

Greensboro Selectboard

January 14, 2015

Meeting Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Susan Wood, Warren Hill, Jr., Ernest Machia

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Romans

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Karp, Erwin Salls, Jr., Chief Aaron Cochran, Tom Anastasio, Gina Jenkins, Dan Tanner, June Cook, Tracy St. Louis, Naomi Ranz, Shaun Hill, Dan St. Cyr, Valdine Hall (*on speakerphone*)

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from December 10, 2014 approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

POLICE

Chief Aaron Cochran was present.

- 1. 2014 Incident Summary.** Chief Cochran presented a summary of H.P.D. activities in Greensboro during 2014, including the number and type of incidents each month.
- 2. Police Reports.** The Board reviewed the November and December 2014 police reports. Chief Cochran said that it's impossible to break out Greensboro Incidents from Hardwick Incidents on the monthly reports, due to limitations of their computer system.

ROADS

1. Road Supervisor's Report – Dan Tanner

- The road crew has been plowing, sanding, and doing equipment maintenance.
- The new town truck has arrived and is working well.
- New uniforms have arrived. A few old uniforms belonging to Unifirst are missing; Dan will try to round them up.

2. New Truck Bids. The Board opened sealed bids for a new town truck from the following companies:

VENDOR	MAKE	PRICE	TRADE-IN	NET COST
Charlebois (Milton)	<i>Freightliner</i>	\$101,993	\$56,000	\$45,700*
Charlebois (Milton)	<i>Western Star</i>	\$107,845	\$56,000	\$51,560*
J & B Truck Center (Colchester)	<i>International</i>	\$99,832	\$44,000	\$55,832
J & B Truck Center (Colchester)	<i>Western Star</i>	\$103,513	\$44,000	\$59,261*
Sheldon Truck (Williston)	<i>Mack</i>	\$113,858	\$38,000	\$75,858
Clark’s Truck Center (Jericho)	<i>International</i>	\$99,798	\$62,666	\$37,132

**this math appears incorrect, but was printed in the bid as such*

After discussion, Warren made the following motion:

Truck bids will be put in the town offices to be reviewed by Selectboard members. A decision on the bids will be made at the special meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TOWN CLERK – Valdine Hall

Town clerk Valdine Hall was present via speakerphone.

1. The FY 2015 budget Y.T.D. was reviewed.
2. The FY 2016 budget was reviewed. Discussion of raising the “sidewalks” line item from \$4,000 to \$10,000, in the hopes that this will help secure a grant. Ernie made the following motion:

The Board approves the FY 2016 budget of \$1,669,270.62, which includes the “sidewalks” line item being increased to \$10,000.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Liquor Licenses.** Ernie made the following motion:

The Board approves 2nd Class liquor licenses for Hill Farmstead Brewery, Smith’s Store, and Willey’s Store.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

HILL FARMSTEAD BREWERY – Application for 1st Class Liquor License

Shaun Hill explained that a 1st Class liquor license would be a major convenience for the Brewery, since it would mean he wouldn’t have to apply for special event permits throughout the year as he currently does. It would allow customers to choose for tasting either four 2 oz. glasses of beer (currently the only offering) or a single larger glass of beer – one with an alcohol content on the lower side. Shaun said he is not trying to create a restaurant or bar, and that customers who choose the larger glass for their tasting will be limited to that single glass. The Brewery will be open reasonable hours. The 1st Class license requires

that food be available; the Brewery will offer cheese plates. Shaun said that this license would contribute very positively to his sanity as the owner/operator. Discussion; members of the Board felt that more time was needed to consider Shaun's request.

Warren made the following motion:

Further discussion of Shaun Hill's request for a 1st Class liquor license is tabled until the Board's special meeting on Wednesday, January 21. The Board will make a decision at that meeting.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Erwin Salls, Jr.

- 1. Stannard Fire Contract.** A new contract is still being worked out, and will be further discussed at the Wed. Jan 21 special meeting.
- 2. New Fire Truck.** Chief Salls told the Board that the G.F.D. has been looking into purchasing a truck for quite a while, and has found a 2009 Freightliner in Minnesota. Chief Salls asked the Board for approval to send in a \$5,000 deposit for the truck. Discussion; the deposit is refundable if the purchase doesn't go through, and the truck's price of \$145,000 includes a warranty. Warren made the following motion:

The Board approves the G.F.D. sending a \$5,000 deposit towards the 2009 Freightliner fire truck in MN, with the total truck cost being \$145,000 and including a warranty.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

GREEBBORO ARTS ALLIANCE

Charlie McAteer of the Greensboro Arts Alliance asked the Board for permission to put up a tent on the Town Hall green, like the group did last year. The tent would be the same size, and be up from June 25 through August 25. Changes to the arrangement between the town and the group were discussed. Warren made the following motion:

The Board approves G.A.A.R. putting up their tent on the Town Hall green, with the following additional conditions:

- 1) G.A.A.R. will provide cleaning supplies and paper products for its use of the Town Hall;*
- 2) The Collier Room will be available to the Selectboard at any time;*
- 3) No classes or workshops may be held in the upstairs of the Town Hall during daytime hours, to minimize disruption to town office operations.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1. Noise Ordinance Committee.** The following question will be placed on the town meeting warning:

“Do the voters of the Town of Greensboro want a noise ordinance?”

This will be a non-binding vote.

- 2. Code of Conduct.** Tabled; will be discussed at the Wed. Jan. 21 meeting.
- 3. Old Firehouse Petition:** Sue discussed this petition, and petitions in general, with V.L.C.T. The Selectboard can accept a petition, reword it, come up with something totally new, or not accept it. Regarding the old firehouse, the Selectboard can decide whether or not to sell the property; if it chooses to sell, a specific procedure must be followed. A petition consisting of 5% of registered voters

could force the issue to be brought before the voters. Discussion of whether the question brought forth by the petition should be binding or non-binding. Tom Anastasio made suggestions about changing the wording. Sue made the following motion:

The following question will be included on the town meeting warning: "Are the voters of the town of Greensboro in favor of the town selling the old firehouse property?"

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Warren made the following motion:

Regarding the previously discussed item, the vote will be nonbinding.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, January 21 at 7 PM in the Collier Room at the Greensboro Town Hall. The agenda will include: 1) Sign the warning for the 2015 town meeting; 2) Truck bid; 3) Class 1 Liquor License for Hill Farmstead Brewery; 4) Stannard Fire Contract; and 5) Code of Conduct policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sue made the following motion:

"The Board makes a specific finding that premature public knowledge of confidential attorney client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Body would clearly place the Town of Greensboro, VT at a substantial disadvantage".

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Sue made the following motion:

"The Board will enter executive session at 9:35 PM pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313(1)(1)(F) to discuss confidential attorney client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Selectboard of the Town of Greensboro as its premature public disclosure would clearly place the Town of Greensboro, VT at a substantial disadvantage."

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 10 PM and took no action.

Sue made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 10:01 PM pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313(1)(1)(F) to discuss a real estate matter as its premature public disclosure would clearly place the Town of Greensboro, VT at a substantial disadvantage.

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 10:07 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 10:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk