

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 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 # 43 (\$ 17,570.45) covering period Apr. 21, - Apr. 26, 2021

Expenditure Warrant # 44 (\$ 23,329.79) covering period Apr. 27, - May 3, 2021

The Board reviewed the two Expenditure Warrants.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to approve Expenditure Warrants # 43, and # 44 as read. Vote: 3-0. Motion carries and Warrants are approved.

Item 4: Review and approve minutes of April 20, 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 - None

A. Selectmen contacted outside of meeting

1. Selectmen Jordan stated that Dale from the Transfer Station had concerns on how Casella was scheduling their pickups and wondered if it should be discussed at the next G & W Meeting. Selectman Jordan stated that he didn't realize that there is a new person doing the scheduling and wonders if that is the cause of the problems that Dale is experiencing. Selectman Jordan explained that Dale has full bins and no one to haul them off as the driver has been scheduled for other places. Selectman Jordan stated that he thinks we should write a letter explaining our problem and see if we can get better service. Selectman Milliard suggested that this be addressed before our next G & W meeting as we are not sure when our next G & W Meeting will be. Selectman Milliard stated that Dale has brought up these same concerns to him in the past and it is very frustrating to Dale. Selectman Milliard asked Selectman Jordan if Casella had a new schedule. Selectman Jordan stated that according to Dale that timely pickups are rare since the new person started at Casella. The Board asked Kim to write a letter to Casella expressing our concerns with scheduling our pickups. Kim stated that she would keep everyone posted.
2. Chair Chapman stated that she was contacted by Lloyd at the Transfer Station asking if they still have to wear masks when they are outside. Chair Chapman stated that the new guidance from the State CDC just came out yesterday. Kim explained that they don't need to wear their masks outside as long as they can socially distance themselves and if not then they need to be wearing a mask. Kim stated that she would contact the Transfer Station crew to let them know.

Item 6: Discuss request from Mindy Sweetser Hoinsky to use the old brush dump

The Board reviewed the letter submitted by Mindy Sweetser Hoinsky requesting to use the Town's old brush dump on the West Paris Road. Kim explained that Mindy resides at the farm directly across the road from the old brush dump. Kim explained that Mindy had asked her for permission to use the old brush dump a few months ago and Kim had told her that would not be allowed due to liability issues. Kim explained that Mindy wanted an answer from the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Jordan stated that he doesn't think it is a good idea to open up the area to allow anyone to use it. Selectman Milliard asked if that property was owned by the Town and was concerned that there would be liability issues. Kim explained that the State of Maine DEP has been very strict with what the Town uses the property for as it was a regular dump several years ago and then our brush dump. Chair Chapman stated that she didn't think that DEP would allow such a use that Mindy is asking for.

Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to deny Mindy Sweetser Hoinsky's request to use the Town's old brush dump on the West Paris Road. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes. Kim stated that she would let Mindy know.

Item 7: Review and sign Oxford County tax commitment

The Board reviewed the Oxford County tax commitment for 2022/2023. All agreed to sign. Kim will send the original to the County Treasurer.

Item 8: Discuss preparations for Town Meeting

Kim explained that Vern Maxfield has agreed to be the Moderator. Kim stated that she did not make arrangements to have breakfast items and coffee due to social distance requirements. Selectman Milliard asked how many ballots would there be. Kim explained that there are three ballots, one for the 2-year Selectman term, one for the 3-year Selectman term, and one for the LD1 question. Selectman Milliard stated his concerns with folks not being able to social distance while casting their ballots. Kim stated that they will go around the room and collect the ballots from the voters. Chair Chapman stated that everyone will need to be reminded to speak loudly and clearly as we will be spread apart around the room. Kim stated that everyone was excited to have a Town Meeting this year and we will all work to keep it safe. She explained that everyone will need to wear a mask and socially distance.

Item 9: Discuss request to assign E911 addresses to our Cemeteries

Kim explained there was a request to assign E911 addresses to our Cemeteries in case there was an emergency at one the rescue crews could find them. Selectman Milliard asked if the Town owned parks and beach have been assigned numbers. Kim answered yes but that they never thought about the Cemeteries. Selectman Jordan stated that he thinks that this is one of those cases that might not be needed as he thinks the ambulance crews would know where the cemeteries are. Selectman Jordan asked if this would be for all cemeteries. Kim stated that many of our cemeteries are off the beaten path and not easily accessible. Selectman Jordan stated that he would be all for assigning numbers to the larger cemeteries that are on a Town Road like the Mt. Abram and Hicks cemetery. The Board agreed to have E911 numbers assigned to Cemeteries that are on a Town Road and easily accessible.

Item 10: Discuss fees for Medical Marijuana businesses

The Board reviewed Medical Marijuana businesses fee for our neighboring towns. Kim explained that the Medical Marijuana Committee asked that we keep our fees in line with West Paris and the Town of Bethel. Kim explained that Bethel and West Paris have the same fees with the exception of a Marijuana Dispensary – Bethel has a \$ 15,000 fee and West Paris doesn't have a fee listed. Selectman Milliard asked if there wasn't a fee for Dispensaries because the Towns didn't allow them or just didn't charge for them. Chair Chapman asked what the difference is between a registered retail store and a licensed dispensary. The Board reviewed the definitions. Selectman Milliard asked if a cultivation facility only growing the plant and is a manufacturing facility making edibles. Chair Chapman asked if a dispensary can do it all. Selectman Milliard suggested tabling this item until they can all be clear on this terminology. Kim stated that she would get the answers to the Board's questions. The Board agreed to table this item to give Kim time to complete some research.

Item 11: Comments from the Public - None

Item 12: Meetings and Events

Sat., May 8th – Clean Up Day – Maggie's Nature Park, 9am

Tue., May 18th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5pm

Sat., May 22nd – Annual Town Meeting, 9am Legion Hall

Tue., June 1st – Selectmen's Meeting, 5pm

Item 13: Close regular meeting

Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard voted to close the regular meeting at 6:00pm. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes.

Item 14: Open Public Hearing at 6pm

Present: Brian Dunham, Chair of Budget Committee

Larry Merlino, Budget Committee Member

Shawn Huston, Medical Marijuana Committee Member

Topic: Proposed 2021/2022 Annual Budget

Kim thanked the Board and Budget Committee for all of their assistance with working on the proposed Budget. Brian Dunham stated that it was a difficult budget as there are so many important projects that need to be completed and everyone felt that the voters should decide. Larry Merlino stated that if there is a lot of pushback at the meeting about going over the tax cap then voters will need to decide what to cut and the first place will be the reserve accounts. Larry Merlino also suggested that someone remind the voters that many of the budget increases are for two years as we didn't have a Town Meeting last year. All agreed the budget is what it is and let the voters decide.

Proposed Medical Marijuana Ordinance

Shawn Huston explained that he, Tyler Bennett, and Becky Secrest all worked on drafting this ordinance. Kim explained that the Committee has been

working on this for over a year as things slowed down due to the pandemic. Kim explained that the Town voted to “Opt In” for Medical Marijuana in 2017. Larry Merlino asked if the proposed Ordinance was stricter than the State. Shawn stated that there are areas that are stricter than what the State has. Chair Chapman stated that the ordinance is stricter under the odor guidelines. Brian Dunham stated that the biggest complaint that he has heard from folks in this area is about the odor. Larry Merlino asked if the proposed ordinance was comprehensive. Selectman Milliard stated that he has read the ordinance several times and thinks it is very comprehensive. Chair Chapman stated that there are three suggestions from Dennis Doyon who was not able to attend tonight’s public hearing. Chair Chapman read Dennis Doyon’s concerns:

1. Size of building – Page 5 Section 5.B

Must not exceed 25,000 square feet of total footprint and is limited to two floors

This is an industrial sized building and not necessary for Greenwood. The largest facility in Bethel is 6,000 square feet.

Shawn Huston stated that this is not intended to be just for the retail side of the business but for manufacturing and growing. Shawn explained that one would need the space for growing, cultivating, storage, and processing the material. Shawn stated that they also have different growing stages that they would need to have room for.

2. Odor – Page 3 Section F

Please consider adding a line that if odor from the business is detected at the property line by the Codes Enforcement Officer, the Codes Enforcement Officer will shut the business down until the odors can be rectified.

Selectman Milliard stated that under the suspension and revocation section it certainly specifies that the Codes Enforcement Officer can cite them for violations but it doesn’t specify that the business has to be closed down until it can rectify the issue. Brian stated that after the hearing, the Board of Selectman can suspend the business. Shawn explained that our enforcement is limited as we do not have a police force or a full-time CEO. Brian stated that they would also have to have a State License and would have to comply.

3. Please consider tightening up wording to include the word medical before the words Testing Facility, Caregiver Retail Store, Manufacturing Facility, and or Cultivation Facility.

Page 3. D. – to read Medical Testing Facility, Medical Caregiver Retail Store, Medical Manufacturing Facility, and Medical Cultivation Facility.

It would be best to tighten up the language so there is no doubt that this is specifically for Medical and not Adult Use. The clarification is good for the Planning Board.

Selectman Milliard stated that he is not so sure that this is necessary as the Ordinance is titled for Medical only. Selectman Jordan stated that as it is title for medical it would only be used for medical.

Kim stated that the Attorney would give this one final review tomorrow and she would ask him to review this wording.

Chair Chapman asked if anyone had any changes to make to the Ordinance. No one had any changes.

Proposed Marijuana Business License Ordinance

Kim explained that this proposed Ordinance establishes a unified licensing process and standards for Medical Marijuana business licenses in the Town. Chair Chapman stated that this is basically the nuts and bolts on how one applies and the procedures on how the Board handles the application. Shawn asked if the Town Attorney approved of the resident being just from Oxford County or Greenwood. Chair Chapman stated that the Board had asked that question of our Attorney as they were concerned with the wording. Kim stated that whatever the Attorney decides will be updated in both proposed ordinances.

Chair Chapman asked if anyone had any changes to make to the Ordinance. No one had any changes.

Item 15: Close Public Hearing

Having no further comments, Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to close the Public Hearing at 6:28pm. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes.

Item 16: Re-open regular meeting – 6:28pm

Item 17: Review and sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 22, 2021

The Board reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Shawn suggested that the Town not vote to “Opt in” on Adult Use until we have a moratorium or ordinance for it. He stated his concerns that once we “Opt in” that anyone can open up a store or facility under the State laws. Kim stated that was correct. The Board agreed.

Selectman Jordan motioned and seconded by Selectman Milliard to remove Article 25 from the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Vote: 3-0. Article 25 removed from Warrant. Kim will get the Warrant posted tomorrow.

Item 18: Adjourn

Having no further business, Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes.