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Greensboro Selectboard

January 8, 2020

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, Emmett Avery

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from December 11 unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

None this evening.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

1. Chief Brochu was not present and no report was available to review.
2. **Fire Contract with Stannard.** The contract has been sent to the Stannard Selectboard to be signed and hasn't been returned yet. Kim noted that she received a check from Stannard per the contract but it was written for an incorrect amount; she will contact them about this.

POLICE

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

ROADS & DRIVEWAYS

Road Foreman Tom Camarra was not present.

1. **New Town Garage.** The Board is still open to considering alternate sites for a new town garage. Further discussion tabled.
2. **Certificate of Highway Mileage.** The Board reviewed and signed the Certificate of Highway Mileage. Kim will check that the mileage numbers are unchanged from last year's form. It was noted that it would be a good practice to verify (recalculate) the figures from time to time, as this form is provided by the State annually and could contain errors.
3. **Donahue's driveway.** As a Class 3 road, Donahue's driveway is plowed with a town truck; the truck used is now a ten wheeler instead of a six wheeler, and it's harder for the larger truck to turn

around. Discussion of having Perry's plow the drive; Matt said it's likely too steep for a pickup plow truck.

- 4. Taylor Rd.** Andy was contacted by Shaun Hill (Hill Farmstead Brewery), who was notified by a trucking company that "the town told them to stop making deliveries" to his brewery via Taylor Rd. Tom was not present, and it is unclear whether the road crew made such a statement.

Shaun ended up discussing the issue with the trucking company and deliveries resumed.

Parts of Taylor Rd. can be troublesome in the winter, especially if drivers are unfamiliar with the road and are using vehicles improperly equipped for winter driving.

Shaun and others have suggested that the town put up signage notifying drivers about the challenging conditions that may be encountered on Taylor Rd. in the winter. The Board agreed to put up 'DANGEROUS CURVE – SLOW DOWN' signs both above and below the part of the road where drivers have historically had the most trouble.

Shaun noted another issue with Taylor Rd. that causes trouble in terms of getting deliveries: a sign specifying a 24k lbs. weight limit, posted at the road's intersection with Rt. 16. Matt felt that enforcing this weight limit is not necessary; there was no discussion about removing the sign.

The Board agreed that it is the driver's responsibility to operate vehicles with adequate winter equipment. It was also agreed that the road crew should pay extra attention to Taylor Rd. during the winter.

- 5. Road Reclassification.** Tabled

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

- 1. Funky Fourth/fireworks.** The fireworks display contractor is booked for Sat. July 4, so the display will be on Friday July 3, with a rain date of Sunday July 5.
- 2. Letter of support for Rail Trail.** The Board received a request from MSK Attorneys that a statement of support for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail be added to the town meeting warning. It is unclear what group(s) or individual(s) are connected to this LVRT advocacy. After discussion, Andy made the following motion:

The Board will add a statement supporting the LVRT to the 2020 town meeting warning.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 3. Emergency Plan.** This plan is updated yearly with the help of NVDA. For this year's update, Kim requested that the Board approve a spending limit for emergencies. After discussion, Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves that an emergency spending limit of \$5,000 be included in the Town's Emergency Plan.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Andy made the following motion:

The Board adopts the updated Emergency Plan.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 4. Liquor Licenses & Permits.**

- Willey's Store requested approval for two second-class liquor licenses.
- Smiths Grocery requested approval for a second-class liquor license.
- Caledonia Spirits requested approval for a special event permit, for an event being held at the Highland Center for the Arts on 1/19/20 from 2-6 PM.

Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves liquor licenses for Willey's Store and Smith's Grocery, and a special event permit for Caledonia Spirits.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

- 5. Craftsbury Beer Run on Sat. June 6.** The organizers are asking permission to use town roads during this event, which begins at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center and ends at Jasper Hill Farm. The run is a fundraiser for the Center for an Agricultural Economy, with 100 – 150 runners taking part. Tracy made the following motion:

The Board approves the Craftsbury Beer Run.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried (P.R., M.M, M.L, T.C. in favor; A.K. recused).

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

- 1. FY 2020 budget.** The Board reviewed the FY 2020 budget report YTD and the November check warrant reports.
- 2. FY 2021 budget.** After discussion, Mike made the following motion:

The Board approves adding the \$2,020,911 FY 2021 town budget to the town meeting warning.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

This is a 5.1% increase over last year, with notable increases in the police, health insurance, and highway dept. budgets.

Discussion of increasing the projected lifespan of town trucks from 8 to 10 years.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Town Hall

- 1. Lakeview Union School's use of Town Hall – update.** Kim reported that principal Justine Guthrie said that Lakeview is considering moving all students up to the main school building next year. This idea is still in the discussion phase, and it could be a while until the school makes a decision on this.
- 2. Spark.** Spark is interested in using the third floor of the Town Hall. It is unclear whether this would be possible; issues include the cost to heat this uninsulated space during winter, and potential fire code and accessibility problems.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission

- 1. Resignation of Chair.** Chair Dan Predpall has resigned from the Planning Commission (PC). Peter recognized Dan Predpall for all his volunteer work in Greensboro, including service on the PC and Greensboro Bend Revitalization Committee.

The acting PC Chair is David Miltenberger.

- 2. Appointment of Linda Romans.** The PC recommends that the Selectboard appoint Linda Romans to the PC. Andy made the following motion:

The Board appoints Linda Romans to the Planning Commission.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Zoning Bylaw. PC member Ellen Celnik brought up the idea of spending approx. \$1500 to re-format some sections of the Bylaw that are being updated. No decision was made, and further discussion was tabled until more information about the overall Bylaw revision process can be presented to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Andy made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss a personnel matter and the Greensboro Award, with Kim Greaves and Barbara Brooke present.

The Board left the executive session at 8:30 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk