

Greensboro Selectboard

December 29, 2021 Special Meeting – Minutes

[Meeting was held in person and on video conference]

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Brett Stanciu, Rick Ely, Linda Ely, Eric Hanson, Rusty Newhouse, Mary White, Lise Armstrong, MacNeil

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Gary wondered how the town’s masking requirement for town-owned buildings will be enforced.

MINUTES

- 1. 12/6/21 public hearing – proposed bylaw changes.** Approved as written. (P.R., T.C., M.M., D.K. in favor; G.C. abstained)
- 2. 12/8/21 regular meeting.** Approval tabled; Josh will research the history of Board decisions on the masking requirement for town-owned buildings.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ZONING BYLAW: SHORELAND PROTECTION DISTRICT

Peter said the Planning Commission has spent a lot of time on this proposal, and felt that the voters should now get a chance to weigh in. After discussion, David made the following motion:

The Selectboard approves sending the Planning Commission’s Shoreland Protection District proposal on to the voters.

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

Short Term Rentals (STRs). While this wasn’t on the agenda, Rusty Newhouse asked if he could speak about the Planning Commission’s STR proposal and the Board agreed.

Rusty said that most comments on the proposal have been either from those who rent their properties, or from those who don’t live around the lake. What’s missing, he said, is the perspective of lakeshore property owners who don’t rent out their houses. Given the high density of development around much of the lake, STRs here would have a greater impact on close neighbors, and possibly on water quality, than STRs in other areas of town. Rusty said that since businesses aren’t allowed in the Shoreland Protection District, STRs – which are considered businesses – shouldn’t be allowed.

APPROVE FY2023 BUDGET

Discussion. The town’s fireworks contractor now has a minimum display cost of \$10k. For a number of years, the town has budgeted \$4k for fireworks, with the Greensboro Association contributing \$2k. The budget committee decided not to increase the town’s fireworks budget, and Peter said residents can figure out how to raise additional funds if folks really want an expensive fireworks display.

Gary felt that a fireworks display should happen, noting that at a recent town meeting residents were in favor of fireworks by a 2-1 margin.

Gary asked about funding for swimming lessons. David said there’s enough money in the Recreation Fund for this.

David made the following motion:

The Board adopts the FY2023 budget as written.

Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board agreed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk

AMENDED 1/12/22 J.K.