

Town of Greenville

Select Board Meeting

Wednesday; October 19, 2022, 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) Selectman Vacant 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 Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte

Others attending: John Contreni (Chair, Planning Board), Margarita Contreni, Bonnie DuBien, Cheri Goodspeed, Maren Mason, Aurelie Adrien, Chrissy Shaw and Tammy Firman

Via Zoom: Sheila Grant (Eastern Gassette, and Stuart Hedstrom (Piscataquis Observer)

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. No conflicts declared or noted.

3. Minutes: It was motioned by Burton Whitman and seconded by Newton Pierce to accept minutes of 10/05/2022. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: There were no additions or deletions.

5. Maren Mason, Aurelie Adrien, Cheri Goodspeed and Chrissy Shaw of the Deck The Halls Committee: Maren indicated that they have obtained quotes for holiday banners for the town. She feels the banners are quite appealing and would be a good investment. Both Guilford and Dover-Foxcroft as well as many other towns have them and they look festive. The banners they are considering are fully warranted. These banners could be attached to either utility poles or to light posts. The committee drove through town and noted that about 25 banners would be needed to cover the area from the welcome sign to Cottage Street; the school and hospital areas as well as the Junction Wharf area. They have obtained a quote for 14 banners but would like to eventually increase this number as funds allow. The banners are double-sided and have two attachment poles which the committee believes would stand up better to the harsh winter winds. Geno asked about funds which might support this endeavor. Mike reported that this sort of thing was now budgeted through Destination Moosehead Lake and that the town no longer has a budget for decorations.

Richard mentioned the need to cover all areas of town equally. Maren also shared that the committee had considered banners which said "Winter Wishes" in order that they be able to stay up after Christmas without looking tacky. Bonnie suggested the committee seek businesses or individuals who might purchase a banner as a gift to the town. Cheri and the committee stressed their desire for the town to decorate in such a way that it would be a reminder of "Old Greenville". They are also encouraging townspeople to at least put up a lighted wreath to make things appear more festive for the holidays. Newt

asked about local neighborhood decorating contests. Aurelie mentioned having holiday music playing during shopping weekends. She will contact Elaine Bartley.

Motion made by Richard to fund twenty-five (25) banners. Seconded by Newt. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Town Managers Report:

Susan Collins will be in Greenville on Thursday, October 20th. She will tour the hospital then the FD. She will have lunch with about 25 invited guests then come to the town office for a Q&A session. We should support her visit as she has voted for all six recent congressional bills benefitting Greenville.

Received two submissions for RFQ for the airport, engineering and planning.

Two town employees are out with COVID.

Work on North and South Birch Streets will continue depending on the weather. Shaw was started today then High Street. A base coat will be put down now and hot top in the spring.

Went out on Saturday to assess road damage from the storms. A few dirt roads were washed out and cones placed for safety. Went to the Public Works Garage and they have assessed and made repairs. The gravel that was added to Scammon Road is now rutted up and quite muddy. There is a wash-out on Eveleth which Public Works repaired yesterday. The culvert behind the bookstore has caved in and was backfilled today. Mike will check to see if there is any FEMA funding available to help with these costly repairs.

The gravel roads are still too wet to grade yet. Public Works hopes to get the heavily travelled roads done on Thursday and/or Friday.

The ATV trail to the B-52 is closed as of today. An email was sent to the Trail Master to advise.

The Maine DOT is repairing the catchment basins near Varney Road.

The Town Office is experiencing steady early voting and requests for absentee ballots.

Received a letter of thanks from Ed Jewett thanking for outstanding efforts of the FD during their controlled burn. He also made an unrestricted gift of \$500 as further appreciation.

The town loader is having hydraulic issues. A local mechanic evaluated Monday or Tuesday.

The monthly budget-to-actual reports were distributed and reviewed.

8. What's on your mind? Richard Peat concerned about the Triangle area parking lot and feels that it needs to be evaluated by the DOT. Burt concerned about the 6-7 inches of rain and the damage that we know about as well as that which we do not yet realize.

9. Public Comment:

Margarita Contreni reported that Crafts Park has been winterized. They are working with a snowmobile club regarding access points. Mike reported that the trail will dead end at the park as it is private property beyond that point.

10. Other Business: None Noted.

11. Executive Session: The Board entered into executive session at 7:08 PM, motioned by Burton Whitman and seconded by Newton Pierce. Motion passed 4-0.

It was motioned by Richard and seconded by Newt to cancel the Public Works Peterbilt truck order. We would not be able to accept delivery of the truck until June, 2023 which will not work as the truck is needed this winter. Motion carried 4-0. It was then motioned by Richard and seconded by Newt to acquire an International truck that is available in January, 2023 if feasible. This truck would meet all specifications that we require. Motion carried 4-0.

It was also motioned to award both the planning and engineering for airport services to Dubois and King. We have worked with them previously and have been pleased with their work. Motion made by Burt and seconded by Newt. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no other business, it was motioned by Richard and seconded by Burt to adjourn at 8:19 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Adjourn

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Tammy Firman