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Annual Town Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2019

For Year 2019/2020

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Oxford, ss

State of Maine

To: Gary Fuller, a resident of the Town of Greenwood in said County of Oxford, State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Greenwood, qualified by law to vote in said town, to meet at the American Legion, Jackson Silver Post, 595 Gore Road, Greenwood on May 18, 2019 at 9 o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles to wit:

Town Clerk, Kim Sparks called the meeting to order and thanked everyone to attending.

Article 1: To elect a **Moderator** by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Vern Maxfield as moderator. 4 Ballots were cast for moderator for Vern Maxfield. Vern was sworn in as Moderator by Clerk Sparks.

Moderator Maxfield asked that we salute the American flag. Moderator Maxfield explained that he runs the meeting per the Maine Moderator's Manual. He asked the voters to approve of this, by a raise of hands the voters approved the meeting run under the rules of the Maine Moderator's Manual.

Article 2: To elect a **Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor** by written ballot for a **three year term** starting July 1, 2019.

Moderator Maxfield explained that under the Maine Moderator's rules – to win this of the candidates would need ½ plus one of the votes cast.

Moderator Maxfield asked if there were any nominations for Selectman. Moderator

It was moved and seconded to nominate Michelle McDonnell as Selectmen.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Norman Milliard as Selectman.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Fred Henderson as Selectman.

Moderator Maxfield asked that everyone cast their ballots for Selectman.

All Ballots cast. Moderator declares the box closed.

Votes counted by Clerk Sparks and Deputy Clerk Lovejoy.

Tally: Michelle McDonnell – 18

Norman Milliard – 26

Fred Henderson – 18

62 Votes cast- 32 votes needed to be declared the winner. No one exceeded the 32 votes.

Moderator Maxfield declared there was no winner and to have the voters vote again.

Moderator Maxfield asked that everyone cast their ballots for Selectman.

All Ballots cast. Moderator declares the box closed.

Votes counted by Clerk Sparks and Deputy Clerk Lovejoy.

Tally: Michelle McDonnell – 21

Norman Milliard – 29

Fred Henderson – 20

70 Votes cast- 36 votes needed to be declared the winner. No one exceeded the 36 votes.

Moderator Maxfield declared again there was no winner and to have the voters vote again.

Moderator Maxfield asked that everyone cast their ballots for Selectman.

All Ballots cast. Moderator declares the box closed.

Votes counted by Clerk Sparks and Deputy Clerk Lovejoy.

Tally: Michelle McDonnell – 22

Norman Milliard – 31

Fred Henderson – 17

70 Votes cast- 36 votes needed to be declared the winner. No one exceeded the 36 votes.

Moderator Maxfield declared that there was no winner.

At this point, our voters asked if they would have to keep voting. Moderator Maxfield referred to the manual and informed everyone that the Greenwood Selectmen could schedule a Special Town Meeting at a future date to hold another election.

It was motioned and seconded to cease the election and ask the Board of Selectmen to schedule a Special Town Meeting to revisit the election at a future date.

Stipend Article

Article 3: Shall the Town vote to accept the following stipend for the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year?

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

\$ 150.00 per month for each Selectman

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 3 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 3 approved as written.

LD 1 Tax Cap Article

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$1,007,920.00** established for Greenwood by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the proceeding Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: Every effort has been made to hold the budget increases to a minimum, if adopted as presented the budget will result in a tax commitment that is below the property tax levy limit. If the proceeding Articles are approved by the voters, we have not exceeded the property tax levy limit. If the voters increase the presented budget by \$ 64,300.00 State law requires voter action to authorize an increase in the limit. A vote on this Article requires a written ballot.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 4 as written.

Moderator Maxfield asked that everyone cast their ballots and then declared the box closed.

Clerk Sparks and Deputy Lovejoy counted the ballots.

Tally: 48 Yes

18 No

Moderator Maxfield declares Article 4 approved as written with little opposition.

Expense Budget Articles

Article 5: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administrative **Budget**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 289,570.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 5 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 5 approved as written.

Article 6: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Codes/Planning/Assessing Budget**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 41,500.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 6 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 6 approved as written.

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Community Safety Budget**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 13,200.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 7 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 7 approved as written.

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Services Budget**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 13,037.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 8 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 8 approved as written.

Article 9: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Current Debt Service Budget.**

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 155,190.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 9 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 9 approved as written.

Article 10: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Facility Maintenance and Repair.**

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 30,500.00

It was motioned and seconded to increase Article 10 by \$ 30,000 to \$ 60,500 with the \$ 30,000 being used for the maintenance of both of the Fire Stations.

Votes cast: All in favor to amend Article 10.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 10 as amended. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 10 approved as written.

Article 11: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Facility Utilities.**

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 25,000.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 11 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 11 approved as written.

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Park Maintenance.**

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 3,500.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 12 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 12 approved as written.

Article 13: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Recreation Budget**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 2,500.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 13 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 13 approved as written.

Article 14: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire & Rescue Department Budget**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of: **\$ 95,000.00**

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 14 as written. Votes cast: Majority in favor. Article 14 approved as written with small opposition.

Article 15: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **G & W Transfer Station Budget**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 75,000.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 15 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 15 approved as written.

Article 16: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Highway Department Budget**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 434,500.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 16 as written. Votes cast: Majority in favor. Article 16 approved as written with small opposition.

Article 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for minimum maintenance and for liability insurance for the **East Twitchell Pond Road**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 5,000.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 17 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 17 approved as written.

Article 18: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Capital Improvements** to Howe Hill Road.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 55,000.00

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 18 to increase it from \$ 55,000 to \$ 89,300 with the additional funds to be used on Howe Hill Road and other Town roads as needed. Votes cast: Majority in favor. Amendments approved.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 18 as amended. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 18 approved as written.

Article 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Abatements**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 2,500.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 19 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 19 approved as written.

Reserve Account Articles

Article 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Reserve/Savings Accounts**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 20,000.00 – Highway Dept. Equipment Reserve

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 20 to increase the Article from \$ 20,000 to \$40,000 with the additional \$ 20,000 to go into the Fire Department Reserve Account. Votes cast: Motion fails as majority votes against the amendment.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 20 as written. Votes cast: Majority in favor. Article 20 approved as written with small opposition.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to approve the purchase of a new 2020 Western Star Plow Truck with Plow Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$ 115,000.00 to be paid out of the Highway Dept. Equipment Reserve Account

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend not to exceed \$ 115,000.00

Highway Equipment Reserve Account Balance as of April 30, 2019 was \$ 170,188.00

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 21 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 21 approved as written.

Revenue Budget Article

Article 22: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from the Non- Property Tax Revenue Budget for the articles approved in Article 5 through Article 19 inclusive and the remainder to be raised by property taxation.

Recommendation: Amount recommended to pass.

\$ 317,405.00 to be appropriated from Non- Property Tax Revenue Budget; and the remainder to be raised by property taxation.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 22 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 22 approved as written.

“Opt In” for Maine Medical Marijuana Program

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of medical marijuana establishments, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements.

Recommendation: The Town of Greenwood Marijuana Committee supports this Article as the next step for the Town of Greenwood to take towards the support of the Maine Medical Marijuana Program allowing safe and legal access to medicine.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 23 as written. Votes cast: All in favor. Article 23 approved as written.

Business Articles

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 24 thru Article 33 as presented. Moderator Maxfield asked if anyone had any questions on any of these Articles. No questions asked so Moderator Maxfield called for the vote. Votes cast: All in favor Articles 24 thru Article 33 all passed as written.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to set dates when taxes on Real Estate and Personal Property shall be due and payable and after which interest shall accrue.

Recommendation: Two Installments/Payments

First installment due, Monday, October 1, 2019,
with interest starting on November 1, 2019.
Second installment due, Monday, April 1, 2020,
with interest starting on May 1, 2020.

Article 25: To see if the Town will set a rate of interest to be paid after the due dates on delinquent taxes.

Recommendation: Interest rate: 7% - The maximum allowed by Terry Hayes, Treasurer of State (Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4)

Article 26: To see if the Town will set a rate of interest to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 7% pursuant to (Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4)

Recommendation: Selectmen recommend the article to pass.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to the commitment of taxes.

Recommendation: Selectmen recommend the article to pass.

Article 28: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell by bid/bidding real estate acquired for non-payment as they deem advisable for the best interest of the town. Sale to be advertised once per week for two consecutive weeks in the two newspapers of local circulation. The Selectmen may without auction or advertisement sell to the person or persons to whom a property was taxed at the time the property was acquired by the town, or to their heirs or assigns, such property for the amount of the accrued taxes, interest and costs within twelve months after foreclosure and shall deliver a municipal quit claim deed for such

properties. Also, to authorize the Selectmen to keep any part or parcel thereof for municipal purposes and use.

Recommendation: Selectmen recommend the article to pass.

Article 29: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town to sell or dispose of Town property, obsolete Town equipment and material on such terms as they deem proper.

Recommendation: Selectmen recommend the article to pass.

Article 30: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to enter into multi-year contracts necessary to provide services to the Town.

Recommendation: Selectmen recommend the article to pass. Services for the Town include but are not limited to assessing, ambulance service, banking, and rubbish removal.

Article 31: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town, monetary gifts, and to appropriate said gifts to supplement the accounts specified by the benefactor.

Recommendation: Selectmen recommend the article to pass.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to Title 23 M.R.S.A Section 2953.

Recommendation: Selectmen recommend the article to pass.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make applications for, accept and expend on behalf of the Town of Greenwood all gifts, grants, or other funds as may now hereafter be available or forthcoming.

Recommendation: Selectmen recommend the article to pass.

April 16, 2019
s/ Fred Henderson, Chairman
s/Arnold Jordan
s/Amy Chapman

Greenwood Board of Selectmen

05/18/2019
Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.
72 Voters were checked in.
A digital recording exists of this meeting at the Town Office.