

Town of Greenville

MINUTES of Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 6:30 PM in Town Hall Meeting Room

Board members/Staff Present at meeting:

X Selectman Richard Peat (Chair) X Selectman Ryan Edmondson X Town Manager John Simko
X Selectman Craig Watt (VC) X Selectman Geno Murray X PW Foreman Mark Bernier
 Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte X Selectman Josh Brown Police Chief Jeff Pomerleau

Others: Chris King, Janet Chasse, each of Greenville; Josh Brewer, Camden National Bank; and Cameron Leary, Portland Trust Company.

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.

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

2. Minutes of September 16, 2015 Selectmen's Meeting and September 29, 2015 Special Selectmen's Meeting:

Motion made by Josh Brown, seconded by Geno Murray, to accept both sets of minutes as presented. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0-2 (Edmondson and Watt absent).

3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Motion made by Josh Brown, seconded by Geno Murray, to add Item #5B, Presentation by Portland Trust Company, and Item #9, Fire Truck Bond Paperwork. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-2 (Edmondson and Watt absent).

4. Public Comment Period:

Janet Chasse commented that her previous information about Karin Tilberg's role in developing wind power permitting law in the State of Maine was inaccurate, and that she did not write the so-called fast-track legislation. She also noted that the DEP, not LUPC, ultimately approves Wind Power project applications: Town Manager John Simko stated that he understands that LUPC also plays a role for projects located in Unorganized Territories.

5A. Presentation on Investment Strategy for MPERS Refund – Camden National Bank Officials:

This item was tabled from a previous meeting. It involves a presentation from CNB investment strategists to outline a proposal for how to invest the refund of MPERS surplus in a manner suitable to best meet the needs of the Town of Greenville.

Josh Brewer of Camden National Bank gave a presentation and fielded multiple questions from the members of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and the public. No action was taken otherwise.

5B. Presentation on Investment Strategy for MPERS Refund – Portland Trust Company:

Cameron Leary gave a brief presentation on how to invest these funds for the Town. Mr. Leary was very helpful and articulate, and offered to provide model investment strategies for the Town of Greenville's review, amendment and adoption. Town Manager John Simko agreed to research model investment policies for the Town and get back to the Board of Selectmen with a plan of action for these funds.

5. Wind Power Permitting Process: There are many questions being raised in the community regarding two possible wind power projects within this region. Neither of the proposed projects falls within the Town of Greenville, and therefore both are outside of our jurisdiction for permitting. However, it would be advisable to learn more about the permitting process, the timetable for the same, and investigate ways in which the Town of Greenville may participate.

To accomplish this, Town Manager John Simko recommends that the Board of Selectmen invite a representative from the Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) to come to a regular meeting and explain how the permitting process will work for this project, and to invite these agencies to hold a public hearing in Greenville when and if one or both of these projects is brought forward as an application.

Additionally, the Town Manager recommends the members of the Board of Selectmen travel to Bingham and meet with their counterparts on the Bingham Board of Selectmen to learn how their community went through this process, and to get their recommendations for best practices for dealing with such a complex project.

The Board of Selectmen agreed by consensus to (1) have Town Manager John Simko contact the Bingham Board of Selectmen and set up a meeting between the two Boards (as a Selectmen's Workshop) in Bingham, preferably on a weekday late afternoon or evening, preferably a Tuesday or Wednesday, and (2) meet in Greenville with the Maine Guides from West Grand Lake Stream who were instrumental in defeating a proposed wind project in their region, and finally (3) have the Town Manager invite LUPC and DEP officials to a Greenville Selectmen's Meeting to outline the process and timeline for application, review and disposition by their agencies of wind project proposals.

6. Airport Parallel Taxiway Project: The Town of Greenville, FAA and MDOT officials met last week to conduct a scoping meeting for this project, which is planned for the summer of 2016. This a major construction project at the airport which will alleviate a long-standing safety concern of the FAA. The cost of the project will be shared as follows: FAA 90%, MDOT 5%, Town 5%. There are many details to discuss, including ways to reduce the cost of the local share to the Greenville property taxpayers.

The Board of Selectmen agreed by consensus to support this project and to authorize Town Manager John Simko to take all steps necessary to bring the project to the point of a special Town Meeting vote to request permission to borrow the funds necessary for the required local share of the Town, the impact on local property taxpayers mitigated as much as possible. The Board anticipates calling a Special Town Meeting for the purpose of authorizing a municipal bond for this purpose in January 2016.

7. Public Works Update: East Road Reconstruction, Equipment Replacement, and Disposal of Surplus Property: Public Works Foreman Mark Bernier and Road Commissioner John Simko will provide this update.

PW Foreman Mark Bernier provided an update on recent road projects and equipment upgrades. Motion made by Craig Watt, seconded by Ryan Edmondson to authorize PW Foreman Mark Bernier and Town Manager John Simko to dispose of this Town surplus property in the manner recommended.

8. Additions to the Agenda: Fire Truck Bond Paperwork

Board of Selectmen agreed by consensus to allow Selectmen to individually sign the bond paperwork, which will be available in the Town Office by Friday, October 9, 2015.

9. Town Manager's Report: Written report circulated – no action taken.

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

Ryan Edmonson suggested that the closed landfill (field) at Sawyer Pond be developed into a dog park. John Simko indicated her would explore this possibility with the DEP and report back to the Board of Selectmen.

Josh Brown shared concerns raised by a local pilot over the Town's proposed method of aircraft excise tax collection, based on gross vehicular weight instead of original property value. In particular, the pilot questioned the authority of the Town to implement an alternative system to the use of original value of the plane. Town Manager John Simko will review this, and determine whether the weight-based system was sent as a letter to each hangar owner at the airport, or not.

11. Executive Session – Personnel Matter (1 MRSA subsection (405)(6)(A))

Motion made by Craig Watt, seconded by Geno Murray, to enter Executive Session for the stated purpose at 20:09, and to exit at 20:31.

Following this Executive Session, Selectman Ryan Edmondson announced that he expects to be unavailable for scheduled meetings over the next 2 ½ months. The remaining members of the Board of Selectmen expressed support for Ryan during this absence, and looked forward to his eventual return.

12. Adjourn: 20:44.

Respectfully Submitted;

**John Simko, Town Manager
October 7, 2015 – 23:03.**