

2018 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Town of Greenfield State of New Hampshire

17 March 2018

On March 13, 2018, Moderator, Gilbert W. Bliss, opened the polls at The Meeting House at 10:00 A.M. for Town Elections and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Supervisor of the checklist, Linda Dodge, announced that the checklist had 1208 names. In spite of the snowstorm that day, Greenfield had 255 voters cast ballots.

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

Moderator, Gilbert W. Bliss, declared the polls closed at 7:00P.M. The results were tallied and reported. The meeting was to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Town Meeting reconvened as scheduled. Moderator, Gilbert W. Bliss, called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator then asked that we have a moment of reflection for all the town residents who have passed away during the last year and for those who were unable to attend Town Meeting due to illness. The Moderator introduced the Selectboard members, Margaret A. Charig Bliss, Robert Marshall and Stephen Atherton Jr. Since this was Stephen's last Town Meeting as a Selectman, Stephen was thanked by all for his three years of service to the Town. The Moderator noted Dorene Adams, filling in as Deputy Town Clerk while Town Clerk, Dee Sleeper, is out on sick leave. The Moderator read the house rules and also explained the new use of orange cards when doing hand votes, as they are easier to see when a count is taken. The Moderator reported the election results, also posted at the Town Office, as follows:

OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS:

Selectman for three years: Patria L. LaPree received 42 votes. Stephen M. Atherton Jr. received 94 votes. Karen Day received 117 votes. Therefore, Karen Day is elected for the ensuing three years.

Town Clerk for three years: Anne Setaro received 82 votes. Edith "Dee" Sleeper received 160 votes. Therefore, Edith "Dee" Sleeper is elected for the ensuing three years.

Trustee of Trust Funds for three years: Kenneth Paulsen received 222 votes. Therefore Kenneth Paulsen is elected for the ensuing three years.

Library Trustee for three years: Kathleen Seigars received 240 votes. Therefore, Kathleen Seigars is elected for the ensuing three years:

Cemetery Trustee for three years: Margaret A. Charig-Bliss received 222 votes. Therefore, Margaret A. Charig-Bliss is elected for the ensuing three years.

Planning Board Member for three years (vote for two): Robert Wachenfeld received 209 votes. Therefore, Robert Wachenfeld is elected for three years. One seat remains vacant.

Planning Board Member for two years: Kathleen Carpenter received 218 votes. Therefore, Kathleen Carpenter is elected for the ensuing two years.

Budget Committee Member for three years (vote for two): James Douglas Batty received 211 votes. Therefore James Douglas Batty is elected for the ensuing three years. One seat remains vacant.

Budget Committee Member for two years (vote for one): No one ran for this position and there were not enough write-in votes. Therefore one seat remains vacant.

Budget Committee Member for one year: John E. Moran received 209 votes. Therefore, John E. Moran is elected for the ensuing one year.

School Board Representative for three years: Myron Steere-III received 212 votes. Therefore, Myron Steere-III is elected for the ensuing three years.

Supervisor of the Checklist for six years: Linda Dodge received 224 votes. Therefore, Linda Dodge is elected for the ensuing six years.

Moderator for two years: Gilbert W. Bliss received 198 votes. Myron Steere-III received 17 write-in votes. Therefore, Gilbert W. Bliss is elected for the ensuing two years.

ConVal School District results for the Town of Greenfield only:

Article #1	138	Yes	110	No
Article #2	121	Yes	125	No
Article #3	100	Yes	148	No
Article #4	133	Yes	109	No
Article #5	158	Yes	87	No
Article #6	158	Yes	88	No
Article #7	147	Yes	99	No
Article #8	194	Yes	44	No
Article #9	162	Yes	82	No
Article #10	144	Yes	105	No
Article #11	159	Yes	84	No

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 amendments to the Greenfield Zoning Ordinance.

2018 ZONING AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

NOTE: The purposes of amendment 1 are to include a statement of purpose for the regulation of signs, add a reference to Section IV.B, Professional Uses and Home Occupations, in the sign ordinance to differentiate sign restriction for such use in residences from other business signage, provide clarity in the number of signs permitted and method of illumination, and update a reference to NH statutes.

AMENDMENT 1

Amend Section II. DEFINITIONS, C:

~~["Advertising Sign"]~~ **"Permanent Commercial Sign"** shall mean any display identifying or promoting a business, product, or service, whether such display is freestanding or is attached to a structure or painted thereon.

(Reorder Section II lettering as needed.)

Amend Section IV. GENERAL REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, A:

A. [Advertising] Permanent Commercial Signs:

The purpose of this section is to provide reasonable uniformity in the size and treatment of signs used to call attention to the existence of a business or activity. These regulations are intended to prevent signs from detracting from the overall rural character of the Town, protect the safety and welfare of the public, and recognize the need for adequate business identification in advertising.

Sign size and lighting regulations for home-based businesses can be found in Section IV.B.

No [advertising] **permanent commercial** sign is permitted in any district except in accordance with the terms of a written permit obtained from the Building Inspector. A permit shall be issued, without charge, upon written application showing conformance with the following specifications:

1. Size: ~~[Fifteen (15) square feet or smaller.]~~
 - a. **In the Business District, the maximum sign size shall be fifteen (15) square feet.**
 - b. **Outside of the Business District, the maximum sign size shall be nine (9) square feet.**
 - c. **In the Industrial District, the maximum sign size shall be determined based on the primary use of the property:**
 - i. **Where the primary use of the property is industrial/commercial, the maximum sign size shall align to maximums for the Business District.**
 - ii. **Where the primary use of the property is residential, the maximum sign size shall align to maximums outside of the Business District.**
2. Location: No closer than twenty-five (25') feet to an abutting lot and sited so as not to obstruct the view of traffic.
3. Number: ~~[Except for the Business District, no more than one (1) sign affixed to a building and additionally no more than one (1) sign per lot. In all districts, if the lot fronts on more than one (1) road, at least one (1) sign is permitted on each road. In the Business District and at the discretion of the Building Inspector, multiple signs may be affixed to a building containing multiple businesses but never more than one sign per business.]~~
 - a. **In the Business District and at the discretion of the Building Inspector, multiple signs may be affixed to a building containing multiple businesses but never more than one sign per business.**
 - b. **Outside of the Business District, no more than one (1) sign may be affixed to a building.**
 - c. **In all districts, one (1) additional sign is permitted per lot. If the lot fronts on more than one (1) road, at least one (1) sign is permitted on each road.**
4. Content: Advertisement only of the business being conducted on the premises or products or services supplied there.

5. Lighting: **All lighted signs must meet the requirements set forth in Section IV.M Outdoor Lighting of the Zoning Ordinance. Additionally, only** ~~[No light except]~~ steady white light **directed at the sign** for illumination purposes ~~[only]~~ **is permitted.**
6. If an unusual need exists, the Board of Adjustment may grant a special exception to the size limitation for a sign, which only identifies the location of the business. The Board of Adjustment may grant a special exception to permit signs necessary for giving directions to a business that is not located on a State highway. In considering applications for special exceptions, the Board of Adjustment shall follow the procedure as that prescribed for appeals in New Hampshire RSA [34:74] **674:33.**
7. The foregoing notwithstanding, this section does not apply to signs existing and permitted as of the date of passage of this section.

Yes = 184 No = 58 Therefore Amendment #1 passes.

NOTE: The purpose of amendment 2 is to add clarifying language for external modifications and visible displays in residences related to professional uses and home occupations.

AMENDMENT 2

Amend Section IV. GENERAL REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, B. Professional Uses and Home Occupations, 2:

d. The use shall cause no variation from the exterior residential character of the dwelling or other structure employed in the use. Thus, there shall be no display **of goods** on the structure or in a window, and no other **externally visible** building feature normally associated with a non-residential use (**excluding permitted signs under A. Permanent Commercial Signs**). There shall be no exterior storage of goods or equipment.

Yes = 164 No = 74 Therefore Amendment #2 passes.

NOTE: The purpose of amendment 3 is to clarify conflicting language to explicitly allow Professional Uses and Home Occupations in the Lakeside Village District.

AMENDMENT 3

Amend Section III. DISTRICTS, D. Lakeside Village District, 1:

It shall be a district of residences only. **Professional Uses and Home Occupations, as defined in Section IV.B, are permitted in this district.** Manufactured housing, mobile homes and/or travel trailers used as residences shall not be permitted in this district.

Yes = 168 No = 72 Therefore Amendment #3 passes

NOTE: The purpose of amendment 4 is to align the definition of junkyard with the State of New Hampshire's statutes for Junk Yards. This term is well defined by the State of New Hampshire and our Ordinance already references the appropriate statutes. We are removing conflicting language to conform with these State regulations. This does not change regulation of Junk Yards in the Town of Greenfield.

AMENDMENT 4

Remove Section II. DEFINITIONS, S:

~~["Junk Yard" means any business and any place of storage or deposit, whether in connection with another business or not, which has stored or deposited one or more unregistered motor vehicles which are not longer intended or in condition for legal use on the public highways, or used parts of motor vehicles or old iron, metal, glass, paper, cordage, or other waste or discarded or secondhand material which has been a part or intended to be a part of any motor vehicle, the sum of which parts or material shall be equal in bulk to two or more motor vehicles. "Junk yard" shall also include any place of business, storage or deposit of motor vehicles purchased for the purpose of dismantling and selling the vehicles for parts or for use of the metal for scrap and where it is intended to burn material which are parts of a motor vehicle or cut up the parts thereof.]~~

(Reorder Section II lettering as needed.)

Yes = 190 No = 47 Therefore Amendment #4 passes.

NOTE: The purpose of amendment 5 is to correct references to Professional Uses and Customary Home Occupations by deletion of the word "Customary" as consistent with adopted 2017 zoning amendments.

AMENDMENT 5

Amend Section II. DEFINITIONS, R. Industry:

"Industry" shall mean any non-residential building or land area in which the industrial operations of manufacturing, processing, fabricating, assembly, packaging, finishing, treating, or compounding or similar processes take place or in which are located establishments engaged in the trading of goods and services, except that which is allowed under Section IV.B Professional Uses and [Customary] Home Occupations.

Amend Section III. DISTRICTS, C. Center Village District, 1:

It shall be primarily a district of residences. [Customary] Home Occupations and Professional Uses, as defined in Section IV.B, are permitted in this district. Mobile homes and/or travel trailers used as residences shall not be permitted in this district.

Amend Section III. DISTRICTS, F. General Residence District, 6:

The following businesses will be permitted in this District: buying, selling and exposing for sale home produce and products; maintaining and operating hotels, bed & breakfast inns and day care centers, as well as those defined under Section IV.B Professional Uses and [Customary] Home Occupations.

Amend Section III. DISTRICTS, F. General Residence District, 9:

Industry may be permitted within this District but shall be strictly confined to the Industrial Special Purpose Districts provided therefore, except that which is allowed under Section IV.B Professional Uses and [Customary] Home Occupations.

Amend Section III. DISTRICTS, H. Rural/Agricultural District, 4:

Industry is not permitted in this district. The following businesses will be permitted in this district: Buying, selling and exposing for sale home produce and products. Maintaining and operating hotels, bed & breakfast inns and day care centers, as well as those defined under Section IV.B Professional Uses and [Customary] Home Occupations.

Yes = 182 No = 52 Therefore Amendment #5 passes.

(end of Zoning Amendments)

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to approve the purchase of a Fire Department Tanker Truck at a cost of **Two Hundred Forty Two Thousand Dollars \$242,000** with \$121,300 to be withdrawn from the Fire/Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining \$120,700 to be payable over a term of Five (5) years, beginning in 2019, with an annual appropriation of \$27,000. In each of the following Five (5) years, the appropriation of \$27,000 will be included in the operating budget. This article has no effect on taxation in 2018. *The Selectboard Does Not Recommend (2-1 vote) this article. (2/3 Ballot vote required)*

The Moderator opened the article for discussion. Discussion ensued for about 1 ½ hours. Selectboard Chair, Margaret Charig Bliss, explained why the Selectboard did not recommend the article and why they wanted to let the voters decide. Points made were that she and Selectman Stephen Atherton Jr., did not think it was in the Town's best interest to spend this amount of money at this time. The Town had tried twice for Grants and were rejected. Even if a grant was received, we wouldn't see a Tanker until 2019. Custom made tankers can go for upwards of \$350,000. We were brought a price of \$242,000 for a stock model. With interest, the amount would end up being about \$256,000. She noted that there are other uncertain expenses coming up, such as the Peterborough Ambulance costs, CMRC is suggesting lowering its Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT), the Town Office and Meeting House need maintenance repair, School House Road needs fixing and the Town needs to replace its grader. Families are struggling to afford day-to-day things. This is not the time for a new tanker. However, she noted that the Selectboard is committed to acquiring a tanker using the Capital Reserve Fund savings. If we keep saving, we will be able to get one in the future.

Selectboard member Bob Marshall, spoke in favor of the article. While he agreed with Charig-Bliss, that we need to keep saving money towards the purchase of the equipment we need, the Town also has to take into consideration that we don't have fire hydrants and we need to transport the water needed to the scene. Used tankers are hard to find in good condition at a reasonable price without incurring repair expenses. The Town needs dependable equipment. This price is for a tanker that is basic. No extras. We would have a \$121,000 down payment and make payments on the rest. We need to invest in the future. This will last for 25 – 30 years. We are bringing this before the voters to ask how do you want us to proceed?

Selectboard member Stephen Atherton Jr. said that although he is not in favor of this expense at this time, he is in no way against the Fire Dept. as some may interpret his stance. He fully supports the Fire Dept., but would like to see the voters discuss this and come to a decision on what they want to do. He stated that while on the board for the last three years what he has seen is everyone wanting "new stuff", but we don't have the money saved to buy "new stuff", so we keep getting "old stuff". Yes, it's great to have "new stuff", but you have to save in order to get it. We have a savings plan and we should stick with it and we will eventually have money for "new stuff" if we keep saving.

Chief Hall spoke to the Article in that he has been researching new and used tankers. he said, it's difficult to find a used tanker that will fit our needs and our price range. The new tanker referred to in this Article is a basic stock model that has the working equipment we need to get the job done "with no extra bells and whistles". It comes with warranties and should last us a good 25 – 30 years. Reason for a new tanker: Reliability. This is a public service/safety issue.

Other comments from voters: If the Town buys used it runs the risk of costly repairs and equipment out of service during those repairs. If the Town buys new, it should have quite a while before equipment will need repairs when following regular maintenance schedules. It is the decision of the voters, whether or not they want to appropriate the funds over a five year period.

Question: What is the tax impact over the next five years? Reply from Town Administrator, Aaron Patt: \$27,000 per yr. for 5yrs. Is about 19.4 cents per \$1000.

The Article was moved to a vote. The moderator instructed the voters that this would be a ballot vote and that it required a 2/3 majority vote. The ballot box would be open for one hour. After the hour, we would bring Article 2 back to the floor for the results. The ballot voting on Article 2 began at 10:52 A.M.. A ten minute break was taken while ballots were being cast. The meeting reconvened and the Moderator moved on to the next articles on the warrant until the one hour was up. John Gryval, Assistant Moderator, attended to the ballot box for those who had not yet cast a ballot for the remainder of the hour.

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** and place said amount in the existing Assessment Capital Reserve Fund for the reappraisal of all real estate within the municipality every five years as required by RSA 75:8-a. *The Selectboard recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.07.

Voice Vote: Article #3 Passes

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500)** 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.

Voice Vote: Article #4 Passes

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty One Dollars (\$6,531)** as the third of three annual installments, totaling \$19,591.92, for the purpose of purchasing a paper Compactor at the Recycling Center. This lease agreement was originally approved in 2016 and contains a municipal escape clause. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.05.

Voice Vote: Article #5 Passes

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1000)** and place said amount into the existing Recycling Center Facilities and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.007.

Voice Vote: Article #6 Passes

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twelve Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$112,194)** to support the Recycling Center. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.81. Allocation as follows:

Advertising	300
Contract Services	
Electronics Recycling	1,200
Monadnock Disposal	28,000
Northeast Resource Rec. Assoc.	5,000
Total Contract Services	34,200
Dues and Certifications	450
Education/Conventions	715
Electricity	1,200
Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	2,000
Fuel	250
General Supplies	700
Glass Disposal	950
Hazardous Waste	1,830
Heating Fuel	2,500
Mileage	700
Part-Time Wages	23,000
Refrigerant Removal	500
Safety Equ./Sppl/Protection	600
Supervisor Wages	40,199
Telephone	1,600
Tire Removal	500
Total RECYCLING CENTER	112,194

Voice Vote: Article #7 Passes

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)** and place said amount in the existing Fire/Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. *The Selectboard recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.29.

A Motion was made and seconded to delay the vote on Article #8 until we get the results from Article #2 ballot vote.

Voice Vote: Motion Passes to delay vote on Article #8 and move on to the next article and come back to Article #8 when results from Article #2 are tallied.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)** and place said amount in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. *The Selectboard recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.29.

Voice Vote: Article #9 Passes

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** and place said amount in the existing Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. *The Selectboard recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.07.

Voice vote: Article #10 Passes

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thirty Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$134,460)** to support the Fire Department. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.97. Allocation as follows:

Background Checks	500
Chief's Salary	22,500
Construction and Props	1,500
Dues & Subscriptions	500
Electricity	4,250
Emergency Management	3,000
Equipment	9,500
Equipment Replacement	3,000
Fire Fighter/Rescue Stipends	26,500
Fire Prevention	250
Forest Fire Equipment	500
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	1,250
General Supplies	500
Heating Fuel-Oil	4,000
Medical Supplies	3,250
Mileage	2,000
Mutual Aid Dispatching	20,360
Physicals/Inoculations	500
Postage	250
Propane	1,250
Radio Repairs/Maint.	1,000
Telephone	2,100
Training Services	8,000
Turnout Gear	6,000
Uniform Allowance	2,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	10,000
Total FIRE	134,460

Jeff LaCourse made a Motion to Amend Article 11 to increase the Chief's Salary line item by \$2500 and the Department budget bottom line by \$2500. Motion was seconded.

Discussion ensued. Various comments from voters as follows: The Chief has done a great job, puts in long hours and this is a way to show appreciation. He puts in long hours. Someone said that \$22,500 a year is a pretty good way of showing gratitude. Other towns are not paying volunteer Fire Chief's this much. One voter noted that the Town must look to the future for when the Chief retires, we will need to hire another Chief and we need to be upping

the amount we would pay a Chief in order to attract a replacement. Selectboard Member Charig Bliss noted that this is a volunteer position with a stipend. It was set by the Town Meeting and can be changed by Town Meeting and that you have to be careful when adding to a stipend, as there is a point when the stipend reaches 20% of an equivalent full-time employee's compensation and the Fair Labor Standards Act then considers them employees, not volunteers.

Selectman Atherton stated that he supports the Fire Dept. and the Chief and congratulated them on all they have done on the department, but also clarified that this is a volunteer position that the Chief agreed to when he took the position, and the idea that he's working X amount of hours and should be paid is not applicable.

Selectman Marshall said it seems like we may be on the verge of changing from a volunteer fire department to something else and he's not sure what that is going to look like. It is up to the voters to decide if they want a full-time or part-time employee, or as a stipend volunteer. Motion made and seconded to move the vote on Amendment to Article 11.

Voice Vote: To close to decide. Moderator said a hand count was needed. Explained to voters they would be raising the orange cards for their votes.

Hand Count Vote: 38 = Yes 49 = No Amendment to Article 11 Failed

A question from the audience regarding the wording of the line item for Chief's salary was heard. The question of whether the line item should be amended to "Chief's stipend" instead of 'salary' was made from the floor. The question was referred to Town Counsel. Town Counsel said that now that the question has been raised it should be voted on. An amendment to change the salary line item to read "Chief's stipend" was made and seconded. The Amendment passed.

No further discussion on Article 11.

Voice Vote: Article #11 Passes

Article 2 resumed

The ballot voting on Article 2 was closed at 11:59 A.M. whereupon another recess was taken while the ballots were counted by the Deputy Town Clerk and the Supervisors of the Checklist. The tally was given to the Moderator who read the results to the voters.

Ballot Vote: 67 Yes – 41 No Article #2 Failed (Article needed 71 votes for a 2/3 vote)

Article 8 brought forward

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)** and place said amount in the existing Fire/Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. *The Selectboard recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2017 values) of \$0.29.

John Moran made a motion to Amend Article 8 to increase the amount to go into the Fire/Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund from \$40,000 to \$94,000.

Motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. Various comments: Right now we have to rely on other towns for mutual aid if we need a tanker with a larger water volume, as we do not have a 2500-3000 gallon capacity tanker. We have 3 engines that come close to the total, but do not always have 3 drivers to take all these engines to a scene if needed. It is evident we need a tanker with a larger water capacity. The Selectboard is committed to purchasing a tanker with whatever financial resources they have available, whether new or used. Cost is the issue here, not whether or not we need one. The Chief stated that, thankfully, we have not had any instances where this has caused anyone a hardship and we haven't run into anything we couldn't handle. We will continue to do our best with what we have until we can get a tanker.

Voice Vote: Amendment to Article 8 Passes

Article 8 with Amendment: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ninety Four Thousand Dollars (\$94,000)** and place said amount in the existing Fire/Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.68.

Voice Vote: Article #8 as Amended, Passes

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500)** and place said amount in the existing Fire Department Non-Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing firefighter gear and equipment not associated with the Fire Truck(s)/Apparatus or the Fire Department building. *The Selectboard recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.05.

Voice Vote: Article #12 Passes

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Forty Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars (\$249,958)** to support the Police Department. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$1.80. Allocation as follows:

Advertising	75
Chief's Salary	73,206
Dispatch Services - 911	18,500
Full-Time Wages	98,808
Gasoline	13,500
General Supplies	2,500
Officer Equipment	4,000
Over-Time Wages	4,000
Part-Time Wages	15,000
Postage	300
Radio Repair/Maint.	500
Telephone	3,000

Training Services	2,500
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	4,000
W.A. '17 - #13 Cruiser/SUV 2017	10,069
Total POLICE	249,958

Voice Vote: Article #13 Passes

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** and place said amount in the existing Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. *The Selectboard recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.18.

Voice Vote: Article #14 Passes

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Nine Hundred Twelve Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$912,286)** to support the Operation and Maintenance of the Town. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$6.57. Allocation as follows:

Ambulance	78,015
Building Insp. / Code Enforcement	16,085
Cemeteries	17,215
Conservation	4,050
Executive	118,351
Financial Administration	51,521
General Government Buildings	36,730
Health Agencies	2,825
Insurance	45,465
Interest on Bonds	13,345
Interest TAN	1
Legal Expense	15,000
Other Debt Service	7,035
Other General Government	47,650
Parks and Recreation	14,975
Patriotic Purposes	1,000
Personnel Administration	321,500
Planning Board	9,300
Principal on Bonds	65,000
Regional Association Dues	3,508
Street Lighting	7,400
Welfare Administration	31,165
Zoning Board of Adjustment	5,150
	912,286

Voice Vote: Article #15 Passes

Article 16: 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 (**2017 values**) of \$0.90.

DPW Supervisor, Todd Mason explained the plan to pave East Road, beginning at the corner of Forest/East Roads and the road will take three years to complete.

Questions and concerns about other roads in Greenfield were brought up by voters: Old Bennington Road has needed the cracks filled in for a few years and they have not been done yet. Mason said that he can't speak for past road agents, but that Old Bennington Road is on his list and he has five thousand dollars in his budget for crack sealing and parts of Old Bennington Road will get done this year. Another question was raised about the condition of the dirt part of New Boston Road going to Frankestown. A resident said that road is a short-cut but is used a lot and it's really bad. Mason explained that they have a 60 inch culvert already purchased for that road and will be working on it as soon as the weather allows. Mason mentioned they could put gravel on the road to get by until they can work on it and that he will check it out. Mason told the residents to call the DPW garage with their concerns and problems and talk to him directly.

Voice Vote: Article #16 Passes

Article 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Sixty Four Thousand, Four Hundred Nine Dollars (\$464,409)** to support the Department of Public Works. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$3.35. Allocation as follows:

DPW BLDGS & GRNDS

Buildings & Grounds Maint.

DPW Building Maint.	4,580
Fire Station Building Maint.	2,800
Library Building Maint.	2,704
Meeting House Building Maint.	7,600
Oak Park + Beaches Maint.	5,533
Recycling Center Building Maint	2,200
Town Office Building Maint.	5,070

Total Buildings & Grounds Maint.	30,487
Cell Phone Reimb.	360
Contract Services	1,000
DPW B&G Mgr. Salary	48,805
Dues and Subscriptions	200
Education/Conventions	300
Equipment Rental	1,500
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	500
General Supplies	1,250
Mileage	500
Protective Equipment	300
Signage	500

Small Tools & Equipment	600
DPW ROADS DIV.	
Advertising	500
Calcium Chloride - Summer	3,500
Contract Services	5,000
DPW Roads Mgr Salary	49,250
Drainage Material	4,000
Drug/Alcohol Testing	500
Dues and Subscriptions	100
Education/Conventions	600
Electricity	2,800
Equipment Rental	6,000
Full-Time Wages	85,324
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	21,000
General Supplies	2,700
Gravel	15,000
Heat	3,300
Mileage	500
Over-Time Wages	11,000
Part-Time Wages	6,500
Protective Clothing	1,500
Road Maintenance	65,000
Safety Equipment	500
Salt	20,000
Sealing & Tarring	5,000
Small Tools & Equipment	2,000
Street Signs	800
Telephone	2,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	28,000
Welding Supplies	750
Wetlands Engineer	3,000
Winter Maintenance	5,000
W.A. '13 2014 Dump Truck	26,983
Total DPW	464,409

DPW Supervisor, Todd Mason, gave a brief explanation that he has himself and two others who work this department. He will try his best to take care of everything, but please be patient with them. Comments from voters: Some would like to see employee wages and benefits listed out separately.

Building and Grounds, Rick McQuade, gave a brief explanation on things he will be looking into and working on this year: Installing bird netting under the pavilion at Oak Park to keep the birds from nesting in the rafters and soiling the picnic tables. Repairing the walking track and addressing the tennis court repairs. He is waiting on garden bids to come in, as Mary Ann Grant has retired from heading that up. A question was asked about what the Oak Park Committee is doing. Dorene Adams spoke to that: Nothing is going on with the committee at this point. The committee was originally organized to raise funds, through fundraising, in

order to do improvements at the park. The committee has not meet in a few years and there were only a few members. Dorene suggested the Selectboard look into what they want to see the committee do in the future.

Voice Vote: Article #17 Passes

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twelve Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$112,260)** to support the Stephenson Memorial Library (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.81. Allocation as follows:

Books/Print/Digital Collections	6,500
Clerical Wages	900
Computer Support/Maint.	3,710
Computer Technology	2,600
Director Salary	41,600
Dues & Professional Expenses	850
Electricity	5,060
Fire/Security System	800
General Supplies & Postage	3,000
Heating Fuel	5,000
Marketing	200
Mileage	300
Office Equipment	500
Overtime	1,250
Part-Time Wages	36,452
Post-Office Box	88
Programs/Entertainment	1,020
Sewer Fees	630
Telephone	1,800
Total LIBRARY	<hr/> 112,260

Library Director, Beverly Pietlicki, and Library Trustee Chairman, Bruce Dodge, addressed the budget and thanked everyone for their support. Dodge wanted everyone to know that the Library basement has been DRY ever since the foundation project was completed. They will be starting phase two of improvements with landscaping, tree work, and making the library more user-friendly.

Voice Vote: Article #18 Passes

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** and place said amount in the existing Library Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. *The Selectboard recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact of (**2017 values**) of \$0.07.

Voice Vote: Article #19 Passes

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$30,700)** to fund the operation of the Town Clerk's office. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2017 values**) of \$0.22.

Computer Equipment	100
Computer Support/Maint. INTW	1,150
Dues and Subscriptions	20
Education/Conventions	90
Elections	3,300
General Supplies	400
Mileage	50
Postage	1,100
Publications	90
Town Clerk - Other Compensation	11,000
Town Clerk Deputy Wages	2,000
Town Clerk Salary	10,800
Vital Statistics	600
Total ELECT./REG./VITAL STAT.	30,700

Amendment to Article 20: Selectboard member Margaret A. Charig Bliss made a motion to Amend Article 20 to Increase the Deputy wages line item from \$2,000 to \$5,200, bringing the total to \$33,900.

Charig Bliss noted that while our Town Clerk is out on sick leave, others have been filling in and the department will need the money to cover these expenses and future Deputy wages. Motion made and seconded to move the vote for Article 20 Amendment.

Voice Vote: Article #20 Amendment Passes

Voice Vote: Article #20 as Amended Passes

Article 21: 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 (2017 values) of \$0.004.

Voice Vote: Article #21 Passes

Article 22: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

1) Citizen Petition brought forward by John Moran. John read and explained the petition for a non-monetary Warrant Article. Signature sheet will be kept on file.

To have the Selectboard investigate whether the town is interested in offering incentives to industry and commerce to locate or expand in Greenfield

CITIZEN PETITION

Non-Monetary Warrant Article to be presented at the 2018 Greenfield Town Meeting

To obtain a sense of the citizens assembled at the town meeting to see if the town desires to have the Selectboard, or their duly delegated representatives, research and evaluate the provisions of RSA 72:81 and referenced/related RSA provisions to determine if these regulations present an advantage to the town in its efforts to attract and retain commercial and/or industrial business entities within the (1) the center village district, (2) the business district, and (3) the industrial overlay district of the town.

In summary, RSA 72:81 allows an eligible municipality to adopt a new construction property tax exemption for commercial, industrial (or both) to incentivize businesses to build, rebuild, modernize, or enlarge their physical plant assets within the municipality. This exemption shall only apply for municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the municipality but will exclude state education property taxes under RSA 76:3 and county taxes assessed against the municipality under RSA 29:11.

If the citizens approve and the Selectboard concurs, this evaluation will be conducted during calendar year 2018 with the possible outcome being inclusion of a Warrant Article putting adoption of RSA 72:81 to a vote during the Town Meeting in 2019. (Majority vote required)

Article 22 continued: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

- 2) Bruce Dodge: The Historical Society needs new members. See Bruce Dodge if interested.
- 3) David Simmons: The Fire Department needs volunteers. See Chief Hall if interested.

4) Andre Wood made a motion to adjourn the Town Meeting. Motion seconded. There being no other business to come before the Town, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dorene E. Adams".

Dorene E. Adams, Deputy Town Clerk