

GREENWOOD SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2023

5:00 pm

Item 1: Call Meeting to Order - Chair Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
Roll Call: Chair Amy Chapman, Norman A. Milliard, Selectman Robert Oickle, Town Manager, Kim Sparks, Fire Chief Ken Cole, and Road Foreman, Richie Diaz.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Review and approve:

Expenditure Warrant # 15 - \$ 36,498.26, Covering period Oct. 4 - Oct. 9, 2023

Expenditure Warrant # 16 - \$ 143,388.06, Covering period Oct. 10, – Oct. 16, 2023
Includes Voucher 452, payable to MSAD 44, \$ 104,976.00

Expenditure Warrant # 17 - \$ 14,533.66 Covering period Oct. 17 – Oct. 24, 2023

The Board reviewed Warrant # 15, Warrant # 16, and Warrant # 17.

Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to approve Warrant # 15, Warrant #16, and Warrant # 17. Vote: 3-0. Warrants are approved.

Item 4: Review and approve minutes of October 3, 2023

The Board reviewed the minutes of October 3, 2023

Selectman Oickle motioned and Chair Chapman seconded to approve the minutes as read. Vote: 2-0. Selectman Norman A. Milliard abstained from voting as he was absent on October 3, 2023. Minutes are approved.

Item 5: Comments from the Public – No comment

A. Selectmen contacted outside of meeting – No contact

Item 6: Updates from Codes Officer, Joelle Corey on Henry Brooks, Ambrose Brooks, & Art Henley

The Board reviewed the inspection report from Joelle Corey on Henry Brooks property. Kim stated that Joelle stated that she was discouraged by the slow progress of the cleanup. Selectman Milliard asked when were the deadlines. Kim stated that the deadlines were in November. Selectman Milliard stated that he was concerned if the property would be cleaned up by the deadlines.

Kim stated that Joelle is scheduled to do an inspection of the Henley/Merrill property on Friday, Oct. 27th at 4 pm.

Kim updated the Board that Ambrose Brooks paid for his Subsurface Waste Water permit.

Selectman Oickle asked if there would be a recommendation from Joelle as to what the Board should do next. Kim stated that Joelle was planning on attending the November 28th Selectmen's meeting to discuss all three properties and more.

Kim stated that Joelle is also checking on the campsite by the powerlines on the Greenwood Road this Friday. Chair Chapman stated that she was glad to hear that as she was going to ask about this.

Item 7: Introduce Andrew Baker who is interested in becoming a member of the Planning Board.

Chair Chapman introduced Andrew Baker. Andy explained that he has been living here for a while and wanted to find a way to help out his community. Selectman Milliard asked Andy if he recently moved here. Andy explained that he grew up in Shelburne, New Hampshire and has lived in Greenwood for seven years.

The Board thanked Andy for his interest in the Planning Board. The Board signed the appointment paperwork and Kim administered the oath to Andy.

Item 8: Review and sign Tax Abatement

Dennis Arguin, PP Acct 36 - \$ 147.69, camper sold and removed from Greenwood

Gary Sirois, PP Acct 138, - \$ 985.05, camper registered

Ed Gibson, PP Acct 54, - \$ 28.88, assessed wrong year of camper

The Board reviewed and signed the three tax abatements for Dennis Arguin, Gary Sirois, and Ed Gibson as listed above.

Item 9: Review and sign Quit Claim Deed for Beech Road LLC, Map U10-87-3

Kim explained that they received payment to pay the balance in full for Beech Road LLC. The Board reviewed and signed the Quit Claim Deed. Kim will send it for recording.

Item 10: Update on meeting with Heather Seiders, Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands

Butch Fuller updated the Board on his meeting with Heather Seiders from the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands. He said he took her to our current boat launch and said that Heather wasn't too impressed. Kim explained that Heather stated that the launch was too steep and parking was too tight for trucks with boat trailers. Butch stated that he and Heather then walked the Town owned property next to the Transfer Station on Round Pond. He said that Heather thought this would make a great location for a new boat launch. Butch stated that he thought there were also at least two loads of wood that could come off of the lot. Selectman Oickle asked if that would make a better launch. Butch stated that he showed Heather the proposed launch location and she thought that would be perfect. Selectman Oickle asked if this is something that we would install. Kim explained that we would have to hire contractors and engineers that are State certified to work in the shoreland zone. Selectman Oickle asked if that is something that we will be applying for a grant. Kim stated that the Town would have

to apply for the grants. Butch explained that there are two different grants, one from the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands for @ \$ 180,000.00 with a Town match of 25% and the second grant available is thru the Federal Government. Selectman Oickle asked what our next steps would be. Butch stated that Heather suggested that we contact an engineer to work on some plans and to get some depth measurements of the proposed launch area to determine if the site would work. Selectman Oickle asked if that could be done before winter. Butch stated that he was hoping for that. Kim stated that she had reached out to Main Land Development to inquire on their schedule and hasn't heard back from them. The Board thanked Butch for working on this. Kim stated that they would keep the Board updated as thing progress.

Item 11: Thank Lenny Hoy for his service to the Town of Greenwood, for Election/Ballot Clerk and Mr. Fix-It duties.

The Board and Town Staff thanked Lenny Hoy for all that he had done for the Town of Greenwood. Cake and memories were shared around the meeting room. Everyone wished him and his wife Cathy for many happy adventures in Georgia.

Item 12: Discussion on G & W – paving, entrance gate, staffing, and extended hours

Selectman Oickle stated that he would like to discuss a few G & W items with his Board members before meeting with the Woodstock Selectmen. Selectman Oickle asked if it was necessary to do the paving that is proposed. Kim stated that they included \$ 25,000 in the budget to pave a section. Selectman Oickle asked how this all came about, and asked if this isn't replacing pavement but just adding pavement. Kim explained that this would be new pavement. Chair Chapman stated that no one is pushing us to do this so this is a want but not a necessity. Andrew Baker asked if Woodstock was willing to contribute. Chair Chapman answered yes, that Woodstock would pay 60%. Selectman Milliard stated that the pavement would be going near the construction debris and metal bins on the hill. Road Foreman Diaz stated that the Highway Dept. has graded that area in the past and it would make it easier to have it paved.

Kim explained that they had 2 quotes for the entrance gate, Mr. Mckenna - \$ 5,000 to \$ 7,000 and Eli Mann \$ 4,200 to \$ 4,900. Kim explained that they had asked Rick Young for a quote and he wasn't able to do it. She stated that Rick suggested that we reach out to Eli Mann. Kim explained that this was a gate that would slide open to one side. Selectman Oickle stated that he happened to be at the Transfer Station when Mr. Mann was there looking at the gate. Selectman Oickle stated that Dale was there also and Dale wasn't too keen on having a sliding gate. Selectman Oickle stated that Dale was concerned how this would work with the snow. Chair Chapman asked if it would swing. Selectman Oickle answered no that it would only slide. Andy stated that the Bethel Airport has a sliding gate and it works in the winter but it does take up a lot of real estate. Road Foreman Diaz asked if this was what Eli proposed. Kim explained that it was what Vern had asked him for. Selectman Oickle questioned if we needed to replace the entire gate or just repair what is there. Road Foreman Diaz stated that he doesn't like the idea of a sliding gate. Selectman Oickle stated that they would pass that along when they have their meeting.

Kim stated that Dale says that he will be retiring in the Spring of 2024 and two of our other employees say that they won't be able to work much longer. Kim explained that they spoke with Pinetree/Casella Waste about this over a year ago. Chair Chapman stated that they never got back to us. Kim explained that Bethel/Newry/Hanover also asked for a proposal from Pinetree/Casella and they just heard back and the answer was that they were not interested. Kim stated that we can talk more about this on November 14th. Kim stated that the next item of discussion was extended hours but she didn't feel like we could plan on extending hours until we know we have a full crew. Kim stated that Dale was not in favor of extending the hours. Selectman Oickle stated that they were thinking of extending the hours on Saturday until 6pm and 4pm on Sunday. Chair Chapman stated that we can discuss all of this in greater detail on the 14th.

Item 13: Review and sign agreement with the Town of Gilead to do their vehicle registrations when needed.

The Board reviewed and signed the agreement with the Town of Greenwood. Kim stated that she would get copies to Gilead and to the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Item 14: Executive Session, per 1 MRSA § 405(6 E) – Consultation with legal counsel regarding the Greenwood Road paving

Selectman Oickle motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405(6 E) – Consultation with legal counsel at 5:50pm. Vote: 3-0.

Selectman Oickle motioned and Selectman Milliard seconded to come out of Executive Session 1 MRSA § 405(6 E) – Consultation with legal counsel 6:10pm. Vote: 3-0.

No votes needed.

Item 15: Meetings and Events

Oct. 26th – Mahoosuc Committee Broadband Meeting with FirstLight 4pm
Oct. 27th – Codes Officer Inspection of Henley Property, 4 pm
Nov. 1st – Swap Shop closing for the season.
Nov. 7th – Election Day 8 am to 8 pm GTO
Nov. 10th – Closed - Veterans' Day observed
Nov. 14th – Maine Dept. of Labor Meeting in Augusta, 10:30 am
Nov. 14th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5 pm GTO
Nov. 14th – G&W Meeting, after Selectmen's Meeting, Woodstock Town Office
Nov. 23rd & Nov. 24th – Closed - Thanksgiving
Nov. 28th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5pm GTO
Dec. 4th – Planning Board Meeting, 5:30 pm GTO
Dec. 5th – Conservation Committee Meeting, 10 am GTO
Dec. 12th – Selectmen's Meeting, 5pm GTO
Dec. 25th – Closed - Christmas

Item 16: Adjourn - Having no further business, Selectman Milliard motioned and Selectman Oickle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:11pm. Vote 3-0. Meeting is adjourned.