

## GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Sep. 2, 2025 – 5:00 pm

All Meetings are audio recorded.

Item 1: Roll call and determination of a quorum – Chair Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

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

Quorum present.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Introductions

a. Zoom participants - James and David Zaworski

b. Participants present – Resident Nick Bartlett and Resident Cyle Marriott

Item 4: Chair Statement (if needed)

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 # 08 - \$ 424,032.39 covering period Aug. 19 – Aug. 25, 2025  
Includes voucher 215 for \$ 394,420.00 payable to Oxford County

Expenditure Warrant # 09 – \$ covering period Aug. 26 – Sep. 2, 2025

The Board reviewed Warrant # 08 and Warrant # 09.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to approve Warrant # 08 and Warrant # 09 as presented. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes.

Item 6: Review and approve minutes of August 19, 2025

The Board reviewed the minutes.

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 comment.

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

- A. Discussion with Gerald Dostie, Maine DOT, Senior Project Manager  
MDOT will be repairing/replacing 5 bridges in Greenwood.  
Discuss traffic impacts in Greenwood.

Summary

Jerry Dostie from MDOT introduced himself and stated that he was present to discuss replacing 5 bridges in the Town of Greenwood in the next few years. Jerry stated that we have five bridges here in town that the State will be repairing/replacing.

1. Johnny's Bridge – on Main St. Rt. 26
2. Locke's Bridge – on Howe Hill Road – between Rt. 26 and the railroad tracks
3. Morgan Bridge – on Greenwood Road, along Twitchell Brook
4. Morgan 2 Bridge – on West Paris Road, Rt. 219 just beyond the City Fire Station
5. Little Andro Bridge – on West Paris Road, Rt. 219 near the Old County Road

Mr. Dostie stated that their plans were to have Bridge 1 and 2 have at least one lane open during construction or a temporary bridge would be installed. He stated that bridges 3, 4, and 5 would be full closures.

The Board, Fire Chief and Town Manager had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Dostie on the importance of keeping all bridges open in some way for safety reasons and for residents to not have to take lengthy detours. Mr. Dostie explained that the three full closures were based on the low traffic counts and that the construction could be done more quickly.

The Board asked Mr. Dostie to reconsider. Mr. Dostie stated that he would go back and reconvene with the project planners and pass along our concerns. Mr. Dostie stated that he would update Kim as things progress. The Board thanked Mr. Dostie for attending the meeting.

- B. Discussion with Nick Bartlett, requesting that the Town consider widening the entrance onto Bird Hill Road from Rt. 26

Nick Bartlett stated that he and Kyle are both here just to bring up the topic of we need to be looking at the Bird Hill Road intersection with Rt. 26. Nick explained that it's so narrow getting in and out of there. Cyle Marriott stated that he's noticed pulling out of there is difficult with his large equipment to make the turn in either direction. Nick and Cyle asked if the Town could do something to widen the entrance onto Bird Hill Road. The Board

asked if Kim could contact the MDOT and ask them for their guidance. Kim stated that she would reach out to MDOT and update the Board in a future meeting.

#### C. Discussion on response from Zaworksi/Ring Family regarding gift of land

Chair Chapman stated that when we met at our last meeting, we had a bit of a split on the board regarding one of the requests by the Ring family, which was that once the property has been transferred to the town, any subsequent transfer may only be to a 501c3 nonprofit organization and must include all of the stipulations listed in the quit claim deed. And so, I don't know if we need to discuss all the background on what this property is. It's an island and a point of land. No part of it is buildable under shoreline zoning. It's a kind of a historic property that belonged to the Farrington and Ring family, where they ran a water lily farm at one point. And also, other parts of their property have been turned into our baseball field and Maggie's Park. Maggie's Park. So, this is all that family.

The Board had a lengthy discussion.

Chair Chapman motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to accept the donation of land from the Ring family with all of the conditions included in this agreement. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes.

Kim will get the documents to the Attorney for them to draft a deed for the Board's review.

#### D. Request to name road off Hayes Hill Road – Rena Curtis Lane

Kim explained that there have been two new building permits issued off of what is locally known as Rena Curtis Lane – a private road off of the Hayes Hill Road. Kim stated that the Town needs to officially name that Road – and the property owners request that it continue to be called Rena Curtis Lane.

Selectmen Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to name the road off of the Hayes Hill Road Rena Curtis Lane. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes.

#### E. Review, discuss, and sign Tax Commitment for year 2025/2026

The Board reviewed the documents submitted by the JE O'Donnell Assessing firm. Kim stated that they gave us three mil rates to consider – at 13.45, 13.50, and 13.55. Selectman Milliard asked which one they suggested. Kim explained that they thought 13.50 was the best option as it had our overlay just under \$50,000 and was the middle option.

The Board agreed and signed the 2025/2026 Tax Commitment paperwork setting the mil rate at 13.50. Kim stated that the bills would be printed and mailed out next week.

Selectman Milliard asked if we could include an insert with the tax bills that explains what caused the tax increase. Kim stated that she would be glad to draft an insert and get it to the Board tomorrow for their review before sending it along to the printing company. All agreed. Kim would work on a draft.

F. Alvin Yates, requesting permission to trap on Town property located on the West Paris Road – Finnish Picnic Grounds

Kim explained that this is the annual request from Mr. Yates. Kim explained that she has had no complaints from any of the neighboring landowners. The Board agreed to give Mr. Yates permission to trap on Town own property know as the Finnish Picnic Grounds. Chair Chapman completed the Landowner Permission form for Mr. Yates.

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. – Fire Dept.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) – Personnel matters. – Fire Dept Vote: 3-0. 6:35pm.

Selectman Oickle motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to come out of Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) – Personnel matters. – Fire Dept Vote: 3-0. 6:50pm.

No votes needed.

Item 13: Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) – Personnel matters

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) – Personnel matters. – Fire Dept Vote: 3-0. 6:50pm.

Selectman Oickle motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to come out of Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) – Personnel matters. – Fire Dept Vote: 3-0. 7:10pm.

No votes needed.

Item 14: Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) – Personnel matters – Highway Dept

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) – Personnel matters. Highway Department. Vote: 3-0. 7:10pm.

Selectman Oickle motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to come out of Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) – Personnel matters. Highway Department –Vote: 3-0. 7:30pm.

No votes needed. Kim will schedule interviews for the Road Foreman opening.

#### Item 15: Meetings and Events

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – FOAA Webinar Zoom, 4:30pm – 6pm, GTO.  
Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Board of Appeals Meeting, 6pm, GTO  
Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Planning Board Meeting 5:30pm, GTO  
Public Hearing on proposed 7 lot subdivision.  
Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Area Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm, Bear River Grange, Newry  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO  
Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Planning Board Meeting 5:30pm GTO  
Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – Planning Board Meeting 5:30pm GTO  
Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – Selectmen's Meeting 5:00pm GTO  
Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Selectmen's Meeting 5:00pm GTO  
Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO  
Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Election Day, 8am to 8pm – Legion Hall  
Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO  
Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO

Item 16: Adjourn - having no further business, Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Vote: 3-0. Meeting is adjourned.