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Greensboro Selectboard

December 11, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ellen Celnik, Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Barbara Brooke

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from 11/13/19 unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Ellen Celnik expressed concern about a building on the Bend Rd. (the old antique store) slowly collapsing towards the road. Mike said he talked to the owner this past spring about the building's condition, but it appears that they've taken no action.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

Chief Dave Brochu, Jr. was not present.

1. The Board reviewed Chief Brochu's November report.
2. **Fire Contract with Stannard.** The contract is up for renewal. While an accounting change has been made whereby town funds earmarked for fire truck purchases have been moved from the GFD's operating budget to the town capital budget, the contract is written such that Stannard will continue to contribute to the cost of trucks.

Andy will make any necessary updates to the contract and ready it for signing.

POLICE

No representative from HPD was present, and no report was available to review.

ROADS

Road Foreman Tom Camarra was not present. The road crew is operating with one truck at the moment as two are out for repairs. The town's new truck should be delivered any day.

Ongoing Business

1. Hutchins – paving bill. Kim negotiated a discount of \$780 on the paving of the new Town Hall parking area.
2. Road reclassification. Tabled.
3. Snow fence. Peter reported that a high end Euro-style snow fence costs approx. \$10 per lineal foot, is light weight, and quick to put up and take down – but at this price, doesn't seem like an option. Locally available wooden snow fence costs approx. \$1.26/l.f. (plus posts).

Further discussion; Peter commented that the road crew may resist using snow fence if an extremely labor intensive style is purchased.

Andy suggested that the town purchase snow fence, but hire out the installation and removal.

In order to save money by reducing plowing trips, snow fence must be set up a plow-route basis. The next step is for plow routes to be mapped out and drifting areas noted; one of these routes could be snow fenced on a trial basis. It was agreed that it's too late to put up snow fence for this winter season.

4. Town Garage. Peter will discuss next steps with project manager Steve Pitkin.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. A Tax Abatement hearing will be held on Jan. 7 at 6:30 PM.
2. **Funky Fourth.** The fourth of July falls on a Saturday this year. After discussion, Andy made the following motion:

The town will try to book the funky fourth fireworks display for Saturday, July fourth.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The town will pre-pay \$6,000 for the display, and will get a larger display in return. The Greensboro Association traditionally pays 50% of the display cost.

3. **Act 250 Permit - Gravel pit.** Kim reported that the Act 250 application has been submitted and is likely to be approved by the State. This permit will be valid for 30 years.
4. **Emergency shelters.** Kim is working with NVDA to update the town's emergency plan. The Fire Station is now classed as an emergency shelter, since a generator was installed there.

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

1. The Board reviewed and discussed the FY 2020 budget report YTD and the November check warrant reports.
2. The FY 2021 Budget is almost finalized.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Lakeview School

- Andy reported that the new OSUED district has been billed \$4500 for use of three Town Hall rooms, per the approved contract.
- There was no update on Lakeview School's plans for use of the Town Hall rooms next year. Andy will investigate.

2. Greensboro Bend signs. The Bend Revitalization Committee contacted Tracy about the timeline for signs being put up at the three entrances of Greensboro Bend. The town has budgeted \$1500 for these signs. There was also discussion about a sign at the town park listing park rules.

Eagle Scout Carlson Molleur made signs for the Bend but it was discovered that they need to be protected from the elements in some fashion, or they won't last. A decision was not made about whether to use the signs Carson made, vs. purchasing different signs.

3. The VT Council on Rural Development has released its report on the 'Greater Greensboro' meetings and process. The report is available on the town web site.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wastewater Initiative. Peter serves on this committee and gave an update to the Board. The group is just getting started, and has been discussing sewer plants and related infrastructure with other towns who have planned and implemented systems. A preliminary planning grant is being sought; the process from start to finish could be at least five years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Andy made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 7:30 PM to discuss the Greensboro Award, with Kim Greaves present.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left the executive session at 7:40 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk