

# Town of Greenville

## MINUTES for Board of Selectmen Meeting

Wednesday September 18, 2013 6:30 PM in Town Hall Meeting Room

Board members/Staff Present at meeting:

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

Others: Jonathan Pratt of Moosehead Matters;  
District Ranger Bruce Reed for the Maine Forest Service;  
Leslie Bilodeau, Greenville School Committee Member  
Janet Chasse of Greenville.

### 1. Minutes of September 4, 2013 Meeting and also the September 17 Meeting of the Board of Assessors

**Motion by Bruce Hanson to approve these minutes as presented, seconded by Richard Peat.  
Motion passed 5-0.**

### 2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

**Motion by Richard Peat, seconded by Bruce Wyman, to add the following items to the agenda:**

**Town Woodlot  
Public Works Open Position**

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**2A. Town Woodlot:** The Greenville School Committee discussed the Town Woodlot at their September 16, 2013 meeting and asked Bonnie DuBien, Chair of the Board of Selectmen (who was attending the meeting) if she would add this topic to this Selectmen's Meeting. The Town Woodlot is a former state public lot which was given to the Town as a "School and Ministerial Lot" for the purpose of producing revenue through timber sales to support the Greenville Schools. The wood on the lot was last harvested in 1994, and there is interest by the School Committee and School Superintendent to have the lot cut again in order to produce additional revenue.

Previous legal analysis of this lot and its ownership and purpose makes clear that (1) it is an asset of the Town of Greenville and under the authority of the municipal officers; (2) the lot may not be sold or conveyed; and (3) all proceeds from wood harvesting must go for school purposes.

District Ranger Bruce Reed of the Maine Forest Service gave a presentation on timber harvesting laws and procedures for the benefit of the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager and School Committee Member. District Ranger Bruce Reed also explained in detail the benefits of having a professional licensed forester advise any landowner who is not in the woods industry and has a lot as large as this (200 acres) with various complications (e.g., steep slopes toward a stream, general swampy ground, and previous heavy harvesting). Bruce Reed encouraged the Board of Selectmen to select a forester to evaluate the lot and give his or her professional advice on how (or if) to proceed with a harvest at this time. While Bruce is not sure of the cost of such an evaluation, he thought it might be in the range of \$1,000 to \$1,500.

School Committee Member Leslie Bilodeau explained that the School Committee is very interested in having this harvested if a forester would so recommend doing so. The school is willing to pay for the evaluation of the lot.

**The Board of Selectmen authorized Town Manager John Simko to contact one of the local foresters who has previously been involved with the Town woodlot and see if either would be willing to conduct such an evaluation, and if such an evaluation is at a cost agreeable to the school, to proceed with the evaluation. When the forester completes the work, the Town Manager will ask the forester to give a presentation to the Board of Selectmen and will invite the school superintendent and school committee members to attend.**

## **2B. Public Works Open Position:**

**The Board of Selectmen agreed by consensus to authorize a committee of three, including the Town Manager, the PW Foreman, and Vice-Chair Richard Peat to review applications received, select candidates to interview, conduct interviews, select a candidate, and authorize the Town Manager to offer the job at a pay rate which can be afforded within the current budget. Selectman Bruce Hanson would like to sit with the committee when they review applications. The Board also authorized moving the current PW Operator / Laborer who is in the #3 position to the #2 position in the Public Works Department, and to adjust his wage to that of the former employee in the #2 position. Applications for the open position close September 20, 2013.**

**3. Public Comment period:** There was no public comment.

**4 . Request for Extension of Hangar Lease – Doug Young:** Doug Young has a hangar lease, has completed some construction to the site, and is actively trying to sell his interest in the lease. He would like an additional year extension on the requirement to complete the hangar construction, and is willing to make a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes in exchange for this extension.

**Motion by Bruce Hanson, seconded by Bruce Wyman, to approve Doug Young’s request for a one-year extension on the condition of his airport hangar lease which requires him to complete construction of a hangar within two-years of executing the lease, and to accept the same payment-in-lieu-of-tax which has been requested the previous year.**

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**5. Update – Junction Wharf Walkway Project:** This project involves the construction of a paved walkway around most of the wharf perimeter, as well as access to picnic tables by those in wheelchairs. The project began this week – further update will be provided at the meeting.

General discussion of paved walkway and future work. Selectman Bruce Hanson expressed concern that the current walkway is too far from the edge of water to allow persons in wheelchairs to fish or otherwise enjoy the water. Also, there was discussion of having two wooden canopies constructed and installed over the two picnic tables on the outer edge of the wharf.

**Town Manager and/or Code Enforcement Officer will check on prices for this additional work, check with the Bureau of Parks & Lands Boating Facilities Division regarding code compliance for such a walkway addition, and report back to the Board of Selectmen.**

**6. Landfill Closure Inspection and Financing:** The DEP conducted an annual inspection of the closed landfill and borrow pit area a few weeks ago – overall, the report shows the closure construction is to the DEP’s satisfaction. The TM will offer an update on this inspection report and also discuss a possible re-financing of the landfill closure costs.

Update was provided by Town Manager, including the following:

- Inspection by DEP yielded only minor mitigation issues, mostly on soil erosion.
- The topography survey to be completed for the borrow pit will cost around \$3,000 but our engineers at CES question whether it is necessary. DEP has indicated they are ok with having it removed from the closure order if the landowner – Bureau of Parks and Lands – agrees. Town Manager will pursue this.
- It may be possible to consolidate some or all of the commercial loans for the landfill closure into a Maine Bond Bank loan at a lower interest rate and more favorable due date. But the cost of doing so – which will require bond counsel – needs to be compared to the cost savings of lower interest to be paid (approximately \$30,000 in interest remains to be paid on two commercial loans). Town Manager will investigate and get back to the Selectmen.

**7. Driver’s License Satellite Location:** At the request of a member of the Board of Selectmen, this items has been added to the agenda. The Secretary of State’s division of motor vehicles has satellite locations in remote areas to renew driver’s licenses, including in Dover-Foxcroft and in Jackman. Would the Board of Selectmen favor requesting such a location at the Greenville Town Office?

**Board of Selectmen unanimously endorsed the concept of hosting a satellite office of Bureau of Motor Vehicles at the Municipal Building in Greenville to allow local and area residents to secure a driver’s license without driving out of town. Town Manager will craft a letter for the Selectmen’s signatures to Secretary of State Matthew Dunlop to request a once-per-month satellite location in Greenville.**

**9. Town Manager’s Report:** Attached.

**Board of Selectmen agreed to send staff to October 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine Municipal Association Convention at Town Manager’s discretion, understanding that Town Office operations would not be affected.**

**11. What’s on your mind?** - An opportunity for Selectmen to share questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions - informational only.

Selectman Bruce Wyman asked about two matters. First, he inquired whether the Town has a harbormaster to regulate moorings, and if not, should the Board consider that. There was significant discussion about an effort several years earlier to craft a harbormaster ordinance which would regulate where moorings could be placed in the Greenville-portion of Moosehead Lake, an effort which died at the Planning Board. **The Board of Selectmen asked the Town Manager to ask Code Enforcement Officer Jack Hart to present details of this earlier effort and how the effort might be reconsidered.**

Second, Bruce Wyman asked about the status of the tax-acquired camp lot on Wilson Pond which has been listed for sale on behalf of the Town with Moose Country Real Estate in Greenville. **Town Manager John Simko said he would contact MCRE Owner Joe DiAngelo to inquire about its status and report back to the Selectmen.**

**12. Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Recorded;

John Simko, Town Manager  
September 19, 2013