

Town of Greenville

MINUTES for Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday December 4, 2013 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> Recreation Director Sally Tornquist
<u> </u> Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte	<u>X</u> Selectman Bruce Hanson	<u>X</u> Public Works Foreman Jim Abele

Others: Jonathan Pratt of Greenville; Ken Snowdon of Greenville Junction; Tom Wood of Greenville; Linda O'Kane of Greenville; Robert Corsa of Greenville; Mike Bushman of Greenville; Jeff Pomerleau, Police Chief (arrived near end of meeting).

1. Minutes of November 20, 2013 Meeting

Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Bruce Wyman, seconded by Craig Watt. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Motion to add "Holiday Closings" to the agenda made by Richard Peat and seconded by Craig Watt. Motion passed by vote of 5-0.

3. Public Comment period: None.

4. ATV Access Route Request: This request for changes / expansion of the current ATV Access Routes in Greenville was the subject of a public hearing held November 20 and was tabled at the last Selectmen's Meeting, to be considered at this meeting.

Board Chair Bonnie DuBien asked each member of the Board to speak on this request.

Bruce Hanson opposes the request due to many negative comments he's received from property owners along the proposed route.

Bruce Wyman spoke in favor of the request, noting the number of other communities which are opening up their roads to ATV traffic.

Craig Watt expressed support for the request if it would serve as a temporary stop-gap until the off-road trail could be fixed. He also expressed interest in an alternative ATV Access Route over Pleasant Street and East Road.

Richard Peat expressed support for the route expansion in order to keep the trail network whole, but he adamantly opposes the opening of the downtown intersection to ATV traffic, citing the pedestrian traffic in and out of the drug store by elderly customers.

Bonnie DuBien reiterated her opposition to this proposal, citing concern for liability to the Town.

Subsequent discussion between Selectmen, Town Manager John Simko, and ATV Club President Ken Snowdon focused on perceived liabilities to the municipality should someone get hurt on this route.

Board Chair Bonnie DuBien called for a motion on this proposal as presented. No motion was made. The Chair asked if anyone on the Board would like to make a motion other than in regard to the proposal as presented.

Motion was made by Craig Watt, seconded by Richard Peat, to consider an alternative ATV Access Route connecting Lily Bay Road to outer East Road via Pleasant Street and part of East Road. The motion calls for the Town Manager and office staff to prepare and send a letter to each of the abutting landowners along the proposed route to ask for their written comments about this proposal prior to the December 18, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting, at which this matter will be discussed. The proposed route would have the same curfew restrictions as the other ATV Access Routes in Greenville. This proposal would not change anything with ATV traffic in the downtown intersection.

The motion passed by a vote of 3-2, with Hanson and DuBien opposed.

5. Skating Rink Operations: Recreation Director Sally Tornquist has a report on how the season went last year, and her plans for the skating rink this year. The Recreation Department and volunteers and supporters of the skating rink operation have raised sufficient funds to fund all of last season's operation and the start of this season. This is an update only and a chance for Selectmen to ask any questions they may have.

Recreation Director Sally Tornquist read a written report about operations at the skating rink last year and how this year looks. No action was taken.

6. Winter Road Maintenance: PW Foreman Jim Abele and I have been working to make improvements in how the Town's PW Department maintains its roads. A recent Maine Local Roads Center Workshop on Snow and Ice Control detailed the difference between "de-icing" and "anti-icing" strategies. Jim and I are trying to get the PW crews out ahead of storm events to treat roads and therefore keep snow and ice from bonding to the pavement. This will ultimately reduce the amount of sand and salt that is used, and should reduce the amount of time our crews are out. We're trying to work "smarter not harder" on winter maintenance.

Several handouts were distributed and a written report was summarized by PW Foreman Jim Abele and a PowerPoint presentation was reviewed by Road Commissioner John Simko. No action was taken by the Board of Selectmen. It was suggested by Selectman Bruce Hanson that the Junction Wharf traffic loop NOT be plowed this winter to cut down on damage to curbing and reduce maintenance costs: the PW Foreman and Town Manager agreed to make this change and to sign the area to not be plowed by private parties.

7. Liquor License Renewal – Black Frog Restaurant: Recommend approval.

Motion made by Bruce Hanson and seconded by Craig Watt to approve this liquor license renewal. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

7A. Holiday Closings (addition to the agenda):

Motion by Richard Peat and seconded by Bruce Wyman to have the Town Office close at 12:00 PM Tuesday, December 24, 2013 for the Christmas Holiday, and to cancel the first Selectmen's Meeting in January 2014, which falls on New Year's Day (with the caveat that a special meeting will be called if needed). The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

8. Town Manager's Report: Written report and financials distributed and reviewed by the Town Manager. No action taken.

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

No comments.

10. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Recorded;

John Simko
Town Manager
December 4, 2013