

2011
TOWN MEETING

Town of Greenfield
State of New Hampshire

12 March, 2011

Moderator Peter Hopkins opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. Supervisor of the Checklist Linda Dodge read the checklist with 1190 names. The Moderator proceeded with Article 1 of the Town Warrant by opening the polls.

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

Moderator Peter Hopkins closed the polls at 7:00 PM. Results were tabulated and reported, and the meeting was to reconvene at 9:00 AM on Saturday March 12, 2011.

Town Meeting reconvened on Saturday March 12, 2011 as scheduled. Moderator Peter Hopkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He began by leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and followed with the House Rules.

1. There will be no smoking in the hall.
2. Unless otherwise stated before the meeting starts we will follow the articles as printed in the warrant.
3. The Moderator will read all articles; everyone has a right to hear what we are voting on.
4. Anyone wishing to speak to an article will wait to be recognized, stand and state his/her name.
5. Every article should have a fair hearing; therefore a motion to pass over the article will not be accepted.
6. Any person wishing to speak to an article a second time must wait until all those who wish to speak have had a chance to speak.
7. Anyone proposing an amendment to an article must submit the amendment in writing.
8. Once we have voted on an article we will not reconsider.
9. The meeting is being recorded.
10. Please keep your comments directed to the article and address the chair, not back and forth among individuals.
11. And last, if the Moderator has made a ruling that the assembly disagrees with they may overturn his ruling with a majority vote.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the rules as read.

Results of the town elections were then read as follows:

OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS:

Selectman for Three Years: Robert Wimpory received 172 write-in votes, George Rainier received 51 write-in votes, and Jarvis Adams IV received 10 write-in votes, therefore Robert Wimpory is elected for the ensuing three years.

Fire Chief for Two Years: Loren White received 216 write-in votes, and therefore is elected for the ensuing two years.

Budget Committee Members for Three, Two, and One Year Terms: no one was elected, and therefore these seats remain vacant.

Trustee of Trust Funds & Cemetery Trustee: Gilbert Bliss received 251 votes, and therefore is elected for the ensuing three years.

Library Trustee for One Year: Bruce Dodge received 259 votes, and therefore is elected for the ensuing one year.

Planning Board Members for Three Years: Paul Renaud received 165 votes, James Fletcher received 55 votes, therefore Paul Renaud and James Fletcher are elected for the ensuing three years.

ConVal School District ballot results: (Greenfield only)

Article #1	YES = 147	NO = 159
Article #2	YES = 164	NO = 140
Article #3	YES = 147	NO = 151
Article #4	YES = 179	NO = 123
Article #5	YES = 148	NO = 160
Article #6	YES = 89	NO = 217
Article #7	YES = 237	NO = 57
Article #8	YES = 169	NO = 135

Article 1(a): To hear the reports of agents, standing committees, or other officers heretofore, and chosen and to pass any vote relative thereto.

At this time resident Conrad Dumas spoke, expressing his gratitude for dedicating the Town Report to him. He and his wife Ellen are hoping to have their house rebuilt soon, and anticipate an open house in May. They welcome all residents of Greenfield to join them, and thank everyone for their support after the loss of their home to a fire.

Article 1(b): To vote by ballot on the following proposed amendments to the Greenfield Zoning Ordinance.

Amendment Number 1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add the following Section XII and renumber all following sections accordingly

Section XII. Vertical Take-off and Landing Aircraft

No aircraft capable of vertical take-off and landing profile excluding Hot Air Balloons, may be landed or taken-off in the Town of Greenfield, except in the Rural Agriculture Zone, General Residence Zone and Industrial Overlay District. The landing zone must be a minimum of 250' from all boundaries on the property. Hours of operation are from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. Aircraft of this type may land in all zones for properly licensed helicopters providing medical and related evacuation services and emergency services essential to the public health and safety, such as search and rescue, fire fighting, law enforcement and other related services. No landing or take-off of commercial or scenic helicopter tours or chartered flights shall be allowed in the Town of Greenfield.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) may by Special Exception allow helicopter operations for construction, survey and other work, where other practical methods are not available to do the work and for special events such as the visit of a dignitary or some other event of short-term nature in all districts.

No approval for a special exception under this ordinance shall be granted unless the ZBA makes a finding that the helicopter use will not constitute a nuisance or hazard to the town residents and their property

YES = 179 NO = 128 Therefore the amendment passes.

Amendment Number 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Modify **Section X.C.2** to allow small wind energy systems in the Special Purpose District

Modify the second sentence in Section X.C.2 as follows: They are also permitted in the General Residence District and the Special Purpose District but only as a special exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment if it is not for the general public.

YES = 235 NO = 67 Therefore the amendment passes.

Amendment Number 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add the following **Section III.I.3**

3. Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation and Education Center District

A. Purpose & Intent:

The purpose of the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation and Education Center ("CMREC") District is to provide for the medical, educational and residential care of persons with disabilities and others in need of these services. The CMREC District shall recognize and support the integrated and interdependent nature of these uses, the importance of accessibility to the rehabilitative care community and the public and the virtue of maintaining natural land features.

B. Use Regulations:

1. Permitted Uses. The following uses shall be permitted within the CMREC District:

- a. Hospital
- b. Clinics and Outpatient Services
- c. Education and Vocational Training
- d. Professional and Administrative Office
- e. Research, consistent with the purpose and intentions set forth in Paragraph A above
- f. Housing
- g. Group Day Care
- h. Nursing Home
- i. Recreational
- j. Agricultural
- k. Sustainable Forestry and Timber Production
- l. Manufacturing and repair of medical and rehabilitation devices

2. Accessory Uses. It is recognized that certain uses may be in furtherance of the goals of the CMREC District when provided in conjunction with other permitted uses. Therefore, the following uses shall be permitted if accessory to a permitted use within the District. Such uses shall be intended for residents, staff and guests of the facilities and not for the general public. Any structures maintained to provide for an accessory use within the CMREC District may be stand-alone and need not be accessory to a structure maintained for a permitted use.

- a. Conference and Meeting Facility
- b. Food Service
- c. Lodging
- d. Retail
- e. Theater/Function Hall
- f. Artisan/Studio
- g. Utilities for the production and distribution of electricity, heat, water and waste water treatment.
- h. Vertical take-off and landing area
- i. Communication Towers for cell phones, emergency response and mutual aid systems. Any such towers shall be subject to the regulations set forth in Section V of this Ordinance and are permitted for use by the general public.

C. Dimensional Requirements:

In recognition of the buffer to other Greenfield zoning districts provided by the Forest Conservation Easement overlaying the majority of the CMREC District, certain dimensional requirements are relaxed to provide for increased design flexibility necessary to accomplish the purpose and intent of the CMREC District.

1. Primary Structures and Setbacks. There shall be no limits on the number of primary structures that may be contained on a single lot within the CMREC District; provided however, that the following internal setbacks shall apply to each such structure:

- a. Primary structure shall be setback at least thirty (30') feet from the edge of pavement of any roadway within the CMREC District.

- b. Primary structure shall be setback at least forty (40') feet from any other internal primary structure.
- c. All structures shall be setback at least fifty (50) feet from any other district boundary.

2. Lot Coverage. The building coverage on any single lot shall not exceed seventy percent (70%).

3. Frontage. All primary structures shall have at least fifty (50) feet of contiguous frontage on an internal or external roadway.

4. Buffers. There shall be buffering of an appropriate type and depth, as determined by the Planning Board during Site Plan Review, to provide year-round protection for abutting properties from traffic, buildings, structures, lighting, noise or other activities.

5. Building Height. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Ordinance, the maximum building height in the CMREC District shall be 50 feet or three stories for any building with an indoor fire suppression or sprinkler system.

D. CMREC Boundaries: The CMREC District, as defined in this Section is comprised by the following lots identified by Tax Map numbers.

R2 Lot 5	R2 Lot 11-6
R2 Lot 9	R2 Lot 11-7
R2 Lot 10	R2 Lot 11-8
R2 Lot 11	R2 Lot 13
R2 Lot 11-1	R2 Lot 14
R2 Lot 11-2	

YES = 225 NO = 71 Therefore the amendment passes.

(end of Article 1(b))

Article 2: To see if the Municipality will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell property owned by the Town of Greenfield, further identified as Map R5 Lot 14-1, to the Francetown Land Trust. (Majority Vote required) *Selectmen support this article.*

Selectman Karen Day addressed this issue stating that the five acres was mostly swamp, and that the town was offered **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500)** from the Francetown Land Trust. Barry Wicklow of the Francetown Land Trust showed a map of the lot discussed, explained that this lot is mostly a black gum swamp, which is unusual, and is surrounded on three sides by conservation land. Discussion followed regarding the amount offered to purchase the land, and surveying.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 3: To see if the Municipality will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a multi-year agreement with the Monadnock Mountaineers Youth Football League allowing the Mountaineers to use Oak Park as their home field, and to further authorize the selectman to negotiate a reasonable financial arrangement with the Mountaineers which may include accepting improvements to Oak Park and/or accepting a monetary dollar value on behalf of the Town of Greenfield. (Submitted by Petition)

Selectman Aaron Kullgren asked for permission for a non-resident to speak to this issue. There was no objection. She explained the Mountaineers position, including potentially making some improvements to Oak Park. Resident Gil Bliss asked why the Selectmen need permission to enter into this contract. The Moderator explained that it is because this is a multi-year contract (vs. one year). There were questions regarding the content of the contract, and why there isn't a final draft for the town to see, and therefore why we couldn't wait one more year to have a final multi-year contract presented before approving this idea. Selectman Jarvis Adams stated that the selectboard was in error; this issue should have been brought to Town Meeting last year, and neither the board or the Mountaineers want to delay this any longer.

There were more questions regarding liability, fire ambulance and police services, details of improvements, noise and parking issues. There was discussion about the legal wording of the contract. Resident Lori Weeks stated that the concern seems to be about the negotiation process and trusting the selectboard to enter into a reasonable contract, not necessarily whether or not we want to have the Mountaineers in town. Selectman Adams stated that at the very least there will be a public hearing when the contract is finished, and it was noted that the Oak Park Committee is already involved with this process.

Resident Neal Brown submitted a **motion to amend** this article to read: "A multi-year lease agreement shall be negotiated between the Select Board and the Mountaineers during the calendar year 2011 and shall be appropriately publicized and thereafter placed on the warrant for approval at the 2012 Town Meeting." After brief discussion, a motion was made to vote on the amendment by a show of hands. **The amendment failed.**

Discussion went back to the original article. Resident George Rainier submitted a request for a paper ballot vote. This was done, and the meeting moved on to Article 4 until the ballots were counted.

Article 4: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount, not to exceed, **Thirteen Thousand, Twenty-Five Dollars (\$13,025.00)** for the purpose of purchasing a generator and all associated equipment and installation associated with the generator for the Town Office; funding is to be derived from the Fund Balance. (Majority Vote required) *Selectmen support this article.*

Selectman Jarvis Adams moved to amend the original version to omit the words "Town Office" and replace with the word "town".

Discussion followed regarding options for the generators, including Greenfield Elementary School. Schoolboard representative John Gryval stated that ConVal is already trying to do this on their own. The main objective is to be able to keep the police department running in the event of a power emergency, but also to give the town options for other needs as they arise.

Voice vote: Amendment passes. Voice vote: Article passes as amended.

Article 3 ballot results were announced. YES = 91 NO = 24. Article passes.

Article 5: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount, not to exceed, **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing a Skid Steer Loader for the Recycling Department. (Majority Vote required) *Selectmen support this article.*

There was discussion about the purpose of this equipment and how much it would be used. There was also much discussion about the qualifications of the recycling center staff to run this machinery. It was stated that OSHA and the town's insurance would require certification. At this time Selectman Kullgren introduced George Leel, interim DPW Supervisor, who has his own licenses and also teaches the Road Scholar Program at UNH. He could be helpful in assuring that proper certification is acquired. The purchase options were discussed. It was noted that there are opportunities to purchase good used equipment because of the current economic situation. It was also suggested that there be a committee to look at the options before buying.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 6: Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **One Hundred Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$107,911.00)** to support the Recycling Center. Allocation as follows: (Majority Vote required) *Selectmen Support this article.*

Advertising	50
Building Repair/Maint.	1,250
Contract Services	41,700
Dues & Subscriptions	250
Electricity	1,500
Equipment Maintenance	1,500
Fuel	250
General Supplies	1,200
Hazardous Waste	1,500
Insurance – Dental	471
Insurance – Disability	488
Insurance – General Liab.	120
Insurance – Health	7,380
Insurance - Life	28
Mileage	250
P/T Wages	10,114
Refrigerant Removal	525
Retirement	3,301
Supervisor Wages	32,604
Telephone	780
Tire Removal	400
Used Oil Collection Grant	<u>2,500</u>

\$107,911

There were several questions about this budget, including fuel, equipment maintenance, wages and insurance. There was also discussion regarding the hours that the center is open. Resident Marsha Davis asked why the new employee is worth more than the previous one and

why the new employee was given more hours, and why the position was never advertised. Three different explanations about this matter were heard previously, and she would like clarification. She also feels that the selectboard has not been up front about how they handle these issues. Selectman Adams briefly commented that the new employee was originally hired for a part-time position, but since the rest of the matter had to do with personnel issues, he would not comment further.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 7: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)**, in accordance with RSA Chapter 35, to create and place said amount in a Town Buildings Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of designing, purchasing and installing energy equipment and renovations for Town Buildings and to further name the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend these funds. (Majority vote required) – *Selectmen support this article.*

Selectman Adams thanked the Energy Committee for their work, stating that their efforts have resulted in huge savings on heat. There was a question regarding the purpose of this Capital Reserve Fund, since we already have two. Selectman Adams clarified the purpose, stating that this is for all town buildings, and the previous ones were building specific.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 8: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** and place said amount in the existing Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) – *Selectmen support this article.*

The current balance of this fund is reported to be about nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) This article would add to that fund. The library is currently a concern. Treasurer Katherine Heck expressed concerns that money is going into capital reserve funds and being taken out within the year. She added that if the money is needed that soon it should be a line item in the budget instead.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 9: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Five Hundred Eight Dollars (\$618,508.00)** to support the Operation and Maintenance of the Town. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required) – *Selectmen support this article.*

Ambulance	19,342
Building Inspector/Code Enf.	5,480
Cemeteries	9,614
Conservation	3,450
Elections/Registration	29,026
Executive	121,586
Financial Administration	64,661
General Government Buildings	52,990
Health Agencies	4,589

Insurance	32,753
Interest of Bonds	32,864
Interest on TAN	2,500
Legal Expenses	15,000
Other Debt Service	7,035
Other General Government	35,225
Parks & Recreation	12,200
Patriotic Purposes	1,100
Payroll Expenses	49,591
Planning Board	15,750
Principal of Bonds	65,000
Regional Association Dues	3,202
Street Lighting	4,800
Welfare Administration	25,600
Zoning Board of Adjustment	<u>5,150</u>

\$ 618,508

Selectman Kullgren addressed the article. Financial Administration has increased because the assessing amount and auditor amount has increased, but auditors are required. There were questions regarding the payroll expenses, specifically why has this been increased if we were under budget last year? The explanation was that the DPW employee situation has changed and the selectboard is preparing to have the money available if the need arises when they hire a new supervisor. There was also concern that there is not enough money in the budget for legal expenses.

Resident George Rainier asked about the tree removal and procedures and plans to replace trees at the Meeting House. He stated that he is disappointed that the board did not consult a certified arborist and that there are currently no plans to replace any of the trees that were removed.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 10: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** and place said amount in the existing Fire/Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) – *Selectmen support this article.*

Fire Chief Loren White spoke, stating that the current capital reserve fund is much too low to do much good. We should expect to replace equipment every twenty-five years, and at this rate we will never be in a good position. He added that he would not ask for more now, but strongly urges that higher amounts be allocated in the future.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 11: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate and to further authorize the Selectmen to utilize the amount, not to exceed **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00)** of the Fund Balance for the purpose of entering into a one-year agreement with the Code Red Emergency Notification System. (Majority vote required) – *Selectmen support this article.*

Fire Chief Loren White explained how this system works. He said it is like a reverse 911 system, and that ConVal School District currently uses a similar system. He has some specific concerns about the way ConVal uses their system, but wants to be clear that our system would be used for emergencies only. Residents have the choice to subscribe or opt out. John Gryval, Town Emergency Manager, reiterated the need for this to be used for emergencies only, and added that there would be a system of checks and balances in place, such as having two department heads agree that an announcement is warranted.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 12: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$73,851.00)** to support the Fire Department. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required) – *Selectmen support this article.*

Building Repairs/Maint.	\$2,000
Chiefs Wages	1,800
Dues & Subscriptions	1,000
Electricity	4,100
Emergency Management	1,000
Equipment	4,500
Equipment Replacement	7,750
Expense Reimbursements	7,500
Fire Alarm System	550
Fire Prevention	500
Forest Fire Equipment	500
Forest Fire Reimbursements	500
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	3,000
General Supplies	500
Heating Fuel	4,500
Insurance – General Liability	735
Insurance – Supplemental	350
Insurance – Vehicle	2,900
Medical Supplies	2,650
Mutual Aid	15,516
Postage	100
Radio Repairs/Maint.	1,500
Telephone	1,900
Training Services	4,000
Uniform Allowance	1,000
Vehicle Repairs/Maint.	<u>3,500</u>
	\$73,851

There were no questions regarding this budget.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 13: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital

Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) –*Selectmen support this article.*

Resident Mark Long expressed concerns about the state of the capital reserve funds and asked why we aren't being more aggressive in building them up. Administrative Assistant Deb Davidson stated that she is working on a plan and comparing our town to surrounding towns. There was some discussion regarding the amount being put into the highway fund as it is double the amount being put into all of the other funds. Selectman Jarvis Adams stated that it has to do with the current fund balances and expected needs.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 14: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Five Hundred Sixteen Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$516,475.00)** to support the Highway Department. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required) – *Selectmen support this article.*

Advertising	\$ 300
Building Repairs/Maint.	3,000
Calcium Chloride – Summer	2,000
Computer Equipment	500
Computer Software	600
Computer Support/Maint.	500
Drainage Material	5,000
Drug/Alcohol Testing	550
Dues & Subscriptions	100
Education/Conventions	2,000
Electricity	2,000
Equipment Rental	4,000
Fire Alarm System	600
F/T Wages	111,280
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	22,000
General Supplies	1,500
Gravel/Processing	9,000
Heating Fuel	6,000
Hydraulic Jackhammer	1
Insurance – Dental	2,746
Insurance – Disability	1,464
Insurance – Health	49,191
Insurance - Life	111
Insurance – Vehicle	2,700
Mileage	1,000
O/T Wages	16,692
P/T Wages	15,000
Protective Clothing	1,500
Retirement	18,020
Road Reconstruction	60,000
Safety Equipment	3,000
Salt & Sand	30,000
Sealing & Tarring	5,000
Small Tools	2,500
Street Signs	5,000

Supervisor Salary	50,000
Telephone	2,500
Vehicle Reimbursement Mlg.	1,000
Vehicle Repairs/Maintenance	25,000
WA #14 – '07 Front-end loader	31,031
WA #16 – '08 Backhoe	21,089
Welding Supplies	<u>1,000</u>

\$516,475

Interim Supervisor, George Leel explained his role and his schedule. He is paid an hourly rate with no overtime and no benefits. He added that we are way behind in road work but he is working on a plan to catch up, and suggested that a bond be considered. Resident Bob Marshall stated that the Town decided long ago not to bond, and that there was a plan for road reconstruction that has disappeared. He added that we are now so far behind that we are in trouble, and we will “only get a return on things we invest in”.

The Selectboard addressed questions regarding the wages of the new supervisor, when one is hired, explaining that the salary is still to be determined, and that part-time help would hopefully replace current seasonal expensive help. Resident George Rainier asked why the resumes for this position are being sent to a selectman’s residence instead of the Town Office. He feels this is improper. He further requested that the ad be redone to have resumes sent to the Town Office. Selectman Aaron Kullgren responded stating that it was for “blinding the first cut review”. Resident Bill Brooks said that if we can keep personnel issues private we should be able to do the same with resumes. Incoming Selectman Rob Wimpory explained the process they intend to use in reviewing resumes. Legal counsel addressed this issue, and stated that it was probably not illegal to have town mail sent to a selectman’s home.

Further discussion arose about the materials line item being down and the wages item going up. George Leel was asked if we will have the materials to do the jobs needed. He replied, “probably not”, but he was not willing to ask for a budget for someone who hasn’t yet been hired.

There was much discussion regarding the DPW office, with many residents wanting an explanation of how **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)** was allowed to be spent on it. Accounting Manager Catherine Shaw explained the financial details, stating that the total was allocated throughout the budget. No further explanation was given.

Discussion returned to road reconstruction. George Leel explained that last year we overspent on quick fixes and underspent on actual reconstruction. He then offered some ideas to consider to resolve the current road situation.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 15: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Sixty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$66,975.00)** to support the Stephenson Memorial Library. Allocation as follows: (Majority Vote required) – *Selectmen support this article.*

Books & Periodicals	6,000
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Building Repairs/Maint.	1,200
Computer Equipment	50
Computer Software	250
Computer Support/Maint.	1,500
Dues & Professional Exp.	200
Education/Conventions	400
Electricity	3,200
Fire/Security System	800
General Supplies & Postage	1,250
Heating Fuel	6,000
Mileage	200
Office Equipment	5
P/T Wages	43,152
Programs/Entertainment	500
Sewer Fees	618
Telephone	<u>1,650</u>
	\$66,975

Neal Brown of the Library Committee spoke about this budget, saying that the leakage issues and drafts are the current concerns.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 16: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** and place said amount the existing Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) - *Selectmen support this article.*

There was no discussion on this article.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 17: To see if the Municipality will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four-year lease agreement in the amount, not to exceed **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** for purpose of entering into a lease/purchase agreement for a Police Cruiser, and to further raise and appropriate an amount, not to exceed, **Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00)** for the first years payment. This lease agreement contains a municipal escape clause. (Majority vote required) - *Selectmen support this article.*

Chief Brian Giammarino addressed the article explaining why the department needs a new vehicle. He also stated that he found one at a good price and feels it would be better to purchase it instead of leasing. Moderator Peter Hopkins said that the article would need to be amended, but not by the Chief, as he is not a resident. Motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read: "to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser".

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 18: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Two Hundred Eleven Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$211,465.00)** to support the Police Department. Allocation as follows: (Majority Vote required) – *Selectmen support this article.*

Chiefs Salary	65,000
Computer	1,000
F/T Wages	44,162
Gasoline	6,500
General Supplies	1,500
Insurance – Dental	1,350
Insurance – Disability	976
Insurance – General Liability	2,300
Insurance – Health	22,012
Insurance- Life	55
Insurance – Vehicle	800
Mutual Aid	15,585
O/T Wages	3,000
P/T Wages	16,500
Personal Equipment	3,500
Postage	200
Radio Repair/Maint.	500
Retirement	17,525
Telephone	3,000
Training Service	1,500
Vehicle Repair/Maint.	<u>4,500</u>

\$211,465

Chief Brian Giammarino addressed the budget concerns, specifically fuel and vehicle maintenance, stating that due to fuel prices rising, that line item may be too low, but he is willing to accept the budget as is.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the Greenfield Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to ‘qualified organizations’ for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property? (Submitted by the Greenfield Conservation Commission)

Carol Irvin of the Conservation Commission addressed the article, explaining how the Commission works. There was discussion about the wording of the article and who has authority to expend the funds.

Voice vote: Article passes.

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

1) A resident asked if the Selectboard could actively seek out alternatives to satellite dishes. Selectman Aaron Kullgren stated that they have, but could do it again.

2) Resident Gil Bliss made a motion to “approve a Roads Commission. The Commission will be composed of five members of the community, the Selectmen, and the Highway Department Supervisor. The Commission will assist in the search process for a new supervisor and establish priorities for road reconstruction and repair. The Commission would continue until dissolved by Town Meeting.” After discussion regarding the number of people on the Commission, a motion was made to delete the number five and have no limit to the number of people involved.

Voice vote: Motion passes.

3) Supervisor of the Checklist Linda Dodge stated she was very disappointed in the low voter turnout. Moderator Peter Hopkins added that the Town needs more participation, including filling vacant offices.

4) Moderator Hopkins reminded newly elected officials to see the Town Clerk to be sworn in.

5) Fire Chief Loren White asked if next year we address the issue of unexpended funds.

There being no further business to come before the town, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith P. Sleeper, Town Clerk