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Greensboro Selectboard

October 10, 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, Dan Predpall, Sgt. Darin Barber, Tom Camarra, Kerry Edmunds, William Edmunds, Jeff Perry, Tiffany Perry, David Kelly

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:32 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from September 12 meeting unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Rats in Greensboro Bend. Mike has heard reports of rats in and around Greensboro Bend, and felt this is a public health concern that should be followed up on. Sue said the Health Officer or Deputy Health Officer will look into this.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

There were no fire calls during September.

POLICE

Sgt. Darin Barber was present.

1. The Board reviewed the September police report.
2. **Speeding in Greensboro Bend.** Sue asked whether the HPD could watch for speeders between 7 and 8 AM on Main St. in Greensboro Bend, as there has been ongoing concern from Bend residents about speeding. Sgt. Barber said the Dept. is monitoring crosswalks as students walk to school at that time, but that an officer could be sent up immediately afterwards, around 8.
3. **ATVs on town roads.** ATVs driving on town roads is a recurring problem in certain parts of town. Sgt. Barber said the HPD has limited effectiveness when pursuing ATVs, due to the speed and maneuverability of these vehicles, and concern about the dangers of high-speed pursuit.
4. **Opiates in the area.** Sgt. Barber spoke about the drug problem in this area. Opiates are a huge problem; there's lots of activity between Barre, Hardwick, Johnson and St. Johnsbury.
Heroin is currently less expensive than pot, and they are seeing more of it during car stops. He added that the Dept.'s K9 has been a phenomenal resource.

ROADS

- 1. Road Foreman's Report.** Both the Craftsbury Road and Lake Road projects have been completed. Both Tom and Matt remarked that Gravel Const. did a great job on both projects and was good to work with.
- 2. Driveway Plowing.** The current driveway plowing contract ends in May 2019. Plowing contractor Jeff Perry was asked if he foresaw any major changes in a new contract; he didn't. Discussion about how to best deal with different weather conditions in different parts of town, when making the call to begin plowing driveways. The Board will continue to look into this aspect of the plowing contract.
- 3. Truck Bids.** Truck #17 (the yellow International single-axle) is scheduled to be replaced. Three bids for the new truck were opened and reviewed.

MAKE	BID PRICE
Freightliner	\$126,805
Mack	\$129,936
Western Star	\$131,950

Truck #17 has a low trade-in value; discussion about keeping it around as a spare truck, and as a dedicated chloride truck to keep the corrosive chloride off the newer trucks.

Peter made the following motion:

The Board accepts the Mack bid for the new town truck to replace Truck #17. Truck #17 will be kept for at least one season, to be used as a spare and dedicated chloride truck.

Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

- 1. Caledonia Sprits – special event permit request.** The event will include tastings and bottle sales, and will be held at the Highland Center for the Arts on Sat. Oct. 13. Andy made the following motion:
The Board approves the Caledonia Spirits, Inc. special event permit.
Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 2. Contract for mowing town properties.** Reviewed for budgeting purposes. This is a three-year contract and includes mowing of the Town Hall Green, Willey Beach Park, Village Green, Bend Park, Grange, and Ballfield. A liability insurance requirement will be added when a new contract is written up.
- 3. Further lead testing in Town Hall.** Kim said the third floor of the Town Hall will be lead-tested during the week of Oct. 15.

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

Treasurer Barbara Brooke was not present. Kim answered financial questions from the Board.

- 1.** The FY 2019 budget Y.T.D. was reviewed by the Board.
- 2.** The September check warrant report was reviewed by the Board.
- 3. Accounting Software.** Andy commented that the town's accounting software (NEMRC) produces confusing and incomplete financial reports, making it difficult for the Board to do due diligence when reviewing town finances. Kim said that the town switched from Quickbooks to NEMRC eight years ago, at the suggestion of the outside auditors. Apparently, Quickbooks cannot be properly configured for municipal accounting, which NEMRC is custom-designed for. Sue commented that Barbara can prepare custom reports if requested by the Board.

Andy will discuss accounting software and financial reporting with Barbara and the town's outside accountant.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Animal Control Ordinance. After discussion, Peter made the following motion:

The Board adopts the revised Animal Control Ordinance.

Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. There will be either a 60 or 90 day period for public comment (Kim will determine which is required) prior to the ordinance taking effect.

Sue thanked everyone who worked on the revised ordinance, including Jane Hoffman, David Kelly, and Andy Kehler.

2. Public meeting to discuss parking in the Town Right-of-Way. The Board will schedule this meeting via email and invite Tim Nisbet to moderate.

3. Town/Lakeview School MOU. The final draft of the MOU has been signed by the Board and Lakeview principal Eric Irwin and is currently being reviewed by the superintendent.

4. Highland Center for the Arts - emergency shelter. Kim reported that the HCA has agreed to be an official emergency shelter for the town, and will be added to the list of emergency shelters in the Greensboro Emergency Operations Plan.

5. Town Plan. The Selectboard will hold a public hearing on the town plan in the near future, to be scheduled via email.

6. New forest management plan for town gravel pit property. Matt received a quote from a forester of \$1500-\$1700 to update the forest management plan. The Board approved the quote and the forester will begin work soon.

7. Health Officer & Deputy Health Officer. These positions were advertised. No one expressed interest in serving as town Health Officer, so the position defaults to Selectboard Chair Sue Wood.

Current Deputy Health Officer Christine Armstrong is interested in continuing, which the Board approved.

8. Collapsing structure in Greensboro Bend. The Zoning Administrator has notified the owner that the town's zoning Bylaw requires collapsed structures to be cleaned up within a year, or fines will be issued. If the owner walks away from the property and the town ends up owning it, a clean up could cost the town \$30-40k (mostly landfill fees).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Peter made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss the Greensboro award.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 8:32 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk