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Greensboro Selectboard

August 8, 2012 – Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Warren Hill, Jr., Susan Wood, Peggy Lipscomb, Josh Karp, Valdine Hall, Erwin Salls, Jr., John Stone III, Bobsy Daniels

CALLED TO ORDER: 8:30 PM

MINUTES: No minutes were approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT. – Chief Erwin Salls, Jr.

- **Building Committee.** Jr. told the Board that the new fire station building committee has had a few meetings, and that they are primarily looking at aesthetics of the new building. He noted that some committee members seem to be interested in single issues only, not the project as a whole.
- **Water Line Extension.** Leach Engineering has asked the town for a financial commitment by this fall, if the water line extension to the new fire station is to be added to the Fire District #1 upgrade project.

Jr. asked Valdine if there is enough money in the capital budget – earmarked for new fire station expenses – to pay for the water line project. Valdine said there is \$110,500 in the account; Jr. thought there should be more. Valdine will check this out.

Discussion of whether the question of borrowing money or paying cash for the water line should come before the voters. A loan would likely be rolled into the fire station bond in the next year or two.

Peggy observed that the town has never been through a project of this scope, and wondered if a project manager should be hired soon.

Peggy made the following motion:

\$120k will be taken out of the new fire station fund in the capital budget for the purpose of extending the Fire District #1 water line from Country Club Rd. up to the new fire station site at the four corners. This is contingent on enough funds being in the account.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Fire School.** Jr. said that two G.F.D. members want to go to fire school, and requested that he be allowed to approved this expense in the future without Board approval. Valdine noted that a Board member has to sign off on such an expense before it is disbursed.

Warren made the following motion:

Sue will be the Selectboard's G.F.D. liaison, and will approve day-to-day fire dept. expenses as necessary, in coordination with Chief Salls.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ROADS

Road Foreman Dan Tanner submitted a written roads report.

- **Bridge #7 Repairs.** The Board opened a sealed bid for repairs to Bridge #7 (in the Bend); this was the only bid received. The Board was uncomfortable acting on a single bid, and tabled the issue until Dan can be consulted. Warren observed that it's hard to approve a bid without knowing the scope of work (as determined by an engineer); additionally, he noted the town needs to know how urgent the repairs are.

Grant funds from the state have been earmarked for a large portion of the project's costs.

- **Limb Cutting on Town Roads.** The Board opened a sealed bid from NorthCo Land Management for cutting limbs along town roads; this was the only bid received. The Board was uncomfortable acting on a single bid, and tabled the issue until Dan can be consulted. Warren wondered if bids were solicited from other tree services.

TOWN CLERK – Valdine Hall

Tax Rate. Valdine gave the Board a document showing four possible tax rates, based on certain town expenses being either included or excluded. The Board reviewed document; Warren made the following motion:

The Board approves scenario #2, and sets the municipal tax rate at \$.4496. This budget scenario includes Caspian Milfoil Program reimbursements (\$11,690) and the Gravel Pit loan payment (\$92,060).

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **John Stone, Greensboro Association.** John told the Board that the G.A. has some extra funds that have built up over the years, and the G.A. Board voted to give the town a grant for village beautification, i.e. town park tree removal, fence improvements, etc. John said there are no strings attached to the grant, other than that members of the G.A. be free to contribute ideas. He suggested a committee be formed to decide what should be done with the grant. He noted that the G.A. is a 'Village Improvement Society'.

The G.A.'s annual membership meeting will be held on Friday 8/10, and John anticipates that the overall budget, including the proposed grant to the town, will pass.

- **Bobsy Daniels, Eligo Lake Association.**

Daniels told the Board that a gift of \$4800 to the E.L.A., earmarked for milfoil control, ended up in the milfoil account managed by the town and that it never should have. Daniels asked the town to return the funds to the E.L.A.; Valdine will check to see if this gift was indeed deposited into the town account, and if so, return the funds to the E.L.A.

Daniels said that there is approx \$26k remaining in the town's Eligo milfoil account; he did not clarify why these funds, which are remnants of many years of state grants, remain in the account.

He noted that Weevils are now being used for milfoil control, and have worked 'unbelievably well' so far.

Daniels said that the Selectboard, not the Town Clerk, has historically dealt with any issues pertaining to the Eligo Milfoil Program, and that the E.L.A. would like to keep it this way.

The E.L.A. will be requesting an extension from the state of the deadline for bottom barrier removal, and will be asking the Selectboard to write a letter of support for their extension request.

- **Hill Farmstead Brewery.** Shaun Hill has learned that he needs an 'Outside Consumption Permit' in order to serve beer produced by other breweries; this permit will need to be renewed annually. Peggy made the following motion:

The Board approves Hill Farmstead Brewery's Outside Consumption Permit.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Grange.** The town has applied for a grant from the VT Preservation Trust to improve the accessibility of the Grange. The Trust suggested that the Grange become a 501(c)3, which could encourage donations as they would be tax deductible.
- **Town Hall Roof.** The town hall roof painting should begin soon. It was noted that it could be a problem if the work is not wrapped up by the time school starts. The Board decided on dark green as the paint color for the roof.
- **Special Selectboard Meeting.** The Board has tentatively scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday, August 22 at 7 PM.

ADJOURNED: 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk