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Greensboro Selectboard

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2011

PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Jefferson Tolman, Josh Karp, Valdine Hall, Erwin Salls, Jr., H.P.D. Chief Joe Laporte, Dan Tanner, Clifford Lapoint, Eric Lapoint, Karen Lapoint, Laure Sweeny, Warren Hill, Jr., H.P.D. Officer Mike Glodgett

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes

Minutes from July 13 approved with changes, July 27 approved.

Police

- Chief Laporte told the Board of an incident at a Greensboro business, where an employee was terminated, followed by an altercation. The police got involved, and it turned out that the individual had been a wanted fugitive.
- The Speed Cart has been in use on Breezy Ave. Chief Laporte noted that the current 25 mph sign is faded and in need of replacement.
- *Discussion of H.P.D.'s K9 unit.* Officer Glodgett and dog Atos assist in nearby towns from time to time (i.e. Morristown); Warren wondered what equivalent, specialized services the H.P.D. is getting in return. Chief Laporte replied that when an officer is on duty alone, a Lamoille County Sheriff's deputy is often sent over as backup, as needed. But, he added, sending the officer and dog to work nearby doesn't really cost the H.P.D. much, and 'it all works out' in the end.

Public Concerns

Lapoint Family. Eric Lapoint and Laure Sweeney are planning to build a house on a Class III town road that is currently too narrow and steep to be plowed by the town trucks. The town is responsible for plowing Class III roads; Dan said it would take major work (including the moving of utility poles) to make the road plowable by the large trucks. Discussion of whether Perry's or another independent contractor could be hired to plow the road at less cost to the town.

Roads

- Crushing has been completed; 10,028 yds. were crushed.
- The road crew is now using the new post pounder.
- The new International truck has been delivered.
- *Fuel metering at the Town Garage.* Discussion; Warren suggested purchasing a card-type fuel-metering system when the current lower-tech meter needs replacing.
- Trent Urie has expressed interest in buying the town's old Grizzly, but has not followed through yet.
- Discussion of letting the public bid on old town equipment, rather than selling it privately to individuals. Items discussed included the old rock rake and old chloride trailer.

- Discussion of putting up stop signs for certain unmarked back road intersections.
- Recently completed roadside mowing cost the town \$1200 (10%) more than it had planned on, but additional passes were done on certain roads and overall, the Board was happy with the results.
- *Paving.* The Board reviewed three paving bids for paving on Garven Hill Rd.: Pike Industries (\$93,280), Whitcomb's (\$103,9080), and Gray's (\$99,998). Warren made the following motion:
The Board accepts Pike's Bid for this year's paving.
 Jefferson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.
- *Road renaming.* In a letter to the Board, resident Philip Pike requested that the name 'Pellegrinia/Pike Rd.' be changed to 'Pike Rd.' After discussion, Marsha made the following motion:
The road called 'Pellegrinia/Pike Rd.' will remain named as such.
 Peggy seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.
- *Private Road & Driveways policy.* Peggy presented a new version of the policy, which was discussed and amended by the Board. Jefferson made the following motion:
The Board adopts the new Private Road and Driveway policy, as amended.
 Peggy seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.
- *Culvert policy.* Peggy presented a new version of the policy, which was discussed and tabled until next meeting.

Greensboro Fire Dept. – Jr. Salls

- *Contract with Stannard.* At it's June 13 meeting, the Stannard Selectboard discussed it's very unclear relationship with the Greensboro fire dept. Warren said that he wants Greensboro to 'be made whole' for any fire calls in Stannard (henceforth), and that a concrete agreement must be drawn up. Discussion of two possible ways to structure such an agreement: 1. Stannard would annually pay a percentage of the G.F.D.'s total budget; or, 2. Stannard would pay on a per-call basis with the cost of each call varying, depending on the nature of the fire. The Board reviewed a summary of Stannard's payments to Greensboro for fire protection services since 1990, and it was noted that the accounting of such payments was unclear. As far as he knew, Jr. Salls said that these payments over the years were never transferred into the G.F.D.'s account. Jr. Salls suggested the Board talk to folks in E. Calais, where some kind of arrangement between their fire dept. and neighboring towns has been drawn up. Peggy will do further research on other towns' arrangements. Peggy made the following motion:
As soon as the Stannard Selectboard appoints a representative to discuss the fire protection issue, we will invite them to come to a meeting in Greensboro with Warren Hill, Jr., Jefferson Tolman, and Erwin Salls, Jr.
 Marsha seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.
- The summer informational meeting about the new fire station will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 7 PM at St. Michaels Church hall in Greensboro Bend.

Other Business

- *Town Hall Roof – painting.* One bid has been received to paint the Town Hall's roof, for \$1800. Valdine thought this price did not include materials, but wasn't sure. The bidder, who does not live in the area, told her that he did have insurance. The board unanimously rejected the bid.

- *Ball Field lease.* The Board signed a one-year lease with the owners of the four corners ballfield.
- Lucian Mason is interested in buying part of the town's land next to the gravel pit. Peggy made the following motion:
None of Greensboro's land in Glover will be sold at this time.
Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- *Homestead Penalty Policy.* The state is recommending that towns come up with a penalty policy for those who:
 1. fail to file a homestead declaration, or
 2. file a homestead declaration for a property that is not a homestead.
 Valdine will draft a policy, which the Board will review at it's next meeting.
- *Health Insurance for town employees.* V.L.C.T. will be invited to present bids from a number of health insurance companies; in the past they were 'locked into a group rating with a single carrier'. Peggy made the following motion:
Valdine will be the designated official to discuss new health care options with V.L.C.T.
Jefferson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Marsha made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 9:30 PM to discuss personnel matters, with Valdine Hall present.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 10:00 PM.

Jefferson made the following motion:

All listers will be raised to \$13/hour. Josh Karp will be raised to \$13.00 for both Selectboard Clerk and Recycling Coordinator work. Kristen Leahy will be raised to \$13/hour for Zoning Administrator work. All auditors will receive \$11.00/hour. These changes will be effective immediately.

Warren seconded the motion, which was not carried (J.T., W.H. in favor, M.G., P.L. against).

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Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board commended town clerk Valdine Hall for her excellent management.

ADJOURNED: 10:05 PM

Respectfully submitted , Josh Karp, Selectboard clerk