

Greensboro Selectboard

May 13, 2015

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Anastasio, Gina Jenkins, Josh Karp, Lenny Schiavone, Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Dan Tanner, Valdine Hall, Janet Long, Debbie Ling, Tim Short, Officer Mike Glodgett, Mike Cassidy, Anne Cassidy, Norm Patenaude, Karin Newhouse, Kristen Leahy, Art Newhouse

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes for April 8 regular meeting and April 16 special meeting approved as written, unanimously.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Noise Ordinance – Lenny Schiavone. Lenny submitted a letter to the Board regarding an ongoing noise problem he is having with the Lakeview Inn. Sue told Lenny that the Board formed a noise ordinance committee and put a noise ordinance question (non-binding) on the town meeting warning; the vote showed that residents were clearly not in favor of a noise ordinance. Lenny said that the Board has the power to enact a noise ordinance and should do so. Peter suggested that the Board schedule an informal meeting between a few Selectboard members, Lenny and Nancy (Sullivan), and the owners of the Lakeview Inn. Peter and Sue said they would be willing to attend. Marsha made the following motion:

Peter and Sue will meet with the owners of the Lakeview Inn and Lenny Schiavone to discuss the level of wedding party noise at the Inn.

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE

1. The Board reviewed the April police report. Ernie requested that Greensboro's monthly stats be separated out on these reports, rather than being combined with Hardwick stats. Chief Cochran has said in the past that this is not possible; however, Sean said that the software's tech. dept. can easily fix this issue.
2. Sue noted that circus camps will be starting up in June, and that the H.P.D. might want to have a presence during camper drop-off and pick-up days. Sue will get this year's camp dates to Chief Cochran.

ROADS

- 1. Driveway in Poor Condition – Debbie Ling.** Debbie’s driveway is Vogan Rd. (a Class IV road) and is close to a mile long. She told the Board that when she moved there in 1999, she spent \$8k to bring the road up to town specs so it could be plowed. During mud season she always parked at the end and walked in, knowing that the road was susceptible to damage at that time of the year. The past three years, Art Ling has been using the road during sugaring, damaging it in the process. Last year Art didn’t repair the road until July; the road was in poor condition until then, making it impossible to get a vehicle up to her house. She’s missed medical appointments, and can’t bring the trash out. Last year, the Board sent a letter to Art asking him to stockpile road material so he can fix the road as he damages it. According to statute, the town can issue a \$100 fine plus the cost to repair the road if a town road is damaged. After further discussion, Sue made the following motion:

Peter and Marsha will discuss the road issue with Art Ling, and try to get the overall problem resolved according to terms of last year’s letter.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Sean will draft a Class IV roads policy for the next Selectboard meeting.

2. Road Supervisor’s Report.

- Dennis Demers is willing to sell the town sand at \$4.75/yd. instead of \$5/yd. if the town pays in advance; the town would save approx. \$1000. The payment could be made after the new fiscal year begins (7/1). The Board approved the sand pre-buy, and agreed with Valdine that a contract with Dennis be drawn up to protect the town.
 - Dan reminded the Board that a new loader will be purchased this coming year; Dan will get specs together in preparation of soliciting bids.
 - Discussion of the transition of Lake Rd. at the four corners, and the entrance to Gebbie Rd. Dan will do what he can in both areas.
 - More overburden removal is necessary at the Glover pit. J.P. Sicard has done this work in the past; Dan will contact them about scheduling the work.
 - The Board unanimously approved that a grate be installed at the entrance to the town offices.
- 3. New Fire Station Top Soil.** There have been inquiries to purchase extra topsoil left over from the new fire station construction. The Board will wait to make a decision on selling topsoil until after the Willey Beach entrance is fixed.
 - 4. Crushing Bids.** J.A. McDonald (\$3.60/yd.); McCullough (\$3.20/yd.); Chief (\$3.18); Kingdom Gravel (\$3.90/yd., includes takeaway). The Board unanimously approved Chief Crushing.
 - 5. Mowing Bids.** Neborsky (\$7k); Patenaude (\$10.8k). The Board unanimously approved Neborsky.
 - 6. Paving Bids.** Whitcomb (\$141,635); Pike (\$97,084); ST Paving (\$111,809). The Board unanimously approved Pike.
 - 7. Curb Cuts.** The Board approved curb cuts for Kehler and Morgan.
 - 8.** The Board unanimously approved a 50¢ raise for new road crew member Artie Chaffee.

TOWN CLERK

- 1. FY 2015 Budget.** The Board reviewed the FY 2015 budget, YTD.
- 2.** After seeing a number of recent expenditures, Valdine observed that the new Fire Chief needs to be made aware that budgets are often tight towards the end of the fiscal year, and that careful spending is prudent. Incidental spending on the new truck can be taken out of the capital budget, rather than out of the G.F.D.’s regular budget; Sue will discuss this with Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.

3. After discussion, Ernie made the following motion:

The Board approves Russ Hislop painting the back side of the Town Hall for \$7750, with the work to be done immediately after school gets out in June.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Valdine will let Russ know.

4. The Board approved and signed the Local Emergency Operations Plan, and the Emergency Authorization to Act.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Old Firehouse Sale.** The survey has been completed: the lot is over 1/8 of an acre and thus is a buildable lot. Peter talked to Patrick Larson about assessing the lot's septic capabilities. Ernie made the following motion:

The Board approves engineer Patrick Larson doing what he needs to do to determine the septic capabilities of the lot.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Tim Short Property.**

Peter, Ernie, Sue and Dan inspected the property and reported back: the lot didn't seem to have any potential future use for the Highway Dept.; the town is not interested in the trailer; much of the lot is not usable for anything due to slope and drainage. After discussion, Ernie made the following motion:

The town declines the offer by Tim Short to purchase his property adjacent to the town garage.

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TOWN PLAN – Kristen Leahy

The Selectboard's final Town Plan hearing was held on 5/12.

Marsha made the following motion:

The Board approves the updated version of the Greensboro Town Plan.

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Kristen asked the Board for preliminary approval to pursue a 2016 municipal planning grant. The funds would likely be used to hire consultants to assist with a major Town Plan update. The Board unanimously approved Kristen's request.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Karin Newhouse reported that the water spigot at the Memorial Garden was damaged last winter by snowplowing. After discussion, Peter made the following motion:

The town agrees to fix the water supply to the Memorial Garden, with spending capped at \$750. The road crew can do the necessary digging; John Mackin has offered to donate some of the materials.

Peter will coordinate the job with the road crew, John Mackin, and Karin.

2. Anne Cassidy gave a history of the Greensboro Association's Elm Tree Committee, explaining that many elms and other trees have been planted but that there are still funds left. The Committee is proposing to plant new trees

on the Town Hall Green, and has been working with nursery owner Stuart Lapoint on a planting plan. Discussion of the Town Hall's leach field and septic tank. Peter made the following motion:

The Board accepts the Greensboro Association Elm Tree Committee's tree planting proposal, with the condition that the Town Hall's septic system is taken into account.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Ceilidh Galloway-Kane is the new director of the Art House in Craftsbury. She asked the Board whether her organization could hold summer art camps at the Town Hall, since most of the classes have been filled by Greensboro families. The dates of the camps are July 13-17, and July 27-31. Discussion of what rooms might be available, given Greensboro Arts Alliance (GAAR) use of the building during the same time period. Marsha will contact Sabra from GAAR; Valdine will also look into Ceilidh's request. Peter made the following motion:

If there are no scheduling conflicts with GAAR and the school approves, the Board approves Ceilidh Galloway-Kane's request to hold summer arts camps at the Town Hall.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. **Additional Music on the Ballfield for the Funky Fourth.** After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that no music should be scheduled for the Ballfield, due to so much else going on that weekend.
5. **Gravel Pit Property – Hayfield.** The four acre field owned by the town, adjacent to the gravel pit, is no longer being hayed. Glover resident and farmer Seth Johnson asked the Board if he could use the field to grow organic beans and grains. After discussion, Peter made the following motion:

The town will run ads in the Chronicle and Hardwick Gazette, soliciting interest in agricultural use of the field. If only one letter of interest comes back, that individual may begin using the field immediately without further Board review. If multiple letters come back, preference will be given to Greensboro residents.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Sean will write the usage bid, including a timeframe for response.

6. **Recycling.** There is an ongoing problem at the recycling center of items being left after hours. After discussion, it was agreed that Sean will look into the cost of a security camera. Ernie will ask All Metals Recycling to swap out the town's metal dumpster with one with lower sides, making it easier to use.
7. Ernie will look into how Ballfield use is scheduled.

ADJOURNED: 9:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk