

Greensboro Selectboard

June 12, 2013 MEETING

Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Erwin Salls, Jr., Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Tyler Molleur, Dan Tanner, Ken Johnston, John Mackin, Janet Long, Peter Romans, Jim Cook, Deborah Holmes, Wayne Young, Tim Short, Joe Starr, NacNeil, Charlie McAteer, James Sowles, Sabra McAteer, Tom Gilbert, Sam Short, Lewis Short

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from May 8 approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Deborah Holmes – Road Drainage. Deborah told the Board that storm water flows across Wilson St. into their back yard, leading to standing water and troubles with their septic system. Discussion of the history of storm drains and drainage in the area. Deborah added that if the water wasn't going through their septic field and filling their septic tank, it wouldn't be such a problem. She added that they'd be willing to contribute to the cost of diverting storm water to the other side of the road, into existing wetlands. Warren observed that a number of town residents have water running off the road onto their property, and that it's hard to avoid in some cases.

It was noted that diverting storm water into wetlands could be complicated, with state permits, etc. likely required.

John Mackin suggested that a new storm drain could be added to catch the runoff, and be tied in to the existing storm drain system near Altman's, avoiding the wetland issue.

Bridget Collier will be the Board liaison for this issue. Bridget, Dan Tanner, and Deb Holmes will review maps of the existing storm drain system (recently updated by Munson Corp. as they dig up the road for the new town water line), look into John Mackin's suggestion, and determine the best course of action.

ROADS – Dan Tanner, Road Supervisor

- **Grader.** Repairs to the old grader will cost approx. \$7500. Repairs will not be made; instead the dealer will lowering the trade in value by that amount. The dealer lent the town its test grader over the the last few weeks at no charge. The new grader is to be delivered 6/13.
- **International Truck Warranty Issue.** No update.

- **Road Reclassification, Class III to IV.** Bridget agreed to replace Anne for work on this issue.
 - **Paving.**
 - *Guardrails.* According to the state, new guardrails will have to be installed in the section that will be paved, effectively reducing the amount of miles the town can afford to pave this year. Two bids for guardrail upgrades were received, from VT Recreational and Lafayette, Inc.
 - *Sealed Bids.* Sealed bids were opened from Pike, Gray's, and Whitcomb. A few issues came up: 1) one bid did not include the requested amount of material, and 2) the two bids that did were way over budget. Bridget made the following motion:
 - The Board rejects the three paving bids. New specs will be drawn up, and new paving bids solicited.*
- Marsha seconded the motion, which carried (M.G., S.W., A.S., B.C. in favor; W.H. abstaining as chair).
- **Executive Session.** Sue made the following motion:
 - The Board will enter Executive Session at 7:50 PM to review road crew member applications, with Valdine Hall present.*
- Bridget seconded the motion, which carried (M.G., S.W., A.S., B.C. in favor; W.H. abstaining as chair).
- The Board left executive session at 8:10 PM. Marsha made the following motion:
- The town will hire Brian Wilkins as road crew member, contingent upon his D.M.V. record being acceptable, and assuming he passes a pre-employment drug test.*
- Bridget seconded the motion, which carried (M.G., S.W., A.S., B.C. in favor; W.H. abstaining as chair).

POLICE

Officer Locke reported to the Board. Police reports from March, April, and May 2013 were reviewed. Officer Mike Glodgett's son was killed in a car accident – the town will send a card of condolence to Officer Glodgett, signed by all members of the Selectboard.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

- Chief Erwin Salls, Jr. told the Board that the revised fire station plans have been received from the architect and structural engineer. The wastewater permit is currently being revised (due to the station being on village water instead of a drilled well). Discussion of the project's timeline and the hiring of a project manager. After discussion, it was agreed that ads will be run ASAP for a project manager. Sue said she could help to interview any applicants.
- Peter Romans told the Board that the new fire station plans will be sent to Efficiency VT, who will make sure the building is built with a proper level of energy efficiency. Addressing concerns that a long review process could hold up the project, he said that if even if the recommendations have not been received, the project could still be put out to bid.

TOWN CLERK – Valdine Hall

- The Board reviewed the FY 2013 budget YTD.
- Upon Valdine’s recommendation, Marsha made the following motion:

The Board approves moving funds from the Capital Budget to the operating account, for expenses for the new fire station.

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

- The Board signed the tax anticipation note.
- The Board reviewed and signed the dispatch contract with the Lamoille County Sherrif’s Dept. The contract covers dispatching services from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, for an amount of \$24,060.
- The Board reviewed a request from Nancy Murray to throw up a portion of Hinman Rd. on her property (374 Shadow Lake Road). It was noted that since this is a county road, the town does not have the authority to throw it up.
- Valdine told the Board that the Town Clerk’s office will be closed July 1 and 2 in order to make the switch to the town’s new accounting software.

OLD & ONGOING BUSINESS

- **Food Scrap Composting at Recycling.** Greensboro’s N.E.K. Waste District rep. Ken Johnston told the Board that offering food scrap composting at the recycling center will cost the town and residents nothing, and have a big environmental benefit by removing organics from the waste stream. Compost containers would be put out during recycling, and picked up by Tom Gilbert right after recycling closes; an empty, clean container would be left inside the recycling center, out of sight and ready for the next time the center is open.

Regarding the concern that food scraps will be left at the center after hours, Ken proposed that good signage be posted at the center clearly indicating the hours of operation. He added that Perry’s is willing to check the recycling center for items left after hours (when they’re in the area).

The N.E.K. Waste District can provide the town with signage at low or no cost.

Anne made the following motion:

The town will offer food scrap recycling at the recycling center on a three month trial basis.

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

Warren noted that he voted for the program with reservations.

- **Greensboro Arts Alliance.** Charlie and Sabra McAteer told the Board that the G.A.A. would like to put a 40’ x 80’ tent on the town hall green from July 19 – August 5 to use for theatrical performances. A smaller 20’x20’ tent would also be needed. Performances would be held on Thursday nights at 7:30 PM, with the average attendance estimated to be 80 people. Discussion:
 - *Parking.* It was agreed that parking must be well thought out, with good signage and parking attendants. Warren noted that parking should be on one side of the road only.

- *Insurance.* The G.A.A. carries liability and worker's comp. insurance.
- *Farmers Market.* Charlie said he's discussed their plans with members of the Farmer's Market, and it seems that there won't be any conflicts. It is thought that the farmers market would be wrapped up before any audience members arrive. Warren will confirm with market manager Laura Hill that G.A.A. activities won't negatively impact the market.
- *Town Hall building use.* It was agreed that town hall bathrooms may be used during performances, and that the old vault can be used to store theater equipment.
- *Impact on the grass.* Charlie said that due to the short time the tent and stage will be up, it shouldn't take long for the grass to recover.

Marsha made the following motion:

The Board approves the Greensboro Arts Alliance putting up a tent on the town hall green and holding theater performances from July 19 – August 5, as discussed.

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

- **Theater Exploratory Committee.** Letters of interest for the theater exploratory committee were reviewed by the Board. Valdine noted that a school board member should be on the committee, since the school uses a large portion of the town hall building. Letters of interest were received from Maya McCoy, Sabra Jones McAteer, Jim Sowles, MacNeil, Anne Harbison, Bridget Collier, and Valdine Hall.

Bridget made the following motion:

The Board appoints Maya McCoy, Sabra Jones McAteer, Jim Sowles, MacNeil, Anne Harbison, Bridget Collier, and Valdine Hall to serve on the Theater Exploratory Committee, with a Lakeview Union School Board member to be appointed in the near future.

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

- **Caspian Lake Beach Property.** New state legislation will make the beach property tax exempt starting in 2014. The summary judgement has not been handed down yet, meaning that property taxes for the 2012 and 2013 tax years remain an issue between Greensboro and Hardwick. Wayne Young, a commissioner of the Hardwick Electric Dept., suggested that all parties put this issue behind them and work together to move forward, keeping in mind that the public beach is a huge asset to both towns. Wayne proposed the following good faith effort by the three parties involved: for the 2012 and 2013 tax years, the Hardwick Electric Dept. pays 1/3 of the taxes, the town of Hardwick pays 1/3, and Greensboro pays 1/3.

After discussion, Sue made the following motion:

The Board will not make a decision on H.E.D. commissioner Wayne Young's proposal until the summary judgement is handed down.

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

Wayne will keep the Board informed about the town of Hardwick's decision on the tax sharing proposal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bridget made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 9:29 PM to discuss a legal matter (a pending suit), with Valdine Hall present.

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

The Board left executive session at 9:31 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 9:32 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk