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# Greensboro Selectboard

March 11, 2020

## Meeting Minutes

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

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Andy Kehler

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Barbara Brooke, Tom Camarra, MacNeil, Sergeant Darin Barber, Bobbi Nisbet, Emmett Avery

**CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM**

### MINUTES

Minutes from February 12 meeting unanimously approved as written.

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

None this evening.

### SELECTBOARD REORGANIZATION

#### 1. Board Positions

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CURRENTLY HELD BY</b>
Selectboard Chair	Peter Romans
Selectboard Vice Chair	Michael Lapierre
Farmers Market Liaison	Kim Greaves
Highway Dept. Liaison	<i>Primary:</i> Matt McAllister <i>Secondary:</i> Michael Lapierre
Historical Society Liaison	Barbara Brooke
Driveway Plowing Liaison	<i>Primary:</i> Michael Lapierre <i>Secondary:</i> Peter Romans
Fire Districts Liaison	Michael Lapierre
Greensboro Fire Dept. Liaison	Peter Romans
Legal Liaison	Andy Kehler
Orleans Southwest Union Elementary School District	Andy Kehler
Recycling Liaison	Tracy Collier
Order Sheets	<i>Primary:</i> Peter Romans <i>Secondary:</i> Andy Kehler
Personnel Liaison	Tracy Collier

After discussion, Mike made the following motion:

*The Board approves the slate of positions, as discussed.*

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. **Newspaper of Record.** The Selectboard unanimously agreed upon the Hardwick Gazette as the town's newspaper of record.
3. **Meeting Schedule.** The Selectboard unanimously agreed to hold regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM in the Collier Room at the Greensboro Town Hall.  
Meetings will be held occasionally at St. Michael's Church Parish Hall in Greensboro Bend.

## **SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Road Foreman	Thomas Camarra
Conservation Commission	David Kelly
Deputy Health Officer	Christine Armstrong
Tree Warden	Cilla Bonney-Smith
Animal Control Officer	Kevin Rich
Civil Defense	Tracy Collier
Recreation Comm.	Michelle Laflam, Erika Karp, John Schweitzer, Devin Burgess, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer
Development Review Board	Jane Woodruff (Chair), Lee Wright
Planning Commission	Ellen Celnik, Kent Hansen, Linda Romans
Town Service Officer	Kim Greaves
Town Forest Fire Warden	Patricia Mercier
Caspian Lake Beach Comm.	Ila Hunt (Chair), Bethany Warner (Treasurer), Linda Shatney
Emergency Planning Comm.	Anne Stevens (Chair), Chief Dave Brochu, Jr., John Moffatt, Judy Carpenter, Karl Stein, Melissa Moffatt, Tim Nisbet, Tom Camarra, Wayne Young, Kim Greaves
Emergency Mgmt. Chair	Dave Brochu, Jr.
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Rep.	Ken Johnston
Hazard Mitigation Comm.	Valdine Hall, Kim Greaves, Lorelei Wheeler, Melissa Moffatt, George Young, Tim Nisbet
Buildings & Grounds Comm.	Peter Romans, MacNeil, Tom Camarra, Matt McAllister, Tracy Collier, Mike Lapierre
Energy Comm.	Anna Kehler, Mark Snyder
Zoning Administrator	Kristen Leahy (Interim)

Tracy made the following motion:

*The Board approves the slate of appointments as discussed.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.**

The Board reviewed the February GFD report.

## **POLICE**

Sergeant Darin Barber was present.

1. **Directed patrols.** Sgt. Barber explained that HPD recently began a program called ‘directed patrols’ – spending more time in a particular area of town, running radar, checking doors and windows of businesses; then, moving on to another area.
2. In response to the question of how many hours per day the HPD spends in Greensboro, Sgt. Barber said it’s two to three hours per shift (with three shifts per day), so six to nine hours in a 24 hr. period. He noted this is patrol time (excludes calls for service).
3. Sgt. Barber told the Board that if there are requests for certain areas to get patrolled, please get in touch with the HPD.
4. The HPD has been down one officer all winter, and are in the middle of the hiring process to fill this vacancy.

## **ROADS**

1. **Road Foreman’s Report.** Tom reported that February sand use was 1758 yds.; salt use was 189 tons.
2. A road crew member is currently out on medical leave, leaving the road crew with just two members for the time being. This is working out for now, but could be trouble in a big storm. Discussion; the Board agreed that Tom may hire a temporary road crew member in the case of a big storm, at his discretion.
3. Discussion of road projects for the upcoming season.
  - Taylor Rd.: cutting limbs back on the bad corner to increase visibility. But there’s ledge there, so major re-working could be difficult.
  - Young Rd.: Tree cutting, road widening in places. Matt will discuss with George Young, and Lorelei Wheeler. The road crew may need to rent the ledge hammer again.
4. **New Town Garage.** Discussion of the seven acre Sullivan property on the Bend Rd. (the site of the old sawmill) as a possible site for a new town garage. Mike will get in touch with the family and get more information about the property.

Tracy noted that the town should look for municipal grants for the new town garage. Kim said that last time she looked into it, there weren’t any available, but that she’d look again.

5. **Tamarack Ranch Rd.** Rick Morrill, forester working for the Nature Conservancy, sent a letter requesting to close Tamarack Ranch Rd. during mud season. The TNC recently spent over \$13,000 upgrading the road for a logging job and would like to protect it.

Discussion; the Board sees no practical way to close the road, with the number of properties that would be affected.

Perhaps the TNC could come up with a sign asking drivers to use common courtesy and stay off road when soft.

Peter will contact Rick and let him know that if he contacts all the affected landowners, the Board may consider another request to temporarily close the road.

**TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves**

1. Liquor licenses for the Highland Lodge unanimously approved by the Board.
2. Special Event permit for Eden Specialty Ciders unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **Zoning Administrator.** Kristen Leahy has agreed to serve as interim Zoning Administrator. Tracy made the following motion:  
*Kristen Leahy will be paid \$20/hr. to serve as interim Zoning Administrator.*  
Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously
4. **Compost workshop.** The NEK Waste Mgmt. District would like to hold a free backyard composting workshop in Greensboro. The Board approved this event; Kim will work with the NEKWMD on date and location.
5. **Personnel Policy.** The town employee personnel policy is due for an update. A few Board members, Kim, and Tom will get together and work on it.

**TREASURER – Barbara Brooke**

The Board reviewed the FY 2020 budget report YTD, and the February check warrant reports.

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

Greensboro Planning Commission – Updates to Zoning Bylaw. Tabled until April.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matter**

Peter made the following motion:

*The Board will enter Executive Session at 8:15 PM to discuss a personnel matter, with Tom Camarra present.*

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left Executive Session at 8:20 PM.

Tracy made the following motion:

*The Board approves paying \$140 to clear up a discrepancy in employee compensation.*

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNED: 8:25 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*