

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2021

Item 1: Call Meeting to Order – Chair Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Those present: Chair Amy Chapman, Selectman Arnold Jordan, Selectman Norman A. Milliard, and Town Manager Kim Sparks

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Review and approve:

The Board reviewed Warrant's # 26 & 27.

Expenditure Warrant # 26 (\$ 9,744.88) covering period Dec. 23, - Dec. 28, 2020
Expenditure Warrant # 27 (\$ 20,254.43) covering period Dec. 29, - Jan. 5, 2021

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to approve Expenditure Warrant # 26 and Warrant # 27 as presented. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved and Warrants are accepted.

Item 4: Review and approve minutes of December 22, 2020

The Board reviewed the Minutes of December 22, 2020.

Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to approve the Minutes of December 22, 2020 as read. Vote: 3-0. Minutes are approved.

Item 5: Comments from the Public - None

A. Selectmen contacted outside of meeting

Selectman Milliard stated that he was contacted by resident Butch Fuller. Butch has moved the collection box from the Boat Launch to Maggie's Nature Park and he has had several donations. Selectman Milliard stated that Butch thought it would be a good idea to have three boxes, one for the boat launch, one for Maggie's Nature Park, and one for the Town Beach. Selectman Milliard stated that he thought that would be a great idea. Selectman Jordan asked how we did at the boat launch for collections. Selectman Milliard stated that we collected over \$200 at the boat launch. Kim stated that was correct and that they didn't get the boat launch donation box installed until after Labor Day. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea to purchase two other collection boxes. Kim stated that she would discuss this with Butch and order two more boxes.

Item 6: Discuss draft Medical Marijuana Ordinance

Kim updated the Board that the Medical Marijuana Committee was still working on the draft Ordinance. She said the Board had asked at their last meeting that this item be tabled until this meeting. Kim stated that Greenwood Business Owner, Nick Bartlett was present to answer any questions the Board might have about his interest in having a Medical Marijuana grow facility at his property located at 9 Bird Hill Road. Kim explained that Nick had attended several of the Committee meetings and was a great help to the Committee as Nick had attended several State meetings on the subject. Kim stated that the State just released an 82- page document on updates to

the State Medical Marijuana regulations. Nick stated that he had not seen these regulations yet. Kim gave Nick and Sam a copy. Kim stated that she sent copies to the Committee as well. Nick explained that they are finding that when a Town has only opted in for just Medical or just Adult Use; it has caused a big problem at the State level and these new regulations will be addressing those issues. Nick said he hasn't read the new regulations so has nothing to say about them at this point. Chair Chapman stated that with us opting in for Medical we agreed to any rules that the State put forward and we could write our own that could be stricter but not more lenient than the State regulations.

Chair Chapman asked if the new State regulations contain anything about odor control. Kim explained that she had not finished reading the document but hadn't found anything about odor control. Selectman Jordan stated that he read to page 15 and hasn't found anything about odor.

Nick explained that he is trying to learn what his options are in Greenwood, he understands that Greenwood has opted in for the Medical program, and wants to know what the Town's concerns are. Nick asked if the Town would be willing to issue him a permit. Chair Chapman explained that we are currently in the in-between times, that the Town has opted in for Medical, that the Board charged a committee to write our own ordinance which has not yet been adopted, and it is not finalized to be adopted. Chair Chapman explained that we are in the position that we can't have a public hearing as we are not able to have over 50 people gather at one time and then we are not able to hold a Town Meeting outside at this time of year. Chair Chapman stated that a public hearing and Town Meeting is required if we were to adopt a Moratorium or an Ordinance. Kim stated that was correct.

Chair Chapman stated that there will be some differences in our Ordinance as it will address odor control. Nick stated that for the Town of Greenwood to benefit in any way, the Town has the right to put in application and renewal fees. Kim explained that the Committee does need to work on application and renewal fees. Selectman Jordan stated that we will get nothing from the State but it is up to the Town to enforce the rules. Nick stated that was correct that the State wanted to collect all of the money, have the Towns oversee everything, and not give Town any guidance.

Selectman Jordan stated that they appointed the Committee to draft an ordinance, they have all spent many hours working on this, he would like to allow the Committee to finish their work, and to not pull the rug out from under them. Selectman Milliard stated that he agrees with that. Chair Chapman stated that our tight spot is in order for us to have our own ordinance there has to be a public hearing and then Town Meeting vote. Kim explained that if an application came in before the Ordinance was enacted it would follow the State regulations. Nick stated that he thought that any existing applications under the State regulations would need to follow the Town Ordinance once it was approved by the Town. Chair Chapman asked if the Town permitted a business before Ordinance approval and then once the Ordinance was approved by the Town, the business would then have to follow the new Ordinance. Chair Chapman asked if Kim could get clarification on that with our guidelines being stricter than the State's. Nick stated that he felt that an existing business would not be grandfathered and would need to follow the new ordinance.

Selectman Milliard stated that whether or not we go forward with adopting the ordinance or go forward with a moratorium we still would have to have a public hearing and a

paper ballot vote, and we are at that predicament with the number of people that we can have attend the meeting. Chair Chapman stated that due to COVID-19 restrictions we can't have a moratorium or enact our ordinance. Selectman Milliard stated that it should not preclude someone who wants to open a certain type of business due to the fact that we are in this quandary. Chair Chapman and Selectman Jordan agreed. Nick stated that the Town voted to opt in two and a half years ago. Chair Chapman asked if the State had issued Medical permits and if those applicants would now have to follow the new State guidelines when they are approved. Nick answered yes and explained that the State is trying to merge the Adult Use and the Medical so there is one Department.

Nick stated that he will not be bring anything forward anytime soon. Chair Chapman stated that she would be in favor of the Committee continuing with their work, have them set up fee schedules, review the State's 82-page document, and review the odor control section. Selectman Milliard asked if the Committee was going to meet again to discuss the odor issues. Kim explained that the Committee was hoping to have this ready for Town Meeting in May. Chair Chapman stated that she would like the Committee to finish their work, to bring this to a vote hopefully in May, and any applications that come in before the Town vote they would follow the State's guidelines. Chair Chapman asked that if any applications were to come in that the applicant be informed that the Town has an ordinance pending. Nick stated that everyone knows there are changes coming with the new State regulations. Selectman Milliard stated that he is in agreement that they allow the Committee to go forward and maybe the Board should direct the Committee to is that the intention is that we bring this to a vote at Town Meeting in May. Selectman Jordan stated that he would agree to that. Kim stated that she would get clarification on Chair Chapman's question and call the Committee to schedule another work session.

Item 7: Meetings and Events

Wed., Jan. 6th – Kim meeting with FD at 6pm Locke's Station

Selectman Milliard thanked Kim for arranging a meeting with the Fire Dept to go over the new Personnel Policy. Selectman Milliard stated that he would ask that during the meeting it is clarified that we will no longer accept abbreviations on time sheets and make it known that if they continue to abbreviate, they will not get paid as it is an accounting issue. Kim stated that she would discuss this with the Firefighters.

Tue., Jan. 19th – Selectmen's Meeting 5pm GTO

Selectman Milliard asked if we have a G & W meeting that it be at 6pm to allow the Board time to get home and prepare for a zoom meeting. Chair Chapman and Selectman Jordan agreed.

Tue., Feb. 2nd – Selectmen's Meeting 5pm GTO

Tue., Feb. 16th – Selectmen's Meeting 5pm GTO

Item 8: Comments from the Public - None

Item 9: Adjourn – Having no further business, Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm. Vote: 3-0. Meeting adjourned.