

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 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 # 2 and # 3.

Expenditure Warrant # 2 (\$ 36,405.21) covering period July 7, – July 12, 2021

Expenditure Warrant # 3 (\$ 153,016.35) covering period July 13, - July 20, 2021
Includes Voucher # 78 to All States Construction in the amount of \$ 25,313.00 and
Voucher # 93 to MSAD 44 in the amount of \$ 97,082.00.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to approved Expenditure Warrants 2 & 3 as read. Vote: 3-0. Warrants are approved.

Item 4: Review and approve minutes of July 6, 2021

The Board reviewed the minutes. Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded 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 - No

Item 6: Review draft Remote Participation Policy and schedule Public Hearing

Kim submitted a draft Remote Participation Policy from Maine Municipal for the Board to review. Kim explained that it would be nice to continue with having the ability to use zoom for remote access to our meetings. Kim explained that she would prefer to set up a zoom link for every meeting that way it is ready and part of the public notice if anyone wants to use it or we could wait until we hear from someone who needs remote access. Chair Chapman asked if the link information be on the agenda that would be sent out. Kim stated that it would be added to all of the meeting agendas. Selectman Jordan asked if it was automatic unless someone asked for it. Kim explained that it could be automatic if the Board wanted it and it would make it easier as she wouldn't miss anyone. Selectman Milliard stated that it would be simpler if we just said that this is our policy now that all meetings are available via zoom. Kim stated that would be simpler for her to just add the link on every agenda and folks can attend without having to contact the Town Office for link information. The Board scheduled the public hearing at their next meeting on August 3rd. Kim will get the notice in the paper.

Item 7: Update on Mahoosuc Broadband Committee

Kim explained that the Committee has had several meetings and expects to have the mapping results for the Town of Greenwood by the first of August. Kim explained

that the mapping will show which areas of Greenwood are underserved and which areas presently have high speed service. Kim explained that the survey is needed before the group can start applying for grants. Selectman Milliard asked if any of these grant funds could be used to help reduce the cost to the user. Kim explained that there are grants available presently to help individuals with the cost of highspeed internet but she is not aware if any of our Greenwood residents are accessing those grant funds.

Item 8: Review and cast vote for MMA Ballot for Vice President and Executive Committee

Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to designate Kim to complete the Ballot and mail it back to MMA. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes. Kim stated that she would gladly do this.

Item 9: Review and sign corrective deed for Cemetery Conveyance for Anne Richter

The Board reviewed and signed the corrective deed for the Cemetery Conveyance for Anne Richter. Ms. Richter requested to change her plot from B9 to B12 in the new section. Kim will get the deed recorded.

Item 10: Update on Planning Board

Kim explained that Chairman of the Planning Board, Dennis Doyon met with Selectman Jordan, Selectman Milliard, and with herself last Thursday. Kim explained that Dennis wanted to update the Board on some concerns he had with residents upset about a recent application before the Planning Board. Selectman Milliard stated that he thought it was a good meeting. Chair Chapman stated that the Planning Board doesn't have any wiggle room and if someone applies and their project meets the requirements then it is approved. Selectman Jordan stated that Dennis wanted to make it clear to the Board what his plans are for the next few meetings. Selectman Milliard stated that they encouraged Dennis to use good practices and to try to deescalate things if they occur.

Item 11: Discuss Maine DEP's Facility Annual Assessment of our Transfer Station

Kim explained that DEP completed their annual inspection of our Transfer Station and we need to designate an area for "Hot Loads" as we presently do not have one. Chair Chapman stated that even though we do not accept ash we need to provide an area for a hot load. Kim stated that she and Vern will work on this and get back to everyone. Selectman Milliard noted that the assessment states that our facility is in excellent condition.

Item 12: Discuss Boat Launch Site Plan

Kim explained that she will work on getting an updated Boat Launch Site plan to the Railroad for their review that will include the new kiosk from the Lakes Association. Selectman Milliard asked what was going to happen to the road that goes to the cottage at the end. Kim explained that would be up to the Railroad and those property owners to work out a lease of the road or the Railroad could close it. Selectman Milliard asked if the road would impact our lease. Kim stated that the road wouldn't impact our lease as the Town doesn't want to lease the road. Kim gave copies of the current lease from 1992 to the Board. Kim said she expects to see a new lease from the Railroad after she submits the site plan to them.

Item 13: Discuss Retirement Plans for Employees

Kim stated that Androscoggin Bank had sent us information on Simple IRAs for our employees. Kim stated that they are willing to attend one of your meetings in August to answer any questions. Kim explained that the Simple IRA didn't offer a vesting time frame that Selectman Jordan and Selectman Milliard had wanted. Chair Chapman stated that she noticed that Simple IRA's offered immediate vesting and that employees wouldn't have to wait to have access the employer matched funds. Selectmen Jordan stated that he had read all of the documents and didn't find anything simple about it as it was full of regulations. Selectman Jordan asked if the Board could meet with the bank person and let them know what the Board is looking for. Selectman Milliard stated that it would be good for everyone to read what documentation we have in preparation for meeting with the bank rep. Kim will invite the bank rep to the August 3rd meeting.

Item 14: Review 2021/2022 Tax Mil Rate calculations

The Board reviewed the calculations. Kim explained that the Selectmen could choose a mil rate between 15.64 to 16.42. Kim explained in previous years the Board has chosen a number in the middle of the range. The Board had a lengthy discussion on what mil rate to choose. Selectman Milliard stated that it was mentioned at Town Meeting that this is was an increase but we are talking about two years' worth of increases. Selectman Milliard suggested setting the rate at 16.00 which would give us a good cushion. Selectman Jordan said he would reluctantly agree to that.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to set the 2021/2022 mil rate to .01600. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes. Kim will prepare the Commitment Paperwork for the Board to sign.

Item 15: Comments from the Public - None

Item 16: Meetings and Events

Mon., Aug. 2nd – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO
Tue., Aug. 3rd – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO
Mon., Aug. 16th – Planning Board Meeting 5:30pm GTO
Tue., Aug. 17th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO

Item 17: Adjourn – Having no further business, Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm. Vote: 3-0. Meeting is adjourned.