

(Draft only – not approved by the Selectboard)

Greensboro Selectboard

July 8, 2020

Meeting Minutes

[Meeting was held in-person, with a Zoom conference call-in for some of the participants]

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Romans, Andy Kehler, Tracy Collier, Matt McAllister, Gary Circosta

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Carol Fairbank, Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Caitlin Porrazzo, Tom Camarra, Barbara Brooke

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from June 10 unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

None this evening.

SPARK – MOVING TO TOWN HALL

Naomi Ranz-Schleifer (Wonderarts Board President) and Carol Fairbank (Wonderarts Executive Director) spoke to the Board about moving Spark to the second floor of the Town Hall, having outgrown their space in the basement of the Greensboro United Church.

Naomi said there is high demand for Spark's resources (especially the high speed internet), given how much remote work is being done during the pandemic. Having a larger space would help meet a real community need at this time.

Wonderarts' long-term vision is to revitalize the Town Hall and create a vibrant hub for the community.

The second floor of the Town Hall meets accessibility requirements, and Consolidated Communications has agreed to move Spark's fiber line to the Town Hall.

All four second floor rooms would be utilized if available. Spark would begin using just one room while the other rooms are cleaned up. One of these would be set up as a conference room, with town business getting priority on the calendar.

Kim reminded the Board that she was hoping to move the Giving Closet up to one of the second floor rooms. Carol said that Wonderarts would be excited to partner with the Giving Closet on the second floor.

Naomi would like to come to an agreement with the town as soon as possible. Andy made the following motion:

The Board supports Spark moving into the Town Hall's second floor, and authorizes Andy to draw up a lease agreement with Wonderarts, to be voted on at the next Selectboard meeting.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE

No report to review; no officer was present.

ROADS & DRIVEWAYS

- 1. Road Supervisor's report – Tom Camarra.** The vacant road crew member position hasn't been filled yet; there have been a few new applicants and another round of interviews is scheduled.
The road crew has been ditching and replacing culverts; grading has been delayed due to chloride being hard to come by in recent weeks. Crosswalks will be repainted soon.
- 2. Sidewalk bid.** One bid was received, and seemed overpriced.
Andy made the following motion:
The Board rejects the sidewalk bid.
Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
A second round of bids will be solicited.
- 3. Winter Sand – Update.** Sand at the town's Glover pit was tested and found to be high quality. However, it's been hard to line up screening in a timely fashion, so the Board decided to buy sand. One bid for sand was received, from Ken Davis @ \$5.50/yd. Andy made the following motion:
The Board accepts Ken Davis's bid for winter sand.
Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
Discussion of screening sand at the Glover pit later this summer, for use next year. Contractor JP Sicard can screen for \$2.50/yd., including piling and loading of sand, as well as managing the stone pile. Andy made the following motion:
The town will hire JP Sicard to screen sand at the Glover pit.
Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
Tom recommended screening 5000 yd., assuming enough material is available.
- 4. Roadside Mowing.** Two bids were received: Neborsky \$7250; Patenaude \$13,300.
Tracy made the following motion:
The Board accepts the Neborsky bid for roadside mowing.
Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 5. Apartment/moving road proposal – Lake Rd. – Update.** Andy researched moving a town road. There is an extensive statutory process that must be followed, including a formal petition to the Selectboard, throwing up the existing road, holding a public meeting, and making changes to the ROW (could mean expensive legal and mapping work).
The Lapoints didn't initiate this formal process – they had simply discussed their request with Peter. There's a wetland nearby, and Peter will tell the Lapoints that ANR must be contacted before any other step is taken – as the agency may nix any development. He will also explain to them that to move forward they need to follow the statutory process; if initiated, the town will respond as required. He will also let the Lapoints know that the Board believes that allowing a private citizen to move a road sets a bad precedent.
- 6. R.O.W. policy.** Tabled.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. **Catering permit.** Black Diamond Barbeque submitted three catering permits for approval.

Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves the three catering permits for Black Diamond Barbeque.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

2. **Contract for I.T. Services.** After discussion, Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves signing an annual contract with Maya McCoy for I.T. services, in the amount of \$600.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Consolidated Communications.** The town's contract with Consolidated is up for renewal, and the Board reviewed a proposal for reconfiguring and upgrading the town's phone and internet systems.

The decision was tabled due to the possibility of Spark moving their high-speed fiber internet to the Town Hall.

4. **Caspian Lake Swim.** Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves the Caspian Lake Swim as proposed.

Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. **Swimming Lessons.** Cancelled for the season.

6. **Recycling Attendant.** An attendant has been hired to help out on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

7. **Grand List.** The Grand List was changed at the last minute to include an unlanded shed on Country Club Rd.

Andy made the following motion:

The Board approves the change to the Grand List.

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

Kim read a written report from Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.

1. The Woodbury FD donated a 1999 rescue truck to the GFD. This truck was refurbished in 2010.
2. The Feline and Friends spay/neuter clinic was cancelled, and rescheduled for October.

TREASURER – Barbara Brooke

1. The Board reviewed the FY 2020 budget, YTD.
2. The Board reviewed the June check warrant reports.
3. **Tax rate.** Both non-residential and residential tax rates increased quite a bit. Both Kim and Barbara noted that an increase of this magnitude is unprecedented in recent years. Discussion of the strain this will put on some residents.

The tax rates will be approved by the Board at a special meeting.

4. **Interim Town Treasurer position.** Barbara is planning to move and her house is up for sale. She will move when the house sells, and suggested that the Board hire an interim treasurer to ensure a smooth transition.

Kim is the assistant Treasurer, and can do the job “in a pinch” but is very busy as Town Clerk, plus it’s highly recommended that the town clerk and town treasurer not be the same person.

New zoning administrator Brett Stanciu is interested in serving as interim treasurer. While she could be hired in the short term to either fill a vacancy or simply to assist the current Treasurer, she can’t run for treasurer at town meeting since she’s not a town resident.

After Discussion, the Board agreed to hire Brett for a month-long trial, and if she works out, the Board may decide to create the position of ‘interim treasurer’. The Board agreed to compensate Brett at the same rate as her Zoning Administrator job. Andy will recap the Board’s decision with Brett.

OTHER BUSINESS

Library/Historical Society – summer exhibit. The library and historical society are collaborating on a summer walking exhibit, where old photos of downtown buildings will be placed in front of the present-day buildings, along with some history. Tracy made the following motion:

The Board supports the historical society / library summer program as presented.

Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Moving Recycling to Fire Dept. lot – update. Andy will discuss the move with fire chief Dave Brochu, Jr. It would be a good time to move recycling center, since Spark will be moving to the Town Hall and more parking behind the building will be useful.

When the new fire station was built, a recycling center was included on the site plan.

2. Wonderarts movie night – update. As far as anyone knows, this event won’t happen due to safety concerns.

3. Personnel policy – update. Tabled.

ADJOURNED: 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk