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# Greensboro Selectboard

May 10, 2017

## Meeting Minutes

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

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sean Thomson, Michael Lapierre

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dan Tanner, Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Andy Dales, Lorelei Wheeler, Nancy Sullivan, Mike Glodgett, Ken Johnston, Denise Stuart, Norm Patenaude

**CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM**

### MINUTES

Review of the April 12, 2017 minutes were tabled until next meeting.

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

### POLICE

Officer Mike Glodgett was present. The Board reviewed the April police report.

### GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

The Board reviewed Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.'s March report. Discussion of the ongoing groundwater intrusion problem with the septic tank at the new fire station, which has needed regular (and expensive) pumping. A fix has been proposed and will be made during late summer, a time when the water table is typically low.

### ROADS

- 1. Road Supervisor's Report.** The road crew is now on the summer schedule of four 10-hour days.
- 2. Roadside Brush Cutting.** Before the road crew begins cutting roadside brush, Dan would like to give landowners the opportunity to prune their own roadside trees. A notice will be run in the newspaper.
- 3. Culvert Policy.** The Town's culvert policy states that the town will replace culverts on private driveways as necessary; Dan reported that a number of culverts need replacing, at significant cost to the town. The Board will revisit the culvert policy in the near future.

**4. Paving Bids.**

J. Hutchins. Richmond	\$77,461	<i>Note: A new company</i>
Pike Industries	\$78,451	<i>Note: the Town has used Pike for years</i>
Gray's	\$80,480	

Peter made the following motion:

*The Board accepts Pike Industries' paving bid, for \$78,451.*

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Board signed the paving contract.

**5. Crushing Bids.**

McCulloch, Middlesex	\$3.10 / yd.
Chief Crushing	\$3.18 / yd.
J.A. Macdonald	\$3.50 / yd.

Peter made the following motion:

*The Board accepts the McCulloch bid for gravel crushing, for \$3.10/yd.*

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**6. Roadside Mowing.**

Claude Cross (Wolcott)	\$9,200
Peter's (Albany)	\$18,562
Walt Neborsky (Victory)	\$7,200

Judy made the following motion:

*The Board accepts the Neborsky bid for roadside mowing, for \$7,200.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**7. Sod Removal Bids.**

Jason Merrill Construction (Middlesex)	\$3,730
Sperry Lawn Care (Hardwick)	\$250
NEK Excavating Corp.	\$4,000
Peters Contracting (Albany)	\$6,480

Peter made the following motion:

*The Board accepts the Jason Merrill Construction bid for sod removal, for \$3730.*

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**8. Driveway Repairs Required for Snow Plowing.** Perry's compiled a list of driveways needing work and gave the list to the town. Letters will soon go out to landowners, telling them that the work must be completed within a specified period of time or their driveway won't be plowed next winter. Fixes involved trimming limbs, marking ditches & edges, and graveling.

**TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves**

**Town/Lakeview Union School M.O.U.** Kim, Judy, and principal Eric Irwin met and reviewed a new M.O.U., which included a requirement for additional insurance for the school. The OSSU central office is currently reviewing the M.O.U.

Sue made the following motion:

*The Board accepts the M.O.U. as amended. If approved by the OSSU central office, the M.O.U. will be signed by both parties.*

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **TREASURER – Denise Stuart**

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

The town offices payroll line item is getting very tight and she is trying to work as little as possible to help with this.

The town's phone bill increased dramatically due to a contract expiring without notice. Kim and Denise are working with Fairpoint to renew the contract.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Program (I.D.D.E.).** Officials working under this state program will be visiting the town, looking for leaks from septic systems into stormwater systems in the two villages. Peter will be the town's liaison with program officials.
- 2. Sign at Tolman Corners.** Robbie Hurst (Willey's Store) asked the Board to consider a sign at Tolman Corners to direct people down Breezy Ave. into downtown Greensboro. Discussion; the Board will consider this project next fiscal year. In the meantime, this could be undertaken as a private initiative. Peter will communicate with Robbie.
- 3. Lady's Walking Society – Green Up Day.** Peter thanked the members of the LWS for their hard work on Green-up day.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

- 1. Swimming Lessons – Lorelei Wheeler.** Lorelei talked to Jim Flint at Wonder & Wisdom, who said he could not take the swim program on, primarily due to insurance issues.

Lorelei told the Board that she would like the three swimming instructors to be town employees, so they can be issued paychecks.

For the instructors to be town employees, the positions must first be advertised, candidates interviewed, and background checks conducted. Denise added that the additional insurance cost to the town should be minimal.

Discussion of whether Lorelei can represent the town as a volunteer and do some administrative work and protocol checks at the beach – or whether she needs to be a town employee to do this.

Lorelei said the program will be self-supporting, i.e. there will be no cost to the town other than some hours by the town office staff. If there are costs that lesson fees don't cover, donations from the Greensboro Association, Beach Committee and Recreation Committee have been earmarked for the program.

Sue made the following motion:

*The Town of Greensboro will take on the administration of the swim program. The Board appoints Peter Romans as liaison; he will work with Lorelei, VLCT and town office staff to start the program up again.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**2. Recycling Committee Update.** Judy Carpenter and Ken Johnston gave the Board an update on the Recycling Committee's work over the last year.

Since the NEK Waste District decided not to change the way it collects recycling, the town will not have to build a new recycling building. Since the committee's main task was to research a new building, Judy told the Board that the committee would like to disband.

The committee looked at multiple options and concluded that it makes the most sense, at this time, to keep the center as it is with ongoing small improvements at modest cost. There are many unknowns about the future of trash and recycling, making it hard to justify spending a lot of money on a new facility that may be outmoded in short order. Other options discussed by the committee included:

1. Keep the center as is, but change the fee structure so costs don't come out of property taxes (since some residents choose not to use the service)
2. Change to single stream recycling.
3. Build a new recycling building at the current location.
4. Build a new recycling building at a new location. The town garage was discussed as a possible location, assuming a new town garage is built in the future.

Peter made the following motion:

*The Board accepts the Recycling Committee's activity report and accepts the committee's disbandment. The Board thanks Recycling committee members for their work.*

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Compost –New Fees. The town is now charged a fee for compost pick-up. This is expensive; discussion of how to encourage home composting to reduce the amount brought to the center.

3. **Speed Limit Ordinance.** The Board agreed to keep the summer speed limit on Craftsbury Rd. (between the village and the Highland Lodge) at 35 MPH, and not raise it to 40 MPH. The entire ordinance will be reviewed by the full Board at a future meeting.
4. **Jenkins/Anastasio Donation.** The funds will be spent on landscaping after the road in front of the Town Hall is torn up.
5. **Town Committee Charters.** Tabled.
6. **Bike Path Grant.** There is considerable grant money available for biking and walking path projects, but Peter reported that the bureaucratic nature and long time line of this particular program make it questionable. No action taken by the Board.

**ADJOURNED: 8:51 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*