

Town of Greenville

MINUTES of Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 6:30 PM in Town Hall Meeting Room

Board members/Staff Present at meeting:

Selectman Richard Peat (Chair) Selectman Bruce Wyman Town Manager John Simko
 Selectman Craig Watt (VC) Selectman Geno Murray PW Foreman Mark Bernier
 Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte Selectman Josh Brown Police Chief Jeff Pomerleau

Others: Janet Chasse, Chris Shields, John Cobb, Steve Pollis, Alicia Kronholm, and Ev Hayes of Greenville; Sally Tornquist of Harfords Point Twp.; Alison Snell of Big Moose Twp.; Angela Arno of Dover-Foxcroft.

1. Opening of the Meeting & Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: The Chairman will ask the members of the Board of Selectmen to review the meeting agenda and declare any potential conflicts of interest which members may have with the items listed.

Chairman Richard Peat opened the meeting at 18:33. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Minutes of December 3, 2014 Meeting:

Motion made by Bruce Wyman, seconded by Geno Murray, to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-2 (Watt and Brown absent).

3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

Motion made by Bruce Wyman, seconded by Geno Murray, to approve the following changes to the meeting agenda:

**Table item # 10 – Review of Solid Waste Contracts with Sean Bolen, DBA Moosehead Rubbish, Inc.;
Add as item #8A – Update from brand Development Team;
Add as item #12A – Donations from Selectmen's Stipends;
Add as item #12B – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday January 19, 2015.**

Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-2 (Watt and Brown absent).

4. Public Comment Period: None.

5. Liquor License Request – Kelly's Landing: Recommend approval.

Motion made by Bruce Wyman, seconded by Geno Murray, to approve the liquor license request for Kelly's Landing. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-2 (Watt and Brown absent).

6. Quit-Claim Deed – Bruce Rooney: Recommend approval.

Motion made by Bruce Wyman, seconded by Geno Murray, to approve and sign the Quit-Claim Deed for Bruce Rooney as prepared. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-2 (Watt and Brown absent).

7. Update on Recreation Center – Sally Tornquist, Recreation Director: The Town’s Recreation Department and recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Plum Creek Foundation for purchase of exercise equipment for the Recreation Center at Leisure Life Lodge. Recreation Director Sally Tornquist will be present to discuss this project.

Update only – no action taken.

8. Update on Moosehead Lake Region Chamber of Commerce – Executive Director Angela Arno: Our Chamber Executive Director recently contacted me to ask to give an update to the Board of Selectmen on Chamber activities, and to offer the Chamber’s assistance in implementation of the Brand Development Guide expected this spring from the Community Branding Effort started by the Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Corporation (MLREDC).

Update only – no action taken.

9. Downtown Revitalization: There is a lot of current and planned activity in Downtown Greenville (even if the cold and snow make it not seem so right now). There are active plans to tear down the Black Frog Restaurant building and reconstruct it as the Puckerbrush Bar and Grill. The Town is considering expansion of the Boardwalk as part of this project. Members of the Board of Selectmen and the MLREDC heard a presentation on Tax Increment Financing (TIF) that would be a great tool for encouraging investment in our downtown. Confidentially, two other property owners in the downtown area have contacted me about interest in redeveloping their properties. And based on the list of “low hanging fruit” suggestions for improving the Moosehead Lake Region at the October 3 branding Kick-Off meeting with Roger Brooks, it’s clear that a major focus of this effort will be on revitalizing Greenville’s downtown.

As Town Manager I suggest that the Board of Selectmen appoint a Downtown Revitalization Committee and also authorize me to work with this committee to accomplish several things, including:

- Work with the Maine Development Foundation’s Downtown Center program staff to learn best practices for downtown revitalization in Maine.
- Assuming that the Town would benefit from having more young professionals live and work in our community, survey young entrepreneurs to learn what they would like to see in our downtown and whether these things would encourage them to invest here.
- Seek funding for a streetscape planner / landscape architect to develop a vision for what downtown Greenville might look like in the future (drawing from these planned projects and adding to them).
- Visit other successful downtowns in Maine and learn what makes them appealing to visitors and entrepreneurs alike.

Such an effort will take years to accomplish, but we have a growing wave of private investment which can invigorate these efforts. Moreover, the Brand Development Guide for the Moosehead Lake Region will likely include many suggestions for improving our downtown. The purpose of forming a committee now and beginning this work now, is to be better prepared to receive these suggestions and to be prepared to take action.

In 2015, I would suggest AT LEAST two actions on behalf of the Town: initiate a downtown tax increment finance district, and become part of MDF’s Downtown Center Program. After these actions are taken, others may become apparent, such as seeking a Downtown Revitalization grant through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Motion made by Geno Murray, seconded by Bruce Wyman, to authorize Town Manager John Simko to work on a multi-year downtown revitalization project as outlined in the agenda, and to set a kick-off public informational meeting for this effort 6:00 PM Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in the Municipal Building Meeting Hall, after which members of the proposed working group will be solicited by the Town Manager for appointment by the Board of Selectmen. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-2 (Watt and Brown absent).

10. Review of Solid Waste Contracts with Sean Bolen, DBA Moosehead Rubbish, Inc.: Sean and the Town Manager will meet to review these contracts Tuesday or Wednesday before the meeting. The Board of Selectmen will review these and make changes as they deem appropriate.

Board of Selectmen agreed by action taken on item #3 – Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – to table this item until the January 21, 2015 meeting.

11. Northbound Snowmobile Trail Update: An agreement has been reached between the Moosehead Riders Snowmobile Club and the Wilson Pond Association to allow the snowmobile trail to run the outer Scammon Road for this winter. A great deal of time has been spent on this agreement by all parties. This is very good news for the greater Greenville community this winter: the work begins now to find a permanent solution for a northbound snowmobile trail on the east side of the lake.

The Board of Selectmen discussed possible action on Scammon Road and agreed by consensus to take no action at this time, but to authorize Town Manager John Simko to work with the MRSC to assist in finding a permanent location for a northbound trail on the east side of Moosehead Lake, to work with outer Scammon Road landowners and various conservation groups to investigate possible projects, and to offer to meet with the members of the Wilson Pond Association at their annual meeting to further discuss options for establishing both a public easement and a permanent snowmobile trail over the road corridor.

12. Additions to the Agenda:

12A. Donations from Selectmen's Stipends:

Motion made by Bruce Wyman, seconded by Geno Murray, to not authorize any donations as a Board from Selectmen's stipends, but rather leave the decision to individually donate or not donate a portion of an individual Selectman's stipend up to the individual Selectman. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-2 (Watt and Brown absent).

12B. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday – January 19, 2015:

Board of Selectmen agreed by consensus to authorize the Town Manager to close the Town Office and the Transfer Station and other departments on January 19 for the purposes of employee training, and to consider adding this holiday to the list of holidays in the Town's Personnel Policy when next it is reviewed by the Board of Selectmen. The Transfer Station will be open on Tuesday, January 20, and curbside collection of trash will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

13. Town Manager's Report: Town Manager circulated his work plan for 2015 for review by the Board of Selectmen, and also reviewed the January 2015 calendar to remind the Selectmen of meetings and events of interest. No action was taken.

14. What's On Your Mind? - Opportunity for Selectmen to share questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions – informational only.

BW: How is the sidewalk machine working?

TM: The machine is working well but large piles of snow left in the sidewalk continue to prove a challenge for the operators. There have been several favorable comments made to the TM about the sidewalks this winter.

RP: How would the Board of Selectmen and TM like to accomplish appointment of the Budget Committee?

TM: The TM will present a proposed schedule and roadmap for creation of the FY15-16 municipal budget at the January 21, 2015 meeting. The TM will ask the Town Clerk to contact the members from last year's committee and ask who has interest in serving again this year. The Board of Selectmen should contemplate the role they want the Budget Committee to play in the creation of the coming year's budget, and define clearly the committee's role and responsibilities. The Board may also wish to establish some staggered terms of appointment to this committee, as has been done with other municipal committees.

15. Adjourn: 21:00.

Respectfully Submitted;

**John Simko, Town Manager
January 7, 2015 – 22:02.**