

(Draft only – not approved by the Selectboard)

Greensboro Selectboard

June 12, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Barbara Brooke, Josh Karp, Emmett Avery, Audrey DeProspero, Nan Perron, David Allen, Clive Gray, Nancy Hill, Dan Predpall, Christine Armstrong, Ellen Celnick

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from May 8 meeting unanimously approved as written.

TOWN PLAN ADOPTION

Andy made the following motion:

The Board adopts the revised Town Plan as prepared by the Greensboro Planning Commission.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

- 1. Town Park – fence.** Peter has heard comments about the split rail fence being in disrepair at the Town Park across from Willey's, leading to people parking on the grass.
- 2. Letter re poor internet service.** The Board received a letter from residents on Dimick Rd. complaining about poor internet service. One known issue is problematic older phone lines; Dan Predpall thought there was a state grant for improving phone lines.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Board will send a letter to Consolidated Communications on behalf of the residents, asking the company to address their concerns. Andy will draft the letter, and will CC the Public Service Board.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

No representative from the GFD was present, and the May report was not available.

- 1.** The generator for the firehouse is in the FY 2020 budget, so may be purchased after June 30.
- 2.** Chief Brochu will be notified that the GFD may purchase new radios out of the 'equipment' budget line in FY 2020.

POLICE

No representative from the HPD was present. The Board reviewed the May report which had been emailed to the town clerk.

ROADS

Road foreman Tom Camarra was not present (on vacation).

1. Sidewalk bids:

Contractor	Bid	Notes
BP & Sons	\$13,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Traffic control not mentioned.▪ Total length of sidewalk to be completed was not clear
RC Contractors	\$19,525	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bid includes traffic control and specified 355' of sidewalk

Andy made the following motion:

The Board accepts the BP & Sons bid for sidewalk work, contingent on verification that the bid is for 355' of new sidewalk.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Town Hall parking lot. This project is estimated to cost around \$6,000. Further discussion tabled as Tom was not present.

3. Curb Cut – Daniel Michaud. Matt said that Dan's plans have changed and that the curb cut as presented is no longer needed. Tracy made the following motion:

Dan Michaud's curb cut is not approved as presented.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Grants-in-Aid program. This program provides financial assistance to towns, to reduce runoff on roads with steep slopes. Andy made the following motion:

The town will participate in the Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid program, with project location(s) to be determined.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Overburden at the Glover pit. Matt reported that the time has come to deal with overburden at the gravel pit, and that a new lift needs to be made. It is believed that this work would be in compliance with the pit's Act 250 permit.

The Board agreed to put the overburden/new lift job out to bid. Matt will come up with bid specifications, and Kim will solicit bids starting Monday 6/17.

Matt will ask the town's crushing contractor if crushing can be delayed for a bit, while the pit work is completed.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

Vacation pay-out. Kim hasn't been able to take all of her vacation time, and asked to be paid for 37 hours of vacation before July 1, so she doesn't lose the benefit. Tracy made the following motion:

The Board agrees to pay Kim Greaves for 37 hours of vacation time.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

1. The Board reviewed the FY 2019 budget, YTD.
2. The Board reviewed the May check warrant report.
3. **Investment policies.** At times the town has considerable sums of money in the bank, and with a little planning could be earning a much better interest rate on it. Barbara presented a draft investment policy based on VLCT template, and samples of investment policies from a few other VT towns.
Board members will review the policies and revisit this issue at the July meeting.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. ***Dangerous Buildings ordinance.*** The Board signed the final version of the *Dangerous Buildings ordinance*; last month the Board inadvertently signed a copy labeled ‘draft’.
2. **Temporary Sign policy.** Peter said the issue of signs at the Town Park is an ongoing issue, with ‘temporary’ signs being up for weeks at a time.
The Board reviewed a draft sign policy for town properties.
Planning Commission Chair Dan Predpall said that the P.C. will consider how a temporary sign policy might be incorporated into the permanent sign regulations that will be updated in the near future.
Andy suggested that if the Board wants to limit lawn signs on public property, it should consider creating an alternative location for residents to post event announcements.
Further discussion on this issue was tabled.
3. **Lakeview School – lease for use of Town Hall building.** Andy worked with the school to draw up a lease document. Tracy made the following motion:
The Selectboard authorizes Andy to sign the lease, after it’s approved by the Lakeview School Board.
Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
4. **Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles ordinance.** Discussion about how to move forward with the draft ordinance, which was originally presented back in April. Peter felt that the ordinance is important and should be approved, and offered to be the compliance officer.
Andy reported that he and Mark Snyder met and discussed the draft ordinance: both were conflicted about the ordinance in its current form. Tracy made the following motion:
The Board will adopt the Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles ordinance, as prepared by the Planning Commission.
Peter seconded the motion.
Further discussion about changing the ordinance so public health issues, more than aesthetics, would trigger an enforcement action by the town.
Vote: the motion was carried (P.R., T.C., M.M. in favor; A.K., M.L. against).

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Public Health Order.** Peter and Christine Armstrong made site visits to a property after hearing reports of rats and bears getting into trash. They first went on April 30, and found a quantity of trash on the property. Christine said the goal is to solve the problem, not to punish the resident – and they offered help to clean up the trash. The resident was cooperative and assured them the garbage would

be removed; subsequent visits showed that the trash was not cleaned up, and in fact more trash was present.

Due to the report of bears in the trash, the Fish & Wildlife Dept. asked the resident to clean up the area or face a \$500 fine; the trash was not cleaned up.

Peter said that the state encourages towns to deal with such issues locally. In some cases, a town pays for a clean up and absorbs the cost; in other cases a lien is put on the property to cover disposal costs. Reports of burning garbage brought the HPD and GFD to the site, after which Peter and Christine decided to draw up a Public Health Order.

Andy made the following motion:

The Board will notify the resident of the town's intent to issue a Public Health Order.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The property owner must be notified of the town's intent to issue the Order; they may rebut the order at the next Selectboard meeting. If the Notice of Intent is not challenged, the Order itself would be issued. Both the Intent to Issue, and the Order itself, are served by the sheriff.

Tracy wondered what steps the town could take if the landowner does not clean up the property after being served with the order. Discussion of adding 'action steps', such as a daily fine, to the order.

2. **Greensboro Historical Society – Clive Gray, Nancy Hill.** The Hinman Settler Rd. begins at Greensboro's Four Corners, and the GHS is planning to request that the state install a permanent historical marker at the pullout area adjacent to the ballfield. As this area is in the Lakeshore District, the sign must be approved by the DRB; Clive and Nancy requested that the town waive the \$200 zoning fee. Tracy made the following motion:

The Board is in support of the Hinman Rd. sign as proposed, and agrees that the zoning fee should be waived.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Dispatch contract.** The contract covers dispatching services provided by the Lamoille County Sheriff's Dept. from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, at a cost of \$26,865. Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves the dispatch contract with the Lamoille County Sheriff's Dept.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. **Lakeview climate action protest.** A group of Lakeview students will be conducting a walk-out on June 13 from 2:30 to 4 PM, to demand action on climate change. They are planning to gather at the Town Park across from Willey's Store. Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves the Lakeview students gathering at the Town Park on June 13.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. **Caspian Challenge run.** The run is sponsored by the Greensboro Association, and will be held on Sunday July 28, from 8:30 AM to 11 AM. Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves the Caspian Challenge race.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. **Special event permits – Caledonia Spirits.** Sophie at Caledonia Spirits is requesting approval to hold tasting events at Willey's Store (July 10) and at the Highland Center (July 25). Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves the two special events as requested by Caledonia Spirits.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. **Farmers Market – insurance.** Market organizer Judy Breitmeyer asked Kim if the Farmers Market could be covered under the town’s insurance, as it appears their insurance cost will double this season. Kim looked into this, and found that the Farmers Market can’t be added to the town’s insurance policy. Audrey DeProspero suggested the Market look into the TULIP program through VLCT.
8. **Funky Fourth – National Guard band.** The Guard band (25 musicians) will be in the Funky Fourth parade on July 6. Mike requested that the town purchase lunches for the group. Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves purchasing lunch for the National Guard Band at the Funky Fourth.

Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Andy made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 9 PM to discuss a pending civil litigation.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:05 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 9:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk