# Town of Greenville Board of Selectmen

# Minutes – January 31, 2024

Call to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 46 Main Street, Greenville. Present: Chairperson Carla Mary, Selectman Kathleen McNamara, and Town Administrator Tara Sousa.

## Public Hearing – 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Mary opened the hearing by reading the following: The Greenville Board of Selectmen, in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 46 Main Street, Greenville, regarding accepting and expending unanticipated grant funds in the amount of \$104,732 from the NH Clean Diesel Program, for the purpose of replacing the Town's 2001 International salt truck. Acceptance will require local matching funds in the amount of \$26,183, proposed to come from the Highway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. In the event of inclement weather, the snow date will be February 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Marshall Buttrick, of 240 Adams Hill Road, expressed support for accepting the grant. He asked who had identified the grant opportunity, and the Town Administrator answered that she and Road Agent Scott Leard had both received notice of the Clean Diesel grant programs, and chose to pursue this one as the highest grant-versus-match percentage, with Mr. Leard completing the bulk of the application requirements. She noted the Town would also purchase a plow and wing for the truck with Highway Block Grant funds.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman McNamara, to grant the Town of Greenville the authority to enter into a Granite State Clean Fleets Grant Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resource Division, which is a reimbursement project only, and voted that Tara J. Sousa, Town Administrator, is duly authorized to enter into said agreement on behalf of the Town of Greenville, NH and is further authorized to execute any documents which may, in their judgement, be desirable or necessary to effect the purpose of this vote.

Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

# **New Business:**

# 2024 Water & Sewer Budgets

The Selectmen reviewed the proposed 2024 Water and Sewer Budgets. The Town Administrator discussed that these are the necessary amounts given the new Whitewater contract and the other costs which went over budget in 2023, noting that she was working on analyzing the revenues to determine the necessary increases in the rates. She discussed that the December operations invoice had not yet been paid, which she suggested would come from the expendable trust funds. Chairperson Mary expressed her preference to show the over-expenditure for the contract operations, and shift other costs to the ETFS.

# NH DOT - Notice of Sale of State-Owned Land

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from the NH Department of Transportation regarding the proposed sale of State-owned land (identified as Map 2 Lot 37-2A), .57 acres, located on the easterly side of Route 31. The Town Administrator noted that the land is part of a proposed expansion of Michael Lamarre's Self-Storage facility, which is currently before the Planning Board. It was discussed that much of the

parcel is affected by the State right-of-way, and the limited-access highway designation, limiting its value to anyone but an abutting land-owner. The Selectmen were in agreement that the Town would not be interested in acquiring the parcel, and authorized the Town to notify the State of such.

#### **Fireworks Contract**

The Selectmen reviewed the proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> of July fireworks contract with JPI. The Town Administrator relayed that she had been informed by JPI that this was the last year they would accept a contract under \$10,000 for the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman McNamara, to accept the contract from JPI Pyrotechnics for July 3, 2024 at 11:20 p.m., in the amount of \$7,800. Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

The Town Administrator relayed that Emergency Management Director Ed White requested a warrant article for \$2,500 to upgrade to high-band radio. The Selectmen confirmed that it could be added to the warrant.

#### Miscellaneous

Selectman McNamara questioned what power the Selectmen or the Town have in terms of the hours worked, open office hours, benefits, etc. for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. The Selectmen and Town Administrator discussed how the approved budget dictates the compensation of the Clerk, unless Town Meeting adopts a policy which dictates compensation.

## **Signature Folder**

### The Selectmen:

- Reviewed, discussed, and approved minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved purchase orders: Highway.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved a Veteran's Credit: Gillet.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved an Elderly Exemption.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman McNamara, to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

Submitted by: Tara Sousa/Town Administrator

Carla C. Mary/Chairperson

Douglas A. Reardon/Selectman

Kathleen J. McNamara/Selectman