

Greensboro Selectboard

October 10, 2012 – Meeting Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Susan Wood, Warren Hill, Jr., Anne Stevens

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Tanner, Valdine Hall, Chief Aaron Cochran, Josh Karp, Chief Erwin Salls, Jr., Kristen Leahy

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 PM

MINUTES Minutes of September 12 and 21 approved as amended; September 27 approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

POLICE – Chief Aaron Cochran

1. The Board reviewed September's police report. Chief Cochran noted that Greensboro patrol hours have increased significantly now that the H.P.D. is fully staffed.
2. Chief's Report.
 - *Residential Security Systems - False Alarms.* Chief Cochran reported that there were eight false alarm calls during September. He presented false alarm ordinances and polices from other towns around the state for the Selectboard to use as examples as it considers whether to institute a town ordinance or policy. Chief Cochran suggested that H.P.D. Chief Salls be involved. Warren noted that if Greensboro draws up a policy or ordinance, maybe it should be similar to Hardwick's, since the H.P.D. will be responding to calls in both towns. Chief Cochran said that the H.P.D. will respond to alarm calls the same way, no matter how the policy or ordinance is written.
 - *License Plate Reader.* These devices are now in use by the H.P.D. They automatically take a picture of the license plates of all vehicles that pass by a cruiser, and alert the officer of any outstanding issues associated with that plate. The plate's data (i.e. date, time, location) is logged and could possibly be used as evidence in a future legal proceeding.
 - *Tasers.* Marsha reported that Greensboro resident Aaron Kromash would like a Taser committee to be formed. Both Marsha and Chief Cochran said respectively that that the town and the H.P.D. do not want further involvement in Taser discussions.

ROADS – Dan Tanner, Road Supervisor

1. *Road Supervisor's Report.* Dan reported that the road crew has been getting trucks ready for winter, and putting replacement road signs up.

2. *Smaller-sized Gravel.* Dan discussed smaller gravel with two crusher operators; one said he wouldn't charge more for smaller gravel, and the other said he would charge 25¢ more per yd. Sue noted there have been a lot of flat tires on certain roads in town, and that local garages have implicated our gravel; discussion of whether smaller gravel would reduce flat tires.

TOWN CLERKS REPORT – Valdine Hall

1. *C.L.A. Appeal.* The State has offered to settle with the town in the matter of the town's C.L.A. appeal. After discussion of whether the funds should be used to directly reduce property taxes, it was decided that the \$24,232 settlement would go in the town's general fund, less \$9,000+ in expenses and legal fees.

Anne made the following motion:

The Board accepts the State's settlement of \$24,232 in the matter of the town's C.L.A. appeal.

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. The Board reviewed the F.Y. 2013 Budget Y.T.D.
3. Peggy, Marsha, Valdine and Dan met yesterday to review the H.E.R.F. account.
4. *Grange.* The Preservation Trust of VT / Freeman Foundation have awarded the town a grant of \$70,000 to be used for renovating the Grange; Valdine said that the funds have no strings attached. Additional funding is being sought for a wheelchair lift. Valdine proposed that the town form a seven member 'Grange Building Committee' to plan and oversee the renovation.

After discussion, Anne made the following motion:

The Selectboard hereby creates a seven member Grange Building Committee to plan and oversee the Grange renovation. The following residents are appointed to the committee: Valdine Hall, Ted Donlon, Rob Brigham, Judy Dales, Robbie Hurst, Anne Stevens, and Stephanie Herrick.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. *Town Hall Roof.* The roof painting is complete, but leaks were noticed recently. While repairing the leaks, Jim Maxfield observed white mold, degraded cellulose insulation, and knob & tube wiring. Sue told the school about these three issues, and discussed the mold with the State Health Dept. She was told that without an actual inspection, mold-related air quality issues cannot be determined. It was noted that black mold is thought to be far worse than white mold. Valdine suggested to the Board that it increase the budget for town hall maintenance next year.

GREENSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission (P.C.) Chair Phil Gray couldn't make it to the meeting, so Zoning Administrator Kristen Leahy brought the Board up to date on the status of the Town Plan.

She said that the Plan expired in February, putting on hold certain economic development funding as well as any changes to the Zoning Bylaw. The economic development funding may be sought by Greensboro businesses, and the Zoning Bylaw needs to be changed – so it is important that the Town Plan be updated as soon as possible. The P.C. has made basic updates to the plan (mostly

statistics) with no major changes. The P.C. met with N.V.D.A., who reviewed the updated plan and gave it their approval. One public meeting was held to receive comments about the updated Plan, and the P.C. received a number of comments from the Greensboro Association.

Kristen said that the next step is for the Selectboard to hold a public hearing on the updated Plan. It can then adopt the Plan, which frees the P.C. to move forward with Zoning Bylaw changes.

The Board will hold its Town Plan hearing on Wednesday, November 28, at 7 PM in the Collier Room of the Town Hall. Kristen will warn the hearing as required by statute.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT. – Chief Erwin Salls, Jr.

1. *Fire Station Committee update.* Members of the committee met with the architect, and discussed the new model of the station. Sue noted that she has attended some of the committee meetings and thought it was doing a great job and getting things done. The proposed cupolas on the new building exceed the Zoning Bylaw's height limit; Kristen reported that the Planning Commission is working on a Bylaw change that would allow the cupolas to be built.
2. The Board unanimously approved the architect be paid \$500 for making the model of the new fire station.
3. Jr. got an estimate of \$800 from Dog River Associates to do a construction cost estimate for the new fire station. Dog River Assoc. said that it might cost a little more as they haven't seen the site plan yet.

Peggy made the following motion:

The Board approves spending up to \$1,000 to hire Dog River Associates to perform a construction cost estimate for the new fire station.

Anne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. After discussion, Warren made the following motion:

Chief Erwin Salls, Jr. will be reimbursed by the town for fire dept. educational materials he purchased with his own money.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Discussion about 911 numbers on houses. Easy to read, standardized numbers like those used in Craftsbury would make it much easier for public safety personnel to find addresses.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Willey Beach signs.* No update this evening.
2. *Skate Skiers in the Road.* Warren brought up a concern about skiers in the road. At times, he said, they take over the entire traveled way, creating a major safety hazard. Josh noted that he saw a driver of the ski van videotaping skiers while driving the van.
3. Sue reported that dust in the town hall classrooms has been cleaned up to the school's satisfaction.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. *Perrin Road Appeal.* Peggy reported that David Massey has appealed the town's Perrin Road decision, but that the specific content of the appeal won't be known until the town's lawyer officially gets involved. The big picture items in the appeal are 1) no damages were paid, and 2) 'necessity of takings.' Sue made the following motion:

The Selectboard agrees that attorney Glenn Howland will be the town's agent in the Perrin Road appeal.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. *Lawn Care Contract for Town Hall.* Tabled.

3. Peggy made the following motion:

Sue will be the Selectboard's liaison with Lakeview Union School, since she is more available during the day.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Marsha, instead of Warren, will sign the road order sheets.

ADJOURNED: 9:03 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk