

Greensboro Selectboard

November 11, 2015

Meeting Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Wood, Peter Romans, Sean Thomson, Marsha Gadoury

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ernest Machia

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Tanner, Valdine Hall, June Cook, Carol Plante, Josh Karp, Gina Jenkins, Kevin Rich, Warren Hill III, Tim Hall, Dennis Pudvah, Anne Harbison, Clive Gray, Joe Rivard, Becky Arnold

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

Sue announced there will be a discussion and potluck supper on Nov. 23, 6 PM at Fellowship Hall. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program will be discussed: Are you prepared for a disaster? Do you think Greensboro is well-prepared?

MINUTES

Minutes unanimously approved as amended from the October 28, 2015 meeting.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

HARDWICK AREA COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER – Carol Plante

Carol gave the Board an update on the activities of the H.A.C.J.C.

- The Center serves Greensboro, Hardwick, Craftsbury, Walden, Woodbury and Stannard.
- Referrals have been steady.
- The *Circle of Support and Accountability* (COSA) Program has been shown to reduce recidivism rates.
- The *Reintegration Program* offers help with resumes, housing, drivers licenses and applying for work, and helps people figure out how to contribute positively to their community.
- *Community Allies*. This group came together to support AWARE, and is built around “*Safety, Trust and Respect*”. A forum was held in Hardwick on Oct. 28 to discuss safety in the community, and 94 people came.

ROADS

1. Road Supervisor’s Report – Dan Tanner.

- Crushing is done.

- The Town's new loader should be delivered during the week of Nov 15.
 - **White Road.** White Road begins in Glover and ends in Greensboro, and is plowed by Glover. Dan reported that the road needs additional gravel to be plowable. This work is the responsibility of the landowners on the road; it is unclear whether this work has been scheduled. Marsha will assess the situation with Dan.
2. **International Truck.** Work on the rear differential was not covered under the truck's extended warranty.
 3. **Driveway Plowing – Open Bids.** Two bids were received: 1) Warren Hill Trucking (\$432,000); 2) Brian Perry & Son (\$380,857). The plowing contract is for a period of three years. Sean made the following motion:

The Board accepts Brian Perry & Son's bid of \$380,857 for plowing driveways.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
 4. **Class IV Road Ordinance (Draft).** VLCT is still reviewing the document.

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

1. **Mowing Bids for Town Properties.** A three year contract was specified; two bids were received by the town.
 - **Town Cemeteries.** Sperry Lawn Care, \$34,500 ('16 \$11k; '17 \$11.5k; '18 \$12k.). Peter made the following motion:

The Board accepts Sperry Lawn Care's bid of \$34,500 to mow town cemeteries for a period of three years.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
 - **Mowing Other Town Properties.** Drown Property Maintenance, \$9600 (\$3200 each year). Marsha made the following motion:

The Board accepts Drown Property Maintenance's bid of \$9600 to mow town properties.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
2. **Budget FY '16 Y.T.D.** The Board reviewed the FY 2016 budget, Y.T.D.
3. **Auditing of Town Books.** It will soon be time to sign another three-year contract with an outside auditing firm; Pace & Hawley are the current auditors. After discussion, Peter made the following motion:

Pace & Hawley will be asked to submit a bid for another three-year auditing contract.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Snowflake Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club – Use of Bailey-Hazen Road.** Dennis Pudvah, Tim Hall and Joe Rivard came back to the Board to ask permission to use part of the Bailey-Hazen Rd. for their snowmobile trail. Dennis said that they've been trying hard to route the trail off the road but haven't

had success yet; trails open Dec. 15 and they need to put up signage before the ground freezes. The Board looked at a map detailing the Club's proposed use of the road. After discussion, Peter made the following motion:

The Club may route their snowmobile trail on part of the Bailey-Hazen Rd. as discussed, for this season only. The Board notes that last year, the Club promised they wouldn't have to ask for permission to use the road again this winter.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **New Fire Station: Septic & Heaving Issues.** Peter reported that excavation contractor Ron Fenoff feels no responsibility for either issue as he followed specs during construction; however, he is currently working on the septic tank and does not plan to charge the town for his time. Fenoff will draw up an estimate for fixing the heaving problem in front of the overhead doors; this work wouldn't be done until next spring or summer.
3. **Temporary Signage Policy.** No update.
4. **Recycling Center.** Ideally, the hours of operation would be increased; however, trash contractor Brian Perry is not available for additional hours, and the center shouldn't be open without a trash hauler on site. The Board agreed that extra help will be needed during the summer.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Donation to the Town for Beautification Project.** Peter will ask the Altmans if a hedge between their property and the Willey Beach entrance would be a good use of the funds donated by Tom Anasasio and Gina Jenkins.

2. **Library Trustee.** Marsha made the following motion:

The Board approves Becky Arnold to serve as library trustee.

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Act 64 (New State Water Quality Law).** Peter told the Board that the town will need to address certain water quality issues to be in compliance with Act 64. He has been to workshops about the new law, and will continue to pay attention to how it will affect the town.
4. **Selectboard Holiday Meeting Schedule.** After discussion, Sean made the following motion:

The Board will not meet on November 25 or December 23. The Board will discuss the need for two meetings per month at the January 13, 2016 meeting.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED: 7:39 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk