

Town of Greenville

Agenda for Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 6:30 PM in Town Hall Meeting Room

Board members/Staff Present at meeting:

___ Selectman Bruce Wyman ___ Selectman Bonnie DuBien ___ Town Manager John Simko
___ Selectman Craig Watt ___ Selectman Richard Peat
___ Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte ___ Selectman Bruce Hanson

Others:

1. Minutes of February 5, 2014 Meeting

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

3. Public Comment period:

4. Report on Snowmobile Trails by John Cobb, President of MRSC: The Moosehead Riders Snowmobile Club (MRSC) is in the midst of its one-year contract with the Town of Greenville for managing about 80 miles of ITS and municipal snowmobile trails north, south, east and west of Greenville. MRSC President John Cobb will offer a brief report on how the program is going and be available to answer any questions.

5. Solid Waste Contracts: The Curbside Rubbish and Recycling Collection contract the Town has with Moosehead Rubbish expires June 30, 2014. Also, the Solid Waste Hauling contract the Town has with Moosehead Rubbish for C/DD and MSW from our Transfer Station to Juniper Ridge and PERC expires June 30, 2014 as well. The Board of Selectmen has the option to negotiate with the current contractor or go to bid. Sean Bolen, DBA Moosehead Rubbish, has offered to "just renew the contracts for the same amount". We need to know the cost of these services in order to prepare the coming year's budget.

6. Request for Proposals – 2014 Town of Greenville Housing Rehabilitation Program: The Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development (OCD), manages the State of Maine Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. One of the categories for the CDBG Program is Housing Assistance. The Town of Greenville sought and received CDBG funds through this category between 2000 and 2004, using the proceeds to run a housing rehabilitation program for low and moderate income homeowners.

The program was arguably a success in that over 29 homeowners got life-safety and energy conservation needs met with direct grants and some loans. The program was run by Ron Harriman, DBA Ron Harriman Associates. The program did not result in any local property tax dollars being expended for the program: the local match was met with leveraged funds from other home improvement programs (such as provided by Penquis, Inc.). The program typically involves a local advisory committee to work with the administrator to prioritize applications and direct funds for rehabilitation.

In recent years the Community Action Programs such as Penquis have typically received these Housing Assistance funds and run regional programs. I have been unable to connect with Penquis but I do think they are an apt entity to run this program for us. There are other qualified individuals and entities, however, if they are unable to accommodate us.

I recommend the Board of Selectmen authorize a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Housing Assistance CDBG application preparation and subsequent program administration. Maine OCD requires a Letter of Intent from interested communities by March 14, and a full application by May 2, 2014. The RFP could be sent to Penquis as well as other known qualified entities, and published in local newspapers, closing on March 5, in time for the next Selectmen's meeting. Considering the thousands of dollars we are distributing each winter in donated heating fuel assistance, there appears to be a significant and on-going need for energy conservation and heating system improvements in low to moderate income households within Greenville. This proposed program would go a long way toward addressing these issues.

7. Airport Hangar Lease: Recommend renewal of hangar lease for Steve and Barbet Mason of Greenville.

8. Town Manager's Report:

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

10. Adjourn.