

# Greensboro Selectboard

October 28, 2015

## Meeting Minutes

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan Wood, Peter Romans, Ernest Machia, Sean Thomson

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Marsha Gadoury

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Officer Mike Glodgett, Chief Dave Brochu, Jr., Josh Karp, Lily McAteer, Betty Gray, Kristen Leahy

**CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM**

### MINUTES

Minutes unanimously approved as written from the October 14, 2015 meeting.

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

### POLICE

- 1. Police Report.** The Board reviewed the September 2015 police report.
- 2. Overlook Road.** There has been an ongoing issue of a resident on Overlook Rd. putting objects in the road in order to slow down traffic; he has also been parking his car in the traveled way. Officer Glodgett, as well as Road Foreman Dan Tanner, have asked the resident to stop these activities as both are dangerous and illegal. The speed limit on the road is 50 mph; discussion of putting up 'caution' signs in the hopes of slowing down traffic. Ernie made the following motion:

*The Town will put up 'caution' signs on Overlook Rd. on either side of the residence.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### ROADS

- 1. Plugged Culvert, Greensboro Bend.** Ernie reported that there is a plugged culvert on Main St. in the Bend. The roadside bank was added to over the years, and now the culvert is 20 feet too short. Hartigans would charge a minimum of \$800 to attempt to blow out the cuvert, with results not guaranteed. A complication is that a resident's septic line runs near to the culvert, and there are concerns about damaging the line during any excavation. Discussion about the best approach to fix the culvert.

2. **International Truck.** The International truck is currently in the shop due to problems with the rear differential. Ernie said the problem should be covered under the truck's extended warranty.
3. **NVDA Traffic Study in Greensboro Bend.** NVDA has been working on this; their report may be ready for the next meeting.
4. **Class IV Road Ordinance (Draft).** VLCT is still reviewing the document.

#### **GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.**

1. **Tanker.** The Dept.'s recently purchased tanker truck (used) is being registered, insured, and inspected. Useful components have been removed from the Dept.'s old tanker truck; Chief Dave Brochu Jr. said this truck can now be put out to bid and sold by the town.
2. **New Fire Station Issues.**

- Septic Tank. It appears that the septic tank's stem was not sealed properly; ground water gets in and the tank has to be pumped prematurely (it has already been pumped twice). Contractor Ron Fenoff, who installed the tank, claims no liability but will check out the problem.
- Frost Heaves. Last winter the ground heaved 10" in front of the overhead doors. Peter has spoken with the project engineer, clerk of works, and site work contractor Ron Fenoff; all said they "followed the specs". Fenoff had two observations: **1)** the site had very poor soil and the excavation specs should have been deeper; **2)** some of the gravel used was too silty.

Discussion; it seems like the clerk of the works should have been aware of these issues and had the excavation specs changed. Since it's been over a year since the project was completed, it's likely no one will be liable and the town will have to pay to fix both problems. Funds will be put in the FY 2017 budget for the repairs.

- 'No Parking' Signage. Discussion of putting up 'no parking' signage at the fire station, so theater workers and future theater patrons aren't tempted to park in the spacious fire station lot.

#### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

**Old Firehouse – Exterior Work.** Russ Hislop is painting the old firehouse. It was noted that the adjacent house is now on the market, and the realtor is optimistic that there may be interest in purchasing both properties as a package.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Donation to the Town.** Tom Anastasio and Gina Jenkins donated \$300 to the town, earmarked for a beautification project of the Selectboard's choice. Discussion about purchasing trees for the Town Hall Green; Ernie will look into the cost of having one or two sugar maples planted.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Selectboard Appointments**

There are two vacancies on the Planning Commission. Christine Armstrong, Stephanie Thomson and Lily McAteer have all submitted letters of interest in serving on the GPC.

There is one vacancy on the Development Review Board. Timothy Breen, Jesper Holtenman and B.J. Gray have all submitted letters of interest in serving on the DRB.

Sue made the following motion:

*The Board will enter executive session at 7:15 PM to discuss appointments to the Greensboro Planning Commission and the Development Review Board, with Kristen Leahy present. Sean Thomson will not be present.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., E.M., P.R. in favor; S.T. recused himself).

The Board left executive session at 7:54 PM.

Peter made the following motion:

*The Board appoints Christine Armstrong to the Greensboro Planning Commission, with her term expiring in 2016.*

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., E.M., P.R. in favor; S.T. recused himself).

Ernie made the following motion:

*The Board appoints Lily McAteer to the Greensboro Planning Commission, with her term expiring in 2018.*

Sue seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., E.M. in favor; P.R. against; S.T. recused himself).

Peter made the following motion:

*The Board appoints B.J. Gray to the Development Review Board, as 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate.*

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., E.M., P.R. in favor; S.T. recused himself).

## **ADJOURNED: 7:57 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*

**AMENDED 11/11/15 J.K.**