

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 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, Richie Diaz, and Kim Sparks

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Review and approve:

Expenditure Warrant # 47 (\$ 11,024.23) covering period May 18, - May 23, 2022

Expenditure Warrant # 48 (\$ 31,074.42) covering period May 24, - May 31, 2022

Expenditure Warrant # 49 (\$ 15,814.32) covering period June 1. – June 6, 2022'

The Board reviewed Expenditure Warrant # 47, # 48, & # 49.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to approve Expenditure Warrants # 47, # 48, & # 49 as read. Vote: 3-0. Warrants are approved.

Item 4: Review and approve minutes of May 17, 2022

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 17, 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

Selectman Jordan stated that he was contacted by Stephen Seames about a marble stone in the Hick's cemetery that was in need of repair. Selectman Jordan stated that Stephen had offered to pay \$ 500 towards the repair and explained that Stephen had offered last year to pay towards the repair of the Flanders stone but the Town never received any funds. Selectman Jordan stated that he spoke to Kim about the marble stone and she said she would contact Don Feeny to get the repair scheduled.

Item 6: Open and Review Winter Sand Bids

Chair Chapman opened the one bid for Winter Sand

Bid: Kenneth Poland

\$ 7.00 per yard in the pit on Rt. 232, Bethel. Loader will be provided.

Town will pick up and deliver to Highway Garage

The Board reviewed and accepted the bid from Kenneth Poland.

Item 7: Updates from Highway Foreman, Rich Diaz

Rich updated the Board that the MDOT salt bid prices are out and the lowest bid has increased over \$ 10,000 from last year. Rich stated that we normally use 400 tons per year. Rich explained that the excavator just arrived so they will be starting to replace the Highway Dept. leach field as it kept freezing up during the winter and then the crew will be replacing culverts and ditching along the Greenwood Road in preparation for paving this summer. Rich explained that the paving will start in front of Harry Orcutt's house and go to the Martin Road intersection. Chair Chapman stated that is the worst section of the Greenwood Road. Selectman Milliard asked how long that section of road is. Rich said that it was just shy of 2 miles. Selectman Jordan asked if there was any prep work that needed to be done before it is paved. Rich explained that section is all set and ready for pavement. Selectman Jordan stated that he thought if the road is that bad that it would need something done to it before paving. Rich explained that Doug from the paving outfit says that the pavement is so old and it has compacted well over the years that it will be fine to just pave over it.

Item 8: Discussion with Marie Bartlett requesting weight limits to be placed on the Gore Rd.

Marie attended to ask if the Board of Selectmen could consider placing a weight limit on the Gore Road and Johnny's Bridge. Marie asked the Board if they could see if the Town could have an ordinance that would prevent the large trucks from using the Gore Road and Johnny's Bridge Road. Marie explained that these large commercial trucks are dangerous and take their half right out of the center. She explained that all types of large trucks are using the road including a Walmart tractor trailer truck. She stated that the Town would also have to discuss this with Vern in Woodstock. She stated that she understands that we would have to allow fuel trucks. Chair Chapman stated that she has seen no thru truck signs in places so if someone was delivering to a home on that road that would be allowed. Rich asked if concrete or logging trucks would be allowed. Marie stated that the logging trucks are really bad. She stated that the gravel trucks go all day long. Kim explained that there are 2 gravel pits on Rt. 232 near the Gore Road. Rich explained that the Town will be using that pit in a few days and will be driving on the Gore Road. Selectman Milliard asked if Rich had noticed a deterioration of that Road. Rich said he had not. Selectman Milliard stated that he wondered if a lot of this traffic could be contributed to the construction on Rt. 26 in Bryant Pond. Rich stated that he thought that

was the case. Marie stated that there are alternate routes they can take as when the Town posted the roads in the Spring all of that traffic stopped. Rich wondered if we should wait and see what the traffic looks like when the construction project is completed in Bryant Pond. Selectman Milliard stated that the construction is going to be going on for quite a while. Chair Chapman stated that she knows a lot of trucks go down the Greenwood Road probably for the same reason. Marie stated that a large truck went over Johnny's Bridge today and asked if Rich could check the condition of the bridge underneath as she is concerned that it is failing. Rich thought there was a weight limit placed on the bridge. Kim explained that there had been a weight limit until the Town update and rebuilt the bridge. Selectman Milliard asked if Kim had any discussions with Vern about this. Kim explained that she had not and would reach out to Vern from Woodstock and Retta from Bethel. Selectman Jordan asked how would we enforce this. Chair Chapman stated that we have three towns to consider. Marie stated that anything would be better than getting killed as these trucks on this narrow road are dangerous. Selectman Jordan stated that he noticed the traffic was worse when Savage bought the gravel pit on Rt. 232.

Rich asked if they should notify Oxford County as a Town that we have seen some close calls with these large trucks. Chair Chapman stated that the truck drivers haven't broken any laws. Marie stated that these roads are not meant for commercial trucks. Selectman Milliard suggested that the Town reach out to the Oxford County Sheriff Department to discuss this. Kim stated that Sheriff Wainwright wanted to return to a Selectmen's Meeting to update the board on previous concerns, so she will reach out to him, and get it scheduled. Marie asked that they let her know when Sheriff Wainwright will be on the agenda. Selectman Jordan stated that even when the Town reduced the speed limit to 35mph he didn't notice any difference. Marie stated that anything will help. Selectman Jordan stated that he saw Rick Savage last summer and Rick told him to let him know if any of his drivers were speeding on the Gore Rd. Selectman Jordan stated that he hasn't seen any speeding trucks but someone is now using the jake brake every time they go by his house. Marie stated that there is an alternate route available. Marie thanked the Board for their time.

Item 9: Discussion with Nick Bartlett requesting Town to allow Recreational Marijuana – tabled as Nick was not in attendance.

Item 10: Review and sign the Hick's Cemetery Conveyance to Peter Godwin

The Board reviewed and signed the conveyance. Kim will have the conveyance recorded.

Item 11: Review and sign CMP Pole relocation permit – Greenwood Road

Kim explained that the Bolduc's have requested CMP relocate this pole to give them better sight distance at Wintergreen Way. The Board reviewed and signed the CMP Pole relocation permit.

Item 12: Review and sign appointment of Meredith Ring to the Conservation Commission

Kim explained that Meredith Ring wanted to be on our Conservation Commission. The Board reviewed and signed the appointment paperwork for Meredith.

Item 13: A Thank you to retiring Blaine and Margaret Mills for taking care of Maggie's Nature Park

Kim explained that residents were asking if we could have a bench put on the lookout spot at Maggie's Park as thanks to Blaine and Margaret Mills. Kim stated that they have extra benches at the BAAM project that the Town could use. The Board stated that was a great idea. Kim will work on making this happen.

Item 14: Discuss installing a kiosk from the Lake's Association at the Boat Launch

Kim explained that the Lake's Association has a kiosk that they would like to have installed at the Greenwood Boat Launch. She explained that she has sent several emails and made several phone calls to the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad asking permission to install the kiosk but has not heard anything back from them. She wondered if the Board would approve the installation as long as they didn't cement in the posts – nothing permanent. The Board agreed. Selectman Milliard asked what type of signage is going to be on the kiosk. Kim explained that one sign was going to be no jet skis allowed. Chair Chapman stated that there would be something about checking your boat propellers for invasive plants. Selectman Milliard stated that there have been a lot of new people who have moved into the area so this would be helpful.

Item 15: Discussion on Joint Mahoosuc Region Selectboards Meeting held on May 23rd.

Kim explained that at the May 23rd meeting, Mike had asked for up to \$ 1000 towards legal services. Kim explained that she received an email today requesting up to \$ 2,000 towards Legal Services. Chair Chapman asked what the legal services would be for. Kim explained the services would be to develop an interlocal Mahoosuc Region broadband agreement with Newry, Bethel, Greenwood, and Woodstock. Kim explained that Firstlight is becoming more responsive and has asked to come meet with us. Chair Chapman felt that Firstlight should reach out to the Broadband Committee. Selectman Milliard agreed. Kim stated that was what she was thinking as well and would let Firstlight know to contact the Committee. Selectman Jordan stated that we are forming the Utility District and we are not committing to any contractor or group at this point. Chair Chapman stated that it sounded like other than the legal expenses for forming the

utility district there weren't going to be other costs. Chair Chapman asked the Board if they were ok with upping our commitment from \$ 1000 to \$ 2000 for legal expenses. The Board agreed to increase the commitment from \$ 1000 to \$ 2000.

Item 16: Schedule Public Hearing for GOPIF Grant

Selectman Milliard asked what that stood for – Governors Office on Policy Innovation and Future. Kim explained that Yvette could do either July 5th or July 18th and asked if everyone was going to be here on July 5th. The Board agreed to hold the hearing on July 5th.

Item 17: Discuss who to award the Spirit of America Award to

Kim asked the Board if they would be willing to award the Spirit of America Award to Richard Melville for his many years of service to the Town. The Board agreed that Richard Melville should receive the award. Kim stated that she would prepare the paperwork and get this started.

Item 18: Comments from the Public - None

Item 19: Meetings and Events

June 14th – Election Day, 8am to 8pm GTO
June 20th – Juneteenth Day – Town Office closed
June 21st – Selectmen's Meeting, 5pm GTO
June 27th – Planning Board Meeting – 5:30pm GTO
July 4th – Fourth of July – Town Office closed
July 5th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5pm GTO
July 11th – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO
July 18th – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO
July 19th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5pm GTO

Item 20: Adjourn – Having no further business, Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Jordan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm. Vote: 3-0. Meeting is adjourned.