

(Draft only – not approved by the Selectboard)

Greensboro Selectboard

March 9, 2022 – Minutes

[Meeting was held in person and on video conference]

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Romans, Tracy Collier, Gary Circosta, David Kelley, Ellen Celnik

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Tom Camarra, Eric Hanson, Miriam Rogers, Laura Hill, Steve Pitkin

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

Peter welcomed new Selectboard member Ellen Celnik and thanked Matt McAllister for his years serving on the Board.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Kim: annual financial plan for town roads

Gary: how to fund website upgrade, use ARPA funds? And what level of upgrade should be done; highway fund surplus transfer to HERF; mask mandates/meeting in person

MINUTES

2/9/22 regular meeting: unanimously approved as written

2/19/22 special meeting: approved as written (P.R., T.C., D.K., E.C. in favor; G.C. abstained)

SELECTBOARD REORGANIZATION

1. The Selectboard filled the following positions:

POSITION	WHO
Selectboard Chair	Peter Romans
Selectboard Vice Chair	Tracy Collier (David nominated Tracy, Ellen seconded. Vote: E.C., P.R., D.K. in favor; T.C., G.C. abstained)
Order Sheets	<i>Primary:</i> Peter Romans <i>Secondary:</i> Tracy Collier
LIAISONS:	
Farmers Market	Kim Greaves
Highway Department	<i>Primary:</i> Peter Romans <i>Secondary:</i> Ellen Celnik
Historical Society	David Kelley

Driveway Plowing	<i>Primary:</i> Peter Romans <i>Secondary:</i> Tracy Collier
Fire Districts	Tracy Collier
Greensboro Fire Dept.	David Kelley
Legal	David Kelley
Orleans SW Elementary School District	Gary Circosta
Recycling	Ellen Celnik
Library	Ellen Celnik

2. **Newspapers of Record.** The Board unanimously approved The Hardwick Gazette and The News & Citizen to be the town's newspapers of record.
3. **Selectboard Meetings.** The Board unanimously agreed that regular Selectboard meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 PM at the Collier Room in the Greensboro Town Hall, with options to join remotely.

SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Selectboard made the following appointments:

POSITION / COMMITTEE	PERSONNEL
Road Foreman	Tom Camarra
Treasurer	Brett Stanciu
Fire Chief	Dave Brochu, Jr. (Peter moved, Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously)
First Constable	Mark Snyder
Conservation Commission	Erika Karp (Chair, 2026) (David moved, Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously)
Health Officer	Karl Stein (2025) (Ellen moved, Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously)
Tree Warden	Cilla Bonney-Smith
Animal Control Officer	Kevin Rich
Recreation Comm.	Erika Karp, Devin Burgess, David Kelley, MacNeil, Carolyn Kehler, Ellen Celnik
Development Review Board	BJ Gray (2025), Wayne Young (2025) (Peter so moved, Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously)
Planning Commission	Christine Armstrong (2025), Meghan Wayland (2025) (Peter moved, Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously)
Town Service Officer	Kim Greaves
Town Forest Fire Warden	Patricia Mercier
Caspian Lake Beach Comm.	Ila Hunt (Chair), Linda Shatney, John Schweizer (Treasurer)
Emergency Planning Comm.	Anne Stevens (Chair), Wayne Young, Tim Nisbet, Eric Pilbin, Andy Dales, Michael Lapierre
Emergency Mgmt. Chair	Dave Brochu, Jr.

Discussion of salvaging the current fabric building.

Steve said that smaller building committees tend to work better, and suggested a committee be comprised of one Board member, the Road Foreman, and an additional person.

- 3. Porter Brook Bridge.** The town received a \$200k state grant for replacement of the Porter Brook Bridge on Craftsbury Rd. These grant funds must be spent by the end of 2023, and with \$18k already spent on engineering, \$182k is left for construction.

Bids for construction were solicited and came in much higher than expected, with the lowest bid \$367k and higher ones over \$500k. If the Board accepted the lowest bid the town would have to come up with an additional \$190k to complete the project, a figure that could go up even higher if the contractor faces any unexpected challenges.

The town has 30 days to reject or accept bids. The town's contacts at VTrans have suggested the town reject the bids, solicit additional contractors and rebid the project. Peter said the project engineer isn't so sure that rebidding is a good idea.

Discussion. If the project is delayed until 2023, there is the possibility of getting an additional \$60k state grant for the project. There is also the possibility that federal infrastructure funds might be available next year. David will reach out to state and federal officials about additional funding resources, but wondered whether increasing inflation could make a delayed project cost even more.

Discussion about a few smaller, local contractors that didn't bid on the project, likely due to a miscommunication, or because they were not seeking additional work.

Peter said that the decision to move ahead with construction, or to delay, must be made very soon, in part because precast box culverts have to be ordered early in the season.

Gary said the town could consider using ARPA funds to help pay for the bridge work.

No decision was made about accepting or rejecting bids.

- 4. Certificate of Highway mileage.** This was approved by the Board in January but for some reason didn't go through. The Board approved the certificate again.
- 5. Highway Financial Plan for FY 2023.** The Board approved the *Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways* as required by VTrans.
- 6. Highway fund surplus – transfer to HERF.** Gary and David will determine the amount of money to transfer from the FY 2021 Highway Fund surplus to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.
- 7. Shoulder reclaimer.** The town is on a waiting list for a \$6000 grant to purchase a shoulder reclaimer.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

Highland Center for the Arts - liquor licenses. The HCA is applying for a 3rd Class restaurant/bar license, a 1st Class restaurant/bar license, and an Outside Consumption Permit. Ellen made the following motion:

The Board approves the HCA's three liquor license applications.

David seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

TREASURER – Brett Stanciu

Brett was not present. The Board reviewed the treasurer's monthly report, the FY22 budget report YTD, and the February check warrant reports.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Caspian Challenge.** This running and walking event will take place on July 31, 2022. Gary made the following motion:

The Board approves the Caspian Challenge race as proposed.

Ellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 2. Improvements to Town Website.** Gary said that improvements to the town website should be considered sooner rather than later, especially with the Selectboard and other town committees continuing to meet remotely. Using the Website Task Force's 2021 report as a guide, the Board will soon decide what kind of upgrades should be made, and also how to fund the project.
- 3. Mask mandate for town-owned buildings.** Gary asked, now that many schools have dropped mask mandates, what should the town do in this regard?

Discussion of how to determine masking requirements in different town buildings such as the Historical Society, Library and Town Garage, and whether to leave decisions on masking protocols up to those who work in these buildings.

Kim said very few people who come into the town offices have complained about the mask requirement there. David made the following motion:

Going forward, masking requirements for town-owned buildings will be established by the staff working in each building.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk