

(draft only – unapproved by Selectboard)

Greensboro Selectboard

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2011

PRESENT: Warren Hill, Anne Stevens, Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Jefferson Tolman, Josh Karp, Erwin Salls, Jr., Valdine Hall, Clive Gray

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes

12/8/10 meeting minutes approved as amended.

Greensboro Fire Dept. / New Fire Station – Erwin Salls, Jr.

1. *Bills for New Fire Station.* Peggy expressed concern about signing off on bills (for the new fire station project) that have come in without any description of what services were rendered. Jr. Salls replied that these are likely bills for installment payments on jobs under contract.

Discussion of who should keep track of payments and balances on the existing contracts. Warren suggested that both the G.F.D. and the town clerk keep track, separately.

It was agreed that the town will create a spreadsheet to keep track of new fire station expenditures. Discussion of whether a project manager is needed once construction begins.

G.F.D. Chief Dave Brochu used to OK all G.F.D.-related bills prior to the Selectboard signing off on them; this has apparently not happened in recent months.

2. *New Fire Station Bid.* R.C. Contractors, Inc. has completed an estimate for the new fire station project, which was reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Discussion of financing options for the project, including a bond, and conventional bank loans.

Jefferson made the following motion:

The question of whether the town will build a new fire station, at a cost not to exceed \$750k, will be included in the warning, contingent upon Anne researching the best way to finance the project.

Warren seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Greensboro Conservation Commission – Clive Gray

Clive Gray told the Board about the Vermont Land Trust's Black Hills project; The V.L.T. is negotiating the purchase of a conservation easement on a large parcel of land with acreage in both Greensboro (189 acres) and Glover (1685).

Clive reported that the Greensboro Conservation Commission has voted to contribute \$5k out of the Greensboro Conservation Fund towards the purchase of the easement, and asked the Board for their approval. Approx. \$30k needs to be raised locally to contribute to the easement purchase.

Jefferson asked if the town of Glover is contributing funds to the easement purchase; Clive replied that they were not.

Jefferson said that a hunt club restricts access to the property during hunting seasons and charges a membership fee; he questioned the use of town money to fund a project that is associated with restricted public access and membership fees for hunting.

He also noted that the land is actively logged, but that Greensboro loggers won't be able to work on the property because an out of town logger has been logging the piece for years.

Warren felt that the piece is not readily developable, making such a costly conservation easement unnecessary. Jr. Salls agreed.

Peggy made the following motion:

The Selectboard authorizes the release of \$5k out of the Greensboro Conservation Fund. The funds will contribute to a conservation easement on the Black Hills property, a project headed up by the Vermont Land Trust.

Anne seconded the motion, which was carried [A.S., P.L., M.G. in favor; W.H., J.T. abstained (due to conflicts of interest)].

Roads

1. The Board would like a copy of the specialist's report on David Drown's condition.
2. Warren will ask Dan to check the fuel meter at the town garage, which may be working erratically. He will also discuss with Dan ways to measure and record fuel usage on a per-vehicle basis.
3. Warren will get a programmable thermostat for the town garage.
4. *Stop signs.* Warren has noticed that there are a number of three-way intersections in town without stop signs. He thinks the town should consider stop signs at these locations, primarily because there are more and more visitors to town who aren't used to our roads. He proposed that the signs be put up by summer; Warren will ask Dan to make a list of intersections lacking stop signs.
5. *P.A.C.I.F. grant.* Discussed and tabled.
6. *New town truck.* The purchase of a new town truck, and the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund, were discussed. Warren proposed that the Board come up with specs and then solicit sealed bids from International dealers, Mack dealers, and Freightliner dealers. Dan, Warren and Peggy will discuss and finalize specs.

Jr. Salls noted that the Greensboro Fire Dept. got their last truck through the state, which saved a considerable amount of money.

FY 2012 Budget

After discussion, Peggy made the following motion:

*The Board approves the FY2012 budget as presented by Valdine, with the **Roads:Fuel** line item changed from \$36k to \$45k.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Zoning Board Appointment

Two letters of interest were received by the Board for the opening on the Z.B.A., from Martha Rose and Sean Thompson. After discussion, Jefferson made the following motion:

The Board approves Martha Rose to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Warren seconded the motion, which was carried (W.H., M.G., J.T. in favor; A.S., P.L. abstained).

Other Business & Projects in Progress

1. *Liquor & Tobacco Licenses.* The Board approved and signed a liquor license for the Highland Lodge, and approved and signed liquor and tobacco licenses for Smith's Store.
2. The Board was informed that lister Ted Donlon has resigned.
3. The Board signed the Certificate of Highway Mileage, as requested by VTrans.
4. *Outside Audit.* In order for the outside audit to get on the warning, there needs to be either a petition, or the Selectboard can elect to have it included. Marsha made the following motion:
The question of whether the town should undertake an outside audit will be included on the town meeting warning.
Warren second the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Executive session

Marsha made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 9:25 PM to discuss personnel matters. Josh Karp and Valdine Hall will also be present.

Anne seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:40 PM; no action was taken.

ADJOURNED: 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted , Josh Karp, Selectboard clerk