

**Town of Greenville
Board of Selectmen**

Minutes – September 13, 2023

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

Old Business

Purchase & Sale Agreement for Map 3 Lot 2-6

The Selectmen met with Attorney Charles Moser regarding requested revisions to the proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Franks for Map 3 Lot 2-6 (Duck Pond Lot). Selectman Reardon relayed that he had visited the property with Matt Franks and had reviewed the proposed concrete pad for equipment storage and drainage improvements. He expressed that he had no objections to the requested revisions.

Motion by Selectman Reardon, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to accept the Purchase & Sale Agreement for Map 3 Lot 2-6 as revised.

Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

The Town Administrator noted that a previous motion had given Chairperson Mary the authority to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement. Atty. Moser stated he would deliver copies signed by his clients with a deposit check to the Selectmen's Office for Chairperson Mary's signature.

Meet with Marshall Cain, Ed Rogers Re: Dunster Hill Reservoir

The Selectmen met with Marshall Cain, Ed Rogers, and Atty. Matthew Glavey regarding Mr. Cain's request to have Map 3 Lot 1-2 deeded to him as the successor land owner of the surrounding parcel, pursuant to the reversionary clause in the Town's deed to the former reservoir. The Selectmen reviewed advice received from Town Attorney Biron Bedard, indicating that deeding such would require the process under RSA 41:14, with comment from the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, as well as 2 public hearings. The Board of Selectmen did not dispute the assertion that the reversionary clause had been triggered by the abandonment of the reservoir/cistern 40+ years prior. The Town Administrator discussed the anticipated timeline to obtain comments from Planning and Conservation, suggesting that public hearings could be scheduled in anticipation of those responses. The Selectmen directed her to draft the requests for comment. Mr. Cain discussed his desire to continue his surrounding logging operation into the parcel. The Town Administrator expressed concern about both the safety and timber tax liability of allowing such a cut before the parcel is deeded. Selectwoman Bickford questioned if a waiver could be executed by Mr. Cain to allow for the cutting. The Town Administrator attempted to reach Atty. Bedard by phone, but he was unavailable. The Selectmen agreed to investigate whether a waiver could be done to allow for the timber cut.

New Business

2018 & 2019 Deed List

The Selectmen reviewed the unpaid receivables list for the 2018 and 2019 lien. The Town Administrator noted she had marked parcels which were located in mobile home parks. It was also noted that Map 2-

25-6 needed to be abated, as it had been removed prior to those tax years and appeared to be in error. It was her understanding that the Tax Collector had not yet sent the tax deed notices for these.

Presentation About Community Power

Nora Hanke of the Monadnock Sustainability Hub and Jason Cooper of Southwest Regional Planning Commission presented to Board about the benefits of and process for adopting community power in town. They explained the current law requiring the State's power generation to be at least 23.4% from renewable sources, how communities can set a default rate that is at or above the State minimum, and that community power provides the option for consumers to choose a larger percentage of renewables if they wish. The Board was able to see what other towns in the Monadnock region have done, and example of the savings by bidding power through a broker with other communities. Work with the brokers to develop a program is effectively pro-bono until and if the Town votes to adopt community power. Selectman Reardon questioned if this increases development of wind power projects, for example. Ms. Hanke, explained that yes, though not directly, as general demand for renewable energy increases. The Selectmen thanked Ms. Hanke and Mr. Cooper for their presentation.

Water/Wastewater Action Items

The Town Administrator discussed a water leak that had been identified on Mill St. As the scope of the excavation is unknown until they begin, Whitewater has recommended bringing in R.H. White or another contractor to excavate and repair. The Selectmen agreed to have Whitewater's parent-company, R. H. White, in to investigate and perform the repair. Action on the EPA recommended phosphorus limits was tabled Until Chairperson Mary was in attendance. The Selectmen reviewed the increase for the Underwater Solutions tank cleaning purchase order, which was caused by the project spanning 2 days rather than one. The PO was re-signed notating approval of the increase.

Greenville Historical Society Meeting Room Use Request

The Selectmen reviewed a request from Marshall Buttrick on behalf of the Greenville Historical Society to utilize the Town Meeting Room September 17th. Selectwoman Bickford expressed that the Historical Society benefits the Town. The Town Administrator agreed, but explained that it is a separate non-profit entity, which is why approval is needed.

Motion by Selectman Reardon, and by Selectwoman Bickford, to approve use of the meeting room by the Greenville Historical Society with no fee charged.

Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

Complete Streets Policy Draft

The Selectmen reviewed the Complete Streets Policy Draft as a first reading. Selectwoman Bickford expressed some concern about the lofty goals of the policy. The Town Administrator explained that it was drafted by a work group including herself, the Road Agent, and Deputy Fire Chief, with the help of Southwest Regional Planning, and encourages review of road safety for all types of users when a project (beyond pavement maintenance) is undertaken. She explained that adopting the policy will open up new grant opportunities, and gave an example of project funding that might be pursued, relative to the Main St. and River St. crosswalk. Action was tabled until the next meeting.

Resident Letter Re: Main Street Parking Ban

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Danielle Camillo regarding her objection to the overnight parking ban on Main Street.

Miscellaneous

Selectmen Reardon expressed that he did not support pursuing community power.

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The Selectmen:

- Reviewed, discussed, and approved minutes of the August 23, 2023 meeting.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved check manifests for accounts payable and payroll.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Water Service Application: Map 7 Lot 17-1.

Motion by Selectman Reardon, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to adjourn at 5:21 p.m.

Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

Submitted by: Tara Sousa/Town Administrator

Approved by:



Carla C. Mary/Chairperson

Douglas A. Reardon/Selectman



Margaret Bickford/Selectwoman