

# Town of Greenville

## Select Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023, 6:30pm, Greenville Town Hall Meeting Room

### Minutes for Meeting of the Select Board

Board members/Staff present at meeting:

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

Others attending: Roxanne Lizotte, Margarita Contreni (MLREDC), John Contreni (Planning Board), Allison Arbo (Destination Moosehead Lake), Ron Sarol (Code Enforcement Office)

Via Zoom: Sheila Grant (Eastern Gazette)

6:30 pm Meeting opened by Vice-Chair, Newton Pierce.

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 or noted.
3. Minutes: It was motioned by Burt and seconded by Richard to accept minutes of 04-19-2023. Motion carried 4-0.
4. There were no additions nor deletions to the agenda.
5. Roxanne Lizotte – Supplementals and Homestead Exemption  
There is one supplemental for the farm on East Road. Four acres have been removed from farmland. The amount of this is \$7097.28.  
A document for homestead exemption was also presented for approval and signatures. A total of 514 properties were able to claim homestead exemptions which are now certified at 90%.  
Roxanne also suggested that a property value revaluation needs to be considered. Though property sales have decreased, prices continue to increase. She has observed that assessed values are often significantly lower than the actual selling price. A motion was made by Richard, seconded by Burt to accept. Motion carried 4-0.
6. John Contreni – Proposed New Ordinance regarding Wireless Telecommunications Facilities  
A proposal for a new ordinance has been created regarding wireless telecommunications. This ordinance will address small wireless facilities – those that are affixed to poles. We will need a general ordinance for telecommunications, but that is not an issue at present but we do need to think ahead and be prepared. A motion was made by Richard to add this to the warrant for the town meeting and was seconded by Burt. The motion carried 4-0.
7. Manager's Report

Mike has reached out to the school's guidance counselor regarding the college scholarship. This will be discussed in executive session at the next meeting.

We have been notified that we will not have a barge available for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks display. Alternative ideas such as the Junction Wharf could be considered. Even though it was previously done there, it could not be continued due to concerns of the Fire Marshall. We will need to get something proposed in order to obtain Fire Marshall approval.

A roundtable for business owners needs to be scheduled to discuss public parking.

Our library director has tendered her resignation effective June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. An ad advertising this part-time position has been posted.

Public works is busy with culverts, trees and drains. Docks were put in last Friday. They will begin sweeping up the winter sand and gravel on Friday.

The Public Safety facility is moving forward. Footings have been poured. The walls are to be poured tomorrow.

The Moosehead Lake Kiwanis will give \$50 gift cards to teachers next week. They are mostly from local merchants. Teachers may use them for supplies or a pizza party for their classes. May baskets were made and delivered.

One bid has been received so far for striping and painting of streets. One new person has made inquiry.

#### 8. Public Comment

We have been encouraged to apply for the Brownfields Grant by the PCEDC for environmental assessment for the new multi-use building at the school. If awarded, the grant would pay the entire \$25,000 for the assessment.

Margarita Contreni reports that a donated memory bench for the Junction Wharf should be delivered next week.

Allison Arbo reports that weekend lodging for the summer is starting to be full from Monson to Rockwood, not just in Greenville. There are also not many spots available for moose cruises according to those in contact with Allison. We are starting to become a "reserve a year in advance" area. Many accommodations have been fully reserved for the Solar Eclipse which will be on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There has been an increase in the number of tenting sites. Some now have electricity. Some of the local campgrounds are expanding and have yurts. Some want to come for that "authentic Maine experience" but want some of the luxuries of home. The DMC is meeting to do strategic planning on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Bartley Center. There will be two sessions – one at 10 am and one at 12:30 pm. It will be facilitated by their contractor. Members of the select board are invited to attend.

#### 9. What's on your mind?

Richard asked about raising the catch basins on Crafts Road. Mike reported that the top-coating will be done the first week of June. There will be a meeting with the Shaw Street engineers tomorrow.

Bonnie asked if there had been any contact with the DOT regarding the overhanging trees near the school. Mike has emailed the DOT.

Burt asked about the potholes. There has been no word from the DOT yet. They are checking the culverts. They are also dealing with over 30 trees that came down on Lily Bay during the high winds on Monday.

10. There being no other business, a motion was made by Burt and seconded by Bonnie to adjourn to executive session. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Executive session was entered into at 7:05 pm as motioned by Richard seconded by Burt. Motion carried 4-0. Following discussion executive session was exited at 8:37 pm. There being no further business, a motion was made by Richard and seconded by Burt to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0.

11. Adjourn

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Tammy Firman  
Town Clerk