

Greensboro Selectboard

December 12, 2012 – Meeting Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Karp, Chief Erwin Salls, Jr., June Cook, Dan Tanner, Valdine Hall, Andy Dales, Andy Kehler, John Rodgers, Clive Gray, Ken Johnston, Officer Steve Mitchell

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

MINUTES Minutes of November 14, 2012 approved as amended.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Caspian Lake Beach. Due to much public interest, Sue gave those present an update on the Caspian Lake Beach ownership situation. The state is now requiring Greensboro to assess property taxes on the beach, which was not taxed for 84 years. The beach is owned by the town of Hardwick; Greensboro has sent Hardwick a tax bill for the property. Hardwick is trying to convince the State to reinstate the beach's tax exempt status, given that the property is used for public recreation. If the State refuses, options that have been discussed by the Hardwick Selectboard are:

1. The beach could be leased to Greensboro for the amount of the property tax bill;
2. The beach could be sold to the State Fish & Wildlife Dept., who would manage it;
3. The beach could be sold to a non-profit entity with tax exempt status;
4. The beach could be sold to a private party.

Marsha made the following motion:

Anne and Sue will be the Selectboard liaisons in the matter of the Caspian Lake public beach.

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board will hold a special meeting to discuss the beach on Monday, December 17 at 7 PM at Fellowship Hall.

POLICE

Officer Mitchell was present to represent the Hardwick Police Dept.

1. Officer Mitchell had no update on the theft of the Eligo Lake Association's former milfoil boat. It was noted that the boat, when stolen, was no longer the property of the E.L.A., but had been recently sold to a private citizen.
2. The Board reviewed the November 2012 police report.

3. *Residential Alarm Systems - false alarms.* The Board reviewed Morristown's Alarm Ordinance. Warren noted that a grace period could make the transition to an ordinance smoother. Marsha said that if an ordinance is created, G.F.D. chief Salls will be consulted.

ROADS

1. Road Supervisor Dan Tanner told the Board that the road crew has been doing mostly maintenance work.
2. *Town of Stannard – Gravel.* Dan reported that the town of Stannard is interested in buying gravel from Greensboro. Warren noted that this has come up in the past, and the Board had decided not to sell gravel as it is a finite town resource. Peggy added that according to the pit's Act 250 permit, only a certain amount of gravel can be removed each year. After further discussion, the Board decided that the town will not sell gravel.
3. *Bridge Weight Restrictions.* Valdine said that the town has never posted bridge weight restrictions, as far as she knows. Peggy made the following motion:

The Town will not impose weight restrictions on any of its bridges.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. *Bridge #7 (Greensboro Bend).* Valdine told the Board that the cost to repair Bridge #7 was within the state grant amount, even with an expanded scope of work. The town will pay a 10% match. Valdine noted that the bridge contractor (Courtland Construction) was meticulous with their paperwork, making her job easier. The Board signed the VTrans bridge grant agreement.
5. *Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.* Dan updated equipment prices and trade-in values. After discussion, Marsha made the following motion:

The Board accepts the H.E.R.F. as updated.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – Valdine Hall

The Board reviewed the F.Y. 2013 budget, Y.T.D.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

1. Chief Erwin Salls, Jr. researched how the town of Craftsbury provided 911 numbers to its residents: the town bought them and the fire dept. put them up. The town pays for replacement numbers as needed.
2. Chief Salls has started working on the G.F.D.'s budget for next year; it looks like it will be level funded.
3. *Construction Cost Estimate for New Fire Station.* Jr. reported that the cost estimate is not completed yet.
4. *New Fire Station Committee.* Jr. reported that the committee has organized and held four community informational meetings. Residents' feedback has been excellent; four more meetings are scheduled.

GREENSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION – Zoning Bylaw Changes

No member of the Planning Commission (P.C.) was present. Zoning Administrator Kristen Leahy explained that the P.C. is proposing three changes to the Bylaw at this time. These changes are ones that the P.C. feels need to be made immediately; a number of other changes throughout the Bylaw will be looked at next year. The changes currently proposed are:

1. *§3.12 Height Exemption.* Allows specific exceptions to the building height limit. Kristen noted that this change will allow the proposed new fire station to have cupolas.
2. *§4.2 Accessory Dwelling Unit.* Section update.
3. *§5.1 Fences.* This section changed to include handicap accessibility ramps and stairs.

Two hearings are required by statute. The Planning Commission held its hearing; now the Selectboard must hold one. The Selectboard hearing will be held Monday, January 7, 2013, at 7 PM in the Collier Room.

OLD & ONGOING BUSINESS

1. *Town Audit.* The final auditor's report has been reviewed by the Board. Marsha made the following motion:

The Board accepts the final auditor's report for F.Y. 2011.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. *Recycling.* Josh and Valdine will finalize the ad for a new recycling attendant on Monday.
3. *New Streetlights.* No update.
4. *Greensboro Association – Beautification Grant.* The Board reviewed Greensboro Association President John Stone's letter re: ideas for spending beautification funds.

Warren made the following motion:

The Selectboard supports the Greensboro Association doing a survey on ways to spend Beautification funds. The survey results will assist the Association and Selectboard in deciding what projects should be undertaken, but will not be binding in any way.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Marsha will report this decision to John Stone.

5. *Trash at Town Parks.* Perry's will be asked to empty trash cans at the Town Park and the Community Park in the Bend.
6. *Lakeview Union School.*
 - *School & Town of Greensboro Memorandum of Understanding.* Sue presented a second draft of the M.O.U., which was reviewed and modified by the Board. Sue will make the changes and send the updated document to the school and the Selectboard for final approval.
 - *School Items in the Collier Room Vault.* Discussion; Peggy reminded the Board that the school agreed to clean out the vault by January 1, 2013.
 - *Kitchen off Collier Room.* Peggy reminded the Board that the school also agreed to be out of the Collier Room kitchen by January 1, 2013. Discussion of adding a fire door between the Collier Room and the kitchen; Fire Chief Jr. Salls thought this was not necessary.

- *School Items in Gym Stairway and Gym.* Discussion. The Board agreed that the stairs to the gym, as well as the gym itself, must be cleared of school items. This is for the safety of all in the building, as well as the fact that there will be building maintenance work going on in the gym in the near future.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Health Officer Sue Wood told the Board that the state has notified her of coliform contamination in the Bend water system (Greensboro Bend Fire District #2).
2. *Indoor Recreation of Orleans County – Donation Request.* I.R.O.C. (in Derby) requested a \$100 donation from the town for their new year's eve bash. After discussion, Marsha made the following motion:
The town will not donate \$100 to I.R.O.C. for it's new year's bash.
Peggy second the motion, which carried (W.H., S.W., P.L.,M.G. in favor; A.S. opposed).
3. *Liquor / Tobacco Licenses.* The Board signed the following: Liquor license for Smith's Store; Liquor license for Willey's Store; Tobacco License for Smith's Store.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Marsha made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:55 PM to discuss pending litigation and personnel, with Valdine Hall and Erwin Salls, Jr. present.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:18 PM, and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 9:18 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk