

# Greensboro Selectboard

March 14, 2012 – Meeting Minutes

**PRESENT:** Marsha Gadoury, Peggy Lipscomb, Anne Stevens, Warren Hill, Jr., Susan Wood, Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, Erwin Salls, Jr., June Cook, Carol Plante, Cpl. Mike Blodgett (H.P.D.), Dan Tanner

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

**MINUTES:** Feb. 8, 2012 unanimously approved

## **SELECTBOARD REORGANIZATION**

The Board unanimously approved the following:

- BOARD CHAIR: *Marsha Gadoury* (effective next meeting)
- VICE CHAIR: *Anne Stevens*
- NEWSPAPER OF RECORD: The Hardwick Gazette
- SELECTBOARD MEETINGS: Second Wednesday of the month, 7 PM in the Collier Room at the town hall
- ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SHEETS: *Sue Wood, Marsha Gadoury* (backup)
- ROAD ORDER SHEETS: *Warren Hill, Marsha Gadoury* (backup)

Board Liaisons:

- FARMER'S MARKET: *Valdine Hall*
- ROAD DEPT.: *Warren Hill, Marsha Gadoury* (backup)
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY: *Peggy Lipscomb, Anne Stevens* (backup)
- PERRY'S (driveway plowing): *Anne Stevens*
- FIRE DIST. #1, #2 and STORM DRAINS: *Sue Wood*
- GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.: *Peggy Lipscomb*
- LEGAL: *Peggy Lipscomb*

Board clerk Josh Karp will hand deliver the monthly mailing to all Selectboard members due to problems with irregular Post Office deliveries.

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS**

There were no public concerns this evening.

## **CAROL PLANTE - Hardwick Area Community Justice Center**

Carol gave the Board an update on the Community Justice Center. Pre-charge cases have been steady. There has been a decline in court-ordered referrals to her program, while other types of referrals have increased. COSA (Circle Of Support and Accountability) is a program the Center uses with people who have been recently released from prison. Volunteers are trained to assist with reintegration into the community. Teams of three or four people meet weekly with the person, helping them with job,

housing, and other issues. Carol reported that this program has been very effective, and is financially supported in part by the Dept. of Corrections.

Warren asked Carol what the success rate of her programs is, if it's measurable, and if so, how. Carol replied that there has been successes and failures, and that it's hard to determine whether any given failure is due to the program, or to other factors out of her control, and beyond the scope of the program.

Carol said she sees many people who move through the Community Justice Center taking responsibility for their actions.

### **ZONING – New Fee Schedule**

Valdine presented a new fee schedule for zoning applications, proposed by Zoning Administrator Kristen Leahy. She told the Board that the town currently loses money whenever there's a Zoning Board hearing, and that the proposed higher rates will help with this.

Peggy made the following motion:

*The Board accepts the new Zoning fee schedule, as proposed by Kristen Leahy.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (note: Anne Stevens had stepped out just prior to the vote).

### **ROADS**

- **Bids for roadside mowing and crushing.** The Board asked Dan to solicit bids for these two services, with sealed bids due April 10, 2012. Dan will fax a spec sheet to contractors.
- **Gravel Pit.** Dan reported that the town's gravel pit will need overburden work soon. Warren thought that since the town is under budget for winter road maintenance, some of those funds could be used for the overburden removal work. Peggy made the following motion:

*The Board approves spending a portion of the remaining funds earmarked for winter road maintenance for overburden work at the town gravel pit.*

Anne seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Dan will solicit bids for the work.

- **Class 3 roads.** The Board reviewed Dan's report on the town's Class 3 roads. Discussion of how to deal with certain roads that town trucks can't access well, and which could be very expensive to bring up to spec. Dan, Warren and Marsha will visit some of these roads.
- **VTrans.**
  - Valdine will get in touch with Scott Keysar's office to set up the annual meeting with him.
  - Valdine will tell Vtrans that the town has no road striping needs this year.
- **New town truck – extended warranty.** The Board reviewed options for an extended warranty on the town's new International truck.

### **POLICE**

- **Police Contract.** The Selectboard is waiting to hear back from the town attorney on certain aspects of the contract.
- **Police report reviewed for February 2012.** Cpl. Blodgett noted that the 'paperwork hours' listed on the monthly reports often include time spent on older cases. Discussion of whether it would be possible to break out these older casework hours from the 'current month' hours; Cpl. Blodgett thought that would be difficult.

## **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – Valdine Hall**

- The town office computers have been networked and town office staff are getting used to the new system.
- Valdine is looking at a few different outfits to redo the town's website.

## **GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT. – Erwin Salls, Jr.**

- Jr. Salls requested details from engineer Gary Leach (who did the engineering for the Greensboro Fire District #1) about the water line connection to the new fire station. He should have the info next month.
- Jr. reported that it will cost approx. \$400 for the G.F.D.'s architect and structural engineer to modify the new fire station plans to reflect the new water system design.
- **Contract with Stannard.** Stannard Selectboard member Jan Lewandoski told Valdine that they are still trying to come up with a different formula to present to Greensboro. She noted that the deadline has passed for Stannard to submit payment; discussion of what Greensboro can do about this.

Jr. said that Irene caused major budget stress in Stannard. It was noted, however, that they could have at least sent a letter stating that they are planning to pay.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Greensboro Historical Society lease update is being worked on by the town attorney.
- The Selectboard signed the fireworks contract, for \$5500 (The Greensboro Association will pay half, as usual).
- The Board unanimously approved Peggy as Town Service Officer.
- **Hill Farmstead Brewery.**

Anne made the following motion:

*The Board approves Shaun Hill's request to hold a special event at his brewery.*

Peggy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **Town Meeting Resolution.** Peggy will call Peter Romans and ask him to deal with sending the resolution to our state and federal representatives.
- **Town Hall Roof.** Rodd roofing, Burrell Roofing, J.E. Maxfield and others will be asked to provide estimates for the town hall roof repairs, along with the painting of the recycling trailers.

## SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS

Conservation Commission	<i>Erika Karp</i>
Health Officer	<i>Sue Wood</i>
Deputy Health Officer	<i>Marsha Gadoury</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, Kim Greaves, Deborah Holmes</i>
Zoning Board of Adj.	<i>Nat Smith, Bud Harvey, Linda Romans</i>
Fence Viewers	<i>Kristen Leahy, Harold Tolman, Kim Greaves</i>
Planning Commission	<i>Mark Snyder, Diana Griffiths</i>
Town Service Officer	<i>Peggy Lipscomb</i>
Town Forest Fire Warden	<i>Patricia Mercier</i>
Caspian Lake Beach Committee	<i>Marsha Gadoury (chair), Aileen Gebbie, William Eisner, Jr., Diane Irish, Janet Long</i>
Emergency Committee	<i>Anne Stevens, Wayne Young, Sally Lonegren, Tim Nisbit, Eric Pilbin, Andy Dales</i>
Energy Committee	<i>Anne Stevens (chair), Tom Hurst, Valerie Carter, Sr. Bernadette Bostwick, Judy Carpenter, Cheryl Fisher, Clive Gray, Erika Karp, Nancy Potak, Peter Romans</i>
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Rep.	<i>Ken Johnston, Josh Karp (Alternate)</i>
Police Advisory Board	<i>Earl Caspar, Anne Stevens</i>

Warren made the following motion:

*The Board approves the previously discussed slate of appointments.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Kevin Rich will be invited to the next Selectboard meeting to discuss the animal control officer position.
- Josh will advertise an additional opening on the Planning Commission.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel and Legal Matters**

Warren made the following motion:

*The Board will enter executive session at 9:53 PM to discuss legal and personnel matters.*

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 10:35 PM.

Anne made the following motion:

*The Board appoints Jefferson Tolman to continue his representation of the Selectboard in the matter of the Hardwick Police Department contract.*

Warren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNED:** 10:37 PM

*Respectfully submitted,* Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk  
*AMENDED 4/14/12 J.K.*