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Greensboro Selectboard

May 13, 2020

Meeting Minutes

[Meeting was held via Zoom conference call]

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Tom Camarra, Josh Karp, Barbara Brooke, Elisabeth Hatch, Wayne Young, Christine Armstrong, Nigel Friend, David Miltenberger, Norm Patenaude, Erich Stephens, Patsy Mercier, Linda Romans

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Minutes from April 8 meeting unanimously approved.
2. Minutes from April 30 special meeting unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Regarding the coronavirus pandemic: Peter said that while he hears people saying “we’re about over this thing” and that the economy is going to roar back to life, he believes it will actually take a number of years to get back to normal, and the town’s income and budget may be affected. Some property owners may have a hard time paying their taxes.

Andy wondered if there is anything the town could do to help people who are struggling financially. Kim said that the town itself doesn’t really have the ability to offer financial help, but that the emergency response committee has worked hard to make connections between struggling people and organizations that may be able to offer some help. She added that there’s lots of information and resources on the town website.

Andy suggested scheduling a budget meeting to begin identifying the trickle-down effects that the pandemic may have on next year’s town budget.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. **Milfoil Grant.** Kim said it is unknown at this point whether the town will receive state funding to help cover costs of the boat wash at the Caspian public beach.
2. **Wilson Herb Farm - liquor license.** Andy made the following motion:
The Board approves a second-class liquor license for Wilson Herb Farm.
Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
3. **Personnel Policy.** Kim reminded the Board that the current Personnel Policy is from 2011 and is in need of an update.

- 4. Mowing bid for town cemeteries.** Three bids were received: Tylers Lawn Care (no total listed, just an hourly rate); R&R Property Care \$10k; Sperry Lawn Care \$12k.

Peter made the following motion:

The Board accepts the \$10k bid from R&R Property Care for mowing town cemeteries.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

1. The Board reviewed the FY 2020 budget, YTD.
2. The Board reviewed the March and April check warrant reports.

ROADS & DRIVEWAYS

- 1. Road Supervisor's Report – Tom Camarra.** Tom said that the road crew is doing the best it can with only two members.
- 2. State local roads grants.** Kim recently got word from the state that there will be no roads grants this year. She asked Tom how this will affect road work this season; Tom replied that most of the scheduled projects are not urgent and can be delayed.
- 3. New road crew member.** Two candidates will be interviewed this week.
- 4. Paving Bids.** Three bids were received: Pike \$90,675; ST Paving \$155,440; Hutchins. \$91,373.

Andy made the following motion:

The Board accepts the \$90,675 bid from Pike Industries.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

To be paved this summer: Hardwick St. and a stretch on the Bend Rd.

- 5. Winter Sand.** Discussion of screening sand from our pit, vs. buying sand from other pits. Matt will get quotes for screening sand from our pit but in the meantime, suggested that the Board put sand out to bid as usual and the decision on which approach to take can be made when all bids are in hand.
- 6. Crushing.** The town has enough gravel for this season and into next year, so won't need to hire out crushing this year. Matt suggested that some of the funds saved by not having to crush be put towards screening sand at the town pit.
- 7. Sidewalks.** The Board agreed that the East Street sidewalk in Greensboro Village should be redone this year, and that a five-foot sidewalk will be installed.
- 8. Roadside mowing.** Discussion of whether to skip roadside mowing this year to save money; ultimately the Board agreed to put the mowing out to bid as usual.
- 9. Road Grading / fences in ROW.** Recently, the grader operator buried part of a farm fence during grading operations. Discussion. Town policy states that the town is not responsible for damage to objects in the road ROW, but should an operator contact the landowner about a fence that is impeding road maintenance - or just go ahead with the work and possibly damage the fence?
Peter suggested that the property owner should be notified and given a chance to move the fence, while Tom felt that contacting someone each time a fence is encountered in the ROW is not practical, and that people should simply keep their fences set back from the road.
- 10. Curb cut for Elisabeth Hatch.** Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves the Hatch curb cut at 555 Bailey Hazen Rd.

Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

GREENSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION

Members of the Planning Commission (PC) presented proposed changes to the town's Zoning Bylaw.

PC member David Miltenberger explained that the Bylaw updates are guided by the newly updated Town Plan, and that this first round of changes focuses on the Lakeshore District. The PC is presenting 'more or less' a final draft, ready for public comment, and is looking for feedback from the Selectboard (but not formal approval).

The Board and members of the PC discussed a number of proposed changes to the Bylaw, including:

- The removal of some permitted and conditional structures and activities including forestry, farming, public buildings, group homes.
- The addition of short-term rentals as a conditional use.
- House size is now measured from interior walls to interior walls instead of from/to exterior walls.
- No house within 50 feet of lake can increase in height.
- More robust mitigation required if a nonconforming house is allowed to become more nonconforming by DRB.
- Separated 'accessory structure' and 'accessory dwelling unit'. Limited to one of each per lot. Height reduced to 20 feet with roof pitch of 6/12 or greater. No porches or decks on accessory structures. Porches and decks included in maximum size for accessory dwelling units.
- If an accessory building exists within 50 feet of lake, no boathouse shall be allowed.
- If boathouses, accessory dwelling units or accessory structures are razed and rebuilt, and there is room on the lot, they must be sited to meet current setbacks to become less non-conforming.
- Wastewater awareness requirements when applying for changes.
- The addition of lighting and docks standards.
- Additional standards given for conditional uses.
- Quality Water Protection Zone ends grandfathered lawns to water's edge, creating a 25 foot no-mow strip and asks for Best Practices with tree maintenance and duff maintenance.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Funky Fourth parade.** The town health officers and members of the Emergency Planning Committee have recommended that the Funky Fourth parade be cancelled.

Mike felt that the event could be safely held with proper social distancing, and suggested holding off on cancelling for now. The Board agreed to table the decision.

It was noted that the State has yet to offer guidance on summer parades.

2. **Newspaper of Record.** The Hardwick Gazette is the town's official newspaper of record, but is not currently available in print form (has gone to electronic form only). The town will still post notices in the Gazette, but would like to post them in a printed paper as well. After discussion, Andy made the following motion:

The town will begin using The Chronicle as a second newspaper of record.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Zoning Administrator (ZA).** The ZA search committee has recommended Brett Stanciu be hired as the new ZA. Peter made the following motion:

The town will hire Brett Stanciu as new Zoning Administrator.

Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk