

Greensboro Selectboard

May 25, 2016

Special Meeting – Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Karp, Carl Andeer, Garret Baxter

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:34 PM

Additions to the Agenda. A Selectboard member is needed to represent the town at the town tax sale. The Board unanimously agreed that Judy will be the rep., with Sue the alternate.

Selectboard Training on the VT Open Meeting Law (OML). Carl Andeer and Garret Baxter, of the VT League of Cities & Towns Municipal Assistance Center, made a presentation to the Board on the OML and took questions.

Andeer and Baxter stressed the importance of following the OML, and noted that when there is a question of whether the OML applies to a given situation, courts tend to rule in favor of the OML.

They were unable to answer specific questions regarding what kinds of Selectboard emails must be kept and for how long, but said the State Archivist could definitively answer such questions.

Initially, Andeer and Baxter recommend that the Town Clerk be the ‘designated custodian’ of Selectboard emails. After further discussion, it became clear that more detailed information was needed by the Board, and they offered to teach a specific course on public records law.

ADJOURNED: 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk

AMENDED 5/30/16 J.K.