

# GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2021

**Item 1:** Call Meeting to Order – Chair Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:00pm  
Roll Call: Amy Chapman, Arnold Jordan, Norman Milliard, and Kim Sparks

**Item 2:** Pledge of Allegiance

**Item 3:** Review and approve:

**Expenditure Warrant # 38** (\$ 13,337.46) covering period Mar. 14, - Mar. 22, 2021

**Expenditure Warrant # 39** (\$ 34,365.60) covering period Mar. 23, - Mar. 29, 2021

**Expenditure Warrant # 40** (\$ 20,755.57) covering period Mar. 30, - April 5, 2021

The Board reviewed the three Expenditure Warrants.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to approve Expenditure Warrants # 38, # 39, and # 40 as read. Vote: 3-0. Motion carries and Warrants are approved.

**Item 4:** Review and approve minutes of March 16, 2021

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes and minutes are approved.

**Item 5:** Comments from the Public

A. Selectmen contacted outside of meeting

Selectman Jordan stated that Dale at the Transfer Station had a complaint that Casella didn't move the metal and construction bins as they should have. Dale said that he had spoken to Kim about it.

Selectman Milliard stated that he was contacted by Betsey Foster who asked if the Town of Greenwood had been asked to consider being a Second Amendment Sanctuary Town. Betsey stated that if that does occur the question should be brought to the voters and not just the Board of Selectmen.

**Item 6:** Discussion with Brian Eng on grants to bring water to Mt. A.

Brian Eng updated the Board on his efforts to apply for grants for bringing water and fire suppression to Mt. Abram. Brian congratulated the Town on their hard work putting together a TIF with Mt. Abram several years ago and understood that the development at Mt. Abram just didn't happen then. He explained that they have new plans and it is great to have the TIF ready as they move forward. Brian explained that he would be applying for several grants within the week. He stated that the first grant was thru Northern Forest Destination Development Initiative Recreation and the second grant is one he just heard about thru for Representative Golden's Fiscal Year 2022 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Community Project Funding Program.

Brian stated that he and Kim would be applying for both of these. Brian stated that he is meeting with Dan Jenkins from Representative Golden's Office to go over the application on Friday. Brian asked the Board if they would be willing to issue a resolution of support to go along with the application. Brian stated that he wanted to update the Board, thinks it makes sense to try for this funding, and will continue working on other opportunities.

Selectman Milliard stated that he had read the email thread from Kim of Brian and Dan's email exchange and he noticed the following:

*The Town of Greenwood wishes to build Town infrastructure to draw water from the ponds at the base of Howe Hill Road and distribute this water to hydrants along the path of development to Mt. Abram.*

Selectman Milliard asked if Brian was suggesting that the money for this infrastructure come from the funding that could potentially come from the Federal Government or was he asking Town taxpayers to build the infrastructure. Brian explained that the primary funding would be Federal funding sources and that some grants do require a local grant match that he would work toward some type of fundraising and to not utilize any local taxpayer funding. Chair Chapman asked if the earmark funding was intended for only non-profits and would the Town be the applicant that would apply for this funding. Brian explained that the applicant for both of these grants would need the Town to be the applicant as the grants are only open to Municipalities and non-profits. Brian stated that he would keep the Board updated on the progress. The Board thanked Brian for his efforts.

**Item 7:** Discuss discontinuance of a section of the Patch Mountain Road, from Andy Wheeler's place fka the Hakala Farm to Newcomb Lane.

Kim explained that she had given the Board a map of the section of Patch Mountain Road that they would like to discontinue. She explained that this section of the road is barely passable to a regular vehicle and if the Town were required to bring the road up to Town standards would be extremely costly. Kim explained that if the Board agreed to discontinue this section, the Town would have to notify all of the property owners along that stretch of road of the proposed discontinuance and the Town would have to wait for one year before bringing it to an Annual Town Meeting. She explained that during this year the Town would have to hire an appraiser to determine what loss in property value would occur to the property along this section of road. If the Town approves to discontinue this section of road the Town would have pay the landowners along the road for their loss in value. The Board reviewed the map. Chair Chapman stated that all we are doing at this point is to notify the abutters that we are considering discontinuing that section of road. Selectman Jordan asked who wants this done. Kim explained that Road Foreman Seames suggested it as he is concerned of future costs for the Town if we were required to bring it up to Town road standards. Chair Chapman asked the Board if they were in favor of starting the process. Selectman Milliard stated that he agreed to start the process as did Selectman Jordan. Kim stated that she would start the process and notify the abutters.

**Item 8:** Discussion on Business Licensing Ordinance draft – tabled until the next meeting.

**Item 9:** Discussion on Medical Marijuana Ordinance draft – tabled until the next meeting.

**Item 10:** Discuss Health Insurance renewals

The Board reviewed the Health Insurance renewal packet from United Insurance. The Board agreed to renew with Anthem – Renewal Plan Anthem Silver.

Kim explained that she would let the employees know what their 5% portion of the dependent coverage would be. Selectman Jordan asked if the 5% would be less than the 3% payroll increase in July. Kim explained that the payroll increase in July will be more than what the insurance portion will be.

**Item 11:** Discuss American Rescue Plan funding

Kim explained that Mia Purcell had asked that the Selectmen to consider setting aside a portion of the American Rescue funding for a future broadband grant match. Chair Chapman stated that the Board would consider that.

**Item 12:** Executive Session – per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters

Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to go into Executive Session at 5:55 pm. Vote: 3-0. Motion carries.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to come out of Executive Session at 6:25pm. Vote: 3-0. Motion carries.

No decisions were made in or out of Executive Session.

**Item 13:** Meetings and Events

Tue., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> – Selectmen’s Meeting, 5:pm GTO

Review Mowing Bids

Discuss with Brooks Morton on W.H.A.T request for funding

Discussion with Cat Ingraham with Mahoosuc Way presentation

Draft Ordinances – Medical Marijuana and Business Licensing

Tue., May 4<sup>th</sup> – Selectmen’s Meeting, 5:pm GTO

**Item 14:** Adjourn - Having no further business, Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35. Vote 3-0. Motion carries and meeting is adjourned.