

Greensboro Selectboard

June 22, 2016

Special Meeting – Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Romans, Susan Wood, Sean Thomson

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Carpenter

OTHERS PRESENT: Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, June Cook

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:31 PM

Additions to the Agenda

1. Caldedonia Spirits - special event permits
2. Welcome sign at Town Park
3. Selling topsoil at new fire house
4. Willey Beach Park – mowing vs. not mowing
5. Selectboard rules of conduct

Ernie Machia – Resignation from Selectboard. Ernie Machia has resigned from the Selectboard; the Board unanimously accepted his resignation. The Board will appoint someone to fill his position until town meeting, at which point a vote will be held to fill the remaining two years of his three-year seat. Valdine will advertise the opening, and the Board will appoint someone at its July 13 meeting.

Selectboard Road Crew Liaison – Appointment. Tabled until next meeting.

Order sheets. The Board unanimously approved Sean signing order sheets.

Excavator Bids. The Board unanimously accepted the bid from Milton Cat for an excavator. The list price for the Cat 307E2 is \$99,900 with an \$18,000 trade allowance resulting in net price of \$81,900.

Long Range Planning (Town Buildings & Properties). Sue felt there should be long range plans in place for maintenance of town buildings, public spaces, and town roads.

Discussion of setting up a capital budget-type account, similar to the town's Highway Equipment Reserve Fund (HERF), so maintenance work can be scheduled and budgeted for over time.

Town buildings include the Town Hall, Town Garage, Fire Station, Library, Historical Society, and Grange; public spaces include parks, trails, and sidewalks.

The Board unanimously agreed to form a Roads & Sidewalks Committee and a Buildings Committee. The Recreation Committee will be tasked with planning for parks and trails. Each committee should have at least one Selectboard member, with Road Foreman Dan Tanner being a member of the Roads & Sidewalks Committee.

Notices seeking committee members will be put up, with appointments made at the Board's Aug. 10

meeting.

The Board agreed that having the committees hire professionals to perform initial assessments of the public assets (i.e. town buildings and roads) could be a good starting point. Sean will draft a basic charter for each committee, to give initial guidance on the scope of the committee's work.

Town Clerk & Treasurer – Valdine Hall. Valdine let the Board know she may not be running for re-election in March.

Recycling Committee Appointments. The Board unanimously appointed Christine Armstrong, Peter Romans, Judy Carpenter and Ken Johnston to the Recycling Committee. Sean will work on a draft charter for the committee.

Special Events Permit Requests. The Board unanimously approved special event requests from Caledonia Spirits for July 14 and August 4 (Jasper Hill Farm Events), and August 7 (wedding at Jennifer Ranz's barn).

Welcome Sign at Town Park. Peter reported that the structure is sound. Discussion; The Board authorized, unanimously, that up to \$500 be spent on improvements to the sign board, including new 'Welcome to Greensboro' lettering. The sign board could also have a map of area attractions on the back side.

Peter will discuss signage possibilities with Ceilidh Kane (*The Art House* – Craftsbury) and RallyGrafix (Colchester). Russ Hislop may be asked to paint the sign board and/or the new welcome sign.

Topsoil at the New Fire House. Boomer Mercier is interested in purchasing some of the topsoil for \$5/yd. Discussion; the topsoil may be useful to the town in the future. The Board unanimously agreed that the topsoil will not be sold at this time.

Willey Beach – Mowing. The small grassy area adjacent to the Willey Beach parking area is currently being mowed; Peter proposed that the area be left wild for beauty and habitat. A path could be still be mowed down the center of the area; the Board unanimously agreed to leave the area wild with a mowed path.

Roadside Mowing & Invasive Plants. Josh Karp wondered if there's a way for the town to time roadside mowing to minimize the spread of invasive plants. June Cook reported that the Craftsbury Conservation Commission has worked on this issue; Josh will contact Commission chair Joe Houston, as well as state agencies that may have advice.

Selectboard Rules of Conduct. The Board reviewed a draft of the Selectboard Rules of Conduct as presented by Sue. Discussion; The Board made a few changes to the draft. Sue will incorporate these changes and the Board will vote to adopt the rules at its next meeting.

ADJOURNED: 7:47 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk