

Town of Greenville Select Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 5th, 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 (Vice-Chair)	X Selectman Richard Peat
X Selectman Burton Whitman	X Selectman Richard Peat	Selectman Newton Pierce
Fire Chief Sawyer Murray	X Police Chief Jim Carr	X Town Manager Mike Roy
X Town Clerk Tammy Firman		

Zoom: No participants

Others: Officer William Plume, Esther Ireland, Emily Patrick

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 15th, 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. Tammy Firman, Town Clerk – Request for Catering License for Stress-Free Moose

Tammy presented two requests for catering liquor licenses from the Stress-Free Moose. The first is for a fundraiser at Bartley's (Mallett Brothers Concert) on August 22nd, 2026 on behalf of Moosehead Caring for Kids Foundation. The second is for the Fly-In for events at the Lincoln Street Hangar associated with the Fly-In. Tammy has checked with Chiefs Murray and Carr who both recommend approval. She indicated to the Selectmen that all paperwork is in good order. A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Richard to approve the request. Motion carried 4-0. All selectmen signed the requests and returned them to Tammy for processing.

7. Chief James Carr – Police Department Update

Chief Carr states that he is here to give an update of what is going on with the police department and also to educate about what goes on behind the scenes that the public doesn't see. They have had a busy summer. There have been many complaints to the Town Office, Town Manager and Selectmen regarding what is perceived as a lack of police presence. Over the past two months, we have had 13 calls for welfare checks, 52 traffic offenses, 14 reports of accidents involving property damage, 3 personal injury –

two of which involved log trucks. The log trucks were not doing anything wrong, someone ran into the back of them. One of these accidents involved a fatality which closed the road into Greenville for a period of time while the investigation was being conducted. There were six reports of theft, 1 OUI, 10 agency assist requests – two of these were to assist Somerset County. Sometimes they need blood kits or we need to help by going to the hospital to get a blood test for the person involved in an accident while the other officers that we assist are doing their investigation. There were twenty-six 911-related calls with some being misdials, open lines or hang-ups. These are just some of the calls and issues that we've dealt with that is being shared so that people have an idea of what we are doing.

There have been complaints about people parking between the barrels that have been placed so that there would be no parking. Mike had the Public Works staff put out the barrels. These are working well. The Town Office has received complaints about people moving the barrels. Officers drove through 21 times and no one was parked where the barrels are located.

There are also complaints of speeding on Lily Bay Road. This is due to a lack of police presence according to public. Mike Favreau has written many summons' for speeding on Lily Bay. There is only one person working at a time. They can only do one thing at a time.

We were recently involved with a report of an elderly woman missing who had left Greenville on her way to Florida. Over 15 hours were logged assisting with trying to track her down. Issues such as this are very time consuming. We prioritize events such as this over checking for parking.

Accident reports take 1.5 hours each. We have to get onto the state webpage to submit information to the state. A simple hit and run at Indian Hill takes a lot of time to track the person down. We have to view the video and try to get a plate number.

The two log truck accidents required significant amounts of time to report. The accident with the fatality required a very significant amount of time. The report to the state will be large and at least 20 hours have been logged to work on this so far.

There have been motor vehicle thefts in the past few months. One was a juvenile and it takes time to deal with this.

Parking issues are not as important as serious police or safety matters.

Officer Carr introduced Officer William Plume who gave a detailed daily activity log so that he can make sure people understand what he is doing. Officer Plume is concerned that people think he isn't doing anything because he is working out. He works out so that he can be physically fit for his job. He also takes police calls while he is working out.

The Selectmen need to know what the PD actually does. They may not be running radar nor patrol because they are handling other issues.

Jimmy suggests that they may need to have two people on duty so that there can be a more prominent presence in town.

Mike asked Jimmy to speak about the fines and traffic tickets. The Town gets no money from fines or tickets that are issued –100% of this goes to the state. Each traffic ticket also costs time for the police department.

Jimmy says that he often hears that there needs to be strict enforcement and tickets issued. They have to use a bit of discretion about what is going on. Sometimes people are running late or having a bad day. Sometimes, you have to realize that a warning does work rather than ticketing.

Jimmy was upset about the complaints being made to the Town Manager and Town Office staff. He wants people to reach out to him with any complaints or concerns.

Burt says that he hears the scanner all the time and is indifferent on the situation. Greenville PD has Burt's permission to sit in his driveway at 7 am and see how many people are not only speeding but are passing in a no-passing zone.

Bonnie says that Jimmy was a part of the conversation when she brought an issue to his and Mike's attention. She was not criticizing. She was making them aware of the public scrutiny of not just the police department but the fire department as well.

Geno says that we have an obligation to be educated and before we get hasty with complaints that we understand what is going on. Billy did an excellent job with his update. These guys can get called at any time. It's only a handful of people who are complaining.

Bonnie says that they have explained to the public that some of the time the PD is training.

Geno says that having the PD explain is helpful.

Geno and Richard offered their thanks to the PD for their work.

8. Approval to apply for a Bond Anticipated Note (BAN) for street and road reconstruction

Mike shared that in the CIP we have designated Varney Road, Spruce Street, Scammon Road and a portion of East Road for work. Spruce Street was started yesterday. Varney, East and Scammon will start in the fall. We need a BAN for a gap filler until we can apply to the bond bank. Mike reached out to Androscoggin Bank and to Camden National Bank.

A motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Burt to authorize Mike to begin the process for a BAN as requested. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Manager's Report

Bolster's has acquired all of Moosehead Rubbish including the recycling center. We had the recycling at the Transfer station but have moved everything back to the Recycling Center. We will save some money on rental fee of the containers and of having the containers hauled away.

Feedback is that some will miss the convenience of only having one location.

Public Works has started work on the Preo Park revitalization. This is thanks to a grant in the amount \$11,110 from the Northern Forest Center.

Regarding the new loader that was approved in the CIP, we received four bids which were reviewed with the Public Works foreman. The bid was awarded to United Construction for a John Deere loader. The final cost will be \$95,234 after the trade-in and the funds received from the sale of the old Western Star. It will be arriving in December.

Tammy filed 75 liens with the Registry of Deeds which amount to approximately \$165,000. We have started to receive payment on some of these delinquent accounts.

We have completed the RFP for airport consulting and engineering. It was sent to the FAA for review and approval. It has been five years since we last did this. We will send this RFP out to all the consultants we used last year.

We have had a request from the Moosehead Marine Museum for a no-swimming sign at the dock. This is related to a safety issue with the Katahdin docking. We hope people will be respectful.

The Gazebo now has a sign that indicates that the park is closed after dark.no loitering, park closed.

Code Enforcement has issued permits in the last two weeks for two single-family homes.

Hiring update – we received 12 applications for the Library Assistant. Some of these are not legitimate as people fill out applications online in order that they “check the box” for unemployment. Most came from Indeed. We think that some of these are just checking off the box for unemployment. Interviews were held. The position was filled and the employee started today.

Recreation Director, Sally Tornquist’s last day is the 29th of August 2026. We have received 7 applications for that position. Mike met with the rec committee and we decided to interview four of the applicants. Mike expects to be able to send out an offer letter by the end of the week.

We have received nine applications for the public works position. Matt and Mike screened all of the applications. Three were interviewed. Many of the applicants had no experience. Once we hire a Recreation Director, we will decide on the public works position.

The state has painted the yellow center line on Pritham Avenue. I expect the white lines to be painted soon. I spoke with our stripier and the parking spots and crosswalks will be painted next week.

I have still heard nothing from the DEP regarding the SLODA permit for the airport.

We expect that the YES Building should break ground this month. Kelly MacFadyen is on board for this schedule. It will move forward. I have spoken to the fire chief. The entrance next to ball field will be closed and the construction area will be fenced in. The exit lane will be two-way traffic during construction.

The Selectmen have a copy of last fiscal year’s budget results. Expenses came in under budget and revenues above.

Scammon Road, Varney Road and a portion of East Road will have ditching started in late September by Roundy’s Paving who received the contract. This will be completed before the winter after the fly-in.

We are on the pyrotechnics calendar for next year’s July 4th fireworks which will be on July 4th, 2027. Their new minimum amount is \$15,000. We have only budgeted \$12,500.

The ATV stickers finally arrived yesterday.

The tax commitment will be on September 14th at noon. Also, we will start getting the word out about the market adjustment so the taxpayers will not be surprised. We don’t want people to be caught off-guard about this.

Tammy has shared that the state has changed the way that camper trailers are taxed which will result in less excise tax revenue for the Town.

10. Public Comment

Emily says thank you to the PD. They have been super responsive to her queries. One idea she has is that might consider posting some sort of log so that the public is aware of what is going on.

11. Other Business

None

12. What's on your mind?

Geno asked if there had been any complaints about the portable toilets at the Junction Wharf. Mike indicated that there have been a few complaints about people leaving trash in and around the toilets.

13. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA ss 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters

A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Burt to enter Executive Session at 7:20 pm. Motion carried 4-0. Following discussion, it was motioned by Richard and seconded by Burt to exit Executive Session at 8:33 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

14. Other Business

None

15. Adjourn

There being no further business, it was motioned by Bonnie and seconded by Burt to adjourn at 8:34 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tammy B. Firman
Town Clerk, Secretary to Select Board