

2019 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Town of Greenfield State of New Hampshire

16 March 2019

On March 12, 2019, Moderator, Gilbert W. Bliss, opened the polls at The Meeting House at 10:00A.M for Town Elections and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Supervisors of the checklist, Linda Dodge, announced that the checklist had 1201 names. A total of 241 Greenfield 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 9:00A.M. Saturday, March 16, 2019.

Town Meeting reconvened as scheduled. Moderator Gilbert W. Bliss, called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by resident Boy Scout James Powell, a member of Antrim Troop 2. The Moderator asked for a moment of reflection for all town residents who have passed away or were unable to attend due to illness.

The Moderator introduced the Select Board members, Robert Marshall, who was re-elected to a three year term, Karen Day and Margaret A. Charig Bliss, as well as Town Administrator, Aaron Patt and Deputy Town Clerk, Dorene Adams. The Moderator also asked everyone to welcome Edith (Dee) Sleeper, our Town Clerk, who was in attendance at the meeting, after more than a year of absence due to illness. Her introduction was met with a round of applause.

The Moderator read the house rules of conduct for the meeting, which were approved by voice vote. He explained that the green cards, distributed on entrance, would be used for hand counts. The Moderator reported the election results, which are also posted at the Town Office, as follows:

OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS:

Selectman – 3 Years: (Vote for One) Robert S. Marshall received 210 votes. Therefore, Robert S. Marshall is elected for the ensuing three years.

Cemetery Trustee – 3 Years: (Vote for One) Shirley (Lee) LeBlanc received 165 votes. Kevin R. Taylor received 48 votes. Therefore Shirley (Lee) LeBlanc is elected for the ensuing three years.

Library Trustee – 3 Years: (Vote for One) Diane Boilard received 207 votes. Therefore Diane Boilard is elected for the ensuing three years.

Planning Board Members – 3 Years: (Vote for Two) Neal Brown received 188 votes. Mason Parker received 191 votes. Therefore Neal Brown and Mason Parker were elected for the ensuing three year terms.

Planning Board Member – 2 Years: No one ran for this position. Therefore the seat remains vacant.

Planning Board Member – 1 Year: No one ran for this position. Therefore the seat remains vacant.

Budget Advisory Committee Member – 3 Years: (Vote for Two) Keith Hickey received 200 votes. Therefore Keith Hickey is elected for the ensuing three years. One seat remains vacant.

Budget Advisory Committee Member – 2 Years: (Vote for One) No one ran for this position. Therefore the seat remains vacant.

Budget Advisory Committee Member – 1 Year: (Vote for Two) No one ran for these positions. Therefore these positions remain vacant.

Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 years: (Vote for One) Vicki L. Norris received 199 votes. Therefore Vicki L. Norris is elected for the ensuing 3 years.

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, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for Capital Reserve Fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from Capital Reserve Funds income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article. (Majority Vote Required). This article has no effect on taxation.

Article 2, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion ensued.

Voice Vote: Article 2 passes

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$118,500)** and to place said amount(s) in the existing Capital Reserve Funds as outlined below. *The Select Board recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2018 values**) of \$0.85.

Capital Reserve Fund Savings	
Assessment CRF	5,000.00
Fire/Rescue Apparatus CRF	40,000.00
Highway Equipment CRF	40,000.00
Library Buildings & Grounds Maint. CRF	10,000.00
Non-Apparatus Fire Dept. CRF	7,500.00
Police Vehicle CRF	10,000.00
Recycling Center Facilities & Equip. CRF	1,000.00
Town Buildings Maintenance CRF	<u>5,000.00</u>
	118,500.00

Article 3, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion ensued.

Voice Vote: Article 3 passes.

Selectman, Robert Marshall, made a motion to move Article 12 to here, so that our DPW can get back to work. Motion was moved and seconded. Article 12 so moved.

Voice Vote: To move Article 12 to here passes.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$465,876)** to support the Department of Public Works. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2018 values**) of \$3.33.

Allocation as follows:

DPW BLDGS & GRNDS

Buildings & Grounds Maint.

DPW Building Maint.	3,500
Fire Station Building Maint.	2,785
Library Building Maint.	2,425
Meeting House Building Maint.	7,085
Oak Park + Beaches Maint.	4,800
Recycling Center Building Maint	2,500
Town Office/Police Bldg Maint.	5,951
Total Buildings & Grounds Maint.	29,046
Cell Phone Reimb.	360
Contract Services	500
DPW B&G Mgr. Salary	50,172
Dues and Subscriptions	50
Education/Conventions	100
Equipment Rental	1,000
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	1
General Supplies	750
Mileage	300
Protective Equipment	200
Signage	250
Small Tools & Equipment	700

DPW ROADS

Advertising	250
Calcium Chloride – Summer	3,000
Contract Services	11,000
DPW Roads Manager Salary	55,028
Drainage Material	4,000
Drug/Alcohol Testing	400
Dues and Subscriptions	100
Education/Conventions	600
Electricity	3,000
Equipment Rental	5,000
Full-Time Wages	85,742
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	22,000
General Supplies	2,500
Gravel/Stone	10,000
Heat	4,000
Mileage	500
Over-Time Wages	12,000
Part-Time Wages	4,000
Protective Clothing	1,500
Road Maintenance/Gravel	65,000
Safety Equipment	500
Salt	20,000
Sealing & Tarring	2,500
Small Tools & Equipment	2,000

Street Signs	1,000
Telephone	2,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	30,000
Welding Supplies	750
Wetlands Engineer	3,000
Winter Maintenance	5,000
<u>W.A. '13 - #3 2014 Dump Truck</u>	<u>26,077</u>
Total DPW	465,876

Article 12, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion ensued.

DPW Roads Manager, Todd Mason, answered questions from residents regarding the budget and many questions about current road conditions and what he is planning on doing. One question was about the logging trucks using Muzzey Hill Road and if that is damaging the roads and what will be done. Todd explained that after the job is done and the equipment is out of the area, he will inspect the road and determine if there was damage or if it is normal wear and tear.

Other questions were asked as to what the DPW is doing to repair roads in town. Mr. Mason noted that in the past year we have experienced some very extreme weather conditions that are not within his control. It has taken a toll on not only our roads in Greenfield, but in many other towns as well. Mr. Mason explained some of the difficulties his department experienced in 2018, notably working with a 3-man department. Both Mr. Mason and Selectman Marshall explained that the DPW has been contracting work on an as-needed basis, as this has proven to be more cost effective than hiring another employee and going through the training process at this point in time. Mr. Mason asked for patience and understanding, as they are working on the roads as best and as quickly as they can.

Amendment: *A motion was made by Thomas Bascom, moved and seconded, to Amend Article 12 to add \$100,000.00.*

Discussion ensued about the tax impact this would have and the expense of hiring an employee and the cost and training involved versus continuing to contract the work where you know exactly what the cost will be. Another resident spoke against the amendment and asked voters to let the DPW manager work out the plan he has for the future with the proposed budget.

Voice Vote: Amendment to Article 12 failed.

Article 12, as stated in Warrant, is back on the table.

Several residents who live on various dirt, now muddy, roads in town, expressed that they think Mr. Mason is doing a fine job and realize it is something they must endure, due to the extreme weather conditions.

Article 12, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion.

Voice Vote: Article 12 passes

Moderator noted that he did not read the Conval Election Results in the beginning of the meeting and the vote is as follows:

ConVal School District results for the Town of Greenfield only:

Article #1	112 Yes	128 No
Article #2	124 Yes	115 No
Article #3	139 Yes	97 No

Article #4	128 Yes	106 No
Article #5	78 Yes	162 No
Article #6	158 Yes	82 No
Article #7	154 Yes	85 No
Article #8	157 Yes	81 No
Article #9	155 Yes	84 No
Article #10	158 Yes	79 No
Article #11	172 Yes	66 No
Article #12	95 Yes	142 No

Article 4: 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 4, motion made, moved, seconded. Brief discussion ensued.

Voice Vote: Article 4 passes.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Sixteen Thousand, Seven Hundred Seven Dollars (\$116,707)** to support the Recycling Center. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2018 values**) of \$0.83.

Allocation as follows:

RECYCLING CENTER

Advertising	200
Contract Services	
Electronics Recycling	1,450
Monadnock Disposal	28,500
Northeast Resource Rec. Assoc.	<u>5,500</u>
Total Contract Services	35,450
Dues and Certifications	450
Education/Conventions	715
Electricity	1,500
Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	2,000
Fuel	200
General Supplies	700
Glass Disposal	1400
Hazardous Waste	2110
Heating Fuel	2,000
Mileage	700
Part-Time Wages	24,452
Refrigerant Removal	500
Safety Equ./Sppl/Protection	600
Supervisor Wages	41,330
Telephone	1,800
Tire Removal	<u>600</u>
Total RECYCLING CENTER	116,707

Article 5, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion ensued.

Selectmen Marshall asked Carol Burgess to explain the changes in plastic recycle. In brief: since we collect so little 3-7's and the amount that is collected would have to be stored for years before we had enough to sell to a company that would be interested in buying it, while taking into consideration that the companies have very strict guidelines for collecting the plastic, as it has to be clean and packaged a certain way so they can see what they are buying. It would not be worth it. There are not a lot of other recycling centers in the area that are collecting these as it is not cost effective.

A few residents expressed a concern that maybe we should collect it regardless of the cost as it is doing good for our environment. A suggestion about using a plastic shredder was raised and Ms. Burgess said that was looked into, but the companies don't want the shredded plastic as they can't see what they are buying. Questions were raised on what other towns are doing and could we combine efforts with other towns. Selectman Marshall stated that the place to raise that issue is under Article 19.

Voice Vote: Article 5 passes.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to create a Meeting House Improvements Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding restoration, improvements, and facility repairs and maintenance at the Meeting House, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** and place said amount in the Meeting House Improvements Capital Reserve Fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. *The Select Board recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2018 values**) of \$0.18.

Article 6, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion ensued.

Amendment presented by Selectman Marshall to amend Article 6 to rename the Article: Meeting House and Meeting House Grounds Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The Amendment was withdrawn after Town Counsel, Bart Mayer, noted that the purpose of an article cannot be changed after it has undergone a public hearing.

Article 6, as printed in the Warrant, is back on the table.

There was discussion about the L-Chip grant and plan proposal. Selectman Marshall stated that the Select Board is planning a separate gathering to present the L-Chip findings with the Town at a future date and that they are still waiting to receive some information before that is planned.

Amendment presented by Kathleen Carpenter to: Amend to sum of \$50,000 and \$25,000.

Ms. Carpenter feels that the town has not paid enough attention to the condition of the Meeting House. Discussion ensued.

Voice Vote: Amendment to Article 6 failed.

Article 6, as printed in the Warrant, is back on the table.

Voice Vote: Article 6 passes.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$213,629)** to support the Fire Department; with

Seventy-One Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (71,429) to come from an awarded FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for an exhaust system at the Fire Department; Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (7,500) to come from the approved NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Update Grant; and One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (134,700) to come from taxation. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2018 values**) of \$0.96. Allocation as follows:

FIRE

Background Checks	250
Chief's Stipend	18,000
Construction and Props	1,500
Dues & Subscriptions	350
Electricity	4,250
Emergency Management	2,000
Equipment	9,500
Equipment Replacement	3,000
Fire Fighter/Rescue Stipends	32,000
Fire Prevention	250
Forest Fire Equipment	500
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	1,250
General Supplies	1,000
Heating Fuel-Oil	4,000
Medical Supplies	2,250
Mileage	1,000
Mutual Aid Dispatching	20,360
Physicals/Inoculations	200
Postage	50
Propane	1,250
Radio Repairs/Maint.	1,000
Telephone	1,740
Training Services	8,000
Turnout Gear	6,000
Uniform Allowance	2,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	<u>13,000</u>
Total FIRE Dept.	134,700
FEMA - Exhaust System GFD	71,429
NH HSEM - Hazard Mit. Plan Update	<u>7,500</u>
Total FIRE	<u>213,629</u>

Article 7, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion ensued.

Chief Rick McQuade said that he is proud to be a part of this department and that they still maintain coverage by their volunteers at all times.

A resident asked about the Fire Chief getting the stipend in addition to his salary pay as an employee for the town, and whether the town has to pay retirement payments on the stipend. The resident asked if the town could have the Fire Chief sign a form stating he does not intend to have retirement payments associated with the stipend. Town Council, Bart Mayer stated that the NH Retirement makes those determinations, not the employee, and Town Administrator Patt stated that the town did a lot of research, including with the Dept. of Labor, and does not believe that there is an issue.

Voice Vote: Article 7 passes

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$258,120)** to support the Police Department. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2018 values**) of \$1.84.

Allocation as follows:

POLICE	
Advertising	75
Chief's Salary	75,256
Dept./Vehicle Equip./Tires	1,500
Dispatch Services - 911	18,500
Full-Time Wages	106,420
Gasoline	9,000
General Supplies	2,500
Officer Equipment	4,000
Over-Time Wages	3,000
Part-Time Wages	20,000
Postage	300
Radio Repair/Maint.	500
Telephone	3,000
Training Services	2,500
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	1,500
<u>W.A. '17 - #13 Cruiser/SUV '17</u>	<u>10,069</u>
Total POLICE	258,120

Article 8, motion made, moved, seconded. Police Chief Giammarino stated there were no significant changes.

Voice Vote: Article 8 passes.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Nine Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$964,427)** to support the Operation and Maintenance of the Town. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2018 values**) of \$6.89. Allocation as follows:

Ambulance	61,335
Building Insp. / Code Enforcement	14,985
Cemeteries	3,175
Conservation	4,335
Executive	125,770
Financial Administration	45,000
General Government Buildings	84,190
Health Agencies	2,825
Insurance	45,736
Interest on Bonds	12,750
Interest TAN	1
Legal Expense	15,000
Other Debt Service	7,035
Other General Government	57,250
Parks and Recreation	14,440
Patriotic Purposes	1,000
Personnel Administration	342,930
Planning Board	8,601

Principal on Bonds	65,000
Regional Association Dues	3,489
Street Lighting	7,500
Welfare Administration	36,950
<u>Zoning Board of Adjustment</u>	<u>5,130</u>
	964,427

Article 9, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion ensued.

A question was asked about the increase in the General Government Building line. It was explained that the Select Board had taken the groundskeeper cost out of the Cemetery budget and put it into Gen. Gov. Bldgs. This is why the Cemetery line is down and the General Government Buildings line is up.

Groundskeeper discussion ensued. Town Administrator, Aaron Patt, explained that the groundskeeper contract has increased from \$23,400 to \$60,000 in just three years. The Select Board moved the cost from the Cemetery budget so that voters would see the full impact of the groundskeeper contract. The Town will either continue to pay a contractor, at a cost that has increased significantly in three years, or, the town will need to make a decision to bring the work in-house.

Voice Vote: Article 9 passes.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to create a Planning Board Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying for the Master Plan update every 10 years as required by RSA 674, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000)** to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required). *The Select Board recommends this article.* This article has a tax impact (**2018 values**) of \$0.04.

Article 10, motion made, moved, seconded. Selectman Marshall spoke about the importance of updating the Town's master plan and that this is a requirement by State Law, RSA 674.

Voice Vote: Article 10 passes.

Article 11: 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 (**2018 values**) of \$0.90.

Article 11, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion ensued.

A resident asked what the project is for this year. East Road will continue being paved, and culvert work done. This will be year two of the three year project.

Voice Vote: Article 11 passes.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Sixteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars (\$116,896)** to support the Stephenson Memorial Library (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2018 values**) of \$0.84.

Allocation as follows:

LIBRARY	
Books/Print/Digital Collections	6,500

Clerical Wages	900
Computer Support/Maint.	4,330
Computer Technology	3,700
Director Salary/Wages	43,264
Dues & Professional Expenses	1,000
Electricity	4,800
Fire/Security System	800
General Supplies & Postage	3,300
Heating Fuel	5,000
Marketing	200
Mileage	500
Office Equipment	600
Overtime	1,250
Part-Time Wages	36,712
Post-Office Box	90
Programs/Entertainment	1,500
Sewer Fees	650
Telephone	1,800
Total LIBRARY	116,896

Article 13, motion made, moved, seconded.

Library Director, Beverly Pietlicki, spoke about the programs the Library has presented and will be presenting and encouraged everyone to participate in the events and programs offered, as the Library is a vibrant part of Greenfield's community.

Voice Vote: Article 13 passes.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **Five Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$5,200)** for an awning outside the Children's Section windows of the Stephenson Memorial Library, to reduce solar gain. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact of **(2018 values)** of \$0.04.

Article 14, motion made, moved, seconded.

Library Trustee Chairman, Bruce Dodge, explained the awning is needed to protect the books from the excessive rays of the sun during the summer months, as well as helping to lower the inside temperature, as it gets very hot in the summer. They had looked into window blinds, window films, though did not consider louvers, as suggested by another resident at the meeting. The awning they would like to purchase has a warranty and folds up into a metal box for protection from the elements when not in use.

Voice Vote: Article 14 passes.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty-Four Thousand, One Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$44,145)** to fund the operation of the Town Clerk's office. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact **(2018 values)** of \$0.32.

ELECT./REG./VITAL STAT.

Computer Equipment	100.00
Computer Support/Maint. INTW	1,685.00
Dues and Subscriptions	20.00

Education/Conventions	590.00
Elections	1,500.00
General Supplies	750.00
Mileage	150.00
Postage	1,200.00
Publications	100.00
Town Clerk - Other Compensation	8,000.00
Town Clerk Deputy/MA Wages	18,500.00
Town Clerk Salary	10,800.00
<u>Vital Statistics</u>	<u>750.00</u>
Total ELECT./REG./VITAL STAT.	44,145.00

Article 15, motion made, moved, seconded.

Aaron Patt, Town Administrator, explained the changes in budget, since the Town Clerk is out on leave of absence due to illness and the return date is unknown. A Deputy Clerk was appointed to handle elections and oversee the office duties and two municipal clerks were hired to cover registrations and related duties.

Voice Vote: Article 15 passes.

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 Select Board recommends this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2018** values) of \$0.004.

Article 16, motion made, moved, seconded. No discussion.

Voice Vote: Article 16 passes.

Article 17: To see if the town will vote to approve the establishment of a George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest Maintenance account, to be held by the Treasurer, for the George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest located on Map R5 Lot 18, in accordance with RSA 31:113. (Majority vote required). This article has no effect on taxation.

Article 17, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion.

Voice Vote: Article 17 passes.

Article 18: *If article 17 does not pass then this article will be passed over.* To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to **Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000)** and to authorize expenditures from the George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest Maintenance account, recommended by the George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest Committee (Town Forest Committee) for improvements at the George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest; including wildlife habitat improvements and a trailhead parking area. This article to be offset by proceeds from a timber harvest in the George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest Map R5 Lot 18 placed in the George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest Maintenance account. No amount of funds will be expended without first securing funding from

the timber harvest. Expenditures are not allowed in excess of the amount placed in the fund. The Town Forest Committee recommends this article and the Select Board supports it. (Majority vote required). This article has no effect on taxation.

Article 7, motion made, moved, seconded.

There was a brief discussion about the location of the forest, which is on Savage Road, off Dodge Road and who the members are on the committee. Members are listed in the Town report.

Voice Vote: Article 18 passes.

Article 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

- Kathleen Carpenter, Chair of EDAC and Planning Board Vice Chairman, spoke to residents and encouraged people to come forward to fill the vacant positions in Town Government. Join committees. Volunteer.
- Kathleen Carpenter commented on solar and other incentives that are available for new businesses seeking to start up in Greenfield.
- **Regarding the Citizen Petition presented at the March 2018** meeting in reference to RSA 72:81, asking the Select Board to run an evaluation during the calendar year with the possible outcome being inclusion of a Warrant Article putting adoption of RSA 72:81 to a vote during the Town Meeting: John Moran asked if the Select Board had a report for the residents. Aaron Patt, Town Administrator, said there was no report at this time.
- **Citizen Petition – Motion to Extend**, submitted by John Moran, Non-Monetary Warrant Article for 2019 to allow the Select Board to return to Town Meeting in 2020 with a report regarding RSA 72:81.
Motion, moved and seconded.

Voice Vote for Motion to Extend the Citizen Petition considering RSA 72:81 passes

- **Citizen Petition**, submitted by John Moran, Non-Monetary Warrant Article: To obtain a sense of the citizens assembled at the town meeting to see if the town desires to have the Select Board act to vacate the currently seated Town Clerk under NH RSA 41:12 and conduct a special election to secure an immediate replacement.

NH RSA 41:12 – Removal of Collector, Clerk, or Treasurer

The Selectmen may remove from office any collector of taxes, town clerk, or any treasurer, who, in their judgement, has become insane or otherwise incapacitated to discharge the duties of the office. They may proceed without notice in any case arising under this section.

Motion, moved, seconded. Discussion ensued.

Town Treasurer, Catherine Heck, stated that Greenfield is a small town and this is a sensitive issue and not to consider this petition, as we should all be considerate of how we treat each other.

Voice Vote on Petition for RSA 41:12 Fails

- **Library Grounds redesign**, presented by Bruce Dodge, Library Trustee Chairman. Mr. Dodge presented a design for a patio with arbor that would cost approximately \$50,000 to be raised through fundraising and grants, not taxation. He encouraged residents to come to the Library to see the design and give input.
- **Citizens Petition - Request to investigate existing models of recycling plastics #3-7** and to investigate the possibility of regionalizing a recycling opportunity for the purpose of cost-sharing and combination of recyclables 3-7 plastics. Presented by Abigail Goen.

Motion, moved and seconded. Discussion ensued.

A resident asked what the Petitioners roll in the study would be. Ms. Goen stated that the study would mainly fall on the Recycling Center Supervisor, Carol Burgess, but that she would be available for ideas, resources and people to contact that could provide information.

**Voice Vote was unclear.
Green hand count cards used for vote.**

Hand Count Vote passes. 35 yes / 30 No

- Resident Ron Lucas thanked all Town officials, committees, groups etc. for all they do for the Town of Greenfield and stated that Greenfield has a great group of people who work and volunteer in town. He stated that you don't notice this until you go away for a while and then come back to town and realize what a great community this is. The Best!

The Moderator accepted a motion to adjourn Town Meeting. Motion was made and seconded. There being no other business to come before the Town, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorene E. Adams
Deputy Town Clerk