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Greensboro Selectboard

September 12, 2018

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Barbara Brooke, David Kelley, Ellen Celnick, Laura Hill, Harold Gray, Dan Predpall, Todd Hebert, Debra Hebert

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:33 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from August 8 meeting approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Speeding in Greensboro Bend – Todd and Debra Hebert. Bend residents Todd and Debra Hebert noticed the new radar speed signs on each end of Main St. They live across from the Methodist church and said there's a speeding problem in the middle of town too, not just on the outskirts. They feel that the 35 mph speed limit is too high, because there are often kids and other pedestrians out and about.

The HPD have been doing more patrols in the Bend; Todd suggested they patrol during the early morning commute when speeding is common. The Heberts requested an additional speed limit sign be put up in the middle of town; the Board agreed to install the sign.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

1. The August report from Chief Dave Brochu, Jr. was reviewed by the Board.
 - The donated Cabbage camp was used for practice by the GFD.
Dave noted that in practice exercises there is no live fire; fake smoke is used.
 - The Recreation Committee will hold a Halloween party at the fire Station on Oct. 27.
 - The Highway Dept. will store the town's culvert thawing unit in the Fire Station's spare bay over the winter.
2. Dave presented a 'Donation Agreement and Waiver of Liability and General Release' that will be used when buildings are donated to the GFD for practice. Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves the Donation Agreement and Waiver of Liability form as drawn up by the GFD for the donation of the Four Seasons of Early Learning house, to be used for fire dept. practice.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE

No representative from the H.P.D. was present, and the August report was not available for review.

ROADS

- 1. Road Foreman's Report.** Road Foreman Tom Camarra was not present. Kim read Tom's written report: all winter sand has been put up; gravel crushing has been completed.
- 2. Parking in Greensboro Village.** Parking ideas from Laura Hill were discussed. Also, a group including Mike Lapierre, Tom Camarra and Hal Gray presented new parking ideas they came up with after a walk in the Village.

A cost estimate will be made for parking improvements. Most of the cost would be road crew time and gravel; perhaps some pre-cast concrete barriers would be purchased and set.

It was agreed that once a plan is finalized, public input will be solicited; a date for this will be scheduled at the next Board meeting.

Peter noted that the road crew may not have time to start this project until next spring.

- 3. Curb Cut - Cleveland.** Tom approved this curb cut. Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves the Cleveland curb cut.

Michael seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

GREENSBORO BEND REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

Dan Predpall gave an update of the group's activities to date. Several meetings have been held, with 20-25 folks actively engaged in the process. Three teams have been formed: funding, home repair, and beautification/improvements (i.e. shade trees, improved facilities, attracting new businesses, uses of empty lots). The funding committee has been researching grants. Outside organizations such as Rural Edge will assist the group in finding appropriate grants to apply for.

The group is putting together a budget for both Bend Projects and separate Planning Commission projects, to make sure there's no overlap in scope as grants are applied for.

A survey is being undertaken to see if there is a need for assistance with home repair in the Bend. Discussion about whether such assistance should be offered to all town residents. It was agreed that the focus should be on the Bend, but that a newsletter could be sent out to all residents listing available resources that were compiled during the Bend project.

Sue suggested that the Greensboro Bend group become an official town committee, which would likely make more types of funding available, and allow fund administration by the town treasurer.

Peter thanked Dan for his work on the initiative.

Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves the formation of a Greensboro Bend Revitalization committee.

Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

- 1. MOU between Town and Lakeview Union School.** Kim sent the final MOU to the town's insurance company (PACIF) for review. Jim Carrien at PACIF had some concerns and suggestions, and drafted an addendum to the MOU. The concerns were primarily about limiting the town's liability for the

school's use of Town Hall spaces. Jim suggested the addendum be brought before the full Board for review and approval.

Andy said he and principal Eric Irwin spent a lot of time reviewing what they thought was the final MOU, and commented that the insurance review should have been done on the front end of the process, instead of being undertaken after both parties had approved the MOU.

Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves the MOU addendum. Andy will take this to Lakeview principal Eric Irwin for his review, who will hopefully sign the document if he finds it acceptable.

Michael seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Lead Paint in the Town Hall.** Flaking paint was found in the classroom area; some of the paint was determined to contain lead and the school delayed moving into the rooms. An exhaustive lead test resulted in lead being found on some doors and door jambs only. Repairs were made, the doors were re-tested and shown to be lead-free. A swab of the floor and work area was just completed, with results due on 9/14. If the swabs are favorable, the school will move back into the building.
3. **Health Officer.** It's time for new Health Officer appointments. The Health Officer and deputy Health Officer have three year terms. The current Health Officer does not wish to continue, whereas the deputy would like to continue. Ads will be put out, soliciting candidates who may be interested in these positions. Candidates will be reviewed at the next Selectboard meeting.
4. **Collapsing Buildings.**
 - Lanphear Building, Greensboro Bend. A neighbor complained this past spring that the barn was falling in and presents a hazard to the public. The building belongs to Winston Jennison, who doesn't live in the area. Kim sent a letter to Jennison asking him what he plans to do about the collapsing structure, and received no response. The building has recently been put up for sale.
 - Sullivan Building, Bend Rd. One of the roofs has fallen in, de-stabilizing the structure, which may collapse into the road in the future.

Discussion about what the town can do about these public safety issues. It is unclear whether there is language in the zoning bylaw that would require a property owner to clean up a collapsed structure. If there is not, the Planning Commission will look into adding such language, or possibly a stand-alone ordinance could be drafted.
5. **Personnel Policy update.** Andy, Sue, and Kim will work on updating the town's personnel policy.
6. **Recycling Center update.**
 - New locks are still in place and haven't been tampered with.
 - No update on a cover for a metal dumpster.
 - Cameras may be budgeted for in the next fiscal year.

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

1. The FY 2019 budget YTD was reviewed by the Board. The elections budget line item was discussed.
2. The check warrant report for August was reviewed by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Town Hall Report.** The Board reviewed the report *Evaluation of ADA Accessibility Options, Life Safety Improvements and the Renovations required for new Mixed Uses at the Greensboro Town Hall*

which was prepared by architect William Gallup (Waitsfield) and partially funded by the Preservation Trust of VT. Renovation scenarios detailed in the report included the addition of an elevator and converting the third floor to ‘Office or Mercantile Use’.

- 2. Greensboro 2018 Emergency Operations Plan.** The Board reviewed the 2018 Emergency Operations Plan update, as prepared by NVDA. The only change suggested by the Board was adding the Highland Center for the Arts as a possible emergency shelter.

Sue made the following motion:

The Board accepts the 2018 Greensboro Emergency Operations Plan as prepared by NVDA, contingent on approval from the HCA to list their facility as an emergency shelter.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 3. FY 2020 Budget.** Peter and Andy will work on the FY2020 budget, with Sue participating as she’s able.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1. Signage on Village Green.** Peter is still researching the town’s options to limit signage.
- 2. Animal Control Ordinance.** Ellen Celnick and David Kelley told the Board that they discussed the latest draft of the Animal Control Ordinance with animal control officer Kevin Rich, who provided good feedback. A new draft will be drawn up and reformatted by Andy, and public comment will be solicited at a public hearing in the near future. `

ADJOURNED: 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk