

Greensboro Selectboard

November 10, 2021 – Minutes

[Meeting was held in person and on video conference]

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Circosta

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Brett Stanciu, Keisha Luce, Kelli Story, Chief Dave Brochu Jr., Ellen Celnik, Lise Armstrong, Michael Porrazzo, David Upson, Christine Armstrong, Day Patterson, Janet Patterson, Linda Romans, Eric LaPoint, Nancy Riege, Dede Stabler, MacNeil, Jennifer Nicasio, Carolyn Kehler

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:33 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Kim: sidewalk project, Porter Brook bridge engineering bids

David: appointments for Recreation Committee

MINUTES

1. 10/13/21 regular meeting: approved unanimously
2. 10/27/21 budget meeting: approved by Board members who attended
3. 11/3/21 budget meeting: approved by Board members who attended
4. 11/3/21 zoning hearing: not approved – not an official meeting (no quorum)

PUBLIC CONCERNS

None this evening.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT – Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.

1. Members of the GFD attended VLCT's traffic flagger training.
2. Chief Brochu said that five new SCBA tanks need to be ordered – the existing tanks are starting to expire and can't be recertified. New tanks are \$1400 each and should last 30 years. Brett and Chief Brochu will draw up a formal request for the board to look over.
3. Eric LaPoint asked Chief Brochu if he was concerned about emergency vehicle access on Lake Rd. Chief Brochu replied that yes, he had concerns.

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

1. **October OCSD report.** No representative from the OCSD was present. The board reviewed the October report.
2. **Lakeview School – speeding.** Peter said Lakeview School staff have concerns about speeding by the school. They are asking the town to install a speed sign with flashing lights; Peter said the Selectboard will discuss this during the FY 2023 budgeting process.

DAVID UPSON (NEW HARDWICK TOWN MANAGER) – Policing in Greensboro

Peter said that new Hardwick Town Manager David Upson requested a meeting with the Selectboard to introduce himself and discuss policing options. Peter noted that this discussion doesn't mean the Selectboard is dissatisfied with the OCSD; in fact, the Board has been very happy with the OCSD.

David said he grew up in Hardwick, and currently lives there. He is one of the first Hardwick town managers with law enforcement experience, having spent the last nine years as a state trooper. David said that Hardwick and Greensboro are interwoven towns with many family ties, a shared school district, a shared rescue squad, and a shared police department for many years. Regarding policing, David said that Hardwick is willing to collaborate with Greensboro on any model of policing the town may want.

Members of the Selectboard congratulated David on his new position, agreed that the towns are more than just neighbors, and agreed that lines of communication about policing options should be kept open.

ROADS

1. **Road Foreman's report.** Road Foreman Tom Camarra was not present. One truck is currently out of service, waiting on an electronic part.
2. **Salt Contract.** Bids were received from American Rock Salt (\$74/ton) and Cargill (\$80.75/ton). Kim said both suppliers are good to work with. David made the following motion:
The board accepts the salt bid from American Rock Salt.
Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
3. **New town garage – planning.** No update.
4. **Driveway plowing contract.**
 - The contract is up for renewal next year. Current contractor BP & Sons would like the contract changed from a three-year to a five-year contract.
 - Driveway plowing was initially for residents only. A number of businesses have been added to the plow list over time, and plowing these businesses now adds up to a significant amount of work for the plowing contractor. It was agreed that the definition of a business, and whether the town will continue to plow businesses, should be clarified in the next contract. David, Peter, and contractor Jeff Perry will work on this prior to next meeting. Nancy Riege may join the discussion.
5. **Eric LaPoint – request to move town road.** Eric said he's re-submitting a petition to move a short section of Lake Rd., which runs very close to a house they own at 780 Lake Rd. Matt will photograph the supporting documents Eric brought in.
Peter said that the LaPoint family asked for permission to move this road a year ago and the board unanimously denied their request, based in part on advice from the town's attorney.
Eric said proper parking will be created, and impact on wetlands would be taken into account. He said the Selectboard has the important job of maintaining town roads, yet the town hasn't been maintaining portions of Lake Rd. Eric suggested that the town bring the road up to Class III spec., and grade it more frequently. He added that moving the road will be a start towards the proper maintenance of the road.
Eric asked the Selectboard if there were any questions, and expressed surprise when there were none.
Peter said the Board would take the request under advisement.
6. **East St. Sidewalks.** Kim said that the newly completed sidewalk was \$550 over budget – not bad for a large project such as this.
7. **Porter Brook bridge – engineering bids.** Kim sent out RFPs to three firms recommended by VTrans, and two proposals were received: Dubois & King (\$38,256), and East Engineering. The latter bid was structured in such a way that it was challenging to compare to the Dubois bid. David will gather additional information about the East Engineering bid and the board will make a decision at next month's meeting.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. **Town Meeting 2022.** Discussion tabled.
2. **Town Hall Generator.** The generator's circuit board is acting up and will need to be replaced.

TREASURER – Brett Stanciu

1. The Board reviewed the treasurer's monthly report.
2. **FY22 budget report, YTD.** Reviewed by the Board.
3. **October check warrant reports.** Reviewed by the Board.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING BYLAW CHANGES

1. **Planning Commission vacancy.** The PC solicited letters of interest and recommended the Board appoint Kelli Story. Kelli said she's a new Greensboro resident, and that serving on the PC would be a good way to learn about the town. Tracy made the following motion:

The board appoints Kelli Story to the Planning Commission.

Matt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. **Zoning bylaw – proposed changes.** Since there wasn't a quorum of Selectboard members at the 11/3 public hearing on proposed changes to the zoning bylaw, it will have to be held again. Discussion of reviewing all proposed bylaw changes at the next hearing to keep the process moving along. To be discussed would be the Expanded Resource District, Expanded Village Districts, Miscellaneous Changes, Short Term Rentals, and the Shoreland Protection District. Peter made the following motion:

The Board will schedule a public hearing on all the zoning bylaw proposals.

David seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the hearing will be held Monday Dec. 6, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at Fellowship Hall with the option to join remotely.

3. **Zoning bylaw – public comment on proposed changes.** Day Patterson submitted a comment on Miscellaneous Changes, §3.8 *Nonconformities (A)2*. This exempts certain projects from DRB review, and delegates the review to the Zoning Administrator (ZA). Day said that the wording of this proposed language raises legal questions under VT law because specific review standards are not specified; he also felt this gives too much discretion to the ZA. As a retired attorney, Day offered to work on improving the language. Brett and David Kelley will join him on this project.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

- Lee Wright has resigned from the DRB, effective immediately.
- Jan Travers notified the Selectboard that she won't continue to serve after the 2022 town meeting.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Personnel policy – update. The update was completed outside of the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Recreation Committee. David Kelley, along with MacNeil, Ellen Celnik, and Carolyn Kehler, would like to join the Recreation Committee and immediately begin planning for a town skating rink. The Highland Center has offered to partner with the town on the project, and has offered a site for the rink.

David added that restarting the swimming program next summer, as well as work on area trails, will also be priorities for the committee.

Peter made the following motion:

The board appoints David Kelley, MacNeil, Ellen Celnik, and Carolyn Kehler to the Recreation Committee.

Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

David requested that the Selectboard pass a resolution, supporting the Recreation Committee pursuing a partnership with the HCA on the development of a community skating rink. All present Selectboard members offered their full support.

ADJOURNMENT

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk