

# Greensboro Selectboard

June 11, 2014

## Meeting Minutes

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bridget Collier, Marsha Gadoury, Peter Romans, Susan Wood, Warren Hill, Jr.

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Chief Erwin Salls, Jr., Cilla Smith, Walter Donohue, Gina Jenkins, Tom Anastasio, John Mackin, Janet Long, Jan Travers, Chief Aaron Cochran, Erika Karp, Mike Cassidy, Anne Cassidy, Robert Hurst, Bethany Warner, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Linda Ely, Rick Ely, June Cook, Dan Tanner, Andy Dales, Judy Dales, Anthony Acheson, Clive Gray, Nancy Hill, Tim Lahar, Wayne Young, Dan Predpall, Dianne Predpall

**CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM**

### MINUTES

Minutes from May 14 approved as amended.

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

1. *Margaret and David Altman* – Letter re: Gravel at Willey Beach Entrance.

The Altmans are concerned about gravel at the entrance to the town's Willey Beach property, which is very close to their house. The gravel was placed there by Munson Corp. during the course of its work on the village water line.

Bridget said that the town received a state grant in 1972 to purchase and make the Willey Beach property publicly accessible, but that no work has ever been done. The state has finally realized this and is now requiring the town to make basic improvements to the property, including signage, public parking, and handicapped accessibility.

Discussion about the gravel at the entrance. It is unclear why so much gravel was placed there to begin with. Some gravel was necessary, as Munson was storing equipment on the site, but according to John Mackin, the fire district did not give them approval to bring in such a large quantity. When the water line project was completed and Munson was planning to remove much of the gravel, Valdine asked them to leave it, thinking it could be used to improve the parcel's access as required by the state.

Regarding public access and parking, John said there is 12" water main at that location and the fire district doesn't want vehicles driving over it.

Sue Wood said that the Selectboard needs to correct the situation and improve the appearance of the Willey Beach entrance.

Marsha made the following motion:

*A committee will be formed to work out what should be done with the parcel, in order to improve its appearance and meet state access requirements. A proposal will be presented at the July Selectboard meeting.*

Bridget seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The committee will consist of Peter Romans, Bridget Collier, John Mackin and perhaps others.

## 2. Naomi Ranz-Schliefer – Sidewalks.

Naomi proposed that town sidewalks be extended up to the new Circus Smirkus property and the ball field. The Board will discuss this when looking into sidewalk expansion in the future.

## **POLICE**

H.P.D. Chief Aaron Cochran explained some recent law changes made by the legislature.

1. Beginning 10/1/14, no handheld electronic devices may be used in a moving vehicle.
2. *Disorderly Conduct*. Now there will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree offenses, with fines and potential jail times increasing each tier. Previously, repercussions for defendants were the same for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense or the 100<sup>th</sup>.
3. *Part-time police officers – lessening of powers*. Part-time officers will not be allowed to make arrests for certain crimes, such as domestic assaults. Chief Cochran said this will negatively affect the H.P.D.
4. *Tasers*. The legislature mandated that a statewide Taser policy be written.

There has been no further damage or vandalism at the Bend Community Park.

## **ROADS**

- *Dan Tanner* – Road Supervisors Report. The road crew has been ditching, grading, and fixing culverts. Truck 15 has transmission issues.
- *Wilson St. Sidewalks*. The new concrete sidewalks have been installed. The Board thanked the anonymous donor who donated \$20k so the town could have concrete instead of asphalt.
- *Paving*. Bids have been faxed out. This year, paving will continue on the Craftsbury Rd. The center of town (that was dug up for the water line project) won't be paved this year – Dan thinks a year of settling will result in a better outcome when it is paved.
- *Vogan Rd*. It was reported that Vogan Rd. might have been damaged from sugaring activities this spring. The road is impassable by car, and since the road is also Debbie Ling's driveway, this creates a dangerous situation. Dan inspected the road and reported that although it's not in good shape, it doesn't look much worse than a few years ago. Art Ling was sugaring this spring and may have damaged the road; he has made some repairs in the past and reportedly did some repairs this year.

Discussion of the statute regarding damaging of Class IV town roads. Bridget said that if the road is not brought back to its prior condition, fines can be issued in addition to the actual cost of repairs. A letter will be sent to Art asking him to bring the road back to a passable condition. Bridget will draft a letter, review it with the road liaisons and send it. Art will be given a week to complete the repairs.

- *Discussion of mapping old town roads.* The town has until next July 1 to map old roads that are not currently mapped; any unmapped roads will officially cease to exist on that date. Perrin Rd. will be added to the town's road map next year.

- *Crushing Bids.* Four bids were received:

J.A. Macdonald (Lyndonville): \$3.65/yd.

Kingdom Gravel (Barton): \$3.47/yd.

McCulloch (Middlesex): \$3.40/yd.

Chief Crushing: \$3.18/yd.

Warren made the following motion:

*The town will hire Chief Crushing this year.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **FIRE STATION COMMITTEE – New Fire Station Update**

### **1. Chief Erwin Salls, Jr. – Project Update.**

- The F.D. will begin moving up to the new fire house the week of June 23. Moving won't be completed until the end of July.
- *Funky Fourth Open House.* Before the parade, at 9 AM, there will be a public ceremony to officially open the fire station. There will hopefully be big rigs on site for the day as well, for kids to explore.
- *Generator Grant.* FEMA called and wanted more information.
- The Dept.'s base radio has been moved up to fire station.
- Leftover topsoil will be either put out to bid, or smoothed out. Jr. will try to get a yardage estimate.

**2. Financial Report.** Bridget reported that \$920k was approved by voters for the fire station and the water line extension. The actual cost was \$842k. She reported that contractor E.F. Wall was excellent to work with.

**3. Old Fire House.** Tom Anastasio read a statement, proposing that the town either use the old fire house, or sell it to him (as an adjacent landowner). Discussion; it was agreed that town property cannot be sold without a bid process. Warren made the following motion:

*At next town meeting, a survey will be undertaken to see what residents think should be done with old fire station.*

Bridget seconded the motion, which did not carry (W.H. in favor, P.R., B.C., S.W., M.G. opposed).

Bridget made the following motion:

*The town will sell the fire station, in conformance with state statutes, and using the 'notification of proposed sale' process outlined by VLCT. The town's bid process will be followed.*

The motion did not receive a second.

Warren felt that the Selectboard should determine whether the town has a need for the building and/or the property. Should a decision to sell the property be made by the Board alone, or by the voters of the town? Warren made the following motion:

*A committee will be formed to determine whether the town has any use for the property, and if not, to determine the best method for disposal of the property. The committee report is to be presented at the Selectboard's August meeting.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried (M.G., P.R., W.H., S.W. in favor; B.C. opposed).

The committee will consist of Tony Acheson, Warren Hill, Marsha Gadoury and possibly others.

## **TOWN CLERK**

- *FY 2014 Budget.* The Board reviewed the FY '14 budget, YTD.
- *Funky Fourth Fireworks.* The Board signed the fireworks contract and display permit.
- *Grand List Extension.* The Board approved a 45 day extension for the grand list.
- *Dispatch Contract.* The Board signed the dispatch contract with the Lamoille County Sherriff's Dept.
- *NEMRC.* The Board signed the FY 2015 NEMRC agreement (town accounting software).
- *Cemetery Commission..*

Peter made the following motion:

*A cemetery commission will be created, to consist of three members.*

Warren seconded the motion, which carried (M.G., P.R., W.H., S.W. in favor; B.C. opposed). The Selectboard will solicit commission members, who will be appointed and serve until town meeting, at which time commissioners will be elected.

- *Assistant Bookkeeper.* Three applications were received. Bridget made the following motion:

*The Board will hire Jane Johns to be assistant bookkeeper.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The assistant bookkeeper will work approx. two hours per month, and will reconcile the town checking accounts. Pay will be the same as the 911 coordinator.

- *Alcohol Consumption on Town property.* Bridget said that there is a existing policy stating no alcohol shall be consumed on town property. Regarding alcohol consumption at events in town (such as catered events, or other events where alcohol is 'served') the Board agreed that state rules and regulations shall be followed.
- *Blinking Light near Post Office.* After discussion, Bridget made the following motion:

*The light will be removed and 'caution' signs will be installed at the intersection.*

Peter seconded the motion, which did not carry (all opposed). Peter will discuss removing the light with H.P.D. Chief Cochran, the town's insurance carrier, and perhaps others.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- *Policy for Projects that Affect Town Property & Roads.* Tabled until next month.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Warren made the following motion:

*The Board will enter Executive Session at 9:20 PM to discuss a personnel issue, with Walter Donohue present for the beginning of the session.*

Bridget seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left Executive Session at 10:05 PM.

Bridget made the following motion:

*The Selectboard gives the road liaisons authority to take a more active role in the management of the roads, the road crew and road equipment. The road liaisons will be given keys to the road equipment buildings.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNED: 10:07 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*