

(Draft only – not approved by the Selectboard)

Greensboro Selectboard

January 21, 2015 Special Meeting

Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Susan Wood, Warren Hill, Jr., Ernest Machia, Peter Romans

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Karp, Chief Aaron Cochran, June Cook, Dan St. Cyr, Shaun Hill, Tom Hill, Dennis Pudvah, Jim Rarris, Sandy Ladd

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

1. Sign Warning for 2015 Town Meeting

The Board reviewed the 2015 Town Meeting Warning. After discussion, Sue made the following motion:

The Board approves the 2015 Town Meeting Warning as presented, with the Orleans County Historical Society appropriation changed from \$400 to \$425.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Truck Bids

Discussion of truck bids. Road Supervisor Dan Tanner was not present, but would prefer an automatic transmission, according to Marsha (an \$8000-\$11,000 option). Warren reported that Dan would rather have the Western Star with a manual transmission than an International or Freightliner with an automatic. Ernie made the following motion:

The Board accepts Charlebois' Western Star bid of \$107,845 with a \$56,000 trade in allowance, subject to a favorable review of bid specifications. The 8LL transmission will be substituted in, reducing the total price by \$600.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The town received two bids for the body/plow upfit: H.P. Fairfield, \$69,920; Tenco, \$71,376.

Warren made the following motion:

The Board accepts the H.P. Fairfield bid, subject to a favorable review of bid specifications, and including a written agreement on the truck's delivery date.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Tom Hill, Plowing Young Rd.

Tom told the Board that Young road is not plowed early enough for the milk truck to get through when there's been snow. The road would need to be plowed by 5 AM; he noted that Kehler's is plowed out at 3 AM. This has been an issue for the past five years. Tom is unhappy because he's had to dump milk due to the truck not making it to his farm in time; the milk hauler is unhappy about having to wait for the road to be plowed, making him late for the rest of his stops.

Tom said he's talked to Dan, Ed, and Warren about this; Warren said he's talked to Dan before as well. The entire Board approved Warren telling Dan that Young Rd. should be plowed by 5 AM.

4. 1st Class Liquor License for Hill Farmstead Brewery

Sue talked to VLCT, and was told that the Board could delay permit approval and solicit public input on the Brewery's request for a 1st Class liquor license. She also talked to H.P.D. Chief Cochran about the license request, who said he would like more advance notice of events at the Brewery so he could have an extra officer on duty. Chief Cochran has also talked to other Chiefs about their experiences with craft breweries around the state, and no problems were reported.

Zoning Administrator Kristen Leahy told Sue there's nothing in the Brewery's zoning permit that would preclude the license.

After spending an hour with Shaun at the Brewery, Ernie was impressed with the operation and came away with the feeling that Shaun is trying hard to build a respectable business and has things under control. It was noted that the license must be renewed every year, so if problems develop a discussion could be had when it comes up for renewal. Warren noted that some who live on roads leading to the Brewery have noticed a major traffic increase since the place opened. Peter made the following motion:

The Board approves Hill Farmstead Brewery's request for a 1st Class liquor license.

Ernie seconded the motion, which carried (P.R., S.W., M.G., E.M. in favor; W.H. abstained).

5. Dennis Pudvah, Snowflake Ridgerunners

Dennis reported that the Snowflake Ridgerunner snowmobile club hasn't been able to come to an agreement with a landowner about using a section of his property for a trail, so the club needs to use a short section of Bailey Hazen Rd. to connect two parts of the existing trail. The club has used a short section of the road for years; this would be opening up an additional short section to snowmobile traffic. Warren made the following motion:

The Board approves opening an additional section of the Bailey Hazen Rd. to snowmobiles for this season, as requested by the Snowflake Ridgerunner snowmobile club.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Perry's – Plowing G.E.L.C.

Ernie reported that Perry's often doesn't plow out the Greensboro Early Learning Center until mid-morning, causing parking issues for the staff who arrive at 6:30 AM. Discussion; Peter will talk to Jeff Perry about this.

7. Streetlights

Peter reported that Efficiency VT's streetlight program could help the town upgrade its streetlights to a more efficient type. Through this cost share program, the town pays one-third, Efficiency VT two-thirds, and the new L.E.D. lights would save the town a considerable amount of money over time. Efficiency VT would like a 'Memorandum of Agreement' signed by the town, showing that its interested in pursuing the new lights; the memorandum does not obligate the town to actually following through with purchasing the lights. Sue signed the agreement; Peter will look further into the program and report back.

8. Road Crew Member Applications

Applications for road crew member have been received. Warren, Marsha and Dan will look through the applications and select the best candidates for interviews. Dan recommended that the Board take the time to choose a good candidate, rather than hiring someone in a hurry.

9. Items Tabled until the Feb. 11 Selectboard Meeting

- 1) Stannard Fire Contract
- 2) Code of Conduct
- 3) Solar Siting Standards

ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk