

# **GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

**May 20, 2025 – 5:00 pm**

**All Meetings are audio recorded.**

## **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, Road Foreman Richie Diaz and Equipment Operator, Rickie Osgood.

## **Item 2:** Pledge of Allegiance

## **Item 3:** Introductions

- a. Zoom participants - None.
- b. Participants present - Mr. & Mrs. Fahey

## **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 # 46** – \$ 148,285.50 covering period May 7, - May 12, 2025  
Includes Voucher 1272 payable to MSAD 44, \$ 118,752.00

**Expenditure Warrant # 47** - \$ 38,284.21 covering period May 3, - May 20, 2025

The Board reviewed Warrant # 46 & # 47.

There was no discussion on the Warrants.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to approve Warrant # 46 and Warrant # 47 as presented. Vote: 3-0. Motion passed.

## **Item 6:** Review and approve minutes of May 6, 2025

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 6, 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.

Selectman Milliard stated that he was contacted on Friday, prior to our Annual Town Meeting by his neighbor Esther Fuller. Selectman Milliard stated that Esther was concerned about the proposed Noise Ordinance and that it was being directed at Mt. Abram. Selectman Milliard stated that he updated Esther that the proposed Ordinance had nothing to do with Mt. Abram. Selectman Milliard stated that she stated that she was unaware of all of that.

Selectman Oickle stated that he was visited by his friend and neighbor, Brian Dunham. Selectman Oickle stated that Brian had questions and concerns about the Noise Ordinance as well.

Chair Chapman stated that she had a couple of questions from a Greenwood resident as well, who was not able to attend the Town Meeting, and had concerns about the Noise Ordinance.

**Item 8:** Comments from the Public – No comments

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

a. Discussion with Mr. Fahey regarding drainage issues on his property

Mr. Fahey stated his name and that his property is located at 118 Howe Hill Road. Mr. Fahey stated that the last time he came to a meeting was back in March and it was discussed the possibility of purchasing the property for a possible catch basin for the overflow of Putt Brook. Mr. Fahey stated that he believes that there was a meeting that he was supposed to be invited to, that he was not invited to. Mr. Fahey stated that he spoke with Kim briefly on the phone and that there was a meeting with MDOT and Richie Diaz and maybe Cross Excavation met, and he was not contacted to attend the meeting. Mr. Fahey was wondering what went down at the meeting and asked why he wasn't invited.

Road Foreman Diaz stated that MDOT could not meet with Mr. Fahey as MDOT is not able to put his name on what he thinks should happen here with this situation. Road Foreman Diaz stated that MDOT said he could tell us about his opinion on what to do but he couldn't say because of legal rights or whatever, that is why you were not invited. Road Foreman Diaz stated that he met with another Town Road Foreman to look at it and they all came up with the same conclusion.

Mr. Fahey stated that doesn't make any sense. Road Foreman Diaz asked what didn't make any sense. Mr. Fahey stated that this concerns their property. Road Foreman Diaz asked why he has to inform Mr. Fahey if it is just within the road limits. Mr. Fahey stated because the issue is coming from your road onto their property. Road Foreman Diaz stated that he will tell him what they said and maybe it would help. Road Foreman Diaz stated that all of the important people say that it is a landowner issue, and how you want to divert the water because it is out of our road limits, which is entirely up to you. Road Foreman Diaz stated that if Mr. Fahey feels a culvert should be put in a bit beyond the road limits than that is where the culvert should go but that is not on the Town.

Mr. Fahey stated you people pulled the culvert out in 2008. Road Foreman Diaz stated that he isn't sure who you people are or were. Mr. Fahey stated that it is in the conversations that Kim and I had that it was removed in 2008, admitting that the Town removed the culvert. Road Foreman Diaz asked if the culvert was removed for legitimate reasons. Mr. Fahey explained that it was full because of the flood of 2008. Road Foreman Diaz answered right. Mr. Fahey stated that there was a temporary fix that they accepted, and when the Town had time would come back and reset it and fix it properly.

Road Foreman Diaz stated that there are three other people besides himself that are saying that a culvert can't be installed there and that there is no reason to have a culvert there. Mr. Fahey stated that is why the swale is no longer there because it is full of 3 feet of gravel. Road Foreman Diaz stated that because of that storm it changed everything, and because of that is why the culvert is gone and doesn't go back in.

Mr. Fahey asked where the water was supposed to go. Road Foreman Diaz stated it is going where it is going and asked what he wants him to do. Mr. Fahey stated that the road is discharging water onto his property and they need to remove the swale. Road Foreman Diaz asked why remove the swale. Mr. Fahey stated the swale needs to be removed to get the water off of his property. Mr. Fahey asked why his neighbor, the Smith's get a culvert and special attention. Road Foreman Diaz stated that their property is higher up than his, he is at the very bottom and not sure if he noticed that, and that is where all the water goes. Mr. Fahey stated that it never used to before 2008. Road Foreman Diaz answered exactly that after that storm everything changed, and no culvert is now going to help. Mr. Fahey answered that it was bologna. Road Foreman Diaz stated that others have told him the same thing. Mr. Fahey asked that Road Foreman Diaz tell him who and he would talk to them.

Mr. Fahey stated that it seems like a wall right here, that they are not entitled but you are, and he has a problem with that. Road Foreman Diaz asked if Mr. Fahey could go ask for other Town Crews opinions of the situation. Mr. Fahey stated that they don't have anything to do with Greenwood that you have everything to do with Greenwood. Road Foreman Diaz stated that is why he got information from other people who had been in the field for 20-25 years. Mr. Fahey stated that he has been in the field and worked on golf courses that are (inaudible) and he still does drainage projects every day. Mr. Fahey stated that there is no excuse, that there was a swale there, the swale got filled in in 2008, and continues to get filled in. Mr. Fahey stated that water comes down from any type of storm that the brook breaches and it is the soft shoulder from the opposite side that is washing across the road, filling in and coming onto his property, yes, it is. Mr. Fahey stated that he is at the point now that he has had just about enough of this. Mr. Fahey stated again that he was not contacted and in the minutes of March 25<sup>th</sup> it states that he was to be contacted and invited. Mr. Fahey asked if he doesn't have any right to be at this meeting that concerns his property. Mr. Fahey stated that he thinks that something is really wrong, something else is going on here, he isn't sure what is going on, but something is.

Mr. Fahey stated that just like the minutes from August 6<sup>th</sup> that Selectman Milliard demanded a set date and time for that culvert to be put and that swale to be dug out. Mr. Fahey stated that we sat here and discussed it and at first there was no set date and then you (Selectman Milliard) set a date of 60 days to have that done. Mr. Fahey stated that he was told by Joelle Whitman Corey that by Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> he had to have an up-to-date plumbing and septic field permit or else he would lose the right to build. Mr. Fahey stated that he doesn't know what is going on as it was omitted from the minutes of August 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Fahey stated that there was nothing said or mentioned in the minutes. Selectman Milliard stated that he would like to see those minutes that say that he said that. Mr. Fahey stated that there is no mention of it in the minutes. Selectman Milliard stated that Mr. Fahey cannot accuse him of saying that. Mr. Fahey stated that he sat there and listened to Selectman Milliard.

Selectman Milliard stated that it would be in the minutes because we record all of our meetings. Mr. Fahey asked for a copy of that recording. Selectman Milliard stated he would like a copy to prove that he said that. Mr. Fahey stated that the recording will prove that then. Selectman Milliard stated that it would prove that he didn't say that. Mr. Fahey stated that it was enough, and we would be hearing from his attorney. Mr. Fahey stated that he wasn't sure what was going on here but this stinks and to put that in the minutes. Mr. Fahey stated that he wanted a copy of the recording of that meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Kim stated that she would. Mr. Fahey stated that if they want trouble, they got it coming.

- b. Review and sign Tax Abatement for Brian Battista, Map R03-003  
Adjusted grade and condition of cottage, \$147.33

Kim explained that the Assessor had a higher grade and condition of the Battista cottage than it should have been.

The Board reviewed and signed the Tax Abatement for Brian Battista for \$ 147.33

- c. Review estimate to repair/fill Veteran Monument  
Correcting name of Hershell E. Cole to Hershell F. Cole

Kim explained that a relative Hershell F. Cole reported that we have the wrong middle initial for their relative on the Veteran Monument. Kim explained that Al Lake, from the Legion, reached out to Collette Monument to get us an estimate to repair it. Estimate of repair is \$ 695.00.

Chair Chapman stated that she was concerned that Collette's can't guarantee that the repair will even work and that it might bleed through in time. Chair Chapman stated that this error has been on the monument for 50 years. Kim explained that about three years ago the family contacted us, at the time the Legion was considering moving the monument to the Legion Hall, so we thought we would wait and take care of it then. Kim explained that the Legion has changed their mind about moving the monument, so we now need to decide what to do. Selectman Milliard stated that they have no guarantee that it is going to correct it. Selectman Oickle asked if they were the ones to do it originally. Kim stated that she didn't think so as she was told that the company that installed the monument is out of business. Chair Chapman asked if it has to be a monument company, could it be a local mason that could match the grout. Kim stated that she would gladly see if a local mason could help us with this. Chair Chapman suggested that Kim ask Neil Donovan to take a look at it. Kim stated that she would contact Neil.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to table this item to correct the misspelling on the monument. Vote: 3-0. Item is tabled.

- d. Starting a roads Committee, Weldon Lucas is interested in joining.  
Kim stated that we had discussed forming a roads committee at a previous budget committee meeting. Kim stated that Weldon Lucas reached out and was interested in joining. Road Foreman Diaz stated that he welcomed this, and that Weldon has helped him on many occasions. Selectman Milliard asked what was the purpose of a Roads Committee. Kim explained that it would help with the budget. Road Foreman Diaz stated they would determine what roads to prioritize. Selectman Milliard asked who would be on this Committee. Selectman Milliard stated that Kim and Richie would obviously be on the Committee. Kim answered yes. Kim explained that she would like Weldon, Brian Dunham from our Budget Committee, and she thought she would ask Mark Doherty who helped us during the Alls State Issue. Kim stated that Brian Dunham knows a lot about the history of our roads. Selectman Milliard stated that he does, and he stated at Town Meeting. Kim stated that they would also like the Committee to help us when we put things out to bid, have them review the bid packet, and bids. Selectman Milliard stated that it sounds like a positive thing.

Road Foreman Diaz stated that he only worries about who is going to be on it as you always think the more the merrier but doesn't think that is the case. Chair Chapman stated that she doesn't think we want 15 people. Selectman Oickle stated that when we were dealing with Greenwood Road, Mark Doherty was a great resource for him. Kim stated that she would do some research on what the Towns have used for guidelines and bring that to a future meeting for the Board to review.

- e. Town Meeting follow up- Kim explained that we had 122 registered voters checked in at the Town Meeting. Kim stated that the proposed Noise Ordinance and amendments to the Land Use Ordinance were defeated but all other Articles passed.

**Item 10:** Other business and communications - None

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

**Item 12:** Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) Personnel Matters – Highway Department.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle motioned to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) Personnel Matters – Highway Department – 5:35pm.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle motioned to come out of Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) Personnel Matters – Highway Department – 6:05pm.

No decisions made. No votes needed.

**Item 13:** Meetings and Events

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Public Hearing/Vote on Proposed MSAD 44 Budget, Telstar 6:00pm

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm

June 10<sup>th</sup> – School Budget Vote, 8am to 8pm, GTO

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Area Selectmen's Workshop, 5pm to 7pm, Telstar Library

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO

**Item 14:** Adjourn - Having no further business, Selectman Oickle motioned, and Selectman Milliard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm. Vote: 3-0. Meeting is adjourned.