

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2024 – 5:00 pm

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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, Highway Foreman, Richie Diaz, Planning Board member Andrew Baker, and Town Manager Kim Sparks.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Election

A. Chair – Kim asked if there were any nominations for Chair. Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to nominate Amy Chapman as Chair. There were no other nominations. Vote: 2-0 with Chapman abstaining. Amy Chapman is voted in as Chair.

B. Vice-Chair – Chair Chapman asked if there were any nominations for Vice Chair. Selectman Oickle motioned and Chair Chapman seconded to nominate Norman A. Milliard as Vice Chair. Vote: 2-0 with Milliard abstaining. Norman A. Milliard is voted in as Vice Chair.

Item 4: Review and approve:

Expenditure Warrant # 53 – For Year 2023/2024, \$ **24,999.12**, Covering period June 18 - June 24, 2024

Expenditure Warrant # 01 – For Year 2024/2025, \$ **40,085.84** Covering period June 25 – July 01, 2024

The Board reviewed the warrants.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to approve Warrant #53 fy 2023/2024 and Warrant # 01 fy 2024/2025 as read. Vote: 3-0. Motion passes and Warrants are approved.

Item 5: Review and approve minutes of June 18, 2024

The Board reviewed the minutes of June 18, 2024.

Selectman Oickle motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to approve the minutes as read. Vote: 3-0. Minutes of June 18, 2024 are approved.

Item 6: Comments from the Public - None

A. Selectmen contacted outside of meeting
Selectman Oickle stated that he was contacted by Brian Dunham who had concerns with having the stumps removed from the pine trees that we recently had cut down. Richie stated that Mike the Stump Grinder was here this week to start on it but didn't realize that the stumps were that large and will need to come back with different equipment. Selectman Oickle stated that they need the stumps

removed to make more parking spaces and asked if Richie knew when they would be back. Richie stated that he told him it would need to be done before winter. Selectman Oickle asked if that could be done sooner so that parking would be available for the soccer program in the fall. Richie stated that he would contact him to let him know that we needed it done asap.

Selectman Oickle stated that he was contacted by another neighbor, Rich Schnieder who was concerned about erosion control. Selectman Oickle stated that Rich was concerned that more are using the mulch erosion control and they are finding that it doesn't hold up in these heavy rain storms that we have been having. Selectman Oickle stated that Rich suggested that we use the more rigid erosion control that will work in heavy rains.

Item 7: Appoint Andrew Baker to MSAD # 44 School Board Director for 1 year.

Andrew Baker stated that he was interested in being a School Board Director so that he could work with the Board to find ways to save tax payer dollars without impacting the education.

The Board signed the appointment paperwork for a 1 year term. Kim administered the oath to Andrew. Kim will send a copy of the appointment paperwork to MSAD 44, Superintendent, Mark Kenney.

Item 8: Update from Greenwood Highway Dept.

A. Order new Wheel Loader – Richie stated that he found a different loader that had a better warranty and is \$ 60,000 less than what he was originally looking at. Selectman Oickle asked if this was a different model. Richie stated that it was, that they went to the Maine DOT's Highway Congress and there were several different vendors and models on display that they got to check out. Selectman Milliard stated that it looks like they are giving us \$ 15,000 for the trade-in which would bring the cost to \$ 105,000. Selectman Milliard asked what year is this one. Richie answered that it is brand new – a 2024. Selectman Milliard asked if it has been used anywhere else. Richie stated that it has 6 operation hours on it. Richie explained that they would definitely want the warranty as you get inside and it is all computerized so there is no having the highway crew working on it. Selectman Milliard asked what year is our trade-in. Richie answered that it is a 1996. Selectman Oickle asked if there is a way for us to determine if that is a good trade-in value. Richie stated that he received several trade in values when he priced out other makes/models and those numbers ranged from \$ 13,000 up to \$ 20,000. Richie explained that we would get \$ 20,000 trade in if we spent \$ 200,000. Selectman Oickle asked if they considered putting the old loader out to bid. Richie stated that he spoke to Kim about that and both agree that it is a gamble. He explained that we can put it out to bid and there is no guarantee that we will get more than \$ 15,000. Selectman Oickle asked where is this dealership. Richie stated that it is in the Town of Acton, out by Rockland. Selectman Oickle asked if we go ahead with this do they deliver. Richie stated that they will deliver. Richie stated that he has been looking at backhoes that are a couple of years old for around \$ 60,000. Richie explained that our current backhoe is a 1986 so we could get two pieces of equipment instead of one.

Richie stated that the roadside mowing should be done by the end of July.

Richie stated that they are waiting for Cross to schedule the Bridge work on the Irish Neighborhood Road. Richie stated that the crew is going to be doing a lot of shoulder work this summer. Selectman Oickle stated that he went and looked at the Alcohol Mary Road and he spoke with some of the residents and they would like it to be returned to dirt. Richie stated that would be ok until it rains. Selectman Oickle stated that he doesn't know the history and asked if that was the issue. Richie explained that it was once dirt but with all of the storms that area kept washing out. Selectman Oickle asked if there was another product that they could put down that is not pavement. Chair Chapman asked why that road. Richie stated that stretch of the road is very steep. Richie stated that is why he has asked Sam from All-States to come look at this road to see what our options are. Sam stated that they could put down some reclaim product as that would hold better than dirt. Chair Chapman asked if Richie knew what Woodstock used on Buck's Ledge as it did very well over the fall, winter and spring.

Selectman Oickle asked about the other bridge on Patch Mountain Road that we need to repair that only has one house on the other side. Selectman Oickle stated that he went over about 4 bridges. Richie stated that it is the bridge with no guardrails with large wooden slats with two white houses on the other side of the bridge.

- B. All-State requesting last payment before they complete recent repairs \$ 58,711.33
Sam from All-State will be present at meeting.

Item 9: Review and discuss contract from Ben Bruno, of Innovative Graphics Design regarding maintaining Town website. <https://www.innovativegraphicsdesign.com/>

Item 10: Review and discuss MMA Guidance on Public Comment at Board Meetings

Item 11: Old Business/ Town Manager Updates

Item 12: Comments from the Public

Item 13: Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters

Item 14: Meetings and Events

July 15th – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO

July 16th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO

Aug. 5th – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm GTO

Aug. 6th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO

Aug. 20th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5:00pm GTO

Item 15: Adjourn