

2016 TOWN MEETING

Town of Greenfield State of New Hampshire

12 March 2016

Moderator Gilbert W. Bliss opened the polls at 9:00 A.M. and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor of the Checklist Linda Dodge read the checklist with 1155 names.

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

Moderator Gilbert W. Bliss declared the polls closed at 7:10 P.M. Results were calculated and reported, and the meeting was to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday March 12, 2016.

Town Meeting reconvened as scheduled. Moderator Gilbert W. Bliss called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. Boy Scout Troop 271 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The moderator then introduced the Board and read the house rules. Motion was made and seconded to accept the house rules as read. Motion passed.

OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS:

Selectman for three years: Robert Marshall received 238 votes, Debra Davidson received 111 votes, and James Conway received 52 write-in votes. Therefore Robert Marshall is elected for the ensuing three years.

Moderator for two years: Gilbert W. Bliss received 320 votes. Therefore Gilbert W. Bliss is elected for the ensuing two years.

Supervisor of the Checklist for six years: Kathleen Seigars received 370 votes. Therefore Kathleen Seigars is elected for the ensuing six years.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years: Linda Nickerson received 337 votes. Therefore Linda Nickerson is elected for the ensuing three years.

Library Trustee for three years: Neal Brown received 336 votes. Therefore Neal Brown is elected for the ensuing three years.

Cemetery Trustee for three years: Shirley Leblanc received 349 votes. Therefore Shirley Leblanc is elected for the ensuing three years.

Planning Board Members for three years: Andre Wood received 314 votes, and Angelique Moon received 268 votes. Therefore Andre Wood and Angelique Moon are elected for the ensuing three years.

Planning Board Member for two years: Sherry Fox received 336 votes. Therefore Sherry Fox is elected for the ensuing two years.

Budget Committee Member for three years: No one ran for this position, and no one had enough write-in votes. Therefore the Budget Committee seat remains open.

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:

SECTION III. DISTRICTS.

C. Village District

Amend to ~~C.~~ **D. Lakeside** Village District

The **Lakeside** Village District shall observe the following regulations and restriction:

2. g. The accessory dwelling unit shall comply with all the other ordinances of the **Lakeside** Village District.

NOTE: all other text in current Section III. C remains the same as new Section III. D

~~D.~~ **E.** Village District Boundaries:

The **Center** Village District, as defined in Section III. C shall be bounded as follows:

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~~Also included in this district,~~ **The Lakeside Village District, as defined in Section III. D shall comprise** all land included within four hundred (400') feet of the high water mark around Otter, Sunset, and Zephyr Lakes.

NOTE: The passage of any or both of amendment articles # 2 & # 3 is also contingent on the passage of amendment article # 1.

Final Language for Village District

Purpose of this change: The purpose of this proposed change is to permit the creation of additional housing units and location of specific types of business in the Village Districts, V1 through V5 only, while preserving the character of these districts.

YES = 243 NO = 137 Therefore the Amendment passes.

Amendment Number 2:

Section III. DISTRICTS

C. **Center** Village District

The **Center** Village District shall observe the following regulations and restrictions:

1. It shall be **primarily** a district of residences only. **Customary Home Occupations and Professional Uses, as defined in Section IV.B, are permitted in this district.** ~~Manufactured housing,~~ Mobile homes and/or travel trailers used as residences shall not be permitted in this district.

YES = 252 NO = 132 Therefore the Amendment passes.

Amendment Number 3:

Section III. DISTRICTS, C. **Center** Village District.

2. ~~No building shall house more than one (1) family as permanent residents. However, by~~ **By** special exception, the Board of Adjustment may permit the addition of not more than ~~one (1)~~ **three (3)** accessory dwelling units under the following conditions:

a. Such additions ~~s is~~ **are** within or attached **by shared walls** to the primary unit.

b. ~~Either the accessory dwelling unit or the primary residence shall constitute the domicile of the person or persons who own the lot on which the residence is situated.~~

c. The accessory dwelling unit(**s**) shall have a minimum floor area of three hundred (300) square feet. ~~but shall be no greater than twenty-five (25%) percent of the total floor area of the building.~~

d. ~~The accessory~~ All dwelling units ~~shall have a separate entrance and~~ shall have adequate egress in case of fire or other hazard.

e. No change shall be made to the exterior of the residence which would detract from its appearance as a ~~one-family~~ residence **unless required by Life Safety Codes.**

f. The sewage disposal system for the residence, either existing or as it may be modified, shall be shown adequate for all occupants, and shall have been approved by the ~~Building Inspector~~ **Code Enforcement Officer.**

g. The accessory dwelling unit(**s**) shall comply with all the other ordinances of the **Center** Village District.

YES = 231 NO = 154 Therefore the Amendment passes.

Amendment Number 4:

Final Language for “Build-To” Definition:

Purpose of this change: The purpose of this definition is to change set-back requirements to enable infill development that is consistent with the existing neighborhood. Current language in the zoning ordinance requires set-backs that are not consistent with existing neighborhood development in some places.

Proposed change:

Section

II

Definitions

E. “Build-To” Line- Whenever set-backs are prescribed to be to the “build-to” line, such front setback requirement shall mean the distance between the nearest edge of the right of way of the road and the closest part of the structure and shall be calculated by averaging the front setback of all structures on the same side of the road a distance of 300 feet in either direction.

Final Language for the Business District

Purpose of this change: The purpose of this change is to enable the use of a “build-to” line for setback requirements in the business district only. This would enable in-fill development setbacks to be consistent with existing structures in the Business District, thus preserving the character of the Business District.

Proposed change:

A. Business District:

1. The Business District shall observe the following regulations and restrictions:

a. This District shall be principally a District for the transactions of business and the following uses are permitted: stores and shops for the conduct of any retail business or personal service, offices, banks, ~~filling stations, car washes, motor vehicle repair garages~~ and food service facilities. All the above businesses must be conducted in permanent buildings. Residences are allowed in this District however, ~~manufactured housing~~, mobile homes and/or travel trailers used as a residence shall not be permitted.

b. The lot area shall be not less than ~~one and one-half (1.5)~~ **one-half (1/2)** acre and the frontage not less than fifty (50) feet provided, however, that a lot with less acreage or less frontage, or both, which is recorded in the Office of the Registry of Deeds at the time of passage of this amendment shall be deemed a conforming lot. There shall be between the nearest side of any public highway and the extreme front of any building, a ~~yard having a minimum depth of fifty (50') feet~~ **a setback at least equivalent to the “build-to” line**. There shall be between the nearest part of any building or structure on the lot, a side or rear yard of not less than twenty-five (25') feet. There is, however, an exception to these setback requirements. For lots smaller than ~~one and one-half~~ **one-half** acre in area and deemed conforming per the above, setback requirements will be reduced in proportion to the actual lot size divided by the minimum lot size, however, in no case will setbacks be less than ~~thirty (30') feet~~ **the “build-to” line** at the front and ~~twenty (20')~~ **twenty-five (25')** feet at the sides and rear. No building addition shall have to be set back from the lot line any further than any existing building on the lot.

c. No business shall be permitted which is offensive or injurious to nearby residents or the general public or which does not meet State and Federal environmental and sanitary standards. **All business uses shall conform to the terms of the Greenfield Groundwater Protection Ordinance.**

YES = 230 NO = 148 Therefore the Amendment passes.

Amendment Number 5:

By special exception, the Board of Adjustment may permit the addition of not more than ~~one (1)~~ **three (3)** accessory dwelling units under the following conditions:

a. Such additions ~~s is~~ **are** within or attached **by shared walls** to the primary unit.

b. ~~Either the accessory dwelling unit or the primary residence shall constitute the domicile of the person or persons who own the lot on which the residence is situated.~~

- c. The accessory dwelling unit(s) shall have a minimum floor area of three hundred (300) square feet. ~~but shall be no greater than twenty-five (25%) percent of the total floor area of the building.~~
- d. ~~The accessory~~ All dwelling units shall ~~have a separate entrance and~~ shall have adequate egress in case of fire or other hazard.
- e. No change shall be made to the exterior of the residence which would detract from its appearance as a one-family residence ***unless required by Life Safety Codes.***
- f. The sewage disposal system for the residence, either existing or as it may be modified, shall be shown adequate for all occupants, and shall have been approved by the ~~Building Inspector~~ ***Code Enforcement Officer.***
- g. The accessory dwelling unit(s) shall comply with all the other ordinances of the Business District.

YES = 222 NO = 156 Therefore the Amendment passes.

Amendment Article Number 6:

SECTION XIV. SPECIAL EVENT FACILITY ORDINANCE

To encourage the preservation of agricultural lands and buildings per RSA 674:17, I(i) as stated by the State of New Hampshire as a purpose in the design of zoning ordinances, special event facilities, as an alternative use of farmland at currently active farms or at inactive farms which retain agricultural buildings and open fields, shall be permitted subject to the following restrictions:

1. Special event facilities shall host events which are regular and/or seasonal in nature, i.e. reasonable expectation of hosting events more than two (2) times per year.
2. Events under this ordinance shall only be allowed in the general residence district and rural/agricultural district.
3. Event site shall be on a property or contiguous properties under the same ownership with a minimum total of twenty (20) acres.
4. Events shall be restricted to commercial use of property for private events/functions, not open to the general public. Permitted types of events would include workshops, retreats, private weddings, family gatherings and similar kinds of activities.
 - a.) A special event shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) attendees in size, including guests and staff supporting the event.
 - b.) Special events numbering from 75 – 125 attendees in size shall be limited to a maximum of 10 events in a calendar year. Special events numbering 25 – 74 attendees

in size shall be limited to a maximum of 20 events in a calendar year. Special events with less than 25 attendees shall have no limit.

- c.) No event shall exceed 12 hours of operation, excluding set-up and break-down.
No event shall commence earlier than 10 a.m. nor extend later than 10 p.m.

5. Any subsequent development of the site for this use shall be consistent with the existing rural agricultural characteristics of the property.

6. All events require off-street parking for all vehicles.

7. Approved facilities and activities must comply with all other applicable statutes, ordinances and regulations.

8. All businesses of this type must be approved by the Planning Board after meeting requirements of Site Plan Review, except that Site Plan approval shall be valid for three (3) years from the date of the Planning Board vote and expire if the applicant does not apply for a new approval prior to the expiration date.

9. For previously approved special event facilities seeking a renewal approval, a record of the events that have been held, including the date, duration and number of attendees, and any complaints that have been received by the applicant or on file with the Police Department, shall be submitted with the permit renewal application.

Add in Section III. DISTRICTS, E. General Residence District:

7. A commercial special event facility is permitted in this district subject to the provisions of Section XIV, Special Event Facility Ordinance.

Add in Section III. DISTRICTS, G. Rural/Agricultural District:

5. A commercial special event facility is permitted in this district subject to the provisions of Section XIV, Special Event Facility Ordinance.

YES = 255 NO = 122 Therefore the Amendment passes.

Article 2 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to close the **Library Roof Repair Capital Reserve Fund** and to further remove the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Library Roof Repair Capital Reserve Fund that has been established to provide funds for the repairs of the Library Roof under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

At this time Moderator Gilbert W. Bliss briefly explained Capital Reserve Funds. Legal counsel added that the intent of the petition articles seems to be to remove the Selectmen as agents, and the DRA requires exact dollar amounts for articles such as these, so the Capital Reserve Funds would be empty if the body proceeds as the articles are written.

Motion was made to amend the article “to see if the Town will vote to remove the Selectmen as agents-to-expend from the Capital Reserve Funds named in each of Warrant Articles 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18”.

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

There was further discussion regarding having information made available to the public when the Selectboard is going to spend money from the Capital Reserve Funds, specifically because voters have a say in contributing to the funds, but not in spending them. One of the petitioners stated that the intent of the petitions was to ask for more information and transparency from the Selectboard, and that voters should be able to look at the board minutes and agendas and have current and correct information, which petitioners feel is not currently happening.

Voice vote on amended article: Amended Article fails.

Article 3 – by *Petition*: To see if the town will vote to re-establish the **Library Roof Repair Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of repair or replacement of Library Roof Repair. To further see if the municipality will raise and appropriate the balance remaining in the closed Library Roof Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of reestablishing this fund. This account has been established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to further require a town meeting vote, allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Motion was made to amend the article “to see if the Town will vote to reject Warrant Articles 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19, which the Department of Revenue Administration has advised will be disallowed”.

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

Voice vote: Amended Article passes. Therefore the meeting moved on to Warrant Article 20.

Article 4 – by *Petition*: To see if the town will vote to close the **Fire Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund** and to further remove the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from Fire Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund that has been established to repair or replace Fire Rescue Apparatus under the provision of RSA: 35-1 for the purpose of allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 5 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to re-establish the **Fire Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of repair or replacement of Fire Equipment. To further see if the municipality will raise and appropriate the balance remaining in the closed Fire Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of reestablishing this fund. This account has been established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to further require a town meeting vote, allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 6 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to close the **Non-Apparatus Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund** and to further remove the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Non-Apparatus Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund that has been established to provide non-apparatus fire equipment for the Greenfield Fire Department under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 7 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to re-establish the **Non-apparatus Fire Dept Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of providing non apparatus fire equipment and to see if the municipality will raise and appropriate the balance remaining in the closed Non-apparatus Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of reestablishing this fund. This account has been established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to further require a town meeting vote, allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 8 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to close the **Recycling Center Facilities & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** and to further remove the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Recycling Center Facilities & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund that has been established to repair or replace equipment under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 9 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to re-establish the **Recycling Center Facilities & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of repair or replacement of equipment at the Greenfield Recycling Center and to further see if the municipality will raise and appropriate the balance remaining in the closed Recycling Center Facilities & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of reestablishing this fund. This account has been established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to further require a town meeting vote, allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 10 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to close the **Assessment Capital Reserve Fund** and to further remove the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Assessment Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of providing assessment services for the Town. This account has been established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of allows the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote

required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 11 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to re-establish the **Assessment Capital Reserve Fund** and to further see if the municipality will raise and appropriate the balance remaining in the closed Assessment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of reestablishing this fund. Removing the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Assessment Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of providing assessment services for the Town. This account has been established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 12 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to close the **Town Building Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of this account is to provide funds for building energy efficiency uses and was set up under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to further require a town meeting vote, allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds can be expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has a \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 13 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to re-establish the **Town Building Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund** the purpose of this account is to provide funds for building energy efficiency uses. To further see if the municipality will raise and appropriate the balance remaining in the closed Town Building Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of reestablishing this fund. This account has been established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to further require a town meeting vote, allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 14 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to close the **Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund** the purpose of this account is to provide funds for building maintenance on town buildings and was set up under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to further require a town meeting vote, allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required). This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 15 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to re-establish the **Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of providing funds for building maintenance use. To further see if the municipality will raise and appropriate the balance remaining in the closed Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of reestablishing this fund. This account has been established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to further require a town meeting vote, allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 16 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to close the **Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** and to further remove the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund that has been established to provide funds for the repairs of the Library Roof under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required)

– This is a petitioned article. This article has a \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 17 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to re-establish the **Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of repair or replacement of Highway Equipment. To further see if the municipality will raise and appropriate the balance remaining in the closed Highway Equipment Capital Reserve fund for the purpose of reestablishing this fund. This account has been established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to further require a town meeting vote, allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has a \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 18 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to close the **Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund** and to further remove the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund that has been established to provide funds for the purchase of new police vehicles under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 19 – by Petition: To see if the town will vote to re-establish the **Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund** for the purposes of providing new police vehicles for the Town and to further see if the municipality will raise and appropriate the balance remaining in the closed Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of re-establishing this fund. This account has been established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of allowing the voters to decide why and when Capital Reserve Funds are expended. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. This article has a \$0.00 tax impact. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Article 20 – by Petition: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the position of Town Administrator and replace it with the position of Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen at a salary not to exceed \$47,500. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

Myron Steere noted that in 2004 the Town voted *not* to have a Town Administrator, and the cost has risen significantly since the administrator started. Leonard Boutin stated that the previous Administrative Assistant did the same job for a lot less money. Several questions followed regarding the job description, significant raises, and responsibilities that are actually handled by other employees. Selectman Karen Day spoke to the job description.

A request was made to vote on this Article by secret ballot. Ballots were cast and counted.

YES = 37 NO = 168 Therefore the Article fails.

Article 21 – by Petition: The below registered voters of the Town of Greenfield request the Board of Selectmen to properly advertise, in the same manner that would be advertise for any other Department Head position with Town of Greenfield, the position for Fire Chief. We further request, the minimum qualifications for the position require the chosen applicant to have Fire 1 certification and EMR Certification. The position MUST be properly advertised prior to hiring anyone for the position. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

There was a heated discussion regarding the position of Fire Chief, specifically that this position has never been advertised, though other hired positions have been. It was also noted that although the State of NH does not require certification for this position, the governing body has the right to add the qualification.

A request was made to vote on this Article by secret ballot. Ballots were cast and counted.

YES = 50 NO = 144 Therefore the Article fails.

Article 22 – by Petition: The below registered voters of the Town of Greenfield request the Board of Selectmen to reduce the salary of the Greenfield Fire Chief to \$5,000.00 for the 2016 budget year. We further request, this reduction of the salary of the Greenfield Fire Chief to be presented to the voters in the form of a warrant article for the 2016 budget year. (Majority vote required) – This is a petitioned article. *The Selectmen do not support this article.*

There was some discussion regarding the salary, specifically in comparison to neighboring towns and the difference in certification requirements.

A request was made to vote on this Article by secret ballot. Ballots were cast and counted.

YES = 38 NO = 143 Therefore the Article fails.

Article 23: 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 (**2015** values) of \$0.07 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 24: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **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 25: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3-year lease/purchase agreement for \$19,592 for the purpose of purchasing a Compactor for loose paper at the Recycling Center; further to raise and appropriate **Six Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty One Dollars (\$6,531)** for the first year payment. (This lease agreement contains an escape clause). (Majority vote required) This article has a tax impact (2015 values) of \$0.05 cents.

Voice vote: article passes.

Article 26: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500)** to fund the existing Recycling Center Facilities and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required). *The Selectmen support this article.* This article has a tax impact (**2015** Values) of \$0.004 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 27: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Four Thousand, Thirty Five Dollars (\$104,035)** to support the Recycling Center. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2015** values) of \$0.76 cents.

RECYCLING CENTER

Advertising	300.00
Contract Services	
Electronics Recycling	1,000.00
Monadnock Disposal	28,000.00
Northeast Resource Rec. Assoc.	5,000.00
Total Contract Services	34,000.00
Dues and Certifications	500.00
Education/Conventions	500.00
Electricity	1,000.00
Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	1,500.00
Fuel	500.00
General Supplies	500.00
Glass Disposal	2,700.00
Hazardous Waste	1,950.00

Heating Fuel	2,500.00
Mileage	500.00
Part-Time Wages	15,900.00
Refrigerant Removal	500.00
Safety Equipment/Supply/Protection	650.00
Supervisor Wages	37,960.00
Telephone	1,975.00
Tire Removal	600.00
Total RECYCLING CENTER	<hr/> 104,035.00

There was discussion regarding the phone lines being duplicated. Suggestions were made. The Town Administrator will look into options going forward. It was also noted that the supervisor position is now 40 hours per week.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 28: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000)** to add to the existing Fire/Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund with \$5,000 to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required). *The Selectmen support this article.* This article has a tax impact (2015 values) of \$0.29 cents.

Note: The \$5,000 unassigned fund balance is the balance from the DRA required closure and transfer of the Forest Fire Fighters Savings Account to the general fund.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 29: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)** and place said amount in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required). *The Selectmen support this article.* This article has a tax impact (2015 values) of \$0.29 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 30: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** and place said amount in the existing Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required). *The Selectmen support this article.* This article has a tax impact (2015 values) of \$0.07 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 31: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$119,210)** to support the Fire Department. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2015** values) of \$0.87 cents.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Salary	20,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	500.00
Electricity	4,250.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00
Equipment	9,500.00
Equipment Replacement	3,000.00
Fire Fighter/Rescue Stipends	15,000.00
Fire Prevention	250.00
Forest Fire Equipment	500.00
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	750.00
General Supplies	500.00
Heating Fuel-Oil	7,000.00
Medical Supplies	3,250.00
Mutual Aid Dispatching	20,360.00
Physicals/Inoculations	2,000.00
Postage	250.00
Propane	1000.00
Radio Repairs/Maintenance	3,500.00
Telephone	2,100.00
Training Services	10,000.00
Turnout Gear-EMS	1,500.00
Uniform Allowance	3,000.00
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	10,000.00
Total FIRE DEPARTMENT	119,210.00

Motion was made to amend the Fire Department budget “to add Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to the Fire Department budget to be used this year for the purpose of purchasing fire turnout gear”.

Voice vote: Amendment passes.

There was some discussion regarding the training that the current fire chief provides via his business. Parameters of the training was explained, and Chief Hall stated that he does not bill the Town for training the Greenfield Fire Department members.

Voice vote: Amended Article passes.

Article 32: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500)** for the purpose of replacing firefighter gear and equipment not associated with the Fire Truck(s)/Apparatus or the Fire Department building, and to place the funds in the existing Fire Department Non-Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. *The Selectmen support this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2015** Values) of \$0.06 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$221,788)** to support the Police Department. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (**2015** values) of \$1.62.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Salary	69,138.00
Dispatch Services - 911	18,500.00
Full-Time Wages	91,350.00
Gasoline	13,500.00
General Supplies	2,000.00
Officer Equipment	4,000.00
Over-Time Wages	3,500.00
Part-Time Wages	10,000.00
Postage	300.00
Radio Repair/Maintenance	500.00
Telephone	3,000.00
Training Services	2,500.00
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	3,500.00
Total POLICE DEPARTMENT	221,788.00

There was discussion regarding the condition and safety of the current police cruisers. No decisions are being made at this time.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 34: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** 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 (**2015** values) of \$0.18 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 35: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$868,297)** to support the Operation and Maintenance of the Town. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2015 values) of \$6.35.

Ambulance	60,374
Building Insp./Code Enforcement	14,035
Cemeteries	17,215
Conservation	3,950
Executive	111,782
Financial Administration	51,921
General Government Buildings	37,055
Health Agencies	2,825
Insurance	41,434
Interest on Bonds	19,445
Interest TAN	750
Legal Expense	15,000
Other Debt Service	7,035
Other General Government	48,500
Parks and Recreation	15,280
Patriotic Purposes	2,000
Personnel Administration	296,950
Planning Board	11,950
Principal on Bonds	65,000
Regional Association Dues	3,511
Street Lighting	7,000
Welfare Administration	30,135
Zoning Board of Adjustment	5,150
Total OPERATIONS	<hr/> 868,297

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 36: 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 Reconstruction and Paving. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2015 values) of \$0.92 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 37: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand, Fifty Dollars (\$468,050)** to support the Department of Public Works. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2015 values) of \$3.42.

DPW

DPW BLDGS & GRNDS

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

DPW Building Maint.	4,800.00
Fire Station Building Maint.	3,525.00
Library Building Maint.	3,675.00
Meeting House Building Maint.	7,500.00
Oak Park + Beaches Maint.	3,875.00
Recycling Center Building Maint	3,000.00
Town Office Building Maint.	<u>5,500.00</u>

Total Buildings & Grounds Maint.	31,875.00
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Cell Phone Reimbursement	360.00
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Contract Services	500.00
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DPW B&G Mgr Salary	37,440.00
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Dues and Subscriptions	300.00
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Education/Conventions	500.00
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Equipment Rental	2,000.00
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Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	500.00
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General Supplies	2,000.00
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Mileage	1,000.00
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Protective Equipment	300.00
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Signage	500.00
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Small Tools & Equipment	1,000.00
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DPW ROADS DIV.

Advertising	500.00
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Calcium Chloride - Summer	3,000.00
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Contract Services	6,000.00
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DPW Roads Mgr Salary	48,000.00
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Drainage Material	4,000.00
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Drug/Alcohol Testing	675.00
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Dues and Subscriptions	100.00
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Education/Conventions	600.00
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Electricity	2,500.00
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Equipment Rental	6,000.00
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Full-Time Wages	80,600.00
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Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	30,000.00
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General Supplies	2,500.00
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Gravel	15,000.00
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Heat	3,500.00
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Mileage	500.00
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Over-Time Wages	11,000.00
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Part-Time Wages	6,500.00
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Protective Clothing	1,500.00
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Road Maintenance	70,000.00
Safety Equipment	500.00
Salt	20,000.00
Sealing & Tarring	10,000.00
Small Tools & Equipment	2,000.00
Street Signs	1,000.00
Telephone	2,000.00
Tree Trimming	1,000.00
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	20,000.00
Welding Supplies	1,000.00
Wetlands Engineer	6,000.00
Winter Maintenance	5,000.00
W.A. '13 - 2014 Dump Truck	28,800.00
Total DPW	468,050.00

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 38: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Four Thousand, Ten Dollars (\$104,010)** to support the Stephenson Memorial Library Operations. Allocation as follows: (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2015 values) of \$0.76 cents.

LIBRARY	
Books/Print/Digital Collections	6,500.00
Clerical Wages	750.00
Computer Support/Maintenance	2,900.00
Computer Technology	2,600.00
Director Salary	39,400.00
Dues & Professional Expenses	250.00
Education/Conventions	600.00
Electricity	4,000.00
Fire/Security System	800.00
General Supplies & Postage	2,750.00
Heating Fuel	6,500.00
Marketing	200.00
Mileage	300.00
Office Equipment	500.00
Part-Time Wages	32,484.00
Post-Office Box	84.00
Programs/Entertainment	1,020.00
Sewer Fees	572.00
Telephone	1,800.00
Total LIBRARY	104,010.00

It was noted that the director position will now be a full-time position, and the library will be open more hours.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 39: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Library Roof Repairs Capital Reserve Fund, as outlined in RSA 35:16-a, and to move **One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00)** to the Municipality's general fund per RSA 35:16-a. *The Selectmen support this article.* (Majority vote required). This article has no impact on taxation.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 40: To see if the town will vote to establish a Library Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, as outlined in RSA 35:1, for the purpose of providing for the Library's building and grounds repairs, maintenance, and upkeep, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$15,110)** to place in the fund, with One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00) to come from unassigned fund balance; and further to name the Selectboard as agents to expend. *The Selectmen support this article.* (Majority Vote Required). This article has a tax impact of (2015 values) of \$0.11 cents.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 41: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$28,840)** to fund the operation of the Town Clerk's office. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2015 values) of \$0.21 cents.

ELECT./REG./VITAL STAT.

Computer Equipment	100.00
Computer Support/Maint. INTW	1,100.00
Dues and Subscriptions	25.00
Education/Conventions	90.00
Elections	4,200.00
General Supplies	300.00
Mileage	50.00
Postage	600.00
Publications	75.00
Town Clerk - Other Compensation	9,500.00
Town Clerk Deputy Wages	2,000.00
Town Clerk Salary	10,000.00
Vital Statistics	800.00
Total ELECT./REG./VITAL STAT.-	28,840.00

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 42: To see if the town will vote to establish a Forest Fire Fighters Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of reimbursing mutual aid personnel in the event of brush or forest fire, and replacing forestry equipment as needed, and to raise and appropriate the sum **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500)** to be added to the fund with \$2,500 to come from unassigned fund balance; Further to name the Selectboard as agents to expend. *The Selectmen support this article.* (Majority Vote Required). This article has no effect on taxation.

Note: The \$2,500 of unassigned fund balance is from the DRA required closure and transfer of the Forest Fire Fighters Savings Account to the general fund.

Voice vote: Article passes.

Article 43: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

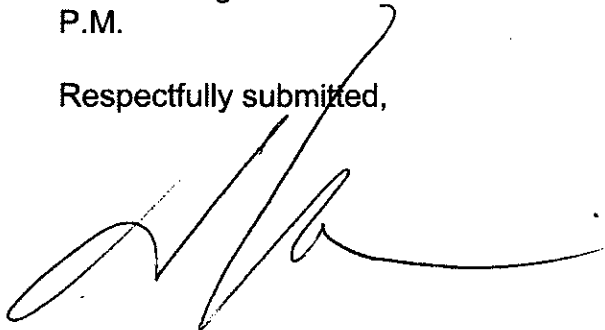
- 1) Myron Steere made a motion "to see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen to have hearings for expenditures from Capital Reserve Funds above Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)".

Voice vote: Motion fails.

- 2) Dorene Adams reminded everyone that the 225th Anniversary event will be held on June 25th of this year.
- 3) Supervisor of the Checklist Linda Dodge asked everyone to please return visitor passes unused ballots.
- 4) Moderator Gilbert W. Bliss asked that all newly elected officials stay to be sworn in.

There being no other business to come before the Town, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Edith P. Sleeper', written over a horizontal line.

Edith P. Sleeper, Town Clerk