

Town of Greenville Select Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 20th, 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 Fire Chief Sawyer Murray
 X Selectman Richard Peat X Town Manager Mike Roy X Town Clerk Tammy Firman

Others in attendance: John Contreni, Margarita, Esther Ireland, Janet Chasse

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. Bonnie DuBien stated that she has a potential conflict with one of the town warrant articles and will abstain from the vote on that item (discontinuation of Crescent Street). Geno Murray stated that he had a potential conflict with three of the town warrant articles and would abstain from the vote on those items (fire department budget, police department budget and public works department budget).

4. Minutes from May 6th, 2026

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Richard to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

None were requested

6. Follow-up from the March 18th meeting regarding request for partial abatement of Tree Growth Penalty from Mike Theriault

Geno asked Mike Roy to share what had been learned about the legality of his request. Tammy researched and printed copies of the law regarding tree growth penalty. A call was made to the Maine Bureau of Revenue Services where we were advised that there is no provision in the law for a local governing body to abate a tree growth penalty except if there had been an error made.

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Richard to deny the request made by Mike Theriault on the basis that it is not legally permissible for the Select Board to approve this action. There being no further discussion, motion carried 4-0.

7. Select Board approval of Budget Warrant Articles and signatures

Geno read the entire warrant. A decision was made to vote on the warrant articles as a block. Bonnie abstained from voting on Article 29 as she has a potential conflict. Geno abstained from voting on Articles 35, 36 and 38 due to potential conflict.

A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Burt to accept the warrant articles. Motion carried 4-0 on all articles except the four mentioned above. There is a note on each of the articles indicating those who abstained due to potential conflict.

8. Manager's Report

The Town applied for a grant for Preo Park. We received \$11,110 in grant funding for the park from the Northern Forest Center and the RK Mellon Foundation. Mike read information regarding the grant (attached). We will improve the parking lot, trim some trees, add picnic tables and a floating dock. This update to the park will allow for close to town public access to the lake. Local residents and visitors will be able to view sunsets over the lake without leaving town. We are very grateful the NFC and the RK Mellon Foundation for these funds.

Mike received a call from Susan Collins' office last week. We applied for a \$4.5 million CDS grant for the development of hangar infrastructure. She has also moved our application up to the Appropriations Committee for review. They will be voting on that in June or July. The grant is for taxiways or infrastructure, not for hangars.

We can finally check this one off this list – the new docks have been delivered and installed at Sawyer Pond. The old docks have been removed. The Town is responsible for maintaining them.

Planning has begun for the grand opening of Red Cross Beach which is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th at 1 pm. Mike hopes everyone can attend and hopes that Geno will say a few words.

The contractor who will be doing the ditching and road repair will meet with our public works foreman tomorrow for a review of the areas identified by FEMA for the December 2023 storm. We are not sure when the work will begin.

The Spruce Street infrastructure is progressing nicely. The new water line will cross Spruce Street towards the new street. Spruce Street will be closed tomorrow to all traffic with the exception of local homeowners. It's looking good.

Memorial Day is approaching quickly. Public Works has already placed the benches back out. The trash cans will be placed by the end of the day on Friday. The MLREDC has purchased special large trashcans which will accommodate pizza boxes. They will be out as well. The flags will be put up tomorrow along with the new banners and America's 250th flags. Beth will be assisting public works with the logistics of placement of the flags. The part-time foreman will be working with the contractor so Beth volunteered to spend most of the day out of the office getting some fresh air and assisting.

Public works will be starting the mowing this week. We want everything cleaned up and spiffy for Memorial Day.

As a reminder, the public restrooms at the Wharf will be closed this season due to deterioration of the building and needed maintenance. MMA Risk Management has identified evidence of roof and trim deterioration and the building needs painting as well. The town's plumber has notified us about some on-going plumbing issues as well. Three portable toilets will be placed tomorrow and remain for the season. One is handicapped accessible. The building will need to be an item of discussion in the future for either significant repair, replacement or removal.

Mike will be in Augusta all day tomorrow. He was asked to sit on the nominating committee for the MMA Executive Board. They will be interviewing candidates for upcoming openings.

Our clerks are dealing with not being able to register ATVs. The state has not sent the stickers to the town. Tammy has also been informed that we will only receive one book of 20 stickers until the state receives more. Anyone who has previously registered their ATV must complete their registration online. The state will mail the stickers to them. Unfortunately, for new registrations of ATVs, they will need to either contact the state or wait until we receive the stickers. The trails will likely be opened on Saturday.

Richard asked Mike to contact the DOT regarding the holes on Moosehead Lake Road and a large bump at the overpass near Indian Hill. Mike will contact them.

Janet Chasse asked Mike to give an update on the YES building. He has been meeting weekly, twice last week. They have nailed down a floor-plan and location. They are waiting for the contractor to come up with a good budget number and a not-to-exceed number. The Foundation is still a bit short on necessary funding. Janet responded that they are not short \$300,000. Mike stated that they have not given him anything in writing. The building cost was at \$3.2. million last week which is down significantly from the earlier quote. This is thanks to everyone working together so that we can make this happen. We're very close to be able to bring a plan with a firm price to the Selectmen for approval.

Janet Chasse asked to be able to add that they have received a \$100,000 donation from Claudia Justice who is someone that Janet knows. They needed \$300,000 as a grant match for a NRBC grant. They had stopped asking people for donations until things tightened up a bit. Claudia Justice is also willing to lend the Foundation \$100,000 if it is needed to be repaid over ten years. Janet also states that they have an anonymous person who is willing to lend them an additional \$100,000. So, according to Janet, they have matched the last grant. They will continue to fund raise in order not to have to borrow as much. Janet says that they are now within \$20,000 of the amount needed.

Mike Roy said that the Rec Center will have about 1,600 square feet including a small office which is very doable. Kelly McFadyen, school superintendent, is happy.

Janet Chasse says that she believes everyone is happy with the plans. Burt offered kudos to everyone who has worked so hard to make this building happen. Janets says that they will not give up. The sign at the school keeps blowing over and they keep standing it up.

9. Public Comment

Margarita Contreni gave an update from the MLREDC. They recently hosted four students from the Entrepreneurship Program at the Tri-County Technical Center along with their instructor, Marston King, for two days. Ten local businesses agreed to meet with the them and share the history of how their business was started, where it is currently and some of their challenges and accomplishments. They also offered advice to the students. It's part of their interest in starting this program as so many of our businesses are family-owned.

Margarita also shared that Aurelie Adrien prepared a proposal requesting funds for new banners and brackets for the town. The MLREDC approved her proposal.

Margarita also asked to give a very brief update from the mountain. They continue to make good progress. They expect to announce a major gift later in the summer. The last stage is always a challenge. They expect to finish the campaign by the end of the year.

Esther Ireland recommended that information should be provided to the tax-payers regarding the problems associated with those who do not pay their taxes. She feels that knowledge is power and a few minutes of explanation before the annual town meeting would be helpful so that people understand how things work and how it effects the budget.

The Budget Committee would like for there to be about a five-minute preamble to the Town Meeting giving the Greenville residents a view of the budgetary process. They need to understand the principal drivers: county taxes, insurance costs. They need to know that department heads were asked to keep their budgets flat and they did a good job doing that except for salaries, utilities, insurance and things we have no control over. It might be helpful if people could understand all of this before things are turned over the moderator.

10. Other Business

None

11. What's on your mind?

Richard asked Mike if we have an attachment to the bobcat that could be used to clean up the beach at the wharf from debris which has washed up from the lake. Mike said that in years past, they have cleaned it up by hand. As time allows, Public Works will get to it.

Janet Chasse said another area that needs cleaning is downtown at the Jack's Air Service sign. There is a lot of garbage including old tires along that little walkway that goes to his docks where the brook empties. It looks terrible. The high school students used to clean that up. They no longer do that.

Burt offered kudos to the Public Works guys for the great job they did with the street sweeping.

Mike shard that street striping will begin soon. They will obviously not stripe the areas where repaving will be done.

Mike talked to DOT today regarding Pritham Avenue and their curb-to-curb overlay that is being put on from Greenville to at least the East or West Outlet, if not Rockwood. They will begin on June 15th with grinding. They will grind Pritham Avenue all the way down.

Burt asked if the old restrooms at the Wharf were locked up? Yes, they are.

12. Other Business

None

13. Adjourn

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Bonnie to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tammy B. Firman
Town Clerk, Secretary to Select Board