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Greensboro Selectboard

February 12, 2020

Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Barbara Brooke, Tom Camarra, Emily Irwin, Al Robertson, Melissa Moffatt, Carol Fairbank

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from January 8 meeting unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

None this evening.

ORLEANS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Emily Irwin

Emily Irwin works at the Orleans County Conservation District (OCCD) and made a presentation to the Board.

The OCCD is located in Newport, is registered as a municipality, functions as a non-profit, and works closely with NRCS.

The focus of the OCCD is water quality; the organization spends most of its resources assisting dairy producers with Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs) compliance. The current RAPs were passed by the legislature in 2016 and are more stringent than previous regulations. All farms have to comply, but more attention is paid to larger farms.

RAPs include:

- Increased buffers for manure spreading (25' from streams, 10' from ditches)
- Cover crops must be planted on fields in a flood plain
- The winter spreading ban is extended for fields in a flood plain
- Manure stacking requirements
- Livestock exclusion requirements – keeping livestock away from waterways

The OCCD also lends out equipment such as a no-till seeder and aerator.

Other work done by the OCCD includes road erosion inventories for towns, supporting roadwork to reduce runoff, and assisting landowners who want to plant buffers around streams.

Emily is currently working with Greensboro Planning and Zoning to create the 'Lakewise' program in Greensboro.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

1. Melissa Moffatt gave the Board an update on recent GFD activities.
 - There were six calls in January.
 - The Felines and Friends Foundation will be holding a spay/neuter clinic at the firehouse on Feb. 24.
 - GFD members re-elected Dave Brochu, Jr. as chief, and are recommending that the Selectboard appoint him to the position. Andy made the following motion:

The Board appoints Dave Brochu, Jr. to be fire chief.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
2. **Fire Contract with Stannard – update.** Kim reported that the contract has been signed and a check for the correct amount has been received.

POLICE

No officer was present, and no report was available. It was noted that it's been a few months since the Board has received a police report.

ROADS & DRIVEWAYS

1. **Road Foreman's report – Tom Camarra.** Tom reported that the crew has been busy with winter road maintenance, going out approx. 22 times in January, and spreading 1000 yds. of sand and 165 tons of salt during the month.
2. **Driveway Plowing.**
 - Town Roads that are driveways. Discussion of plowing very short town roads that are driveways. While the town has historically maintained these roads, the Board is considering downgrading or throwing up some of these roads to save on maintenance costs.
 - Plowing out businesses. Last month, Peter approached Jeff Perry about whether he could get driveways plowed more quickly. During their discussion, one factor that came up was Jeff's frustration about spending large amounts of time plowing out town businesses such as the Highland Lodge and Circus Smirkus.

Peter noted that the town's driveway plowing policy states that the town will plow 'residences'. It appears that the scope of Perry's plowing has expanded over the years to include plowing out these large businesses, and that this was never discussed or approved.

Whether businesses are plowed in the future or not, it was agreed that such plowing should be addressed in the driveway plowing contract.Andy said that this plowing could be considered a way for the town to support local businesses, just like how the town historically plowed roads leading to dairy farms.Peter said he'll bring up driveway plowing at town meeting under 'other business'. Matt suggested that Jeff Perry be present to join the discussion.Peter encouraged Board members to think about how to proceed, adding that dealing with driveway plowing is one of the most challenging parts of being on the Selectboard, having to field numerous calls throughout the winter from frustrated residents.
3. **New Town Garage.** No update.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. **Town Hall generator repair.** The Board is unhappy with its current generator service provider. After discussion, the board unanimously agreed that Pete Greaves will be hired to work on the town's generator.
2. **Liquor licenses.** Andy made the following motion:
The Board approves liquor licenses for Hill Farmstead Brewery and Highland Center for the Arts.
Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

1. The Board reviewed the FY 2020 budget report.
2. The Board reviewed the January check warrant reports.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Zoning Bylaw update. Members of the Planning Commission will be present at next month's Selectboard meeting to speak about proposed Bylaw updates.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **WonderArts – Carol Fairbank.** Carol requested approval for Wonderarts to use one or more Town Hall classrooms in July for its summer camps. WonderArts has historically used rooms at the main school building for their camps, but that these rooms are not available due to renovations.

Camps are capped at 18 kids and will run Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM. Beach time in the afternoon means campers won't be present after lunchtime on most days.

Board members were positive, agreeing that it's great to see the Town Hall building being used.

Mike made the following motion:

The Board approves WonderArts using school rooms in the Town Hall during July.

Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Carol will coordinate with the school as necessary.

2. **Zoning Administrator – letter of resignation.** Zoning Administrator Audrey DeProspero submitted a letter of resignation. Peter made the following motion:

The Board accepts Zoning Administrator Audrey DeProspero's letter of resignation.

Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Discussion; it was agreed that Kim will work with the Planning Commission and DRB on a job posting. It was noted that the hours of this position may grow in the future if the town decides to regulate rental properties, which has been discussed by the Planning Commission.

3. **Lyndon Sno-Cruisers – Al Robertson.** Al told the Board that his club's trail #513 comes through Greensboro Bend. The trail is primitive and not used much, but as a connector to the rail trail, it is likely to become widely used when the rail trail is completed. Improvements are slowly being made to the trail.

The club is applying for a grant to buy a new groomer, and is asking for a letter of support from the town. The Board agreed to write a letter of support.

4. Town Wastewater Committee. Peter said that the town should formally recognize the Wastewater Committee that was created during the Greater Greensboro meetings; this will make grants and other assistance more available to the town.

The Committee is currently applying for a USDA grant for a feasibility study of wastewater plant options. Tracy made the following motion:

The Greensboro Wastewater Committee will be designated an official town committee.

Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED: 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk