

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2025 – 5:00 pm

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Item 1: Roll call and determination of a quorum.

Roll Call: Chair Amy Chapman, Selectman Norman A. Milliard, Selectman Robert Oickle, Town Manager Kim Sparks, and Fire Chief Ken Cole

Guests: Gerry Nelson, Sarah Wood, Michelle Purington

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Introductions by Town Manager

a. Zoom participants – No zoom participants at this meeting.

b. Participants present – Gerry Nelson and Sarah Wood

Item 4: Chair Statement

Chair Chapman read aloud the following statement: If you wish to speak, please wait until the Chair has opened the floor to Public Comment or until we are at the agenda item you wish to speak on. Once the Chair has recognized you, please stand, state your name for the record, the agenda item, and the nature of your business. All comments and questions must be addressed to the Chair.

Item 5: Approval of Warrants

Expenditure Warrant # 26 – \$ 30,527.02 covering period Dec. 16, - Dec. 23, 2024

Expenditure Warrant # 27 \$ 17,139.97 covering period Dec. 24, - Dec. 30, 2024

Expenditure Warrant # 28 – \$ 28,578.00 covering period Dec. 31, - Jan 6, 2025

The Board reviewed Warrant # 26, Warrant # 27 and Warrant # 28.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to approve Warrant # 26, Warrant # 27, and Warrant # 28 as read. Vote: 3-0. Warrants are approved.

Item 6: Review and approve minutes of December 17, 2024

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 17, 2024. Selectman Milliard made two corrections. 1. That the period be removed after the word was and 2. Under item 9, in reference to the Selectboard proposed changes to the agenda, it states *The Board agreed to add a seconded contacted outside of the meeting*. Selectman Milliard stated that we already have that on our agenda so I would say that we say instead of adding that we include Selectman contacted outside of the meeting and further on we have agreed to remove the second set of comments.

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

Item 7: Selectmen contacted outside of meeting.

Selectman Oickle stated that Dale informed him that they are having issues again with the gate. Kim stated that she would contact Eli and have him come take a look.

Item 8: Comments from the Public

Gerry Nelson was present to ask the Board if they would be in support of changing the name of Mud Pond to Twilight Pond. Gerry explained that his late wife had done some research several years ago and found that the Pond was at one time called Twilight Pond. Gerry stated that he was seeking the Board's direction and support to change the name. He explained that he has spoken to all of the property owners on Mud Pond, and they all are in support of the change. Gerry stated that he thinks everyone would prefer to say that they are on Twilight Pond vs. Mud Pond. Gerry stated that there might be some historical knowledge in Town as to the history of the pond. Chair Chapman stated that Chris Dunham would be the person for Gerry to talk to. Gerry stated that he is researching which department at the State level that he would need to discuss this with and find out how to make the change officially. Selectman Milliard asked if we had any information on how it became known as Mud Pond. Chair Chapman stated that she did not. Chair Chapman stated that there was a precedent to renaming the ponds as North Pond was once known as North Alder Pond and before that there was an attempt to name it Dudley Pond after the Dudley Family. Chair Chapman asked if there was an entity that would have to approve the naming of ponds. Selectman Oickle asked who owned the pond as that should be the entity that could rename it. Chair Chapman stated that she isn't sure if anyone owns the pond. Gerry stated that he would continue with his research and return to the Board with more information.

Item 9: Agenda Items – (15-minute limit per item)

- a. Sarah Wood, of Howe Hill Road would like to become a regular member of the Greenwood Planning Board
Sarah introduced herself and explained that she was interested in becoming a regular member of the Planning Board. Sarah stated that she attended a recent Planning Board meeting and had a good discussion with the Planning Board. Sarah stated that Kim had given her copies of the Town Ordinances for her to review, and she found that to be very interesting. The Board thanked Sarah for her interest and appointed her to a one-year term. Kim administered the oath to Sarah.
- b. Review and sign Motor Vehicle Inventory Policy
The Board reviewed and signed the Motor Vehicle Inventory Policy. Kim stated that she will get a copy to BMV.
- c. Review and sign CMP Application for Utility Pole installation on Gore Road
The Board reviewed and signed the CMP Pole Installation form. Kim stated that she would get a copy sent to CMP.
- d. Updates from Fire Chief Ken Cole – Chief Cole updated the Board on a few items before discussing them further with the budget committee next week. Chief Cole stated that he would like to purchase an enclosed trailer for the side-by-side that was donated to the Fire Department. Chief Cole explained that they are currently using

his personally owned trailer to transport the buggy and he has been searching for new and used trailers that the buggy would fit in. Selectman Oickle stated that a used or an open trailer would be a better price. Chief Cole explained that was correct, but he would prefer an enclosed trailer so that the equipment would be ready to be used and could be stored outside. Chief Cole stated that he was looking at a new enclosed trailer at a price of \$ 7695.00. He explained that they have limited space in Locke's Station. Chair Chapman asked if Chief Cole had the funds in his current budget. Chief Cole stated that he did. Chair Chapman stated that this is his budget, and he could make the decision on how to best use it. Selectman Milliard agreed and stated that we need to obtain a piece of equipment so that Chief Cole doesn't need to use his own equipment.

Chief Cole stated that the second item he would like to discuss with the Board is the replacement of the City Station. Chief Cole stated that the Building Committee asked him to start working on a Plan B and he has found a metal building that has a great price of \$68,940.00 that includes delivery and installation. Selectman Milliard stated that he reviewed this and was working out what the price was per square foot. Selectman Milliard stated the first one works out to be \$ 19.81 per square foot, the second one works out to be a \$ 1.25 per square foot and the last one works out to be \$.91 per square foot. Selectman Milliard asked which option would work best with our current equipment. Selectman Milliard stated that this price is far below what we had been discussing. Selectman Milliard asked if this building would have office space and all of the other areas that were proposed in the original plan. Chief Cole stated that this is a change in design and doesn't include any office space. Chief Cole stated that this is basically just a garage that would be used to store equipment. Chief Cole stated that this was a proposal to just start a new conversation. Chief Cole stated that this price doesn't include a foundation, electrical, heating, septic system, well and other site improvements that may be needed. Chief Cole stated that this price is affordable compared to what he currently has in the Fire Department Building Reserve account. Selectman Milliard stated that we need to schedule a Building Committee Meeting to discuss in greater detail. Kim stated that the Building Committee will be present at our next Budget Meeting and will ask them to schedule a Building Committee Meeting. Chair Chapman stated that this is a better price compared to the 5-8 million dollars on the original plan. Selectman Oickle stated that this building price is really cheap compared to what the other costs will be. Selectman Milliard stated that we need to find out what the other costs will be. Selectman Oickle asked how we find out what those other costs will be. Chief Cole stated that he was asking the Board for direction and would be willing to find out more answers to the costs. The Board agreed to have Chief Cole work on a Plan B and Kim will schedule a Building Committee meeting for Plan B to be discussed. Chief Cole thanked the Board.

Item 10: Other business and communications

- A. Michelle Purington was present and updated the Board on her neighbors at 190 Howe Hill Road. Ms. Purington stated that she is still having issue with her neighbors using the property on a commercial basis and making noise at all hours. Kim stated that she would get a copy of the proposed noise ordinance that is slated to go to our Annual Town Meeting for a vote in May. Michelle thanked the Board for their continued support.

Item 11: Town Manager update to the Board of Selectmen – see attached Town Manager updates.

Item 12: Meetings and Events

Jan. 14th – Budget Meeting, 5:00pm GTO

Jan. 20th – Martin Luther King Day, Town Office is closed.

Jan. 21st – Selectmen’s Meeting, 5:00pm GTO, G&W Meeting Woodstock

Jan. 28th – Solid Water Operator Forum/AVCOG, 11:30 am – Zoom GTO

Jan. 30th – New License Plate Training, Maine BMV – 1:00pm – Zoom GTO

Item 13: Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters

Selectmen Oickle motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to enter into Executive Session at 6:15pm. Vote: 3-0.

Selectman Oickle motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to come out of Executive Session at 6:25pm. Vote: 3-0.

No decisions made and no votes were required.

Item 14: Adjourn - Having no further business, Selectman Oickle motioned, and Selectman Milliard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm. Vote: 3-0. The meeting is adjourned.