

(draft only – unapproved by Selectboard)

## Greensboro Selectboard

November 9, 2011 – Meeting Minutes

**PRESENT:** Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Jefferson Tolman, Anne Stevens, Warren Hill, Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Erwin Salls, Jr., Dan Tanner, Jeff Perry, Robbie Hurst, Eben Merrill, Janice Bradley

**CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES:** Minutes from October 12 and October 16 meetings approved as amended.

### **PUBLIC CONCERNS**

*Robbie Hurst.* Robbie Hurst of Willey's Store let the Board know that he needs access to the lower part of the store, and is planning to improve the adjacent R.O.W. (known as Perrin Rd.) so he can get vehicles down there. He will let his abutters know. Robbie also said that he would like the road plowed; it was thought that this would be possible if the improvements are made and a good turn-around exists.

### **LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF – DISPATCH SERVICES**

Eben Merrill and Janice Bradley of the Lamoille County Sheriff's Dept. gave the Board an update on the dispatch services their Dept. is providing to Hardwick Rescue, Hardwick Police, and the Greensboro Fire Dept. The L.C.S. has expanded their dispatch services to more towns (including Barre Town), so it was necessary to hire a second dispatcher. This will mean better service to all who use the dispatch. New radio equipment has been purchased as well. Dispatch rates will be stabilized or lowered due to the additional towns, according to Merrill and Bradley.

Jr. Salls noted that the Fire Dept. hasn't run into any dead spots. The H.P.D., however, does experience areas with no service.

Valdine has heard (and experienced herself) that the dispatchers don't know the area well; she suggested they visit and get to know the area. Merrill agreed that this would be a good idea.

### **ROADS**

- *Overlook / Lake Rd.* This is a Class 3 road; a new residence is under construction and the owners have requested that the town plow the road. Dan said it's too steep and narrow for town equipment; discussion of Perry's plowing the road. As improving the road could be a major expense, Valdine suggested that the Board set funds aside for this project as it constructs next year's budget.

*Vogan Rd.* Vogan Rd. is a Class 4 road, as well as Debbie Ling's driveway. Dan said the road is in terrible shape, barely wide enough for a pickup to plow (Perry's has plowed it in recent years). Discussion of whether a logging contractor damaged the road during a recent logging job, or if its current poor condition is due to general deterioration. Discussion of whether the town should contact the landowner to discuss this.

Better access is needed to Debbie's house, as she is disabled, can no longer walk in or out, and home health workers need to be able to get to her house more easily.

It was noted that the town is not responsible for maintaining Class 4 roads.

Dan said it could take as much as 80 loads of gravel to fix the entire road; he added that a patch job – fixing the worst areas – is more realistic. He thought a few loads of gravel, and a dozer working with what's there, would be the best approach.

Warren suggested that the road might be frozen in and packed down with the town's loader, and then might be plowable all winter. Dan thought this might not work, due to boulders sticking out everywhere.

Valdine wondered if assistance from a state agency might be available.

Warren recollected that when Rick Walsh's trailer burned, a few folks got together, got gravel from the town pit, and built him a pad for a new trailer. Maybe the town can coordinate a similar effort in this case. Dan said that Boomer volunteered to donate some dozer time, if someone brought in gravel. Jeff Perry said he'd donate a ½ day of trucking.

- *Cate Hill Rd.* A Craftsbury Selectboard member told Jefferson that Greensboro was only responsible for half of the \$1600 plowing bill for Cate Hill Rd. The Board agreed to hire Jeff Perry to plow the road; Jeff will bill the entire \$800 to Craftsbury for the plowing (the beginning of the road lies in Craftsbury).
- *Wheelock Plowing Agreement.* Dan reported that Sparhawk Rd. is a mile long, with half in Wheelock, half in Greensboro. Warren made the following motion:

*Greensboro will send a bill to Wheelock for \$2262.50, in exchange for our road crew plowing their stretch of Sparhawk Rd. This bill will be due annually on January 1, to cover that current winter's plowing. Previous years where Greensboro received no compensation for the plowing will not be billed for. Valdine will write the letter to Wheelock.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- *Selling Old Town Equipment.* Tabled.

## **POLICE**

- The Board commended interim chief Cochran for his informative monthly report.
- Discussion of repeat alarm malfunctions taking up a lot of police time. This discussion will be continued at a future meeting when an H.P.D. officer is present.
- It appears that the H.P.D. has been patrolling less in Greensboro lately. It was noted that the Dept. has been short-staffed, and also that the town's contract with the Dept. doesn't specify the amount of patrol hours.

## **GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.**

- *Contract with Stannard.* Since the two towns met last month and Greensboro presented figures, Stannard has not contacted Greensboro for any further discussion. Warren made the following motion:

*Greensboro will bill Stannard yearly for 11.68% of the Greensboro Fire Department's annual budget. In exchange, the G.F.D. will provide services to Stannard. The bill will be due annually on January 1, and cover services for the current fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). The bill this year (for FY 2012) will be \$8085.84.*

*The 11.68% figure is based on actual fire calls from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.*

Jefferson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- *Fire Dept. Member Physicals.* The Dept. has not yet decided where to go for these required physicals.
- *Inventory of F.D. equipment.* Jr. told the Board that they are still working on the inventory.
- The members of the Fire Dept. will reimburse the town \$9216 for uniforms (the funds will come from the firefighters' private account).
- *New Fire Station – water line.* Jr. recently learned from fire marshal Paul Cerutti that the town can get a variance from the sprinkler system requirement for up to five years, provided a line is run from the new fire station down to where the current water line ends (Country Club Rd.). This line would then be connected to the new Fire District #1 main when it is completed (thought to be within five years).

Warren suggested that Cerutti be asked to put this in writing.

Jr. noted that it is recommended, but not required, that the new line up to the station be looped.

Jr. noted that hooking into the Fire District's water system would be cheaper than the original plan of drilling a well, installing a holding tank under the floor, running a separate three-phase line for the sprinkler system, etc.

- Jr. noted that the Fire Dept. has responded to a number of car accidents lately.

### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN**

Jefferson made the following motion:

*The town will use the AIVIS VFP plan, with a 90/10 split for premiums.*

Warren seconded the motion, which did not carry (J.T., W.H. in favor; P.L., M.G., A.S. opposed).

Marsha made the following motion:

*The town will use the Blue Care \$2500/\$5000 HSA plan.*

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

The new plan requires a one-year commitment for the town.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Board unanimously approved Jane Johns as interim auditor (she will serve until town meeting).
- Brief discussion of David Kelly's petition to change the town's Zoning Bylaw. Planning Commission chair Josh Karp told the Board that they will need to schedule a public hearing sometime after the first of the year. He noted that the Planning Commission will be holding a hearing on Dec. 5; Anne will attend.
- *FY 2013 Budget.* The first of several budgeting meetings will be held on Thursday, November 17, at 10 AM.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- *Outside Audit.* Discussion of different RFPs the town could use to solicit auditors. The Board also reviewed a list of six potential auditors.

Peggy made the following motion:

*The town will send V.L.C.T.'s RFP out to the list of auditors.*

Anne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Warren made the following motion:

*The Board will enter Executive Session at 9:40 PM, with Valdine Hall present, to discuss personnel and legal matters, as well as a potential real estate transaction.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 10:10 PM.

Jefferson made the following motion:

*The Board authorizes Valdine to make an offer of \$7000 for the Grange building on behalf of the Town, utilizing Recreation funds.*

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Warren made the following motion:

*We choose Glenn Howland of the firm of McKee, Giuliani and Cleveland to become our lawyer in the matter of the Perrin Road issue. Mr. Howland will be so notified.*

Jefferson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNED: 10:15 PM**

*Respectfully submitted,* Josh Karp, Selectboard clerk