

Greensboro Selectboard

October 12, 2016

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Tanner, Josh Karp, Nancy Sullivan, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Ben Nottermann, Peg Elmer Hough

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from September 14 meeting approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Breezy Ave. Sidewalks - Nancy Sullivan. Nancy asked the Board to remove sod from Breezy Ave. sidewalks this fall, and noted that in the past, removing sod has shown that some of the sidewalks are in decent shape and don't need to be replaced. Sean said that bids for sidewalk work on Breezy Ave. will go out soon and weather permitting, some of the sidewalk work could possibly be done this fall.

The Board reviewed the Breezy Avenue sidewalk scope of work/bid sheet drawn up by Sean, and unanimously approved the work being put out to bid. The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on Oct. 26 at 6:30 PM to open bids.

POLICE

No representative from the Hardwick Police Dept. was present this evening.

The Board signed the police contract extension which was approved at the last Board meeting.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

No representative from the G.F.D. was present this evening.

The Board reviewed the August and September Chief's reports submitted by Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.

ROADS

1. Road Supervisor's report – Dan Tanner.

- Ed has been out sick for a few weeks, and will likely be out a few more weeks.

- Better Backroads program work has been completed except for seeding; Dan will hydroseed soon.
- The road crew has been grading and graveling roads.
- A cement culvert in the Bend needs to be repaired; Dan received a \$1600 estimate from Gravel Construction to do the work. The Board unanimously approved Gravel Construction's bid.
- While grading, Andre had to swerve off the road to avoid hitting an out of control car; a rim on the grader got damaged and was replaced.

2. Issues with new excavator – update. Peter talked with the salesman and found him unhelpful. He then talked with a regional Cat rep, telling them the town is unhappy with the machine's performance, and 'we are getting no response from our local dealer' ; this regional rep will talk with Milton Cat and with higher-ups at Cat Int'l. to see what can be done. Dan has been using the machine.

3. New town pickup. Dan reported that the town's pickup is due for inspection this month but won't pass. Discussion of a ¾ ton vs. a ton truck; the only reason to get a ton truck would be to run a sanding unit (Dan said a dump body is not necessary).

Dan, Michael and Peter will visit Lamoille Valley Ford next week and see what kind of deal they can work out. Sean made the following motion:

The Board approves Dan, Michael and Peter negotiating the purchase of a new town pickup.

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Greensboro Bend sidewalks. One bid was received, from R.C. Contractors (Glover). The Board opened and reviewed the bid:

- **Sidewalk Section A:** \$19,317
- **Sidewalk Section C:** \$9,250 (removal of 185' of old sidewalk and installing all new sidewalks with poured curb, 4" lift)
- **Sidewalk Section D:** \$2,550

Peter made the following motion:

The Board accepts the \$9,250 bid from RC Contractors to complete Section C of sidewalk work in Greensboro Bend. The scope of work will be: removal of 185' of old sidewalks and installing new sidewalks with a poured curb (4" lift).

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. GMTCC Forestry / culvert under Country Club Rd. – Ben Nottermann. Ben told the Board that GMTCC forestry has leased a sugarwoods on the Country Club Rd. They need to get electricity across the road for their operation, but the landowner doesn't want lines to be run aerially. Ben asked the Board's permission to bury a line under the road. Discussion; both Hardwick Electric and the Town of Greensboro will require that the line be buried at least four feet deep, or if not possible due to ledge, concrete must be put over the line. Dan asked Ben to make sure good material is used for backfill, and that the fill is properly compacted. Residents also need to be notified, and 'road closed' signs put out during the work.

Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves the burying of an electric line under Country Club Rd. by the GMTCC Forestry program, as discussed. The line must be backfilled with good material and properly compacted. Hardwick Rescue, Greensboro Fire Dept. and area residents will be notified, and signage will be put up during the work.

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 6. Guardrails at top of French Hill.** Mike observed that over the past year, a few cars have gone off the road, over the bank and down into the woods at the curve on top of French Hill. He wondered if guard rails should be installed there. Dan will price guardrails.

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER – Valdine Hall

1. The Board reviewed the FY 2017 budget, Y.T.D.
2. **FY 2018 budgeting.** After discussion, Sean made the following motion:

The Board appoints Judy and Sue to the Budget Committee, to work on the FY 2018 budget with Valdine and possibly others.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Hazard Mitigation Plan update.** Consultant Peg Elmer Hough presented the updated draft of the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Board discussed adding members to the existing Emergency Management Committee, rather than forming a new 'Hazard Mitigation Committee'. These new members would be chosen based on the specific contributions they could make to the committee. Sean made the following motion:

The Board approves the Sept. 20, 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The plan may now be submitted to the State Dept. of Emergency Management and FEMA for review.

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Speed Ordinance – amendment.** The Board reviewed the Town's 2005 Speed Ordinance, and a draft amendment to the ordinance put together by Sue. Further research is needed on what kind of signage must be in place for a speed limit to be enforceable. It is unclear if speed limit signs are needed at every intersection.

If all gravel roads are changed to 35 mph., it is likely many new signs will be needed, at considerable overall cost.

Board members will further review the draft amendment and discuss possible changes at the next Board meeting. Once the Board approves the amendment, there will be a public hearing.

3. **Charters for Town committees.** The Board reviewed drafts of charters for town committees as drafted by Sean. Input will be solicited from all the committees.
4. **Changing the day/time of Town Meeting.** Background information about the process of changing the day/time is still being gathered. Sean will look into the possibilities of webcasting town meeting and voting remotely via the internet.

- 5. Wilson St. Drainage – Gordon Stoner.** The Board reviewed a letter from Gordon Stoner regarding stormwater issues along the east side of Wilson St. Discussion of budgeting for a stormwater management consultant. Sean will apply for a grant that would help fund a scoping study.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Bulletin board for Greensboro Bend – John Schweizer.** In a letter to the Board, John said there is a need for a bulletin board in Greensboro Bend, and suggested putting one up in the Bend park. Discussion of combining a new Bend park sign with a bulletin board. Sean will let John know that the Board discussed his letter, and that his input is being sought on the recreation committee's new charter.
- 2. Greensboro Bend culvert easement.** The Board reviewed and discussed documents related to an easement from the State of VT allowing the Town to install and maintain a culvert in Greensboro Bend. The culvert runs from the Bend Park, across Main St. and across the Warren Hill Trucking parking lot down to the Lamoille River. Sue made the following motion:
The Board accepts the easement from the State of VT, allowing the Town to install and maintain a culvert in Greensboro Bend, as discussed.
Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 3. Planning Commission – letter of Interest.** Laura Hansen submitted a letter of interest in serving on the Planning Commission (there is currently a vacancy). The Board unanimously appointed Hansen to the Commission.
- 4.** The Greensboro Award discussion is tabled until the November meeting.

ADJOURNED: 9:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk