

Greensboro Selectboard

April 25, 2012 – Special Meeting – Minutes

PRESENT: Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Anne Stevens, Warren Hill, Jr., Susan Wood, Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Erwin Salls, Jr., June Cook, Dan Tanner, Mike Lammert

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:08 PM

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT. – Contract with Stannard

Sue presented a new formula for calculating Stannard's share of the G.F.D.'s budget, using both the number of dwellings and grand list. This new formula was used to calculate what Stannard will owe the town next year.

Stannard was billed \$5,866 for G.F.D. services for this year (from 7/1/11 to 6/30/12). This bill was recently paid. Peggy noted that this new bill, for \$7,322, is slightly less than the 'original' Rian Fried formula.

Anne made the following motion:

The Board accepts the new funding formula for calculating Stannard's share of the G.F.D. budget, as presented by Sue Wood. Using this new formula, the bill for FY 2013 will be \$7,321.82.

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ROADS

- 1. Curb Cuts.** It was agreed that Dan will inspect and approve curb cuts, and Warren will sign off on them for the Selectboard.
- 2. Class 3 & 4 Roads.** Discussion of whether all Class 3 roads that are driveways – with one house on them – should be turned into Class 4 roads. Class 3 roads that are driveways – with more than one house – would remain Class 3. It was noted that any change would need to be consistently made throughout the town, and that a public hearing would be held prior to any Selectboard vote.

Warren felt that each road would be a unique situation, and that it would be a mistake to unilaterally say 'every Class 3 road with one house on it will be converted to a Class 4 road.' However you do it, it won't be an easy process, he noted. Discussion included effect on emergency services access, school bus access, and property values. On the last point, former lister Valdine Hall said that property values would not likely be affected, as houses are not listed for more if they have a Class 3 road as their driveway.

Peggy wondered how other towns deal with this. VLCT and the town attorney should be asked for their opinions.

Discussion of private roads (i.e. around the lake) that are maintained cooperatively by those who live on them.

The Board decided to have the assistant town clerks do more research on this issue; Valdine was unsure if this could be completed by next month's Selectboard meeting.

3. **Free gravel for residents.** Instead of having two specific gravel days per year, Dan is OK with working with residents on an individual basis.
4. **Paving.** Dan reported that he met with a rep. from Pike, and looked at paving the Bend Road from the Greensboro Village P.O. down to Rick Walsh's place. Discussion of areas in the Bend that are also in need of re-paving.
5. **New Signage.** A yield sign was put on Jasper Hill Farm's driveway; 'Trucks Entering' signs on Garvin Hill Rd. on either side of the driveway will soon be in place. Yield signs were also put up at Jaffin Flats, Hillcrest, and other roads.
6. **Speed Limits.** Mike Lammert wondered what the process was for the town to lower a speed limit. It was thought that a traffic study would be required; it is possible that N.V.D.A. and/or the H.P.D. could help with this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Anne made the following motion:

The Board will enter Executive session at 8:05 PM to discuss a personnel issue, with Valdine Hall present.

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left Executive Session at 8:12 PM, and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk

AMENDED 5/12/12 J.K.