

Greensboro Selectboard

January 19, 2021

Meeting Minutes

[Meeting was held via Zoom conference call]

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Romans, Andy Kehler, Gary Circosta, Tracy Collier

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt McAllister

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kim Greaves

Josh Karp

Ken Johnston

Naomi Ranz-Schleifer

Tim Nisbet

Ann Goering

David Kelley

Lee Wright

Mary Parker

Mike Metcalf

Mary Metcalf

MacNeil

Rep. Vicki Strong

Bethany Warner

Christine Armstrong

Anne Stevens

Lise Armstrong

Sam Friend

Becky Arnold

Eli Wells

Sara Slater

Elissa Mackin

John Stone

Elizabeth Steel

Della Hall

Daphne Ostle

Ellen Celnik

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

1. DISCUSSION OF TOWN MEETING 2021 – BUDGET AND BALLOT

▪ **Library.**

- The Board changed the library's appropriation from \$15k to \$25k. Their appropriation had been lowered during the budgeting process because the organization has considerable cash reserves.
- Discussion of the non-profit status of library. Library trustees are elected at town meeting because it is a public-private partnership.

- **Jennifer Ranz's two items in the Warning.** David Kelley suggested a letter be sent out explaining the ramifications of these items, so the voters are informed about what they will be voting for. Kim said that an explanation will be included in the informational letter that will be sent to all registered voters and attached to the town report.

- **Treasurer.** Peter explained why the Board is proposing a change to an appointed treasurer. It gives the town more options when searching for a qualified person to serve as treasurer.

- **Fireworks.** Christine Armstrong thought fireworks are a waste of money and bad for the environment, and that this is \$4400 better spent elsewhere. After discussion, the Board agreed to put fireworks in the Warning as an individual article, allowing all voters to weigh in. Naomi noted this is a great opportunity to poll registered voters on any number of items, such as where town meeting should be held in the future.

- **Informing residents about town meeting.** Kim is forming an email list. Naomi suggested using an email management program such as Mailchimp or Constant Contact that could contain links.
- **Required informational meeting.** Discussion of when to hold the informational meeting that must be held within 10 days of town meeting. Gary suggested a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.
- Naomi suggested that the library could assist with logging into zoom-based meetings for residents that need help with this.

2. APPROVE FY22 BUDGET

Gary made the following motion:

The Board approves the FY22 budget in the amount of \$1,954,845.

Andy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Peter noted that there are many explanatory notes about the budget on the town website.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Police Contract

Andy made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 7:51 PM to discuss the police services contract.

Gary seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 8:52 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk

AMENDED 2/10 J.K.