

Greensboro Selectboard

September 14, 2016

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Tanner, Josh Karp, Adam Froehlig, Mike Glodgett, Peg Elmer Hough, Devin Burgess, Clive Gray

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:31 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from August 10 meeting approved as written (*Sean abstained from the vote as he had not been present*).

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

POLICE

Officer Mike Glodgett was present.

1. The Board reviewed the August 2016 police report.
2. **Security Systems - False Alarms.** This has been an ongoing discussion; Chief Cochran is still gathering statistics.
3. Officer Glodgett reported that in recent weeks, there have been fewer residents calling with complaints from Greensboro Bend.

GREENSBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Clive Gray

Clive explained that the GCC voted to use \$2000 from the Greensboro Conservation Fund to partially fund a conservation easement on the Highland Lodge property. The GCC is now seeking Selectboard approval. Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves using \$2000 of the Greensboro Conservation Fund to partially fund a conservation easement on the Highland Lodge property, as discussed.

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Peg Elmer Hough

Peg has been contracted by NVDA to update Greensboro's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). These plans are good for five years; the previous plan had been written in 2005. Having an updated HMP in place can result in more funding from FEMA in the case of a disaster.

Peg presented her draft of the updated HMP. The Board reviewed parts of the draft and made some changes. Peg will incorporate the changes, the Board will approve the document, and it will be sent on to VT Emergency Management and FEMA for review.

WILSON ST. DRAINAGE. – Devin Burgess

There are three houses on the east side of Wilson St. Stormwater from town roads floods through the backyards during heavy rains, continuing down to the town parking lot at the Village Green, often causing extensive damage there. Devin Burgess owns one of the houses and showed a video of a recent flooding event; he expressed frustration that 1) the situation has been ongoing for a number of years, 2) the town knows about it, and 3) the town hasn't taken any steps to remedy the situation.

Peter agreed that the problem is caused by road runoff and that the town should take steps to mitigate the flooding. Peter, Dan Tanner, and staff from the state's Better Backroads program recently came up with a plan to reduce the amount of stormwater flowing into the backyards. The work will be done this fall, with the Program funding much of the work.

It was acknowledged that this work will only be a first step; grants to help pay for additional work are available and will be applied for.

ROADS

1. **Road Supervisor's report – Dan Tanner.** The road crew has been grading and ditching. Winter sand has been put up. Repairs to the loader's cowling have been completed.
2. **Issues with new excavator.** Dan reported that the Town's new excavator is tippy and unstable. The Town's prior unit performed well, yet this new machine (the same model number) is clearly designed differently. If the extra weight of the added thumb and wrist is causing the problem, the machine has a serious design flaw, since these accessories are commonly added. A tech from the dealer suggested bolting on a sheet metal counterweight, but it is unknown whether this would solve the problem. It was agreed that the dealer should take some responsibility for the poor performance of the machine.
Peter will call the Cat dealer, explain the problem, and give them an opportunity to solve it.
3. **New pickup.** Dan got information on ¾ and 1 ton trucks from a few dealers; the Board reviewed the quotes.
4. **2017-2019 Plowing contract.** The contract was agreed to last year but had not been signed; the Board signed the contract.
5. **Miller Rd.** This road often washes out and Dan is not sure how to fix due to ledge in the area. Peter and Dan will try to come up with a fix. Discussion of other problem areas in town where water is funneled from town roads onto residents' properties.
6. **Greensboro Bend sidewalks.** Sean presented a scope of work for sidewalk replacement in Greensboro Bend (a multi-year project). After discussion, the Board approved work on a section of the sidewalks for this fall. Bids will be sent out and opened at the next Board meeting.

7. **Breezy Ave. sidewalks.** The Board will get prices for sidewalk work up Breezy Ave., to help with budgeting (not bids for actual work). Discussion of extending the existing sidewalk up to Circus Smirkus. Sean will create a map of the current sidewalks and possible extension, to assist contractors in making their estimates.

8. **Speed limit ordinance.** Research done by Sue indicates that the Board can set ‘reasonable’ speed limits without an official speed study. Discussion of changing the reduced speed limit on the first few miles of Craftsbury Rd. (a seasonal change) from 35 to 40 mph, and shortening this seasonal speed reduction (going back to 50 mph on Columbus Day, instead of later in the fall).

Discussion of changing the speed limit on all gravel roads to 35 mph (currently 50 mph by default). Sue will draft an ordinance to be reviewed at the next Board meeting; if approved by the Board, a public meeting will be held for discussion of the proposed ordinance.

Peter will price portable speed indicator units.

9. Dan will install a Stop sign at the intersection of Hill Rd. and T.H. #8.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

No representative from the G.F.D. was present.

1. **Removal of extra fill material at new firehouse.** The Board decided to wait until next spring to solicit bids for this work. Someone recently flattened the pile using a small tractor; it was unclear who was doing this work, and why it was being done.

2. **Stannard fire contract.** The Board signed the fire contract, covering the period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Long range planning committees.** Sean presented draft committee charters for the Board to review. Each committee’s charter would include a mission statement and objectives. Sean will work on a final draft of the Recreation Committee charter, to be reviewed and adopted at the next Board meeting. Drafts for other committees (*Beach, Cemetery, Town Buildings & Properties, Recycling*) will be discussed at the next meeting and adopted at future meetings.

2. **Changing the day/time of Town Meeting.** No further discussion, background information about the process of changing the day/time is still being gathered.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hardwick Town Manager Jon Jewett asked whether the Town of Greensboro intends to accept a one-year extension of the current police contract (as described in the contract). The cost would be \$214,377 or 24% of the H.P.D. budget, whichever is less. Judy made the following motion:

The Board agrees to a one-year extension of the current police contract, covering services from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Michael seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER – Valdine Hall

1. The Board reviewed the FY 2017 budget, Y.T.D.
2. Valdine recommended that funds budgeted for repairs to the new fire house parking lot (which didn't happen) be moved over to the capital budget. Peter made the following motion:

Funds budgeted for repairs to the new fire house parking lot will be moved to the capital budget.

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Highland Lodge liquor license.** Although the sale of the Highland Lodge has not been finalized, prospective buyer Heidi Lauren Duke applied for a Class I liquor license, outside consumption permit, and Class III liquor license. Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves the Highland Lodge's liquor license application as discussed.

Michael seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. **Land donation to the town.** The Board has been asked whether it would be interested in receiving a donation of land to the town. The parcel is 2.8 acres on Lakeshore Rd.. past the ball field on the right-hand side. Discussion; Board members agreed that the town might be interested in the land donation. There is another town-owned parcel close by (not contiguous to the new parcel, and approx. three acres in size).

ADJOURNED: 9:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk