

# Greensboro Selectboard

## September 11, 2013 MEETING

### Minutes

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

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chief Erwin Salls, Jr., Josh Karp, Dan Tanner, Chief Aaron Cochran, Jeff Perry, June Cook, Valdine Hall

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

#### **MINUTES**

July 16 (special meeting) and August 14 (regular meeting) minutes unanimously approved as written.

#### **PUBLIC CONCERNS**

There were no public concerns this evening.

#### **POLICE**

Chief Cochran reported that he has been researching options to deal with the neighborhood dispute in Greensboro Bend. One option would be a town ordinance for disorderly conduct, which would allow the town to issue a \$50 fine.

#### **ROADS – Dan Tanner, Road Supervisor**

- *Sand & Gravel.* Crushing is done, approx. 11k yards of gravel crushed. Ditch stone was also crushed. Winter sand has almost been all put up.
- *Truck 14 (Red Mack) repairs.* Truck 14 will likely need \$3k in engine repairs before winter.
- The town's old chloride tank trailer and York rake will be advertised in the paper.
- *International Truck – Warranty Issue.* The International dealer (Clark's) has offered the town a \$5k account credit to offset the town's costs on the new truck from a spring 2013 repair. Clark's will be asked if the town can receive a check instead of a credit.
- *Road Reclassification (Class III to IV).* Bridget suggested that Rosie Oates' driveway be the first road to be reclassified, followed by White Rd. For each road being reclassified, the process is as follows:
  1. A resolution is drawn up by the Selctboard;
  2. All abutters are notified;
  3. Abutters have a 30 day appeal period;
  4. 5% of property owners or 5% of voters can petition for the resolution to be withdrawn;

5. The Town doesn't pay damages if roads are reclassified (case law).

Discussion of Black's Point road. It was agreed that this road won't be reclassified due to so many residences on the road; however, tree work in the R.O.W. will be necessary in order for the road crew to maintain the road.

- *Snowplowing Driveways.* One bid was received by the town, from Brian Perry & Sons. The Board opened and reviewed the bid.

**BID TIMEFRAME      AMOUNT**

1 year contract	\$135,000	*All bids based on 460 driveways, with plowing at 5" of snow.
2 year contract	YEAR 1: \$125,000 YEAR 2: \$125,000	
3 year contract	YEAR 1: \$107,000 YEAR 2: \$109,675 (2.5% increase) YEAR 3: \$112,417 (2.5% increase)	

Bridget made the following motion:

*The Board accepts Perry's three year bid for driveway plowing.*

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

The bid does not include special plowing arrangements on Overlook Rd. (the back side of Eligo) and the Craftsbury town line. After discussion with Jeff Perry, Bridget made the following motion:

*The town will pay Perry's the same as last year for special plowing arrangements.*

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

- *Tree Trimming on Shadow Lake Rd.* Two bids were received, from NorthCo. and A&B Tree Service. A&B's bid was \$3000; NorthCo's was \$3420. It was unclear from NorthCo's bid whether their bid was for the correct road. After discussion, Bridget made the following motion:

*The Board will hire A&B Tree Service for the tree trimming on Shadow Lake Rd.*

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

Warren noted that the town should get a copy of their insurance.

- *Gravel Pit - Act 250 Permit Renewal.* Peggy Lipscomb has not completed this; she will be asked to bring all related materials to the town clerk's office.

**GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.**

- *New Fire Station.* Bids will be opened on Sept. 16 for the project.
- Chief Erwin Salls Jr. has signed off on Hill Farmstead Brewery's Act 250 permit.
- *Contract with Stannard.* The Board reviewed last year's contract; numbers need to be updated. Susan and Valdine will get updated grand list numbers; Chief Salls will figure out the number of Stannard fire calls last year. The revised contract will be taken up at the next Board meeting.
- It was noted that residents who use any amount of fireworks need a permit, signed by Chief Salls. This could be publicized through the Greensboro Association, helping to get the word out to summer residents and renters.

## **TOWN CLERK – Valdine Hall**

- *Executive Session for Personnel & Contract Matters.*

Bridget made the following motion:

*The Board will enter executive session at 7:58 PM to discuss Personnel and Contract matters, with Valdine Hall Present.*

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

The Board left executive session at 8:34 PM and took no action.

- *Ballfield Lease.* Other than changing from a one year to a three year lease, the terms are the same as in previous years. In exchange for the use of the parcel, the town pays the property taxes.

Bridget made the following motion:

*The Board approves the ballfield three-year lease.*

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

- *Health Insurance.* Bridget explained that the town can choose whether to offer health insurance or not. If it chooses to offer insurance, the town must sign up with VT Health Connect (VTHC) by the end of October, and that town employees must sign up in December. If the town chooses to not offer insurance, employees must go to the exchange on their own and sign up for an insurance plan.

Discussion. Last year's insurance costs were compared with some of the plans available through VTHC. \$57k will be spent by the town during FY 2014 on health insurance; \$70k is budgeted for next year.

It is believed that it would cost the town more if it didn't offer employees health insurance.

It appears that if the town offers its employees VTHC's Platinum plan (the plan closest to what town employees currently have) it would cost the town \$50k, saving \$19k next year.

Bridget made the following motion:

*The town will offer its employees health insurance, with a 90/10 split.*

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

Marsha made the following motion:

*The Board chooses the HRA 1250/2500 Platinum plan, with the total cost to the town being \$55k or less.*

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

- *Land Schedule.* Valdine submitted a proposal for a basic reappraisal, consisting of a statistical update of land schedules and neighborhood codes. The Board approved the proposal.
- *Contract with Lakeview Union School.* Sue met with principal Eric Erwin to discuss the contract, which dictates terms for use of the town hall by the school. The only change discussed was that the principal will be the contact between the school and the town.

Bridget made the following motion:

*The Board approves the contract with Lakeview Union School, covering the period July 1,*

2013 to June 30, 2014.

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

- *Hill Rd. Speed Study.* No update.

### **HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPT. – Wayne Young**

On behalf of the Hardwick Electric Dept. Board of Commissioners, Wayne asked that Greensboro pay 1/3 of the Caspian Lake Beach taxes for 2012 and 2013. The Hardwick Selectboard has agreed to pay 1/3, and the Hardwick Electric Dept. has agreed to pay 1/3. The two years' tax bills total approx. \$21k, so Greensboro's share would be approx. \$7k.

Bridget read a letter to those present, stating her belief that the Selectboard's job is to work with a budget approved by town voters, and that paying the expenses of another town is not prudent. For such a payment to be approved, a special town meeting should be called, or the payment could be listed as an article or appropriation at the March 2014 town meeting.

Discussion of whether the Board is obligated to decline Wayne's request since the expenditure wasn't approved by the voters. It was also unclear where funds would come from if the request was approved. Sue felt that in the spirit of being a good neighbor and moving forward, the Board should vote to approve Wayne's request.

Bridget made the following motion:

*The Selectboard turns down Wayne Young's request, because it believes the Board does not have the authority to approve such a request.*

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

Warren noted that he voted to break a tie due to legal counsel being needed prior to such a decision being made.

### **OTHER BUSINESS, ONGOING BUSINESS**

- *Appoint VLCT Voting Delegate.* The Board appointed Valdine Hall to be the town's voting delegate at the VLCT annual business meeting.
- *Circus Smirkus Act 250 Questionnaire.* The questionnaire was reviewed and completed by the Board.
- *Moving Electrical Box on Village Green.* Marsha reported that it will cost approx. \$1700 to move the electrical box. It is likely that the Greensboro Association will pay for this as part of the ongoing village beautification project.
- *Uniforms.* The town is under contract with Unifirst for 15 more months. When this contract comes up for renewal, the Board will compare Unifirst and other companies.
- *Miller's Thumb – Request for town help with septic system.* The Board has not researched this yet; Bridget will discuss with the town's attorney.
- *Vacant Lister Position.* No one will be appointed to take Kristen Leahy's place until town meeting 2014.

- *Executive Session to Discuss a Contract.*

Bridget made the following motion:

*The Board will enter executive session at 9:52 PM to discuss a contract, with Valdine Hall present.*

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

The Board left executive session at 10:01 PM.

Marsha made the following motion:

*The town's attorney will be asked to do minimal work to keep the town up to date on the Circus Smirkus zoning board appeal.*

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

**ADJOURNED:** 10:03 PM

*Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*