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Greensboro Selectboard

August 8, 2018

Meeting Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Kehler, Peter Romans, Susan Wood, Michael Lapierre

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt McAllister

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Tom Camarra, Barbara Brooke, Chief Aaron Cochran, Bill Shatney, Linda Shatney, Kerry Edmunds, David Kelley, Ellen Celnick, Kevin Rich, Dan Predpall, Hal Gray, Jane Hoffman

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from the July 11 and July 19 meetings unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

POLICE

July Police Report. The Board reviewed the July police report. Chief Cochran noted that there were many false alarms last month. He said the average alarm call takes an hour of the H.P.D.'s time.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

1. The Board reviewed Chief Brochu's July report.
2. The Board thanked the Cabbage family for donating a building to the G.F.D., which will be used for trainings.

ROADS

1. **Parking policy.** Mike presented an updated draft of the roadside parking policy. Discussion about the lack of parking in both villages, and how this leads to parking along roadsides. It may not make sense to prohibit parking in the town R.O.W. without alternatives.

The Board agreed to form a Parking Committee, to be chaired and formed by Mike. The committee will be made up of any interested residents; members of the Planning Commission, library and United Church (GUCC) will be invited.

2. **Road Foreman's Report.**

- Paving in the Bend is almost complete.
- Gravel crushing is underway at the pit.

- About 3000 yd. of winter sand have been stockpiled so far.
- Gravel Construction is scheduled to begin work on the Craftsbury Rd. culvert on Sept. 10, followed by work on Lake Rd.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. MOU between Town and Lakeview Union School. Kim presented an updated draft of the MOU, with new language addressing:

- Storage of school items in the mid-level hallway and in front of the gym stairs;
- Students out in the hallway doing one-on-one work with school staff; and
- School access from town clerk’s office.

Peter made the following motion:

Andy will review the draft MOU with principal Eric Irwin. If Eric suggests changes, Andy and Sue will approve them for the Board, so the MOU can be signed before school starts.

2. Recycling Center.

- Locks removed, trash in metal dumpster. Locks were recently installed at the recycling center but were gone within 24 hours. Also, mattresses were left in the metal dumpster. Discussion of installing a security camera at the recycling center; if someone is caught leaving trash or vandalizing, they could be cited and/or fined.

Discussion about a locking cover on the metal dumpster. Another approach would be removing the dumpster and just bringing it on-site for special events (such as Green-Up).

Peter will look into cameras and whether the metal dumpster can be covered and locked.

- Fast Trash. Jeff Perry approved and signed the Fast Trash contract drawn up by Kim, using the NEK Waste District’s template. Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves the Fast Trash contract between BP & Sons and the Town of Greensboro.

Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Trash dumped on roadside – Mud Island Rd. A neighbor reported that trash was recently dumped on the roadside of Mud Island Rd. Sue said that the health officer should be contacted, who will then contact the state about the dumping.

GREENSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION – Dan Predpall

Planning Commission Chair Dan Predpall told the Board that a draft of the new Town Plan is ready for public comment. Two public hearings have been scheduled:

- **Monday, Aug 20, 7 PM at Lakeview Union School**
- **Thursday, Aug 30, 7 PM at St. Michael’s Church in Greensboro Bend**

After public comments are received, the Planning Commission may make changes and then will send the draft to the Selectboard. The Board will hold another public hearing, and then vote whether or not to approve the draft.

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

1. The July check warrant report was reviewed by the Board.
2. Tax bills have been mailed out.

3. The FY 2019 budget, Y.T.D. was reviewed by the Board. Election expenses, the water bill for town properties, and technology expenses were discussed.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Signage at Village Green – update.** Peter asked almost everyone who's had signs up all summer to consider not putting signs out, or just putting them up a few days prior to events. He received no response. The signs could possibly be classified as permanent, since they've been up all season long. Permanent signs must be at least 50' from the centerline of the road (but a waiver can be applied for). Discussion about defining 'temporary' and 'permanent' signs.

Andy said there used to be a wall for posting flyers on the green, and added that the front entrance of Willey's was widely used as well. Maybe the signs on the green are a reaction to the lack of areas to post signage.

Peter will look into the idea of regulating signs.

2. **Animal Control Ordinance.** Andy has been working with the town attorney to update the Animal Control Ordinance. Questions about the update were discussed, including:
 - What to do with animals that are impounded?
 - What is the appeal process, if animal is impounded and/or the owner is fined?
 - Is there clear authority for the dog warden to go on private property?
 - Discussion of invisible fences, i.e. an animal could appear threatening but couldn't get to a pedestrian or biker.

David Kelley, Linda Shatney, Bill Shatney, Kerri Edmunds, and Jane Hoffman would like to keep bear dogs from running on their properties. The group has asked for assistance from game wardens and the State but have had no results, and are hoping Greensboro's local ordinance will address this issue.

They proposed language in the new ordinance that would allow the dog warden to impound and/or fine dog owners if dogs are running on posted property.

Peter noted that Glover's dog ordinance is well put together and might contain language that Greensboro could adapt.

3. **Letter to VT Housing and Conservation Board.** Sue drafted a letter requesting VHCB's assistance with meeting facilitation and long-term town planning. Andy noted that it can be very competitive to get VHCB assistance, and suggested that the letter be re-drafted to improve the town's chances of getting assistance. Andy and Peter will work on a new draft.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Trees on Town Hall green.** The old maples on the Town Hall Green have mostly died; discussion of planting replacement trees down the center of the Green, to keep them away from road salt.

After further discussion, it was agreed that public input will be solicited about where to plant new trees on the Green.

Peter made the following motion:

The town will spend the \$300 Anastasio/Jenkins donation for new trees on the Town Hall Green.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Greensboro Bend Community Park.** Peter said that Eagle Scout Carson Molleur might be available for projects in Greensboro Bend, such as improvements to the bridge in the Community Park, and 'Welcome to Greensboro Bend' signs. The cost to the town for these projects would be minimal; the

Board was in favor of Peter discussing possible projects with the Recreation Committee, and contacting Carson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL MATTER.

Andy made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:38 PM to discuss a legal matter, with Kim Greaves present.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURNED: 9:01 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk