

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 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 – via Zoom, Selectman Robert Oickle, and Town Manager Kim Sparks

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Introductions by Town Manager

a. Zoom participants.

Norman A. Milliard, Selectman

Kacy Bailey, representing Western Foothills Land Trust

b. Participants present.

Michelle Purinton, resident

Brian Dunham, resident

Item 4: Chair 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 # 35 – \$ 92,070.50 covering period Feb.19, - Feb. 24, 2025

Includes voucher # 960, payable to United Insurance for \$ 45,987.00

Expenditure Warrant # 36 \$ 59407.17 covering period Feb. 25, - Mar. 4, 2025

The Board reviewed Warrant # 35 and Warrant # 36.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to approve Warrant # 35 and Warrant # 36 as presented. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes.

Item 6: Review and approve minutes of February 18, 2025

The Board reviewed the minutes of February 18, 2025

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

Item 7: Selectmen contacted outside of meeting - No contact.

Item 8: Comments from the Public – No comments.

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

a. Zoom Meeting with Kacy Bailey, on behalf of Western Foothills Land Trust

Kacy stated that the Western Foothills Land Trust was seeking support for their grant application to the Land for Maine's Future Fund. Kacy explained that they were wanting to purchase a 69- acre parcel that currently abuts the Noyes Mountain Preserve in Greenwood. Chair Chapman stated that she was in support

of this application. Selectman Oickle stated that he was also in favor of this. Selectman Milliard asked where the preserve was in Greenwood. Kacy explained that it was off of the Richardson Hollow Road. Selectman Milliard stated that he was also in favor. Kacy thanked the Board and stated that she would reach out to Kim early next week on next steps.

- b. Michelle Purinton updates to the Board
Michelle stated that the noise level issues were still continuing with her neighbor, and she wanted to keep the Board updated on this.
- c. Discuss conversation with Fidelity – Kim stated that she has been trying to get an appointment with Fidelity with the Board of Selectmen but hasn't had any luck. She stated that they heard back from the rep from Fidelity who stated that they were not allowed to meet with us and if we had questions, we could email them to him. Selectmen Oickle stated that he would reach out to Larry Merlino and see what our next steps should be.
- d. Finalize 2025/2026 Budget – Kim stated that she had added the G & W budget number and updated the insurance line to include the increase in the health insurance. Kim stated that she had run the LD1 calculations and with adding \$ 75,000 to the Fire Equipment reserve, \$34,500 into the Reval reserve, and \$ 75,000 to the Fire Department Building reserve we are \$ 32,000 below tax cap. Selectman Milliard stated that last year we added more to the Fire Department Building Reserve and thinks we should do the same this year. Chairman Chapman agreed and suggested that we increase that reserve amount from \$ 75,000 to \$ 105,000. Selectmen Oickle agreed. Budget Committee member, Brian Dunham stated that he thought it was a great idea to continue to use the LD1 tax cap formula as a budgeting tool. Brian stated that he also agreed to increase the Fire Building Reserve to \$ 105,000. The Selectmen agreed to the updates to the proposed budget. Kim stated that she would start working on the Warrant for the Town Meeting in May.
- e. Brian Dunham – concerns about plowing. Brian stated that he had an issue last year on Maine Maple Sunday because the Town wasn't able to keep up with the snowstorm and plow Rowe Hill Road in the morning. Brian stated that he lost a lot of business that weekend due to folks not being able to access the roads to his farm. Brian asked that the Highway Department work harder this year to make sure the Roads in Greenwood are cleared so folks can attend Maine Maple Sunday weekend. Chair Chapman stated that last year there was a big storm and many places had to cancel their Maple Sunday. Brian stated that they didn't cancel as in the past the Highway Department always had the roads cleared out for them. Kim stated that she would discuss this with the Highway crew.

Brian stated that one other storm a few weeks ago, the Highway crew only plowed Rowe Hill Road and not the side roads. Kim asked if Brian could please call her to let her know when this is happening so she can reach out to the crew to see what is happening. Selectman Milliard asked if our trucks have GPS tracking on them. Kim answered that they do not. Selectman Milliard stated that might be a useful tool to have and if something like this happens, we can see where the drivers have been – that it could be a great learning tool.

Kim stated that she would check on the costs of GPS tracking and get back to the Board. Brian thanked the Board for their time.

Item 10: Other business and communications – None.

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

Item 12: Meetings and Events

Mar. 12th – Conservation Committee Meeting, 10am GTO

Mar. 19th – School Bridge Bid opening, 10am GTO

Mar. 25th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO

No Planning Board Meeting in April

April 8th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO

April 22nd – Selectmen's Meeting, Budget Public Hearing 5:00pm GTO

Item 13: Adjourn - Having no further business, Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 pm. Vote: 3-0. Meeting is adjourned.