

Greensboro Selectboard

January 11, 2017

Meeting Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Romans, Susan Wood, Judy Carpenter, Sean Thomson, Michael Lapierre

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Tanner, Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Jeff Perry, Tiffany Perry, Eric LaPoint, Ana LaPoint

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:32 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from the 12/14/16 Selectboard meeting approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

POLICE

No representative from the H.P.D. was present. The Board reviewed the December police report; it was noted that the November report was not received last month.

ROADS

1. Road Supervisor's Report – Dan Tanner.

- The 2015 Western Star truck has had electrical problems since new. Repairs have been covered by the warranty, but cost the town in time and fuel since the truck has to be driven to the dealership, along with rides back and forth to a driver.
- Andre may be back at work soon, likely with restricted hours.

2. New Signage. Sue suggested the following: **1)** a Stop sign at the intersection of Harrington and Lakeview Roads, and **2)** a Yield sign at the intersection of Overlook and Lakeview Roads. Research will be done to make sure that the most appropriate sign (*Stop* or *Yield*) is used at each intersection.

3. Lake Rd. – Eric LaPoint. Eric and his family live on Lake Rd. Eric thanked the Town and Perry's for their work keeping the road passable, but said that the road is dangerous and asked the Board to schedule major improvements to make the road safer and bring it up to Class III specs. The road is narrow and there is a steep drop off on the downhill side. Eric suggested guardrails; Dan said that prior to guardrails, a new culvert needs to be installed. He added that a hydraulic study would be necessary to determine culvert size and exact placement.

Dan said that a number of years ago, the Town solicited a bid from Gravel Construction to improve the road. Their quote was approx. \$500k, and involved significant blasting on one side, and fill on the other side. Sue said the Board would look into making the road safer, but that the project could take some time.

Eric told the Board that he will be logging on his property adjacent to Lake Rd. Some of this cutting will be in the town R.O.W.; Eric proposed that the Town pay for some of the logging work, since this cutting must be done anyway for road improvements to be made.

After discussion, the Board decided it was not appropriate to pay for logging in the town R.O.W. While disappointed, Eric said he would still do the cutting in the R.O.W.

An agreement between the Town and LaPoint for the logging in R.O.W. had been drawn up prior to the meeting; the Board reviewed the agreement and added the specific days and times that the work will be happening. The road will need to be closed during the logging operation; the Town will warn the road closings for Fri. 1/20 and Sat. 1/21, from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM each day.

Sue made the following motion:

The Board approves the agreement between Eric LaPoint and the Town, with the addition of the specific date and time of the road closures.

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The final agreement will be available at the town offices for Eric and the Board to sign prior to the start of the logging job.

4. Driveway Plowing / Drives Needing Work – Jeff and Tiffany Perry. Jeff reported that many drives need minor work, and a few have major problems:

- 1) *Sachs.* Hasn't been plowed in four years; they've been asked to put down gravel but have not.
- 2) *Debbie Ling.* Has been a problem since 1998; is only plowable when frozen in first. The Town will send a letter to Ling saying that the drive will continue to be plowed this winter, but if it breaks up during a thaw, Perry's will have to stop plowing it.
- 3) *Dana Patten.* Jeff said there are boulders and/or ledge and that the drive needs gravel next spring, but agreed to continue plowing it.

Discussion of a protocol whereby drives are inspected during the summer, with a letter sent if improvements are required for plowing the following winter.

Peter made the following motion:

By May 1 annually, Jeff Perry will provide the Town with a list of drives needing work in order to be plowed. The Town will notify landowners that improvements must be made if they wish to be plowed by the Town the following winter, with drives inspected by Sept 30. If the improvements have not been made, the drive will not be plowed.

Michael seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 5. VTrans – Certificate of Highway Mileage.** The Board signed the 2017 Certificate of Highway Mileage; there were no changes from last year.
- 6. Old Town Pickup – Open Bid.** One bid was received from Chuck and Ronin Hill, for \$313. Judy made the following motion:

The Board accepts the \$313 bid from Chuck and Ronin Hill for the Town's old pickup truck.

Michael seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

No monthly report was available to review, and no representative from the G.F.D. was present.

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER – Valdine Hall

- The Board reviewed the FY 2017 budget, Y.T.D.
- **FY 2018 Budget Items.** Discussion. \$2k will be put in the budget for improvements to the recycling center. The *diesel* line item was lowered from \$50k to \$45k. It appears the budget will have a $\pm 3\%$ increase over the current year.
- **Town Offices – Redesign.** Outgoing Town Clerk Valdine Hall told the Board that the current open floor plan of the town offices leads to constant interruptions during the work day. This issue will be discussed further with the new Town Clerk after town meeting.
- **2016 Equalization Study.** The 2016 Equalization Study from the VT Dept. of Taxes was reviewed; Greensboro's numbers look 'really good' according to Valdine.
- **Pace & Hawley (Outside Auditors) – New Contract.** The firm is completing their last audit of a 3 year contract. A new contract, for audits of FY's '17, '18, and '19 with the same terms and price, was reviewed. Valdine said the firm has been good to work with, and now knows town operations well.

Peter made the following motion:

The Board accepts the engagement letter from Pace & Hawley, who will audit the Town's financial records for F.Y.'s 2017, 2018, and 2019 at a cost of no more than \$8650 for each annual audit.

Michael seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Caspian Challenge Race.** The Board reviewed the Sixth Annual Caspian Challenge proposal as submitted by Stew Arnold for the Greensboro Association. The race will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2017.

Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves the Caspian Challenge proposal as presented by Stew Arnold.

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Openings on Town Committees and Boards.** Sue proposed to run an ad for a couple of weeks, listing current openings on Town committees and boards. The ad will have a link to the Town website, where detailed information about each position will be available. There have been two recent resignations from the Planning Commission, and the DRB'S clerk will be resigning effective Town Meeting day.

Mary Landon submitted a letter of interest in serving on the Planning Commission. As the Town is about to advertise a number of openings on boards and committees, Landon will be notified that appointments won't be made for a few more weeks.

3. **VLCT Special Business Meeting.** A special meeting will be held on Feb. 15, 2017 to vote on changes to VLCT's Bylaws. Judy will represent the Town at the meeting.
4. **Town Meeting Warning – Special Meeting.** The Board will hold a special meeting to sign the Town Meeting warning on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 5:45 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sue made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:17 PM to discuss a personnel issue.

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 8:40 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 8:41 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk