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Greensboro Selectboard

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2011

PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Jefferson Tolman, Warren Hill, Jr., Anne Stevens, Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Erwin Salls, Jr., June Cook, Rod Kerr, Dan Tanner

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from September 14, 2011 approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

ROADS

- *Irene damage to the E. Craftsbury Rd. (by Dales' driveway).* Dan reported that if the work is completed soon, 100% will be paid by FEMA. Dan has contacted Gravel Construction and they could start in a few weeks.

Discussion about Hazard Mitigation Program road improvements vs. storm repairs.

Warren made the following motion:

The Board awards the E. Craftsbury Rd. work to Gravel Construction.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Paving on Garven Hill Rd. is complete, except for the shoulders (which will be done soon).
- The road crew has been preparing trucks & roads for winter.
- Work paid for through the Better Backroads program has been wrapped up.
- Dan gave the Board a heads-up that the town's excavator is in need of major repairs.
- Discussion of plowing arrangements with Hardwick, Wheelock, and Craftsbury.
 - ❖ *Cate Hill Rd.* Historically, the town pays Craftsbury approx. \$1500 per year to plow Greensboro's part of Cate Hill Rd. Discussion of alternatives to this arrangement. After discussion, it was decided that Dan will ask Perry's to plow our section (to be counted as an additional driveway).
 - ❖ *Gonyaw Rd.* Greensboro plows approx. 1/3 of mile into Wheelock, and apparently hasn't billed for this service for many years. Marsha will let Wheelock know that Greensboro is looking to draw up a new contract (the last one dates from 1981).
Dan will come up with a cost for plowing this stretch. Jefferson noted that in lieu of payment, the town could trade plowing for summer hauling.
Dan also noted that he grades the same stretch of road.
- *Physical Cards for road crew.* Dan will make sure all road crew members have up-to-date physical cards, and will copy licenses of road crew members for town files.

- *Culverts.*
 - The Board reviewed the amended culvert policy. It will be finished at the next meeting.
 - Rod Kerr and Jr. Salls noted that the G.F.D. flushes culverts from time to time; it was agreed that this is a good preventative practice.
- *Beavers.* Mike Leonard trapped two problem beavers (he gets paid \$50/each).

PLOWING CONTRACT WITH PERRY'S

Although the town agreed to a three-year contract with Perry's last August (for plowing driveways), a formal contract was never signed.

Peggy made the following motion:

The Board approves the plowing contract with Perry's as written.

Jefferson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

- The Board asked Rod and Jr. about a memorial gesture from the town, for long-time Chief Dave Brochu who recently passed away. A scholarship to the Fire Academy was discussed. The two will ask the rest of the G.F.D for their thoughts.
- *Stannard Contract.* Peggy has tried but had no luck contacting the Stannard folks who have been designated as reps. to discuss the contract with Greensboro. Warren noted that he ran into Stannard Selectboard member Rachael Hexter, and told her that a meeting must be promptly arranged.

Jr. Salls said that the G.F.D. has accurate enough figures that the town could simply give Stannard a proposal, if they won't make the effort meet with us. Peggy presented a list of possible ways to calculate Stannard's fee. Rod noted that Greensboro might be better off asking for less than it could, because the G.F.D. will be the first responder to Stannard fire calls no matter what, and could simply contract with a different department.

In the last ten years, Stannard has made five payments to the town for fire protection services, the last being \$5670 in 2008. Warren felt the new agreement should state that Stannard must make it's payment by a certain date annually. This puts the onus to them to pay, rather than on Greensboro to collect.

Warren will call Rachel Sunday evening if she doesn't get in touch with him before that. Jr. said that one of Stannard's reps. is on the G.F.D., and that he will ask her to get the process going as well.

- *Discussion of G.F.D. structure.* The Dept. is a municipal fire dept., meaning the Selectboard must officially appoint its officers; it has been a number of years since the Selectboard has done so. The Selectboard, and G.F.D. members Rod and Jr., agreed that the Dept. will continue to decide internally who their officers are, but will then make a 'recommendation' to the Selectboard which will then (except in an unusual case) make the formal appointments.

The Dept. will present it's recommendations for officers on the Oct. 26th Selectboard meeting.

- Although Fire District #1 water line project was approved, funding wasn't available, so the project must be put off for a year. Since the new fire station is planning on hooking into a new extension of the water line, it's construction must also be delayed an additional year, until 2014.

- Jefferson thanked the G.F.D. and Hardwick Rescue members who helped put up Tim Nesbit's wood after his recent injury. More than 30 people took part in the effort.

OLD BUSINESS

- *Homestead Penalty Policy.* Valdine explained that this is the first year the penalties are at the town discretion: in prior years, the penalties were required by the state. The policy, as presented by Valdine, was discussed and amended, and will be signed at the next meeting.
- *Willey Beach.* The town will put up a sign as soon as possible next spring. Hazen Forestry and Eagle Scouts were discussed as folks who might be interested in working on the parcel to improve public access. It was noted that since public access is required, a parking area will probably need to be created.
- *Bidding policy for selling old town equipment.* Tabled.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Josh told the Board that the Planning Commission is active again, and would like to review the wages the clerk and chair receive. He will email Peggy background on this.
- Josh told the Board that he cannot make many of the monthly N.E.K. Waste District Board meetings, and that the District would greatly appreciate it if an alternate could be found. He will put an ad in the Gazette seeking an alternate Board member.
- The Selectboard will hold a special meeting on Wed. October 26, at 7 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jefferson made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 10 PM, to discuss personnel matters.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 10:25 PM, taking no action.

ADJOURNED: 10:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard clerk