

# Greensboro Selectboard

May 11, 2016

## Meeting Minutes

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

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dan Tanner, Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, June Cook, Harold Gray, Wayne Young, Tom Guare, Ken Johnston, Bobbie Nisbet, Chief Aaron Cochran, Norm Patenaude

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

### MINUTES

Minutes from the April 13, 2016 meeting unanimously approved as written.

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

**Parking on Beach Rd. across from Miller's Thumb – *Marion Stegner.*** It is difficult for Miller's Thumb employees to back out of their parking lot when cars are parked on the opposite roadside. Discussion; It was noted that according to existing state law it is illegal to park within 30 feet of a stop sign. Dan will put up a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign 30' back from the stop sign.

### GREENSBORO BEND PARK

The Community Park in Greensboro Bend is in disrepair due to aging infrastructure and vandalism. Michelle LaFlam, Bend resident and member of the Greensboro Recreation Committee (GRC), spoke to the Board about revitalizing the Park. She reported that GRC members would like the Selectboard to suggest a mission for the Committee.

Sue told Michelle that the parks in Greensboro are important Town resources, and suggested discussing parks and recreation with the Planning Commission. Sue also suggested that GRC members could help out as town representatives at non-town sponsored events such as the Fun Run.

Michelle presented a draft GRC goal statement for the Board to review. For the park to be successful, it must engage a cross-section of the community including youth, senior citizens and families.

Discussion about funding a Park renovation. It was agreed that if the GRC becomes more active, more money could be sought for the Recreation Fund in next years budget. Michelle noted that grant funding from the VT Buildings & General Services could be sought (50% cash match required).

Michelle proposed a community meeting about the Park, with a barbeque or food truck, followed by a Park green-up day and planning meetings, followed by the repairs to Park infrastructure. Long-term community engagement is crucial: a bike safety workshop, bike-a-thon, yoga in the park, multigenerational events, and a community garden space could help keep interest up.

Sean noted a long-term Park maintenance plan would also be very important.

Michelle asked about the Town's plans for the Willey Beach. Peter said no additional work is planned at this time, but that residents could be asked for their thoughts about further development of the parcel.

## **RECYCLING**

Judy reported that by the fall of 2017, the NEK Waste Management District will be changing their recycling system from the large cardboard Gaylord boxes to dumpsters that can be emptied mechanically by truck. This change would require a new recycling building and possibly a new recycling location. The District is hoping grant funds will pay for the new dumpsters; there are USDA loan funds that could cover up to 35% of the cost of a new recycling building.

An alternative would be to leave the NEKWMD, switch to a 'single stream' system and hire Casella to haul away the mixed recyclables. This should be looked at, but will likely be more expensive over time.

The new fire station lot has been thought of as a potential site for a new recycling building for some time. Discussion; there are many unanswered questions about this site (i.e. traffic flow) that need to be investigated.

The Board agreed that a Recycling Committee should be formed. Ads will be run, soliciting letters of interest. After the Committee does initial research, community forums could be held to garner public input about moving recycling, etc.

It was noted that the proceeds from the sale of the old firehouse could be earmarked for a new recycling building.

## **TOWN CLERK & TREASURER – Valdine Hall**

1. The Board reviewed the FY 2016 budget, Y.T.D.
2. The Board signed the 2016 Local Emergency Operations Plan.
3. The Board signed the 2016 Authorization for Emergency Approval to Act.

## **POLICE**

Chief Aaron Cochran was present.

1. The Board reviewed the April police report.
2. **“Slow, Children” signs on Main St. in Greensboro Bend.** Sue said she's been asked whether the town can put up these signs. Discussion; Chief Cochran said many towns have actually taken down such signs due to liability issues, and added that Hardwick doesn't have any of these signs. Discussion of improving the signs near the Greensboro Community Childcare Center that say *'25 MPH When Children Are Present'*: the language could be re-written in more specific manner, lights could be added, etc.

## **ROADS**

1. **Road Supervisor's Report.** Dan reported that some of the trucks have had minor issues with electronics. He's been working on excavator bids.
2. **Long Term Road Plan – Wayne Young.** Wayne said the town needs a long-term plan for road improvements. There's always emergency road work that must be done, but with a long-term plan, the

road crew can systematically complete road improvements when there's time. He added that additional funding in the budget will likely be needed. Ernie and Peter agreed with Wayne, and said they are working on it.

3. **Road Erosion Survey – Peter.** Peter reported that a road erosion survey (as recommended by the State) will be undertaken soon by NVDA. All roads will be inspected and an analysis will be provided, including a prioritized list of road improvements.
4. **Open Roadside Mowing Bid.** One bid was received from Patenaude's, for \$10,000. The Board unanimously accepted the bid. Dan will ask him to mow the pumphouse road for Fire District #2; the District will pay for this extra work.
5. **Open Bids for Crushing Gravel.** Four bids were received for crushing 10,000 yds.:

<b>McCulloch</b>	\$3.10/yd.	\$31,000	
<b>Kingdom Gravel &amp; Aggregate</b>	\$4.00/yd.	\$40,000	Includes stockpiling
<b>J.A. McDonald</b>	\$3.50/yd.	\$35,000	
<b>Chief</b>	\$3.18/yd.	\$31,800	

The Board unanimously accepted McCulloch's bid.

6. **Open Bid for Overburden Removal at the Town's Glover Pit.** One bid was received, from Kingdom Gravel & Aggregate: \$7700 including some tree removal. Discussion of paying for this work; although there is not a line item in the FY 2017 budget for this, Valdine said funds will be found. The Board unanimously accepted the bid.
7. **Paving Bid.** One bid was received, from Pike Industries for \$202,200. This includes \$2,000 of shoulder work, with the Town supplying material. Pike representative Norm Patenaude said that if they have an opening the work may commence in June, but that the town won't be billed until after July 1. Ernie made the following motion:
 

*The Board accepts Pike Industry's bid of \$202,200 for paving in FY 2017, contingent on receipt of state grant funding, with payment after June 30, 2016.*
- Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
8. **Sidewalk Cleaning.** Ernie is still waiting to hear back from the Diversion Program about scheduling this work.
9. **Bend Culvert Repair – Damage to Lawn.** Some minor lawn damage has been reported in the Bend, from the culvert replacement project done last winter. Ernie will take care of this.
10. **Town Hall Parking Lot.** Discussion of blacktop vs. stay mat. Discussion of taking out the one-way recycling exit if the recycling center moves, in order to improve the parking at the entrance to the Town Offices.
11. **Road Crew Policy / Procedures.** Ernie is concerned that the Road Crew is not as efficient as it should be, and proposed the adoption of a new 'Road Crew Procedures' policy. He visited a number of town garages and talked with VTrans employees and the C.D.L. Dept., looking at different pre-trip inspections and preventative maintenance practices.

The policy discusses use of trucks during inclement weather, and makes clear that decisions such as chain use are to be made by the road foreman, not by individual drivers.

It was agreed that such an 'operational policy' wouldn't need an outside review.

Dan observed that despite precautions, some incidents out on the road are unavoidable.

The Board will review the draft and discuss further at next month's meeting.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

1. **Temporary Signage Policy.** Discussion; Sean proposed that a letter be drafted and widely circulated, containing language akin to *"The Board is no longer considering a Temporary Signage Policy. Please use respect when putting out signs."* Sean will draft the letter.
2. **Zoning Administrator Candidate Interviews.** The Board unanimously agreed that Sean will be the Board's representative during interviews for the Zoning Administrator.
3. **Caspian Lake Beach.**
  - Beach Electric Bill. Discussion of the Beach electric bill: it is unclear what specific electricity use the bill is for. Members of the Beach Committee will investigate.
  - Beach Committee Update - Tom Guare. Tom reported that the newly reformed Beach Committee has met, organized and authorized preparations for the summer season. He noted that H.P.D. Chief Aaron Cochran and Hardwick Town Manager Jon Jewett are on the Committee, and that both are very helpful and good to work with.

Discussion: the Town of Greensboro's tax I.D. number is linked to the Beach Committee's bank account; ideally, the Beach Committee would be its own entity, since it is a joint Greensboro/Hardwick Committee. The Committee is looking into restructuring the bank account.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Recreation Committee Appointment.** Kristen Leahy submitted a letter of interest in joining the Recreation Committee; the Board unanimously appointed Kristen to the GRC.
2. **Grange Update.** Excavation work has begun on the grange, the first step of renovating the building.
3. **Greensboro Fire Dept.** It was agreed that Chief Dave Brochu, Jr. doesn't need to attend every Selectboard meeting; the Board requested that he submit a written report for monthly meetings where he is not present.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Possible Real Estate Transaction – Wayne Young)**

The Board voted unanimously to enter executive session at 9:12 PM to discuss a real estate transaction, with Valdine Hall and Wayne Young present.

The Board left executive session at 9:42 PM and took no action.

**ADJOURNED: 9:43 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*