

Greensboro Selectboard

August 22, 2012 – Special Meeting

MINUTES

PRESENT: Susan Wood, Anne Stevens, Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Josh Karp, June Cook

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

MINUTES: Minutes from July 11 approved as amended; August 8 approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

- *David Massey.* Sue reported that David Massey asked her when a decision on Perrin Rd. would be made. He had some concerns, including his feeling that land is being taken through eminent domain, and that the Historical Society doesn't have to follow the Zoning Bylaw like everyone else. Marsha said that the Board has until August 31 to make their decision.
- *Jim Silver.* Jim is concerned that certain buildings in the Bend are in poor states of repair. Tabled until next meeting.
- *Lisa Hewett.* After discussion, Peggy made the following motion:

Lisa Hewett may sell raffle tickets as a Library fundraiser at the town green across from Willey's Store, any morning in June, July, or August of 2013. This permission is granted as she is raising money for a non-profit organization, and is a Greensboro resident.

Anne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ROADS

- *Bids for limb cutting along town roads, and for repairs to Bridge #7.* Only one bid was received for each last month; bidders will be notified that the town is rejecting the bids and will be soliciting a second round of bids.

Two additional bids for the bridge repairs were received after the August 8 Selectboard meeting; the Board assumed that these were not valid due to being received after the deadline; this needs to be confirmed with Valdine.

Peggy made the following motion:

The Board rejects both single bids for the limb cutting, and Bridge #7 repairs. New bids for the limb cutting will be solicited, and will be due by next Selectboard meeting, 7 PM Sept. 12. For the bridge repairs, a scope of work needs to be drawn up before a new round of bids is solicited.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Setting a meeting time to review the H.E.R.F. was tabled.

OLD & ONGOING BUSINESS

- **Eligo Lake Association – Peggy.** Peggy completed the ‘bottom barrier removal’ extension request, and will bring it to Marsha, who will sign and send it.

Peggy noted that since the town is ultimately responsible for the grants and permits received by the E.L.A., it should be directly involved with decision making around any issues relating to these grants and permits.

Valdine is working with the outside auditor to work out how E.L.A. accounting and financial decisions should be best dealt with.

- **School Use of Town Hall Spaces – Peggy.** Peggy sent an email to the school principal, stating:
 1. The town wants the school to stop using the kitchen off the Collier Room;
 2. The town is concerned that the school’s regular use of the Collier Room makes it difficult for it to be used by the town for meetings;
 3. That items in the school’s storage space in the old vault should be consolidated.

The Board reviewed principal Karen Weeks’ reply. Weeks noted that the Collier Room is needed by the school on a regular basis for 1:1, and small group instruction. She proposed that the town post a schedule of upcoming meetings in the room, that the school will not use the room during these times, and will put up notes on doors so teachers and students will know to keep out during meetings. The Board thought this was unreasonable. After further discussion, Peggy made the following motion:

The school may use the kitchen off the Collier Room, and the old vault for storage, until January 1, 2013, at which point neither space will be available for the school to use.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Willey Beach Sign.** The Board recently learned that the Willey Beach sign did not go out to bid, and was surprised that it did not get the opportunity to approve a budget or design for the sign. The Board agreed that work on the sign should stop until all this is worked out.
- **Hardwick Beach Tax Appeal.** Glenn Howland is Greensboro’s attorney, but his firm also represents other towns. He has been asked by the town of Hardwick to represent them in their tax appeal with the State, and is asking permission from the Greensboro Selectboard to do so. After discussion, Anne made the following motion:

The Selectboard approves Glenn Howland representing Hardwick in their tax appeal vs. the Town of Greensboro, as to whether the Hardwick beach property is tax exempt.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Tasers.** Anne and Sue met with Hardwick Selectboard members Cathy Hemmens and Mark Salls to discuss Hardwick’s Taser policy and some of Aaron Kromash’s concerns about the policy, and Tasers in general.

The four will continue the discussion on August 28 with H.P.D. Chief Cochran, to get his feedback and perspective.

Sue has kept Kromash up to date on the Selectboard’s activities on this issue. Kromash would like a public discussion on Tasers as soon as possible.

- **Stannard Fire Contract.** Greensboro sent Stannard the contract for fire protection services a few months ago; Sue reported that there has been no response from Stannard. Discussion was tabled until the next Board meeting.
- **Painting Recycling Trailers.** Blake Jenkins, Inc., is currently painting the town hall roof; the Board asked the company for a quote to paint the two recycling trailers. A quote was received: \$1500 - \$1800 to spot prime rust spots and do two coats of paint, with the color being the same as the town hall roof. Marsha made the following motion:

The Board accepts the Blake Jenkins, Inc. quote of \$1500 - \$1800 to paint the recycling trailers, with spot priming of rust spots and two coats of paint, with the paint color being the same as the town hall. This is contingent upon funds being available in the building fund.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Skiers On Bend Road.** The Bend Rd. has just been paved, and cross country skiers from the Craftsbury Center have been training regularly on it. They are generally following their own guidelines and skiing in single file.
Warren is concerned about the safety of their activities, and will draft a letter to the Craftsbury Center which the Board will review at it's next meeting. Warren can obtain from Peggy a copy of the letter she sent a few years ago on the same issue, to use as background.
- **Keys To Town Owned Buildings.** Discussion of whether the town should have keys to all town owned buildings. Marsha wondered if keys were important for safety and insurance issues.
Peggy wondered what other towns do about this, and noted that it doesn't make sense to have keys if they are locked away in the town clerk's office (and not available at all times). On the other hand, the keys should not be in a place where the public could access them.
Marsha will check about any insurance issues, i.e. if there is no key, could the town be liable for anything? Typically, landlords have keys to their buildings. Marsha will also ask fire chief Salls and H.P.D. chief Cochran for their input.
- **Marijuana Dispensary.** VLCT recently inquired whether Greensboro has "taken any action to prohibit or regulate establishment of a [Marijuana] dispensary?" The Board agreed that the town has not taken any such action.
- **C.L.A. Appeal Update.** Tabled; Valdine will be asked to explain this at the next Board meeting.
- **Annual VLCT Business Meeting.** Peggy made the following motion:

Valdine will be the town's voting delegate at VLCT's annual business meeting.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk

AMENDED 9/19/12 J.K.