

(draft only – unapproved by Selectboard)

Greensboro Selectboard

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2011

PRESENT: Warren Hill, Anne Stevens, Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Jefferson Tolman, Josh Karp, Valdine Hall, Tiffany Perry, Jeff Perry, Janet Long, June Cook

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes

Minutes from 2/9/11 approved as amended.

Selectboard Reorganization

1. Peggy Lipscomb was unanimously approved as Board chair.
2. Jefferson Tolman was unanimously approved as Board vice chair.
3. The Hardwick Gazette will continue to be the town's official Newspaper of Record.
4. Selectboard meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7 PM, at the Town Hall. Board members agreed unofficially to keep the fourth Wednesday of the month open, in case an additional monthly meeting is needed.
5. The Board liaisons for 2011 will be:
 - *Farmer's Market:* Anne Stevens
 - *Road Department:* Warren Hill
 - *Historical Society:* Anne Stevens
 - *Perry's (driveway plowing):* Anne Stevens

**(Note: the Board decided to make all of the above decisions effective as of their April 13 meeting)*

Driveway Plowing - Jeff & Tiffany Perry

The Board noted that the recent snow storm was exceptional, and thanked Perry's for their hard work. Jeff noted that it took longer than usual to get all the driveways plowed out, and that there were some complaints. He asked the Board what they could do better next time. Jefferson noted that the town crew also had a hard time during the storm, and that all concerned did about as good as they could, given the situation.

Discussion of who calls Perry's out. Road Foreman Dan Tanner generally calls out Perry's, but Jeff said they will go out prior to hearing from Dan, if conditions warrant. Jeff noted that since he lives in Hardwick, he is often not aware of conditions in Greensboro and in general, needs Dan to call him out. Jeff said that communication between himself and Dan is good.

Warren had trouble communicating with the road crew during the storm, and observed that a portable radio would allow him to contact the crew directly. Currently, when the crew is on the road, the only way to contact them is through Georgette Brochu.

Anne made the following motion:

The Board approves up to \$500 to purchase a portable radio.

Marsha seconded the motion. After discussion Anne withdrew the motion.

Peggy made the following motion:

The Board approves the acquisition of a portable radio, by the best possible means.

Anne seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Discussion about using one of the Fire Dept.'s old radios; Jefferson will look into this.

Discussion of a few of the town roads that are plowed by Perry's:

- *Aaron Kromash.* Jeff has been plowing Aaron's driveway, which is actually a short stretch of town road; Jeff would like to stop plowing it. Historically, Aaron hasn't wanted the larger & noisier town trucks to plow his driveway, but the Board seemed to think that since the stretch is indeed a town road, it is more appropriate that the the town road crew plow it than Perry's. Perry's will still clean up after the town truck has been through.
- *Harrington Rd.* This town road is also currently plowed by Perry's. However, since it is difficult for the large town trucks to get in and out of there, Jeff said they are OK with continuing to plow it.

A letter about driveway plowing will be sent out by the town, perhaps along with the tax bills in July. The letter will include the following requests:

- *Make sure your 911 address numbers are visible, even with high snowbanks;*
- *In case of a large snow storm, have a several-day supply of food for your household and any animals you may have;*
- *Be patient with the road crew and driveway plowing contractor;*
- *Emergencies will be taken care of immediately;*
- *Use 6' reflectors to mark your driveway perimeter and nearby objects*
- *If you rent out your property, please give your tenants a copy of this letter.*

Greensboro Fire Dept.

1. *Contract with Stannard.* Greensboro provides Stannard with fire protection services (via. the G.F.D.). It appears that the last contract between the two towns was signed in 1992. It also appears that Stannard has not been billed for this service in recent years.

Jefferson will discuss this with Stannard Selectboard member Rachael Hexter.

A new contract needs to be written up.

2. *New Fire Station.*

- The Board appointed Peggy to be the liaison between the G.F.D. and the Selectboard.
- *Bonding.* Peggy told the Board that bond lawyer Paul Guiliani has been used by many other towns and has a good reputation. He will create a timeline for the bonding process, a checklist of required actions, and will write the required 'Resolution of Public Necessity'.

Peggy made the following motion:

The Selectboard authorizes Paul Guiliani to be hired as the Town's bond counsel; he will assist the town in obtaining a bond in order to fund the new fire station project.

Marsha seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Valdine will make initial contact with Guiliani, and will let Jr. Salls know about this development.

Roads

1. The P.A.C.I.F. grant application will include \$2350 for half the cost of a post pounder (for the road crew).
2. *Town Garage furnace.* The town received two bids for replacing the furnace at the town garage. Jefferson heard from a third contractor that the furnace could not possibly be using the amount of fuel oil it appears to be, and that a new furnace is unnecessary. The Board tabled the decision on replacing the furnace; Valdine will let the contractors know.
Warren will inspect the fuel tank at the town garage. Valdine will obtain a report detailing fuel oil and diesel deliveries over the past two years.
On a separate note, Valdine said that it appears the town has been paying the library's fuel oil bill; she will look into this.
3. Warren noted that it would be prudent to shop around for Diesel and fuel oil, rather than just use Fred's year after year.
4. The Board unanimously agreed to put up a 'Blind Person' sign on Hank's hill, at a resident's request. Peggy will write a draft road sign policy.
5. *Storm Drains.* Marsha met with John Mackin, Tim Short, Jim Cook, Ed Keene, and Dan Tanner about replacing the old storm drains on Wilson St. John Mackin (for the fire district) is open to the idea of the town replacing the storm drains when the fire district is having water lines replaced. The group will meet again in April to discuss this further.
6. *Greensboro Bend sidewalks.* Discussion of doing some minor repairs this year. It is possible that there will be state highway money in the future to repair sidewalks.
7. Valdine will make an appointment with Scott Keysar (VTrans) for an April meeting; Warren and Peggy will also attend.
8. The Board signed grant paperwork relating to town Bridge #6 (on the E. Craftsbury Rd, over Porter Brook).

Selectboard Appointments

Road Supervisor	<i>Dan Tanner</i>
Conservation Commission	<i>Elizabeth Metraux, David Metraux, Mark McGrath</i>
Health Officer	<i>Marsha Gadoury</i>
Deputy Health Officer	<i>Unfilled</i>
Tree Warden	<i>Judy Carpenter</i>
Animal Control Officer	<i>Kevin Rich</i>
Energy Coordinator	<i>Anne Stevens</i>
Civil Defense	<i>Rod Kerr</i>
Recreation Committee	<i>Valdine Hall, Ted Donlon, Mary McGrath, Erika Karp</i>
Zoning Board of Adjustment	<i>Janet Travers</i>
Fence Viewers	<i>Kristen Leahy, Harold Tolman</i>
Planning Commission	<i>Phil Gray, Mark Snyder (interim appointment – fills Ralph Boyd's seat)</i>
Town Service Officer	<i>Unfilled</i>
Town Forest Fire Warden	<i>Patricia Mercier</i>
Caspian Lake Beach Committee	<i>Aileen Gebbie, William Eisner, Jr., Diane Irish, Janet Long, Marsha Gadoury, Leigh Mezzetti</i>

Emergency Committee	<i>Anne Stevens, Wayne Young, Valdine Hall, Sally Lonegren, Tim Nisbit, Eric Pilbin, Andy Dales</i>
Energy Committee	<i>Tom Hurst, Valerie Carter, Anne Stevens, Sr. Bernadette Bostwick, Judy Carpenter, Cheryl Fisher, Clive Gray, Tony Hinds, Erika Karp, Nancy Potak</i>

Marsha will see if Tony Acheson will ask his congregation if anyone would be interested in serving as the town deputy health officer and/or town service officer.

Executive Session

Jefferson made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:25 PM, with Valdine Hall present.

Anne seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:45 PM, and took no action.

Other Business

The Board signed the fireworks contract with Northstar Fireworks.

ADJOURNED: 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted , Josh Karp, Selectboard clerk