

Town of Greenville

Select Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 5th, 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> </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: Esther Ireland, Margarita Contreni (Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Corporation), John Contreni (Chair, Planning Board), Kathleen Bishop (Library Director)

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. A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Bonnie to accept the minutes of 07/05/2023. Minutes were approved 3-0-1 with Burt abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.
4. There was one addition to the agenda. Please add as 5a. Planning Board applicant for alternate membership. A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Bonnie to make the Planning Board applicant Item 5a. Motion passed 4-0.
5. Kathy Bishop – Library Director – Shaw Public Library Update
Kathy reports that the library staff have been great and welcomed her warmly. She is easily transitioning into the job. She is looking at grants for the library. She is networking with other librarians. She will be taking some classes in the fall through the state. These classes are for library administrators and of no real value to the others who work at the library. They will be updating the library hours on Monday and begin closing at 5 pm. After September 4th, they will be closing on Mondays as is typical for most Maine libraries which helps save on energy usage as they will be closed for two days in a row. Dave Jaysikse (a local gentleman) will be coming tomorrow to help repair the door. Mike, Ray and John Contreni have all volunteered to help as the door is quite heavy and will require assistance. Kathy is considering possibly closing at 4 pm in the winter months. For staffing, they have 1 person on duty in the front and 1 person on duty in the back. The staffing number does not include volunteers who assist in the Book Barn and help to reshelve books). The main volunteers are Norine Jalbert, Kathy (former school librarian) and substitute, Lucy Strobel. They are helping to fill in as one regular employee is out on a lengthy sick leave.

Geno expressed welcome and thanks to Kathy and offered her the full support of the Board.

5a. John Contreni – application for alternate member of Planning Board

Brent Ireland, resident of Greenville, has applied to become an alternate member of the Planning Board. He has a great deal of community experience. Brent's application was discussed at the Planning Board meeting earlier this evening and the group voted 5-0 to recommend him for membership at the Select Board Meeting. A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Richard to approve the application for membership. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Proposed Land Lease – 76 Spruce Street

Mike has been in touch with the contactor who had contacted him regarding a lease of this property. He is not ready to construct at this time. Mike is still talking with the Veteran's Radio representative. There is 3.5 acres at this location. Even with the Glacier Wear building, there is sufficient land to construct another building.

Geno suggested that we need to look at the future of that property as a possible revenue source for the town. This is a good opportunity for someone to start or expand a business. Margarita reported that the current tenant (Glacier Wear) would like to expand. Geno suggested that Mike make this an agenda item for in-depth discussion at a future date. Richard asked that Mike provide a map so that the Board members may better visualize the property. It is zoned industrial and has three-phase power and utilities in place.

7. Manager's Report

Public Works has built a pad for the back-up generator behind the Town Office Building. The old generator from the Fire Station will be placed there. Mike has talked to one electrician about installing this and wants to talk with a few more.

The FY-23 Budget copies are ready for review. There are still a few outstanding invoices.

Thank-you notes have been mailed to the Browns and to Jack Whittier for their help with the July 4th Fireworks. Josh has offered the barge for future years if we will add a mooring to East Cove for them to use.

Mike has been accepted as a member of the County Budget Committee. He is excited to learn the process.

There is a large spread on Greenville in the July/August, 2023 edition of Yankee Magazine.

Ron Sarol, Code Enforcement Officer, has been busy with permits and questions. A copy of the CEO report is attached for review. In 2021, 153 permits were issued. In 2022, 150 permits were issued. Thus far, 96 permits have been issued. He is doing a great job.

Wet weather is wreaking havoc for Public Works. The rain has caused delays in most daily work as well as projects. They have still not been able to pour the concrete pad for the 4-bay garage. The owner of the trailer on which the garage is resting has allowed us to continue use for now.

The posted position for a full-time police officer closes on Monday. There has been some interest in the position.

The land sale for the property behind the Town Office expects to close on Tuesday, July 25th.

The signs for public parking "No Trailer Parking" have arrived, but they were not correct. The new, corrected signs have arrived and hopefully Public Works will be able to install them tomorrow.

Margarita extended her thanks for the new signs on Lakeview which indicate 4-hour parking rather than 2-hour parking.

Mike will be taking vacation time next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for celebration of his son's wedding in Corinth.

Public Comment:

Margarita reports that there has been an on-going issue with the sprinkler system at the Glacier Wear building. Unfortunately, there is no part available for a permanent repair so it will often need to be tightened and repaired.

Margarita also shared that they would be hosting an Economic Summit on Wednesday, November 1st. This will be held at the Blair Hill Inn with a 9:00 am registration and 3:00 pm adjournment. The topic will be "Boosting Winter Commerce" and will feature lead panelist, Heather Johnson. Mike Theriault will also present a talk outlining the steps required for a new business initiative. They will also discuss ways to attract and retain employees.

Esther Ireland noted that the Destination Moosehead Lake booklets are a huge hit at the museum and at the Katahdin. They also need maps of the lake for their customers.

What's on your mind??

Richard Peat is concerned about the tax stabilization for the elderly which freezes the amount of real estate property taxes that they will pay. While there has been no official notification, there is talk that it may become a credit on income taxes or else a credit for seniors in their homestead exemption. Richard is concerned that the plan is not sustainable and may place a burden on our elderly citizens as well as on the town.

Also, the Board would like to see Marc Roy (town accountant) and Rob Duplisea (town assessor) come together before they meet with the Select Board to help set the mil rate. Geno feels confident that the right decision was made by the Board last year.

A question was asked about when the past fiscal year would close – Mike reported that it will remain open until all invoices have been paid.

There being no other business it was motioned by Bonnie and seconded by Burt to adjourn at 7:09 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Tammy Firman
Town Clerk