

# Greensboro Selectboard

April 14, 2021

## Meeting Minutes

[Meeting was held via video conference]

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Romans, David Kelley, Gary Circosta, Tracy Collier, Matt McAllister

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Brett Stanciu, Tom Camarra, Chief Dave Brochu, Jr., Lorelei Wheeler, John Stone, Elizabeth Steel, Karl Dornseifer, Michael Porrazzo, Ellen Celnik, Betsy Hunt, Daniel Marotti

**CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM**

### MINUTES

1. Minutes from 2/10/21 special meeting, approved prior, were amended and re-approved unanimously.
2. Minutes from 3/10/21 regular meeting unanimously approved as amended.

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

None this evening.

### POLICE

The Board reviewed the March report from the Hardwick Police Dept.

### GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

Chief Dave Brochu, Jr. was present, and the Board reviewed his January GFD report.

1. The new tanker is almost finished and should be delivered by the end of April.
2. Almost all GFD members who wanted a COVID-19 vaccine have received one.
3. Hydrants will be flushed soon.
4. Dave said that he'd like to be involved in discussions with the Orleans County Sherriff's Dept. (OCSD) to clarify what level of service will be provided. Peter said that meetings with the OCSD will be held soon and Gary noted that there will also be a public meeting to discuss the town's new contract with the OCSD.
5. Peter asked Dave: how many alarms that the GFD responds to are chronic false alarms? Dave estimated that at least 30% of their calls fall into this category. Peter said that the town should consider charging for false alarms, and asked the F.D. to keep track of these and proposed further discussion after statistics are gathered. Dave said that a number of other towns, especially resort towns such as Stowe, have policies allowing a set number of false alarms at no charge, with a fee

assessed for subsequent false alarms. Dave estimated there are 50-100 automatic alarms in town, and said he appreciated that the Board is considering an alarm policy.

## **ROADS & DRIVEWAYS**

### **1. Road Foreman's Report – Tom Camarra.**

Warm spring weather has come very early this year, and the road crew has already begun spring work – about a month earlier than usual, according to Tom. They have been grading, filling potholes, putting down gravel, and getting set up for spreading chloride. The road crew will be replacing a number of critical culverts early in the season.

### **2. Discussion of Bids to solicit.**

- **Paving.** One mile to be paved in total, including Beach Road, Lauredon Ave., and Craftsbury Rd. down to the new culvert just past Black's Point.
- **Sand.** Enough sand was screened last year for next winter. Matt contacted Sicard twice about last summer's screening cost overrun and hasn't heard back, nor has Sicard submitted a bill. Discussion of hiring one contractor to do both screening and crushing at same time for better efficiency. The Board agreed to solicit separate bids for screening and crushing, and then see if any contractor is interested in doing both jobs at a discounted rate.
- **Roadside mowing.** No discussion; this will be put out to bid.
- **Sidewalks.** Since the sidewalk project on East St. has been expanded, Perry's will have to modify their bid that was accepted by the Board last year.

### **3. Road & Bridge Standards.** Gary made the following motion:

*The Board will sign the Certification of Compliance for Road and Bridge Standards.*

Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **4. Painting Crosswalks.** The Board clarified with Tom which crosswalks should not be painted due to the Local Motion pedestrian study coming up in May. Tom said he may have to delay painting crosswalks if the road crew has to get re-certified for flagging. It was agreed to hold off on marking parking spots at the Town Hall.

### **5. New Town Garage – Update.** Gary, Matt, Chief Brochu, Tom, and Peter met at the Fire Station lot and looked at potential locations for a town garage building, which would house vehicles and equipment. The site would not be used to store sand or salt, and also wouldn't be used for major outside storage. It appears that there is room for such a building at the site; Steve Pitkin will meet with Peter and others to do a further site assessment.

Discussion of the loss of efficiency by having two sites for the road crew to work out of. This will have to be weighed against the difficulty of constructing a new garage on the current town garage site.

As has been noted before, the Board is still looking for alternative sites for a new town garage.

### **6. Replacement culverts.** When road runoff is causing trouble due to a driveway culvert needing replacement, is such replacement the homeowner's or the town's responsibility? The town's current culvert policy is unclear on the matter. David said that who's responsible typically depends on where the water is coming from. There are currently two situations where culvert replacement is required; Tom and Matt will assess each and report back. Gary felt that the town shouldn't be responsible for replacing driveway culverts generally.

Mike Porrazzo said that clarity of responsibility is indeed needed on this issue. He spoke of his particular situation, where a change was made by others that affected road drainage, and his driveway and property were affected.

- 7. Stump dump/moving recycling.** Peter asked Tom to get the stump dump cleaned up as soon as possible to prepare for moving the recycling center there. Daniel Marotti, who's property is adjacent to the site, has lived there for thirty years and has gotten accustomed to the traditional uses of the stump dump. Now, he is concerned about the proposed change of use to a recycling center, how this may affect his real estate value, and about recycling traffic on the sharp corner. Peter will meet with Daniel to further discuss his concerns. He said that no trash will be stored on site, and that the town would be willing to plant trees for screening.

#### **TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves**

- 1. Kingdom Games – swim meet.** After discussion, David made the following motion:

*The Board approves the request from Kingdom Games to hold a swim meet on August 15, conditioned on the event being in compliance with the Governor's emergency orders.*

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 2. Local Emergency Plan.** The plan is renewed every year; minor changes were discussed. Gary made the following motion:

*The Board adopts Greensboro's updated Emergency Plan as amended.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 3. Craftsbury Outdoor Center run.** Gary made the following motion:

*The Board approves the request from the Craftsbury Outdoor Center to hold a run on August 21, conditioned on the event being in compliance with the Governor's emergency orders.*

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 4. Fireworks.** The fireworks display will be on Friday July 2, with a rain date of Tuesday July 5. The fireworks will cost \$6,000, with the Greensboro Association contributing \$2,000.

- 5. Swimming lessons.** It has been proposed to hold swimming lessons at the beach from July 12-23. Coordinator Lorelei Wheeler said swimming lessons seem like a low risk activity, and will be run using COVID-19 protocols similar to ones used at area schools. Gary made the following motion:

*The Board approves swimming lessons as proposed, conditioned on them being in compliance with the Governor's emergency orders.*

Matt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 6. Green-up Day.** The Board agreed to get a tire dumpster for Green-up day. Roadside tires may be put in for free. Residents' own tires will need to be paid for based on a cost schedule posted on the dumpster, with checks sent to the town offices on the honor system.
- 7. Pilates.** A pilates class was held at the Grange last summer, and the organizers have asked permission to use the Grange again this year. The Board unanimously approved.
- 8. Hinman Rd. sign.** A new sign to mark the historic Hinman Rd. is being put up by the ballfield, paid for with non-town funds. The Historical Society asked the town to replace the very weathered small Hinman Rd. sign on Lauredon Ave. The Board agreed unanimously to purchase and install the replacement sign.

## **TREASURER – Brett Stanciu**

1. The Board reviewed a monthly report from Treasurer Brett Stanciu. She suggested a minor change to the personnel policy; Gary will look into it and share his thoughts at the next Board meeting. Brett also notified the Board that she'll be hiring Kim Greaves as assistant treasurer.
2. **FY21 budget YTD.** The Board reviewed the FY21 YTD budget reports.
3. **March check warrants.** The Board reviewed the March check warrant reports.

## **ONGOING BUSINESS**

1. **Historical Society painting contract.** A contract has been signed and the work is scheduled to be completed this fiscal year (by June 30). Peter will check the building's exterior for lead paint; the contractor has agreed to follow proper lead abatement protocols.
2. **Planning Commission appointment.** After publicizing an opening, the Planning Commission (PC) recommended that MacNeil be appointed to fill it. Tracy made the following motion:

*The Board appoints MacNeil to the Planning Commission.*

David seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ellen noted that anyone who's interested in the goings-on of the PC, but is not a current member, can still serve on a PC committee.

Elizabeth noted that perhaps the same person shouldn't serve on both the PC and DRB; Brett felt that some overlap can be a good thing, especially at this stage of the zoning bylaw amending process. Discussion of a future policy to address this issue.

Peter noted that the recent increase of residents interested in serving on town boards is a new and positive development.

Brett discussed listing volunteer opportunities on the town website with website manager Maya McCoy.

3. **First Constable.** TJ Collier has agreed to serve as interim First Constable. In the meantime, the position will be advertised and an appointment made next month. Gary made the following motion:

*The Board appoints TJ Collier as interim First Constable, to serve until the position is filled.*

David seconded the motion, which carried (P.R., D.K., M.M., G.C in favor; T.C. abstained)

Gary noted that the state does not require towns to fill the Second Constable position, and made the following motion:

*The Board will eliminate the position of Second Constable in Greensboro.*

Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **CUD rep. appointment.** This appointment was made at the Board's March meeting; no action taken.
2. **Sullivan Property.** These buildings are located near the beginning of the Bend Rd. in Greensboro village. One of the buildings is slowly collapsing towards the road. A letter will be sent to the property owner(s), clarifying that the town has a dangerous building ordinance, and that if something isn't done to address the collapsing building, the town will likely take action as outlined in the ordinance.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Gary made the following motion:

*The Board will enter executive session at 9:02 PM to discuss a personnel issue.*

Tracy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:30 PM and took no action.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*