

# Greensboro Selectboard

November 13, 2013

## Meeting Minutes

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

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, June Cook, Dan Tanner, Charlie McAteer, Sabra McAteer, Clive Gray, Walter Donohue, Chief Erwin Salls, Jr., Mateo Kehler, Lenny Schiavone, Tom Anastasio, Virginia Jenkins, Peter Romans, Ken Johnston, Erika Karp, Nat Smith, Linda Romans, Tom Gilbert, Erna Bartlett, Gerald Bartlett, Chief Aaron Cochran

**CALLED TO ORDER: 7:20 PM**

### MINUTES

Minutes of October 9, 2013 approved as written.

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

- **Tom Anastasio, Old Fire House.** Tom read a statement regarding the sale of the Town Hall to the Greensboro Arts Alliance, the moving of the town offices to the old fire house, and his desire to purchase the old fire house. Warren told Tom that nothing has been decided yet regarding the sale of the Town Hall or the old fire house, or moving the town offices. He added that if the town were to sell the old fire house, it would be sold through a bidding process.
- **Lenny Schiavone, Noise Ordinance.** Lenny is a close neighbor of the Lakeview Inn; he read a statement regarding noise he has to deal with during special events at the Inn. Anne said that this issue has come up in the past, and that nobody would put up with the noise that Lenny and his family put up with. Anne made the following motion:

*The Selectboard will set up a subcommittee to come up with an appropriate noise ordinance for Greensboro Village.*

The motion did not receive a second.

Mateo Kehler said that there are a dwindling number of businesses in the Village, and that the town needs to do its part to support business. The Inn is a commercial property – should the town say that potential patrons should go somewhere else to spend \$50k on a wedding? Is the town going to support the Greensboro of 1986, where there was nothing going on in this town, or is it going to support the Greensboro of 2025?

Virginia Jenkins, another neighbor of the Inn, saw no reason why parties couldn't be held, even if there was a noise ordinance.

Lenny said that an ordinance would protect everyone and added that when the Inn was most successful, in the 1950s, events held there did not bother the neighbors.

Discussion of whether an ordinance would be town-wide, or affect just the Village.

Anne made the following motion:

*The Board will table the discussion of a noise ordinance until next month's meeting. In the mean time, the Board will read ordinances from other towns and do further research.*

Sue seconded the motion, which carried (B.C., S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. abstained as chair).

- **Mary Lou Wood, Road Reclassification.** The Board reviewed Mary Lou's letter.

## **POLICE**

Chief Aaron Cochran reported to the Selectboard.

- Halloween was relatively uneventful in both Hardwick and Greensboro.
- Officer Tatro has completed an accident reconstruction class.
- Chief Cochran presented police statistics for the past year, including calls for service, charges and traffic tickets. He noted that there was a decrease in overall calls for service and underage drinking offences, but that overall offences charged increased – likely due to the Dept. working harder to bring cases to a close.

## **ROADS**

- **Road Supervisor's Report – Dan Tanner.** Dan told the Board that the Red Mack's engine work has been completed, and noted that it is due for replacement in 2014. He also observed that Glover, Wolcott, and Danville have all gotten rid of their International trucks due to problems. Mateo Kehler thanked Dan and the road crew for their excellent work.
- **Road Reclassification (Class III to IV).** At a public hearing earlier in the evening, the Selectboard voted to leave T.H. #48 (the first road it had considered reclassifying) a Class III road.
- **Gravel Pit – Act 250 Permit Renewal.** The paperwork is now back in the town clerk's office.

## **FIRE STATION COMMITTEE**

The committee meets every Tuesday at 1 PM in the lister's office. Bridget and Chief Salls reported to the Board.

- **Building Efficiency.** The town has received an engineer's report, recommending spray foam as a cost effective insulation. The committee decided to follow the recommendation and use spray foam in the walls; 4" of foam will be used in the floor. The most efficient overhead doors will be used. Energy efficiency additions will cost an extra \$23k, including \$16k for the spray foam in the walls.
- A computer simulation will have to be used to prove that the sprinkler system has enough pressure and volume to work, as town water is not hooked up to the station yet. Chief Salls expects the simulation's results will result in state approval of the sprinkler system.
- The committee is looking into a possible federal grant for a generator at the new fire station.

## **TOWN CLERK – Valdine Hall**

- FY 2014 Budget YTD reviewed by the Board.

- A FY 2015 budget meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 18 at 11 AM. Renewing the police contract with the town of Hardwick will be discussed; Sue and Warren will do background research. Dispatch costs also need to be researched.
- **Outside Audits.** Valdine told the Board that it's beneficial for the town to have outside audits done, and asked if the Board would sign another three year auditing contract with current auditor Pace & Hawley. Warren added that changing auditing firms from time to time is recommended. Anne made the following motion:

*The Board will sign a three year contract with Pace & Hawley for auditing services. The contract will cover the years ended June 30, 2014, 2015, and 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$8,450 each year.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried (B.C., S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. abstained as chair).

- **Requests for Town Meeting Appropriation Increases.** Bridget made the following motion:

*Groups on the appropriation list for town meeting do not need to submit a petition if they increase their appropriation request.*

Anne seconded the motion, which carried (B.C., S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. abstained as chair).

- **Errors/Omissions to 2013 Grand List.** Bridget made the following motion:

*The Board will sign the Errors/Omissions to the 2013 Grand List as requested by the listers.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (B.C., S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. abstained as chair).

- **Listers vs. Assessor.** Valdine told the Board that listing gets more complicated every year, and that the town should consider eliminating listers and hiring an assessor, who could be either a town employee or a person contracted by the town. An assessor would work an average of two days a week. This change must be voted on at town meeting, so it would need to be in the warning. Bridget made the following motion:

*The question of whether the town should eliminate the lister positions and hire an assessor will be put in the warning for town meeting 2014.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried (B.C., S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. abstained as chair).

- Valdine told the Board that the Town Hall furnace is been acting up. Discussion will be tabled until next month.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Greensboro Arts Alliance – Tent on Town Hall Green.** Sabra McAteer told the Board that G.A.A.R. felt the tent on the Town Hall green last summer worked out well, and added that the group's relations with the farmers market was good. She proposed that the tent be put up earlier this year, on July 1, and be used for events throughout the summer, culminating in two theater shows and a writer's forum. Events and uses could include a square dance on July 4 weekend, Wonder and Wisdom programs, music events, vaudeville, and a day camp for musical theater.

G.A.A.R. would clean and maintain town hall bathrooms when used; more tent floor will be added to minimize damage to the lawn, and any damage that does occur will be repaired. The organization

will carry proper liability insurance that covers all users of the tent. The Collier Room will be used minimally for storage when theater shows begin.

Marsha made the following motion:

*The Board approves G.A.A.R.'s tent being on the Town Hall Green from July 1 through August 24. All users of the tent will have proper liability insurance, and proper sanitation facilities will be available when the tent is in use.*

Anne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (B.C., S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. abstained as chair). It was noted that details about each use of the tent will be worked out with the town as potential events and uses come up.

- **Library – Parking.** The Library reported that neighbor Janice Dinsdale has placed wood timbers on her lawn in the road R.O.W., making it so library patrons can't park on the edge of the road.

Bridget made the following motion:

*Dan and Marsha will let Janice know that the timbers are in the road R.O.W., will interfere with snowplowing, and must be moved.*

Sue seconded the motion, which carried (B.C, S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. abstained as chair).

- **Town Hall Back Door.** The door has some problems that prevent it from closing properly; the school has ordered parts to fix.
- **Collecting Food Waste at Recycling.** Ken Johnston told the Board that everything is in place and all that's needed is a go-ahead from the Selectboard. Anne made the following motion:

*The town will immediately start collecting food waste at the recycling center. Ken will report back to the Board with an update in three months time.*

Sue seconded the motion, which carried (B.C, S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. abstained as chair).

- **Planning Commission Appointment.** The Board received a letter from Dylan Laflam, who would like to join the Planning Commission. Bridget made the following motion:

*The Board appoints Dylan Laflam to the Greensboro Planning Commission.*

Anne seconded the motion, which carried (B.C, S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. abstained as chair).

- **Miller's Thumb Septic System.** Bridget reported that she has tried to contact the owners of the Miller's Thumb to discuss their holding tank proposal, but has not had luck to date.

**ADJOURNED: 8:58 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*