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Greensboro Selectboard

October 11, 2017

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Denise Stuart, Dan Predpall, Tom Camarra, June Cook

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from September 13 meeting unanimously approved as written.

Going forward, amendments made to minutes will be noted in this section.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

POLICE

No representative from the H.P.D. was present, and there was no monthly report to review.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

No representative from the Fire Dept. was present, and there was no monthly report to review.

- 1. Stannard Fire Contract.** The same language and formula will be used for the coming year's contract; the approx. \$1000 increase is due to an increase in the G.F.D. budget. The contract was unanimously approved and signed by the Board. Kim will send it on to Stannard.
- 2. Halloween Party at Fire Station.** Kim reported that the Recreation Committee and WonderArts are working together to plan a Halloween party at the fire station. It has been determined that they have the proper insurance for such an event.

ROADS

- 1. Radar Speed Signs.** There has been discussion over the past few years about purchasing radar speed signs for certain roads where speeding is an ongoing problem. Dan Tanner had looked into this and was quoted \$8769 for a sign (sign \$3632, plus \$5137 installation). No action was taken by the Board.

2. **Road Supervisor's Report.** Road Supervisor Tom Camarra reported that the crew has been ditching and grading.
3. **Limiting Free Sand.** During winter months, residents are allowed to take sand, for free, from the town pile. Some businesses take a large quantity of this free sand; discussion about limiting this. No action taken.
4. **Curb Cut – Michael Lapierre.** Michael Lapierre's curb cut, previously approved by road supervisor Tom Camarra, was discussed by the Board. The Board approved the curb cut. (P.R., S.T., J.C., S.W. in favor; M.L. abstained)
5. **Road Salt Additive.** Peter is looking into a product that can be added to road salt to increase its effectiveness in very cold temperatures. Denise noted that this could be expensive and that a cost/benefit analysis needs to be undertaken.
6. **Hanks Hill Road Work.** The town has been notified that this state grant-funded project needs to be completed by the end of October, instead of by next summer.
7. **Water Line Emergency Repair.** The Greensboro Fire District #1 had to dig across Cemetery Ridge Rd. to make an emergency water line repair. This area, still dirt, has been settling and is becoming unsafe. Discussion about who should pay for bringing the road back to good shape. The Board agreed that the road crew will make a temporary fix this fall, with a proper repair made next spring. Peter will discuss project scope and costs with John Mackin of the Fire District.
8. **Clearing Snow from Sidewalks.** Discussion of clearing snow from sidewalks in winter. One option is for the town to buy specialized equipment and have the road crew do the work; another option is to hire out the job to a private contractor. Mike will work out costs for these two options.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. **Town Hall Painting.** Three bids were received for painting the E. and W. exterior walls of the Town Hall.

Gary Russell (Craftsbury Common)	\$7,500
Dunham Bros. Painting (Cabot)	\$18,350
Blake Jenkins (St. Johnsbury)	\$14,995

Discussion; Michael Lapierre will request references and let the bidders know that a decision won't be made until the December meeting.

2. **New Sign for Town Offices.** Kim told the Board that she would like a new sign for the town offices, to be placed on the Town Hall Green adjacent to the Craftsbury Rd. Since the sign would be closer than 50' from the road, a waiver from the DRB may be necessary; however, the town may be exempt from this requirement.
3. **Health Insurance for Town Employees.** Discussion about changing the employee health insurance plan to the *Gold Reward CDHP* plan with an HRA. Employees may upgrade to a Platinum Plan, but the town's contribution would remain at 90% of *Gold Reward CDHP* plan's cost. Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves changing health insurance plans to the Gold Reward CDHP plan with an HRA. Employees will be sent a letter informing them of the change.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER – Denise Stuart

Budget FY 2018 YTD reviewed.

- Discussion of the Technology/I.T. line item being over budget. Denise thought this might be due to the budget being too low, rather than I.T. costs being too high.
- Discussion of telephone costs. Fairpoint has been hard to work with, with inaccuracies on the bill almost every month, and the town's 11 lines being quite costly overall.

Sean wondered if a VOIP phone system would be cheaper. It would have to be reliable, and functional during power outages, with generators and/or battery backup systems required. Sean and Denise will investigate this option.

Kim noted that the town may have entered into a three-year contract with Fairpoint. She will contact the company and try to negotiate a better rate.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Driveway Plowing.** Letters were sent to approx. 25 landowners, letting them know that improvements must be made to their driveways by Sept. 30 or they'll be taken off the plow list; at this time, most have done the maintenance required. A few drives that still need minor improvements will be given until Oct. 30 to complete the work. At that time, letters will be sent out to those who did not complete the work, notifying them that they will be taken off the plowing list.
2. **DRB Clerk.** New DRB clerk Mary Landon is moving away and has resigned from the DRB. Kim will repost the job. Discussion of the budget for the DRB clerk position.

ADJOURNED: 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk