

Greensboro Selectboard

November 9, 2016

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Lapierre

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Tanner, G.F.D. 2nd Asst. Chief Doug Casavant, Adam Froehlig, H.P.D. Chief Aaron Cochran, June Cook, Josh Karp

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from the October 12 Selectboard meeting approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

POLICE

Chief Aaron Cochran was present.

- The Board reviewed the October 2016 police report.
- The Dept.'s new K9 is now patrol certified.
- **Narcan.** Narcan is a drug used to save lives in cases of opiate overdoses. H.P.D. officers have just completed a VT Dept. of Health training on how to administer the drug, and are now carrying it with them.
- **False Alarms.** Chief Cochran reported that there are four or five residences with regular security system false alarms. Peter said a letter should be sent to the property owners asking them to fix this problem; if this approach doesn't work, perhaps it's time for a policy or ordinance.
- **Road Crew/Police Communication.** Dan would like to be able to directly communicate with the H.P.D. during the winter in case of accidents and other winter issues; due to poor cell service in the area, he wondered if the town truck radios could be used to communicate with the H.P.D. Chief Cochran will look into this.

ROADS

1. **Road Supervisor's report – Dan Tanner.** Dan reported that the road crew is getting trucks ready for winter, and still able to do grading, graveling, and ditching.

2. **Issues with new excavator – update.** Peter reported that representatives from Milton Cat came to watch Dan ditching with the town’s new excavator, to see firsthand how unstable the machine is. After watching the machine at work, they recommended removing the rubber track pads to lower the machine’s center of gravity. If this doesn’t help, they would write up a trade-in proposal for a different machine. If the town decides to negotiate a trade-in, this discussion should happen soon.
3. **New Town pickup.** A new one-ton pickup with a plow has been purchased. The Board unanimously approved Michael Lapierre deciding whether or not an extended warranty should be purchased.
Discussion of a drop-in sander; it was agreed that such a purchase is not necessary at this time.
4. **Guardrails at top of French Hill.** A quote of \$4535 was received (\$4235 + \$300 for flaggers).
5. A car went off the road; as it was being towed out a town culvert was damaged. Valdine will try to contact the driver’s insurance company in the hopes that the town could be compensated for the damage.
6. **Sidewalk Bids – Breezy Ave.** RC Contractors was the only contractor who showed interest in the project; they didn’t actually submit a bid, but met with Sean and discussed the project. They recommended waiting until spring to do the work, as doing the work this late in the year could result in a real mess come springtime.
Discussion of using pavers/pervious concrete sidewalks for better stormwater management; this will be added to the bid specifications when the project is put out to bid again next spring.
7. **Snowplowing list.** The road crew will take over plowing most of the town properties. These will be taken off Perry’s plowing list, which will help keep the list from growing quite so fast, which leads to overage charges.
8. **Bend sidewalks.** The latest phase of sidewalk work in Greensboro Bend has been completed.
9. **Old Town pickup.** The old half-ton pickup will be put out to bid, making clear that the vehicle is not inspectable in its current state.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

2nd Assistant Chief Doug Casavant was present, and presented Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.’s October report, which was reviewed by the Board. He noted that there have been people loitering in the parking lot at the new fire station; Chief Cochran will keep an eye on this when he’s in the area.

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER – Valdine Hall

1. The Board reviewed the FY 2017 budget, Y.T.D.
2. **NEMRC – new modules.** NEMRC provides the recordkeeping/accounting software used by the town; Valdine recommended that the town purchase 1) a land records module - \$645 (will allow the digitizing of town land records) and 2) an animal control module - \$395 (will be a much better way to keep track of dog licenses/info than the current database). The purchase of the land records module will be paid for through the records restoration fund, which is funded by recording fees. Once land records are digitized, a computer will need to be purchased so the public can access the records database.
3. **Budget Meetings.** The first FY 2018 budget meeting will be held November 18 at 10 AM at the Greensboro Town Hall, either in the Collier room or Town Clerk’s office.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1. Changes to Town Meeting.** Adam Froehlig reported that a study done by the VT Secretary of State showed that when town meetings are shifted away from a Tuesday daytime meeting, an increase in attendance is noted.
- 2. Speed Ordinance – draft amendment.** Adam Froehlig said that according to state statute, speed limit signs are *required* when there is a change in speed, and *recommended* when entering town borders and at major intersections. Based on these factors, Adam said approx. 20 new signs would be needed if the town changes the speed limit on all gravel roads to 35 MPH. Also, any speed zones on the gravel roads (i.e. a speed other than 35 MPH) would need four to six additional signs.

He noted that the VTrans publication *Setting Speed Limits – A Guide for Vermont Towns* does not recommend setting speed limits on Class III gravel roads, as the town is considering doing.

Adam suggested the following speed zones on gravel roads: a speed greater than 35 MPH on much of Gebbie Rd., Jaffin Flat, and Hill Road heading towards Jaffin Flat.

The Board tabled further discussion and will continue to review the draft amendment.
- 3. Charters for Town committees – update.** Sean reported that draft charters were sent to existing committees, with feedback solicited. For the December Board meeting, committee chairs will be asked to submit names of committee members. Committee chairs have been asked to submit working copies of their charters in time for the January 11, 2017 Selectboard meeting. Judy wondered if the wording of the charters could be changed to sound less ‘bureaucratic’.
- 4. Jenkins/Anasasio \$300 donation to the Town.** Last year, this donation was earmarked for landscaping in front of the Town Hall when the road in front was torn up. However, this project was delayed, so the donation has not yet been spent. The Board agreed that these funds should be used as soon as a suitable project comes up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sue made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:07 PM to discuss the Greensboro Award.

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 8:30 PM, and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk