

Greensboro Selectboard

July 10, 2013 MEETING

Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Wood

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Erwin Salls, Jr., Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Tyler Molleur, Dan Tanner, Charlie McAteer, Sabra McAteer, Chief Aaron Cochran, Clive Gray, Jim Sowles, Norm Polston, Norman Patenaud, Ben Andersen, Mary Thompson, Peter Nichols, Kim Nichols

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:01 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from June 12 approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

- *Mary Thompson – Neighborhood Dispute.* Mary told the Board of problems she's been having with Greensboro Bend resident Mike Lussier, who rents an apartment near her business, Smith's Store. She said there's been issues going back five years, and she brought letters from a number of Bend residents who have also had problems with Lussier. Mary said that the H.P.D., State Police, and the Caledonia County Sheriff have not been helpful. The Caledonia County State's Attorney and the State Attorney General's office both told Mary she needs to discuss the issue with the town Selectboard.

Mary read from one of the letters she brought.

Mary says Lussier is ruining the quality of life for many in the neighborhood, and that she's lost customers due to his activities.

Warren told Mary there isn't much the Selectboard can do about this, and that it's really a law enforcement issue. He added that the Greensboro Selectboard doesn't micromanage the day-to-day operations of the H.P.D. After hearing the allegations, Hardwick Police Chief Cochran said the charge for this type of offense would likely be disorderly conduct. This carries a 60 day maximum sentence, and individuals can be charged multiple times without an increase in the length of the sentence.

Mary said that Lussier has been charged with disorderly conduct in the past.

Warren told Mary that the Board will contact the town's attorney for advice, and get back to her.

ROADS – Dan Tanner, Road Supervisor

- *Roadside Mowing.* Roadside mowing has started. There were concerns initially that the contractor was mowing too high, but after Dan spoke to him he lowered his mower. Dan also noted that this contractor’s mower is narrower than some, meaning the town is getting less area mowed for it’s money.
- *Crushing.* The crushing contractor is running behind and has not started crushing for the town. Discussion of crushing some of the tailings pile for ditch stones. Jr. Salls noted that ditch stone will be needed for site work at the new fire station.
- *Paving.* Sealed paving bids were opened by the Board.

CONTRACTOR	WIDTH	TONS AND PRICE/TON	TOTAL PRICE
Pike	22’	2150 tons, \$76.93/ton (price incl. shoulders)	\$168,650
Gray’s	Not specified	2387 tons, \$74.43/ton (price incl. shoulders)	\$177,664
S.T. Paving	23’	2294 tons, \$79/ton (price does not incl. shoulders)	\$181,226 plus \$10,560 extra for shoulders totals \$191,786

Discussion of the varying widths of the bids (22’ vs. 23’).

Anne made the following motion:

The Board accepts Pike’s bid of \$168,650 for this summer’s paving project.

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

- *Hill Road – Speed Study.* Last year, NVDA said they would do a speed study on Hill Rd. Valdine will check to see if the study has been done. Shaun Hill (Hill Farmstead Brewery) would like the speed limit lowered from 50 to 35, but in order for this change to be made the speed study needs to be completed.
- *Wilson St. Road Drainage.* Munson Corp. submitted a bid for drainage improvements on Wilson St. The \$57,573 estimate did not including blasting costs. Warren observed that the Board has turned down past requests from residents to fix water problems on their properties due to stormwater coming from town roads. Would it now be fair for the town to spend money on this problem?

Discussion of the potential problems with diverting runoff into wetlands, and how increasing flow into existing storm drains could cause unforeseen problems.

It was noted that this project could possibly be done in the future as part of a larger project to repair the storm drain system in both villages, possibly with grant funding.

Bridget made the following motion:

Considering the base cost of \$57,573 , likely additional blasting costs, and not knowing what effect this project would have on the existing storm drain system, it is not in the town’s best interest to move forward with this project.

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

Marsha will let Tim Short know of the Board’s decision.

- *International Truck – Warranty Issue.* No update.

- *Road Reclassification (Class III to IV).* Bridget and Marsha created a three-tiered list of roads that are either very worthy of reclassification, worthy, or not worthy of consideration. After discussion, the Board agreed that the Oates driveway, Collier Rd., and White Rd. are the first roads that will be looked at for reclassification.

POLICE

- Chief Cochran reviewed police stats YTD with the Board; discussion.
- The H.P.D.’s speed cart is being used in the area.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

Chief Salls reported that the Efficiency VT audit of the new fire station plans is underway.

TOWN CLERK – Valdine Hall

- FY 2014 budget reviewed, YTD.
- *Long-Time Town Employees with Accrued Time Off.* Valdine and Eddie have more accrued time off than they can ever use. This could be a major liability for the town, as the employees would need to be paid for this time if they stopped working for the town. Valdine proposed that the town reimburse herself and Eddie for a few weeks of the accrued time, to begin getting caught up.

Bridget made the following motion:

The town will pay Valdine Hall and Ed Keene for 80 hours of their accrued leave time.

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

- *Town Hall Repairs and Projects.* The Board opened sealed bids for work on the Town Hall.

PROJECT	CONTRACTOR & BID
Construct wall in Town Clerk’s office	Laferrier Construction: \$9701
Paint E. wall of Town Hall	1. Laferrier Construction: \$6972 2. Russ Hislop: \$6274
Town Hall window repairs	1. Laferrier Construction: \$2430 2. Russ Hislop: \$1240

The single bid received for constructing the wall in the town clerk’s office seemed way too high to Valdine. The Board rejected the bid.

Bridget made the following motion:

The Board accepts Russ Hislop’s bids for Town Hall window repair and painting, assuming his prices include labor.

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

- The Board will hold a special meeting to set the tax rate on Wednesday, July 17 at 7pm.
- *Eligo Lake – Bottom Barrier Removal.* The Board opened one sealed bid for removal of the milfoil bottom barriers in Eligo Lake. The \$8900 bid was from Eric Lapoint, who noted that he would obtain proper insurance if he was offered the job. The job requires two workers, and Lapoint did not indicate

whether his price included a second person. The Board did not accept the bid at this time; Marsha will clarify if the bid includes a second worker.

OTHER BUSINESS

- *Shaun Hill.* Shaun Hill is asking permission to hold a public festival on September 13-15, from 9 AM to 11:59 PM each day. Bridget made the following motion:

The Board approves Shaun Hill's request to hold a festival on September 13-15, from 9 AM to 11:59 PM each day.

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

- *Greensboro Arts Alliance & Residency.*
 1. Sabra McAteer asked the Board for permission to put up a 3'x15' banner on the Town Hall, advertising the G.A.A.R.'s summer performances. The Board approved this.
 2. Town Hall bathrooms will be used by the public during theater performances this summer. It was clarified that the G.A.A.R. will be responsible for cleaning the bathrooms, replenishing paper products, and checking that the toilets are functioning well during performances.
 3. The Board approved 'Option Two' regarding the theater's electrical use at the town hall: G.A.A.R. will pay for a buried electrical line and meter. A trench across the pavement will be required; the town will patch the pavement.
- *Miller's Thumb – Septic System.* Last year, Norm Polston and Jerry Brown, owners of the Miller's Thumb, asked the Board if the town would be willing to help them obtain a wastewater permit so they could open a coffee shop at the Thumb. It appeared that the only way the state would issue a permit is if the town would facilitate the installation and pumping of a holding tank. The Board turned them down last year.

Norm asked the Board to reconsider. He felt that a coffee shop would be a great asset to the town and that the agreement would be structured such that it would cost the town nothing. Discussion of how funds might move from the Thumb to the Town; one possibility would be that the cost of the tank and ongoing pumping would be a property tax assessment. This proposal sounded complicated to Board members. Warren also observed that if this went forward, it would set a precedent and other current or future businesses may ask for similar consideration.

The full Board will discuss this issue at its next meeting, after getting input from the town attorney.

The Board will get back to Norm in a few months.

- *Greensboro Conservation Commission.* GCC member Clive Gray told the Board that the Commission would like to spend some of the \$13k in their fund to contribute to the production of a natural resource inventory booklet. The booklet would cover the seven area towns that make up the Northern Rivers Land Trust. Clive said most of the other towns involved will also contribute to the cost of the booklet.

Bridget made the following motion:

The Board authorizes the Greensboro Conservation Commission to expend sums up to \$500 for projects that fall under the purview of the Commission, without having to go to the Selectboard for approval.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bridget made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 9:35 PM to discuss a contract, with Valdine Hall, Erwin Salls, Jr., and Josh Karp present.

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

The Board left executive session at 10:04PM and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 10:04 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk