

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2021

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

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Review and approve:

The Board reviewed Expenditure Warrant #'s 49 and 50.

Expenditure Warrant # 49 (\$ 32,311.55) covering period June 1, - June 7, 2021

Expenditure Warrant # 50 (\$ 118,591.58) covering period June 8, - June 15, 2021

Includes voucher # 1380 to MSAD 44 for \$ 95,065.00.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to approved Expenditure Warrants 49 & 50 as read. Vote: 3-0. Warrants are approved.

Item 4: Review and approve minutes of June 1, 2021

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

Item 5: Comments from the Public - None

A. Selectmen contacted outside of meeting - None

B. Spirit of America Award

The Board of Selectmen awarded the Spirit of America Award to Norman Millett and thanked him for his dedication to the Town of Greenwood. (Copy of award is attached.)

Item 6: Request from Knoll Rd. residents on changing side and rear setbacks

Kim explained that both Nancy Fauser and Al Lake applied for building permits to build garages at their properties on the Knoll Road and that both permits were declined as they didn't meet the side and rear setback requirement in our Town ordinance. Kim explained that our current Land Use Ordinance only allows for a reduction in the front setback. Nancy Fauser explained that they both need garages and thought they would come ask the Board of Selectmen if they would find some way to update the ordinance to allow for reductions in the side and rear setbacks. Nancy and Al both brought models of their proposed garages. Nancy explained that she would like to build an attached garage to her existing home that sits 2 feet from her property line. She explained that she has an acre of land and all of her neighbor's homes are built quite a distance from hers so there shouldn't be

any fire hazard. Al Lake explained that he has a similar situation in that he doesn't meet the setbacks. Al explained that he already has a portable garage at the location where he would like to build a permanent garage. Al stated that there is plenty of room on either side of his property for a fire apparatus to get thru if needed and he doesn't see that this is creating any type of hazard. Kim explained that the current ordinance allows for a lessened front set back. Nancy stated that this neighborhood is over 100 years old. Chair Chapman stated that the setbacks were enacted due to fire safety and getting fire apparatus to the property. Kim explained that they were conducting some research on setbacks and found that the NFPA code suggests a minimum of 10' for side and rear setbacks. Kim explained that the options would have the Selectman form a committee to review this and amend the ordinance that would then have a public hearing and then go to a Town meeting vote. Chair Chapman stated that the trouble is that this ordinance isn't just for your two houses it is a town wide ordinance. Al Lake suggested that when the Committee is formed that he would invite them to his property for a site visit so they can see the neighborhood. Nancy explained that she needs a garage and if she isn't able to build a garage she will have to move. Selectman Jordan stated that the Boards hands are tied and the only thing we could do is appoint a committee to review this and work on amending the ordinance. Selectman Milliard stated that he agreed to establish a committee to review all of the different facets and have it looked at it from all sides, invite our Fire Department to participate in the discussion, a site review could be part of the conversation, and this would result in more information on how they can go forward. Al Lake asked if they would have to wait for the annual Town Meeting or sooner. Kim stated that it would be at the next Town Meeting in May.

Item 7: Discuss East Twitchell Pond Rd. with Highway Foreman Alan Seams

Kim explained that Bill Bickford discussed with the Selectmen after Town Meeting how upset he was with the Town's maintenance of the East Twitchell Pond Road so she asked Alan Seames to attend tonight's meeting. Chair Chapman explained that Bill was talking to Norman and her after the meeting and that Bill was complaining that his road gets wider every year because of all of the gravel that is put on it and that it doesn't have a crown. Alan explained that he uses a 14' grader on a 12' road which makes it very difficult to grade. Chair Chapman stated that Bill did say it is supposed to be a 12' wide road. Alan explained that the \$ 5000 budget for the year basically just covers the plowing. Chair Chapman stated that Bill complained that the road didn't use to be two lanes wide. Selectman Milliard stated that he would think it would be safer to have it wide enough for two lanes so vehicles can go by each other. Selectman Jordan asked if Bill ever spoke directly to Alan about his concerns. Alan stated that Bill has never spoken to him. Chair Chapman stated that she walks on that road a couple times per week and Bill lives on a camp road that is maintained by the Town so he should have nothing to complain about. Alan stated that there is a lot of traffic on the road right now with all of the building that is going on that road. Rich Diaz of the Greenwood Highway stated that Bill has yelled at the Greenwood Highway crew to stop grading the road while they are grading it. Chair Chapman asked if they had a road association. Alan Seames stated that he didn't believe so.

Item 8: Discuss mask wearing at Town Office

Kim explained that a lot of residents were asking why they still need to wear masks at the Town Office. Kim explained that personally she still has to wear a mask but she is completely fine with others who are vaccinated not wearing one. Selectman Milliard stated that the Governor's Executive Orders are ending on June 30th. Chair Chapman suggested putting up a sign that says if you are not fully vaccinated to please wear a mask. Selectman Milliard agreed and thought that was a good approach. Kim stated that she would be glad to make new signs for the doors.

Item 9: Executive Session 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters

Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) at 5:45pm. Vote: 3-0.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to come out of Executive Session at 6:05pm. Vote: 3-0.

Item 10: Comments from the Public - None

Item 11: Meetings and Events

Mon., June 21st – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm – Public Hearing on
Proposed Twitchell Overlook Subdivision - GTO
Tue., July 6th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5pm GTO
Mon., July 12th – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO
Mon., July 19th - Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO
Tue., July 20th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5pm GTO

Item 12: Adjourn – Having no further business, Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes and meeting is adjourned.