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Greensboro Selectboard

August 9, 2017

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Lapierre

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Denise Stuart, Dan Tanner, Norman Polston, Tina MacKenzie, Lee Wright, Phil Keough, Peg Elmer Hough, Officer Kevin Lehoe

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:33 PM

MINUTES

July 12, 2017 approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Miller’s Thumb, Stormwater – Norman Polston. The Board discussed Norm’s letter regarding a stormwater issue at the Millers Thumb – since the last paving, the road is at the same level as the sidewalk, causing overflow problems under the Thumb. Various solutions were discussed, including grinding down the pavement and making a trough, building a new curb, building a higher sidewalk. Dan and Peter will meet with a representative from Pike, who did the paving, and investigate solutions and will communicate with Norm about them.

POLICE

Officer Kevin Lehoe presented the July police report. He commented that things were normal for this time of year, no big issues, and that they are patrolling Greensboro and the Bend regularly.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

No member of the G.F.D. was present this evening, and there was no monthly report available to review.

ROADS – Road Supervisor Dan Tanner

1. Dan reported he is down one road crew member.
2. The road crew has been grading, ditching, putting up sand for the winter.
3. Crushing will be done soon.
4. Paving is finished except for the shoulders.

5. The culvert by Black's Point needs replacing and will need bigger equipment than the town has – Dan will prepare a request to put that out to bid.
6. Denise is doing paperwork for the Better Back Roads grant, which will be received.
7. Norm Polston complimented Dan for his help with snowplowing issues at the Millers Thumb last winter.
8. Judy asked about the planned removal of paving in front of the Town Hall. It was not budgeted for so can't be addressed this fiscal year.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

New Emergency Plan. Kim presented the new Emergency Plan – same as last year except for updating the Town Clerk's name, naming Fire Chief Dave Brochu, Jr. as head, and 911 address changes. Judy suggested adding Wonder Arts (former Wonder and Wisdom) afterschool program to high needs population list – Kim will do.

Sean made the following motion:

The Board approves the revised Town Emergency Management Plan.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

TREASURER – Denise Stuart

1. The Board reviewed the F.Y. 2018 budget YTD, and Denise explained some line changes and clarifications.
2. Denise met with the town auditor who recommended that Denise reconcile accounts and have Barbara Brook in the office review them rather than having it done offsite.
3. Denise reported the auditor's recommendation that a one-time \$110 refund/credit from Fairpoint Communications for overbilling the Fire Department be set aside as a general fund balance for the Fire Department's phone bills. The Board unanimously approved.
4. Peter made the following motion:

Based on the information provided by Denise Stuart and Kim Greaves, the Board will set the town's portion of the property tax rate at \$.6074. With the education rate set by the state, this will give about a 7¢ increase for residents and a 1.2¢ increase for non-residents.

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Swimming Lessons – Update.** Kim reported that the swim program started this week with 20 participants and that the budget will be covered by fees and donations.
2. **Loose Pig in Greensboro Bend – Update.** Sean met with Phil Keough (also present at this meeting) about the loose pigs in the Bend situation. Phil has resolved fencing issues and the pigs have not escaped for the past month. Because of a recent court decision in Rutland County, criminal liability can now be attached to damage or injury caused by loose domestic or farm animals, so the town does need to address this kind of situation in a long-term way. Given the current circumstances, Sean made the following motion:

The Board will rescind the \$50 fine given to Mr. Keough.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board signaled its intention to work on developing an appropriate animal control ordinance.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Dan noted confusion among employees about accrual of vacation time. The Board plans to revisit the personnel policies to address this.
2. **Hazard Mitigation Plan.** Peg Elmer presented the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan and the changes requested by FEMA. This needs to be reviewed every spring to address implementation progress, and working on the next plan needs to start two years before the current plan expires. Having a FEMA approved plan provides access to more FEMA funding through the state to address needs presented in the plan. Kim will contact 1) the state about funds availability, and 2) NVDA about providing digitized flood maps – we are one of the few areas in the state that the state has not done this for and NVDA can push for this.

Sue read the Certification of Adoption of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan required by FEMA.

Peter made the following motion:

The Board adopts the 2017 Greensboro Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will take effect immediately. This adoption is conditional, pending FEMA approval.

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Peg will now submit the approved plan to FEMA for their final approval. The Board thanked Peg for her hard work to complete it.

3. **Willey Beach - Letter from Rob Hurst.** Significant homemade bridges have been put across sections of the path by an unknown benefactor, which are helpful but may not be safe in the long run. Peter suggested using gravel or stone, which was done on the first part of the path after the paving was taken up. He will talk with Rob Hurst and others about organizing a volunteer community work crew to complete this task, as the ground is too wet for town equipment to do so.
4. **September Selectboard Meeting in the Bend.** The September Select Board meeting will take place at St. Michael's Parish Hall in Greensboro Bend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Peter made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:17 PM to discuss personnel matters, with Kim and Denise present.

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:07 PM, and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 9:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Judy Carpenter