

# Town of Greenville

## Select Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 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>    </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: Liz McKeil, Allison Arbo, Marilyn Goodwin

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. None were declared.
3. There were no additions nor deletions to the agenda.
4. Library Window Bid opening – Review and Award

Bids were opened by Geno Murray as follows:

Maine Highlands Contracting-----\$48,975.00  
Refined General Contractors of Bangor-----\$14,150.00  
Byer's Contracting of Hermon -----\$13,200.00 (Paradigm and Jeldwen brands)  
Newport Glass-----Door \$3047.08 (Smooth Star) and Windows \$10,643.72 (Harvey)

Geno reminded everyone that the bid could not be awarded until all bids have been fully evaluated.

5. Parking and Parking Signs – Discussion

There was previously a meeting for all interested parties to discuss parking and to brainstorm possible solutions. It was realized that with the number of boat slips available, some are using parking spots all day while out in their boats. There is also a concern about multiple spots being utilized by boat and snowmobile trailers as well as other types of trailers. The major concern is there is insufficient parking available. Are there other options? It was suggested to the Chief of Police, Jimmy Carr, that parking rules be strictly enforced and offenders be ticketed. He will do whatever the Board requests, but ticketing vehicles is messy and unpleasant. He also wonders if this is really worth the time and expense. It has been realized that there is no quick solution to this issue.

Other options: There are concerns about the parking signs – cars hitting them and damaging mirrors and doors. There is also a problem with cleaning off of sidewalks in the winter if the signs are left in place. A suggestion was also made to increase the time limit for parking on Lakeview. It is thought that the current time limit of two hours is not sufficient for guests to have a meal at a restaurant to spend time shopping. We should consider raising this time limit to four hours.

It has been suggested the business owners and employees park at the school. A shuttle was also suggested. Where would the cars be parked for those who wanted to utilize a shuttle. There is no satellite parking available. A suggest was made to pick up and drop off from campgrounds, hotels, etc.

The DOT did a quick study which suggested one-way traffic on Pritham with angled parking on one side. This would increase the number of available parking spots.

Geno reminded that the Select Board has an obligation to the business owners to consider all possible solutions. We may have to do an engineering study and pay to expand parking.

What do we do in the short term for this summer?

Put up signs (when and where)?

Increase enforcement although we may be unable to find a meter maid and there is no funding budgeted for this expense.

Newt said that he'd heard mention that there had been a parking study done previously. No one seemed to know anything about this. Regardless of what is decided, not everyone will be happy.

We need to put up the signs that we have now and change the 2-hour parking on Lakeside to 4-hour parking. There are no restrictions on parking up Pritham Avenue, Lily Bay Road and at the gazebo parking lot.

Liz McKeil (Moosehead Marine Museum) reported that parking hasn't been a tremendous problem for them at the Museum as their customers typically come earlier in the day and park in the Katahdin Parking Lot. She wants to be welcoming. She however disagrees about off-site parking for employees and will not ask her hard-working staff to park elsewhere and take a shuttle. She feels that off-site parking would likely be a barrier to employment.

Marilyn Goodwin (Crazy Moose Fabric Shop) reported that she had been unable to attend the parking meeting. She sent a letter in her absence. She would like to see additional signs especially those which indicate no trailer parking. She would like to see painting on the pavement of the parking spaces. Mike reported that Jimmy Carr says painting on the pavement of parking spaces is ineffective. Marilyn then suggested adding hash marks in yellow on the "no-parking" areas. She also wondered about seasonal one-way parking.

Allison Arbo stated that she doesn't feel that enforcement of parking rules will keep people from visiting. We need to think out of the box. The shuttle may present an entrepreneurial opportunity for someone. We need maps for parking and could do via social media so that visitors could plan before they arrive in Greenville.

Geno stated that it is agreed by consensus that 1) we need to put the parking signs up; 2) Jimmy Carr needs to enforce the parking regulation signs and 3) we need to change the two-hour parking on Lakeview Street to four-hour parking.

We also need a policy written to address customers who come in to pay for parking tickets so they do not try to involve the clerks in the Town Office.

We will keep this on our radar and revisit in a few weeks.

## 6. Manager's Report

Mike reports that there were many visitors to town for Memorial Day.

There are two applicants thus far for the Library Director position. He may begin interviewing next week or the next.

We are still waiting for the Maine DOT to clear their winter sand from the roadways. We have finished with our part. Public Works had to clean some sand from the DOT roads in order to get the striping done before Memorial Day. We are not able to pass this cost along to the DOT. Public Works has graded most of the gravel roads. The rain has caused them to stop and have to wait until it's dry outside to finish.

The crane arrived for the public safety building yesterday. We have received three loads of steel. The rain has caused some delay.

The need to order a supply of orange bags for the Transfer Station has caused us to evaluate the charging for this item. We currently charge \$5 per bag which does not cover the cost. The bags themselves cost nearly one-dollar and can hold around 33 pounds. We are losing money on the orange bags. Geno suggested that this needs to be decided by the Town Manager, not the Select Board. We will consider increasing the fee for orange bags to more appropriately reflect the actual cost to the town.

From Code Enforcement, Ron has approved 12 new permits five of which are for new homes or camps. He presently has seven more permits on his desk for review.

## 7. Public Comments

Liz McKeil reported that having the fireworks at the school is problematic for the Museum as the Fireworks Cruise on steamship Katahdin is their second most popular cruise. The issue of date change last year with very short notice was problematic. The quality of the Fireworks Cruise will suffer as a result of location change. We may not be able to even see the fireworks from the water. They try to create the best visitor experience possible and are heavily affected by social media reviews. She strongly requests that we make every effort to secure a barge well in advance for next year. She feels it will have an impact on the tourism of the town if the fireworks are not over the lake. Liz would like to volunteer to help secure a barge and will meet with Mike sometime after July 4<sup>th</sup> to work on this project.

Mike reported that it was discussed to possibly have the fireworks at the Junction Wharf but that idea was rejected by both the Chief of Police as well as the Fire Chief due to safety concerns. It was felt that people might climb onto the trestle which would be very dangerous.

Allison Arbo reported on the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. She would like for us to consider the safety around the parade. Roads need to be closed sooner to protect those in the parade as well as those viewing the parade. She feels the signage should be posted over the weekend before the parade so that people can plan where they will park.

Exited into executive session at 7:48 pm. We entered into executive session at 7:49 pm as motioned by Bonnie, seconded by Newt. Motioned carried 5-0

Following discussion, executive session ended at 8:09 pm as motioned by Burt, second Newt motion carried 5-0

Other business: it was motioned by Richard and seconded by Burt to award to three Craft /Sheridan scholarship applicants \$2000/per semester for both semesters for upcoming year. This is provided they meet the eligibility requirements. Motion carried 5-0.

Geno asked if there was any feedback from town meeting. Nothing identified, except not a lot of attendance.

There being no other business it was motioned by Bonnie and seconded by Richard to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Tammy Firman  
Town Clerk