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Greensboro Selectboard

July 10, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Lapierre

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Barbara Brooke, Josh Karp, Emmett Avery, Christine Armstrong, Tom Camarra, Dan Predpall, Clive Gray, Chief Aaron Cochran, John Moffatt, Chief Dave Brochu, Jr., Rick Morrill

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Minutes from June 12 regular meeting approved.
2. Minutes from June 12 Town Plan public hearing approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

None this evening.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

1. **Tanker.** Chief Dave Brochu, Jr. told the Board that the GFD's Tanker did not pass inspection and has been taken out of service. Issues included rust scaling on the frame and holes in cab corners. Discussion about whether the Tanker could be repaired and used for a bit longer; Matt will visit Hill Group Garage where the inspection took place and get the full story on the truck's condition.

In the meantime, quotes are being solicited for a brand new tanker and/or used unit in excellent condition. Chief Brochu said that it could take up to six months for a new tanker to arrive.

2. **Fire House – generator.** Six bids have been solicited for the Fire House generator. Bids must be received by Monday, August 12.
3. The GFD responded to six alarms in June.

POLICE

1. The Board reviewed the June police report.
2. Chief Aaron Cochran told the Board that the trial in a Greensboro arson case from two years ago has just been completed and has resulted in a conviction.
3. The dispatch position has been filled. A part-time certified officer was also just hired, with one full-time position still open.

- The HPD is willing to sell speed their speed cart (a circa 2009 unit) to Greensboro for \$500. The cart works fine but needs new batteries and possibly a new battery charger. New units run \$8k with used ones going for about \$2k – Chief Cochran said the Town of Hardwick is happy to give Greensboro a good deal on the used cart. Peter said it would useful to have another speed sign. Andy made the following motion:

The town will purchase a used speed cart for \$500 from the Town of Hardwick.

Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ROADS

- Road Foreman’s report.** Road Foreman Tom Camarra told the Board that the road crew has been grading, putting down chloride, and maintaining culverts.
- Town Hall parking lot project.** This needs to be completed prior to road paving in August, so the new area can be paved while the paving contractor is in town. Discussion of blocking off the road in front of the building with concrete barriers or rocks: rocks would be more aesthetically pleasing but more work to acquire, haul, and place.
- Hole in the road in between Willey’s Store and the Miller’s Thumb.** This hole gets filled with cold patch but just keeps sinking. Tom said the area needs to be ripped up and investigated. If a culvert replacement is required, the work could take a few days to complete, requiring a detour around the lake. Discussion of waiting until fall to do the work – but the town would lose the opportunity to have the repair quickly paved over (since roads are being paved in August).
- Library parking.** It was reported that Mike wants to clarify whether the ‘No Parking’ signs in front of the library are meant to be year-round or winter only. It was agreed that the parking ban would begin Nov. 1 and end April 30.
- Barr Hill Rd.** The ‘No Parking’ sign near the top of Barr Hill Rd. will have ‘Towing Enforced’ added, since people in winter park tend to park in the road, creating a hassle and hazard for the road crew.
- Parking in front of Willey’s store.** Mike and Robbie Hurst have been talking about ways to improve parking at Willey’s Store, including a discussion of painting lines (strait or angled) and adding a Jersey barrier (summer only) at the corner adjacent to the gas pumps. Matt wasn’t convinced a barrier would be effective, and suggested leaving things as they are. Peter suggested that cones, being easily moveable, might be a more sensible option. Discussion of whether this is the town’s responsibility; further discussion was tabled until the next meeting, as Mike was not present.
- Overburden at the Glover gravel pit.** One bid was received.

Bidder	Bid	Details
Mark Courchaine (Johnson)	\$17,900	Moving equipment: \$1900 Tree clearing: \$3,000 Dozer work: \$13,000

It was noted that Mr. Courchaine has done similar work in other area gravel pits. Andy made the following motion:

The Board accepts Mark Courchaine’s bid to remove trees and overburden from the town’s gravel pit.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Town Road & Bridge Standards.** Discussion of whether the town should agree to abide by all the state standards, or just the ones that are required in order to have access to the Emergency Relief & Assistance fund. Matt made the following motion:

The town will comply with all state of VT Road and Bridge standards.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. New Town Garage – planning update. Tabled.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

- 1. Dog waste at public beach.** Kim ordered a dog waste station on behalf of the beach committee, after complaints were received.
- 2. Todd Hebert – letter re: dumping of junk.** Todd wrote a letter to the Board, accusing a neighbor of dumping trash and car parts on Todd's property, adding that the neighbor has a number of junk cars on their property as well. Discussion; this issue could be looked into when the new '*Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles*' ordinance takes effect in a few weeks.
- 3. Logging near Horse Pond.** Forester Rick Morrill reported that a client of his wants to do a logging job on a property near Horse Pond, just off Route 16. There's a little bit of town road there, and the property owner is seeking permission to work in the road R.O.W. and put in a landing. Matt will discuss details with the landowner and report back.
- 4. Recycling attendant position (Wednesdays during the summer).** There have been no applicants yet. Discussion of whether Ken Breitmeyer's grandson might be able to do the job. He is only 14; perhaps Ken could be there with him for some or all of the shift. Kim will discuss this with the Breitmeyers, and consult with VLCT about insurance. It was agreed that Peter will make the hiring decision for the Board, after consulting with Kim.

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

- 1.** The Board reviewed the FY 2019 budget, YTD.
- 2. Town bank accounts & investment policies.** Further discussion. Barbara is meeting with area financial institutions to see what options there are for earning better interest, since there are times when some town accounts have considerable sums of money in them.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1. Public Health Order – update.** The property is now actively being cleaned up.
- 2. Temporary Sign Policy – update.** It is unclear whether it makes the most sense to have a temporary sign regulation contained in the zoning Bylaw, or be a stand-alone ordinance. Dan Predpall said that the Planning Commission will begin to research which approach makes the most sense.
- 3. Town Park – fence repairs.** The Board agreed to hire someone to repair the split rail fence at the Town Park.
- 4. Village Green – trees.** Discussion of planting new trees on the Village Green. Proposals from Stuart Lapoint and Laura Hill will be solicited.
- 5. Capital Asset Policy.** Tabled.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Greensboro Conservation Commission (GCC).**

- a. David Kelley asked permission for the GCC to spend \$250 from the Greensboro Conservation Fund on a 'Living with Coyotes' program, to be held at the Highland Center on Sunday, August 11 at 3 PM. Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves \$250 be spent from the Greensboro Conservation Fund to put on the Coyote program.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- b. Clive asked permission for the GCC to spend \$60 to send two members to a meeting of directors of Conservation Commissions. Tracy made the following motion:

The Board approves the Conservation Commission spending \$60 so that two members can attend a conference.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Nature Conservancy – road improvements for logging job.** Forester Rick Morrill manages a parcel on the north end of Long Pond for The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Rick told the Board that a logging job is scheduled for the property, and about 1.5 miles of Tamarack Ranch Rd. need to be upgraded so log trucks can get in and out without issues. The upgrades would consist of ditching, culvert replacement, removal of problem rocks, and adding stone to raise the roadbed as needed. TNC is aiming to maintain the character of the road as it makes these upgrades. TNC sent a letter to neighbors about the proposed road work and heard no objections. Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves the upgrading of Tamarack Ranch Rd. by The Nature Conservancy to facilitate a timber harvest.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Library roof repair.** The Board reviewed a letter from library trustee Chair Hal Gray regarding roof repairs at the library.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Andy moved to enter executive session at 8:35 PM to discuss a pending legal matter that's before the town. Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:15 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk