

# Greenville Board of Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM Wednesday, May 7, 2008 – Municipal Building

**This meeting will be pre-empted by a 6:00 PM Special Town Meeting to consider financing for Improvements to the Junction Wharf, also being held in the Meeting Hall. The Selectmen's Meeting will begin at the conclusion of this Special Town Meeting.**

Present at meeting:

**1. Minutes from Meeting of April 16, 2008:**

**Motion to Accept:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda & Public Comment Period**

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Junction Wharf Improvement Project:** Following the Special Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen should take action on remaining matters for this improvement project. In particular, the Board should consider: total budget for the project; requisite scope of work; direction to the Engineer for material type to be used, or a timeline for when that decision will be made; approve and sign agreement for boat launch improvement funds from the State of Maine (copy attached). I will have further recommendations for the Board at the meeting.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **St. Come / Greenville Cultural Immersion / Exchange:** Several individuals from our community have been working on the development of a long-term relationship between the communities of Greenville and St. Come, Quebec, Canada. These efforts have resulted in a visit by some students and parents from the Greenville area to St. Come. The next step would be to invite St. Come officials to Greenville. Yvon Labbe of Greenville (and the Director for the University of Maine’s Franco-American Studies Program) is working on this effort with parents Jenny Ward and Anne Ehringhaus, as well as school administrators Heather Perry and Becky Brown. I recommend the Board of Selectmen authorize me to send a formal invitation to the Mayor of St. Come to visit Greenville Saturday, May 31 (with other St. Come officials) and to meet with Selectmen and other community leaders here. Several of those involved with this effort will be present at the meeting to offer further details. This effort does fall into line with a proposal from 2005 for a Moosehead-Acadia Heritage Tourism Corridor (see attached). Again, I recommend moving forward with the invitation and development of a day-long program.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Liquor Licenses:** The Police Chief and I recommend approval of renewal requests for both Trailside Restaurant and the Greenville Inn.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Resolution of Paper Street Issue:** Last year, the Board contemplated how to preserve access to the Town’s lot off South Maple Street. An unnamed paper street is the primary access point (a driveway has been developed over this lot by the other “landlocked” property owner, Charles “Sparky” Graham). We have recently received legal advice for how to proceed: town meeting action will be required. I recommend the Board approve and recommend an article on the Town Meeting warrant to resolve this issue.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Penobscot Valley Council of Governments (PVCOG) Membership:** The Town of Greenville, which exists in Piscataquis County, is eligible to join a fee-for-membership organization called the Penobscot Valley Council of Governments (PVCOG). Services which can be provided by PVCOG which may be of interest to the Town of Greenville include (a) group bid for road salt; (b) training opportunities for planning board members and code enforcement officers; (c) grant writing functions for Community Development Block Grants. We know from last year that if we had been able to participate in PVCOG's road salt purchase, we would have saved about \$800. But the training they offer can be done by MMA, and the grant-writing functions can be accomplished by PCEDC. The question becomes whether the additional training adds something that MMA does not offer, and if the PCEDC has the same capacity for future CDBG grant writing that PVCOG has. The annual membership is \$2,380 and would have to be added to the budget if the Board wanted to proceed with becoming a member. More details from PVCOG about their services will be available at the meeting.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Annual Town Meeting Warrant:** Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte and I will attempt to have this ready for the Board's signature at this meeting.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Tax Abatement Requests:** Four requests from three separate property owners have been received and reviewed by the Assessor, and are ready for the Board of Assessors to review and to take action.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

10. **2008 State of Maine Homestead Exemption Reimbursement Application:** Recommend approval and signature of the Board (completed annually).

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Disposition of Tax Acquired Property:** March 25, 2008, the Town of Greenville foreclosed on two commercial and one residential (developed) parcels. Since that time, the previous owner of the residential property has entered into a land-installment contract with the Town which has been agreed to and signed by the Board of Selectmen (we have received the first payment for this arrangement, on-time). As of this draft, the taxes owed on the two remaining, foreclosed properties remains unpaid. Both (previous)owners have contacted me as Tax Collector and indicated they would make either payment in-full or majority payment with a request for an extension of time before the sale of the property, prior to the May 7, 2008 Selectmen's meeting. I recommend proceeding with the notice of sale for these properties if payments have not been received by Wednesday, May 7 at 4:00 PM.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Police Chief's Report:** In addition to the Chief's Monthly report, two items should be considered for approval: making the Police Sgt. a salaried position and entering into a new contract with the Town of Beaver Cove for Police Protection. Chief MacMaster and I will have details for each at the meeting.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Penquis Leadership Institute:** In total, 7 officials from the Town of Greenville, and two other residents of Greenville have participated in this year's Penquis leadership Institute. After much effort both to participate in monthly classes, develop a comprehensive class project designed to improve volunteer coordination in Piscataquis County, and the extra effort to keep up with our work while missing a day out of the office, our class will graduate from the program May 14, 2008 in Dover-Foxcroft at the Penquis Higher Education Center. The Board of Selectmen is invited to attend our graduation ceremony. The year-long course has certainly allowed each of us to learn more about each other, our own leadership strengths and weaknesses, and more about how greater Piscataquis County works. Hopefully these added skills and insights will prove beneficial to each of us and to the Town of Greenville in the future.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Additions to the Agenda (if any):**

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second to Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed / Failed by vote of :** \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Warrants**

**16. Adjourn**