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# **Greensboro Selectboard**

May 9, 2018

## **Meeting Minutes**

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Romans, Michael Lapierre, Matt McAllister, Andy Kehler

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Susan Wood

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Tom Camarra, Barbara Brooke, Nancy Hill, Clive Gray, Kyle Gray, Heidi Lauren Duke, June Cook, Sr. Gail Worcelo, Lise Armstrong, Brian Titus, Stew Arnold, Norm Patenaude, Jennifer Carlo

**CALLED TO ORDER: 6:31 PM**

### **MINUTES**

Minutes from 4/11/18 meeting approved as written, unanimously.

### **PUBLIC CONCERNS**

There were no public concerns this evening.

### **POLICE**

Officer Glodgett was present.

**Speed Cart.** Officer Glodgett agreed that the H.P.D. will make the speed cart available to the town next week, and that road foreman Tom Camarra will be trained to operate it. Tom will store the cart in the town garage in the evenings.

### **GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.**

No report was available to review.

### **CIRCUS SMIRKUS**

New Circus Smirkus director Jennifer Carlo introduced herself to the Board, and said she's grateful that Smirkus and the town have good, long-standing working relationship.

### **ROADS**

- 1. Road Foreman's report – Tom Camarra.** Tom told the Board that the road crew has been grading and doing other springtime road maintenance.

2. **Young Rd.** Matt reported that parts of Young Rd. are very dangerous and need to be widened, which involves removing ledge and cutting trees.
3. **Excavator hammer for ledge work.** Discussion of renting or buying a hammer for the excavator, so the road crew can work on ledge in roadways. There are at least a dozen places around town that need ledge hammered, especially on Young Rd. According to Matt, you have to rent an excavator with a hammer – you can't just rent a hammer for our machine. Given the amount of ledge work to do, it's likely that renting would be cost prohibitive. Purchasing a hammer will be looked at during budgeting for next fiscal year.
4. **Bids.** The following bids were reviewed:

**A) PAVING**

CONTRACTOR	TON PRICE	RECLAIM PRICE	SHOULDER PRICE
Grays	\$75.20	\$1.27 /yd.	\$7050
S.T.	\$79.50	\$1.75 /yd.	\$40/ton
Pike	\$65.85	\$1.24 /yd.	\$2692
Hutchins	\$66.75	\$1.23 /yd.	\$3167

Peter made the following motion:  
*The Board accepts Pike's paving bid.*  
 Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**B) GRAVEL CRUSHING**

CONTRACTOR	PRICE
Simpson Dirt Work (Lyndon)	\$37,500
McCulloch (Middlesex)	\$31,500

Andy made the following motion:  
*The Board accepts the McCulloch bid for gravel crushing.*  
 Michael seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**C) WINTER SAND (5000 yd.)**

<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>PRICE: TOWN HAULS</b>	<b>PRICE: DELIVERED</b>
Gravel Construction (Wolcott)	\$7/yd.= \$35,000	n/a
J.Hutchins (Richmond)	\$4/yd. = \$20,000	\$9/yd. = \$45,000
Ken Davis (Greensboro pit)	\$5.90 = \$29,500	n/a

Mike made the following motion:  
*The Board accepts the Ken Davis bid for winter sand.*  
Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**D) ROADSIDE MOWING**

<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Neborsky	\$7,250
Patenaude	\$13,331
Simoneau	\$11,975

Andy made the following motion:  
*The Board accepts the Neborsky bid for roadside mowing, contingent on 1) his equipment meeting the town spec. of a 5' wide mower, or 2) his willingness to make an extra pass if he has a smaller machine.*  
Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves**

**Swimming lessons.** Kim reported that the swimming lessons instructor and lifeguard are comfortable with the town not filling the remaining swimming instructor position.

**GREENSBORO LAND TRUST**

Clive Gray reported that the Greensboro Land Trust (GLT) has approved spending \$25k out of its reserves to supplement a VT Housing & Conservation Board grant for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Green Mountain Monastery property. 145 mostly-wooded acres will be conserved, with public access to trails. The land is posted for no hunting.

He noted that the GLT is not asking for town funds for the purchase of the easement, but is asking for a letter of support for the project.

Andy made the following motion:

*The Selectboard supports the purchase of a conservation easement on the Green Mountain Monastery property, and will write a letter of support as requested by the Greensboro Land Trust.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **GREENSBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Clive Gray**

Clive Gray told the Board that the Porter Brook nature trail, which is located on a conserved area of the Highland Lodge property, is a diverse natural area and community asset. It has been over 20 years since its creation, and the trail is in need of maintenance and restoration. The Greensboro Conservation Commission (GCC) and Greensboro Land Trust (GLT) have discussed the project with Highland Lodge manager Heidi Lauren Duke, who has solicited estimates for the restoration work. A work crew from Northwoods Stewardship Center has already started working on the trail.

Clive noted that the Vermont Land Trust is not interested in this kind of project, and recommended funding through local organizations. The GLT has voted to spend \$15k out of its reserves for the project, with plans to raise an additional \$5k. The GCC is asking for Selectboard approval to contribute \$2k from the Greensboro Conservation Fund towards this project.

Andy made the following motion:

*The Board approves the spending of \$2k from the Greensboro Conservation Fund to fund trail restoration at the Porter Brook Nature Center.*

Michael seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Clive noted that the Highland Lodge is planning to build a gazebo on the trail, which will be paid for by the Lodge.

### **TREASURER – Barbara Brooke**

1. The Board reviewed and discussed the FY 2018 budget YTD.
2. **Funds for library septic repair.** It's still unclear whether there are funds in this FY for this project.
3. **Cemetery Commission.** Cemetery Commission (CC) member Wayne Young requested to use interest from the perpetual care account for CC projects. This account is currently in a CD, which is about to mature; there is about \$400 in interest that the CC could use. Barbara plans to move the account to a higher yielding CD.
4. Barbara told the Board that she's investigating various small town funds that have been forgotten about, and moving them to higher yielding accounts if possible.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Village Green clean up.** Mowing contractor Kyle Drown cleaned up the gravel that was on the village green.
2. **Community service.** Many area high-school students need to perform community service hours prior to graduating. Discussion of asking some of these students to help with spring clean-up and other tasks around town.

- 3. VT Council on Rural Development – Peter.** Peter said he's scheduling a presentation by Paul Costello of the VT Council on Rural Development. Andy remarked that Paul is a great facilitator and has a fantastic track record.

The presentation may happen on May 30, the same night as the special town meeting, but if this doesn't work out it will be held in June.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

- 1. Selectboard rules of procedure.** Tabled until next month's meeting.
- 2. Auditor's report.** Andy reviewed the printed auditor's report, and found a number of changes were recommended regarding internal financial controls. Andy will meet with Barbara to discuss the recommendations.
- 3. Appoint civil defense chair.** Tabled.
- 4. Road Supervisor.** The Board unanimously approved Matt McAllister as road supervisor.
- 5. Planning Commission appointments.** There were four recent applicants for three Planning Commission openings: Carol Fairbank, Jerilyn Virden, Kent Hansen and Mateo Kehler. Peter made the following motion:

*Based on the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Board appoints Carol Fairbank, Jerilyn Virden, and Kent Hansen to the Planning Commission.*

Michael seconded the motion, which carried (M.M., P.R., M.L, in favor; A.K. abstained)

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Andy made the following motion:

*The Board will enter executive session at 8:05 PM to discuss a personnel issue, with Kim Greaves present.*

Michael seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 8:15 PM and took no action.

**ADJOURNED: 8:15 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*