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Greensboro Selectboard

June 13, 2012 – Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Anne Stevens, Warren Hill, Jr., Susan Wood, Peggy Lipscomb, Josh Karp, Valdine Hall, Dan Tanner, Erwin Salls, Jr., Victoria Von Hessert, June Cook, Jon Jewett, Clive Gray

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

MINUTES: Minutes from May 9, 2012 approved as amended.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

It was reported that Stanley Allen would like a ‘No Dogs Allowed’ sign in the Greensboro Bend Community Park. After discussion, Marsha made the following motion:

A sign will be installed at the Community Park in the Bend, reading “Please Clean Up After Your Dog”.

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
Dan will acquire and install the sign.

FUN RUN

Victoria Von Hessert, representing the Greensboro Association, told the Board that the Association wants to get the fun run started again. It would be on July 28th, starting early in the day and finishing up by 11 AM.

Victoria discussed safety and traffic control with H.P.D. Chief Cochran. Instead of closing Breezy Ave. for the start of the race, a cruiser will be used at the start. Cochran recommended lots of publicity ahead of time, good signage, traffic cones at all pertinent intersections, and a ‘floater’ volunteer car with flashers, water, etc. to assist police. Also, this car would be an important presence if the police get a call and have to leave early.

Discussion of whether there would be an extra fee for the police coverage; Hardwick town manager Jon Jewett said there would not.

Anne made the following motion:

The Selectboard approves the Fun Run event.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE

Hardwick town manager Jon Jewett was at the meeting to represent the H.P.D.

- The H.P.D. received a \$6k grant from the Governor’s Highway Safety Program. \$3k is earmarked for overall highway safety (i.e. increased patrols); \$3k is for DUI-specific patrols. This grant means that the H.P.D. will have an increased presence in Greensboro.

- There have been complaints that people are hanging out at the public beach after it is officially closed; Jewett said the H.P.D. will increase it's beach patrols.
- The speed cart has been used recently in the Bend; Jewett asked the Selectboard to let him know if there are specific problem areas where the cart could be set up.
- Discussion of Greensboro's July 4th celebrations (held on the 7th). Jewett directed parade organizer Clive Gray to coordinate the event with Chief Cochran.
- Discussion of a false alarm policy. Jewett said that Hardwick is instituting a false alarm policy, but that the Greensboro Selectboard would have to make it's own policy if it wants to collect fees. These fees would be collected independently of Hardwick and the H.P.D., since there is no mechanism for fees collected by the H.P.D. to be transferred to Greensboro.

GREENSBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Clive recommended to the Board that Erika Karp be appointed to the Greensboro Conservation Commission.

Anne made the following motion:

The Selectboard appoints Erika Karp to the Conservation Commission.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Clive noted that Erika will be serving as the new chair of the Commission.

He also noted that Elizabeth Metraux no longer lives in the area and has thus effectively resigned from the Commission.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

Jr. Salls told the Board that 2012 is the G.F.D.'s 100th anniversary, and that the Dept. is going to sell anniversary t-shirts at the town park during the July 7th celebrations. He also noted that the Dept. will be holding a panel discussion at the Greensboro Historical Society's annual meeting.

ROADS – Dan Tanner

- Repairs to Bridge #7 (in the Bend): grant paperwork has been submitted.
 - The loader has been repaired.
 - Roads are being graded as needed.
 - FEMA work on Shadow Lake Rd. has been completed by Gravel Construction.
 - No further estimates have been received for paving. Dan will try to get an estimate from Gray's.
- Peggy made the following motion:

The Roads committee (Marsha, Warren, Dan) can make a decision on a paving contractor.

Anne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Crushing should begin around July 15.
- Dan will be on vacation for two weeks. Ed Keene will be acting Road Supervisor, and will contact Marsha or Warren as needed.

- Discussion about the sidewalks up Breezy Ave. It seems like the water line repairs will need to be completed prior to any sidewalk work; Marsha will invite John Mackin of the Fire District to the next Board meeting to discuss this. Dan hoped that the extensive water line work is not done over the winter.
- **Road crew summer hours.** Warren told Dan that there was no need for the road crew to work any O.T. hours during the summer, except in emergencies. Dan agreed that if it looks like they will end up with more than 40 hours, they'll cut out early on Thursday afternoon to avoid O.T.
- **Willey Beach.** A culvert will be installed at the Willey Beach access, to make getting to the parcel easier. Dan will check with John Mackin about nearby water lines. Warren noted that the town should file a curb cut for this work.

TOWN CLERK – Valdine Hall

- NVDA will do a speed and traffic study on Garvin Hill Rd., and will hopefully do one on Hill Rd./Jaffin's Flat/Taylor Rd. as well.
- The town's PACIF grant was approved: the G.F.D. is getting turnout gear; the road crew is getting safety gear.
- **Ball Field Lease.** Warren made the following motion:

The Selectboard approves the ball field lease.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Board then signed the lease.

- **Extended Dental Benefits.** VLCT is giving towns the choice to 'opt in' to extended dental coverage for employee dependents; dependents can now have dental coverage until age 26 (instead of age 18). Valdine explained that the town's insurance rates would not go up if the town opted in to this better coverage (they could go up in the future if new road crew members are hired).

Anne made the following motion:

The town will opt in to extended dental coverage for town employees' dependents.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Accounting Software.** The town's outside auditor recommended that the town switch it's accounting software from QuickBooks to the NEMRC platform (which is used by most municipalities).

Valdine proposed that recording fees be used to pay the \$12,796 cost for the new software. Currently, half of recording fees go for records restoration, and half go into the general fund. It was unclear if changing what the recording fees are earmarked for would be reallocating funds that were approved by voters at town meeting for a specific purpose.

Discussion of the ongoing annual costs of switching to the NEMRC platform, such as updates, training, etc. Valdine was unsure of these costs.

Anne made the following motion:

The town will change it's accounting software to the NEMRC platform, and pay for this out of recording fees.

Peggy seconded the motion, which did not carry (A.S., P.L. in favor; M.G., W.H., S.W. against). Valdine will get more details about updates and annual costs, and keep in touch with Sue about this.

- Peggy made the following motion:

The Board appoints Marsha to represent the town at the June 22, 2012 sale of town properties with delinquent taxes.

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Warren made the following motion:

The Selectboard will sign the tax revenue anticipation note with Community National Bank.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Fire Protection Agreement with Stannard.** Stannard submitted an agreement, drafted by them and signed by their Selectboard.

The Selectboard felt that Greensboro should be the one to draft a contract, not Stannard. A few changes to Stannard's version will be made by Sue: 1) The payment formula will be adjusted every year by April 1 and payment will change every year accordingly; and 2) Greensboro will send Stannard incident reports on a per incident basis rather than annually.

Sue will bring a new contract draft to the Board's June 27th meeting.

- **Perrin Rd.** Peggy reported that town attorney Howland submitted his opinion on the preliminary Perrin Rd. survey. Discussion of whether the new R.O.W. should go all the way to river, as laid out by surveyor Wayne Mutrux.

Anne made the following motion:

The Board will accept the new Perrin Rd. survey as drawn up by Wayne Mutrux, and the Board will set a date for a public hearing on the new survey.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried (P.L., A.S., S.W., in favor; W.H., M.G. against)
The Board will hold a hearing to lay out the Class 4 road on Wed., August 1, at 6 PM – contingent upon whether Wayne Mutrux and Glenn Howland can make it.

Peggy will ask Howland how to properly word the hearing notice, and clarify the exact purpose and procedure of the hearing.

- **Greensboro Historical Society.**

- *Lease update.* Peggy reported that town attorney Howland has not gotten back to her about the Greensboro Historical Society lease.
- Valdine noted that it is the Town Hall's 100th anniversary. After discussion, it was agreed that the Historical Society's annual ice cream social might be a good time and place to celebrate this anniversary. Clive will ask G.H.S. president Willie Smith about this idea.
- Marsha made the following motion:

The Greensboro Historical Society has the authority to spend their own money on repairs to the storage shed roof.

Anne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Town hall roof.** Discussion of whether to ask additional contractors to bid on painting the town hall roof. Peggy made the following motion:

Due to time constraints, the Board will accept Blake Jenkins' bid of \$19,995 to paint the town hall roof.

Anne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Marsha made the following motion:

Michelle Laflam will be appointed to the recreation committee.

Anne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Marsha made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 9:46 PM to discuss personnel matters, to include Valdine Hall and Erwin Salls, Jr.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left the executive session at 10:20 PM.

The Board decided upon pay raises for the following town employees, effective July 1, 2012:

<i>EMPLOYEE</i>	<i>CURRENT PAY RATE</i>	<i>NEW PAY RATE</i>
Ed Keene	\$15.50 / hr.	\$15.75 / hr.
Don	\$14.50 / hr.	\$14.75 / hr.
Valdine Hall	\$44,720 (salary)	\$45,000 (salary)

All other town employees' pay rates remained unchanged.

ADJOURNED: 10:25 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk