

Greensboro Selectboard

June 24, 2015

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gina Jenkins, Tom Anastasio, Josh Karp, June Cook, Dorian Sarris, Betsy Donlon, Cindy Roze, Gordon Stoner

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes for the 6/10/15 Selectboard meeting unanimously approved as written.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR WARREN HILL, JR.

Sue announced that the Board will be sending Warren Hill, Jr. a certificate of appreciation for his six years of service to the town as a Selectboard member.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

ROADS

- 1. Drainage Issues with Properties on East side of Wilson St.** The field below Jim Cook's house is very wet; from there water flows south through backyards on the E. side of Wilson St., at times continuing on to wash out the parking lot in the center of Greensboro Village. Peter reported that this town-owned lot recently got washed out twice in one week, and added that the wet conditions behind the residences could compromise septic systems.

This issue came up before during the Fire District's water line project; possible causes and solutions were discussed at that time but nothing was done to improve the situation. Peter made the following motion:

A Selectboard member will look into the drainage problem on the east side of Wilson St.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Board designated Peter to work on this issue.

- 2. Water Line to Town Garage.** Peter reported that the water line to Tim Short's trailer is being replaced; this could be an opportunity to replace the town garage's water line. The water line to the garage froze last winter; it is thought to lie under the parking lot area and perhaps should be moved.

Peter will get an cost estimate to replace/reroute the line, and present his findings to the Board at the July 8 meeting.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1. Old Firehouse Sale.** Dorian Sarris and Betsy Donlon of Sotheby's were present to answer questions regarding the sale of the old firehouse. Sue will fill out Sotheby's property questionnaire, putting 'I don't know' where appropriate. While Peter clarified that a septic holding tank for a residence would not be allowed by the state, it was unclear whether a holding tank for seasonal RV use would be permitted. Tom Anasasio observed that very few things can be done with the property, which should be made clear to prospective buyers. Dorian said that anyone interested in the property will be asked to discuss possible uses with zoning administrator Kristen Leahy.
- 2. Willey Beach Park – Update.** Work is underway on removing/redistributing excess gravel. Formerly graveled areas outside the new parking lot will get topsoil and grass seed. Peter has done some work on a path.
- 3. Sidewalk Grant Update.** Peter and Naomi met with an engineer who has experience with the sidewalk grant discussed last month; he told them he'd never go through that grant process again. He related that the grant-funded project he was involved with took nine years from start to finish and was very expensive. Based on this, Peter and Naomi decided to not pursue the grant.

Funding may be sought from other sources to study the expansion of the sidewalk network, but existing sidewalks will just be rebuilt section by section over the upcoming years. Sidewalks on Main St. in the Bend is the top priority; Ernie will do background research on variables including how high above the road new sidewalks should be placed, whether the road crew could do some of the site work, and what kind of curbing should be used. Peter noted that the approx. \$10k in the FY 2016 sidewalk budget wouldn't come close to completing all the Bend sidewalks.

2. Town Hall Maintenance Update.

- The diseased trees on the Green have been removed.
- No progress yet on the installation of an outdoor hose connection.
- The back side of the building is being painted.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Greensboro Bend Community Park Volunteers Should Join Town Recreation Committee?** Tabled until the July 8 meeting.
- 2. Monthly Selectboard Meetings – Structure of Agenda.** There are now two Selectboard meetings per month, on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Road Supervisor Dan Tanner and Town Clerk Valdine Hall will attend the first meeting of the month; Sue will ask Police Chief Aaron Cochran and Fire Chief Dave Brochu, Jr. if they can attend the second meeting of the month.

ADJOURNED: 7:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk