

Greensboro Selectboard

December 14, 2016

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Shaun Hill, Dan Tanner, Valdine Hall, Josh Karp

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from the 11/9/16 Selectboard meeting approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

POLICE

No representative from the Hardwick Police Dept. was present, and the November monthly report was not available.

HILL FARMSTEAD BREWERY – Shaun Hill

Shaun Hill told the Board that a recent change in legislation allows breweries to offer tastings at any location on their “contiguous property under the same ownership”, given approval from the town Selectboard. Previously, tastings had to take place within a specific area or areas.

Shaun told the Board that he recently purchased an adjacent property (Don Maynard’s) that has an existing building which he plans to use for tastings.

Peter made the following motion:

The Board will vote on whether to support Hill Farmstead Brewery offering tastings anywhere on its contiguous real estate, as allowed by state statute.

Michael Lapierre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board voted unanimously to allow the Brewery to do tastings anywhere on its contiguous real estate.

ROADS

1. Road Supervisor’s Report – Dan Tanner.

- Truck #17 broke an axle and is being repaired.

- On Dan's truck, the plow's cutting edge loosened up and the moldboard was damaged. Dan and the Board discussed repairing the plow vs. buying a new one; a repair would be considerably cheaper but would take a number of weeks, leaving the town short a snowplow in the middle of winter.

Sean made the following motion:

A new plow will be purchased for Dan's truck, at a cost of \$5690.

Michael seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Andre had a medical issue and will be out for a while; a temporary road crew member will be hired to cover him.

- 2. Issues with New Excavator – Update.** The Cat dealer has not come up with any generous offers. The possibility of a trade is still being discussed, but will likely be an expensive option for the town.
- 3. Driveway Plowing – Drives Needing Work.** Now that plowing has started, Perry's came up with a list of driveways that need improvements (limbs cut, etc.). Discussion: next year, this list should be compiled during the summer, giving the many seasonal residents the opportunity to make the improvements while they are in Greensboro.
- 4. Old Town Pickup.** No bids were received for the old town pickup; the truck will be advertised again.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

The Board reviewed Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.'s written report.

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER – Valdine Hall

The Board reviewed the FY 2017 budget, Y.T.D.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Recycling. The NEK Waste Management District was discussing the possibility of changing the way it collects recyclables; however, it has decided not to make any changes at this time. This means that an entirely new site and/or building will not be required in Greensboro.

However, the current recycling center could still be improved; discussion of adding a third container and putting a roof over the containers.

Discussion of moving to single stream recycling. One drawback of this would be that many 'oddball' items that are now accepted wouldn't be able to be collected. Perhaps a hybrid system could be created whereby single stream recycling is put in place, but these oddball items are still accepted at the recycling center.

OTHER BUSINESS

Christine Armstrong – Letter about Town Meeting Appropriations. The Board reviewed the letter and took no action. Sue will communicate with Christine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sue made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 7:50 PM to discuss 1) a personnel issue and 2) the Greensboro Award. Valdine Hall will be present to discuss the personnel issue.

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURNED: 8:31 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk