

Greensboro Selectboard

June 10, 2015

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Tanner, Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Chief Dave Brochu, Jr., Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, June Cook, Chief Aaron Cochran, Gina Jenkins, Tom Anastasio, Harold Gray

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Minutes for May 13 regular meeting unanimously approved as written.
2. Minutes for May 12 Town Plan public hearing unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

PUBLIC MEETING for SIDEWALK GRANT

Naomi Ranz-Schleifer told the Board that this meeting was warned as an opportunity for the public to comment on the sidewalk grant that the town will be applying for. The state/federal grant would be used to 1) replace old sidewalks in the Village and Bend, 2) study the possibility of building a rec. path from the Village to the Bend, and 3) study the possibility of building a rec. path from the Village to North Shore Rd. The grant would cover 90% of costs; while a cash match from the town is preferred, some in-kind work may be possible. Discussion of the particulars of the sidewalk in front of Willey's Store.

Peter Romans can be contacted if residents have questions, concerns or ideas about this grant application.

POLICE

1. The Board reviewed the May police report.
2. The Chief signed the fireworks display permit.

ROADS

1. Road Supervisor's Report – Dan Tanner.

- Dan is drawing up loader specs and will soon be ready to solicit bids from dealers.
- **Paving.** Paving is done; crosswalks need to be painted and storm drains in the center of town need some adjusting. Pike ended up needing 146 tons of extra material for an additional cost of \$11,107. Discussion; Ernie noted that the temporary paving job done after last year's water line project was uneven and full of dips, so it's not surprising that additional material was required. Even with the overage, Pike still comes in as the lowest bidder for the job. The Board unanimously approved the overage.

2. Curb Cuts.

- **Policy Change.** After discussion, it was agreed that instead of coming before the full Board for review, curb cuts will be approved by Dan and then put in with order sheets to be signed.
- **Curb Cut Request.** The Board approved a curb cut for Tim Whelen at 442 Young Road.

3. Vogan Rd. – Update. Peter discussed the condition of the road with Art Ling, who indicated that next spring he will gather sap in such a way that he won't have to use the road for hauling. Art has recently made some repairs to the road.

4. Class IV Roads – Draft Policy. Sean drew up a Class IV roads policy using a template from VLCT. After discussion, Sue made the following motion:

The Board will form a Class IV Roads committee, consisting of Marsha, Dan and Sean. The Committee will review the draft policy over the next few months, and have it reviewed by VLCT prior to a Board vote on the policy.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Four-Way Stop at Tolman Corners. With the new theater, fire station and circus camp, should a blinking red light or stop signs be installed at Tolman Corners on Breezy Ave./Center Rd.? Discussion; the Board took no action at this time as the theater won't be completed for several years.

6. Grass on Sidewalks (Breezy Ave). Dan will see if it's practical to remove grass growing on the Breezy Ave. sidewalks.

7. Extended Warranty for 2016 Town Truck. Marsha made the following motion:

The town will purchase an extended warranty for the new 2016 truck at a cost of \$7114. The coverage will be the same as was purchased for the 2015 truck.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. Tree Cutting in Utility R.O.W. A resident was concerned about heavy cutting in a utility R.O.W. after last December's ice storm. Sean looked into the laws governing such clearing and reported his findings.

TOWN CLERK – Valdine Hall

- 1. FY 2015 Budget.** The Board reviewed the FY 2015 budget, YTD. Valdine will include the balance of all town bank accounts in the monthly budget report. Discussion of eliminating the constable positions.
- 2. Grand List – Extension for Filing.** The Board signed a 30 day extension for filing the grand list.

3. **Dispatch Contract with Lamoille County Sherriff's Dept.** The Board signed the \$25,764 contract covering dispatch services for emergency police, ambulance and fire services. The contract covers the period from 7/1/15 to 6/30/16.
4. **CAMA contract.** The Board signed the CAMA contract (\$239; software used by the town assessor).

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT. – Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.

1. The new fire truck is now in service.
2. The old van will be put out to bid.
3. There will be an open house at the new fire station on Saturday, July 4.
4. **Fireworks Complaints.** A fireworks permit must be obtained in order to display fireworks, signed by both the G.F.D. and the H.P.D. Chief Dave Brochu, Jr. said he can refuse to sign a permit, but only if there's a fire safety issue. If fireworks are set off and no permit has been issued, the H.P.D. has the authority to confiscate the fireworks. The Greensboro Association will be asked to publicize this permit requirement, a reminder notice will be run in Gazette just prior to July 4, and the town website will post a prominent reminder.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Old Firehouse Sale.** Engineer Patrick Larson concluded that there is no space on the old fire station lot for a septic system. The adjacent field is owned by the Vermont Land Trust and is currently leased for agricultural use; Peter doesn't think the VLT would consider a septic easement. The lot could possibly have a holding tank to support temporary use by an RV. Peter talked to Watson's & Sotheby's; both are interested in listing the property and have a 6% commission. After discussing pricing of the property, Marsha made the following motion:

The Town will list the old fire station property with Sotheby's for \$79,500.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Willey Beach Park – Update.** No work has been done yet. Peter and Marsha will work with the road crew to get site work completed ASAP; Ernie will put up the 'Willey Beach' sign after this site work is complete.
3. **Hayfield at Town Gravel Pit.** Glover resident Seth Johnson was the only one to respond to the Town's request for proposals; he proposed to use the field for agricultural purposes for a period of five years. Peter made the following motion:

The Board accepts Seth Johnson's proposal to use the hayfield on the town's gravel pit property for a period of five years. The property will be used for agricultural uses only; there will be no charge for the use of the property.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Peter will sign the contract.

4. **Recycling Center Security Camera – Update.** Sean reported that wireless 'consumer' systems cost approx. \$500 but would not perform well in this case. If the town wants an effective camera at the recycling center, an electrician or security company should be hired to install a wired camera with a DVR recorder; however, the cost could be considerable. No decision was made by the Board.
5. **Discussion about Noise with Owners of the Lakeview Inn.** Sue reported that Lakeview Inn owner Scott Donnelly is not interested in discussing the ongoing noise issue between the Inn and a neighbor.

Tom Anastasio suggested that since there is no local noise ordinance, the Selectboard proactively contact the state's attorney to ask that VT law be enforced in this situation; this way the H.P.D. might be more likely to enforce the state's noise statute. Sean will talk to the state's attorney.

6. Town Hall Green – Landscaping.

- Discussion of removing diseased trees on the Green; the Board unanimously agreed to hire Adam Holbrook for this work.
- New plantings on the Green will need to be watered and there is no outdoor hose connection. The Board unanimously agreed to have an outdoor water spigot installed on the Town Hall building; Valdine will find a contractor for this work.

7. Ballfield Scheduling. Ernie reported that Ballfield scheduling is somewhat of a free-for-all that seems to work out.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Library trustee.** Denise Stuart resigned as library trustee; alternate Carol Reynolds was suggested to take Stuart's place. The Board unanimously approved Carol Reynolds as interim library trustee.
- 2. Trash & Recycling at Ballfield, Town Parks, Greens.** Valdine told the Board that beginning July 1, recycling receptacles must be placed next to public trash cans. Perry's empties the trash cans but won't pick up the recycling, and the town doesn't have an employee who can pick up the recycling. Valdine proposed that the town remove trash cans from the ballfield, Willey's Green, and the Bend Park and institute a 'Carry In/Carry Out' policy. Gina Jenkins expressed concern that this will result in considerable trash on the ground.

The Board unanimously approved the Carry In/Carry out policy; signs will be ordered and put up.

- 3. Additional Monthly Selectboard Meeting.** The Board unanimously agreed to begin holding two meetings per month starting this June. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Board meetings are now recorded and will be posted to the town's web site.

ADJOURNED: 9:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk