

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2022

5:00pm

Topic: Greenwood Board of Selectmen Meeting
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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:

Expenditure Warrant # 38 (\$ 34,629.98) covering period Mar. 16 - Mar. 21, 2022

Expenditure Warrant # 39 (\$ 12,698.01) covering period Mar. 22 - Mar. 28, 2022

Expenditure Warrant # 40 (\$ 32,183.09) covering period Mar. 29, - Apr. 5, 2022

The Board reviewed Expenditure Warrant # 38, #39, & # 40.

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

Item 4: Review and approve minutes of March 15, 2022

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 15, 2022.

Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Vote: 3-0. Minutes are approved.

Item 5: Comments from the Public - None

A. Selectmen contacted outside of meeting

Item 6: Discussion with Bill Bickford regarding condition of East Twitchell Pond Road - Mr. Bickford did not attend the meeting. Item is tabled.

Item 7: Schedule public hearing on proposed 2022/2023 Budget.

The Board scheduled the public hearing for April 19, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Item 8: Discuss and schedule Local Option Election for a Secret Ballot Election on June 14, 2022 re: sale of Liquor, Malt Liquor (Beer), and Wine in Greenwood

Kim explained that the State is asking Towns to schedule a Local Option Election with a secret ballot regarding the sale of Liquor, Malt Liquor and Wine in Greenwood. Kim explained that this is basically a house keeping item as the Town voted on these items over the years but the Town also voted in restrictions which would limit the locations where these items could be sold or served. She explained that the State would like us to revisit each law and have our voters vote again. Kim stated that she has prepared the ballot and it could be done on June 14th when we have the SAD 44 vote. Selectman Jordan asked if this vote would take the control away from the Towns. Kim explained that the Town will still have to approve the annual liquor licenses so the Town will still have the same control. Selectman Milliard asked if what we currently have on the books is more restrictive than the State Law. Kim explained that there were some restrictions voted in by the Town in the 1970's, the State is asking that we revisit this, and consider voting in what the State law allows. Selectman Milliard stated that this would bring everything up to date. Chair Chapman agreed and asked if voters will know what this all means. Kim stated that she would explain on voting day as she expects there will be questions.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to schedule the Local Option Election for a secret ballot election on June 14, 2022 re: the sale of Liquor, Malt Liquor, and Wine in Greenwood. Vote 3-0. Motion carries.

Item 9: Thank Alan Seames for his 36+ years of service

The Board thanked Alan for his service to the Town of Greenwood for 36 plus years. Alan stated that it had been a great run and thanked the Board for their support.

Item 10: Review Fire Department Ordinance amendments – copy attached.

Kim stated that Ken apologized for not attending the meeting tonight. Kim explained that there were a few housekeeping items that the Fire Chief wanted updated and one correction was suggested from our Attorney. Selectman Milliard asked if we needed to add that the removal of the Fire Chief is done by the Town Manager and approval by the Board. Kim explained that the Town Manager has the authority to remove the Fire Chief and then if the Fire Chief wishes to appeal the decision they would come to the Select Board for the appeal. Chair Chapman stated that we hire the Town Manager and that position hires and fires all of the other positions. Selectman Milliard asked if we could update the non-discrimination wording to match what we have in our Town Personnel Policy. The Board agreed that this language should be updated. Selectman Milliard asked what it meant by Municipal Firefighters. Kim explained that once this ordinance was passed at Town Meeting, our Volunteer Firefighters became Municipal Firefighters. Selectman Milliard stated that it says that the term of office should be 2 years for the Fire Chief. Kim stated that the Board appoints the Fire Chief every two years and other appointments like the Treasurer and Tax Collector are done yearly.

Selectman Milliard asked if the Fire Department wage schedule is defined in the Personnel Policy. Kim stated that it was. Selectman Milliard asked if we need to define who the gifts are for in Section 710. Chair Chapman stated that this would be for gifts to the Fire Department. Selectman Jordan stated he was concerned about when we appoint a Fire Chief, we have an equal number of Selectmen and firefighters on the interviewing team and worried if there was a tie in the final decision – who would break the tie. Selectman Jordan stated that the last time we interviewed the decision between the Board and the firefighters was unanimous and questioned what would have happened if it wasn't and who would be the one to cast the deciding vote. Selectman Milliard stated that this is a really valid point. Selectman Milliard asked if we should institute a language in the Fire Dept. Ordinance that addresses that issue and if there is a tie vote, we allow the Town Manager to break the tie. Selectman Jordan stated that would be fine if it is legal. Kim stated that she needs to submit this document to the Town Attorney and will ask them to see how we can update this section. Selectman Milliard stated that if we could get some language added in the Ordinance it would at least allow the issue to go forward as you would now have a tie breaking vote. Selectman Chapman stated that if it is legal, it does make sense as there is no provision for an odd number on the interview team. Kim will submit this to our Attorney in hopes to get this on our Annual Town Meeting agenda.

Item 11: Comments from the Public

Highway Foreman Richie Diaz stated that he had a few concerns that he would like to discuss with the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Milliard stated that they would gladly schedule an Executive Session with him at their next meeting.

Item 12: Meetings and Events

April 19th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO, Open Mowing Bids

May 2nd – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO

May 3rd – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO

May 7th – Area Cleanup Day, 9:00am, GTO

May 16th – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO

May 17th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO

May 21st – Annual Town Meeting, 9am – Legion Hall

Item 13: Adjourn - Having no further business, Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm. Vote: 3-0. Meeting is adjourned