

Town of Greenville

Select Board Meeting

Wednesday; January 4th, 2023, 6:30pm, Greenville Town Hall Meeting Room

Minutes for Meeting of the Select Board

Board members/Staff present at meeting:

 X Selectman Geno Murray (Chair) X Selectman Bonnie DuBien X Police Chief Jim Carr
 X Selectman Newton Pierce (Vice Chair) X Selectman Burt Whitman Fire Chief Sawyer Murray
 X Selectman Richard Peat X Town Manager Mike Roy X Town Clerk Tammy Firman

Others attending: Roxanne Lizotte, Ron Sarol (Code Enforcement Officer), John Contreni (Planning Board), Margarita Contreni (Moosehead Lake Economic Development Council), Jim Carr (Chief of Police), Allison Arbo (Destination Moosehead)

Via Zoom: Stuart Hedstrom (Piscataquis Observer), Sheila Grant (Eastern Gazette) and Esther Ireland

6:30 pm Meeting opened by Chair, Geno Murray.

1. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

2. Opening of Meeting & Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: The Chair asked all members of the Select Board to review the meeting agenda and declare any potential conflicts of interest which members may have with any of the items listed. No conflicts declared nor noted.

3. Minutes: It was motioned by Burton Whitman and seconded by Newton Pierce to accept minutes of 12/21/2022. Motion carried 5-0.

4. There were no additions nor deletions to the agenda.

5. Roxanne Lizotte – Abatements

Roxanne expressed her appreciation to everyone for her retirement celebration and gifts on her last day as clerk. She requested abatements for three properties – LeJoy, Century 21 and Jacques Moore. A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Bonnie to abate as requested. The motion carried 5-0.

Roxanne further requested that the board abate \$83,927.28 from the Maine Clean Carbon account as they are no longer responsible for this amount. This will now wipe the slate clean for this account. A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Newt to abate. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Tammy Firman – Liquor License Renewal request from Kelly’s Landing

Tammy presented a request for renewal of liquor license from Kim Brady at Kelly’s Landing Restaurant. Jim Carr reported that the PD has no issue with this request. A motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Burt to approve the license which was signed by all board members. The motion carried 5-0. Tammy will notify Kim that her request was approved.

7. Jim Carr – Police Department Update

Jim reported that the department had experienced a typically busy summer. Fall brought about a slower pace so that they were able to get caught up with training and the usual end-of-year things.

New computers – the new computers are being installed and it's been quite an arduous process. Jim feels they are 85-90 % complete.

Narcan - Jim also reported that there were 6 overdoses for which they responded. Officer Josh Guay was actually able to save someone with the administration of Narcan. The PD is thankful to be involved with a state program that provides Narcan to the town at no cost. This program is through the Attorney General's office and has worked well. Following a question, Jim went on to explain that there is a law to protect, from criminal prosecution, those in the room and any victim needing Narcan.

Bail Commissioner - the addition of a Bail Commissioner has been extremely helpful to the PD. It has saved numerous trips to Dover.

Body and dash cams – Jim reports that there will be someone coming from Motorola in Texas to do training. There will be cams for each fulltime officer and an extra cam for the reservists. This move to utilizing specialized technology is quite progressive for a small town like Greenville and will be helpful in protecting everyone involved – the public, the officer and the town. The cameras will turn on automatically whenever the officer leaves the cruiser. The cruiser lights turning on will also activate the cameras. Jim is consulting with other PDs as to their policies regarding the usage of the cameras. He hopes to have them in place and fully operational by the end of March, 2023.

Calls and statistics – Jim presented the previous year's statistics which included a small increase in the number of OUI arrests. Despite the increase in arrests, Jim feels there are less incidents of impaired drivers as the word has spread that there is an increased PD presence.

Praise for our Town Manager – Jim asked the board to consider a stipend or other compensation for Mike Roy as comp time is not needed. Mike has stepped in and helped to keep the Public Works Department up and running as a new Foreman is being sought. Geno reports that the board is aware and providing compensation.

8. Manager's Report:

Escrow Funds – the release of escrow funds approved at the last meeting from the Sanitary District should be received via check from Eaton Peabody by the end of the week.

Moosehead Outdoors Alliance – has applied for a grant to fund the bike path at the Red Cross Beach. Chuck could come to a future meeting to discuss.

New Truck – Mike and Ron went to Skowhegan last Thursday to fetch the new truck. It is set up for state or municipal use and is a "beast". It has been specially spec'd out for the heavy duty use that we need. We are very pleased with the new truck.

Public Works – someone has been hired to drive the skid steer part-time which is enormously helpful.

FY 23 Omnibus Bill – this bill was approved which will provide \$902,000 for the new public safety building; \$1,561,000 for Moosehead Caring for Kids, for a shared facility to house pre-K, Recreation Center and Daycare to be built on the school property; as well as \$16,000,000 to improve Route 15 from Abbot to Greenville. Mike expressed appreciation to John Contreni for his invaluable assistance in writing this grant. A meeting of Kelly McFadden and the Moosehead Caring For Kids Foundation needs to be planned in order to make certain plans are agreeable to everyone before committees are formed to begin work on the daycare facility.

Airport - Airport Advisory Workshop will be held on January 11th at 6 pm. Among items to be discussed are safety features and the cracked ceiling which needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Hangar lease payments are mostly paid and only about three remain outstanding.

The Christmas trees will be taken down ahead of the impending snow.

Public Safety Building – still waiting for numbers from Sheridan. The hold-up is likely from their subcontractors.

FEMA Grant – Mike has applied for funding under FEMA for the Eveleth Street culvert system. We are hopeful to be awarded funding which will pay for engineering and scoping of the project.

ARPA Fund - \$172,104.57 was received. \$109,173.09 has been expended leaving a balance of \$62,321.48. The cost for the police cams was just under \$40,000.00. The remainder was earmarked for broadband expenses.

9. Public Comment:

Margarita Contreni – wished to extend congratulations to everyone, both locally and at the state level, who helped to secure grant funds. A meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15th from 2 pm – 4 pm at Bartley's Event Center on Pritham Avenue for community portion of the Community Resilience Partnership Grant.

Geno extended thanks to John and Margarita Contreni for their hard work on behalf of the town. He feels that we have the attention of Susan Collins and other officials.

Esther Ireland (via Zoom) expressed thanks to everyone, especially Mike.

10. What's on your mind?

Richard Peat suggested that we reach out to Carl Henderson to join the childcare building committee.

Newton Pierce talked to Mike and is still concerned about holes in the roads.

Burt Whitman reminded that we need to start thinking about and talking about the upcoming budget. He felt that having Marc Roy at the committee meeting was very helpful.

Other business:

A thank you note was received from part-time employee Cindy Pepino thanking the town for the Christmas gift and was read by Geno.

Geno expressed his hopes that the snow will come. The town's businesses need it in order to thrive this winter.

A motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Burt to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Tammy Firman
Town Clerk