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Greensboro Selectboard

April 8, 2020

Meeting Minutes

[Meeting was held via zoom call]

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt McAllister

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Isa Oehry, Eric Stephens

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from March 11 meeting unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Isa Oehry asked whether the town is taking steps to prepare for a large-scale outbreak of COVID-19 in Greensboro. Peter said that the town's Emergency Response Team has been meeting multiple times a week, is planning for the possibility of a local outbreak, and has been working on solutions to the many potential challenges related to the pandemic.

Peter thanked Isa for making hundreds of masks for the community.

ROADS & DRIVEWAYS

1. **Site for new Town Garage.** Tabled.
2. Long-time road crew member Ed Keene has decided to retire in a few weeks, after using up some vacation time. Kim will advertise widely for a new road crew member.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. **Caspian Challenge Race.** At this point, the event is still going ahead on July 26.

Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves the Caspian Challenge race, contingent on the event being in compliance with Gov. Scott's executive orders on the coronavirus pandemic.

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

2. **Beer Run.** The Craftsbury Outdoor Center is suspending the Beer Run, but hopes to reschedule the event.
3. **Dog Licenses – late fee.** Kim asked the Board for permission to waive the dog license late fee (\$4), until the Town Clerk's office is open to the public again. The Board unanimously agreed.

4. A Board of Tax Abatement meeting will be scheduled soon.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Face Masks.** Peter said that the Selectboard was asked to pass an ordinance mandating that people in public wear face masks. After discussion, Peter made the following motion:

The Selectboard recommends that members of the public wear face masks in accordance with VT Health Dept. and CDC recommendations.

Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Face masks are being made by some local residents. Kim has made free masks available at the entrance to the town offices.

2. **Health Officer.** Health officer Karl Stein asked the Board to look into how his duties may have changed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Ordinarily, town health officers are obligated to respond to all complaints.

The state has now prohibited health officers from doing any non-essential inspections.

3. **NEK Community Fiber CUD.** Residents voted to join this CUD at town meeting, with the goal of bringing high-speed internet to Greensboro. Andy made the following motion:

The Board appoints Carol Fairbank as the town's rep to the newly formed CUD. Mary Metcalf is appointed as alternate.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Peter noted that the Hardwick Gazette is not publishing a printed paper at this time, and has gone to online only. The town will still use the Gazette as the town's official newspaper of record.

ADJOURNED: 7:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk