

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

May 17, 2025

For Year 2025/2026

July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

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 17, 2025 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.

Article 2: To elect a **Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor** by written ballot for a **three-year term** starting July 1, 2025.

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

\$ 175.00 per month for each Selectman

Expense Budget Articles

Article 4: 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:

\$ 382,400.00

Article 5: 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:

\$ 50,125.00

Article 6: 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:

\$ 16,300.00

Article 7: 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:

\$ 14,132.00

Article 8: 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:

\$ 90,000.00

Article 9: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Facility Utilities**.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 40,000.00

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

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 6,500.00

Article 11: 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 12: 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:

\$ 161,300.00

Article 13: 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:

\$ 125,082.00

Article 14: 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:

\$ 679,500.00

Article 15: 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:

\$ 7,000.00

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Capital Improvements** to Greenwood Road.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of:

\$ 450,000.00

Article 17: 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 18: 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: **\$ 214,500.00**

\$ 75,000.00 – Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve

\$ 34,500.00 – Revaluation 2027

\$ 105,000.00 - Fire Dept. Building Reserve

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote and appropriate \$150,000.00 from the Highway Department Equipment Reserve Account to purchase a 2026 Western Star 47X Truck.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total not to exceed: **\$150,000.00**

Current balance in Highway Department Equipment Reserve: \$ 256,540.53

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.

\$ 516,871.00 to be appropriated from Non- Property Tax Revenue Budget; and the remainder to be raised by property taxation.

Ordinance Articles

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to enact the Town of Greenwood Noise Ordinance.

Copies available at the Greenwood Town Office

This is a citizen initiative.

Estimated cost of equipment and training - \$ 5,000.00

Unknown amount for payroll costs as it is unknown how many complaints the Codes Enforcement Officer will be responding to annually.

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed amendments to the Town of Greenwood Land Use Ordinance - Sec. 4. Permit, A. Setbacks – amendments in red lettering below.

This is a citizen initiative.

A. Set Backs

All structures on right of ways of less than 33 feet will be set back at least 25 feet from the center of the right of way. All structures on right of ways of 33 feet or more will be 50 feet from the center of the right of way.

The front setback will not apply to existing lots for additions to existing buildings or accessory buildings such as garages. In these instances, the new construction is allowed provided the nonconformance is not greater than the existing neighboring buildings on the street or road as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer's /Planning Board measurements.

The minimum distance from side and rear lot lines to a new **residential** structure is **25** feet. If, prior to acceptance of the **25**-foot rule, a structure was within the 10 feet of a lot line, a structure can be rebuilt in the exact same space. **The minimum distance from side and rear lot lines to a new commercial structure is 50 feet.** All lots shall be able to accommodate a circle having a diameter of 150 feet.

Business Articles

Article 23: 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, Tuesday, October 1, 2025,
with interest starting on Monday, November 3, 2025.

Second installment due, Friday, April 1, 2026,
with interest starting on Monday, May 1, 2026.

Article 24: To see if the Town will set a rate of interest to be paid after the due dates on delinquent taxes.

Recommendation: Interest rate: 7.5% - The maximum allowed by Henry Beck, Treasurer of State (Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4)

Article 25: To see if the Town will set a rate of interest to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 7.5% pursuant to (Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4)

Recommendation: Selectmen recommend the article to pass.

Article 26: 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 27: 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 28: 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 29: 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 30: 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 31: 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 32: 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.

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Greenwood Board of Selectmen

s/Amy Chapman, Chair

s/Norman A. Milliard, Selectman

s/Robert Oickle, Selectman

Date: April 22, 2025