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Greensboro Selectboard

November 14, 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, Tom Camarra, Devin Burgess, Samantha Friend, Ellen Celnick

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:31 PM

MINUTES

- Minutes from October 10 meeting approved as written.
- Minutes from October 23 meeting approved as amended, with the following language added to the final paragraph on page 2: *The Selectboard asked the Planning Commission to look at how zoning in the Rural Lands District affects affordable housing.*

PUBLIC CONCERNS

None this evening.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT. – Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.

Chief Brochu discussed his October Fire Dept. report with the Board.

- The GFD provided traffic control in Greensboro Village for trick-or-treaters on Halloween.
- **Generator for new fire station.** The GFD has been trying to find grant funding for a generator but this hasn't worked out. Chief Brochu asked the Selectboard to approve GFD capital funds being used to purchase a generator; the Board approved. Sealed bids for the generator will be solicited and will be opened at a future Selectboard meeting.
- Repairs to Engine 2 completed at a cost of ± \$3,700.

ROADS

1. **Road Foreman's report.** Road Foreman Tom Camarra discussed his October roads report with the Board. With the early onset of winter weather, the road crew has been plowing, sanding and salting.
2. **Open bids for wing, plow, and dump body for the new Mack truck.** Three bids were received.

CONTRACTOR	BID	NOTES
Viking	\$64,000	Canvas and arms not included
Tenco	\$64,966	Includes canvas and arms
HP Fairfield	\$72,900	Includes canvas and arms

Matt made the following motion:

The Board accepts the Tenco bid of \$64,966 for a dump body, plow and wing for the new Mack truck.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Driveway Plowing Bids. One bid was received, from BP & Sons. Details included:

- Driveway plowing services will be provided from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.
- 500 drives are included in the bid price; additional drives will be billed at \$200 each annually.
- Plowing will commence at 5" of snow, as determined by the Road Foreman
- The bid for the three-year contract is \$389,106.44 plus \$10,500 for plowing Overlook Rd.

Discussion of ceasing driveway plowing and putting those funds towards a new town garage. Mike said this would allow the road crew to take better care of the town's equipment. While some Board members were in favor of stopping driveway plowing, this decision would be made by the voters at town meeting; historically the vast majority of residents approve of this service. The Board has no plans at this time to bring this question to a vote at the 2019 Town Meeting.

Matt made the following motion:

The Board accepts the driveway plowing bid from BP & Sons.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

LAKEVIEW UNION SCHOOL BOARD – MERGER UPDATE – Samantha Friend

Sam explained the recent State Board of Education's decision to merge the School Boards and school assets of the Greensboro, Hardwick and Woodbury elementary schools.

She said our State Representatives had been assured that we wouldn't have to worry about such a merger because our union district wouldn't work well in a merged district – so this decision came as a surprise.

Following a timeline detailed in the merger plan, a new district would be formed and the three schools would become property of the district, with any school-related debt becoming a liability of the new district.

No changes would be made to schools for two years.

There would be elementary school choice within the new district.

The Lakeview School Board can appeal this decision. However, there's also an opportunity to be at the table when the new district's *Articles of Agreement* are drawn up. While there's currently pressure for the School Board to join an appeal, some think that spending time and resources on an appeal shouldn't preclude taking part in writing the *Articles of Agreement*. While it's possible for both actions to happen simultaneously, there's a narrow window of time to be involved with the writing of the *Articles of Agreement*.

Sam said that town Selectboards can join an appeal. The Selectboard will be notified if the Lakeview School Board joins the appeal.

POLICE

No officer from the HPD was present, and no written report was available for review.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. **Bids for mowing town properties** were opened by the Board (a three-year contract).

CONTRACTOR	BID PRICE	NOTES
Peter’s Odd Jobs	\$4,900/yr.	
Michael Tatro	\$4,800/yr	
Drown Property Services	\$4,600/yr.	Is the current contractor. Bid includes the new fire house
Sperry Lawn Care	\$5,000/yr.	

Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves the Drown Property Services bid of \$4,600 annually for three years.

Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Fireworks.** If this bill is pre-paid, the town receives extra fireworks.

Andy made the following motion:

The Board agrees to pre-pay the \$6000 invoice and receive extra fireworks.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

1. **2019 budget report YTD** was reviewed and discussed.

2. **Check warrant report** for October was reviewed and discussed.

3. **Financial reports – format changes.** Discussion tabled. Barbara will work with the town auditor to develop a monthly executive summary report for the Selectboard.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Village parking.** After hearing from residents at the recent public meeting on parking in the Village, Sue felt the Selectboard should form a Village Parking Committee. The committee would be asked to present findings and make recommendations at the 2019 town meeting.

Devin Burgess felt that most attendees at the public meeting were against major changes to parking in the Village. Matt thought the split was more like 50/50, making a committee worthwhile.

Andy felt that a committee will just drag out the process, and questioned waiting until town meeting to make changes, since there’s an immediate, ongoing public safety issue when cars park on the road adjacent to the library during winter. Signs prohibiting parking there from Dec. 15 to April 15 could be put up now, with additional signs indicating parking up at the public beach.

Peter made the following motion:

The Selectboard will form a Village Parking Committee and solicit members. ‘No parking in winter’ signs will be installed in front of the library, on both sides of the road, as discussed. Blue ‘P’ parking signs will be put up at Beach Rd.

Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board agreed upon a minimalist approach to the signage. Peter will work with Kim on sign wording.

Ellen Celnick said that a Planning Commission study could help identify key areas where more parking is needed, and note the seasonality of parking shortages.

A related issue is that sidewalks are not kept clear in the winter. It was noted that if the town would clear sidewalks, people who park a distance away from their destination wouldn't have to walk in the road.

2. **Personnel policy update.** Tabled until budgeting is completed.
3. **Town Plan.** The Board agreed to hold a vote on the Town Plan at its December meeting. The final draft of the Plan will be made available to the Board a few weeks prior to the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Skating rink.** Discussion of building a skating rink at the Village Green or ballfield. Devon and others are working on this. Some discretionary Selectboard funds could be used to help fund this, perhaps along with a fundraising effort.

Kim will check with VLCT about insurance considerations.

Peter made the following motion:

*The Selectboard approves a skating rink being constructed at the Village Green or ballfield.
Approx. \$600 of Selectboard discretionary funds will be earmarked for this project.*

Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Selectboard reorganization.** Sue said that she's stepping down as Selectboard Chair, and will take part in future meetings via telephone as she will be out of state.

The Board unanimously elected Peter as Chair, and Mike as Vice Chair.

3. **Stipend for Health Officer.** Discussion; this will be further discussed at budget meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sue 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 came out of executive session at 8:35 PM.

The Board agreed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNED: 8:38 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk