

Greensboro Selectboard

February 8, 2012 – Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Jefferson Tolman, Anne Stevens, Warren Hill, Jr., Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, June Cook, Erwin Salls, Jr., Jon Jewett, Aaron Cochran, Nat Smith

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

MINUTES: Jan. 11, 2012, Jan. 16, 2012, Feb. 1, 2012 approved as amended; Jan. 24, 2012 approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

No public concerns this evening.

ROADS

- Road Supervisor Dan Tanner was not present; the Board reviewed Dan's written roads report.
- Since it's been a slow winter, Peggy suggested that Dan spend some time and assess the town's Class III roads. Warren noted that he's asked Dan to do this but hasn't heard back yet.

Marsha made the following motion:

Dan will be asked to assess the condition of the town's Class III roads, and to report back to the Board at it's March meeting.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE

- *Police Report – Aaron Cochran, Acting Chief.* Aaron noted that two officers are now at the Police Academy for 16 weeks.
- *Police Contract.* Warren made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 7:40 PM to discuss the Police Contract, with Aaron Cochran and Jon Jewett present.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 8:05 PM. No action was taken by the Board; Jefferson and Warren will meet with Cochran and Jewett to further discuss the contract.

Peggy will send a draft indemnification clause to town attorney Glenn Howland for his review.

- *Hardwick/Greensboro Restorative Justice Center.* The center is expanding beyond Hardwick and Greensboro, and is asking the Board to approve a name change to the *Hardwick Area Community Justice Center*. The Board unanimously approved the name change.

DAVID KELLY'S PETITON TO CHANGE ZONING BYLAW

Discussion of whether it is proper for the Selectboard to take a position on the petition. Additional discussion on whether the Selectboard and Planning Commission can and/or should express an opinion at town meeting, to make voters aware of where the S.B. and P.C. stand on this issue. Jon Jewett reported that due to a recent change, Australian Ballot items can now be discussed at town meeting. Josh will call the Secretary of State's office to get details on this.

Peggy made the following motion:

The Selectboard will take a position on the matter of the Kelly petition.

Anne seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn by Peggy, and she made a new motion:

The Selectboard will not take a position on the matter of the Kelly petition.

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

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

- Chief Erwin Salls, Jr. told the Board that the fire dept. should soon be receiving a waiver, allowing the new fire station to be built before a connection to the public water system is available. He noted that their architect will have to remove the holding tank and related systems from the new fire station plans.
- *Contract with Stannard.* A bill has been sent to Stannard. There's been no response, but the deadline has not passed yet.
- Four members of the G.F.D. are attending fire school in Lyndonville.
- The March 3 fishing derby is being run again this year by the G.F.D. auxiliary.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Board reviewed Hill Farmstead Brewery's request to increase its annual discharge limit from 10,000 gallons to 25,000 gallons/yr. No action was taken by the Board.
- *Outside Audit.* The outside audit will begin sometime after June 30, 2012.
- *Town Report.* The town report has been sent to the printer's.
- Peggy told the Board that she had to edit the Selectboard's annual report.
- Valdine told the Board that the Four Seasons preschool may provide lunch at this year's town meeting.
- Lorelie Wheeler submitted her resignation as custodian of the Town Hall and Giving Closet coordinator, effective July 1, 2012. The Board unanimously accepted her resignation, and thanked her for her service. Valdine will advertise in May for her position.
- Marsha Gadoury resigned as town health officer, effective at town meeting.
- *Perrin Rd.* Anne reported that Mutrux Surveying estimated a cost of \$1000-2000 to survey and lay out a 'new' Perrin Rd. Town attorney Glenn Howland has recommended that the town go ahead and lay the road out, to effectively end the dispute of whether Perrin Rd. is a R.O.W., foot trail, or road. It was noted that the town has the power to do this.

Anne made the following motion:

Up to \$2000 may be spent to lay out Perrin Rd.

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

- *Greensboro Historical Society Lease.* The G.H.S.'s lease needs to be modified to include the shed that was transferred to the town by the Housing Authority.

Anne made the following motion:

The G.H.S.'s lease will be modified by town attorney Glenn Howland.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- After discussion, Peggy made the following motion:

The Selectboard will hold two regular meetings per month, beginning in March.

The motion did not receive a second.

Further discussion about extra meetings; no decision was made by the Board.

- Warren, on behalf of the town, thanked Selectboard members Marsha and Jefferson (who are not running again) for their service to the town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL MATTERS

Warren made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 9:15 PM to discuss legal matters.

Jefferson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:55 PM, and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 9:55 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk