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Greensboro Selectboard

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2011

PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Jefferson Tolman, Warren Hill, Jr., Anne Stevens, Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Erwin Salls, Jr., Joe Laporte, Anne Laporte, June Cook, Janet Long, John Mackin, Clive Gray, Nan Perron, Nancy Hill, Tom Vickery, Kim Greaves, Jenny Stoner, Sgt. Aaron Cochrane, Jon Jewett

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes

Minutes from July 20, 2011 approved; August 10, 2011 minutes approved as amended.

Executive Session

Peggy made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 7:10 PM to discuss the town's C.L.A. appeal, with Tom Vickery and Valdine Hall present.

The Board left executive session at 7:37 PM.

Marsha made the following motion:

The Town will move forward with the C.L.A. appeal process that the state has brought against the town. We will use Jeff Kilgore as our attorney, due to similar cases in Stowe and Waterbury that he is handling.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Anne made the following motion:

We are in agreement and will sign the Stipulation and Agreement for the Bascom appeal before the state appraiser.

Jefferson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Concerns

- *Janet Long.* Janet asked the Board to ‘grandfather’ Shirley Hall so she can resume selling baked goods on Willey’s Green during the summer. Shirley set up on the Green for 14 years until this year, when the Board closed the Saturday market in order to promote the Thursday Farmer’s Market. Anne made the following motion:

Shirley Hall may resume selling baked goods on Willey’s Green, even when the Farmer’s Market is in operation.

Peggy seconded the motion, which did not carry (A.S. in favor; W.H., M.G., P.L., J.T. opposed).

- *Shaun Hill.* Shaun has requested a change to his Oct. 1, 2011 special event: it would instead begin Sept. 30 at noon. After discussion, Jefferson made the following motion:

The Board approves Shaun Hill's request, to begin his upcoming event on Sept. 30, 2011 at noon.

Peggy seconded the motion, which was carried (M.G., J.T., A.S., P.L. in favor; W.H. abstained)

- *Anne Laporte.* Anne asked the Board: when did Hardwick notify Greensboro that the H.P.D. is going to an on-call system? Jefferson replied that he was notified on August 26. She then asked the Board if Greensboro should be entitled to a refund, since it is no longer getting the 24-7 coverage it is paying for? Anne added that Hardwick taxpayers will want to know if Greensboro will be requesting a refund.

Warren told Anne that although Board members may have personal feelings about the fact that Joe Laporte is no longer the police chief, they sit here tonight as town officials, and should not comment.

Anne then asked the Board if it was aware that another H.P.D. officer is leaving next week; Warren said that he had been told this personally by the officer himself.

Roads

- *Contract with Perry's for driveway plowing.* It was noted that there was not a written contract last year, and that an agreement should be drawn up and signed. Valdine and Marsha will create a draft contract, get input from Selectboard members, and invite Perry's to the next Board meeting for discussion.
- *Stay-mat at back of Town Hall.* After discussion, Marsha made the following motion:
The road crew will put down stay-mat at the recycling center when conditions permit in the spring.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Reps from F.E.M.A. met with Valdine to discuss damage from tropical storm Irene.
- John Mackin reported that beavers have rebuilt the dam on Nancy Gomes' property and that the water is approaching the road.

Greensboro Fire Dept. – Jr. Salls

- *Water line.* Jr. Salls told the Board that it may make the most sense to hook the new fire station up to an extension of the Greensboro Fire Dist. #1 water system. It would cost approx. \$120k to run the line, but the line would likely be eligible for approx. 50% cost-sharing, since the upcoming water line improvement project is receiving that for construction costs.

Jr. said that the alternative – drilling a well – has many unknowns: well cost, yield, and quality, cost of running a separate 3 phase power line for sprinkler pump, setting large tank under the floor for sprinkler, etc. With a line from the Fire District, the Dept. would know the quantity and quality of the water, and avoid many construction headaches and costs.

Jr. told the Board that if decided on, the water line extension would delay the building of the new fire station for another year, as the line wouldn't be completed until 2013; the new F.D. plan and scope of work would require changes as well.

John Mackin suggested that the town pursue grant money for the new fire station.

Warren said that the water line extension sounds like the way to go, but that the Board needs the details firmed up before an approval can be given. John Mackin agreed to ask the Water District's engineer exactly what the town needs to do in order to add the line extension to the scope of work of the Water District's upcoming line improvement project.

Valdine will look into whether funding for the water line extension would need to be approved by the voters.

- *Contract with Stannard.* Jr. Salls told the Board that Stannard would pay approx. 8% of the G.F.D.'s budget, based on the past six years of data. Peggy said that she's been trying to set up a meeting between Stannard and Greensboro to discuss the contract but has had trouble getting a hold of folks in Stannard's; she asked Stannard Selectboard chair Rachael Hexter to schedule the meeting.

Peggy called about 15 towns, inquiring about their fire departments, and found only two shared-dept. arrangements; she asked V.L.C.T. to find more examples.

Executive Session

Warren made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:32 PM to discuss police contract matters, with Jon Jewett, Sgt. Aaron Cochrane, and Valdine Hall present.

Jefferson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:25 PM.

Peggy made the following motion:

Warren will be Greensboro's representative to the new police chief search committee, if asked by Hardwick.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Old Business

- *Perrin Rd. status.* The Board reviewed a letter from Greensboro Historical Society president Ernest Lapierre, requesting that the Board make a decision on the road's status. Peggy said that town attorney Bill Davies has been unable to schedule a discussion between himself and Mr. Massey's lawyer. She also said that Mr. Davies suggested the Board refrain from discussing the issue in public session, and advised the Board not to release his earlier opinion letter to the public.

Jenny Stoner noted that access to the lower part of Willey's store is now blocked by boulders in the roadway; Warren said that this may be true, but that no complaints have been received from Willey's, or John Makau either.

- The second Town Hall roof bid will be tabled until next March.
- *Homestead penalty policy:* tabled until next meeting.

Other Business

- *Numbers on houses & camps.* Warren noted that numbers are often hidden or missing, which causes real trouble for the rescue squad, fire dept., and police. After discussion, it was decided that Anne will bring the issue up to the Greensboro Association, and Warren will work on a letter to the Gazette.
- Peggy will attend the V.A.S.T. / Lamoille Valley Rail Trail hearing on Sept. 20.
- *Willey Beach / letter from state.* The town-owned Willey Beach property is not currently being used for anything; according to the state, it needs to have a sign and some sort of public access.

After discussion, this issue was tabled until next month. In the meantime, Valdine will look into sign options.

- *Painting Recycling Containers.* After discussion, Anne made the following motion:
Painting of the Recycling Center will be added to the town hall roof bid next spring.
Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Peggy made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 10:03 PM to discuss legal matters, with Valdine Hall and Josh Karp present.

Jefferson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 10:45 PM.

Jefferson made the following motion:

The Board will send a directive letter to Bill Davies, under attorney-client privilege.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED: 10:45 PM

Respectfully submitted , Josh Karp, Selectboard clerk