Town of Greenville Board of Selectmen Minutes – April 10, 2019

Call to order in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 46 Main Street, Greenville at 3:30 p.m. Present: Chairperson Carla Mary, Selectmen Doug Reardon and Margaret Bickford, and Town Administrator Tara Sousa.

Old Business:

Meet with Tom Plourde Re: Paving Decision

The Selectmen met with Road Agent Tom Plourde to discuss which road or roads would be paved this year. Mr. Plourde recommended that the Town pave Malderelli Road, the smallest and least costly of the roads needing complete rebuild. He indicated he would want to use Town budget funds first in order to reserve the Highway Block grant money for the following year, where he anticipated paving Livingston Road. Chairperson Mary questioned if the Town could complete both roads this year. Mr. Plourde felt that the budget would not be sufficient, considering the other work which needs to be done, including the drainage and rebuild of both roads. Selectwoman Bickford asked if we would be able to "shore up" Malderelli to account for the large truck traffic for Wally's Tree Service. Mr. Plourde expressed concern about the fully weighted log trucks as well, and questioned whether the Town has any recourse to recoup for the road damage, as he understood that site plan was proposed as a vehicle storage and maintenance site. The Town Administrator discussed the need to review the Planning Board's Notice of Decision in approving the site plan, and if there were specific activities allowed and disallowed. Mr. Plourde suggested that a weight limit might be appropriate for that road. The Selectmen asked that the Town Administrator research the Planning Board history and the Road Agent investigate the possibility of a weight limit.

The Town Administrator noted that Shirley Winslow was coming later in the meeting to discuss the concerns she raised at Town Meeting regarding Hubbard Hill Road. Chairperson Mary expressed that any changes to alleviate traffic in that road would need to be enforced by the Police Department. Mr. Plourde agreed that ordinances and/or traffic signs are useless without enforcement. The Selectmen agreed that the representatives to the Joint Police Board would raise the issue at the next meeting. Mr. Plourde suggested that a weight limit may be able to be instituted on Hubbard Hill as well. The Town Administrator questioned if there is a basis required for making such a declaration. Mr. Plourde will look into those requirements, if any.

New Business:

Meet with Rob Lauricella and Jefferson Tolman Re: Water/Wastewater Update

The Selectmen met with Rob Lauricella and Jefferson Tolman of Utility Partners to review the monthly operation report. Mr. Lauricella discussed the continued challenges in meeting the Town's copper limit. The Town Administrator noted the reduction in chemical costs, and asked if the adjusting of chemicals was causing the small uptick in copper results. Mr. Lauricella did not believe the dosage changes were having any substantial effect. The status of the maintenance budget was discussed. The Town Administrator noted that there are a substantial number of meters failing as we are reaching the 10-year mark of their installation. To address the Selectmen's concerns about the value of rebuilding

meters versus buying new, Mr. Lauricella will look into those costs and report back to the Board. He reviewed a 5-year CPI plan he is developing for both the water and wastewater plants. Large projects on the water plant list, such as the lagoon dredging and ceiling at the water plant, were discussed. Collection system repairs and the cost of annual jetting was discussed. Chairperson Mary asked if the staff could use the in-house jetter for this purpose. Mr. Lauricella felt that the Town's jetter was not strong enough, and that Eastern Pipe also brings in a vac truck to collect the jetted sludge/grease. Aging items at the wastewater plant, such as pumps and a deteriorating shed, were discussed. Mr. Lauricella asked the Town Administrator to forward him the wastewater structural review report from 2018. Chairperson Mary asked about the status of the wastewater plant chlorine analyzer, which Mr. Lauricella answered was still not operational.

Economic Development Event Proposal

The Selectmen met with Shirley Winslow, Cookie Shahmehri, and the Town Administrator regarding the ongoing work of a group formed at the 2017 Community Profile, whose focus has been economic development. Mrs. Winslow discussed the group's efforts to develop a survey that sought feedback from Greenville business owners, and advice received from Stephen Meno of UNH Cooperative Extension that a face-to-face event might yield better participation and engagement. Ms. Shahmehri discussed that the group had explored the idea of developing a Chamber of Commerce, but it did not seem feasible at this point. Chairperson Mary asked if the group wanted to be sanctioned as an official committee. The pros and cons of that designation were discussed. The Town Administrator explained that the group is looking for the blessing of the Selectmen to host an event and participation by some or all of the Selectmen, with the intent of it being a conversation starter about everything from policy (like TIF districts) to public-private partnerships and business recruiting. Mrs. Winslow noted that the proposed date was June 6, 2019, but that the time had yet to be determined. She and the Town Administrator expressed that they favored a morning event, which would keep the cost low. The Town Administrator asked if the economic development budget line-item could be used to cover the food cost, which she estimated would be under \$100. Chairperson Mary asked what was available in that budget line, and the Town Administrator answered \$1,000. Selectman Reardon asked for clarification what the Town funds would be supporting, wanting to ensure it was not an outside entity like a chamber of commerce. The Town Administrator clarified that this would be a Town of Greenville event that the group would help to organize and facilitate. The Selectmen expressed support for the event and thanked the group for their efforts toward bettering the Town.

Meet with Shirley Winslow Re: Hubbard Hill Road

The Selectmen met with Shirley Winslow regarding concerns she expressed at the Town Meeting about a public safety issue of large trucks utilizing Hubbard Hill Road. She provided a written statement explaining her experiences walking on the road, as well as her thoughts that perhaps signs indicating the curves and/or grade might dissuade truck drivers from choosing that route. Chairperson Mary reiterated the Selectmen's earlier discussion with the Road Agent regarding the possibility of instituting a weight limit on Hubbard Hill, and also the need for enforcement by the police department of whatever traffic deterrent is instituted. She noted that the Joint Police Board reps would bring it up at the next meeting. Mrs. Winslow thanked the Selectmen for their attention to her concern.

Scott Tenney appeared before the Selectmen as their ex-officio representative to the Planning Board to confirm that his new appointment was to continue in that capacity. The Town Administrator confirmed that it was as the ex-officio, but that his former appointment had an expiration date, so he did need to be sworn in again by the Town Clerk. Mr. Tenney reported that the Planning Board agenda for the following day included a conceptual discussion with an individual proposing to convert the mill at 32 Mill Street into subsidized housing units. Selectmen Reardon noted that that building is on a pump-up system for sewer, which would not support residential use. The Selectmen were in agreement that converting that commercial space to residential units would not be in the best interest of Greenville. Chairperson Mary asked Mr. Tenney to make regular appearances to keep the Board informed of Planning Board items.

FYI - Pilgrim Foods EPA Fine

The Selectmen reviewed a public notice of a recent fine issued by EPA against Pilgrim Foods for 2 occasions of dumping low ph material in the stream. The Town Administrator noted that we do not receive these notices directly from EPA, but that she found it on the internet while looking for something else.

Main Street Parking Issue

The Town Administrator notified the Selectmen that she had had multiple inquiries about the blocked parking spaces in front of 47 Main Street, including a Planning Board member who felt it was a matter of sufficient public concern to warrant contacting the Town attorney to intervene. Selectmen Reardon voiced that it is private property. The Town Administrator expressed that until such time as it is shown otherwise, she is considering it a private property issue. The Selectmen agreed that no Town intervention was warranted.

SB 341 - Increase of Maximum Allowed Credit for Service-connected Disability

The Town Administrator discussed that a gentleman had come into the Selectmen's office inquiring if the Town would be increasing the service-connected disability pursuant to SB 341, which raised the maximum allowed credit from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Chairperson Mary clarified her understanding that such a change would have to go before Town Meeting. The Town Administrator confirmed it would have to be on the warrant, and that she was bringing the issue for consideration now so that she could inform others who may inquire if it will be included in the warrant by the Selectmen, or will need to be petitioned. Selectmen Reardon expressed his strong support for increasing the credit in recognition of the sacrifice of the affected veteran's. He asked how many veterans are receiving the credit. The Town Administrator believed that there were 6 or 7 residents currently receiving the credit. The other Selectmen expressed that they would support a warrant article to increase the credit. The Town Administrator noted that any additional credit given will be collected from other tax payers. Chairperson Mary noted that they could choose an amount above the current credit but below the maximum. The Selectmen asked the Town Administrator to bring it back for discussion when the warrant is being developed in the fall.

Non-public Under RSA 91-a:3,II(L)

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to enter non-public session at 5:12 p.m. under RSA 91-a:3,II(L).

Motion carried by roll call vote: C. Mary, yes; D. Reardon, yes; M. Bickford, yes.

(Sealed non-public discussion) Action was taken to provide a Board response to a Town Counsel inquiry.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to return to public session at 5:17 p.m. and seal the minutes until the Eversource abatement appeals are settled or resolved.

Motion carried by roll call vote: C. Mary, yes; D. Reardon, yes; M. Bickford, yes.

Miscellaneous

The Town Administrator reminded the Selectmen that she would be on vacation starting April 18th.

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The Selectmen:

- Reviewed, discussed, and tabled the minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved check manifests for accounts payable and payroll.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Tax Credit/Exemptions Approve /Denied.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Timber Tax Warrant: Map 1, Lot 44-2.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectman Reardon, to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. Motion carried with 3 in favor, none opposed.

Submitted by: Tara Sousa/Town Administrator **Approved by:**

Carla C. Mary/Chairperson

Douglas A. Refirdon/Selectman

Margaret Bickford/Selectwoman