

Greensboro Selectboard

December 10, 2014

Meeting Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Peter Romans, Susan Wood, Warren Hill, Jr., Ernest Machia

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Karp, Erwin Salls, Jr., Officer Mike Glodgett, Tom Anastasio, Kristen Leahy

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from November 12, 2014 approved as amended.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

- 1. Driveway plowing complaint.** The Board received an anonymous letter regarding damage to a lawn by the town's driveway plowing contractor. Due to the anonymous nature of the letter, the Board decided to take no action.
- 2. Concerns about road conditions.** Cilla Bonney-Smith submitted a letter expressing concern about recent road conditions. This issue will be discussed during the roads portion of the meeting.
- 3. Tom Anastasio, Old Firehouse petition.** Tom Anastasio submitted a petition with 40 signatures, asking that the following question be placed on the 2015 town meeting warning:

“The Former Greensboro Firehouse at 83 Breezy Ave. should be sold by public sale before the end of May 2015 in order to move the property onto the tax rolls and to avoid further town expenses for maintenance and repair.”

Discussion. Warren wondered if the petition's wording could limit the town's options regarding the old firehouse. Peter observed that properly submitted petitions have historically been placed on the warning, unchanged by the Selectboard. Warren made the following motion:

The Board will have Tom Anastasio's petition reviewed by the town attorney, to make sure the town does not become limited with its options regarding the old fire house.

Ernest seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE

H.P.D. Officer Glodgett was present.

- 1.** The Board reviewed the October 2014 police report.
- 2. Police Contract update.** Warren and Sue met with Hardwick officials and have received a draft of the new police contract. The contract will be reviewed and voted on later in the meeting.

ROADS

1. **Road Supervisor's report.** Dan Tanner's written report included the following:
 - The road crew is still waiting for the new town truck to be delivered.
 - Bids have gone out for next year's new truck and are due by 12/31/14.
2. **Road conditions.** There have been complaints from residents about winter road conditions. Discussion of whether the Board's decision to reduce salt use is making it harder for the road crew to keep the roads in good shape. It was agreed that the nature of the recent winter storm has made it hard for the road crew to keep the roads in good condition, and that travel has been difficult on many roads in the area, including state roads. Discussion of the road crew staggering shifts so main roads could be plowed more often.
3. The hay bales that were in the snowplow turnaround on Bartlett Rd. have been moved.
4. **Uniforms.** The town has signed a contract with G.K. Services.

TOWN CLERK – Valdine Hall

Town clerk Valdine Hall was not present.

1. **FY 2015 budget.** The Board reviewed the FY 2015 Budget, Y.T.D.
2. **Town assessor position – update.** Warren did not research advertising for this position. Sue suggested that the town hire Stearns Allen for a year; former lister Kristen Leahy said that Allen is knowledgeable. Peter made the following motion:

The Board will hire Stearns Allen to be town assessor for one year.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., M.G., P.R., E.M. in favor; W.H. abstained).

ZONNG BYLAW – Kristen Leahy

The Planning Commission is proposing minor changes to the town's zoning Bylaw, including clarifications and shoreline zoning changes requested by the State of VT. The Selectboard will hold a hearing on the proposed changes at 6 PM on January 14, 2015 (prior to its regular monthly meeting at 7 PM).

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Erwin Salls, Jr.

1. Chief Salls noted that the fire dept. is keeping the new fire house at 55 degrees, and has used very little propane for heating the building so far.
2. **Stannard fire contract.** Discussion. There were fewer fire calls from Stannard last year, so according to the agreed-upon formula, Stannard's share of the G.F.D. budget will be lower this year.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Noise ordinance committee.** Peter reported that the committee has met a few times and reviewed ordinances from other towns. Discussions have included the option of a town-wide ordinance with a waiver process for infrequent events (i.e. a wedding).
2. **Code of conduct.** The Board has been working on a 'bullying policy'; Sue consulted VLCT and they recommended the town use a 'code of conduct' instead and provided her with a template. Sue adapted the template and presented it to the Board, who will take it home to review. VLCT noted that such a policy should be re-adopted every year during the Selectboard's annual re-organization.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission, letter of interest. Joe Wood submitted a letter of interest in serving on the Planning Commission. Peter made the following motion:

The Selectboard appoints Joe Wood to the Greensboro Planning Commission.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried (M.G., P.R., E.M., W.H. in favor; S.W. abstained). There are still a few openings on the Planning Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Warren made the following motion:

The Board will go into executive session at 8:50 PM to discuss the police contract.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:07 PM. Warren made the following motion:

The Board accepts the police contract as presented by the town of Hardwick, with the following changes:

- 1) The length of the contract will be two years with an option for a third year; and*
- 2) Greensboro-specific data will be provided on the monthly police reports.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Marsha made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 9:10 PM to discuss the Greensboro Award.

The Board left the executive session at 9:30 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 9:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk