

# Town of Greenville

**Public Hearing at 6:15pm**

## Select Board Meeting

Public Hearing was opened at 6:15 P.M. with 5 selectboard members present. Geno Murray (Chair), Newt Pierce (Vice Chair), Richard Peat, Ron Sarol, Burt Whitman. Also present was Town Manager Mike Roy. No one from public was present. The purpose of the public hearing was to update the General Assistance Maximums for 10/1/21 to 9/30/21. Geno Murray read all maximum updates with criteria and thresholds: Overall, Housing, Electric, Food, Personal Care and Household Supplies, Heating, Supplement for households with children under 5. Also, Appendix H Revisions for burial and cremation maximums. These were for Piscataquis County.

There was no other discussion.

There being no other business it was motioned by Richard Peat and seconded by Ron Sarol to adjourn public hearing at 6:25P.M. Motion carried 5-0.

Wednesday; September 15, 2021, at 6:30pm in Town Hall Meeting Room

## AGENDA for Meeting of the Select-Board

### Board members/Staff Present at meeting:

Selectman Geno Murray (Chair)     Selectman Ron Sarol     Police Chief Jim Carr  
 Selectman Newton Pierce (Vice Chair)     Selectman Burt Whitman     Fire Chief Matt St. Laurent  
 Selectman Richard Peat     Town Manager Mike Roy     Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte

Others: Sheila Grant (Zoom); John Contreni, Chair Planning Board; Esther Ireland; John Simko, Androscoggin Bank; John Gray and Chris Shields, Moosehead Riders Snowmobile Club; Bill Varney, Premium Broadband (Zoom); Brian Liapold and John Shea, Connect ME Initiative (Zoom).

6:30P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance. NOTED

2. Opening of the Meeting & Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: The Chairperson will ask the members of the Select Board to review the meeting agenda and declare any potential conflicts of interest which members may have with the items listed. NOTHING DECLARED

3. Minutes: It was motioned by Richard Peat and seconded by Ron Sarol to accept minutes of 8/18/21. Motion carried 5-0. It was also motioned by Richard Peat and seconded by Ron Sarol to accept minutes of 9/1/21. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: It was brought forth by Mike to add under agenda item 5A debt payoff approval and under 11A liquor license renewal for Birch Bark Inc. It was motioned by Richard Peat and seconded by Newt Pierce to add to agenda. Motion carried 5-0. There were no deletions.

5. General Assistance Annual Approval- Signatures: As noted in public hearing general assistance maximums need to be approved and updated for Piscataquis County which includes Greenville. A copy of maximums included in these minutes. It was motioned by Newt Pierce and seconded by Ron Sarol to accept updated guidelines. Motion carried 5-0. Board Chair called attention to guidelines before vote.

5A. Paying Off Some Existing Debt: As a result of setting recent Mil rate from \$ 17.10 to \$16.75; it was identified we have an overlay of \$138,000 plus and a surplus of over 1.3 million. Mike and our bookkeeper Marc Roy are advocating we pay down on some existing debt. A copy of suggested paydowns will be included in these minutes. As of 8/31/21 listed we have a total of \$953,633.00 outstanding debt. Mike and Marc are proposing we pay down Ladder Truck Loan of \$108,243.00, Roads and Street Bond of \$115,448.00, Backhoe Lease of \$38,290.00, Plow truck Lease \$32,989.00 and command vehicle lease \$48,257.00. With interest total payoff will be \$352,029.00. Considering budgeted FY 2021/2022 of \$138,793.00 capital debt service in addition to our current capital reserve of \$669,117.00 we will have to draw down \$213,236.00 which will leave us a capital reserve of \$455,881.00. Also, of note by doing this paydown we will save Approximately \$12,400.00 in interest and fees. It was motioned by Newt Pierce and seconded by Ron Sarol to authorize Mike to move forward with debt paydown. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Moosehead Riders Snowmobile Club – Groomer Purchase Update: As we have worked through our collaboration with Moosehead Riders Snowmobile Club; it has been suggested by our legal advisor that the town assume the lease of this groomer acquisition. John Gray, Chris Shields, from Moosehead Riders and John Simko from Androscoggin Bank will write the lease. A resolution was read (drafted by our legal) by chair Geno Murray on details of lease. Both parties endorse. It was motioned to accept resolution in the amount of \$262,800.00. which included trade in of existing groomer owned by Moosehead Riders. Motion by Richard Peat and seconded by Ron Sarol. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of resolution to be included in these minutes. The board thanked John, Chris, and John for attending our meeting.

7. Malcom McGraw WFT- Rubbish Hauling Fee's: Mike presented a history of trash hauling costs from 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and proposed 2021/2022. Data to be included in minutes. WFT has recently assumed hauling responsibilities from Moosehead Rubbish to disposal sites. Mike explained WFT has 50- yard containers for hauling. Moosehead Rubbish had 40- yard containers. He explained we can haul more yards for less trips. The issue is we have a possible estimated 8% increase in trash volume. Mike is estimating hauling 6500 yards of trash which will be proposed 130 trips @ \$17.00/ trip. This means we are paying \$10.34/yard for disposal. Our current budget is \$65,000.00. With estimated increase will go to \$67,210.00, which will be \$2210.00 over budget. Mike was asked to work with contractor to stay close to budget as possible. Mike also stated contractor willing to work with us to help with budget on container rental. Richard asked to track tonnage, Mike says we get copies of scale tickets. It was motioned by Ron and seconded by Newt to endorse \$517.00/trip for hauling. Motion carried 5-0.

**8. John Shea – PCEDC – Broadband discussion:** John Shea, Brian Liapold and Bill Varney were present via Zoom to present ConnectME Broadband grant breakout initiative. They provided history of broadband initiative and provided mapping and planning on work completed and proposed for the future. Mr. Varney provided a very detailed report that his company Premium Broad based has done in Piscataquis County. They have received a \$60,000 grant and are seeking a \$30,000 match support. They are presenting to towns and plantations within the county. They are requesting \$1033.33 from Greenville based on .0061 percent of ARP money. Greenville's share of ARP money is \$169,397.54. It was motioned by Richard Peat and seconded by Burt Whitman to support initiative County Broadband in the amount of \$1033.33. Motion carried 5-0. The board thanked them for presenting and wished them luck in their endeavor. They also shared Piscataquis County will support them in the amount of \$19,887.76.

**9. Street Reconstruction Spring Projects –Discussion:** Mike provided to the board a copy of previous road and sidewalk assessment completed by Haley Ward. Washington, Lakeview, Carpenter and Prospect will be completed this year. We are looking for planning for next Spring. What should be the priorities? After discussion it was decided to collaborate with Sewer and Water Companies to see if they have planned work on any of these streets? If so, we should make a priority. We should also look at high traffic areas. Also, board decided to bring to next meeting on 10/6/21 their top 5 priorities after accessing?

**10. Charitable Donation Request Form – Approval:** Mike provided to the board a copy of a donation request form for organizations seeking financial support from the town for support to their budgets. Copy of form to be included in minutes. It was motioned by Ron Sarol and seconded by Burt Whitman to use this form moving forward for all funding requests. Motion carried 5-0.

**11. General Assistance Annual Approval- Signatures:** Signatures were obtained by selectboard and forwarded to Town Manager for follow through.

**11A. Birch Bark Liquor License Renewal:** Birch Bark Liquor License presented for renewal: Application complete, no issues. It was motioned by Burt Whitman and seconded by Newt Pierce to support this renewal request. Motion carried 5-0.

**12. Managers' Report:** Mike reports fly in was huge success; no issues identified, there were 2-OUI arrests, Fuel sales at airport were way up from 2019: 2019- 2181 gals for \$10,311,00, 2021 3800gals for \$18,255.00. Mike has requested ARP funds of \$169,397.54. He states he now has more definitive guidance on how money can be spent. Budget to actuals were reviewed. RFPs for fuel were reviewed, Mike to follow-up on details on fuel RFP's. Carpenter Place, Washington, Lakeview, and Prospect soon to all be completed.

**13. Public Comment:** Esther Ireland, Citizen who was present at this meeting thanked us for paving Carpenter Place. She had questions for Mike on driveway entrances. Mike to follow-up with her?

**14. What's on your mind? – Opportunity for Selectpersons to share questions, concerns, ideas or Suggestions.** Informational only: Geno all-set; Richard-all-set; Ron all-set; Newt asked about paving around Craft Landing Park? Burt asked John Contreni about a recap and next steps with Craft Park?

**15. Other Business:** as a discussion only, board agreed we need to get Airport and Transfer Station planning on future agendas.

**16. Executive Session-PURSUANT MRSA 30A-Subsection 405-6 (a)(1)- Personnel Matter:** It was motioned by Burt Whitman and seconded by Newt Pierce to enter executive session at 8:07 P.M. Motion carried 5-0. After discussion it was motioned by Burt Whitman and seconded by Newt Pierce to exit executive session at 8:38P.M. Motion carried 5-0.

**17 Adjourn: There being no other business; it was motioned by Burt Whitman and seconded by Ron Serol to adjourn this meeting at 8:39P.M. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:**

**Geno Murray**

