

# Greensboro Selectboard

## June 27, 2012 Special Meeting – Minutes

**PRESENT:** Marsha Gadoury, Susan Wood, Peggy Lipscomb, Josh Karp, Valdine Hall, Nat Smith, Nancy Hill, Clive Gray, June Cook, Peter Romans

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:04 PM

**MINUTES:** Minutes from June 13, 2012 approved.

### **PUBLIC CONCERNS**

There were no public concerns this evening.

### **WILLEY BEACH ACCESS, NEW FIRE STATION WATER LINE**

- The Selectboard discussed installing a culvert at the Willey Beach access (between the parsonage and the Altman's). Nat Smith and the Board reviewed prints from Leach Engineering showing the location of the current water lines; there appears to be an existing water line directly where the culvert would be placed. Nat will discuss the following with Leach Engineering: *the town is considering putting in a vehicle access to the Willey Beach property, which would include a culvert, and a possible gravel driveway leading to a parking area. How would this impact the water line? During the upcoming water line upgrades, should line location and/or depth be modified to make this work?*
- Discussion of the water line for the new fire station. Nat told the Board that if the town has the new fire station spur installed when the fire district does it's water line upgrade, it would cost approx. \$119,750, "surely less than what the same construction would cost" if done at a later date. However, the town would need to have financing in place by this fall for the work to be done along with the fire district's project.

### **GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT. – Contract with Stannard**

Sue presented a draft contract to the Board, which she had modified per last meeting's discussion.

Peggy made the following motion:

*The Selectboard approves the Fire Protection Agreement between Greensboro and Stannard.  
The Board will sign the contract and send it on to Stannard.*

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (NOTE: Warren Hill and Anne Stevens were not present at this meeting to vote)

### **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – Valdine Hall**

- **Budget Report.** The FY 2012 budget was reviewed.
- **Filling Open Town Positions.** Marsha and Valdine interviewed eight applicants for the following town positions: 1) Town Hall custodian; 2) Giving Closet and Wednesday Recycling; 3) Relief person for custodian, giving closet, and recycling.

Marsha and Valdine made the following recommendations:

- *Town Hall custodian:* Audria Cleveland. She would be paid \$18/hr. and be an independent contractor.
- *Giving Closet and Wednesday Recycling:* Aleta Akerlind. She would be paid \$10/hr., and be a part-time town employee without benefits.
- *Relief person for giving closet and recycling:* Charlie Davidson. He would be paid \$10/hr., and be a part-time town employee without benefits.

Marsha made the following motion:

*The Board accepts Marsha and Valdine's recommendations for the three town positions.*

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Peggy and Marsha will clarify with the school principal which parts of the town hall will be cleaned by the town, and which parts will be cleaned by the school.

- **Heating Oil & Diesel Fuel.** The Board will discuss putting heating oil and diesel fuel out to bid at a future meeting.
- **NEMRC Software.** Valdine proposed that half of recording fees go to pay for this new software, with the other half coming from the town clerk's I/T budget.

Peggy made the following motion:

*The town will switch its accounting software from Quickbooks to the NEMRC software.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Town Web Site.** The new town web site should be up and running by the week of July 8.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Perrin Rd.** The Board reviewed the draft warning for the Perrin Rd. hearing. The short version will go in the Gazette, the longer version will be posted around town. At a meeting held soon after the hearing, the Board will decide whether or not the new Perrin Rd. R.O.W. shall be laid out as proposed. Marsha made the following motion:

*The Board will sign the warnings for the Perrin Rd. public hearing.*

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Peggy made the following motion:

*The Greensboro Selectboard will initiate proceedings to lay out a road on the site of the old Perrin Rd., following the proper processes as set forth in 19 V.S.A. § 708(a). The Board will meet at the site of Old Perrin Rd. on August 1, 2012 at 6 PM, and then at the Collier Room at the town hall at 6:30 PM, for the purpose of receiving testimony and hearing all persons interested in the matter of whether the Town shall lay out a Class 4 public highway on the site of the old Perrin Rd.*

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **GHS Lease update.** Peggy told the Board that town attorney Glenn Howland promised the Historical Society's lease update would be ready for tonight's meeting; it wasn't.
- **Grange Purchase.** The Selectboard and Greensboro Grange have come to an agreement, whereby the town will purchase the Grange Hall for \$8000, with funds coming from the recreation committee's budget. Valdine said that the Grange will be kept as a public space, and will continue to be used as it has been: those who want to use the building apply to the recreation committee.

The Board reviewed the warranty deed for the Grange purchase. Sue made the following motion:

*The Board accepts the warranty deed for the Grange purchase.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Peter Romans – Energy Committee: Town Hall Energy Audit.** An energy audit was done on the town hall a number of years ago and many inefficiencies were found. Peter told the Board that the Energy Committee would like to get quotes for some of the recommended work. Quotes will cost the town nothing, and there would be no obligation to do the work. Peter will present the quotes to the Board, and noted that there is the potential to reduce heating costs by 20-30%.

Marsha made the following motion:

*The energy committee may get quotes for the town hall energy efficiency work that was recommended by the energy audit, with no cost or obligation to the town.*

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Valdine said there may be some funds available now for some smaller projects, but that any large project would have to be done after July 1, 2013.

- **Caspian Arts Festival & Catering.** Caterers are supposed to get permission from the town to serve alcohol at catered events; the upcoming Caspian Arts Festival will be a catered event where alcohol will be served. Marsha made the following motion:

*The Board approves the serving of wine and beer at the Caspian Arts Festival.*

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Discussion of whether the Lakeview Inn should be getting town permission for each event it holds where alcohol is served, and whether catered events on private property need the town's permission. Valdine will look into this.

- **Public Beach.** Traditionally, Hardwick has not paid property tax to Greensboro for the Caspian Lake public beach, which is owned by the Hardwick Electric Dept. The state is now requiring Greensboro to collect property taxes on the Beach. Sue went to a Hardwick Selectboard meeting, and reported that the Town of Hardwick controls the Public Beach property and that the H.E.D. is trying to stay out of this.

Property that is primarily used for public recreation may be exempt from taxes. Valdine reported that Hardwick has filed a grievance with Greensboro on this basis, and that the Greensboro listers have not issued a decision yet. According to the state, even if the listers accept the tax exemption,

Greensboro voters still have to approve it. However, if the voters approve, the town of Greensboro is still responsible for the Beach’s property tax payment to the state.

Marsha noted that for years, there has been good cooperation between Greensboro and Hardwick regarding the Beach, and suggested that the two Selectboards meet to discuss this issue after the Greensboro listers make their decision.

- **Pay Rate – Planning Commission and Zoning Board.** The rates of pay for Planning Commission and Zoning Board members was reviewed. After discussion, the Board agreed on the following pay rates:

	stipend per meeting	stipend per site visit
<b>Zoning Board chair &amp; members</b>	\$10	\$10
<b>Zoning Board clerk</b>	\$10 + \$25 for minutes	\$10
<b>Planning Commission chair &amp; members</b>	\$10	\$10
<b>Planning Commission clerk</b>	\$10 + \$15 for minutes	\$10

Peggy made the following motion:

*The Board sets the rates of pay for Planning Commission and Zoning Board members as just discussed.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Hill Farmstead Brewery.** The Brewery is requesting special event permits for five special events:

1. *Bottle Release.* July 4 – 7, 11 AM – 6 PM
2. *Bottle Release.* July 11 – 14, 11 AM – 6 PM
3. *Special Bottle Release.* July 18 – 21, 10 AM – 6 PM
4. *Celebration of Farmhouse Ales.* August 8 – 11, 12 PM – 9 PM
5. *Fall Harvest Celebration.* September 21 – 22, 10 AM – 7 PM

Marsha made the following motion:

*The Board approves these special events at the Hill Farmstead Brewery.*

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Lamoille County Sheriff’s Dept. – Contract for Dispatch Services.** The cost of dispatch services has increased over last year. After discussion, Peggy made the following motion:

*The Board accepts the Dispatch Contract with the Lamoille County Sheriff’s Dept., covering dispatch services from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013, at a cost of \$23,578.50.*

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNED: 9:28 PM**

*Respectfully submitted,* Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk

*AMENDED 7/16/12 J.K.*