

Greensboro Selectboard

May 8, 2013 MEETING

Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bridget Collier

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Erwin Salls, Jr., Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, June Cook, Dan Tanner, Laura Hill, Anne Harbison, Chief Aaron Cochran, Erin Dezell, John Stone III, Ken Johnston, Tara Reynolds, Paul Tomasi, Tom Gilbert, Julian Post

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from April 10, April 17 approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

ROADS – Dan Tanner, Road Supervisor

- **Grader.** The grader is down, could be a major repair in excess of \$10k. Discussion of not fixing it and taking less for the trade in. The town might be able to borrow a grader from the dealer until the new grader is delivered (4 – 5 weeks).
- No update from the International dealer on the warranty issue with the International truck.
- Don has left the road crew; part-time road crew member Wizzy Hall has started for the season.
- **New Road Crew Member.** Valdine will run the ad for the new road crew member until someone is hired. Dan and Marsha will review any applications that come in prior to the next Board meeting.
- **Road Reclassification.** Anne wondered why the town is working on this issue. Warren roughly estimated that the town could spend a million dollars over the next five years fixing up certain Class III roads. These are roads that are hardly traveled on and might be more appropriately classified Class IV. Anne said that she no longer wants to be working on this; Marsha will ask Bridget if she would be willing to take Anne's place.
- Nancy Murray on Shadow Lake Rd. is asking permission to run power under the Hinman Rd. – a Class IV road that is not passable by vehicles for much of its length. After discussion, the Board approved this, as long as the power line is run in conduit.

- **Crushing.** The Board opened sealed bids for crushing:

CONTRACTOR	1 1/4" PRICE/YD	1" PRICE/YD	NOTES
J.A. McDonald	\$3.85	n/a	
McCulloch	\$3.20	\$3.45	
Bason Bros.	\$3.47	\$3.57	
Chief	\$3.16	\$3.16	
Kingdom Gravel	\$2.94	\$2.94	Will crush tailings for same price

Marsha made the following motion:

The town will hire Kingdom Gravel for crushing this year. Stone will be crushed at 1".

Sue seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. not voting as chair)

- **Mowing Bids.** The Board opened sealed bids for roadside mowing. This year, three passes will be made on Class II roads, and two passes on Class III roads.

CONTRACTOR	PRICE
J.A. Mitchell, Lyndonville	\$8700
Walter Neborsky, Jr., Victory	\$8000
Patenaude	\$10,800
Peter Snyder, Irasburg	\$6650
Paul Daigle	\$65 to \$75 per hour, depending on equipment

Sue made the following motion:

Warren and Dan will select a mowing contractor after checking references, with the order of preference being Snyder, Mitchell, and Neborsky.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. not voting as chair).

POLICE

Chief Cochran was present and reported to the Board.

- The process for accessing Motor vehicle crash reports process has been streamlined; they are now available online.
- The H.P.D. may switch to a different computer program for its day to day operations. This would save a considerable amount of money and is a better overall program.
- Dash cameras in cruisers may be replaced soon, and officer-worn cameras have recently been tested.
- Warren expressed his concern about dangerous driving in Greensboro Bend.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT. – New Fire Station

Chief Erwin Salls, Jr. reported to the Board.

- The plans need to be changed to reflect the station being hooked up to town water; the architect will

charge \$375 for this change; the structural engineer will charge \$350. The waste water permit is also being changed.

- No clerk of the works has been hired to date.
- **Bond.** The deadline to apply for the bond is May 15. There used to be two rounds of bonding, but this year there is only one. Bond rates are currently very good. The alternative to bonding this year is a bond anticipation note, which also has a good interest rate. Discussion of whether it would be possible to get the bond application submitted by the May 15 deadline. One advantage of the anticipation note is that if the project gets completed at a lower cost than estimated, the bond could be taken out for that lower amount.

Sue made the following motion:

The town will obtain a bond anticipation note to fund the building of the fire station, unless the town attorney says there is a compelling reason not to do so.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. not voting as chair).

- **Bid for construction.** Once the state permit is received, the project can be put out to bid. Jr. estimated a date of July 1 for this.

GREENSBORO ASSOCIATION

John Stone III, president of the Association, gave the Board an update on the proposed village improvement initiatives. Naomi Schleifer-Ranz is the beautification committee chair. After a multi-month process and lots of feedback, landscaper Laura Hill was asked to help plan improvements to the village green, and estimate the cost of such improvements. Sustainability and low maintenance were big criteria during the design of project. The Board reviewed the drawing and plan of the improvements.

The broad consensus of the committee was that the fir tree in the center of the green should be removed. The Selectboard discussed putting up a cut Christmas tree each year during the holiday season; it was pointed out that this could cost a lot of money over the years. Discussion of planting a softwood tree that would stay on the small side.

John said he was asking for Selectboard approval for the overall project, including the removal of the tree. This will be a multi-year project, and the Association will check in with the Board throughout the different phases of the project. The Association will fund the project, and there is no strict time frame for completing the project or using the beautification funds. John said the Association is also willing to fund the annual maintenance of the new plantings.

Sue made the following motion:

The Board approves the cutting of the fir tree on the village green.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. not voting as chair).

Anne made the following motion:

The Board approves the village green improvement project, as presented by the Greensboro Association. Sue and Marsha will be liaisons with the Association for this multi-year project.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. not voting as chair).

Warren will ask Munson Earth Moving (currently working on the village water line) if they would be

willing to pull the tree stump. It was also noted that the village green improvement project should be coordinated with the water line project.

TOWN CLERK – Valdine Hall

- The Board reviewed the FY 2013 budget YTD.
- **Town Hall Projects & Maintenance.**
 - *Window Repairs.* A number of windows at the town hall are in poor condition. Valdine and Sue will draw up a bid request for the repairs.
 - *Office Renovation.* Valdine told the Board that it's hard to get work done with the current open office layout, and proposed adding a wall in the town clerk's office so she could have a private, quieter office. Valdine received an estimate of \$3100 from Johnson Remodeling for the carpentry work for this project; it was noted that this figure does not include any electrical or other utility work. Funding for the project would come out of the Town Hall Repairs and Maintenance budget, which currently has \$13,000. The Board approved the project, and agreed that it should go out to bid, even though the initial estimate is under the \$5k bid threshold. The Board also agreed that there should be a cost ceiling. Sue will work with Valdine to draw up a bid request for the renovation.
 - *Painting.* Some parts of the Town Hall's exterior are in need of painting. Sue and Valdine will draw up a bid request for this job.
- **Eligo Lake Milfoil Program.** The bottom barriers in Eligo Lake used for the milfoil control program are no longer needed and must be removed by divers. In a letter, Ron Collins of the Eligo Lake Assoc. asked the town to publish an invitation to bid on the removal. He also asked if *"there's a qualified person(s) that can meet the conditions set forth to remove the bottom barriers except for the liability insurance requirement, will Greensboro consider putting the person(s) on the town payroll so they are covered under the town's insurance?"*

After discussion, Sue made the following motion:

The Board denies Eligo Lake Association's request that diver(s) be placed on the town payroll so they can be covered by town insurance.

Anne seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. not voting as chair).
Valdine will advertise widely for the diving job, and pay for the ads out of the Eligo Milfoil account.
- **International Truck.** When the truck was bought, the extended warranty was purchased with funds from the Road Dept. repairs and maintenance budget; it was agreed that the warranty cost should have been added to the purchase price of the truck, with funds coming from the capital budget / HERF account. The Board approved moving \$5k from the capital budget to the roads budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Composting at Recycling.** Greensboro's N.E.K. Waste District rep. Ken Johnston told the Board that the District would like to offer food scrap composting at the recycling center. Ken presented a one-time survey he did at the recycling center: over half of those surveyed would be interested in composting their food scraps at the center. Tom Gilbert, director of the Highfields Center for Composting, and Paul Tomasi, director of the N.E.K. Waste District, explained how the program would work and answered questions. Paul told the Board that the District has a ten year track record

of successful food scrap collection at area schools and businesses. The District provides sawdust, which the recycling attendant dumps in the container of food scraps at the end of recycling, creating a bio-filter which eliminates odors and animal problems. The scraps would be picked up directly after recycling and a clean, empty container would be left inside, out of sight. After discussion, Marsha made the following motion:

A decision on whether to begin accepting food scraps at the recycling center will be tabled until next month, when the full Board will be present.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried (M.G., S.W., W.H. in favor; A.S. opposed).

- **Lawn Mowing for Town Properties.** The Board opened sealed bids from lawn mowing contractors.

CONTRACTOR	PRICE	NOTES
Kyle Drown, Stannard	\$2500 for all six town properties	Probably includes spring clean up
Earl Caspar, Greensboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Hall green: \$775 • Grange: \$240 • Fire Dept.: \$240 • Bend Park: \$620 • Village Green: \$600 • Ballfield: \$1300 TOTAL \$3,775 	Includes spring clean up
Damon's Lawn Care, Albany		
Harold Tolman, Greensboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballfield: \$62.50/mow • Set up soccer field \$75 	

After discussion, Marsha made the following motion:

The Board accepts Kyle Drown's bid to mow, and do spring clean up on, all six town properties for the 2013 season.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried (S.W., M.G., A.S. in favor; W.H. not voting as chair).

OLD & ONGOING BUSINESS

- *Town & Lakeview Union School M.O.U.* The school has signed the M.O.U. and agreed to put in a door between the Collier Room and the kitchen. School Board members Tara Reynolds and Erin Dezell were present, and thanked the Selectboard on behalf of the school. Tara said that use of the Collier Room and kitchen by the school is important, and that the school wants to have a good working relationship with the town.

ADJOURNED: 10 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk