

2013
TOWN MEETING

Town of Greenfield
State of New Hampshire

12 March, 2013

Moderator Thomas Welden opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. Supervisor of the Checklist Linda Dodge read the checklist with 1119 names. The Moderator led the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 Thomas Welden 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 16, 2013.

Town Meeting reconvened on Saturday, March 16, 2013. Moderator Gilbert Bliss called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. He began by having the local Boy Scout troop bring in the colors, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Bliss retired the current gavel to retired Moderator Peter Hopkins. Moderator Bliss then introduced the new ConVal Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan, who resides in Greenfield. Selectman Rob Wimpory then thanked the town employees and volunteers for all of their time and hard work, with a special thank you to the fire and rescue volunteers and their families. Moderator Bliss then read the House Rules.

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

Motion was made and seconded to allow non-resident Departments Heads to speak.

Voice vote: Motion passed.

Results of the town elections were then read as follows:

OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS:

Selectman for Three Years: Karen Day received 211 votes, and therefore Karen Day is elected for the ensuing three years.

Town Moderator for Three Years: Gilbert Bliss received 235 votes, and therefore is elected for the ensuing three years.

Fire Chief for Two Years: Loren White received 62 write-in votes, and therefore is elected for the ensuing two years.

Budget Committee Members for Three Years: No one was elected, and therefore two seats remain vacant.

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Budget Committee Member for One Year: No one was elected, and therefore one seat remains vacant.

Trustee of Trust Funds & Cemetery Trustee: Margaret Charig-Bliss received 241 votes, and therefore is elected for the ensuing three years.

Library Trustee for Three Years: Neal Brown received 244 votes, and therefore is elected for the ensuing three years.

Planning Board Members for Three Years: No one was elected, and therefore two seats remain vacant.

ConVal School District ballot results: (Greenfield only)

Article #1	YES = 98	NO = 170
Article #2	YES = 142	NO = 133
Article #3	YES = 125	NO = 149
Article #4	YES = 119	NO = 156
Article #5	YES = 154	NO = 117
Article #6	YES = 140	NO = 129
Article #7	YES = 59	NO = 214
Article #8	YES = 155	NO = 126
Article #9	YES = 224	NO = 44

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: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section II Definitions by adding the following sentence after “For Purposes of this ordinance, certain terms are defined as provided in this section:”
“Doubts to the precise meaning of terms in these definitions, or those that

are not found in these definitions, shall be determined by referencing the Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary, 11th Edition.”

YES = 232 NO = 34 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 town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section II Definitions by arranging the definitions alphabetically.

YES = 240 NO = 27 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 town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section IV General Regulations and Restrictions N. Noise Ordinance so that **all references to daytime be 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and all references to night time be 10:00 p.m. to 7: 00 a.m.**

YES = 224 NO = 47 Therefore the amendment passes.

Amendment Number 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section XV Board of Adjustment A:4 delete “~~Chapter 31, Sections 60-89, NH Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955, as amended~~” and add in its place “**RSA 673:3**” to reflect change in state law.

YES = 221 NO = 33 Therefore the amendment passes.

Amendment Number 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section IV General Regulations and Restrictions P. After Building Code: insert the following sentence. **“The purpose of the adoption of these codes is to establish uniform rules and regulations for the construction of buildings and structures within the Town of Greenfield.”**

YES = 219 NO = 43 Therefore the amendment passes.

**Motion was made and seconded to move Article 19 ahead of Article 2.
Voice vote: Motion passed.**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to support Researching the Replacement of the Old Meeting House Cemetery Fence and for the Cemetery Trustees to provide the cost and the method at Town Meeting in 2014. (Majority vote required).

Cemetery Trustee Margaret Charig-Bliss spoke to the article, asking if the town is interested in pursuing replacement of the current cemetery fence as it is no longer repairable. The Trustees have been gathering information regarding materials and costs and would like to present their findings at Town Meeting 2014.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article as outlined in RSA 32:5, V-b. (Majority vote required).

Town Administrator Aaron Patt spoke to the article, clarifying the intent and specifying that the *estimated* tax impact would be stated in the budget.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a seven year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of **One Hundred Seventy Six Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$176,194.00)**, net of \$20,000 trade-in for the Town's 2002 10-wheel dump truck, for the purpose of buying a 2014 MACK 10-Wheel Dump Truck fully equipped with dump body and plow package and to further raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Five Thousand, One Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$25,171)** for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains a municipal escape clause. (Majority vote required)

DPW Supervisor Tim Murray spoke to the article stating that the current dump truck is not insurable. Mr. Murray explained what the new truck would come equipped with.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$15,600)** for Surveying and Engineering Services to establish the feasibility of using town property on Forest Road (R7-28) for gravel processing for the Department of Public Works on the acreage

adjacent to the Greenvale cemetery property. If this article passes \$10,000 can be reduced from the Department of Public Works Salt and Sand line item in article 6. (Majority vote required).

There was lengthy discussion regarding the zoning ordinances and whether or not the Town is exempt from it's own rules, and whether or not it would be the future site for the DPW buildings. There was also discussion regarding the plan to actually process gravel from this site. The Selectboard stated that they intend to use it this year (2013).

Motion was made by Ms. Janet Haupt-Renaud to amend the article "to include removing gravel from the site this year (2013)"

Voice vote: undeterminable. Hand count: Yes = 55 No = 25 Motion passes.

Ms. Marsha Davis made a motion to further amend the amended article to add "by following due process".

Voice vote: Amendment fails.

There was further discussion on the amended article including concerns about the trails in that area, the impact on traffic at the access road, and how long we could expect to obtain gravel from the site. It was noted that all of these questions could be answered by a feasibility study, which is what the article is about.

Voice vote: undeterminable. Hand count: Yes = 49 No = 28 Amended article passes.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00)** for the purpose of providing Road Reconstruction on Town roads. (Majority vote required).

There was lengthy discussion regarding which roads were scheduled for reconstruction and how the DPW determines which roads will get done.

Mr. Tom Bascom made a motion to "change the sum from One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000)."

Voice vote: Amendment fails.

Voice vote: Original article passes.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Thirty One Thousand, Four Hundred Fourteen Dollars**

(\$531,414.00) to support the Highway Department. If article 4 passes this article will be reduced by \$10,000. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required).

HIGHWAY/DPW - 4311	
Advertising	500
Building Repairs/Maintenance	3,000
Calcium Chloride - Summer	1,000
Computer Equipment	100
Computer Software	100
Computer Support/Maint.	500
Contract Services	5,000
Drainage Material	4,500
Drug/Alcohol Testing	1,300
Dues and Subscriptions	100
Education/Conventions	500
Electricity	2,300
Equipment Rental	4,000
Fire Alarm system	600
Full-Time Wages	113,500
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	35,000
General Supplies	2,000
Gravel/Processing	12,000
Heat	4,500
Hydraulic Jackhammer	1
Insurance - Dental	5,175
Insurance - Disability	2,035
Insurance - General Liability	1,445
Insurance - Health	76,150
Insurance - Life	111
Insurance - Vehicle	3,672
Mileage	250
Over-Time Wages	15,000
Part-Time Wages	2,500
Protective Clothing	1,000
Retirement	17,970
Road Maintenance	75,000
Safety Equipment	500
Salt & Sand	30,000
Sealing & Tarring	5,000
Small Tools & Equipment	1,000
Street Signs	1,000
Supervisor Salary	52,015
Telephone	2,000

Tree Trimming	2,000
Vehicle Reimbursement Mileage	1
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	25,000
Welding Supplies	1,000
W.A. '08 - #16 Backhoe Pmt.	21,089
	<u>531,414</u>

There was no discussion.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$105,950.00)** to support the Recycling Center. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required).

RECYCLING CENTER - 4321	
Advertising	100
Building Repairs/Maintenance	1,000
Contract Services	
Electronics Recycling	1,500
Monadnock Disposal	30,475
Northeast Resource Rec. Assoc.	500
Total Contract Services	<u>32,475</u>
Dues and Subscriptions	460
Education/Conventions	500
Electricity	1,100
Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	1,500
Fuel	900
General Supplies	1,000
Hazardous Waste	1,850
Heating Fuel	1,199
Insurance - Dental	490
Insurance - Disability	488
Insurance - General Liability	100
Insurance - Health	8,100
Insurance - Life	28
Insurance - Vehicle	335
Mileage	500
Part-Time Wages	14,050
Protective Clothing	500
Refrigerant Removal	500
Retirement	3,339

Supervisor Wages	34,096
Telephone	840
Tire Removal	500
	105,950

There was no discussion.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500)** for the purpose of expending funds that will be offset by the Used Oil Collection Grant Assistance Program, to purchase materials and/or obtain services to establish, improve, or operate a used oil collection center in accordance with the terms and conditions of Used Oil Collection Grants at the Recycling Center. (Majority Vote required).

There was no discussion.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 9: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)** to be placed in the existing Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of the Meeting House Steeple and sections of the Meeting House Roof. (Majority vote required). *The Selectmen support this article.*

There was no discussion.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Hundred Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars (\$600,629.00)** to support the Operation and Maintenance of the Town. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required).

Ambulance	16,225
Building Insp/Code Enforc.	5,180
Cemeteries	17,030
Conservation	3,450
Elections/Registrations	25,955
Executive	138,470
Financial Administration	57,420
General Government Buildings	45,566

Health Agencies	3,675
Insurance	17,187
Interest on Bonds	27,750
Interest TAN	1,000
Legal Expense	15,000
Other Debt Service	7,035
Other General Government	36,065
Parks and Recreation	13,225
Patriotic Purposes	1,100
Payroll Expense	45,565
Planning Board	14,350
Principal on Bonds	65,000
Regional Association Dues	3,181
Street Lighting	6,200
Welfare Administration	30,000
Zoning Board of Adjustment	5,000
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	600,629

The Board of Selectmen made a motion to amend this article “to add One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to this budget.”

There was no discussion.

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

Voice vote: Amended article passes.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500)** to add to the existing Assessment Capital Reserve Fund for the reappraisal of all real estate within the municipality every five years per RSA 75:8-a. (Majority vote required). *The Selectmen support this article.*

There was no discussion.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** and place said amount in the existing Fire/Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required). *Selectmen support this article.*

There was no discussion.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$78,393.00)** to support the Fire Department. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required).

FIRE - 4220	
Building Repairs/Maint.	2,000
Chief's Wages	2,000
Dues & Subscriptions	500
Electricity	4,750
Emergency Mgmt. (Code Red incl.)	4,975
Equipment	1,500
Equipment Replacement	6,000
Expense Reimbursements	7,500
Fire Alarm System	625
Fire Prevention	250
Forest Fire Equipment	500
Forest Fire Reimbursements	500
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	1,500
General Supplies	500
Heating Fuel	6,500
Insurance - General Liability	646
Insurance - Supplemental	350
Insurance - Vehicle	5,597
Medical Supplies	3,250
Mutual Aid Dispatching	17,000
Postage	100
Radio Repairs/Maint.	1,250
Telephone	2,100
Training Services	5,000
Uniform Allowance	1,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	2,500
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	78,393

There was a brief discussion regarding the Code Red system and the formula for the Mutual Aid expense.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500)** for the Exterior Painting and Repair of the Stephenson Memorial Library Building. (Majority vote required).

There was no discussion.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy Five Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$75,433.00)** to support the Stephenson Memorial Library. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required).

LIBRARY - 4550	
Books/Periodicals/Videos	3,250
Building Repairs/Maintenance	1,200
Clerical Wages	648
Computer Equipment	200
Computer Software	300
Computer Support/Maint.	2,000
Dues & Professional Expenses	200
Education/Conventions	400
Electricity	4,000
Fire/Security System	800
General Supplies & Postage	1,500
Heating Fuel	7,700
Insurance - General Liability	1,283
Mileage	200
Office Equipment	100
Part-Time Wages	48,484
Programs/Entertainment	750
Sewer Fees	618
Telephone	1,800
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	75,433

There was no discussion.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand, Twenty Four Dollars (\$237,024.00)** to support the Police Department. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required).

POLICE - 4210	
Chief's Salary	65,000

Computer Support/Maint.	1,835
Full-Time Wages	45,500
Gasoline	12,000
General Supplies	1,500
Insurance - Dental	1,650
Insurance - Disability	1,250
Insurance - General Liability	3,887
Insurance - Health	24,325
Insurance - Life	55
Insurance - Vehicle	809
Mutual Aid	17,182
Over-Time Wages	3,000
Part-Time Wages	22,000
Personal Equipment	3,500
Postage	200
Radio Repair/Maint.	500
Retirement	25,831
Telephone	3,000
Training Services	1,500
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	2,500
	<u>237,024</u>

Motion was made to “increase the Police Chief’s salary by One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).”

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

Voice vote: Amended article passes.

Article 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Nineteen Thousand, Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$19,319.00)** for the purpose of purchasing generators, all associated equipment, and installation associated with the generators; 50% of this amount to come from a matching grant from the Department of Homeland Security with the remaining funding to be derived from Fund Balance. This article has no affect on Taxes. (Majority vote required).

There was no discussion.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 18: To see if the town will vote, pursuant to RSA 289:6, III to reinstate the Board of Cemetery Trustees. If this vote is adopted, a new board of cemetery trustees shall be elected at the town meeting of 2014. (Majority vote required).

There was no discussion.

Voice vote: Article passes.

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

Mr. Myron Steere recommended that residents should come to more budget hearings so that there would be fewer questions at Town Meeting.

Mr. Robert Marshall stated that there are many vacancies on committees and these groups need help. Town Meeting is the only time some people participate, and their input could be useful throughout the year.

Mr. Norm Nickerson stated that the Roads Committee has prioritized roads for repair, and thought perhaps the town could look at a bond for next year.

Mr. Tom Bascom stated that a plan for the roads was never presented to the public and would like the Selectboard to present a plan to vote on. Mr. Nickerson stated that there was a public hearing but it was not well attended. More involvement is needed all around, and residents could make a better community by participating in it. Mr. Bascom proposed that the Selectboard present a plan for an estimated schedule of road repairs and maintenance, a schedule for road reconstruction, and a method to pay for the work to be done.

Voice vote: Proposal passes.

There being no other business to come before the town, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith P. Sleeper, Town Clerk