

Greensboro Selectboard

December 9, 2015

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Tanner, Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Clive Gray, Charles Hill, Diane Cloutier, Ronan Hill, Robert Hurst, Bethany Warner

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes unanimously approved as written from the November 11, 2015 meeting.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Clive Gray (Greensboro Historical Society) – Concern about Perrin Road. Clive asked the Board if the town interprets recent legal opinions to mean that Perrin Rd. is a right-of-way. Sue answered that yes, Perrin Rd. is considered a R.O.W. by the town, and added that no one has the right to block the R.O.W. If blocked, the H.P.D. should be called.

ROADS

- 1. Road Supervisor's Report – Dan Tanner.** Dan reported that the road crew has been preparing for winter and spreading gravel as needed to smooth out rough patches. A letter needs to be sent to Sean Mercier, who has been parking his vehicle in the road.
- 2. NVDA's Speed Study .** The Board reviewed NVDA's recently completed speed study of Main St. in Greensboro Bend; the study recommended targeted speed enforcement rather than altering the speed limit.

Peter agreed with NVDA's conclusion: since a number of drivers are already ignoring the speed limit, would lowering the speed limit really be effective?

Ernie disagreed with the study's approach and conclusions.

Sean suggested that enforcing speed limits on roads that feed into Main St. might be helpful.

Marsha will talk to Chief Cochran about more speed enforcement in the Bend, and whether the H.P.D.'s speed cart is going to be fixed.

It was noted that NVDA was supposed to complete a similar speed study on Breezy Ave. in Greensboro Village, but did not.

3. **Wilson St. Drainage Problems.** Valdine asked whether funds should be budgeted to hire a contractor to work on the Wilson St. drainage problems next year; Peter thought the town road crew would be able to do the work.
4. **Bend Culvert Replacement.** The Board reviewed a preliminary quote from Gravel Construction to replace a culvert next to the Allen/Lussier properties in Greensboro Bend. Discussion of whether the project should be scheduled ASAP or delayed until spring. Marsha made the following motion:

The culvert replacement in Greensboro Bend will be put out to bid, with the work getting underway as soon as possible after a contractor is selected.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER – Valdine Hall

Budget F.Y. 2016 Y.T.D. The Board reviewed the F.Y. 2016 budget, Y.T.D.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **G.F.D.'s Old Tanker – Open Bids.** Two bids were received, from Chuck Hill (\$1001) and J. Griggs (\$751). After discussion, Ernie made the following motion:

The Board accepts Chuck Hill's bid of \$1001 for the Fire Dept.'s old tanker truck.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Line Clearing in Town R.O.W. – Questions.**

- After discussion, the Board gave Chuck Hill permission to retrieve a cherry log from the town R.O.W., which was cut during power line clearing on Garvin Hill Rd. Chuck said he could do some sanding of town properties as a trade.
- Robbie Hurst wondered what standards are followed for line clearing operations in the Hardwick Electric Dept.'s R.O.W. Sue suggested he talk to Mike Sullivan at the H.E.D., or to H.E.D. Board member Nat Smith.

3. **Old Firehouse Sale.** The old firehouse is currently listed at \$79,500; discussion of lowering the asking price. Ernie made the following motion:

The old firehouse will be listed at \$59,500, for a period of one year. Sue will continue to represent the Board for this sale.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. **Recording of Selectboard Meetings.** After discussion, Ernie made the following motion:

The Board will not pursue the electronic recording of it's own monthly meetings.

Marsha seconded the motion. After further discussion, Ernie withdrew his motion and the subject was tabled.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Donation to the Town for Beautification Project.** Possibilities include trees planted for screening at the new Willey Beach parking area, and planting new trees on the Town Hall Green. The Board agreed to table further discussion until next spring.
- 2. Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District.** The District notified the town that:
 - 1) Effective 12/12/15, electronic wastes will no longer be collected at any of its facilities, including the Greensboro Recycling Center; and
 - 2) Due to poor recycling markets, it is possible that a per capita assessment may be put in place by the District, costing the town \$1.00 per resident.
- 3. Dog Bite, Greensboro Bend.** This particular dog has been an ongoing problem; this dog and five others live in the house across from the Greensboro Community Childcare Center. Dog warden Kevin Rich has taken photos of the dogs, in order to keep an eye on the situation. If there are further problems, the town can hold a public hearing about the dog. A copy of the dog bite report from Copley Hospital is on file with the town health officer.
- 4. Janet Long Resigns from Caspian Lake Beach Committee.** The Board unanimously accepted Janet's resignation; her position will be filled in March 2016 when the Board makes its annual appointments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sue made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:10 PM to discuss the Greensboro Award.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 8:58 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk

AMENDED 1/13/16 J.K.