

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2024 – 5:00 pm

Item 1: Call Meeting to Order - Chair Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

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

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Review and approve:

The Board reviewed Warrant # 09 and warrant # 10.

Expenditure Warrant # 09 – \$ 252,986.28, Covering period Aug. 20, - Aug. 26, 2024

Includes Voucher 221, payable to the Oxford County Treasurer, \$ 235,051.00

Expenditure Warrant # 10 – \$ 35,004.72 Covering period Aug. 27, - Sep. 3, 2024

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to approve Warrant # 09 and warrant # 10 as read. Vote: 3-0. Warrants are approved.

Item 4: Review and approve minutes of August 20, 2024

The Board reviewed the minutes of August 20, 2024.

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

Item 5: Comments from the Public - No comments

A. Selectmen contacted outside of meeting - No contact

Item 6: Discuss fee for leasing temporary bridge from Oxford County. The Oxford County original lease amount was for \$ 60,000 and have reduced price to \$ 28,800.

Kim stated that Tony Carter from Oxford County had contacted her on Friday, August 30th with a reduced lease price of \$ 28,800 for the year. Chair Chapman stated that was a far better amount. Selectman Milliard agreed. Selectman Oickle asked when the new bridge would be installed. Kim explained that the process would need to go out to bid in late winter/early spring. Selectman Oickle suggested that we include an installation date in the bid documents and hold the contractors to that date. Kim agreed that we will have an installation deadline in the bid packets.

The Board agreed to the lease amount. Kim will let the County know.

Item 7: Review and sign corrected Assessor's Return from Oxford County

The Board reviewed and signed the updated paperwork from Oxford County that corrected their clerical error on the County Assessment.

Item 8: Discuss tree cutting/clearing at back of Hick's Cemetery

Kim gave the Selectmen copies of the Hick Cemetery plot plans for the back portion of the cemetery. Kim explained that there are about 16 plots – 10' x 20' that are

currently covered in trees. She explained that the trees need to be cut and removed, stumps removed, and leveled out with loam. Kim explained that she is seeking some estimates to do the work. Chair Chapman asked if these are the only remaining plots in Greenwood. Kim answered yes. Selectman Milliard asked if this is something that our Highway Department could work on. Kim stated that she would be willing to check with Richie. Selectman Oickle asked if we had any other town owned land that we could use for a cemetery. Kim stated that they had previously discussed a cemetery on our land on Rt. 219. Kim stated that our Conservation Committee would like to have that parcel left as is and not be made into a cemetery. Kim stated that she would check with Richie and get other estimates and bring this back to the Board for a future discussion.

Item 9: Town Manager Updates

Ordinances – The Planning Board is scheduled to review LD2003 on Sept. 9th. The Noise Ordinance draft is ready for Public Hearing. It is my recommendation that the Noise Ordinance be tabled until LD2003 is ready.

Broadband – Firstlight is still negotiating with ConnectME on contract terms and an expansion schedule. Mia will keep us posted on any updates.

Zaworski Family – The family is still reviewing the draft quit claim deed that we sent them. I am hearing that they might want an agreement that the Town will not sell the property.

November Election – I have submitted a request to the Secretary of State's Election Division for permission to hold the November 5th Election at the Legion Hall due to the expected large turnout. I will also hold a training date in October for our Election/Ballot Clerks. Our application to change the location of the NOV. 5th Election has been deemed complete and is awaiting approval from Secretary of State, Shenna Bellows.

Fire Dept. Building Committee Meeting - At our last Building Committee meeting we were charged with reaching out to Woodstock for a workshop – We have tentatively scheduled a workshop date for Sept. 24th. Vern is still working on details. We also asked that Ken work on a Plan B – a scaled down version of the proposed Fire Station. Ken has returned from vacation and says that he will work on this as well.

AVCOG Representatives – 2 Reps are needed from Greenwood, 1 has to be an elected official. There are two General Assembly meetings each year (once in spring and another in fall). Representatives aren't required to attend the meetings; it is just an opportunity for members to meet. However, if an individual wants to attend the spring or fall event, they must be a designated representative to be admitted at no cost. The fall general assembly is in conjunction with AVCOG's Planning Day, so there are workshops related to relevant planning topics.

Selectman Milliard agreed to be the elected official from Greenwood. Kim stated that Marie Bartlett was also interested in this as she is interested in seeking grants to build a new swap shop. Selectman Milliard stated that Marie would be great for this. Selectman Oickle asked if AVCOG also was the contact for getting solar installed a transfer stations. Kim said that was correct and something else that Marie would be interested in. Kim

stated that she would gladly reach out to Marie to see if she would be willing to be a Rep from Greenwood.

Help Wanted – Joelle’s last Day is September 27th. We have one person who is interested who is going to meet with Joelle this week to find out what the training requirements are. The Planning Board all agree that this person would be a good fit.

We will also be advertising an opening at the Transfer Station.

Greenwood Road –Kim explained that Richie was going to update her when Allstates would be returning to repair the Greenwood Road. Kim stated that they had concerns that there were potholes forming in the repair job that they completed in July. Selectman Oickle suggested that we invite Allstates to attend our next meeting for an update. Kim stated that she would contact Sam and invite him to the September 17th meeting.

Item 10: Comments from the Public - None

Item 11: Meetings and Events

- Sept. 6th – Finance Discussion with Selectman Oickle and Budget Committee Member Larry Merlino, 10:00am GTO
- Sept. 9th – Planning Board Meeting & Public Hearing, 5:30pm GTO
- Sept. 16th – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO
- Sept. 17th – Conservation Committee Meeting, 10am GTO
- Sept. 17th – Selectmen’s Meeting, 5:00pm GTO, Discussion with Richie re: Mr. Fahey
- Sept. 24th – Tentative Workshop with Woodstock Board of Selectmen on FD
- Oct. 1st – Selectmen’s Meeting, 5:00pm GTO
- Oct. 7th – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO
- Oct. 10th – Election Worker Training, 11:00am, GTO
- Oct. 15th – Selectmen’s Meeting, 5:00pm GTO
- Oct. 21st – Planning Board Meeting. 5:30pm.

Item 12: Adjourn - Having no further business, Selectman Oickle motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm. Vote: 3-0.