

Town of Greenville

Select Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 18th, 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: John Contreni (Chair, Planning Board), Margarita Contreni (Moosehead Lake Economic Development Corporation)

Via Zoom: Sheila Grant (Piscataquis Observer), Esther Ireland

6:30 pm Meeting opened by Chair, Geno Murray

1. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

2. Introductions. Each person introduced themselves.

3. 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.

4. Minutes for 10-04-2023

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Richard to accept the minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Addition or Deletions to the Agenda

Mike suggested that we may need to delete Item #8 as there is no one here to speak for the Deck the Halls Committee. A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Newt to accept the deletion of #8 Deck the Halls Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

6. John Contreni, Planning Board Chair – Spruce Street Housing

John shared that there had been no Planning Board meeting tonight as there was not a quorum present. The meeting has been postponed until Monday, October 23rd.

The Northern Forest Center is involved in the Spruce Street project. They have a proposal for a new overlay district for Greenville relative to the Spruce Street project. It would increase density to allow for more affordable housing to purchase or rent. This proposal to create a new overlay district would help to support multi-generational housing for workforce, families and seniors who wish to remain in their homes.

7. Update on Greenville Comprehensive Plan

Mike had a video conference last Wednesday with the Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC) which was very informative. He learned that we only need to do an update of the 2013 plan. Our plan needs to be considered a live working document with updates every 12-18 months. Mike checked with the State Planning

Board and this is acceptable. Our current plan is valid through June 26th, 2025. The EMDC feels that we have sufficient time to update this the plan and have it ready for the Annual Town Meeting in June, 2024. They believe that we can have the update ready in six to nine months. Full-time service from the EMDC will be \$12,500.00. According to the EMDC, we do not need 30 people on the committee. The EMDC recommends a committee consisting of one Selectman, two Planning Board members, the Code Enforcement Officer, the Fire Chief, the Chief of Police, one person from the Economic Development Council and one or two members of the public. Mike recommends that we move forward with this plan.

Mike reached out to Gwen Hilton to see if she wanted to guide this plan and she says that she is trying to retire. He checked the Rangely Comprehensive plan which did not address short-term rentals (STR). Rangely does have a draft of their STR on their town website.

Margarita Contreni suggested that that the Community Resilience Group might be a good addition to the Comprehensive Planning group perhaps as a sub-set or even an actual part of the group.

Newt and Burt volunteered to be on the committee. It was agreed by consensus to accept Newt and Burt as representatives from the Select Board to the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Richard to move the proposal for the Comprehensive Plan forward as recommended by Town Manager, Mike Roy. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Deck the Halls Committee

This item was deferred as there was no one present from the Committee.

9. Town Manager's Report

The Deputy Clerk position has been posted and we have five applicants at present. We hope to schedule interviews beginning next week. The search committee for this position consists of Mike Roy, Newt Pierce, Bonnie DuBien, Bethany Young and Tammy Firman.

We have not had any inquiries for the two part-time Four-Year-Olds Club positions as yet.

Public Works plans to pull boardwalk docks tomorrow.

The Junction Wharf bathrooms have been closed for the season and winterized.

We have lost our cleaning person for the Town Office. We put out an RFP and have received one response. We're hoping for at least one more before we move forward.

The Code Enforcement Officer has been busy the last two weeks as he issued permits for two single-family homes.

Roxanne Lizotte (retired Clerk) has been assisting Tammy the past week while Beth is on vacation.

Paving around the new Public Safety Building has been postponed due to issues with the sewer line which may need to be dug up and repaired. The problem was realized when one of the drains were tested in the new building and did not work. They are still investigating the problem.

Mike continues to attend the County Budget Committee meetings weekly. The last meeting is planned for November 16th. They may need to squeeze in a few more meetings in order to make their planned deadline.

10. Public Comment

Margarita Contreni shared that plans for the Economic Development Summit are moving along. Burt Whitman, Newt Pierce, Geno Murray and Bonnie DuBien all plan to attend. Representatives from Susan Collins' and from Angus King's offices will attend as well as the current and past CEO of the Libra Foundation.

11. What's on Your Mind?

Burt asked if there are any plans for goose eradication for the school. The soccer fields are contaminated with a large amount of waterfowl fecal material. Mike shared that he is aware of the issue. We are required to get a federal permit to deal with the geese which can only be done during a certain time of year. Mike will be working on getting the necessary permits over the winter.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Burt and seconded by Bonnie to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Tammy Firman
Town Clerk