

(draft only – unapproved by Selectboard)

Greensboro Selectboard

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2011

PRESENT: Warren Hill, Anne Stevens, Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Jefferson Tolman, Josh Karp, June Cook, Clive Gray, Dan Tanner, Randy Clark

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes

Minutes from 4/13/11 approved as amended; minutes from 3/21/11 and 4/27/11 approved.

Public Concerns

Anne Harbison. Anne thanked the Selectboard for deciding last year to keep the one-way sign up year round (near the memorial garden); she added that many other residents are also happy with this decision. Anne also thanked the road crew for keeping plowing damage to a minimum in the memorial garden area.

Police

Selectboard reviewed the police report from March 2011.

Perrin Road Site Visit & Hearing

Peggy told the Board that the site visit and hearing need to be rescheduled because all petitioners must be sent a certified letter warning of the site visit and hearing, within a very specific timeframe.

Town attorney Bill Davies will be giving the Board a training on running the Perrin Road site visit and hearing, both of which are ‘quasi-judicial’ and must be undertaken properly. This training will take place on May 18 at 6 P.M. Tim Nesbit, who has been asked to moderate the hearing, will be invited to the training.

Peggy made the following motion:

The Perrin Rd. site visit will take place on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:15 PM, followed immediately by a public hearing at 7 PM at the Lakeview Union School.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Peggy’s research indicated that there can’t be any testimony taken at the site visit, period. Others thought it didn’t make sense that no discussion at all could take place, i.e. that at least an explanation or clarification of the situation should be permitted. June Cook noted that Craftsbury recently went through a similar situation, and there were questions at the site visit; however, she added, anything discussed at the site visit does not ‘count’ as testimony – it must be brought up later at the hearing to be considered as such.

Roads

- *Gravel Days.* Dan will review road crew vacation and crushing dates, pick two good days, and submit them to the town office to be advertised.
- *Roadside Mowing.* This should have gone through the sealed bid process, but didn't, and now there's not enough time to ask for sealed bids. Two bids have been received; Dan will solicit bids from a few others. The decision on which contractor to go with will be made at the 5/18 special meeting.
- *Chloride Trailer.* Dan reported that the chloride trailer is in rough shape. He also said that there is no money in the road budget for chloride until next fiscal year (7/1/11) . One option is for Gorman's to be hired to apply chloride as needed prior to 7/1, but not submit the bill until after 7/1. No decision was made by the Board.
- *Hydroseeder.* The Board gave Dan permission to use the cooperatively-owned hydroseeder as needed.
- *Paving.* Discussion; no action taken.
- *New Stop Signs.* Discussion of locations in town where stop signs might be needed; a study might be required for the signs to be enforceable. NVDA might be able to help with such a study; Peggy will ask Kristen Leahy (the town's new NVDA rep.) to look into this.
- *Dirt Compactor.* Discussion; the Board unanimously approved Warren keeping his eye out for used compactors at auctions.
- *Winter Sand:* Dan will ask area pits to submit bids for winter sand, to be reviewed at the 6/8 regular Board meeting.
- *New Town Truck.* Four sealed bids were opened by the Board. Bids were received from Mack, Clark's (International), J&B (International & Western Star) and Freightliner. After an initial discussion, the Board formed a committee to thoroughly review the bids (Warren, Dan, and Marsha). Marsha was unanimously approved Chair of the committee.
- *Snow Machine / A.T.V. use in public R.O.W.s.* Tabled until a problem crops up.
- *Crushing.* 10k yds. needed. Dan obtained two bids, one from a contractor that is new to the business, one from McCulloch (who the town has used before). Dan will get references for the new contractor, who is slightly cheaper. One of the two will be selected at the 5/18 special meeting.
- *Caspian Lake Beach - Gravel For New Parking Area.* Marsha reported that 112 yards of gravel are needed to create a new 100'x30' parking area for boat trailers; this will free up space in the main parking lot. There is no money in Caspian Lake Beach Fund for this. Hardwick could be asked to contribute half of the gravel and trucking.
After discussion, Marsha decided it would be OK to try the parking area without the gravel for a year and see how it goes.

Other Business

- *Saturday Market on Willey's Green.* After discussion, Jefferson made the following motion:
The Saturday Market on Willey's Green will cease year-round operations. It may operate only when the Greensboro Farmer's Market is in it's off-season.
Marsha seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Vendors who participate in the Saturday market on Willey's Green will be invited to join the Greensboro Farmer's Market.

- *Clarence Judkins – Barking Dogs.* Jefferson has heard from a neighbor that the barking situation has improved; he will further investigate the situation.
- *Stannard / Greensboro Fire Protection Services Contract.* No update so far; Peggy will ask Valdine to follow up on this. Peggy will do the follow-up if Valdine doesn't want to.
- *Selectboard Meetings.*
 - The public agenda will now be posted on the town web site, the Monday before the Wednesday monthly meeting.
 - The Selectboard meeting agenda sign-up will now say that certain agenda items may be postponed until the next meeting if necessary (to keep meetings shorter).
 - Discussion of changing the time of regular meetings and the number of meetings per month, and adding time limits to agenda items. Of these three possible changes, the Board decided only to add time limits to agenda items at this time.
- *VAST Letter Request.* Peggy made the following motion:

The Board will write a letter to the state as requested by VAST, stating the town's support for the Lamoille Rail-Trail.

Marsha seconded the motion, was carried (W.H., J.T., M.G. in favor; P.L. against; A.S. abstained). Marsha will write the letter.
- *C.L.A. Appeal.* The town won it's recent appeal, but now the state is appealing that decision.

Executive Session

Peggy made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 9:45 PM to discuss a legal matter and a personnel issue. Dan Tanner may be present.

The Board left executive session at 10:05 PM, and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 10:05 PM

Respectfully submitted , Josh Karp, Selectboard clerk