

# Greensboro Selectboard

September 9, 2015

## Meeting Minutes

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

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Marsha Gadoury

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Ramsay, Erika Karp, June Cook, Josh Karp, Allan Wilson, Clive Gray, Nancy Hill, Dan Tanner, David Monsell

**CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM**

### MINUTES

Minutes approved unanimously from the August 26, August 31 and September 4 meetings.

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

- 1. Truck Noise – *Marion Stegner*.** In a letter to the Board, Marion expressed concern over the noise caused by the engine brakes of large trucks. While Peter understood Marion's concerns, he felt that taking action here, while not having resolved noise issues with the Lakeview Inn, would be inappropriate. The Board shouldn't be addressing noise issues with a piecemeal approach, he added. Speeding trucks in Greensboro Village on Cemetery Ridge Rd. and Craftsbury Rd. will be discussed with the H.P.D. at the Board's next meeting.
- 2. Water Line in Town R.O.W. – *Allan Wilson*.** Allan asked the Board permission to run his new water line under Country Club Rd. He noted that the work will begin around Oct. 1 and should be completed in five days. Peter made the following motion:

*The Board approves Allan Wilson's request to run his new water line under Country Club Rd.*

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### ROADS

- 1. Road Supervisor's Report – *Dan Tanner*.** Dan reported that the new Town truck is being built; winter sand has been put up; the new Town loader should arrive in October; crushing should start in early October.
- 2. Slope Stabilization on Craftsbury Rd. – *Open Bids*.** One bid was received, from Gravel Construction (Wolcott) for \$6900. Ernie made the following motion:

*The Board accepts the \$6900 bid from Gravel Construction for slope stabilization on Craftsbury Rd.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Parking and Use of the Town R.O.W.** The Board agreed unanimously to table this issue. A survey would be required, and the Board decided it was not worth spending the money on this, at this time.
4. **Class IV Road Policy (draft).** Discussion of allowing ATVs and dirt bikes on some Class IV roads; Peter and Sue had concerns about this. Discussion of a *policy* vs. an *ordinance*; an ordinance can have police enforcement and fines, while a policy has neither.

Ernie made the following motion:

*The Town's Class IV regulations will take the form of an ordinance. §7)c. SEASONAL RESTRICTIONS will be removed, and the draft will be sent to VLCT for review.*

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Erika Karp, Clive Gray**

Erika and Clive explained that the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) has negotiated conservation easements with the new owners of three pieces of Greensboro farmland:

- **Jaffin Farm** - new owners Shaun and Darren Hill;
- **Farmland on Country Club Rd.** - new owners Mateo and Andy Kehler of Jasper Hill Farm;
- **Part of the former Fontaine Farm** – new owner Todd Hardie.

The VLT asked the Greensboro Conservation Commission (GCC) to contribute Greensboro Conservation Fund (GCF) monies towards the purchase of the easements; the GCC voted unanimously to contribute \$12,000 (There is currently \$15,000 in the GCF).

Peter noted that the three new owners have successful businesses and are not struggling farmers, that GCF funds come from property tax revenues (via a town appropriation), and questioned whether this was an appropriate use of taxpayer's money.

John Ramsay (VLT) spoke in support of the easements. Ernie made the following motion:

*The Board approves \$12,000 of the Greensboro Conservation Fund be contributed towards the purchase of conservation easements on three parcels of Greensboro Farmland by the Vermont Land Trust, as discussed above.*

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

It was noted that Pete Johnson's planned farm purchase in Craftsbury, while listed on the 'Greensboro Area Farm Projects' letter given to the Selectboard by the Conservation Commission, will not be receiving funds from the Greensboro Conservation Fund.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

1. **Wiley Beach Park – Update.** Peter reported that John Mackin will be donating stones to delineate the parking lot. The Wiley Beach Committee chose Stuart Lapoint's landscaping proposal; Laura Hill may do some landscaping work as well.

2. **Wilson St. Drainage Issues – Update.** Peter will be meeting soon with Jim Ryan from State of VT Stormwater Management.
3. **Temporary Signage on Town Property – Draft Policy.** It turns out that VLCT is currently reviewing U.S. Supreme Court case law relating to this issue, so the Board unanimously agreed to table discussion.
4. **Planning Commission Appointment.** David Miltenberger and Christine Armstrong are interested in joining the Greensboro Planning Commission. The appointment(s) will be discussed in an executive session.
5. **Town Hall – Energy Audit.** The Board agreed unanimously to table this issue.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Sean made the following motion:

*The Board will enter executive session at 7:45 PM to discuss an appointment to the Greensboro Planning Commission.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 7:55 PM.

Sean made the following motion:

*The Board appoints David Miltenberger to the Greensboro Planning Commission.*

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNED: 7:58 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*

**AMENDED 9/23/15 J.K.**