

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

May 22, 2021

For Year 2021/2022

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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 22, 2021 at 9 o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles to wit:

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. Having no further nominations, Kim Sparks called for the vote by a show of hands. Vern Maxfield was sworn in as Moderator.

Article 2: To elect a **Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor** by written ballot for a **two-year term** starting July 1, 2021.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Arnold Jordan as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the poor for a two-year term. Moderator Maxfield asked for a show of hands. Arnold Jordan was elected Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the poor for a two-year term.

Article 3: To elect a **Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor** by written ballot for a **three-year term** starting July 1, 2021.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Amy Chapman as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the poor for a three-year term. Moderator Maxfield asked for a show of hands. Amy Chapman was elected Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the poor for a three-year term.

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 approve Article 4. Vote: Article 4 approved.

LD 1 Tax Cap Article

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ **1,044,550.00** 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 above the property tax levy limit, partially due to the fact that we were unable to hold a Town Meeting last year. Last year's budget was flat-funded, resulting in two years of increased expenses impacting this budget. If the proceeding Articles are approved by the voters, we will have exceeded the property tax levy limit by \$ 304,639.00. If the voters approve the present budget, 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 5 by a show of hands. Vote: Article 5 approved as written.

Expense Budget Articles

It was moved and seconded to move up Article 19 for discussion. Vote – all in favor to move up Article 19.

Article 19: 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:

\$ 160,000.00

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 19 to include Howe Hill Road, Rowe Hill Road and Richardson Hollow Road. Vote: All in favor to amend the Article.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 19 as amended. Vote: All in favor of Article 19 as amended.

It was moved and seconded to vote Article 6 thru Article 20. Vote: All in favor of one vote for Article 6 thru Article 20.

Moderator Maxfield asked if anyone had any questions on Article 6 thru Article 20. Having no questions, it was motioned and seconded to approve Article 6 thru Article 20. Vote: All in favor to approve Article 6 thru Article 20.

Article 6: 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:

\$ 290,450.00

Article 7: 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:

\$ 41,627.00

Article 8: 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:

\$ 12,800.00

Article 9: 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:

\$ 13,682.00

Article 10: 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:

\$ 151,133.00

Article 11: 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:

\$ 60,500.00

Article 12: 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 13: 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 14: 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

Article 15: 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: **\$ 110,400.00**

Article 16: 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:

\$ 105,085.00

Article 17: 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:

\$ 522,500.00

Article 18: 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 20: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Abatements**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 2,500.00

Reserve Account Articles

Article 21: 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: **\$225,000.00**

\$ 75,000.00 – Highway Dept. Equipment Reserve

\$ 75,000.00 – Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve

\$ 75,000.00 - Fire Dept. Building Reserve

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 21. Vote: All in favor. Article 21 passes.

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 6 through Article 21 inclusive and the remainder to be raised by property taxation.

Recommendation: Amount recommended to pass.

\$ 382,488.00 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. Vote: All in favor. Article 22 passes.

Ordinance Articles

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to enact the Town of Greenwood Medical Marijuana Ordinance?

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. Vote: 15 for, 13 against. Article 23 passes.

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to enact the Town of Greenwood Marijuana Business Licensing Ordinance?

If Article 23 is defeated, there is no need for this Ordinance.

Recommendation: The Town of Greenwood Board of Selectmen and Marijuana Committee support this Article if the Town of Greenwood Medical Marijuana Ordinance passes.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 24. Vote: All in favor. Article 24 passes.

~~**Article 25:** Shall the Town vote to “Opt In” and authorize within the municipality the operation of Adult Use 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 Marijuana Program allowing safe and legal access.~~

At the Public Hearing held on May 4, 2021, the Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to remove Article 25 from the Town Meeting Warrant. The Town will be drafting a Moratorium Ordinance to bring before the voters. The Moratorium on Adult Use Marijuana Establishments will give the Marijuana Ordinance Committee time to draft an Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance to be brought before the voters at a future date.

It was moved and seconded to vote for Article 26 thru Article 35 as one vote. Vote: All in favor to vote Article 26 thru Article 35 as one vote.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 26 thru Article 35. Vote: All in favor. Articles 26 thru Article 35 are approved.

Business Articles

Article 26: 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, Friday, October 1, 2021,
with interest starting on Monday, November 1, 2021.

Second installment due, Friday, April 1, 2022,
with interest starting on Monday, May 2, 2022.

Article 27: To see if the Town will set a rate of interest to be paid after the due dates on delinquent taxes.

Recommendation: Interest rate: 6% - The maximum allowed by Henry Beck, Treasurer of State (Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4)

Article 28: To see if the Town will set a rate of interest to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 6% pursuant to (Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4)

Recommendation: Selectmen recommend the article to pass.

Article 29: 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 30: 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 31: 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 32: 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 33: 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 34: 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 35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make applications 5or, 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, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45am. Vote: All in favor.

May 4, 2021

s/Amy Chapman, Chair

s/Arnold Jordan, Selectman

s/Norman A. Milliard, Selectman