing Paved Roads throughout the town. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2022 values**) of \$0.30.

Article 15 Passes with a show of orange hand cards

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Fifty -Two Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$152,378)** to support the Stephenson Memorial Library (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2022 values**) of \$0.85. Allocation as follows:

LIBRARY - 4550

Books/Print/Digital Collections	4,000
Clerical Wages	960
Computer Support/Maintenance	2,600
Computer Technology	2,000
Director Salary	46,824
Dues & Professional Expenses	1,000
Electricity	7,000
Fire/Security System	800
General Supplies & Postage	4,000
Heating Fuel	7,390
Legal	1,000
Marketing	200
Mileage	500
Office Equipment	400
Part-Time Wages	68,000
Post Office Box	104
Programs/Entertainment	2,700
Sewer Fees	700
Telephone	2,200
Total LIBRARY - 4550	<u>152,378</u>

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 **Forty-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$43,892)** to fund the operation of the Town Clerk's office. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2022 values**) of \$0.24.

ELECT. /REG./VITAL STAT.- 4140

Computer Equipment	1,500
Computer Support/Maintenance INTW	2,522
Dues and Subscriptions	20
Education/Conventions	1,400
Elections	
Elections - Other	<u>2,000</u>
Total Elections	2,000
General Supplies	3,000
Mileage	150

Postage	2,100
Town Clerk Deputy/MA Wages	10,000
Town Clerk Wages	19,000
Vital Statistics	2,200
Total ELECT. /REG./VITAL STAT.- 4140	<u>43,892</u>

Article 17 Passes with a show of orange hand cards

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to establish a Legal Defense & Consulting Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of extraordinary legal fees, defense, consulting, and assessment/appraisal and to raise and appropriate **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000)** to put in the fund, with this amount to come from Fund Balance; further to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required). This article has no tax impact.

Article 18 Passes with a show of orange hand cards

Article 19: Shall the Town readopt the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$300? (Majority vote required)

Article 19 Passes with a show of orange hand cards

Article 20: Shall the Town modify the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$300 per year to \$750? If passed, the modification will take effect on April 1, 2023. (Majority vote required)

Article 20 Passes with a show of orange hand cards

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

- Select Board asked if voters wanted articles related to the DPW to be included in the DPW budget or continue to do separate articles. The reason for separate articles is to keep that money budgeted for the specific item. Most agreed it should be kept separate.
- When the meeting is adjourned, there will be a special Oak Park presentation.
- Friends of the Meeting House, Chair, Sheldon Pennoyer, spoke briefly about the fundraising they are doing to raise money for the Meeting House. The Friends of the Meeting House Website has information for those interested in what they are doing. There will be a meeting with the architect on Sat. April 1st 11-1 for anyone interested.
- Mike Borden, Select Board member, let the voters know that he is involved in conversations with the School Board about the Elementary Schools and future plans for them and will keep us posted.
- Jeff LaCourse, our new Fire Chief, thanked everyone for coming to Town Meeting and all those who are involved in running it.
- Bruce Dodge, Library Trustee. Let everyone know that the Library has a teen game night and programs, pollinator garden and will have a screened in area for Spring/Summer/Fall for outdoor reading. They are also working on plans for the parking lot, which the Library is funding.
- Numerous residents made comments on how thankful they were to our DPW crew for keeping the roads cleared during the storm and for the Fire Dept. that got called out on calls many times during that storm.

The Town Meeting was adjourned at 11:59am, with the Town Elections to be held on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023.

On March 28th, 2023, Town Meeting was reconvened, by Moderator Andre' Wood. The polls were open at the Meeting House at 10:00AM for Town Elections. Linda Dodge, Supervisor of the Checklist, announced that the checklist had 1067 registered voters. The Moderator lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Select Board Member – 3 Year Term: (Vote for one) Mason K. Parker 163 votes. There were 7 write ins and 18 did not vote. Therefore Mason K. Parker was elected for two (3) years.

Budget Advisory Committee – 1 Year Term: (Vote for one) There were 18 write in votes and 170 did not vote. Therefore the position remains open.

Budget Advisory Committee – 2 Year Term: (Vote for one) There were 12 write in votes and 176 did not vote. Therefore the position remains open.

Budget Advisory Committee – 3 Year Term: (Vote for two) Janice Pack 153 votes. There were 6 write in votes and 217 did not vote. Therefore Janice Pack was elected for three (3) years.

Cemetery Trustee – 3 Year Term (Vote for one) William B. Nichols 165 votes. 23 did not vote. Therefore William B. Nichols was elected for three (3) years.

Planning Board – 3 Year Term (Vote for two) Robert Walling 98 votes. Bow R. Smith 112 votes. Nicholas Zotto 95 Votes. 71 did not vote. Therefore Robert Walling and Bow R. Smith were elected for three (3) years.

Library Trustee - 3 Year Term (Vote for one) Britni Chichester 157 votes. There were 3 write in votes and 28 did not vote. Therefore Britini Chichester was elected for three (3) years.

Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 Year Term (Vote for one) Adele M. Hale 168 votes. 20 did not vote. Therefore Adele M. Hale was elected for three (3) years.

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

Amendment # 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Greenfield Zoning Ordinance as follows: The updating of the current Zoning Ordinance Section III, Districts with a unified formatting and grammatical corrections? *(end of Zoning Amendments)*

**Yes votes 150 No votes 30 Did not Vote 8
Therefore the zoning amendment passes.**

Respectfully submitted,
Dorene Adams

Dorene Adams
Town Clerk, Greenfield, NH