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Greensboro Selectboard

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2011

PRESENT: Anne Stevens, Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Jefferson Tolman, Josh Karp, Valdine Hall, Erwin Salls, Jr., John Hewett, Lisa Hewett, H.P.D. Officer Kevin Laplante, Dan Tanner, Kristen Leahy, Jim Sowles, Jennifer Landon

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes

Minutes approved from June 8, June 9, June 21 (as amended), June 29

Public Concerns

- Marsha reported that Betty Deforge would like ‘slow, children’ signs put up on the Beach Road; Deforge lives on the Beach Rd. and thinks people often speed by too fast. Officer Laplante suggested that the H.P.D.’s speed cart could be set up in the vicinity to encourage drivers to slow down. Laplante also said that the Dept. could increase their Beach Rd. patrols.
- Helen Dimick wrote a letter to the Selectboard asking permission to do a coin drop to benefit the Greensboro Nursing Home. During discussion, it was brought up that many other organizations might follow suit; the Board did not like the idea of coin drop after coin drop. Peggy made the following motion:

Helen Dimick may organize a coin drop for the Greensboro Nursing Home on Breezy Ave., between Willey’s Green and the church.

The motion was not carried (all Board members opposed).

- Every summer for 15 years, Lisa Hewett has been selling raffle tickets on Willey’s Green to benefit the Greensboro Free Library. She requested that the Board allow her to continue this, despite it’s decision to close the town’s Saturday Market. It was noted that Hewett’s activities on the Green are unrelated to the cessation of the Saturday Market.

Jefferson made the following motion:

The Board grants Lisa Hewett’s request to sell teddy bear raffle tickets Saturday mornings on Willey’s Green to benefit the library, as this is a non-commercial venture.

Anne seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Police

- The Selectboard reviewed the police report from May 2011.
- Officer Laplante told the Board that the H.P.D. is coordinating an awards ceremony for a man from Morrisville who saved a 2 yr. old girl from drowning in Caspian Lake.

Lamoille County Sherriff's Dept.

Peggy made the following motion:

The Board approves the new dispatch contract with the Lamoille County Sherriff's Dept., in the amount of \$18,939.

Marsha seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Roads

- Dan gave the Board an update of the road crew's activities last month.
- Discussion of paving this summer; Dan will decide what road(s) should be paved.
- Crushing will likely happen the week of July 18.
- Roadside mowing will likely start the week of July 18.
- Dan felt that an advanced and costly metering system to measure diesel fuel use is not necessary. Discussion of ways to better account for fuel and heating oil use.
- Gravel days will be July 28 and Aug 18. Dan noted that the loader will be at the pit during crushing and that he's willing to do some loading of bank run if time permits..
- Discussion of some details of fitting out the new town truck.
- The Town of Craftsbury billed Greensboro \$1155 to plow Bartlett Rd. last winter. A tenth of a mile of the road is in Greensboro, but since you have to travel into Craftsbury to get to it, Craftsbury has customarily plowed it and billed Greensboro. Discussion of having Perry's plow the road instead – could be cheaper. Dan will look into it.

Greensboro Fire Dept. – Jr. Salls

- *Contract with Stannard.* The Board reviewed the cost breakdown of fire calls to Stannard Y.T.D., and discussed the mutual aid system.
- *New Fire Station Committee.* John Mackin is interested in being on the committee, which was discussed at an earlier Selectboard meeting but doesn't exist yet. After discussion, the Board decided to wait until feedback is received at the summer informational meeting: if the feedback leans negative, the committee will be formed to figure out the next steps; if the project is supported as is, the committee may not be necessary.
- The summer informational meeting on the new fire station will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 7 PM at the Lakeview Union School. Peggy will confirm that the school gym is available and confirm w/ Jr. Salls.

Kristen Leahy (Zoning Administrator)

Parking in Greensboro Village. Kristen told the Board that parking in Greensboro during the summer is a big problem. According to the Zoning Bylaw, businesses need to provide parking for their customers: currently there are no additional parking spaces available in downtown Greensboro, which could prohibit a new business from starting up. Kristen will talk with existing businesses in downtown Greensboro to get feedback on this issue and report back to the Board.

Other Business

- *Greensboro Historical Society.* The Board reviewed the Greensboro Historical Society's letter, withdrawing its petition requesting that the Old Perrin Rd. be designated a Class IV Rd. Anne made the following motion:

The Board will accept the Greensboro Historical Society's letter, in which they withdraw their petition.

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

The likely next step is a 'meet & greet' with two Selectboard members and the town's attorney, and Dave Massey and his attorney, to clarify exactly where each side is at.

Peggy made the following motion:

The Board authorizes Valdine Hall to coordinate such a meeting, which includes contacting town attorney Bill Davies. Marsha and Jefferson will attend the meeting.

Jefferson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

- *Four Corners Ballfield Lease.* The current one-year lease is up; Valdine told the Board she will pursue a three-year lease.
- *N.V.D.A.* After discussion, the Board authorized Peggy to sign and send a letter to N.V.D.A., stating the town's support for the 'foreign trade zone' service area. (J.T., M.G., P.L. in favor; A.S. abstained)
- *Cost Tables.* The Board unanimously approved the purchase of cost table updates for the town's listing software.
- *New Power Line.* Washington Electric Cooperative requested permission from the Board to cross the town R.O.W. to run a new power line to a new house. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the request.
- *Jim Sowles / Greensboro Arts Alliance & Residency.* Sowles asked permission to put the G.A.A.R. flag and schedule on Willey's Green, through August. It was noted that most posters like this are up for much shorter periods of time. Jefferson noted that the Board allowed the flag last year with provisional acceptance – if any complaints, the flag would have to be removed (no complaints were received).

Jefferson made the following motion:

G.A.A.R. may post their schedule only (no flag) on the corner of the Green near the bulletin board, through August. If there are any complaints, this permission will be revisited.

Peggy seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

- *Town Hall roof.* The town hall roof needs to be painted; Discussion.

Peggy made the following motion:

The town will solicit bids for the painting of the Town Hall roof. Marsha and Valdine will write the ad, which will include 'surface preparation and painting', and 'proper insurance required'. The ads will be run in the Gazette and Chronicle.

Marsha seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

- *V.L.C.T. P.A.C.I.F. C.D.L. Drug & Alcohol Testing Training.* After discussion, it was decided that Dan will attend the R.S.T. training in Lyndonville.
- *Auditor Resignation.* Donna Jenkes submitted her resignation as town auditor.

Peggy made the following motion:

The Board will accept Donna Jenke's resignation as auditor.

Marsha seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Valdine will run an ad in the Gazette, seeking an auditor to fill out Donna's term (until the 2012 town meeting). Peggy will write Donna a thank-you letter on behalf of the town.

- The Board signed a document from the N.E.K.W.M.D. authorizing the town to take part in the state's new E-waste recycling program.

ADJOURNED: 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted , Josh Karp, Selectboard clerk