

# Town of Greenwood

## Warrant for Annual Town Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2017

For Year 2017/2018

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Oxford, ss

State of Maine

To: Albert Curtis Jr., a resident and Fire Chief 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 20, 2017 at 9 o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles to wit:

*Town Clerk, Kim Sparks opened the meeting at 9am.*

**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 votes cast for Vern Maxfield. Clerk swore in Maxfield as moderator.*

**Article 2:** To elect a **Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor** by written ballot for a **three year term** starting July 1, 2017.

*It was moved and seconded to nominate incumbent Arnold Jordan for Selectmen. Moderator Maxfield asked everyone to cast their ballot.*

*Votes Cast: 33 for Arnold Jordan, 2 Blanks*

*Moderator Maxfield declared Arnold Jordan the winner.*

**Article 3:** To elect a **MSAD #44 School Board Director** by written ballot for a **three year term** starting July 1, 2017.

*It was moved and seconded to nominate incumbent Larry Merlino to the School Board.*

*It was moved and seconded to nominate Amy Scott to the School Board.*

*Moderator Maxfield asked everyone to cast their ballots.*

*Votes Cast: 33 for Larry Merlino, 21 for Amy Scott*

*Moderator Maxfield declared Larry Merlino as the winner.*

## Stipend Article

**Article 4:** 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 accept the Article as written. Vote: Article passes.*

## 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:

**\$ 267,330.00**

*It was moved and seconded to accept the Article as written. Vote: Article passes.*

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

New funding request for Heart & Soul program for \$ 5,000.00 is included in Selectmen's recommendation and not included in the Budget Committee recommendation.

(LD1 calculations include Selectmen's recommendation)

Selectmen recommend a total of: **\$ 47,456.00**

Budget Committee recommend a total of **\$ 42,456.00**

*It was moved and seconded to accept Article 6 with the amount of \$ 42,456.00*

*Vote: Article 6 passes for \$ 42,456.00*

**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 thru Article 18 as written.*

*Vote: Articles 7 thru Article 18 passed 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:

**\$ 14,037.00**

**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:

**\$ 158,333.00**

**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:

**\$ 12,600.00**

**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**

**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**

**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:

**\$ 1,500.00**

**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:

**\$ 120,000.00**

**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:

**\$ 65,000.00**

**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:

**\$ 371,600.00**

**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**

**Article 18:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Tax Abatements.**

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

**\$ 2,500.00**

### **Reserve Account Article**

**Article 19:** 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:

\$ 72,500.00– Capital Improvement Reserve

\$ 25,000.00 – Fire Dept. Reserve

**\$ 97,500.00 Total to reserve accounts**

*It was moved and seconded to accept the Article as written. Vote: Article passes.*

### **Revenue Budget Article**

**Article 20:** 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.

**\$ 278,974.00** to be appropriated from Non- Property Tax Revenue Budget; and the remainder to be raised by property taxation.

*It was moved and seconded to accept the Article as written. Vote: Article passes.*

## LD 1 Tax Cap Article

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 915,726.00 established for Greenwood by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding 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 preceding Articles are increased in excess of \$ 155.00 and approved by the voters, we have exceeded the property tax levy limit. State law requires voter action to authorize an increase in the limit. A vote on this Article requires a written ballot.

*Due to lower amount voted on for Article 6 the excess amount goes from \$ 155.00 to \$ 5155.00.*

*This Budget is under Tax Cap and no vote is needed to go over LD1.*

*Moderator Maxfield asked for the vote. Votes cast: Yes 24/No 33.*

*Article 21 defeated.*

## Ordinances

**Article 22:** Shall an ordinance entitled “**Local Food and Community Self Governance Ordinance of 2017**” be enacted?

*It was moved and seconded to approve Article 22 as written.*

*Vote: Articles 22 passed.*

**Article 23:** Shall an ordinance entitled “**Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs in the Municipality of Greenwood**” be enacted?

*It was moved and seconded to approve Article 23 as written.*

*Vote: Articles 23 passed*

## Oxford County Regional Recycling Dissolution

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to agree to the termination of the Agreement for Joint Recycling and Continuation of the Oxford County Regional Recycling Corporation, this termination will be effective July 1, 2017. (Written Ballot)

Selectmen recommend this Article to pass.

*Moderator Maxfield asked for Ballots to be cast. Vote: 55 Yes/1 No.*

*Article 24 passed.*

## Business Articles

**Article 25:** 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 2, 2017,  
with interest starting on November 1, 2017.  
Second installment due, Monday, April 2, 2018,  
with interest starting on May 1, 2018.

*It was moved and seconded to approve Article 25 thru Article 34 as written.  
Votes cast. Article 25 thru Article 34 passed.*

**Article 26:** 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 27:** 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 28:** 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 29:** 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 30:** 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 31:** 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 32:** 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 33:** 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 34:** 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.

*Having no further business to conduct, there was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 10:15am. Vote taken. Meeting adjourned.*