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Greensboro Selectboard

August 14, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Barbara Brooke, Josh Karp, Tom Camarra, Dan Predpall, Chief Dave Brochu, Jr., Devin Burgess, Hal Gray

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Minutes from July 10 regular meeting approved unanimously.
2. Minutes from July 25 special meeting approved unanimously.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Library parking – Hal Gray. Hal read a statement on behalf of the library, regarding the Board’s decision to ban on-street parking adjacent to the library from November 1 to April 30, stating that this is ‘not a definitive solution to the parking problem’.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

1. **Tanker.** Matt got a second opinion from Collinsville Repair about the state of the tanker. The shop agreed with Hill Group Garage: the tanker is not currently inspectable. It would take about \$3,000 of repair work to get the tanker inspected. Chief Dave Brochu Jr. said that the tanker is from 1986 and that the NFPA does not recommend keeping trucks of this age in service.
Chief Brochu said the Dept. is trying to locate a good used tanker. Medium-old used units are running \$135-150k, with late model units running \$150-170k and new trucks costing at least \$200k.
There is about \$68k earmarked in the capital budget for a new fire truck; Dave added that he doesn’t know of any grants available to assist with a truck purchase.
2. **Rescue Truck.** The 1985 rescue truck is currently down because of an inspection issue; due to the age of the truck, the part required is not available and must be fabricated. This will be done and the truck will be back in service soon. Chief Brochu said the Dept. will try to extend the use of the truck despite its age, since replacing the tanker is the top priority at the moment.
3. **GFD Capital Budget.** Andy, Kim, Barbara and Chief Brochu are working out a HERF-style capital budget for the GFD.

4. **Washing gear.** Discussion of washing firefighters’ gear to remove possible toxic residue from fires. Chief Brochu feels it’s more cost effective to send gear out to get cleaned, rather than spend \$6k or more on a washer and dryer for the firehouse.

5. **Generator Bids**

<i>Fred’s Energy</i>	\$9399 (Kohler)	Andy moved to accept the Rusty’s Electric bid for \$7770. Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
<i>Gates Electric</i>	\$7800 (Generac)	
<i>Rusty’s Electric</i>	\$7770 (Generac)	
<i>Brook Field Service</i>	\$8742 (Kohler)	

POLICE

No officer was present and no report was available to review.

ROADS

1. **Road Foreman’s report.** Tom reported that the road crew has been grading, ditching, and hauling sand.
2. **Craftsbury Road washout.** Tom said that this small washout will be repaired by Gravel Construction at a cost of \$2500. VTrans has approved the scope of work: shoring up the bank with big stones and fixing the guardrails. The job will be completed by the end of August.

3. **Sidewalks.** Discussion of the sidewalk on East Street, which is at more or less the same grade as the road. Due to scheduled paving this year, and the fact that this year’s allotment of new sidewalks were constructed elsewhere, the Board decided to pave over the existing sidewalk. This will leave a smooth, level area which will act as the ‘sidewalk’ until a proper sidewalk is constructed in the near future. The Selectboard has heard from residents who are concerned about the ‘removal’ of the sidewalk.

Peter said that a limited amount of new sidewalks are constructed every year, based on a town-wide assessment of need, and that if residents want more sidewalks built annually they should advocate for an increase in the sidewalk budget.

Discussion of delineating the sidewalk area on East St. with a white line and/or cross-hatching.

4. **Stormwater.** During heavy rain events there is typically flooding behind residences on Wilson St., with the water continuing down into the town parking lot, often creating a washout.

A recent study concluded that a catchment basin would solve the problem, at a cost of \$75-\$80k. Much of this would be paid for by a grant, but the project was delayed as there was no grant funding available this year; this means the project could take at least another year to complete.

Discussion of ‘Plan B’ – containing water in the wetland up hill of the residences. This approach could be considerably cheaper and could be implemented quickly once approved by the State. Watershed Consulting (WC) out of Burlington has offered to prepare and submit this plan to the state, at a cost to the town of approx. \$1500. While there is no guarantee this proposal will be approved, WC has a good working relationship with the State and feels that it’s worth submitting the proposal.

If the plan is approved and goes forward, WC would manage the project for the town at a cost of approx. \$7600.

The town would hear from the State this fall whether Plan B is approved or not. If approved, the work could be done early next summer, perhaps by the road crew.

Andy made the following motion:

The town will sign the contract with Watershed Consulting to figure out the stormwater problem.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 5. Willey's parking.** Last year, Robbie Hurst approached Mike about changing the traffic pattern in the center of town. Robbie has been concerned about cars cutting the corner at the gas pumps, as well as parking in the road there, and wanted to discuss installing a large barrier in the area.

Last month, placing a jersey barrier was discussed and it was generally felt that this could cause more problems, such as making it more difficult for tractor trailers to round the corner. Such a barrier would also have to be removed in winter as it would interfere with plowing operations.

Other ideas discussed included:

- Putting out cones daily, which could be easily moved as necessary;
- Using a large planter that would be more easily movable than a jersey barrier; and
- Painting white lines and a 'no parking' stencil on the street, as well as delineating actual parking spots.

Mike will discuss these ideas with Robbie.

- 6. New Town Garage – planning update.** It was agreed to move forward with planning for a new town garage. Mike suggested that there be a plan ready to present at the 2020 town meeting.

Discussion of Glover's new town garage; it was thought that this building would fit on Greensboro's current town garage site. Peter will talk to Jack Sumberg (Glover Selectboard) about the cost of the their garage, whether the plans are available, and possible grant opportunities.

It was agreed not to pursue a NVDA planning grant for the garage.

- 7. Curb cuts.**

- Curb cuts for Peter Gebbie and Tanya Thomas unanimously approved.
- Stuart LaPoint will be told that he needs to apply for a curb cut for the property he is developing on the Bend Rd.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

- 1. Town Hall parking lot work.** Kim wanted to alert the public that during the few days of construction and paving of the Town Hall parking lot, there will be disruption to the lower entrance of the town offices.

- 2. Conflict of Interest policy.** Kim presented a VLCT model conflict of interest policy covering “*all individuals elected or statutorily-appointed to perform executive, administrative, legislative, or quasi-judicial functions*” for the town. After reviewing the policy, Tracy made the following motion:

The Board approves the conflict of interest policy.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 3. Health Officer.** Mike stepped down from the position after Karl Stein agreed to take over. Andy made the following motion:

The Board recommends Karl Stein to be town health officer.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 4. Gravel pit work.** The reclamation work and construction of the new lift are almost complete. It turns out that \$4500 in additional work is required for the pit to be Act 250 compliant.

Tracy made the following motion:

The Board approves \$4500 in additional gravel pit work.

Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Matt and Tom will meet with an Act 250 official soon to review the work and discuss the permit.

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

1. The Board reviewed the FY 2020 budget, YTD.

2. **Town bank accounts – better interest rates.** Barbara did additional research on CD rates. After discussion about working with local vs. out of state banks, Andy made the following motion:

The town will transfer seven fund accounts to Community National Bank.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Investment policy.** The VLCT model investment policy was reviewed. Concerns addressed in this policy include, in order of importance: safety of funds, liquidity of funds, and earnings potential.

Peter suggested that the Board adopt this policy, with Board members continuing to work with Barbara to develop and implement approaches for investing town funds.

Andy made the following motion:

The Board adopts the VLCT model investment policy.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

New trees for Village Green. Tabled.

OTHER BUSINESS

Town Hall painting. Gary Russell was hired in late 2017 (after the outdoor painting season was over) to paint both the east and west sides of the Town Hall for \$7500. He didn't complete any work in 2018; this summer he completed the west side, but doesn't want to do the east side. Russell billed the town for 78% of the contract (\$4814).

Peter had assumed that Russell should be paid for fulfilling 50% of the contract, so instructed Barbara to send him a check for \$3750; Russell is unhappy about not being paid the full amount he invoiced.

After discussion, it was agreed that the west side could be considered more work than the east side. Tracy made the following motion:

The town will pay Gary Russell the total amount he is requesting for the Town Hall painting work: \$4813.96. This means the town owes him an additional \$1063.96.

Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED: 8:45

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk