

Town of Greenville

Select Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, 6:30 pm, Greenville Town Hall Meeting Room

Minutes for Meeting of the Select Board

Board members/Staff present:

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

Others in attendance: Esther Ireland, John Contreni, Margarita Contreni, Guy Rouelle (DuBois and King), Emily Patrick, Maren Morris, Aurelie Adrien

Attendance via Zoom: Jen Riaccardi (DuBois and King)

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 identified.

4. Minutes from February 18th, 2026

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Richard to accept the minutes of February 18th, 2026 as written. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

A request was made by Mike Roy for two additions. The first would become 7a. Tammy Firman – TIF Committee applications. The second addition is a request for a second Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(c) which will become item 12a. There were no requests for deletions. A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Burt to accept the two additions as requested. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Aurelie Adrien – Greenville Volunteers

Aurelie shared that she is here to ask for more banners and lights for the town. The town purchased winter banners and they would like to have additional banners for spring, summer and fall. Maren Mason has played around with design and has one for Moosehead Lake and one for the Town of Greenville. Many towns have these types of banners and they look very nice. The proposed banners are the same size as the others. The woman who owns the Bark and Buoy also does printing and banners. She is willing to work with them on price. If they get 15-20 banners, the cost will be \$60 per banner for the 48” x 24” size which is what we currently have. If we went larger, to a 48” x 36” size, the cost would be \$75 per banner but we would need new brackets.

They could work on designs and the Selectmen could choose. The selectmen authorized purchase of 12 banners last time. There is room for 20 banners. They could do multiple designs.

The new banners would go up by Memorial Day weekend or whenever the winter banners come down.

Geno suggested that if funding is sought, the town must plan for this in the budget process. Geno suggests that they look to Destination Moosehead Lake or the MLREDC for funding for these banners. Going forward there will be a significant discussion about town funding for the non-profits. Richard thinks the banners would be great and we just need to figure out how to pay for them.

Aurelie also had an additional request. She asks if the town would be able to put up and take down the banners and wreaths? It's hard for the volunteers to find someone to put them up and take them down. Geno asked Mike to follow up this. Margarita says there are some community grants which may be able to be applied for that could be submitted for this sort of thing.

7. Jen Ricciardi and Guy Rouelle – DuBois and King

DuBois and King represents the town and airport regarding airport needs. They work with the Airport Advisory Committee, the town manager and the community. They have been the airport engineers for several years. Over the past 4-5 years, the FAA has been closely looking at smaller airports. They decided that they will only fund one runway. The question then became should the town fund it? What is the purpose? The FAA changed their mind and agreed to fund both runways. A crosswind runway is important. The Airport Advisory Committee has worked through the master planning process. The forecast is what the FAA approves. We are trying to conserve what the airport has. We've done inventory and facility requirements with alternatives (runways, DOT interests, hangars and the terminal area).

A longer runway is desired. The Airport Advisory Committee realized that there would need to be property acquisition in order to do this. In 2014, a 500-foot runway extension had been approved. There is a potential for a minor extension at the southeast end. This would give the opportunity to extend the runway if needed.

The terminal area is where vehicles come in. A gate was put in there. A stub taxiway was removed. The most important issue is to allow for fluid transition of Life Flight of Maine. The airport desires more paved area for tie downs. Over time, we plan to extend the apron and have more tie downs when FAA funding becomes available.

The DOT commissioner was interested in this as well as the Maine DOT Aeronautics. Statewide, there is a huge deficit in hangars. Aircraft owners don't want their investments stuck in the snow over the winter. The airport needs to be able to provide hangars for those who want one. Over the summer months, an airport wide SLODA permit was submitted. Hangars can be built beginning in the spring. There will be up to 32 new hangars. Commissioner Bernhardt said that since Greenville is doing such a large hangar development, there is a match for grants. The Town of Rangely was able to stack some match money to get theirs funded at 100%. Greenville is the only airport in the state working on hangar development on a large scale. We will ask for additional fund matching from the state.

Senator King and Collins are starting CDS grants. The airport was denied before. They are now permitted and designed which makes them eligible for CDS grants. The grant applications will be due in a few weeks. We can dust off the previous application and tweak it in order to be able to submit on time.

The benefit of adding the hangars is that it would increase revenue for the airport. Fuel sales and hangar leases are revenue for the airport. Many towns have this funding go directly to the airport.

The CIP needs to be put together. The final report must be submitted to the FAA once the town decides which alternatives they want. This master plan is good for ten years and would not need to be done again for ten years.

Geno said that the town's charge to DuBois and King is to make the airport solvent. Mike told the budget committee that they want to direct the tax revenue from the airport back to the airport. Kudos from the Select board to the Airport Advisory for the hard work they are doing.

Burt asked what is the largest plane that we can have land at our airport? Guy stated that we can have smaller jets (5-6 passenger) land here. The runway needs to be reconstructed. It was built for a specific weight capacity. The maximum capacity now is 18-25,000 pounds.

Is it risky for overweight planes to land? Not really, they can actually accommodate planes at a higher weight.

If the runway is reconstructed, will the weight rating go up? Yes.

The Maine DOT Aeronauticals Division told Mike that Greenville has the largest request for hangars in the state. He says that they are looking forward to moving forward with the plan that was presented tonight. Steve Levesque could not be here tonight, but he recommends moving forward.

A motion was made by Richard to move the alternatives from the Master Plan forward. Motion was seconded by Burt. There being no discussion, motion carried 4-0.

7a. Tammy Firman – Applications for TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) Committee

Tammy presented applications from five applicants for the TIF Committee. She also gave out an additional application which has not been returned therefore will not be considered at this time.

These applicants will be discussed in Executive Session and appointments made.

8. Sawyer Murray - Fire Department update

Calls are up for the fire department. Last year was their busiest year on record. Calls have steadily increased since 2017. Calls for this year are already ahead of where they were last year.

There are more calls for snowmobile accidents and assist ambulance.

There have been more calls for building fires.

There have been more chimney fires. This may be related to the fact that the fire department can no longer clean chimneys.

Car accidents are up a little.

Nuisance calls are down – these are for things such as trees down, trees blocking roadways, etc.

As noted at the last Select Board Meeting, the Greenville Police Department received the state's SHAPE award. The Department of Labor will renew the Greenville Fire Department for SHAPE in two years.

This helps in that the Department of Labor will not inspect unless a specific complaint is filed. This also gives us a small discount on insurance.

Over the past three years they have received over \$320,000 in grants which funded items such as air packs and gear washers and dryer. They also received matching grants which were met by association for forest fire-fighting equipment. The association has donated items such as snowmobiles, snow ambulance, and a trailer to haul these items.

Eight firefighters took the basic EMT class. Of these eight, 4 received an EMT license and 4 are working on it. Three went on to the advanced class. Two are finishing clinical time and will take the class.

The FD goes to EMS calls as well as fire calls. They assist EMS. They need to beef up our EMS personnel.

The training area for the fire department is across from the transfer station. The shipping containers will be used for smoke-filled building training. This will also serve for other training. They currently have to go somewhere else for training. They have better attendance for training when it can be done in town. They need more actual fire training. They do lots of rescue training but need more fire training. They are currently working through budget process.

They have a cost-recovery policy to help recoup costs from non-taxpayers. Insurance is billed if they are not a taxpayer in Greenville. They also bill for false alarms on the third false alarm call and any additional. They have been able to recoup over \$17,000. They don't pursue after three attempts to collect.

Current staffing is at 26 members. They're down a little due to family commitments. One guy from Guilford comes to work sessions to help. Another guy has a camper here in the summer. He lives in Lincoln during the winter. Of their volunteers, there are about fifteen who are active.

The association works hand-in-hand to help. They have helped to acquire various needed equipment. They also make donations to people who lose everything in a fire. They have a toy drive for kids but did not do it this year. They team with Kiwanis to do a toy drive. They help to save the town money by helping purchase items.

Bonnie asked if the basic 15 members are good about responding. Sawyer says that most of their guys work and can't always respond. They do what they can.

They have one junior firefighter. Sawyer has promoted the junior firefighter program at the school. He will hit the school again in the spring to attempt to recruit.

The fishing derby had a good year. The number of fish were down but they had a good turnout. The weather was good – a little windy but not bad. The derby helps local businesses. They announce the weights as fish are weighed in which may keep people from coming in for a weigh-in if their catch is lower in weight.

Burt asked how would Sawyer rate the communication between dispatch and FD/PD. Sawyer replied that it is sometimes good, sometimes not. The forest rangers cannot monitor their frequency. Our dispatch has to call their dispatch. The area of the call is also important. Sometimes they are in an area with no radio communication. Sometimes IF&W is there with higher powered radios they will assist. We use the same dispatch as the police department. Burt listens to the scanner and sometimes they struggle.

Margarita asked about the emergency alert system that we received a grant for. We got a grant for Everbridge which will be paid for from the grant. However, there is an annual maintenance fee of \$5,200 per year that we were unaware. We are on hold for now on that. Mike says that we will discuss this during the budget planning.

9. Manager's Report

The budgetary highlights are in the Selectmen's packets. It is from 2024. Mike has two bound copies in his office which people can view. The Town of Greenville has complied with all provisions from the audit. It indicates that nothing came to the attention of the auditors that would not be considered acceptable from the town nor from the school.

Mike has been asked to join the Maine Municipal Association nominating committee.

Preo Park is a nice little underutilized area. Mike has talked with Mike Wilson who feels that the Northern Forest Center might be able to provide some funding. They may be able to add a small dock (for carry in) or picnic tables. An application has been received to apply from a grant.

The deadline for the RFP for roads is March 19th at 5 pm. A number of contractors have called with questions which were answered.

With help from Library Trustees, a new door to annex building has been added. It is beautiful and will be better for a fire escape. It will still need some fire escape improvement to make it a better exit.

We will likely be posting the roads within the next two weeks. Mike has notified area businesses as a courtesy.

The Selectmen decided at a previous meeting that an engineering study should be done for the Spruce Street reconstruction. Haley Ward submitted an evaluation. They will include new infrastructure and will oversee the bid process. They will charge \$22,000 for a contract to do this. Selectmen agree by consensus to proceed with this contract.

10. Public Comment

Margarita Contreni, chair of the MLREDC reported that they have decided to expand outreach and have a larger job fair beyond just our region. They hosted a table at UM Orono a few weeks ago and last week at Husson University. Many students attended with lots of interest. Derek Heady and Tom Watt joined as business representatives. DML maintains an ongoing list of job opportunities.

They will be hosting students from Tri-County Technical Center for a visit.

They will sponsor a third job fair in March.

They continue to raise funds for the mountain. They are approximately two weeks or perhaps a bit longer away from being able to sign a contract to purchase the mountain. They are nearly ready to offer a contract to an appraiser which is a requirement of one of the grants that they have received.

Margarita has been asked by Lee Humphreys, CEO and President of the Eastern Maine Development Corporation to serve on a strategic planning group which is required of them by the US Economic Development Agency. Their region consists of Piscataquis, Penobscot, Hancock and Waldo Counties. For the past two years, they have received a substantial grant from the EMDC to partner on workforce recruitment issues.

11. What's on your Mind?

Richard shared that he feels that we need to get numbers for an enlargement of the vault for the town office and security cameras.

12. Other Business

None

13. Executive Session 1 MRSA ss 405(6)(c) Economic Development

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Bonnie to enter into Executive Session at 7:53 pm. There being no discussion, motion carried 4-0. Following discussion, a motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Burt to exit Executive Session at 8:47 pm. There being no further discussion, motion carried 4-0.

13a. 1 MRSA ss 405(6)(a) Personnel Matters

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Richard to enter Executive Session at 8:47 pm. There being no discussion, motion carried 4-0. Following discussion, a motion was made by Richard and seconded by Burt to exit Executive Session at 9:01 pm. There being no further discussion, motion carried 4-0.

14. Other Business

Geno shared that applications for the TIF Committee had been received from John Contreni, Robert Gann, Bradford Dunn, Woodie Bartley and Virginia Jones. A motion was made by Burt to accept all of the above applicants for membership on the TIF Committee and seconded by Richard. There being no further discussion, motion carried 4-0.

15. Adjourn

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Richard to adjourn at 9:03 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tammy B. Firman
Town Clerk