

Greensboro Selectboard

September 23, 2015

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sean Thomson

OTHERS PRESENT: June Cook, Josh Karp, Karin Newhouse, Valdine Hall, Kristen Leahy, Alain McMurtrie

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 PM

MINUTES

Minutes unanimously approved as amended from the September 9, 2015 meeting.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Truck Noise – Anonymous Letter. The Board reviewed a letter from ‘anonymous’ regarding engine brake use by trucks. It was noted that the Board typically does not take action in response to anonymous letters; however, this issue also came up last month and is on the agenda to be discussed with H.P.D. Chief Cochran later in the meeting.

POLICE

- 1. August Police Report.** Chief Cochran was present and discussed the August police report with the Board.
- 2. Speeding Trucks and Engine Brakes.** Trucks coming into town early in the morning on Breezy Ave., Cemetery Ridge Rd. and Craftsbury Rd. use engine brakes to slow down; these can be noisy and have been irritating residents. It is possible that the trucks are speeding; Chief Cochran will set up early morning speed traps in those areas.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

- 1. Chief’s Report.** Chief Dave Brochu, Jr. was not present; the Board reviewed his written report. After discussion, Peter made the following motion:

Peter will find an electrician to inspect and disconnect unused wiring in the old firehouse.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 2. Budget.** Recent spending patterns have Sue and Valdine concerned that the Dept. will be over budget this year; they discussed this with Chief Dave Brochu. Peter will also talk to Dave and remind him that

the Board and Treasurer are concerned about spending and that he needs to keep the budget in mind when spending money.

ROADS

1. **New Road Name Needed.** A driveway off North Shore Rd. needs to be named now that three residences are on the road, due to 911 requirements. The Board unanimously agreed on 'Loon Rd.'
2. **Greensboro Bend Sidewalks.** Ernie reported that sidewalk work in Greensboro Bend should begin during the week of Sept. 28.

TOWN CLERK – Valdine Hall

1. **Budget Review.** The Board reviewed and discussed the FY 2016 budget, Y.T.D.
2. **Trash Can in Bend Community Park.** The can will be removed and replaced with a "carry in/carry out" sign.
3. **Grange Update.** The building permit has not been received from the state yet; a \$1,000 lead inspection needs to be done.
4. **Mowing Town Properties.** After discussion, Ernie made the following motion:

The Board will solicit bids for mowing on town properties, with a three-year contract being specified covering fiscal years '17, '18, and '19. Valdine will structure the ad à la carte, so contractors can bid on the specific mowing jobs they are interested in.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Wilson St. Drainage Issues.** No update.
2. **Town Hall.**
 - Energy Audit – Review and Recommendations (Peter). No update.
 - Toilets. After discussion, Ernie made the following motion:

The Board delegates Peter to hire a plumber to install new toilets as needed in the Town Hall.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Town Health Officer & Deputy Health Officer Appointments.** The terms of Health Officer Sue Wood and Deputy Health Officer Marsha Gadoury are coming to an end. Marsha, Christine Armstrong and Mark Snyder expressed interest in the positions. After discussion, Peter made the following motion:

The Board appoints Marsha Gadoury as Town Health Officer, and Christine Armstrong as Deputy Health Officer.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Hazard Mitigation Plan.** NVDA will assist the town with the writing of the Plan and be paid with grant funding; Valdine Hall and Kristen Leahy will provide the required in-kind labor match on the town's end. Sue made the following motion:

The Board approves the M.O.U. between the N.V.D.A. and the Town, regarding the writing of a Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Stop-work Order, G.A.A.R. Theater Project.** A stop-work order for the G.A.A.R. Theater Project was received by Zoning Administrator Kristen Leahy; she would like an attorney to assist her with this legal issue. Peter said the town should try its best to avoid expensive on-going litigation. Ernie made the following motion:

The Board approves Kristen Leahy working with attorney Bill Davies on a response to the stop-work order. Davies will also be asked to provide suggestions on how the town can best deal with issues that come up regarding the G.A.A.R. Theater Project.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried (P.R., S.W., E.M., in favor; M.G. recused herself).

Discussion about the height of the project. Kristen explained that the D.R.B. approved the theater being 35' high, the maximum height allowed by Town zoning. However, the subsequent Act 250 review requires the theater to add a cupola for aesthetic purposes, making the building 42' high. G.A.A.R. will have to receive a height exemption from the D.R.B. in order to add the cupola and meet the Act 250 condition. Additionally, a secondary building that was included on the Act 250 application had not been included on the initial D.R.B. application; that building also has to be approved by the D.R.B.

ADJOURNED: 7:59 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk