# **Town of Greenville Select Board Meeting**

Wednesday, September 17th, 2025, 6:30 pm, Greenville Town Hall Meeting Room

#### Minutes for Meeting of the Select Board

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X Selectman Geno Murray (Chair)	X Selectman Bonnie DuBien	Police Chief Jim Carr
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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: Valarie Flanders, Sue-Ellen Baron, Theodore Baron, Jr., Emily Patrick, Jennifer Clark, Sandra Lamcken, Bob Lamcken, Nancy Hatch, Dola Hinckley, Philip Adams, Ron Barriault, Jennie Gray, Norman Sunderland, Esther Ireland, Brent Ireland, John Contreni, Michele Weirich, Allan Tubbs, Peter Cantara, Lisa Cantara, Marc Costantine, Mason Lee, Lisa Bartley

6:30 pm Meeting opened by Chair Geno Murray

1. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> was recited by all.

Board members/Staff present at meeting:

#### 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. Bonnie stated that she has a conflict with #6 request for decommissioning Crescent Street and will abstain from any vote.
- 4. Minutes from September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 15th, 2025

A motion was made by Burt, seconded by Richard to approve the two sets of minutes - September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 15th, 2025 – as a block as recorded by Tammy Firman. Motion passed 4-0.

- 5. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda None
- 6. <u>Church of the Open Bible request for decommissioning Crescent Street</u>

Peter Cantara from the Church stated that the Selectmen have a letter (attached) which he read. They are requesting that the Town abandon Crescent Road which the Church has purchased. There are no abutters and they are aware of utility easements.

Geno asked for Board discussion. Richard stated that he did not have a problem with the request. Burt agreed. Geno went on to say that there is a formal process which must be done including guidelines that will need to be followed.

A motion was made by Richard to move forward with the decommissioning and seconded by Burt. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Bonnie abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

## 7. YES Project – Discussion of date for public hearing

Mike reminded everyone that we have to have a public hearing regarding the referendum question the selectmen ordered Tammy Firman to add to November ballot. The possible dates are Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> or Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. We could hold this meeting at the school, at the public safety building or at the town office.

Mike Roy asked if Jennifer Clark and Don Hodapp would be available. It will be a Q&A type meeting.

Geno asked for a preference for the location. Bonnie, Burt and Richard agreed that they would prefer the public safety building.

A motion was made by Richard to hold the public hearing on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Public Safety Building. Motion was seconded by Burt and carried 4-0.

## 8. ATV Recap and Vote

Geno observed that many in attendance tonight were here at the last meeting. We held off on a vote because one of the Board Members unable to attend. He is still unable to be here this evening therefore we will move this forward.

Mike recapped that we had a discussion at the last meeting regarding ATV access routes and times. A potential time limit (following the same hours as hunters regarding dusk) was proposed. There was no discussion about shutting off any access. Chief Carr was here last time to answer questions.

Ted Baron stated that, as was discussed last time, there is a need for education. He saw an ATV coming down Pleasant Street. The ATV was parked at Indian Hill and Ted was able to speak with the driver who was staying at the Greenville Inn. The gentleman was unaware of the rules and thanked Ted for sharing. He said that he would park the ATV at the post office, walk to the Inn and trailer the ATV. Ted reiterated that there is a need for education. When people are made aware of the rules, they say "thank you." It's not necessarily the Greenville residents that are breaking the rules. It's often visitors. We need more education. Everyone wants to promote our town.

Mike shared that the gentlemen was not illegally travelling down Pleasant Street. Per our guidelines, ATV riders may access the trailhead via 1500 feet on Pleasant Street. He could also have driven down Norris Street to get to the trailhead.

Lisa Bartley agreed that while education would make a better experience for everyone, some of the ATVs are very noisy. She would like to see a reduction in the amount of noise. She feels that people trailer their ATVs to town, so they could use their vehicles to travel to restaurants after dark.

Marc Costantine, president of the ATV Club, shared that the economic impact of shortening the hours will affect the town's businesses. If we eliminate the ability for ATVs to get off the trails and go to eat, they will go somewhere else.

Esther Ireland asked if all ATVs have headlights? Yes.

Jennie Gray shared that many people ride to our area on the ATVs from towns such as Newport, not in vehicles which is why they need to be allowed to go to restaurants after dusk.

Geno asked for any further board discussion. None of the board members had anything to add.

A motion was made by Richard to keep the same hours for ATVs, Burt seconded the motion. Motion to keep the same ATV hours carried 3-1 with Bonnie not in favor. Geno commented that he had left some bottles at the ATV building and was happy to see the signage.

Marc Costantine said that he wishes to work with Chief Carr for better signage and education.

#### 9. New Hangar Lease Agreement (s) approval and signatures

At the airport, we have an updated lease and operating agreement. In this process, we are looking for consistency between the leases and fair market values. We have an agreement between Mike Telow and the town for his hangar. Mr. Greenhill sold his hangar to Mike Telow. The second lease is between the Town of Greenville and Danny Daigle. It was previously Robert Kimmich's hangar. Everything in order.

There is much work going at the airport. The Airport Advisory is doing great work.

Mike stated that Steve Levesque had shared that lease transfers going forward are new leases and the clock resets.

Ron Barriault asked if they resurvey when the lease transfers? He asks this because there were some concerns with Mike Telow regarding the property lines. Mike said that they do not resurvey.

Jennie Gray wanted to know how can you change the rules after a lease is already in place? Geno stated that continuing work has been done on this. The intent is to change the lease structure.

Ron Barriault said that he has two leases that he obtained a few years ago. When his lease is up, it will change to the new town lease. All old leases are grandfathered until they are sold or exchanged.

A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Burt to approve the two leases as written. Motion carried 4-0. Both leases were signed by the Selectmen and given to Mike for processing.

#### 10. Manager's Report

We have received our FEMA money in full. The total reimbursement for damage caused by the 12-18-23 storm is \$412,430.00 from FEMA for projects that we will have done. The Town is required to pay a quarter of any work done. This reimbursement is for repairs and reconstruction. We are still working on the RFPs for several roads. This will now have to be done in the spring. We have til next year to get it done. Kudos to Beth for her hard work on this. We have spent countless hours working with FEMA.

We have a new road assistance amount (reimbursement for plowing of Pleasant Street, Drew Road and East Road). Mike banks these funds for future projects such as the sidewalks. The old amount was \$26,108 last year, this year it is \$34,172.00. It must be used for work adjacent to state roads.

We still need to grade Walden Farm Road, outer Scammon Road and East Road.

The Town boardwalk is in process of being restained. It has been pressure washed and looks a lot better. At Town Meeting, we had funds from Hammond Lumber's purchaser of the adjacent property which were appropriated to this project. The total cost was \$9,800.

The Town docks will be removed October 15th.

Airport expansion project funds are being used on the road project. We just received a check for \$20,000. \$45,000 has been received thus far. This money will be used for the town's 5% contribution to FAA projects at the airport.

Taxi way stubs at the end of 21 have been redone to make them safer. When the old beacon and tower are removed, the town will get the old steel which we will recycle.

Our Town Clerk, Tammy Firman, has been laser focused on getting the tax bills out. Her goal has been achieved. She sent out 2428 real estate tax bills and 70 personal property bills.

We are still getting estimates for security cameras. A vendor is putting together a proposal.

Fuel sales for the Fly-In last year was 150 sales in five days (Wednesday through Sunday) for a total of 4,942 gallons sold.

This year, of course we had rain, saw a total of 83 sales with 3,993 gallons sold.

For the Spruce Street housing project, construction will start on the infrastructure and new street May 1<sup>st</sup> of next year or they might be able to get a head start this fall. The contractor, Sargeant says it will be an 8-week project.

#### 11. Public Comment

None

## 12. What's on your mind?

No one had anything to share.

#### 13. Other Business

None

#### 14. Executive Session

A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Burt to enter Executive Session. Motion carried 4-0. Following discussion, we exited Executive Session at 7:12 pm as motioned by Richard and seconded by Burt. Motion carried 4-0.

## 15. Other Business

None

## 16. Adjourn

There being no further business it was motioned by Bonnie and seconded by Richard to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Tammy B. Firman Town Clerk, Secretary to Select Board