

# Greensboro Selectboard

March 8, 2017

## Meeting Minutes

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

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Lapierre

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dan Tanner, Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Dan Predpall, Jennifer Ranz, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Audrey DeProspero, Kim Greaves, Leo Circosta, Amelia Circosta, Renee Circosta, Gary Circosta, Denise Stuart

**CALLED TO ORDER: 6:32 PM**

### MINUTES

Minutes from Feb. 8 regular meeting unanimously approved as written.

### SELECTBOARD REORGANIZATION

- The Board agreed unanimously on the following positions:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</b>
Selectboard Chair	Susan Wood
Selectboard Vice Chair	Peter Romans
Farmers Market Liaison	Kim Greaves
Highway Dept. Liaison	<i>Primary:</i> Peter Romans <i>Secondary:</i> Michael Lapierre
Historical Society Liaison	Sean Thomson
Driveway Plowing Liaison	Peter Romans
Fire Districts Liaison	Michael Lapierre
Greensboro Fire Dept. Liaison	Peter Romans
Legal Liaison	Sean Thomson
Lakeview Union School Liaison	Judy Carpenter
Recycling Liaison	Judy Carpenter
Order Sheets	<i>Primary:</i> Peter Romans <i>Secondary:</i> Judy Carpenter

- **Newspaper of Record.** The Board agreed unanimously on The Hardwick Gazette as the town's official newspaper of record.
- **Selectboard Meeting Schedule.** The Board agreed unanimously that regular Board meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 PM.

The Collier Room at the Greensboro Town Hall will be the primary location; quarterly meetings\* will be held at St. Michael's Church Parish Hall in Greensboro Bend.

(\*April 12, July 12, October 11, January 10)

## **SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS**

- The Selectboard agreed unanimously on the following appointments:

<b>Road Supervisor</b>	Dan Tanner
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	David Kelly
<b>Health Officer</b>	Marsha Gadoury
<b>Deputy Health Officer</b>	Christine Armstrong
<b>Tree Warden</b>	Cilla Bonney-Smith
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	Kevin Rich
<b>Energy Coordinator</b>	Anne Stevens
<b>Civil Defense</b>	Erwin Salls, Jr.
<b>Recreation Committee</b>	Michelle Laflam, Erika Karp, John Schweitzer, Kristen Leahy
<b>Development Review Board</b>	Jane Woodruff (Chair), Lee Wright, BJ Gray (alternate)
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Phil Gray, Joe Wood (Chair), Dan Predpall, Stew Arnold, Todd Hebert
<b>Town Service Officer</b>	Peggy Lipscomb
<b>Town Forest Fire Warden</b>	Patricia Mercier
<b>Caspian Lake Beach Committee</b>	Tom Guare (Chair), Ila Hunt, Bethany Warner
<b>Emergency Planning Committee</b>	Anne Stevens (Chair), Wayne Young, Tim Nisbet, Eric Pilbin, Andy Dales, Michael Lapierre
<b>Emergency Mgmt. Chair</b>	Anne Stevens
<b>Energy Committee</b>	Peter Romans, Valerie Carter, Sr. Bernadette Bostwick, Judy Carpenter, Cheryl Fisher, Clive Gray, Erika Karp, Nancy Potak, Anne Stevens (Chair), Mark Snyder
<b>Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Rep.</b>	Ken Johnston Alternate: OPEN
<b>Grange Building Committee</b>	Ted Donlon (Chair), Valdine Hall (Treasurer), Judy Dales, Robbie Hurst, Rob Brigham

- **Development Review Board (DRB) – Letter of Interest.** Maya McCoy sent the Board a letter of interest in serving on the DRB. DRB member Sean Thomson said a decision about new members would likely be made at its April meeting.

- **Revitalizing Inactive Committees.** Current members of relatively inactive town committees (such as the Grange and Energy Committees) will be asked if they want to continue serving. Once the current membership is clear, ads will be run soliciting new members if necessary.

The opening for the NEK Waste District Town Rep (alternate) will also be run in the ad.

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS**

There were no public concerns this evening.

## **POLICE**

No representative from the Hardwick Police Department was present, and there was no monthly Police Report to review.

## **INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN TOWN GOVERNMENT, TOWN MEETING, SELECTBOARD MEETINGS – Naomi Ranz-Schleifer**

Changing the time and/or structure of Town Meeting to make it easier for residents to take part was discussed at this year's Town Meeting. Naomi Ranz-Schleifer has been working on a survey that could provide insights into participation at Town Meeting, as well as Selectboard meetings.

Naomi asked members of the Selectboard if they would like to review the survey before it's sent out; Sue said the Board would indeed like to.

The survey would be filled out primarily using Survey Monkey or Google Forms (making compiling data easier); paper copies of the survey will also be available. Front Porch Forum, email, and the Town Website will be used to solicit survey responses.

Sue noted that survey questions should not overlap with current and upcoming Planning Commission surveys.

Discussion about how to minimize people filling out the survey more than once, which would make the data much less useful. One way to do this would be requiring names or email addresses when the survey is filled out.

Discussion of additional ways to publicize Selectboard meetings, such as Front Porch Forum (FPF) and Facebook. Facebook would likely reach more younger residents, but no one stepped forward to manage a town facebook page. FPF is more straightforward to use; the Board agreed the platform will be used starting next month to publicize Selectboard meetings.

## **ROADS**

- **Road Supervisor's Report – Dan Tanner.** There hasn't been much plowing and sanding to do lately; the crew has been focusing on equipment maintenance.
- **VLCT Hazard Survey.** VLCT recently completed a routine hazard survey of the Town Garage and other town buildings. Dan and the Board reviewed the survey's findings and recommendations; Dan and Peter will make a plan for implementing the recommendations.
- **Hydroseeder.** Greensboro and five other towns share a hydroseeder; a new unit is being purchased and the group is looking for other interested towns to share the cost.

- **New Road Signs on Taylor and Garvin Hill Rd.** The new road signs on Taylor and Garvin Hill Rds. (requiring chain use by semi trucks) have been taken down. The signs may be reworded and put back up.
- **Gebbie Rd. Entrance.** The entrance to Gebbie Rd. (off Craftsbury Rd.) will be worked on this upcoming season.
- **Paving.** For this year, Dan recommended paving the Craftsbury Rd. from Circus Rd. to the Craftsbury town line. Discussion of a 10 year paving plan.

### **GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.**

No representative from the Greensboro Fire Department was present, and there was no monthly report to review.

### **TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves**

The Board welcomed new Town Clerk Kim Greaves to the position.

### **TREASURER – Denise Stuart**

- The Board welcomed new Town Treasurer Denise Stuart to the position.
- The Board reviewed the FY 2017 budget, Y.T.D.
- Denise told the Board that she will be in the town offices on Mondays to run payroll and do payables, at least in the short term.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Microphone Runners at Town Meeting.** Sue thanked Leo and Amelia Circosta for helping out with microphones at town meeting, for the third year in a row.
- **Liquor License – Hardwick St. Café.** The Hardwick St. Café is located in the new Highland Center for the Arts; the organization applied for a Class I liquor license (serving beer and wine) and an outside consumption permit. The café's hours of operation will be from 10 AM – 10:30 PM. Peter made the following motion:

*The Selectboard approves the Highland Center for the Arts/Hardwick St. Café application for a Class 1 liquor license and outside consumption permit.*

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Board signed the license and outside consumption permit.

- **Streetlights at Tolman Corner.** With the Highland Center for the Arts (HCA) opening soon, Sue anticipated that the ballfield parking area at Tolman Corner will be used for overflow parking. With pedestrians walking back and forth from the HCA after dark, Sue proposed that two streetlights be put on utility poles in the area. It was noted that the lights would also benefit attendees at ballgames.

Peter made the following motion:

*Peter will talk to Hardwick Electric Dept. about the possibility of having two streetlights installed at Tolman Corner; if this can be done, the Board approves H.E.D. installing the lights.*

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Town Meeting at Fellowship Hall.** The town pays the Greensboro United Church of Christ (G.U.C.C.) \$75 for using Fellowship Hall for Town Meeting. G.U.C.C. asked if the town would be willing to split the cost of a new base station for the P.A. system, which would cost the town approx. \$250. Discussion; it was noted that the town uses the space and P.A. for other events throughout the year. Judy made the following motion:

*The town will pay half the cost of a new base station for Fellowship Hall, at a cost of approx. \$250.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Sue made the following motion:

*The Board will enter executive session at 8:05 PM to discuss personnel issues, with Kim Greaves and Denise Stuart present.*

Sean 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 4/21/17 J.K.*