

Town of Greenville
Board of Selectmen
Minutes- June 3, 2020

Call to Order at 3:33 p.m. Present at the Selectman's Office: Selectman Douglas Reardon and Town Administrator Tara Sousa. Attending via Zoom conference call: Chairperson Carla Mary and Selectwoman Margaret Bickford. The Chair read a statement indicating that the meeting was being conducted in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04. Board members attending remotely confirmed that they were alone at their locations. Members of the public were in attendance via conference call.

Pool Season

Chairperson Mary discussed her recommendation that, due to the CDC recommendations under which the Pool would need to open, and the current status of the Governor's orders, the Town not open the pool this year. Selectman Reardon expressed his disagreement with keeping the pool closed all summer. Selectwoman Bickford felt that the CDC recommendations would be difficult to implement.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to not open the pool this season, and to utilize this season to complete necessary repairs/maintenance.

Motion carried by roll call vote: C. Mary, yes; M. Bickford, yes; D. Reardon, no.

Chairperson Mary asked Selectman Reardon to clarify whether his objection was to the pool remaining closed, or to the repair work, such as paint touch-up. Selectman Reardon explained he disagreed with not opening the pool, but did support making needed repairs. He also wanted to confirm that the Pool House would not be utilized for any other public use during this time period.

New Business

Community Petition Re: Sped Limit on Route 31 (Country Mile Area)

The Selectmen reviewed a petition and letter submitted by Michael Sadowski, and signed by 40 residents and 11 non-residents, which requests that the State reduce the speed limit on Route 31. The Selectmen expressed support for requesting that the State review the area for a speed limit reduction. The Town Administrator shared Police Chief Mctague's comments to her regarding the petition, in that recent accidents in that location were caused by carelessness or distracted driving rather than speed. He had relayed his preference that a turning lane be implemented there.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to put forward the petition to the State DOT with their endorsement.

Motion carried by roll call vote: C. Mary, yes; M. Bickford, yes; D. Reardon, yes.

The Town Administrator questioned the specifics of the Board's endorsement, and if they wanted the State to consider anything beyond a speed reduction. Mr. Sadowski, who was attending via conference call, thanked the Board for their quick action on the residents' petition and expressed support for a letter to the State which expressed openness to any solutions which reduce the traffic danger in that area of Route 31. The Selectmen agreed to inclusion of a letter indicating their desire for a comprehensive review.

Meet with Rick Miller Re: Lions Club Use of Town Property for Event

The Board met with Rick Miller, who attended virtually, regarding use of Town property for a canoe/kayak race on the Souhegan, an idea the Lions Club was exploring as a fundraiser. Mr. Miller expressed that the mill pond is an underutilized feature of the Town. He discussed a similar event in Townsend, MA, that their event might be modeled after. Chairperson Mary questioned what permissions were required. The Town Administrator discussed the State ownership of waterways, but that if access to the river was staged on Town property, their approval for that use would be necessary. Liability for the event was discussed. The Town Administrator discussed options such as the organization's existing coverage, or an event policy obtainable through the Town's Primex coverage. Mr. Miller discussed that he did not view this as a stand-alone event, thinking that it would be held in conjunction with another Town event like 4th of July, Old Home Day, etc. He noted the many cancellations of events due to covid-19 might push this out to a future year. The Selectmen expressed support for the idea in a year not impacted by event cancellations. The issue of changing water levels was discussed, along with other logistics for such an event. Mr. Miller thanked the Board for their feedback and support.

Water System Emergency Action Plan

The Selectmen reviewed the Water Department's updated Emergency Action Plan, and authorized the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Town.

GOFERR Grant Options

The Town Administrator discussed options that were being explored by other towns for use of their municipal allocation under GOFERR, such as touchless bathroom fixtures and hazard pay stipends for essential front-line workers not covered by the State's first responder program. Selectman Reardon discussed the high cost of conversion to touchless fixtures, and that in his business he has found many clients dissatisfied with the operation of such fixtures. The Town Administrator noted that only the facilities in buildings in use, such as Town Hall, would qualify. The pool, which will not be opened for public use, would not qualify. The possibility of hazard pay for employees in the Clerk's office and the Highway Department was discussed. The Board expressed interest in looking at recommendations and costs to implement such a program. Chairperson Mary wanted to be sure other employees, such as the Building Inspector and Animal Control officer, were included in any cost estimate. The Town Administrator indicated she would bring options for consideration to the next Selectmen's meeting.

4th of July

Regarding the 4th of July, the Town Administrator discussed that the State was currently only approving drive-in type fireworks displays, and it was unknown if and when the prohibition of scheduled gatherings of 10 or more would be lifted/changed. Chairperson Mary suggested that the Board wait until their next meeting, when the status of the Governor's stay-at-home order would be known. Selectman Reardon expressed that, given the decision to not open the pool, and that the necessary planning for the event could not wait until mid-June, the decision should be made now to cancel the fireworks, parade, etc. The possibility of rescheduling fireworks to later in the year was discussed.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to cancel all 3rd/4th of July activities this year, and to potentially reschedule the fireworks to Old Home Day in August.

Motion carried by roll call vote: C. Mary, yes; M. Bickford, yes; D. Reardon, yes.

Wastewater: Rag Press Quote

The Selectmen reviewed a sole source letter from Huber regarding authorized service technicians. Chairperson Mary noted that no additional action was necessary, as the Board had previously authorized the expenditure for the quote rag press rebuild.

Miscellaneous

Chairperson Mary discussed that she asked the Town Administrator to pursue getting an alternate company to solve the basement flooring issue. Selectwoman Bickford inquired what was happening with the former contractor, and the Town Administrator replied that we had been unable to get any results from the Town attorney's efforts. Chairperson Mary noted that the Board would have to decide whether to pursue formal legal action in the future. She also wanted the Town Administrator to check on whether the contractor for the front steps had resumed work which he had suspended due to the pandemic.

Chairperson Mary discussed Pool Director Wanda Knisely having been an asset to the Town that she did not want to lose. She suggested that Mrs. Knisely could be provided some hours of employment to manage the repairs at the pool, and other tasks, in preparation for future seasons. The other Selectmen agreed to maintain Wanda Knisely as Pool Director.

The Town Administrator relayed the Tax Collector's concerns about the Post Office's current signature process for certified mail as it relates to the tax lien/deeding procedure.

Motion Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2020 Selectman's meeting.

Motion carried by roll call vote: C. Mary, yes; M. Bickford, yes; D. Reardon, yes.

Signature Folder**The Selectmen:**

- Reviewed, discussed, and approved the minutes of the May 13, 2020 meeting.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved check manifests for accounts payable and payroll.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Board/Committee Appointments.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Purchase Orders: Fire, Wastewater.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectman Reardon, to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Motion carried by roll call vote: C. Mary, yes; D. Reardon, yes; M. Bickford, yes.

Submitted by: Tara Sousa/Town Administrator

Approved by:


Carla C. Mary/Chairperson



Douglas A. Reardon/Selectman



Margaret Bickford/Selectwoman