

Town of Greenville

Minutes of Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday December 18, 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> Fire Chief Gavin Oelschlegel
<u>X</u> Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte	_____ Selectman Bruce Hanson	<u>X</u> Fire Chief-Elect Matt St. Laurent

Others: Jonathan Pratt, Editor for Moosehead Matters of Greenville Junction; Janet Chasse of Greenville;
Ken Snowdon of Greenville Junction; Tom Wood of Greenville.

Chair Bonnie DuBien opened the meeting at 18:30.

1. Minutes of December 4, 2013 Meeting

**Motion made by Craig Watt, seconded by Richard Peat, to accept the minutes as presented.
The motion passed 4-0 (Hanson absent).**

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: None.

3. Public Comment period: None.

4. ATV Access Route: As per the Selectmen's request, the Town Office staff have contacted by letter each of the property owners along Pleasant Street and part of East Road for the proposed alternative ATV access route. There have been many written comments submitted, the responses mixed.

There was much discussion on this topic between members of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, and members of the public. Town Manager John Simko summarized the 14 public comments received about the proposed ATV access route over Pleasant Street as being 9 opposed, 4 in favor, and 1 neutral. Resident Janet Chasse stated that she thought the ATV Club should be made to raise the necessary funds to fix the off-road trail before being allowed onto Town Roads. Moosehead ATV Club President Ken Snowdon stated the club is trying to secure grant funds for the necessary improvements to a 1.8 mile section of off-road trail at an estimated cost of \$100,000. Chair Bonnie DuBien stated that she feels the ATVs should not be on the public roads due to concerns for accidents and subsequent liability to the Town, despite the Tort Claims Act.

Motion made by Craig Watt, seconded by Bruce Wyman, to no longer pursue an ATV Access Route over Pleasant Street. Motion passed 4-0 (Hanson absent).

Motion made by Craig Watt, seconded by Richard Peat, to allow an ATV Access Route over Lily Bay Road (pending approval by the MDOT) and Scammon Road to connect Foss Street to the Snowmobile Clubhouse, allowed for one season ONLY from May 15 to November 15, 2014 with ATVs required to obey the posted speed limits, travel in the travel lane, operate daily only after 8:30 AM and before dusk, and for the Board of Selectmen to review this access route at their first meeting after November 15 to decide whether to allow this access route to continue into the future. Motion passed by a vote of 3-1 (DuBien strongly opposed, Hanson absent).

5. Fire Department Update: Fire Chief Gavin Oelschlegel and Fire Chief-elect Matt St. Laurent will be present to explain the upcoming change in leadership, and to update the Selectmen on various projects at the Fire Department, including the fund-raising for a replacement for the rescue van.

Town Manager and Board of Selectmen thanked outgoing Fire Chief Gavin Oelschlegel for his service to the Town, especially for his leadership in the effort to find and secure funding to purchase a used rescue truck for the Fire Department. In regard to the current rescue van, the Board agreed by consensus to not take any action on its sale until the new truck is ready to be placed into service. Fire Chief-Elect Matt St. Laurent gave a brief update on operations and expressed strong optimism for the future of our fire department.

6. Abatement Requests: After tax bills were sent out in September, a handful of errors in assessment were found, mostly in personal property (e.g., owners no longer having personal property in Greenville). Assessor's Agent Rob Duplisea has prepared recommendations for abatements, and Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte will present these for the Board's consideration.

All 7 property tax abatement requests presented to the Board of Selectmen were approved, 6 to correct errors or omissions in assessment and 1 as uncollectable. The motion to approve all abatements as presented was made by Richard Peat, and seconded by Bruce Wyman. The motion passed 4-0 (Hanson absent). Abatement list is attached.

7. Airport Advisory Committee Appointments: Jack Hart has been working with the Advisory Committee and the committee's chair, Joe Morrissey, to reduce the committee size to 9 and to establish staggered terms of appointment. The roster is now ready for the Board's consideration for appointment.

Motion made by Craig Watt, seconded by Richard Peat, to appoint nine citizens to the Airport Advisory Committee under terms and conditions as presented. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 (Hanson absent).

8. Town Manager's Report: Verbal and written report. Town Manager added that the Abner-Wade Masonic Lodge in Sangerville provided the Town of Greenville with 20 frozen turkeys and fresh vegetables and canned goods sufficient to make a turkey dinner for distribution to families in need. Town Manager John Simko, Columbia-Doric Masonic Lodge Master Chris Bussell and Treasurer Geno Murray and Recreation Director Sally Tornquist all helped in picking up and distributing these dinners to 20 families in Greenville from a list generated by Greenville Bookkeeper and Citizen Fuel Fund Coordinator Cindy Hanscom and Moosehead Kiwanis member Diane Bartley. The Town of Greenville is very appreciative of the Abner-Wade Masonic Lodge for its generosity and thoughtfulness.

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

Chair Bonnie DuBien asked the Town Manager if he has heard any more from the Secretary of State's office regarding the Town's request for a satellite office in the Greenville Municipal Building for driver's licensing. Town Manager John Simko indicated he has not heard any more, but will inquire.

Chair Bonnie DuBien also asked how the Town's citizen fuel fund is holding out. Town Manager John Simko noted that the fund has less than \$1,700 in it, only enough to help nine more families this winter. The Town Manager recently sent out a Letter to the Editor calling for donations to this fund: already a \$100 donation has been received from Lisa Harris. All donations are accepted and appreciated.

- 10. Executive Session - As per M.R.S.A. Title 1, Ch.13, subchapter 1, subsection 405, paragraph 6C. – Discussion or consideration of the disposal of Town-owned property.**

Motion to enter executive session at 19:43 and to exit it at 20:25 made by Bruce Wyman and seconded by Craig Watt. The motion passed 4-0 (Hanson absent).

Upon exiting Executive Session, a motion was made by Craig Watt and seconded by Richard Peat to have Town Manager John Simko schedule a workshop between the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Directors of the Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Corporation (MLREDC) to discuss the MLREDC's interest in the Greenville Business Incubator. This would be done in January prior to the January 15, 2014 regular Selectmen's Meeting. The motion passed 4-0 (Hanson absent).

- 11. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 20:31.**

Respectfully Submitted;

John Simko, Town Manager
December 18, 2013