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Greensboro Selectboard

JANUARY 9, 2013 MEETING

Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Erwin Salls, Jr., Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Chief Aaron Cochran, Roger Waible, Clive Gray, Devon Burgess, Erika Karp

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from November 28 (*Town Plan Hearing*); November 28 (*Special Meeting*); December 12 (*Regular Meeting*); December 17 (*Special Meeting*) approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Clive Gray told the Selectboard that the Greensboro Historical Society Board would like an update on the status of the Perrin Rd. lawsuit, and that there are concerns that construction work planned for spring might be delayed due to lack of access to their property. Peggy said that she has not yet received an update from the town's attorney.

HARDWICK AREA COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM – Carol Plante

Carol Plante, director of the Program, gave the Board a Program update. The Program covers Hardwick, Woodbury, Craftsbury, and Greensboro; there are similar programs in Newport and St. Johnsbury.

She explained that the Program gets direct referrals from the H.P.D. These pre-charge cases deal with low level crimes; the offender is given the opportunity to make amends, and if this happens, the case is dropped and doesn't go on to the state's attorney.

The Program also gets referrals from the court system.

Violent or otherwise high-risk offenders don't go through the Program.

The VT Dept. of Corrections created a program called Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA). C.O.S.A. is designed to help reduce repeat offending, which is better for the community, which will reduce overcrowding in prisons, and which will allow the state to stop sending offenders to out of state prisons. COSA helps those recently released from prison with housing, transportation, and employment

needs. Carol noted that sex offenders are common in this program, and that she's been involved in a few COSA cases.

Carol said that the Community Justice Program's citizen advisory board is often looking for volunteers, especially male role models. The work entails weekly meetings and phone calls and is incredibly rewarding, she added.

POLICE

- The Board reviewed the December police report.
- Chief Cochran told the Board that the H.P.D. just moved into the old Health Center building, and that members of the Dept. like the new space. Only about \$20k was spent on renovations.
- *False Alarm Ordinance.* Discussion of whether Greensboro's ordinance should be same as Hardwick's, since the H.P.D. will be responding to false alarms in both towns. Chief Cochran noted that Hardwick has not put an ordinance in place yet, and that the Hardwick Selectboard has other priorities right now. He recommended not waiting for Hardwick, because false alarms are a bigger issue in Greensboro than in Hardwick.

The Board decided not to act until Hardwick enacts its own ordinance. In the mean time, Peggy will adapt Morrisville's ordinance to Greensboro, in order to have a draft ordinance ready when needed.

Discussion of how often the town would bill for false alarms; Chief Cochran said that the H.P.D. can run false alarm reports as needed for Greensboro.

ROADS

Road Supervisor Dan Tanner was not present.

- The road crew has been working on routine winter roads maintenance.
- It was noted that a Yield sign is needed where Barr Hill Rd. meets Baker Hill Rd. The Board agreed; Valdine will ask Dan to purchase a sign.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

- *Water Line Extension.* Chief Erwin Salls, Jr. told the Board that the Greensboro Fire District #1 is able to add the water line extension for the new fire station to the overall water system upgrade. It is believed that this approach will be the cheapest way for the town to run the extension. However, the Fire District is requiring that the town commit now to paying for the extension. There are town funds available that can be used for the water line; the funds don't need to be spent now, they just need to be committed now.

Sue made the following motion:

The town commits to pay for the water line extension up to the new fire station.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- *State Grant for Fire Station Construction.* In the recent past, state grants paid for 15% of construction costs for new fire stations; however, due to limited funding most grants are now capped

at \$25k. Discussion of whether such a grant should be pursued for fire station costs, or whether it should be used in the future for vehicles or equipment (it was noted that Greensboro's population might be low enough that the reimbursement rate for these items might be 35%).

Jr. Salls will ask two G.F.D. members who have written grants in the past to review the grant application and let the town know whether they believe the grant should be applied for at this time.

The grant is due January 18, 2013.

If it is decided that the grant will be applied for, the Board will hold a special meeting on January 16 at 6 PM to review and sign the grant application. The Board authorized Anne Stevens to sign the grant application, if necessary.

- *Bond for new fire station.* Discussion of what the bond amount should be: should the bond total include the cost of the water line extension, or just the construction estimate? The water line expense could be paid for out of cash reserves, but it was noted that it would allow for more flexibility if the water line cost is added to the bond. The entire bond amount would not have to be spent. Discussion of whether bonding for the building only – approx. \$800,000 – would get more support from residents than a bond of \$920,000 (with the water line added).

Sue made the following motion:

For the new fire station project, the town will seek bonding in the amount of \$920,000.

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

TOWN CLERK

- Liquor license for Hill Farmstead Brewery approved by the Board.
- The transition to the new accounting software (N.E.M.R.C.) is still in progress.
- Background work on the Bond for the new fire station is in progress.

OTHER BUSINESS

- *Craftsbury Ski Marathon.* The Board received a letter from John Broadhead of the Craftsbury Center, detailing plans of their Sat., Feb. 2 ski marathon. The Board reviewed the letter and found no areas of concern.
- *July 4 Fireworks.* Northstar Fireworks is offering 10% extra fireworks if a display date is set prior to Jan. 30. After discussion, it was thought that Saturday, July 6 would be the likely day; Valdine will let Northstar know.
- *Special Meeting Planned.* The Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, January 28 at 7 PM to sign the town meeting warning (including the Bond warning), and review the FY 2014 budget.
- *NVDA Energy Plan.* NVDA has recently updated their regional energy plan and is seeking public comment; Anne may attend an upcoming hearing on the plan.

OLD & ONGOING BUSINESS

- *Greensboro Association – Village Beautification.* No update.
- *NVDA Traffic Study.* A traffic study planned for Garvin Hill Road / Jaffin Flats / Hill Rd. has not happened yet.
- *M.O.U. between Town and Lakeview Union School.* Sue presented the latest draft of the M.O.U., and reported that the school would like to continue using the kitchen adjacent to the Collier Room. Historically, it has been difficult to conduct town business in the Collier Rm. during school hours, as there is often disruption from students using the kitchen.

After discussion, the Board agreed that the school may continue using the kitchen, if it pays for the installation of a fire door between the Collier Room and the kitchen. The school must also agree to keep the door closed during school hours.

Sue will finalize the M.O.U. and bring the updated draft to the next Board meeting.

- *Streetlights.* Judy Carpenter, as a member of the town energy committee, will look into the pros and cons of new streetlights.
- *Caspian Lake Public Beach.* The court has not yet issued a summary judgement on whether the beach's tax exempt status can be reinstated. Anne suggested that if the judgement goes against Hardwick, Greensboro and Hardwick should work together to draft an agreement that both towns find acceptable. Discussion of whether discussions should begin prior to the summary judgement. Marsha will ask Hardwick Selectboard Chair Cathy Hemmens if the Hardwick Board wants to begin Beach discussions with Greensboro prior to the summary judgement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Warren made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 9:40 PM to discuss a personnel issue and the Greensboro Award. Valdine Hall will be present.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:50 PM, and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk