

Greensboro Selectboard

MARCH 27, 2013 • SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Anne Stevens, Warren Hill, Jr., Bridget Collier

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Wood

OTHERS PRESENT: Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Clive Gray

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Discussion of a Civil Contract

Bridget made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 7:04 PM to discuss a civil contract, where premature disclosure might affect the town's interests; Valdine Hall will be present.

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left the Executive Session at 7:16 PM.

Paul Gillies, David Massey's lawyer, stated in a letter dated 12/12/12 that:

- *Mr. Massey has no right to block access to [Perrin] road, and has no intention of interfering with the Town's modest improvement of the beginning of the road;*
- *That the road is public upon the decision of the Selectboard, and available for travel by anyone; and that*
- *The Town may gravel the road as it sees fit, as long as this does not prevent [Mr. Massey] from accessing his property. There is no point or authority for some approval process for using it.*

Bridget said that the Town's attorney recommended that the town do whatever is necessary to make Perrin road usable.

The Board gave the Greensboro Historical Society and Rob Hurst the authority to make improvements to the road in order to make it usable.

It was noted that if the road is blocked in the future, statute allows the town to remove the obstruction and assess a \$1000 fine.

It was unknown if Perrin Rd. is still staked out; Clive Gray will make sure the stakes and pins are there; if not, surveyor Wayne Mutrux will be asked to replace them prior to any work on the road.

The Board will write the G.H.S. a letter giving them official approval to make improvements to the road.

REVIEW AUDIT

The Board reviewed the recently completed outside audit. The recommendations of the auditor included:

- Financial policies need to be created and put in place;
- There needs to be a threshold created to determine which capital assets get depreciated; and
- Certain town-related items on the appropriations list (voted on at town meeting) should be removed and listed separately in the warning. This includes the Recreation Committee, Caspian Milfoil Program, Historical Society, and the Library. Discussion; the library's status is complicated – for example, the town pays workmen's comp. for the librarian, yet she is not a town employee.

Greensboro Nursing Home – tax status. Currently, the town assesses taxes on the property; this amount is then offset by an appropriation. Discussion of structuring this 'tax exempt' arrangement differently. Valdine noted that in a 'standard audit' (which was just completed), auditors are not specifically looking for fraud. A forensic audit is typically needed to detect fraud, and this is considerably more expensive.

Bridget made the following motion:

The Board will review the list of town appropriations and rework it as necessary.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board approved Anne, Bridget and Valdine to begin work on some of the auditor's recommendations, including financial policies.

APPOINT LISTER

Earl Caspar volunteered to serve as a lister.

Bridget made the following motion:

The Board appoints Earl Caspar to the position of town lister, with a two year term.

Anne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel

Bridget made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8 PM to discuss a personnel issue.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left Executive Session at 8:09 PM, and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 810 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk

AMENDED 4/12/13 J.K.