

– (Draft Only, Not Approved by the Selectboard) –

Greensboro Selectboard

August 26, 2015

Meeting Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Wood, Peter Romans, Ernest Machia, Sean Thomson, Marsha Gadoury

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Christine Armstrong, Josh Karp, Valdine Hall, June Cook, Chief Dave Brochu, Jr., Tom Anastasio, Chief Aaron Cochran, Betsy Donlon

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from the Aug. 12 meeting unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Lenny Schiavone, Nancy Sullivan: Request to Amend 7/22/15 Selectboard Minutes. After discussion, Sean made the following motion:

The minutes from 7/22/15 will be amended as follows: [items in boldface type were added]

*...Sue replied that the Board formed a noise ordinance committee and brought the question of an ordinance to the voters at town meeting, with the **non-binding** vote being a resounding 'no'. **Sue stated that this is now a civil matter...Lenny asked Sue Wood if the noise at his home were occurring at her home, would she then be in favor of a noise ordinance. She replied, 'probably'.***

Peter seconded the motion, which carried (P.R., S.T., S.W. in favor; E.M, M.G. opposed).

POLICE

Chief Cochran and the Selectboard discussed the July police report and the recent homicide in Greensboro.

GREENBORO FIRE DEPT.

Chief Dave Brochu, Jr. reported that the Dept. tested Danville's used pumper truck and found it to be satisfactory; they were also able to discuss the mechanical condition of the truck with the service technician who's worked on it. The truck is a 1989 with only 16,000 miles; Dave told the Board that the Dept. is in favor of purchasing the Danville truck and selling the old pumper (after certain parts are removed).

Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves both the purchase of the 1989 Danville pumper truck and the sale of G.F.D.'s old pumper truck. Funds for the purchase will come from the Fire Department's Capital Budget.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ROADS

1. **Slope Stabilization on Craftsbury Rd.** This has been put out to bid; bids will be opened at the next Board meeting.
2. **Parking and Use of the Town R.O.W.** Ernie checked out parking in downtown Greensboro and said it was a dangerous scene with multiple delivery trucks and cars parked all over the place. Discussion of more and better ‘No Parking’ signs; the H.P.D. can ticket for parking in a no-parking zone. Marsha will ask the owners of the Miller’s Thumb if they’d be willing to put up official ‘No Parking’ signage; Peter will talk to Robbie Hurst about possible modification of delivery schedules at Willey’s Store.

Sue researched R.O.W. statutes, and reported that no one may block a town R.O.W. Parking could be allowed on one side of a road only, but the exact road width may need to be confirmed by a survey.
3. **Greensboro Bend Speed Study.** NVDA is working on the Bend speed study and will try to do a study in Greensboro Village in the fall.
4. **Greensboro Bend Sidewalks.** Two bids were received, from Tatro Construction (Eden, \$9300) and RC Contractors (Glover, \$8400). Marsha made the following motion:

The Town will hire RC Contractors to do the sidewalk work in Greensboro Bend for \$8400.

Sean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
5. **Class IV Road Policy (draft).** Discussion of ATV use on Class IV roads, and of roads currently classified as ‘impassable or untraveled’. Sean will ask VLCT to review the draft policy; Valdine noted that there is a specific procedure that must be followed in order to adopt an ordinance.
6. **Steven Eson – Special Curb Cut Request.** By constructing a new driveway that begins in Albany but then goes into Greensboro, the drive can be shorter and thus easier for the town to plow. Ernie made the following motion:

The town approves the Eson’s request and will add their new drive to the plow list.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
7. **Selectboard Road Liaisons.** Ernie will now be primary road liaison and Marsha will be secondary.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Wilson St. Drainage Issues.** Peter met with state wetlands ecologist Shannon Morrison; from her perspective, the Town shouldn’t mess with the wetland, even though it may have been created by the Town. Peter observed that a huge quantity of water comes down from Craftsbury Rd., from the road going up to the Elementary School, and from the church parking lot – and all drains into the field across from the church. Peter said the overall problem is turning out to be very tough to fix, but he will continue to research possible solutions. Peter will soon be contacting the state’s Better Backroads program.
2. **Temporary Signage on Town Property – Draft Policy.** Further discussion of a signage policy; the Board will review a simpler version and discuss it at the next Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. There will be special meeting on Monday Aug. 31 at 5 PM to set the town tax rate.
2. **Mowing bids for FY 2017:** Tabled.
3. **Town Hall – Energy Audit.** Peter reported that an energy audit was recently completed on the Town Hall; he will summarize the findings and make recommendations for work on the building. He added that toilets in the town offices should be replaced and he will get quotes for this. It was also noted that the fridge used by the school is older and likely inefficient.
4. The Board reviewed a letter from the group ‘Citizens for Property Rights’.
5. **Hardwick Electric Dept. – R.O.W. Easement.** The Dept. needs a temporary easement in order to run a temporary power line for the G.A.A.R theater construction project. Ernie made the following motion:

The Board approves the R.O.W. easement request for a temporary service line on Hardwick St. for G.A.A.R.’s theater construction project.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Board signed the easement request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tom Anastasio told the Board that their new offer on the old firehouse is close to the town’s counter-offer, and to keep in mind that the building will look real good after they fix it up. Sue made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:30 PM to discuss an offer on the old firehouse from Tom Anastasio and Gina Jenkins, with Realtor Betsy Donlon present.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 8:50 PM.

Ernie made the following motion:

The Board accepts the Anastasio/Jenkins offer of \$36,000 for the old firehouse.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED: 8:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk