

Town of Greenville Select Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 2nd, 2025, 6:30 pm, Greenville Town Hall Meeting Room

Minutes for Meeting of the Select Board

Board members/Staff present at meeting:

 X Selectman Geno Murray (Chair) X Selectman Bonnie DuBien Police Chief Jim Carr
 X Selectman Newton Pierce (Vice-Chair) X Selectman Burt Whitman Fire Chief Sawyer Murray
 X Selectman Richard Peat X Town Manager Mike Roy X Town Clerk Tammy Firman

Others: John Contreni, Aaron Crossman, Emily Patrick, Michael Mitek

6:30 pm Meeting opened by Chair Geno Murray

1. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

2. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

3. Opening of Meeting & Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: The Chair asked all members of the Select Board to review the meeting agenda and to declare any potential conflicts of interest which members may have with any of the items listed. None were noted.

4. Minutes from June 18th 2025

A motion was made by Burt, seconded by Richard to approve the minutes of June 18th, 2025 as written. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions nor deletions.

6. Tammy Firman, Town Clerk – Request for Liquor License Renewal (Marine Museum)

Tammy presented a request from the Moosehead Marine Museum for a renewal of their liquor license. She checked with Chief Carr and Chief Murray who recommend approval of this request. A motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Burt to approve the liquor license as requested. Motion passed 5-0. All Selectmen signed the document presented by Tammy and returned it to Tammy for processing.

7. Manager's Report

The storage building at the Red Cross Beach is well under way. Everything is taking shape very nicely and Sally is ecstatic at the progress. The storage building could be utilized for potential classes. Mike discussed the possibility of renaming with Sally who felt that it should remain "Red Cross Beach". Bonnie suggested that we might consider adding an auxillary sign indicating that it is also a park or recreation area.

Public Works update – Sam is doing a great job. The part-time foreman checks in daily with Sam and with Mike a few times per week. Our part-time lawn caretaker, Ray, is doing a great job. Everything looks very nice.

Things are busy at the Airport with bushhogging in progress. They are cleaning up and should finish this week or next. A memo was sent to all hangar owners (copy attached) and a memo from the Airport Advisory Committee (attached). The more aircrafts we have that stay here for at least six months, the better the opportunity to receive funding. Steve Levesque sent a letter to all hangar owners encouraging them. We only have 13 aircraft based in Greenville at present, but there are more than that at the airport. The third page is a questionnaire. We need to start asking questions regarding what type of aircraft along with tail number is being housed in the hangars. This is just a suggestion, but it will help. We need to make sure we know what is being stored in the hangars.

Bolster's started on Tuesday. Mike spoke with Matt Bolster yesterday. They are all set to go. The cans are all in place at the Transfer Station for recycling. Mike will meet with the Transfer Station staff tomorrow morning to review.

The forecast for the fireworks show is not the best. We are under severe thunderstorm watch until early evening on July 3rd. Mike spoke with the pyrotechnics company yesterday and today. He also spoke with Josh Brown who is providing the barge for the fireworks. We had hoped to be able to wait until tomorrow at noon to make a decision, but both the barge and the pyrotechnics people need a decision first thing tomorrow. Geno stated that our primary goal is safety first and foremost. By consensus, a decision was made to postpone the fireworks until Saturday night when the weather is predicted to be better. The vote was 3-2 to postpone with Bonnie and Newt voting to continue with July 3rd and Geno, Richard and Burt voting to postpone until July 5th. Mike will notify Josh and the pyrotechnics company. Tammy will put something out on social media and ask for people to share. Tammy will also contact Liz McKeil.

Richard asked Mike if there had been any forward movement with his suggestion to have portable speed bumps installed on Lily Bay and Pritham. Mike spoke to the DOT who said that it is possible, but would require a traffic engineer to do a study. Richard would like to see a speed bump in the crosswalk across Moosehead Lake Road, one at the Dairy Bar and one at the school to help reduce the speed. Mike will look into this further with the DOT.

8. Public Comment

John Contreni shared that everything looks very nice at the Junction Wharf.

Aaron Crossman thanked everyone for their service to the town. He then stated that he would like to discuss the new fence ordinance. He has been having a disagreement regarding a fence with his neighbors. In April, 2024, the neighbor received a temporary injunction. In July, 2024, the Town's fence ordinance was adopted. In September, 2024, an inspection of the fence was done by Ron Sarol, Code Enforcement Officer. In December, 2024, Ron sent a letter notifying that the neighbor was in violation of the fence ordinance. In June, 2025, Ron sent another letter. Aaron's question to the Selectmen is "what are the next steps in this process?" Aaron stated that in other towns, the Selectmen's authority is to enforce compliance with local ordinances. The Town has the authority to hire legal counsel to partake in the entire process. The Town could also self-enforce their own ordinances. If we

choose to hire an attorney, they could advise us how to enforce our ordinance. The attorney could also represent the Town in court if needed. Aaron wants to know how the Selectmen plan to enforce the issue of the neighbor's violation of the fence ordinance. The neighbor is already in contempt of court. The Town could take action in the way of fines for which the penalty would accrue daily until resolved. A lien could be placed on the owner's property to recoup any legal expenses. The Town could also get an injunction or file a lawsuit. Self-corrective measures the Town could employ would be to have Public Works physically remove the fence and bill the homeowner for the expense. We could assess fines which would add monetary value. They are clearly not listening to the Code Enforcement Officer nor the Judge. The fine should be \$25-\$100 per day. If they continue to refuse to comply, the fine could be increased to \$50 - \$200 per day. For a major issue, the fine could be \$100-\$500 per day. Aaron wants to know how the Selectmen plan to move forward with his request for action.

Geno stated that we do have a fence ordinance. Geno is unfamiliar with whatever law Aaron is referring. Aaron appears to be asking the Town to take sides on an issue that one Town resident has with another. We need to review how our ordinance is written. Geno is concerned that the judge has not done anything. It would have been nice if this issue could have been settled with a property surveyor.

Aaron shared that in 1977, the Town deeded the road to Sam Bigney. This is a generational issue between the two properties. It is an abandoned road. The CEO attempted to enforce the ordinance and it now up to the Selectmen to move this issue forward.

Geno says that we will need to investigate further. We do have an obligation to enforce our own ordinances. John Contreni, planning board chair, stated that most issues are handled amicably between the parties. This one has not. We must enforce our ordinances or else they are meaningless. This ordinance is relatively new. Our definition of what constitutes a fence was intentionally broad.

Geno stated that we will need to look at this closely in follow-up. Richard says that he has never seen an issue between neighbors escalate to this point. Aaron says that he does not wish to serve as an example.

Emily Patrick stated that the Town may not want to get involved, but that her family didn't ask for any of this. They did not start this. Her family spent close to \$75,000 in legal expenses. The contempt hearing may not happen until 2027 due to the backup in the courts. She has a survey to prove that the property is an abandoned road which has never been settled. The courts are totally backed up and their attorney suggests that the Town take action. Newt and Burt indicated that they will fully support our Code Enforcement Office.

Geno stated that we have a legal obligation and will look at the Fence Ordinance and continue to work with the Planning Board.

Tammy Firman shared that the Piscataquis County Registry of Deeds has a free program that property owners can sign up for to get notification if there is anything new registered with them regarding a deed. This can alert property owners to any potential deed fraud or theft which is increasingly becoming more prevalent. We have not heard of anything like this happening with anyone in Greenville.

9. What's on your mind?

Burt offered his kudos to the Chief of Police. Both the PD and the FD have been very busy for the past few weeks. They have done a top-notch job and should be acknowledged.

10. Other Business

None

11. Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Burt to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Tammy B. Firman
Town Clerk/Secretary to Select Board