

Town of Greenville

MINUTES of Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 6:30 PM in Town Hall Meeting Room

Board members/Staff Present at meeting:

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

Others: Recreation Director Sally Tornquist, Fire Chief Matt St. Laurent, Moosehead Matters Editor Jonathan Pratt, Greenville Resident Loren Ritchie.

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.

Board Chairman Richard Peat opened the meeting at 18:30. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: None.

3. Public Comment Period: Loren Ritchie spoke in favor of the proposed expansion of the Recreation Director Position from 30 scheduled hours per week to 40, which would trigger eligibility for health care benefits. Loren noted that he attended the initial meeting when the Recreation Director presented the case for this expansion, and that the Board expressed strong support for this, and he is questioning why the Board did not follow through and fund this position as requested. He also noted that he understands that property taxes are scheduled to go up this year, and that the Budget Committee voted to not recommend this expansion of the Recreation Director position this year. However, Loren remains steadfast that this position should be full-time and that for so long as it is not, the Town unfairly expects professional, full-time results from a Department Head who is not full-time.

4. Approval of FY15-16 Municipal Budget: The Board of Selectmen sent their draft budget to the Budget Committee for review – the Budget Committee has completed its work and recommends each of the expense and revenue appropriations as presented except one (Recreation). The Board of Selectmen will have a chance to consider these recommendations and to make any other final adjustments to the budget prior to having the Annual Town Meeting Warrant prepared for the May 6 regular meeting.

After a presentation on options for use of fund balance by Town Manager John Simko, and subsequent discussion by the Board of Selectmen, a motion was made by Craig Watt, seconded by Bruce Wyman, to approve the FY15-16 Municipal Budget as presented by the Town Manager to the Budget Committee (which includes an expansion of the Recreation Director position from 30 to 35 scheduled hours per week and \$175,000 fund balance utilization). Selectman Geno Murray spoke against this motion, noting that the Recreation Director position should be full-time. The motion passed by a vote of 3-1-1 (Murray opposed, Brown absent).

Motion made by Craig Watt, seconded by Bruce Wyman, to approve the 5-year capital improvement plan for the Public Works Garage as presented by Town Manager John Simko and PW Foreman Mark Bernier. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-1 (Brown absent).

5. Additions to the Agenda: None.

6. Adjourn: 19:33.

Respectfully Submitted;

John Simko, Town Manager
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