

# Town of Greenville

## Minutes of Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 2014 6:30 PM in Town Hall Meeting Room

Board members/Staff Present at meeting:

<u>X</u> Selectman Bruce Wyman	<u>X</u> Selectman Bonnie DuBien	<u>X</u> Town Manager John Simko
<u>X</u> Selectman Craig Watt	<u>X</u> Selectman Richard Peat	<u>X</u> PW Foreman Mark Bernier
<u>    </u> Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte	<u>X</u> Selectman Bruce Hanson	<u>X</u> Police Chief Jeff Pomerleau

Others: Janet Chasse, Jonathan Pratt of Greenville. Joshua Conroy of Dover-Foxcroft (end of meeting).

**1. Opening of the Meeting.** Chair Bonnie DuBien opened the meeting at 18:33.

**2. Minutes of May 21, 2014 Meeting:**

**Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Richard Peat and seconded by Bruce Wyman. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

**3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

**Motion made to add two items to the agenda – approval of a liquor license for the Blair Hill Inn, and appointment of two people to Town committees – by Bruce Hanson and seconded by Craig Watt. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

**4. Public Comment Period:** Janet Chasse noted that she is disappointed in the Board of Selectmen in regard to the large increase in expenditures for FY14-15. She noted that it appears as though the Selectmen were “spending like drunken sailors”. Chair Bonnie DuBien thanked Janet for offering her comment.

**5. Review of Annual Town Meeting:** This Selectmen's Meeting will be the first following the annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, June 2, 2014 at 6:00 PM. There are likely to be action items for the Town Manager and for the Board of Selectmen following the Town Meeting. This agenda item is an opportunity to discuss and to schedule those action items, but also to discuss what went well and what can be improved for next year's Annual Town Meeting.

**Discussion by members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and Town employees yielded a handful of suggestions for next year, including circulation of the Town Reports to the post offices prior to Town Meeting, possibly scheduling a public hearing on the contents of the Town Meeting Warrant at the last Selectmen's Meeting prior to Town Meeting, and working with the school to see if schedule conflicts with sporting events and other co-curricular activities could be avoided. In general, the Board of Selectmen would like to encourage more people to attend the Annual Town Meeting. This year 71 people were in attendance at the opening of the meeting. No action was taken – discussion only.**

**6. New Public Works Foreman Mark Bernier:** Monday, June 2, 2014 will be Mark's first day as PW Foreman. This agenda item will be an opportunity for the Board of Selectmen to meet Mark and to discuss the Public Works Department.

**The Board of Selectmen and Town Manager welcomed Mark Bernier as our new PW Foreman.**

**7. Letter to Montreal, Maine and Atlantic's Successor:** For years, the Railroad has managed a beaver problem along its tracks near the village by opening it up and letting large quantities of water run through to the stream and culvert system which cross Eveleth Hill and runs parallel to Moosehead Lake Road. While railroad maintenance personnel have been cooperative with Greenville PW in letting us know – mostly – before they are to open the flood gates (if you will) they sometimes fail to notify us, and even when they do, there is little we can do to mitigate the damage which comes with the flow. Several buildings along Moosehead Lake Road have been damaged by this flooding, and Eveleth Hill has suffered very minor damage. To address this, I recommend the Board of Selectmen sign a letter to Tom Tardiff, Property Manager and Environmental Officer for the Railroad, and ask for mitigation of this on-going problem.

**Motion was made by Craig Watt, seconded by Bruce Hanson, to sign this letter as prepared and send it to the railroad company. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

**8. Proposed Changes to Personnel Policy:** There minor changes I suggest be made to the Town's personnel policy, which I have suggested to the Board of Selectmen previously. I will circulate language changes for the Board's consideration at the meeting.

**There was general discussion about the three proposed changes to the personnel policy, which include (1) clarification that part-time employees have access to bereavement leave, (2) creation of a limited amount of personal time off for part-time employees with scheduled hours each week in excess of 20 hours and who have worked in such a capacity for at least 5 years, and (3) rewarding employees who have 30 years or more of service to the Town with an additional week of vacation. The Board agreed to table this item until the Town Manager can draft the necessary language, but the Board agreed by consensus to these suggestions.**

**8A. Liquor License Renewal for the Blair Hill Inn:**

**Motion made by Richard Peat, seconded by Bruce Hanson, to approve this liquor license renewal. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

**8B. Appointments:**

**Motion made by Craig Watt, seconded by Richard Peat, to appoint Kelly McKeil to the Planning Board (term to expire June 30, 2015) and Sharon Libby Jones to the Appeals Board (term to expire June 30, 2017). The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

**9. Town Manager's Report:** Brief presentation – no action taken.

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

Bruce Hanson: Concerned about four-wheelers driving on the paved walkway at the end of the Junction Wharf, which was installed with handicapped persons in mind. Police Chief Jeff Pomerleau agreed to look into this, and to possibly suggest some signage or other changes to the Wharf to remedy this.

Bonnie DuBien: Bonnie had some people ask her about cars parking on both sides of Pritham Avenue during ball games, the people concerned about kids getting hit if they run out into traffic between parked cars. Police Chief Jeff Pomerleau suggested that the remaining width of the road is not an issue, but darting kids are always a concern. Jeff and Town Manager John Simko will review the Town's traffic ordinance and also available signage to see what can be done.

**11. Executive Session – Personnel Matter:**

Motion made by Bruce Hanson, seconded by Richard Peat to enter Executive Session under MRSA Title 1, subsection 405, paragraph 6A, to discuss a personnel matter, entering at 19:12 and leaving Executive Session at 19:27. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Craig Watt, seconded by Bruce Wyman, to appoint Joshua Conroy of Dover-Foxcroft as a constable for the Town of Greenville. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

[Note: This means Joshua Conroy will join the list of Reserve Police Officers to fill available shifts for the Greenville Police Department. –JS]

**12. Adjourn. 19:32.**

Respectfully Recorded;

John Simko  
Town Manager  
June 4, 2014 – 20:44.