

2021 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Town of Greenfield State of New Hampshire

On March 9, 2021, Moderator William Nichols, opened the polls at The Meeting House at 10:00A.M. for Town Elections and then lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Supervisor of the Checklist, Linda Dodge, announced that the checklist had 1253 names listed.

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

Moderator, William Nichols, declared the polls closed at 7:00P.M. The results were tallied and reported. A total of 294 Greenfield voters cast ballots on March 9, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned and will reconvene at 9:00A.M., outside, on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Oak Park, due to Covid-19 concerns of holding the meeting inside.

The Meeting reconvened, as scheduled, at 9:00A.M., on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Oak Park. Moderator, William Nichols, called the Meeting to order at 9:00A.M. The Girl Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert Marshall, Select Board Chair, opened the meeting with a few words about the past year and thanked everyone for attending Greenfield's first, outdoor Town Meeting and thanked all those who helped set things up, especially Rick McQuade and Jim Morris who were setting up chairs at 6AM. Michael Borden, Select Board Member, spoke briefly about volunteerism in Town and how important that is to our community and encouraged everyone to get involved in their community in some manner. He also said how wonderful it is to have a small town community, where we can all gather to decide on our Towns Budget and what a beautiful Town Greenfield is to live in. Katherine Heck, Town Treasurer, had a flyer and gave us a brief overview of last year and going forward this year.

The Moderator then went over the meeting rules. He also explained that the white, Yes/No tickets that voters were given when they checked in where for the bond vote and the orange cards that were distributed to the voters as they checked in, would be used for hand count voting purposes when a voice vote was not used.

The Moderator introduced the Select Board Members, Robert Marshall, serving as Chair, and Michael Borden and Mason Parker, who were newly elected to the Board. Town Administrator, Aaron Patt, newly elected Town Clerk, Dorene Adams, our Town Council representative, Susan Lowery, and our Treasurer, Katherine Heck.

The Moderator reported the election results, which were also posted at the Town Clerks Office and the Post Office.

OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

Select Board Member – 2 Years: (Vote for One) Jeremy W. Hall 72 votes. Mason Parker 201 votes. Therefore Mason Parker was elected for two years.

Select Board Member – 3 Years: (Vote for One) Michael E. Borden 252 votes, ran unopposed. Therefore Michael E. Borden was elected for three years.

Town Clerk – 3 Years: (Vote for One) Dorene E. Adams 281 votes, ran unopposed. Therefore Dorene E. Adams was elected for three years.

Budget Adv. Comm. – 1 Year: (Vote for Two) Kathleen Seigars 273 votes, ran unopposed. Therefore Kathleen Seigars was elected for one year.

Budget Adv. Comm. – 2 Years: (Vote for Two) Janice Ann Pack 252 votes, ran unopposed. Therefore Janice Ann Pack was elected for two years.

Budget Adv. Comm. – 3 Years: (Vote for Two) Catrina Ann Mamczak 246 votes, ran unopposed. Therefore Catrina Ann Mamczak was elected for three years.

Cemetery Trustee – 2 Years: (Vote for One) Michael Merzi 272, ran unopposed. Therefore Michael Merzi was elected for two years.

Cemetery Trustee – 3 Years: (Vote for One) Raymond Cilley 229 votes. Kevin Taylor 40 votes. Therefore Raymond Cilley was elected for three years.

Library Trustee – 3 Years: (Vote for One) Andra Hall 169 votes. Celia Oliver 76 votes. Therefore Andra Hall was elected for three years.

Planning Board – 3 Years: (Vote for Two) Randolph Beltz 48 votes. John G. Jaillet 41 votes. Catrina Ann Mamczak 83 votes. George P. Rainier 156 votes. Marc R. Thimmell “Dave” 134 votes. Therefore George P. Rainer and Marc R. Thimmell “Dave” were elected for three years.

School Board Rep. – 3 Years: (Vote for One) Katherine Heck 204 votes. Kayla Kokal 66 votes. Therefore Katherine Heck was elected for three years.

Trustee of Trust Funds – 1 Year: (Vote for One) Kevin Taylor 242 votes, ran unopposed. Therefore Kevin Taylor was elected for one year.

Trustee of Trust Funds – 2 Years: (Vote for One) Adele M. Hale 259 votes, ran unopposed. Therefore Adele M. Hale was elected for two years.

Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 Years: (Vote for One) Vicki L. Norris, 248 votes, ran unopposed. Therefore Vick L. Norris was elected for 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 to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million, Three Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$1,356,297)** for the purpose of furnishing, constructing, and installing facilities and equipment to make a Fiber Optic Broadband Network available in the town of Greenfield , with **Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand and Twelve Dollars (\$987,012)** of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and **Three Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$369,285) of such sum as a donation from the broadband provider;** furthermore, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state, or other aid, gifts, and donations, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon, and the maturity and other terms thereof; and furthermore to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. *3/5 ballot vote required.*

Article 2, motion made, moved and seconded. There was minimal discussion over the article. The Select Board thanked Tom Bascom for all the hard work he did to organize this for the Town. The Vote was taken by secret ballot, using pre-printed white tickets AA YES/AA NO. The votes were cast using a locked ballot box, that was shown to the voters as being empty, prior to being locked and the first ballot being cast. The polls were open for one (1) hour for voters to cast their votes for Article 2. Voting opened at 9:39A.M. and closed at 10:39A.M.

Article 2 passes with total YES votes 152 and NO votes 1.

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$123,515)** to support the Recycling Center. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2020 values**) of \$0.72. Allocation as follows:

RECYCLING CENTER	
Advertising	200
Contract Services	
Electronics Recycling	1,450
Monadnock Disposal	32,500
Northeast Resource Rec. Assoc.	7,000
Total Contract Services	40,950
Dues and Certifications	500
Education/Conventions	400
Electricity	1,600
Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	2,000
Fuel	200
General Supplies	500
Glass Disposal	1,400
Hazardous Waste	2,110
Heating Fuel	1,000
Mileage	300
Part-Time Wages	24,452
Refrigerant Removal	800
Safety Equ./Sppl/Protection	300
Supervisor Wages	44,903
Telephone	1,300
Tire Removal	600
Total RECYCLING CENTER	123,515

Article 3, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over the article.

Article 3 passes by voice vote.

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. There was no discussion over the article.

Article 4 passes by voice vote

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000)**, to restore the 2020 Capital Reserve Funds savings plan that was reduced in order to mitigate the impact of reduced revenue caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic, 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 of \$0.39.

Capital Reserve Fund Savings:

Assessment CRF	3,000
Fire/Rescue Apparatus CRF	5,000
Highway Equipment CRF	10,000
Library Buildings & Grounds Maint. CRF	10,000
Master Plan CRF	4,000
Meeting House Improvements CRF	25,000
Police Vehicle CRF	5,000
Town Buildings Maintenance CRF	5,000
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	67,000

Article 5, motion made, moved, seconded. There was minimal discussion over the article.

Article 5 passes by voice vote.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$173,500)**, with the total amount to come from Fund Balance 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 no tax impact.

Capital Reserve Fund Savings:

Assessment CRF	6,000
Fire/Rescue Apparatus CRF	40,000
Highway Equipment CRF	30,000
Library Buildings & Grounds Maint. CRF	10,000
Master Plan CRF	4,000
Meeting House Improvements CRF	50,000
Non-Apparatus Fire Dept. CRF	7,500
Police Vehicle CRF	10,000
Recycling Center Facilities & Equip. CRF	1,000
Town Buildings Maintenance CRF	15,000
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	173,500

Article 6, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over the article.

Article 6 passes by voice vote

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$137,987)** to support the Fire Department (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2020 values**) of \$0.81. Allocation as follows:

FIRE

Background Checks	150
Chief's Stipend	19,152
Construction and Props	250
Dry Hydrant Maint.	250
Dues & Subscriptions	800
Electricity	4,600
Emergency Management	2,000
Equipment	8,050
Equipment Repairs	1,250
Equipment Replacement	3,000
Explorer Post	500
Fire Fighter/Rescue Stipends	32,000
Fire Prevention	200
Forest Fire Equipment	500
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	1,250
General Supplies	500
Heating Fuel-Oil	4,700
Medical Supplies	2,000
Mileage	500
Mutual Aid Dispatching	23,020
Physicals/Inoculations	200
Postage	25
Propane	1,100
Radio Repairs/Maint.	750
Telephone	1,740
Training Services	8,500
Turnout Gear	6,000
Uniform Allowance	2,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	13,000
Total FIRE Dept.	<hr/> 137,987

Article 7, motion made, moved, seconded.
There was no discussion over the article.

Article 7 passes by voice vote.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$254,546)** to support the Police Department. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2020 values**) of \$1.49. Allocation as follows:

POLICE

Advertising	75
Chief's Salary	80,071
Dispatch Services - 911	18,500
Full-Time Wages	108,000
Gasoline	9,000
General Supplies	2,600
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 Equip./Tires	1,500
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	1,500
Total POLICE	254,546

Article 8, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over this article.

Article 8 passes by voice vote.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million Ninety-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$1,096,338)** to support the Operation and Maintenance of the Town. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2020 values**) of \$6.35. Allocation as follows:

Ambulance	97,135
BLDG INSP / Code Enforcement	16,603
Cemeteries	3,175
Conserv/Town Forest	1
Conservation	5,325
COVID-19	2
Executive	136,750
Financial Administration	65,501
Gen. Gov. Buildings	88,105
Health Agencies	2,825
Insurance	48,264
Interest Long Term Notes	6,250
Interest T.A.N	1
Land & Improvements	1

Legal	18,500
Other Debt Service	7,035
Other General Government	52,725
Parks & Rec.	12,015
Patriotic Purposes	1,100
Personnel Administration	410,050
Planning Board	8,901
Principal Long Term Bonds	65,000
Regional Associations	3,489
Street Lighting	7,500
Welfare Administration	34,955
Zoning Board	5,130
Total Expense	1,096,338

Article 9, motion made, moved, seconded. There was minimal discussion over the article.

Article 9 passes by voice vote.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Fourteen Thousand, Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$514,711)** to support the Department of Public Works. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2020 values**) of \$3.01. Allocation as follows:

DPW B&G:

Buildings & Grounds Maint.

DPW Building Maint.	7,230
Fire Station Building Maint.	4,000
Library Building Maint.	4,000
Meeting House Building Maint.	4,590
Oak Park + Beaches Maint.	8,040
Old Town Office	1,280
Recycling Center Building Maint	2,560
Town Office/Police Bldg Maint.	6,878
Total Buildings & Grounds Maint.	38,578
Cell Phone Reimb.	360
Contract Services	500
DPW B&G Mgr. Salary	53,382
Dues and Subscriptions	50
Education/Conventions	100
Equipment Rental	1,000
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	1
General Supplies	500
Mileage	300
Part-Time Wages	1,000
Protective Equipment	200
Signage	100
Small Tools & Equipment	700

B&G Sub Total:	96,711
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DPW Roads:

Advertising	250
Calcium Chloride - Summer	3,500
Contract Services	15,000
DPW Roads Manager Salary	58,549
Drainage Material	4,000
Drug/Alcohol Testing	400
Dues and Subscriptions	100
Education/Conventions	600
Electricity	3,500
Equipment Rental	11,500
Full-Time Wages	89,777
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	25,000
General Supplies	2,500
Gravel/Stone	15,000
Heat	4,000
Mileage	500
Over-Time Wages	12,000
Part-Time Wages	5,000
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	2,500
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	30,000
Welding Supplies	750
Wetlands Engineer	3,000
Winter Maintenance	5,000
2021 MACK Truck	33,014
Roads Sub Total:	417,940
DPW TOTAL:	514,711

Article 10, motion made, moved, seconded. No discussion on the article.

Article 10 passes by voice vote.

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 (**2020 values**) of \$0.73.

Article 11, motion made, moved, seconded. No discussion on the article.

Article 11 passes by voice vote.

Article 12: 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 (**2020 values**) of \$0.15.

Article 12, motion made, moved, seconded. No discussion on the article.

Article 12 passes by voice vote.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$124,554)** to support the Stephenson Memorial Library (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2020 values**) of \$0.73. Allocation as follows:

LIBRARY

Books/Print/Digital Collections	6,500
Clerical Wages	960
Computer Support/Maint.	3,000
Computer Technology	3,000
Director Salary/Wages	43,295
Dues & Professional Expenses	1,000
Electricity	5,250
Fire/Security System	800
General Supplies & Postage	3,600
Heating Fuel	5,500
Marketing	500
Mileage	500
Office Equipment	600
Part-Time Wages	45,803
Post-Office Box	96
Programs/Entertainment	1,500
Sewer Fees	650
Telephone	2,000
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	124,554

Article 13, motion made, moved, seconded. No discussion on the article.

Article 13 passes by voice vote.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty-Five Thousand, Fifty-Five Dollars (\$45,055)** to fund the operation of the Town Clerk's office. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2020 values**) of \$0.26.

ELECT./REG./VITAL STAT.

Computer Equipment	100
Computer Support/Maint. INTW	1,685
Dues and Subscriptions	20
Education/Conventions	500
Elections	4,000
General Supplies	1,000

Mileage	150
Postage	1,200
Publications	100
Town Clerk Deputy/MA Wages	16,000
Town Clerk Salary/Wages	19,000
Vital Statistics	<u>1,300</u>
Total ELECT./REG./VITAL STAT.	45,055

Article 14, motion made, moved, seconded. No discussion on the article.

Article 14 passes by voice vote.

Article 15: 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 (2020 values) of \$0.003.

Article 15, motion made, moved, seconded. No discussion on this article.

Article 15 passes by voice vote.

Article 16: By Petition ~To see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering. Additionally, these voters ask the town of Greenfield to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through the public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include the communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from town officials to Greenfield's state legislatures, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

Article 16, motion made, moved, seconded. No discussion on this article.

Article 16 passes by voice vote.

Article 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Question from a voter. Is the Town going to be able to receive tax money from the Company that bought CMRC? Aaron Patt addressed the question and stated that since non-profits must file before April 1st, that means that the Company is under the non-profit status until April 1, 2022, where upon the Assessor will then assign a tax figure. CMRC currently pays the Town in lieu of taxes. The sale may be complete by June 1st.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, the motion was moved and seconded. The Moderator adjourned the Town Meeting at 10:42A.M. on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorene Adams, Town Clerk, Greenfield, NH 03047