

Greensboro Selectboard

August 12, 2015

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Christine Armstrong, Josh Karp, Valdine Hall, June Cook, David Massey, Stephanie Thomson, Darin Barber, Marcia Stone, Betsy Donlon, Randy Lebel

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from the July 22 meeting unanimously approved as amended.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

TOWN CLERK

The Board reviewed the FY 2016 budget, Y.T.D.

ROADS

- 1. Road Supervisor's Report.** Dan Tanner was not present; the Board reviewed his written roads report.
- 2. Loader Bids.** The Board opened sealed bids for a new town loader. Bids were received from Woods/CRW (Volvo), Beauregard Equipment (Case), Milton Cat (Cat) and Nortrax (Deere). After discussion, Ernie made the following motion:

The Town will purchase the Case 621F loader from Beauregard Equipment for \$104,235. This price includes a \$38k trade in on the town's existing loader, and a 3 yr./3000 hr. scheduled maintenance/full machine warranty package. The town will pay an additional \$1325 to extend the warranty for two more years.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried (E.M., M.G., S.W., S.T. in favor; P.R. abstained).

- 3. Slope Stabilization on Craftsbury Rd.** The town has received an estimate from Gravel Construction for the work; it was unclear whether the town's bidding policy requires the job to be put out to bid; Dan will be consulted.
- 4. Parking and Use of the Town R.O.W.** There is limited parking at the library for events, resulting in people parking on both sides of the road. Sue will look into the idea of allowing parking only on the

library side of the road. It is unclear what the town can and can't do in the R.O.W.; Ernie and Sean will research.

Dan is concerned about dangerous illegal parking in the center of town. The H.P.D. can ticket if there are properly installed 'No Parking' signs; Ernie will look into the existing signage and see if more signs are necessary.

5. **Greensboro Bend Speed Study:** Sue discussed speed studies with VLCT; she reported that these give the town legal protection since they are completed by a traffic engineer. A recent study of roads in Hardwick was completed for about \$3,000. Sue will discuss a Greensboro study with NVDA and the engineer who did the work for Hardwick. She added that a study might lead to better placement of traffic signage in the center of town.
6. **Class IV Road Policy (draft).** The Board reviewed the draft policy. Board members expressed concern that the draft opens up Class IV roads to ATV use. Tabled until next meeting.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Wilson St. Drainage Issues.** Peter will be meeting next week with a state wetlands ecologist and consultant Michael Lew-Smith.
2. **Willey Beach Park.** The sign has been installed; it had to be installed at a low height due to a requirement from the D.R.B. Peter reported that proposals for landscaping are being sought.
3. **Town Hall – Outside Lights.** The town received one bid, from Cold Hollow Electric (\$4332). Ernie made the following motion:

The Board accepts the \$4332 bid from Cold Hollow Electric to install outside lighting on the Town Hall.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Ernie will notify the contractor, and request that the work be completed before school begins.

4. **Bend Community Park / Town Rec. Committee.** Ernie reported that none of the folks who have been active with the Bend Community Park want to join the town recreation committee. The Board unanimously agreed that a notice will be run in the Gazette, seeking members for the committee.
5. **Temporary Signage on Town Property – Draft Policy.** Sean drew up a draft policy for temporary signs placed on town property. Discussion; there was general concern that as written, the policy would allow anyone to pull up a sign that was not supposed to be on town property. It was agreed to table the issue until the next meeting.
6. **Greensboro Planning Commission – Request from David Miltenberger to Join.** The Board agreed that the open position should be warned.
7. **Setting Rates for Cemetery Lots.** Tabled.
8. **G.F.D. Pumper Truck.** Tabled.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. David Massey/Perrin Rd.** David Massey told the Board that the town's request to classify Perrin Rd. as a Class IV road was denied. He added that the dumpster being used by Willey's Store (placed on the edge of the R.O.W.) makes it difficult for him to access his property. Sue will ask Rob Hurst to make sure the dumpster is not blocking the R.O.W.
- 2. Monitor for Town Offices.** Sean proposed that the town purchase a large format monitor for official town business; he said that the D.R.B. would benefit greatly from such a monitor, and that the Selectboard would find it useful as well. Most towns have such a monitor, now that electronic documents have become commonplace. He estimated the cost at about \$500. It was agreed to discuss the purchase of a monitor with the D.R.B.; this expense could be budgeted for in next year's budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sue made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:08 PM to discuss an offer on town real estate.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 8:23 PM.

Peter made the following motion:

The Board does not accept David Massey's offer to trade his property at 55 Breezy Ave. for the old firehouse property plus \$10,000, with the town paying an additional \$7900 realtor commission.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED: 8:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk