

2006
TOWN WARRANT

Town of Greenfield
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Greenfield, in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meeting House in said Greenfield on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2006 next, to act on the following subjects. The polls will be open at the Town Meeting House from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm.

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

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.

Amendment Number 1: Amend Section II, Definitions as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance definitions as follows:

Section II. Definitions

Existing Definition

D. "Hotel" shall mean and include any building, which contains more than twelve (12) rooms and advertises to accommodate people with food and sleeping quarters for a price.

Proposed Change

D. "Hotel" shall mean a building or group of buildings under the same management in which there are sleeping accommodations for sixteen (16) or more persons and are primarily used by transients for lodging, with or without meals.

Existing Definition

E. "Bed and Breakfast Inn" shall mean and include all dwellings where sleeping accommodations plus the breakfast meal are provided for a price.

Proposed Change

E. "Bed and Breakfast" shall mean all dwellings where sleeping accommodations are provided for a price and accommodate fifteen (15) or fewer persons and may or may not provide a breakfast.

Amendment Number 2: Amend the Greenfield Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

The Town of Greenfield adopts and incorporates as its Building Code the following most recently published codes. Copies of which are on file in the town office.

Section IV. General Regulations and Restrictions

Q. Building Code:

- a. International Residential Code
- b. International Existing Building Code
- c. Current State of New Hampshire Codes

Amendment Number 3: Amend the Greenfield Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

Section IV General Regulations and Restrictions.

B. Professional Uses and Customary Home Occupations:

Subject to the requirements of this Ordinance, nothing herein shall prevent a profession or customary home occupation from being conducted in a residence or in a structure accessory to the residence in any district, provided, however, that said profession or customary home occupation is first approved **by the Greenfield Planning Board through a Site Plan Review Application.** ~~as a special exception use by the Board of Adjustment.~~

1. For purposes of this Section, an approved professional or customary home occupational use will be one that can be conducted in accordance with the conditions and requirements set forth in paragraph 2 below. Uses not considered to be home occupations include blacksmithing, welding, stonecutting, vehicle repair and service, animal boarding except equine and care, retailing and food service (other than home produce and products), warehousing, distribution and manufacturing.

2. The use shall cause no adverse effect on the residential character of the site or of any structure on it, on surrounding properties or on the natural environment. Thus, there shall be no nuisance or health hazard generated by noise, vibration, odors, heat, smoke, dust, light, glare, traffic or parking, or by soil, water or air pollution, or by any other effect of the use. Pursuant to these conditions the following requirements shall be met:

a. The use shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the residential use of the site.

b. The use shall be carried out wholly within a dwelling or a structure accessory to the dwelling. An accessory structure not attached to the dwelling shall be no closer than the dwelling to any public right-of-way. Buildings or other facilities on the same site that are not customary to a residence, or farm in a Rural/Agricultural District, shall not be included in the use. ***The proposed Home Occupation shall be operated on the lot of the resident's dwelling unit. A special exception may be granted by the Board of Adjustment for an abutting lot owned by the applicant.***

c. The use shall be conducted by one or more members of the household occupying the dwelling. No more than two (2) persons outside the household shall be employed in the use.

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 on the structure or in a window, ~~no sign~~ and no other building feature normally associated with a non-residential use.

e. The use shall cause no variation from the residential character of the site. Thus there shall be no exterior display or storage of goods or equipment, ~~no sign~~,

no more than four (4) off-street parking spaces in total required by the use on a regular basis, no on-street parking and no traffic either in volume or in vehicle size that is not ordinarily associated with a residential use.

f. A sign shall be permitted for the home-based business provided that they comply with other Greenfield sign requirements, and that they may not be illuminated and may not exceed 3 square feet in area. The sign shall be reviewed by the Planning Board.

g. A maximum of one truck with a 10,000 gvwt, which is used for the home-based business, may be parked on the premise. More than one truck or larger equipment shall be allowed if the Planning Board determines that there shall be no adverse effect on the neighborhood.

h. The Home-Based Business permit shall become void if any significant changes in the business ceases operation, or when the residence is sold. If the business is proposed to continue following the sale or transfer of the property the new owner must file a site plan application with the Planning Board for their review and approval.

(end of Article 1(b): Amendment #3)

Article 2: To see if the Municipality will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four-year lease agreement in the amount of **Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00)** for the purpose of entering into a lease/purchase for a 2006 F550 Truck, fully equipped, for the Highway Department and to further raise and appropriate the amount of **\$20,102.00** for the first years payment. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required) Selectmen support this warrant article.

Article 3: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Forty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing a Fire Rescue Vehicle (Majority vote required) Selectmen support this warrant article.

Article 4: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)** for the purpose of Hiring an Engineer to study the needs of the roads. (Majority vote required) Selectmen support this warrant article.

Article 5: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00)** for the purpose of Repairing the Cupola on the Town Office Building. (Majority vote required) Selectmen support this warrant article.

Article 6: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** for the purpose of completing the Lighting in the Downtown Area. (Majority vote required) Selectmen support this warrant article.

Article 7: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Twenty Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$29,500.00)** for materials only to complete the Community Meeting Room and Handicap-accessible bathroom in the lower floor of The Stephenson Memorial Library, all labor to be supplied by volunteers. (Majority vote required) Selectmen support this warrant article.

Article 8: To see whether the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:14-24 calling for the creation of a Budget Committee which shall have the power and authority set forth in said statute. (Submitted by petition) Ballot vote required.

Article 9: In the event that the foregoing article is adopted, to cause the said Budget Committee to consist of 6 members at large, which shall be elected pursuant to RSA 669, and such other ex officio members as are provided for in RSA 32:15 I. The moderator shall be authorized pursuant to RSA 32:15 III to appoint the committee for one year until the next town election, at which time members will be elected in staggered terms. (Submitted by petition)

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to extend the services of the Wage and Benefit Study Committee for one year to continue its work in creating and helping to implement a wage scale, benefit package and evaluation plan and to report back to Town Meeting in one year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Wage & Benefit Study Committee)

Article 11: To see if the Municipality will vote to authorize the Selectmen to discontinue the position of Elected Tax Collector, and to further authorize the Selectmen to appoint a fully qualified person to fill the position. (Majority vote required) Selectmen support this warrant article.

Article 12: To see if the Municipality will vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue with a twenty-five (25) year lease with the Greenfield Congregational Covenant Church, beginning on the 1st day of April 2009. The financial arrangement of this lease shall be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen every five (5) years thereafter. (Majority vote required) Selectmen support this warrant article.

Article 13: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$623,815.00)** to support the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property. Allocation as follows:
(See Comparative 2005-2006 Budget Detail Report for departmental detail.) (Majority vote required.)

Ambulance	11,480.00
Building Insp./Code Enforcement	8,255.00
Cemeteries	12,738.00
Conservation	4,837.00
Election/Reg./Vital Statistics	25,565.00
Executive	115,170.00
Financial Administration	63,185.00
General Government Buildings	43,239.00
Health Agencies	5,425.00
Insurance	23,767.00
Interest Long Term Note	51,573.00
Interest On T.A.N.	5,000.00
Legal	50,000.00
Other General Government	30,800.00
Patriotic Purposes	3,500.00
Payroll Expenses	33,409.00
Planning Board	12,055.00
Principal Long Term Notes	95,000.00
Regional Associations	3,020.00
Street Lighting	4,000.00
Welfare Administration	19,197.00
Zoning Board	2,600.00
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Article 14: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Fifty Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$57,725.00)** to support the Fire Department.
(See Comparative 2005-2006 Budget Detail Report: Row #165 to #195.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 15: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Five Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety One Dollars (\$568,691.00)** for the operation of the Highway Department.
(See Comparative 2005-2006 Budget Detail Report: Row #217 to #268.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 16: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Sixty Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$68,557.00)** to support the Stephenson Memorial Library.
(See Comparative 2005-2006 Budget Detail Report: Row #295 to #312.) (Majority Vote required.)

Article 17: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Fifty Five Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$55,300.00)** to support the Parks & Recreation Department.
(See Comparative 2005-2006 Budget Detail Report: Row #335 to #356.) (Majority Vote required.)

Article 18: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **One Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand, Seventy Eight Dollars (\$189,078.00)** to support the Police Department.
(See Comparative 2005-2006 Budget Detail Report: Row #375 to #409.) (Majority Vote required.)

Article 19: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Ninety Two Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$92,430.00)** to support the Recycling Center.
(See Comparative 2005-2006 Budget Detail Report: Row #414 to #451.) (Majority Vote required.)

Article 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and sealed this **16th** day of **February** in the year of our Lord
Two Thousand Six.

GREENFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

George P. Rainier, Chairman

Conrad B. Dumas, Selectman

William E. Brooks, Selectman