

Greensboro Selectboard

May 9, 2012 – Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Anne Stevens, Warren Hill, Jr., Susan Wood, Josh Karp, Kevin Rich, Dan Tanner, Wayne Mutrux

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 PM

MINUTES: Minutes from April 11, 2012 and April 25, 2012 approved as amended.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

Tree in memory of Steve Greaves.

Anne made the following motion:

A lilac in memory of Steve Greaves will be purchased, and paid for out of the Selectboard's discretionary fund.

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

KEVIN RICH – town dog warden

Marsha told Kevin that there have been a few complaints about his work as town dog warden; Kevin refuted the complaints that were brought up.

He said he always follows the town's dog ordinance, and often does even more than is required. Kevin said that lost dogs are first advertised at Willey's and in the Hardwick Gazette, and on local radio if necessary.

Kevin told the Board that if there are any further complaints to please get in touch with him.

POLICE

No member of the H.P.D. was present, and there was no discussion of police issues at the meeting.

ROADS

- 1. Changing Speed Limits.** Marsha reported that according to the H.P.D., the Selectboard can:
1) lower any 50 MPH speed limit to 35 MPH, and 2) raise any 35 MPH speed limit to 50 MPH. To lower a 35 MPH speed limit, outside studies would be required.
- 2. Class 3 & 4 Roads.** No further discussion at this time.
- 3.** Dan told the Board that the loader will be worked on next week.
- 4. Paving.** It was agreed that the highest priority for paving this year is the Bend Road, from Greensboro Village P.O. down to Rick Walsh's house. Dan has received a bid from Pike Industries for the work; he will ask Whitcomb's for a bid as well.

5. **Bridge Work.** The bridge going into the Bend (directly across from the Bend Rd./Rt. 16 intersection) has had issues ever since tropical storm Irene came through. Grant money from the state may be forthcoming to pay for a portion of the repairs.
6. **Road Crew – rollover time.** Marsha will work with Valdine to make sure that the road crew is on track with their rollover time.
7. **Gravel.** Discussion of using some forthcoming FEMA money (earmarked for Irene-related general road work) to crush some large stones to use for ditch work, etc. Dan thought this could likely be done by Chief Crushing after he finishes crushing the town's gravel (he will already be set up at the town's Glover pit).
8. **Howard Lyman.** Lyman's driveway is across from the intersection of Young Rd and Rt.16. His driveway is a Class 4 road that was damaged during Irene; he had not wanted to wait for the town to get to it and paid for a private contractor to do the repairs. He recently asked the town to pay for some of these repairs, noting that any amount of reimbursement would be acceptable. The Board discussed this, but did not approve any reimbursement.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Perrin Rd. Update.** Surveyor Wayne Mutrux presented a preliminary survey of Perrin Rd., which clearly delineates a new R.O.W. that is 'more or less' in the same place as the existing road/R.O.W. that has been there for well over a century. When the process of laying out the 'new' R.O.W. is completed, Perrin Rd. will be a documented public R.O.W., and as such will be accessible to anyone who wants to use it.

Mutrux noted the R.O.W., as he laid it out, is narrower than typical rights-of-way due to buildings on either side; the Board agreed that the R.O.W. shouldn't be any wider than necessary and that the 20' width is wide enough to be of practical use by the public.

Anne made the following motion:

Wayne Mutrux can send the preliminary survey of Perrin Rd. to town attorney Howland for his review.

Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

It was noted that the town is 'laying out' a road, not 'putting in' a road.

2. **Noise Ordinance.** Anne feels like there is still an issue with events being too loud at the Lakeview Inn; discussion of the town enacting a noise ordinance. Both Warren and Sue felt that this would need to go to the voters and not be solely a Selectboard decision.

The Board agreed that residents should call the police if there's a noise problem. The police will enforce the state noise ordinance.

3. **Town Park – Tree.** The new tree committee (Marsha Gadoury, Nat Smith, Mike Lammert, Sue Wood) met, discussed the tree, and agreed that it should be cut down. Henceforth, a small tree would be brought in and lit up during the holidays. Marsha noted that part of the decision was due to some residents' opinion that the current light arrangement is ugly, replacement bulbs being expensive (at least \$100/yr), and the fact that Hardwick Electric Dept. will be charging \$150 to string them.

Warren observed that two years ago, there was a landslide voice vote at town meeting to keep the tree, and that it would be wrong for the Selectboard to go against the wishes of the town. Discussion; no decision was made at this time.

4. **Michelle Laflam – Rec. Committee.** Michelle is interested in serving on the Recreation Committee. The Board would like her to send them a letter of interest.
5. **Greensboro Fire Dept. – Contract with Stannard.** No update at this time.
6. **Town Hall Roof.** The Board reviewed a bid for town hall roof work from Blake Jenkins Painting, Inc. The bid was \$19,995 to blast, prime, and paint the entire roof.
It was noted that this level of repair work is not a short-term patch job, and should keep the roof in good shape for a number of years. Discussion of containment of dust and debris from the blasting. Could there be any lead dust created during this process?
The Board will ask Valdine how much money there is in the budget for town hall roof work. The Board did not accept Blake Jenkins' bid at this time.
7. **Planning Commission.** Planning Commission clerk and chair Josh Karp has stepped down from those positions, and resigned as member of the Planning Commission. The Board thanked him for his many years of service to the town as a member of the Planning Commission.
Josh told the Board that the Planning Commission has decided to have a separate clerk and chair, and that the Board needs to decide on a pay rate for these positions. Marsha noted that there also needs to be more clarity on Z.B.A. pay rates. After discussion, the Board asked Josh to research P.C. and Z.B.A. pay.

ADJOURNED: 9:06 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk

AMENDED 6/19/12 J.K.