

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2024 – 5:00 pm

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

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:

Expenditure Warrant # 44 - \$ 30,370.90, Covering period Apr. 17 – Apr. 22, 2024

Expenditure Warrant # 45 - \$ 18,292.77, Covering period Apr. 23 – Apr. 29, 2024

Expenditure Warrant # 46 - \$ 23,702.79 Covering period Apr. 30 – May 7, 2024

The Board reviewed the warrants.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to approve Warrant # 44, Warrant 45, and Warrant # 46 as presented. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes and Warrants are approved.

Item 4: Review and approve minutes of April 16, 2024

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 16, 2024. Selectman Oickle motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to approve the minutes as read. Vote: 3-0. Minutes of April 16, 2024 approved.

Item 5: Comments from the Public - None

A. Selectmen contacted outside of meeting – No contact.

Item 6: David Gaudreau requests discussion with Board regarding his neighborhood – It was moved and seconded to table this item as Mr. Gaudreau was not present at the meeting.

Item 7: Review and sign discontinuance by abandonment of Horseshoe Trail.

The Board reviewed the discontinuance. Kim explained that the abutters were all mailed a notice – certified return receipt. Kim stated that all of the return receipts notices were returned and she had a phone call from one abutter, Jessie Fredrickson. Kim explained that Jessie was surprised as she thought that the road had already been discontinued years ago. Kim stated that Jessie didn't request a public hearing just had a few questions. Kim stated that no one else reached out requesting a public hearing so a hearing was not needed.

Having no need for a public hearing, the Board agreed to sign the discontinuance by abandonment of the Horseshoe Trail Road. Kim will send this to the Registry of Deeds for recording.

Item 8: Discuss offer from Zaworksi Family to donate Map U06-Lot 4 & 5 to the Town

Kim asked the Board if they had the time to go take a look at these two parcels of property. Selectman Oickle stated that he did go look at the property and thought it looked great. Chair Chapman stated that she did go look at it but wasn't able to paddle out to the island. Selectman Milliard stated that there are no buildings on the property, that you can see the island from the Greenwood Road, and has kayaked around the island and noticed that there really isn't any place for people to bring their kayak or canoe to. Selectman Milliard stated that the parcel that has the bench on it along the Greenwood Road is nice and people could use that. Selectman Milliard asked how much tax revenue would the Town lose if we accepted this. Kim stated that the current tax bill is \$ 1,075 for the year. Chair Chapman stated that if we don't accept it, they will try to sell it to someone else. Chair Chapman stated that the family is asking that the Town maintain the bench area. Selectman Milliard stated that it would need to be stated in the deed that the bench area would be maintained in perpetuity. Selectman Oickle stated that he hates to tie something up and require that the property not be sold say fifty years down the road. Chair Chapman asked if they could put an expiring restriction on it. Selectman Milliard stated that the parcels would be maintained by the Town in perpetuity. Selectman Oickle asked what would happen say in 10 years if the Town wanted to put a picnic area on the island. Chair Chapman stated that she didn't think the family would have a problem with that and she thinks that the family wouldn't want the Town to turn around and sell the property that was just given to us. Selectman Oickle stated that he is in favor of getting the property but just wants to understand what our options are. Selectman Milliard stated if we were getting more tax revenue from it, he would be hesitant about accepting it. Selectman Oickle stated that he is sure that the family feels good about giving it to the Town. Selectman Milliard stated that we have several areas around the Town that don't have structures on them, or boat landings, and these parcels are special to us. Selectman Oickle stated that he loves it just the way it is. Selectman Oickle stated that he would be opened to have the Conservation Commission look at the parcel and use this as an education opportunity. Chair Chapman stated that there could be signage to explain the habitat and agrees that the wording could say that it will be permanently conserved. Selectman Oickle asked if the Board could review the draft deed. Kim answered yes, that she expected some back and forth between the parties before getting the deed completed for recording. The Board agreed that it would be great to conserve the property and asked Kim to contact the family to proceed with a draft deed to be reviewed and approved by both parties. Kim stated that she would contact the Zaworski family and get things started.

Item 9. Sign Spirit of America Award for Arnold Jordan

The Board reviewed and signed the Spirit of America Award for Arnie Jordan. The award will be presented to Arnie at the Annual Town Meeting.

Item 10: Sign Warrant & Notice of Election MSAD 44 Budget Validation Referendum Return

The Board reviewed and signed the Warrant and Notice of Election for MSAD 44 Budget Validation Referendum Return. Kim will get these posted tomorrow.

Item 11: Sign Warrant and Notice of Election MSAD 44 Election

Greenwood has one opening with no candidate running.

The Board reviewed and signed the Notice of Election MSAD 44 Election. Kim will get these posted tomorrow.

Item 12: Comments from the Public - None

Item 13: Meetings and Events

May 18th – Annual Town Meeting, 9:00 am Legion Hall

May 20th – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30 pm GTO

May 21st – Selectmen’s Meeting 5:00 pm GTO

June 3rd – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30 pm GTO

June 4th – Selectmen’s Meeting, 5:00 pm GTO

June 11th – Election Day, 8 am – 8 pm, GTO

June 17th – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30 pm GTO

June 18th – Selectmen’s Meeting, 5:00 pm GTO

Item 14: Adjourn - Having no further business, Selectman Oickle motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm. Vote: 3-0. Meeting is adjourned.