

# Town of Greenville

## Select Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 17th, 2023, 6:30pm, Greenville Town Hall Meeting Room

## Minutes for Meeting of the Select Board

Board members/Staff present at meeting:

<u>X</u> Selectman Geno Murray (Chair)	<u>X</u> Selectman Bonnie DuBien	<u>X</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: Margarita Contreni (MLREDC), John Contreni (Planning Board)

Via Zoom: Sheila Grant (Eastern Gazette)

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. Richard indicated that he had a personal interest in #7 (Ledge Drive) and will step out when that item is discussed.

3. Minutes: It was motioned by Burt and seconded by Newt to accept the minutes of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Additions or deletions to the Agenda: Mike requested to add John Contreni as Item 5a. He also requested to delete #8 as the deadline for submissions is not until Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. It was motioned by Newt and seconded by Burt to accept the changes as requested. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Tammy Firman – Liquor License Renewals – Moosehead Marine Museum and Dockside Inn & Tavern  
Tammy presented a request from the Moosehead Marine Museum for a renewal of their liquor license. She has checked with Chief Carr and there were no concerns from him regarding this request. A motion was made by Richard, seconded by Burt to approve the liquor license renewal as requested. Motion carried 5-0. The document was signed by all selectmen and given to Tammy.

Tammy also presented a request from the Dockside Inn & Tavern for a renewal of their liquor license. She has also checked with Chief Carr and there were no concerns from him. A motion was made by Richard, seconded by Burt to approve the liquor license renewal as requested. Motion carried 5-0. The document was signed by all selectmen and given to Tammy.

5a. John Contreni for the Planning Board

John introduced an additional amendment for consideration at the Town Meeting. Jenny Ward (planning board member) suggested that a moratorium be established for use by the planning board regarding “Article III, Section 1. Activities Requiring a Land Use Permit”. John explained that this would not be pertinent to any specific issue. This would be a tool that could be utilized to delay a decision for up to 180 days in order to give the board more

time to consider a proposal. There is nothing prompting this, rather a proactive measure as the town grows and changes. Greenville is no longer just a sleepy little town.

A motion was made by Richard and seconded Burt to move forward with this amendment. Voting was 4 selectmen in favor and one abstaining. Motion carried 4-0-1.

6. Chief Jim Carr – Proposed School Resource Officer – Discussion

Following some discussion, the police department proposed the creation of a school resource officer (SRO). Chief Carr has heard some discussion around town with the major concern being the cost. The PD has applied for a grant which would provide \$125,000 over three years. The school will pay \$50,000 and the town will pay \$64,000. The officer will be scheduled at the school during the school year. They will support the regular PD when school not in session. This person would provide security and safety for the school. With the increase in school shootings and violence in other locations, this position is needed. Chief Carr says that the officer would be present at ballgames, school dances and after-school activities as well as providing a uniformed presence both before and after school. The SRO would also be able to do well-checks for those absent from school. They may also be able to assist with health or PE classes, DARE programs, etc. The hope is that the SRO would be able to form trust relationships with the children to help protect them.

When Sawyer and Josh go into the school, the children are excited to see them. They enjoy talking and interacting with them. Josh is presently working on a presentation for the children about fentanyl.

The SRO will report to Jim and everything will be run through him. The new position will be a PD employee and the hours worked at the school will be billed to the school.

If there is a 911 call at the school, they have a plan for this. They did a dry-run last fall. Any response time for a call to the school would depend on the officer's location at the time of the call.

The bottom line is that we need to protect our children. A job description will be developed.

7. Request for Ledge Drive to become a town road – Discussion and vote to be placed on Town Meeting Warrant  
A letter has been sent to Mike from John Seddon requesting consideration for Ledge Drive to become a town road.

Burt feels that it wouldn't make a huge impact for Public Works so he has no issue with this being approved.

Newt feels that it might open the door for other private roads to make the same request.

Bonnie is not in favor of adding another road.

Geno feels that if this is not approved, we must be able to cite reasonable rationale – either budgetary or regulatory. Mike will check on state regulations and report back on Monday.

8. Bid opening: Library window replacement – discussion, accept and award  
This item was deleted from the agenda as the due date has not yet arrived.

9. Budget articles for Town Meeting Warrant – review and approve

Budget articles were reviewed and a recommendation was made to move forward. We will meet again on Monday night to review in further detail.

Mike spoke with the school superintendent. The school's portion of the warrant will be ready on Friday. They will meet on Tuesday to discuss any changes.

The Budget Committee will meet on Friday to approve. We still need to be mindful that the mil rate needs to be kept as low as possible. Some fine-tuning will still need to be done. It will be approved on Monday night.

#### 10. Town Manager's Report

We will begin to offer public parking at the school when not in session. Larger parking signs have been purchased.

Public Works has completed sweeping which has elicited many comments about how nice it looks. They will begin grading tomorrow. This department begins a four-day workweek with Fridays off this week.

Striping begins tomorrow due to the warmer temperatures. Tom's Striping is the contracted contractor.

Beth will be on vacation beginning on Friday afternoon. Roxanne will be here next week to assist Tammy.

The Librarian position has been posted. We have received one application. It will continue to receive applicants until the position is filled.

We received three bids for windows for the Library.

Requests for single-family home permits are up in Greenville. Three lots have been sold in the new Tumbledown Acres Subdivision.

A shout-out to Tammy for her hard work in preparing for her first Town Meeting. She is anxious but feels supported.

#### 11. Public Comment

Margarita Contreni reported that both Greenville as well as Beaver Cove have had their Community Resilience Grant applications approved. There is still more work to do.

John Contreni reported that the kiosk is up at the park. Some of the sand that was swept up was brought in to help level the portable restroom.

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

Newt is concerned about a manhole cover that is raised up near the library.

Burt wants to know if we've given more thought to a location for the fireworks. We need to make a decision quickly. We either need a barge or an alternative location. Have we considered Shipyard Point or the Airport as possible locations?

A motion was made by Richard seconded by Burt that we move to Executive Session at 8:02. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive session was entered at 8:02 PM. Motion Burt second Newt. Carried 5-0.  
After discussion we exited executive session at 8:41PM.

Other business:

It was decided by consensus to keep Crafts-Sheridan Scholarship application deadline open until May 31st

It was motioned by Burt and seconded by Newt to schedule a parking workshop with businesses on Wednesday May 24th at 6PM. Motion carried 5-0

It was motioned by Burt and seconded by Richard to move forward with the sale of a piece of land adjacent to town office and recommended to sell for support at Town meeting on the warrant. Sale would be to Hammond Lumber in the amount of \$11,500.00. Motion carried 3-1-1 with Bonnie in opposition and Geno abstaining as he is a Hammond employee and should not vote.

There being no other business, it was motioned by Bonnie and seconded by Burt to adjourn at 8:44 pm. Motion carried 5-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Tammy Firman  
Town Clerk