

Town of Greenville Select Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 16th, 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, Christopher Young

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 July 2nd, 2025

A motion was made by Richard, seconded by Burt to approve the minutes of July 2nd, 2025 as written. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions nor deletions were requested.

6. Tammy Firman, Town Clerk – Request for Catering Liquor Licenses

Tammy presented a request from the Stress Free Moose for a catering liquor license for an event to benefit the Moosehead Caring For Kids Foundation at Bartley's on 8/16/2025. She checked with Chief Carr and Chief Murray who recommend approval of this request.

Another request was presented by Tammy from the Stress Free Moose for a catering liquor license for the Fly-In on 9/05 – 09/07/2025. Chiefs Carr and Murray also recommended approval of these two requests. A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Bonnie to approve the two requests. Motion carried 5-0. All Selectmen signed both documents as presented by Tammy and returned them to Tammy for processing.

7. Tammy Firman, Town Clerk – Request for Abatement

Tammy presented a request on behalf of Kirk and Linda Hamilton for an abatement of their property taxes for a mobile home that was removed prior to April 1, 2023 in the amount \$320.37. A motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Burt to approve the abatement as requested. Motion carried 5-0. All Selectmen signed the request and returned to Tammy for processing.

8. Manager's Report

A recap of fireworks from July 5th.... Mike called the pyrotechnics company on the 9th and spoke to the owner. Mike's intent was to give feedback about our show. After discussion with the owner, Mike learned that we didn't get the show we normally get. We normally get a \$5,000 show, but this year we only got a \$3,000 show due to the tariffs. The owner went on to give examples of other towns dealing with tariffs. He has five containers of fireworks ready to hit the shore for which he will have to pay \$220,000 in tariffs.

We had received some donations for the fireworks (checks totaling \$4,600) so Mike had called the pyrotechnics company in June to see if we could boost our show as we had additional funds. Mike was told that it was too late to request a change. Mike shared this with the owner who was displeased that we had been told that the show could not be increased as this could have been provided. He also stated that we could have added to the show up until the time the truck departed for Greenville. We had put \$500 down last fiscal year as a deposit for this year's show as we typically do. We spent \$185 on anchors for the barge which we will be able to reuse each year. We have \$2815 remaining for fireworks for this fiscal year when we lock in the date for 2026. We have to put half down now. We will use the \$2815 as a down payment for next year. Beth sent out letters asking if we could use the donations for next year. Next year's minimum will be \$12,500 for any show for any date. If we want July 4th, we need to lock in the date with a deposit as soon as possible. Our current budget is \$7500. If we can use the donations, we will have enough for the show for next year. A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Newt to sign up for the fireworks for July 4th 2026 at a cost of \$12,500. Motion carried 5-0. The pyrotechnics company's liability insurance went up \$104,000 year over year.

Newt asked if it would be possible to return the fireworks show to the junction. Mike shared that it had been discussed but Chief Carr and Chief Murray were not in favor as there are serious safety concerns with people climbing onto the trestle to view.

We hosted MMA for a Day last week at the Public Safety Building. 35 people attended. MMA paid for food and cleaning as well as a donation to the Fire Association.

Regarding Richard's request for portable speed bumps, the DOT calls them speed tables. Copies of criteria is attached. DOT would provide the tables but we have to put them together, then put them in and take them out seasonally. Richard said that he found out during his research that many communities asked to take them out due to noise.

Since the Town approved an acquisition of the new road off Spruce Street at the Special Town Meeting last month, the Northern Forest Center has been getting the deed prepared. They are very close to getting an RFP out.

The Greenville Steam Road discussions have been continuing since the Special Town Meeting. There has been some momentum as to repairing or fixing up the road a bit. We may possibly have an opportunity to reboot the association of which the town is a member because we have two properties on that road.

Recycling at the transfer station is going well. We need to remind people that it is helpful to flatten the cardboard boxes before putting them into the container. It is more efficient and saves the Town money if we break down the boxes, stack them and then place into the container neatly.

Mike has received word from Senator King's office that the town has received a grant for the airport in the amount \$1,263,719 for 104 feet of fencing and three gates. The gate will be near the arrivals building. This will also include 150 feet of paved stub taxiway and 190 feet of paved stub taxiway. Mike also heard on the news that Susan Collins announced the grant award of \$108,000 for the master plan.

Tomorrow night there will be a group here to help educate those who wish to start a home business for child care. This meeting will start at 5:30 pm.

An RFP will be going out for the new warming hut. Hopefully, the old one will be taken down next week. We will send the RFP to Ware Butler and Hammond so they can inform contractors.

Beth and Mike were on a FEMA conference call yesterday. We will get some reimbursement over the next three to four weeks. Deadline for the work to be completed is July 31st. We applied for an extension. We have been encouraged to issue an RFP for East Road, Scammon and other roads that were washed out and needed ditching.

Mike has reached out to MMA legal regarding Selectmen enforcing ordinances. A copy of their response is attached.

9. Public Comment

Chris Young shared that he is here because of where he lives. ATV access that was allowed on their road temporarily has become permanent. No one enforces the ATV rule on their road. The wardens basically said that if the Town allows ATVs on the road, the town has to enforce the laws. The condition of the road is not good. There used to be a lot of moose due to the amount of calcium that was put down. The road was always graded and calcium immediately put down. For the past three years, the ATVs have chewed up the road. Chris claims that he keeps being promised that calcium will be put down which he says does not happen. The Town graded the road and put down calcium once. In late August, they graded but did not put down calcium. The dust now covers everything. The road was graded this spring but no calcium was applied. The road was graded today but no calcium was applied. It's so dusty that his house is completely covered in dirt. Is Matt getting paid to put down calcium and we're not getting it put down? It's a circus with the ATVs, the dust and no calcium. Chris says that they can't handle the noise on the road. They can call the police but the ATVs will be gone by the time they arrive. It used to be graded and calcium put down. Not sure why that is no longer happening. Chris would like to make a recording over the weekend so that people can hear how loud the noise from the ATVs are at his house. The road needs to be graded and calcium applied. They were promised that the main trail

would be along the power line, not on the road. It's frustrating. Geno said that it's clear that Chris is frustrated. Bonnie asked if the ATV permission is permanent. Chris said yes. Chris' property is in the corner which causes a problem. Mike Roy stated that Matt Hall was hired to grade. Matt uses his own judgement as to whether or not calcium should be applied. Matt is not restricted in the amount of calcium that could be used. Matt is one man and is therefore limited as to how much time he can expend. Chris feels that since Mike is the road commissioner, if he sees that the road is dusty, he should authorize calcium to be applied. Geno said that there will be follow-up. Chris says his house is a mess due to the dust. Aaron Crossman stated that he lives on Lily Bay Road. The noise is egregious. Does the board know the hours of operation for ATVS? They are supposed to stop by 9 pm. The ATVs need to be policed and they should be ticketed if violating rules. At 10:30 pm, ATVs are still on the road and nothing is done about it. Something needs to be done about the noise. Aaron claims he hears it from 8 am until midnight. Chris asked what could realistically be done about the ATVs? If the wardens won't deal with this, what can be done other than to keep them off the roads? Chris was told that the road use would be temporary but it has become permanent. Bonnie saw something on TV that the ability to ride on the road was to go from trail head to trail head. The ATVs are now used as vehicles and driven wherever they want to go. Aaron suggested that the town assess a fee for ATVs that could be used for road repair. Mike shared that the ATV club paid for today's grading of the East road as a service to the town. Geno said that we will move forward on this issue.

10. Other Business

None

11. What's on your mind?

No one had anything to share.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Burt and seconded by Newt to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

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