

Town of Greenfield  
Planning Board  
Preliminary Meeting Minutes  
Recorded by Michelle Hall  
February 8, 2021

**Members Attending:** Mason Parker, George Rainier, Robert Marshall, Rob Walling, Ben Hale, John Jaillet

**6:30 pm MParker** called meeting to order and went over tonight's agenda.

**MParker** read previous meeting minutes.

**GRainier motioned to accept minutes as printed. Seconded by RMarshall. Motion passed 6-0-0.**

**6:33 pm Mail:**

- January 2021 SWRPC Highlights
- Return check and postage increase sheet
- Receipt from Monadnock Ledger for tonight's public hearing.
- Change of employment wages for clerk form, to be signed by MHall

**6:34 pm Announcements**

**GRainier** stated that the ZBA is meeting 2/28/21 at 6 pm to discuss the Gregg building permit proposal.

**MParker** stated that the EDAC (Economical Development Advisory Committee) is still meeting and will be working on new items. **MParker** went on to explain that he has put his name on the select board ballot, if he does gets elected to the selectboard, he would have to resign from the planning board. However, if he did get voted in as a selectman he would be willing to be the selectboard representative if he was nominated to the position.

**6:45 pm CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) Review – Mason**

**MParker** explained that Ken Paulsen took care of the CIP for many years and mentored him to take it over. **MParker** went over the reasons for the CIP, being to help better use the CRF (Capital Reserve Fund) and prevent large spikes in tax rates for large ticket purchases needed within the town. **MParker** went over how the CIP works and time frames for completing it. **BHale** stated that he would like to work on the CIP with **MParker**.

**7:40 pm Public Hearing – DPW Tree Cutting on Cavender Road**

**MParker** opened the public hearing and went over the rules for tonight's hearing. **MHall** confirmed that this public hearing has been properly noticed at the town hall, post office, town website and in the newspaper. There were no members of the public attending this hearing. **Jim Morris**, Roads Foreman of the Greenfield DPW, attended via phone. **JMorris** explained that he would like to cut some hazardous dead and dying trees along the sides of Cavender Road, within the town's right of way. **JMorris** explained that, while repairing the gravel road, they noticed these trees are posing a danger of coming down at any time. He explained that the tree cutting would be contracted out and any wood that the land owners didn't want would be donated to the fire department and the Transfer Station. **JMorris** explained that he would like to have these trees cut down during the cold season as to not damage the

45 road. **RMarshall** wanted to make sure that the DPW gets permission from the land owners to take the  
46 wood from the fell trees. **JMorris** confirmed that the trees scheduled to be cut are dead, however the  
47 town forester has not confirmed. **GRainier** suggested that the large Oak tree near the corner of Old  
48 Bennington Road and the Poplar on the right side of the road be added to the list of trees to cut.  
49 **GRainier** will meet up with **JMorris** to show the trees he would like added. **MParker** closed the public  
50 part of this hearing and the planning board is now in deliberation. **MParker** motioned to approve the  
51 tree cutting, including the Poplar and the Oak trees as described, and that Jim obtain approval from the  
52 land owners before any wood be removed from the properties. **Seconded by BHale. Motion passed 6-0-**  
53 **0.**

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55 **Action Item:**

56 **MParker** – send tax maps for the land owners on Cavender Road to **JMorris**.

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58 **7:51 pm GRainier** motioned to adjourn. **Seconded by BHale. Motion passed 6-0-0.**