

Town of Greenville Select Board Meeting

Wednesday; February 15th, 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 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:

Stuart Hedstrom, Piscataquis Observer; Chuck Wagenheim, Moosehead Outdoor Alliance

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 Richard and seconded by Burt to accept minutes of 02/01/2023. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Additions or Deletions. None.

5. Chuck Wagenheim – Moosehead Outdoor Alliance (MAO) update

Chuck shared that in 2017, he and Henry Gilbert got together and formed a rough idea for a mountain bike trail system. They did a feasibility study, talked to others and in 2019 established a non-profit with a mission to build a first-class bike trail. Permits were obtained. The plan was for three areas with permission to build 25 miles of trails. A trail designer from Freeport was hired. Zone One is in the Gravel Pit/Pond Area of Little Moose Public Lands. A five-mile trail system was designed with 4 miles on private land. A total of 12 miles were built. Little Moose Public Lands actually changed some of their regulations to accommodate the trail. Thanks to many volunteers, the project was able to come in under budget. Following this, over \$300K was raised to help fund Zones Two – Three. An additional \$25K was also raised to build a trail at the Red Cross Beach. Kids love this type of bike trail and it will be well-received by the community. This trail will also be available for cross-country skiing and for snowshoeing. The Bureau of Parks and Lands will assist by building another parking area.

NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association) assists in building trails and promoting biking. This is where MOA gets their insurance. This partnership is valuable for marketing. They have not yet begun marketing the trail, but will do so this summer. People from all over feel that our trail is

excellent. Zone One was designed to be wide to encourage family usage. Zones Two and Three will be more difficult. The goal is to attract riders of all skill levels to our trail system. The trails will be groomed in the winter to accommodate cross-country skiers.

MOA will continue to apply for grants and to fundraise. They will have approximately \$1,000,000 invested in the project. Trails cost about \$10 per linear foot when using a professional trail builder. They feel this will be a major attraction for our area as biking is a fast-growing sport. NEMBAfest in Carrabassett attracted over 10K for their three-day event.

Snowmobiles have not been a problem on the trail so far, but there has been some ATV activity which caused damage. Fortunately, the riders of the ATVs helped to repair the damage. Snowmobiles will be able to use the perimeter trail which is a multi-purpose trail.

Zone Two should be ready for use in two years. They expect to do 6.5 miles this year and 6.5 miles next year.

Chuck further reported that they will purchase good bikes for use by children. This will be an opportunity for teaching and allow skill set practice. The purpose of this purchase is for the children to have access to high quality bikes. Use of our trail system is free and we do allow pedal-assisted e-bikes.

6. Airport Lease renewal – approval and signatures

A motion was made by Bonnie to extend the fifteen-year agreement between the Town of Greenville and Brenda Nicholas. Motion was seconded by Newt and passed 5-0.

7. Budget Committee Applications

Three committee applications have been received thus far from John Contreni, Esther Ireland and John Contreni. We would like to have between 4-5 people to serve on this committee. We will still entertain other applicants should they apply. Burt motioned, seconded by Newt to accept these three applicants. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Manager's Report

An email sent from Bob Ludwig and a response from Mike Roy, regarding the Sled Dog Race, was read by Geno. The event was a huge success.

A report from the Assessors was shared with all board members. A brief synopsis:
Parcels visited - 416; number of changes – 111; percents of changes – 24.9%; valuation increase \$282,802; valuation decrease \$214,700. This resulted in a net gain of \$68,102.

Richard, Sawyer and Mike hired a new Foreman for Public Works who will begin work on March 6th. The new truck is working out well.

A proposal for the new Public Safety Building is close to being ready for board approval.

Committee work has begun for the new Multi-Use Building at the school. The committee is trying to find a name for the new building.

All town buildings fared well in the recent “arctic blast.”

The AMC brought a book highlighting a 15-year retrospective which was given to Geno.

One building mover has come to consider an estimate to move the four bay garage. Another will be coming.

Ron Sarol (Code Enforcement Officer) processed 3 single-family home applications and 2 subdivision applications (10-12 homes on 2-acre lots). They will be meeting with the planning board to discuss.

A proposed schedule for the budget planning was distributed. It closely mirrors last year’s calendar.

Two select board seats are up for election this year. Nomination papers can be obtained on March 3rd and must be returned to Tammy by April 14th at 4 pm. The election will be on June 13th, 2023.

A question was asked about the 15% discount from Sheridan to which Mike responded “more to come about that.”

9. Public Comments - none

10. What’s on your mind? No one had anything to share.

There being no further public business, a motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Newt to move to Executive Session at 7:06 pm. The motion carried 5-0.

In other business, it was motioned by Bonnie and seconded by Burt to move forward with the new Public Safety Building. A contract will be signed with Sheridan Corporation and will proceed. The motion carried 5-0.

Following discussion and there being no further business, a motion was made at 8:13 pm by Richard and seconded by Burt to exit Executive Session. Motion carried 5-0 and was exited at 8:14 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Tammy Firman
Town Clerk