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Greensboro Selectboard

April 9, 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., Chief Aaron Cochran, Anne Harbison, Dan Tanner, Gina Jenkins, Tom Anastasio, Kristen Leahy

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

MINUTES

- Minutes from March 12, 2014 approved as amended.
- Minutes from February 12, 2014 approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

- **Anne Harbison - Memorial Garden.** According to Anne, an article in a recent Greensboro Association newsletter implied that the G.A. is planning to take over management of the Memorial Garden as part of its Village Beautification project. The Garden has received G.A. funds in the past but was not started by the G.A., has always been an independent entity, and is managed by its own committee.

After discussion, the Board agreed that the Memorial Garden committee is a town committee, and that the Garden should not be part of the G.A.'s Beautification project.

Anne would like to retire from the Garden committee, and told the Board that Christine Armstrong is interested in taking her place. Gina Jenkins has also agreed to serve on the committee. It was suggested that those interested in serving on the Garden committee submit letters of interest to the Board.

Anne asked permission to create a new wildflower patch adjacent to the Garden; the Board approved her request.

- **Gina Jenkins – Old Fire House.** Gina Jenkins lives next to the old fire station, and would like to bid on the building if it ends up being sold by the town. She added that if the town keeps the building, it should be maintained. Sue told Gina there has been no discussion to date regarding the future of the old fire house.

ZONING

- **Kristen Leahy, Zoning Administrator – Zoning Fees.** Kristen told the Board that the current zoning violation fee is \$25/day. During the recent zoning Bylaw update, the Planning Commission received feedback that this fee is too low to be a deterrent. Based on this public input, Kristen proposed that the fee be increased to ‘up to \$100’ per day.

Warren expressed concern that this ‘up to \$100’ fee could be abused in the case of a personality conflict between the zoning administrator and an applicant. Bridget observed that the fee is invoked only when there is a serious problem; most of the time the Z.A. and applicant work things out. Kristen agreed that the fee is a last resort, and added that she’s never had to invoke it. Bridget made the following motion:

The zoning violation fee will be increased to ‘up to \$100’ per day, at the discretion of the zoning administrator.

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

- **Zoning Applications - Copier Costs.** The Lakeshore District zoning applications now include a booklet explaining water quality regulations, resulting in considerable copying costs. Bridget made the following motion:

Five dollars of each Lakeshore District zoning application fee will be transferred to the Town Clerk’s copier/paper budget.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **State Lakeshore Regulations.** Kristen said that there will soon be a statewide water quality protection law, and that Greensboro’s water quality regulations have been determined to be equal to or stronger than these state regulations. The town has received tentative permission from the state to keep its own water quality protection Bylaws in place. Bridget made the following motion:

The town accepts delegation from the state to administer its water quality Bylaw provisions in lieu of the state’s regulations.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Discussion about the possibility of the state doing some or all of the enforcement.

POLICE

Chief Aaron Cochran was present, and reviewed the March police report with the Board.

ROADS

Dan Tanner - Road Supervisor’s Report.

- Dan reported that wings have been removed, and the crew has been smoothing roads.
- He asked the Board to consider paving priorities for this construction season.
- Test holes drilled in town roads in preparation for the Fire District’s water line project were never filled and are now causing trouble. Dan will talk to John Mackin.

- The International truck is back and running well. Engine replacement was covered under warranty except for a \$200 towing charge.
- Discussion of the town owning a bucket loader/backhoe vs. an excavator.
- Six culverts were thawed for Stannard by the Greensboro road crew.
- **Posting Roads.** After discussion, the Board decided not to post roads. Warren said that if Dan has any issues with heavy trucks damaging roads, he should contact the owner/operators individually, or ask Warren to do so.

Incident Report. Brian was plowing Lakeview Road, which is narrow and steep; a vehicle approached from the other direction and Brian stopped the town truck. The other vehicle slid into the town truck and received minor damage; the town truck was not damaged.

Vogan Road. There is concern that Vogan Rd. (Debbie Ling's driveway) is being damaged by logging and sugaring operations. Dan will investigate; if there are any issues, individuals doing the damage will be contacted by Warren and/or Marsha.

Sidewalks to be Replaced by Munson. Marsha reported that Munson won't move on the \$3600 quote to install a 70' asphalt sidewalk extension on the Village Green. Discussion about sidewalk replacement on Wilson Street by Munson. Bridget made the following motion:

Due to the Fire District #1 digging up the Town's concrete sidewalks along Wilson Street and the fact that they agreed to replace what was there, yet are planning to put back asphalt sidewalks, the town attorney will be asked to send a letter to the Fire District asking them to put back concrete sidewalks.

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board would like to review the Fire District's contract with Munson, if possible, to see whether asphalt or concrete sidewalks were specified. The Board approved Peter discussing this with Nat Smith. After discussion, Warren made the following motion:

Bids will be solicited for the 70' sidewalk extension on the Village Green, in concrete.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Valdine noted that it seems odd that Munson implied there were different ADA specifications for asphalt vs. concrete sidewalks.

FIRE STATION COMMITTEE

- **New Fire House - Project Update.** Chief Erwin Salls, Jr. reported that new fire station should be done by the end of this week, and that the project came in on budget. Since landscaping won't begin until mid May, the F.D. isn't planning to move until June.

Chief Salls reported that there may be free furniture for the new fire house available through National Life Co.

On April 24 at 1 PM, state inspectors will be at the new fire station site, along with all mechanical, electrical, and other subcontractors. Building systems will reviewed.

There may be a federal grant available to pay for a generator at the new fire station. NVDA will assist the G.F.D. with the application, which is due May 2.

- A dry hydrant grant is being applied for (\$4k).
- Discussion on the future purchase of a rescue pumper vs. a rescue rig.

TOWN CLERK

- **FY 2014 Budget.** The Board reviewed the FY '14 budget, YTD.
- **Restructuring Town Bank Accounts.** Tabled.
- **Town Hall Maintenance.** The Board approved up to \$1000 be spent on replacing ceiling tiles in the town offices.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Caspian Challenge Run.** The Board reviewed Victoria Von Hessert's letter explaining details of the July 26 Caspian Challenge Run. Marsha made the following motion:

The Board approves the running of the Caspian Challenge race on Saturday, July 26, 2014.

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Assistant Auditor.** This position will be advertised, stressing municipal bookkeeping experience.
- **Appoint Appraiser.** Marsha made the following motion:

The Board appoints Tom Vickery as town appraiser.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Liquor & Tobacco Licenses.** Bridget made the following motion:

The Board approves liquor licenses for Willey's Store and Hill Farmstead Brewery. The Board approves a liquor and tobacco license for Smith's store.

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Tax Abatement.** There will be a tax abatement meeting on April 23 at 4 PM.
- **Cemeteries.** The Cemetery Commission has voted to turn the Greensboro cemetery properties back over to the town.
- **Town Committee Reports.** Josh will solicit activity reports from all town committees for next month's meeting.

ADJOURNED: 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk