

2015
TOWN MEETING

Town of Greenfield
State of New Hampshire

14 March 2015

Moderator Gilbert Bliss opened the polls at 10:00 A.M. and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor of the Checklist Linda Dodge read the checklist with 1126 names.

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

Moderator Bliss declared the polls closed at 7:00 P.M. Results were tabulated and reported, and the meeting was to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

Town Meeting reconvened as scheduled. Moderator Gilbert Bliss called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the Board and read the house rules. Motion was made and seconded to accept the house rules as read. Motion passes.

OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS:

Selectman for three years: Debra Davidson received 131 votes, Stephen Atherton Jr received 144 votes. Therefore Stephen Atherton Jr is elected for the ensuing three years.

Fire Chief for two years: David Hall received 114 votes, Jim Morris received 13 write-in votes. Therefore David Hall is elected for the ensuing two years.

Town Clerk for three years: Edith "Dee" Sleeper received 251 votes. Therefore Edith "Dee" Sleeper is elected for the ensuing three years.

Trustee of Trust Funds for three years: Kenneth Paulsen received 243 votes. Therefore Kenneth Paulsen is elected for the ensuing three years.

Trustee of Trust Funds for two years: Vicki Norris received 238 votes. Therefore Vicki Norris is elected for the ensuing two years.

Trustee of Trust Funds for one year: Linda Nickerson received 243 votes. Therefore Linda Nickerson is elected for the ensuing year.

Library Trustee for three years: Jami Bascom received 253 votes. Therefore Jami Bascom is elected for the ensuing three years.

Cemetery Trustee for three years: Margaret Charig Bliss received 29 write-in votes. Therefore Margaret Charig Bliss is elected for the ensuing three years.

Planning Board Member for three years: Kenneth Paulsen received 235 votes. Therefore Kenneth Paulsen is elected for the ensuing three years.

Budget Committee Member for three years: Kevin Taylor received 218 votes, Myron Steere III received 212 votes. Therefore Kevin Taylor and Myron Steere III are elected for the ensuing three years.

Budget Committee Member for two years: Kenneth Paulsen received 211 votes, Norman Nickerson received 230 votes. Therefore Kenneth Paulsen and Norman Nickerson are elected for the ensuing two years.

Budget Committee Member for one year: Susan Moller received 238 votes. Therefore Susan Moller is elected for the ensuing year, and one seat remains vacant.

School Board Representative for three years: Myron Steere III received 237 votes. Therefore Myron Steere III is elected for the ensuing three 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 1(b): To vote by ballot on the following proposed amendments to the Greenfield Zoning Ordinance.

Amendment Number 1: Are you in favor of adopting the following Amendment to the Greenfield Zoning Ordinance, Section III.E.3, to add a second exception to the setback requirement in the General Residence District inserting the proposed text as follows:

“There is an exception for a building, the extreme front of which is not less than 30 feet from the nearest public highway, and, provided that such building is in existence at the time of passage of this amendment, such building shall be deemed a conforming building.”

Submitted By Petition.

YES = 220 NO = 55 Therefore the Amendment passes.

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** to add to the existing Assessment Capital Reserve Fund for the reappraisal of all real estate within the municipality every five years as required by RSA 75:8-a. (Majority vote required). *The Selectmen support this article.* This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$0.07 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 3: 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). This article has no tax impact.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,250)** for the purpose of Glass Removal at the Recycling Center. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$0.05 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to establish a Recycling Center Facilities and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of providing capital improvements and replacing equipment at the Recycling Center, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000)** to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen support this article. (Majority Vote Required). This article has a tax impact (2014 Values) of \$.04 cents.

There was discussion about needing running water and bathroom facilities at the Recycling Center.

Motion was made to increase the amount to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

Motion was made to table the Amended Article. Voice vote: Motion passes.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ninety Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$97,685)** to support the Recycling Center. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$0.72 cents.

RECYCLING CENTER	
Advertising	250
Building Repairs/Maintenance	2,000
Contract Services	
Electronics Recycling	1,200
Monadnock Disposal	28,000
Northeast Resource Rec. Assoc.	- <u>1,750</u>
Total Contract Services	30,950
Dues and Certifications	500
Education/Conventions	500
Electricity	1,000
Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	1,500
Fuel	550
General Supplies	500
Hazardous Waste	1805
Heating Fuel	2,500
Insurance - General Liability	426
Insurance - Vehicle	69
Mileage	500
Part-Time Wages	15,900
Refrigerant Removal	500
Safety Equipment/Supplies/Protection	500
Supervisor Wages	36,065
Telephone	1,070
Tire Removal	- <u>600</u>
Total RECYCLING CENTER	97,685

Motion was made to amend the Article to increase the Building Repairs/Maintenance line item by Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$9,700).

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

There was discussion regarding the insurances being taken out of department budgets.

Voice vote: Amended Article passes.

Return to Article 5:

Motion was made to amend the Article to Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

Voice vote: Amended Article passes.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)** and place said amount in the existing Fire/Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required). *The Selectmen support this article.* This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$0.15 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to change the Fire Department Chief's position from elected to a position appointed by the Selectmen, and to make the appointment a part-time paid position with wages ranging from a stipend up to a salary, not to exceed \$20,000, based on qualifications and experience. The appointed position to begin in 2016 per RSA 154:1 and RSA 669:17-b. (Majority Vote Required).

Motion was made to amend the Article to add: "Applicants for this position will have a state approved certification of at least Fire Fighter One."

There was lengthy discussion regarding the necessity of the amendment's stipulation.

Voice vote: The Moderator declared the Amendment fails. There was a call for a hand vote.

YES = 31 NO = 52. Amendment fails.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the salary amount

Voice vote: Original Article passes.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000)** for Fire Chief David Hall's wages for the remaining nine months in 2015. If this article passes the Fire Department budget shall be reduced by Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000). (Majority Vote Required). This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$0.11 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Six Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars (\$106,558)** to support the Fire Department. If Article 9 passes this article will be reduced by \$2,000. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$0.78 cents.

FIRE

Building Repairs/Maintenance	2,000
Chief's Salary	2,000
Dues & Subscriptions	500
Electricity	4,250
Emergency Management	4,975
Equipment	1,500
Equipment Replacement	3,000
Expense Reimbursements	15,000
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-Oil	7,500
Insurance - General Liability	700
Insurance - Vehicle	5,700
Medical Supplies	3,250
Mutual Aid Dispatching	19,208
Physicals/Inoculations	2,500
Postage	250

Propane	500
Radio Repairs/Maintenance	3,250
Telephone	2,100
Training Services	10,000
Turnout Gear	1,500
Uniform Allowance	3,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	<u>10,000</u>
Total FIRE	106,558

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to establish a Non-Apparatus Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of replacing firefighter gear and equipment not associated with the Fire Truck(s)/Apparatus or the Fire Department building, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500)** to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. *The Selectmen support this article.* (Majority Vote Required). This article has a tax impact (2014 Values) of \$.06 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Twenty Four Thousand, One Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$224,123)** to support the Police Department. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$1.66.

POLICE

Chief's Salary	69,138
Dispatch Services - 911	18,500
Full-Time Wages	88,135
Gasoline	13,500
General Supplies	1,900
Insurance - General Liability	5,300
Insurance - Vehicle	850
Officer Equipment	3,500
Over-Time Wages	3,500
Part-Time Wages	10,000
Postage	300
Radio Repair/Maintenance	500

Telephone	3,000
Training Services	2,500
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	<u>3,500</u>
Total POLICE	224,123

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000)** to be placed in the existing Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required). *The Selectmen support this article.* This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$0.11 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$829,540)** to support the Operation and Maintenance of the Town. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$6.09.

Ambulance	32,957
Building Insp./Code Enforcement	13,435
Cemeteries	17,215
Conservation	3,950
Executive	107,780
Financial Administration	45,377
General Government Buildings	48,055
Health Agencies	2,825
Insurance	17,150
Interest on Bonds	22,236
Interest TAN	1,500
Legal Expense	15,000
Other Debt Service	7,035
Other General Government	53,470
Parks and Recreation	17,905
Patriotic Purposes	1,400
Personnel Administration	294,655
Planning Board	16,850
Principal on Bonds	65,000
Regional Association Dues	3,435

Street Lighting	7,150
Welfare Administration	30,010
Zoning Board of Adjustment	<u>5,150</u>
	829,540

There was discussion regarding the computer line items being taken out of department budgets and consolidated into the Operation Budget.

Motion was made to amend the Article by removing Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) from the Other General Government line item.

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

Voice vote: Amended Article passes.

Motion was made to move Article 19 ahead of Article 15.

Voice vote: undeterminable

Hand count: YES = 23 NO = 19

Motion passes.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00)** for the purpose of finishing the reconstruction of Old Bennington Road (from Forest Road to the Peterborough town line). By Petition. *The Selectmen do not recommend this warrant article.* This article has a tax impact (2014 Values) of \$0.66 cents.

Motion was made to amend the Article by reducing the amount to Seventy-Five Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars And Fifty Cents (\$75,657.50)

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

Voice vote: Amended Article fails.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000)** for the purpose of providing Road Paving. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$0.85 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Forty Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$440,771)** to support the Highway Department. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$3.24.

HIGHWAY/DPW

Advertising	500
Building Repairs/Maintenance	3,500
Calcium Chloride - Summer	2,000
Contract Services	6,000
Drainage Material	3,500
Drug/Alcohol Testing	500
Dues and Subscriptions	100
Education/Conventions	600
Electricity	2,500
Equipment Rental	6,000
Fire Alarm system	600
Full-Time Wages	118,750
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	35,000
General Supplies	2,500
Gravel	10,000
Heat	3,500
Insurance - General Liability	1,650
Insurance - Vehicle	3,975
Over-Time Wages	15,700
Part-Time Wages	500
Protective Clothing	1,500
Road Maintenance	75,000
Safety Equipment	500
Salt	21,500
Sealing & Tarring	10,000
Small Tools & Equipment	1,500
Street Signs	1,000
Supervisor Salary	53,693
Telephone	2,000
Tree Trimming	1,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	25,000
Welding Supplies	1,000
W.A. '08 - #16 Backhoe	1
W.A. '13 - #3 2014 Dump Truck	<u>29,702</u>
Total HIGHWAY/DPW	440,771

Motion was made to add Fifteen Thousand Dollars to the Sealing & Tarring line item.

Voice vote: Amendment fails.

Voice vote: Original Article passes.

Article 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighty Six Thousand, One Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$86,162)** to support the Stephenson Memorial Library. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$0.63 cents.

LIBRARY

Books/Print/Digital Collections	7,000
Building Repairs/Maintenance	1,875
Clerical Wages	750
Computer Equipment	200
Computer Software	300
Computer Support/Maintenance	2,500
Dues & Professional Expenses	250
Education/Conventions	400
Electricity	4,000
Fire/Security System	800
General Supplies & Postage	1,500
Heating Fuel	7,700
Insurance - General Liability	1,525
Mileage	300
Office Equipment	100
Part-Time Wages	53,740
Programs/Entertainment	850
Sewer Fees	572
Telephone	<u>1,800</u>
Total LIBRARY	86,162

Motion was made to amend the article by adding One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500) to have a full energy audit of the library building.

After a brief discussion, the motion to amend was withdrawn.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$23,750)** to fund the operation of the Town Clerk's office. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2014 values) of \$0.17 cents.

ELECT./REG.VITAL STAT.

Dues and Subscriptions	25
Education/Conventions	50
Elections	1,100
General Supplies	300
Mileage	50
Postage	150
Publications	75
Town Clerk- Other Compensation	9,500
Town Clerk Deputy Wages	2,000
Town Clerk Salary	9,600
Vital Statistics	<u>900</u>
Total ELECT./REG./VITAL STAT.	23,750

Motion was made to amend the Article by adding Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars for computers.

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

Voice vote: Amended Article passes.

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

- 1) There was a question regarding the status of Driscoll Road being accepted as a Class V road. Town Administrator Aaron Patt stated that there are still a few steps to follow before that is complete.
- 2) There was a request for an update to the status of the cemetery fence. Cemetery Trustee Margaret Charig Bliss stated that the committee is still exploring options.
- 3) There was a question regarding the status of the Code Red system. Selectman Karen Day stated that they are looking at other systems that may be more cost efficient.

- 4) Michael Borden, Building Inspector and member of the Fire Department, stated that there is a project being worked on to match property cards with pictures of homes. Each fire truck would have this to aid in finding houses and dealing with the interior layout if needed.
- 5) At this time the newly elected Selectman, Stephen Atherton Jr, was introduced.

There being no other business to come before the Town, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith P. Sleeper, Town Clerk