

Greensboro Selectboard

April 13, 2022 – Minutes

[Meeting was held in person and on video conference]

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tracy Collier

OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Stanciu, Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Brian Carroll, Eric Hanson, Chief Dave Brochu, Jr., Wayne Young, Dick Foster, Mimi Benedict, Melissa Moffatt, Mary Young, Stuart LaPoint

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Kim: Fence behind basketball court at Bend Park; Highland Lodge liquor licenses

Dick Foster: Caspian Arts request

MINUTES

1. 3/9/22 regular meeting unanimously approved as amended.
2. 3/15/22 special meeting unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Dick Foster, a member of Caspian Arts, said the organization is looking for new opportunities to get their members' work in front of the public. He's been involved in shows all over the state and feels the Greensboro Village Green would be a great place to set up a tent and hold an art show. While there may be liability and insurance considerations, he noted the Farmers Market is held there and must have worked through these issues. He asked whether an art show on the Green is a possibility; all Board members supported the idea. Ellen brought up parking as a possible issue.

Peter said the next step is for Caspian Arts to come up with a formal proposal for the Board to review.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT – Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.

1. The Board reviewed Chief Brochu's monthly report.
2. There's been alarm issues at the fire house since the phone system was upgraded. This will hopefully be resolved soon.
3. Chief Brochu said this past March, the mud was so bad at the Fire House that fire trucks almost got stuck in the parking lot. Paving the lot appears to be too expensive and might create runoff issues; a compromise solution could be staymat. Chief Brochu wondered whether this could be funded with capital budget funds already budgeted for station repairs, or perhaps ARPA money.

David made the following motion:

The Board approves soliciting staymat bids for the Fire House parking lot.

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Chief Brochu needs a secondary person to serve on a local emergency committee. Gary made the following motion:

The Board appoints Tim Nisbet as a secondary member to the local emergency committee.

David seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

No representative from the OCSD was present.

The board reviewed the March OCSD report.

GREENSBORO CEMETERY COMMISSION – Wayne Young

Wayne Young, Chair of the Cemetery Commission, spoke about improvements to the Village Cemetery. They've lined up a contractor to clear the upper boundary line and Wayne asked whether stumps can be dropped off at the stump dump. After discussion, Peter made the following motion:

David and Tom will determine whether there's room at the stump dump for stumps from the Village Cemetery project.

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Wayne said they're planning to add three terraces to the currently-unused upper part of the cemetery, and they need to extend the cemetery road network up to this new area. The cemetery being town property, Wayne asked if the town could provide gravel for the new roads, and also whether the road crew could do the work. The project would likely not happen until next year.

Once the road upgrades are figured out, a surveyor will be called in to lay out new burial plots.

It was agreed that Wayne, David and Tom will meet at the cemetery to discuss the road project.

ROADS

1. Road Foreman's report. Tom was not present this evening.

2. Highway Dept. Bids

- *Sidewalks.* It was agreed to replace sidewalks heading up Breezy Ave. starting at Beach Rd., as far as the \$15k budget will allow.
- *Paving.* Needs to be discussed with Tom. Kim will check current pricing.
- *Winter sand.* Needs to be discussed with Tom.
- *Roadside mowing.* No discussion.
- *Gravel Crushing.* Needs to be discussed with Tom.

3. New town garage. Peter reported that he and David visited the Cabot town garage, which is a very nice and very expensive 7000 sf. steel framed building. It's more garage than Greensboro needs, he said. They also checked out Walden's garage, which is an older building and not really a relevant example.

Discussion of the 50'x100' Glover town garage. Greensboro has one more truck than Glover, so a 50' wide building may be pretty tight. However, a wider building would be hard to fit on our site and the price increases dramatically when you build wider than 50'.

One option to economically create more space would be to add an extra bay and lengthen the building. Another option could be to attach the break room to the end of the main structure, leaving more room inside the garage for equipment. Next steps are determining existing fill quality and finalizing a building design.

Gary suggested that the town begin looking into financing options for the project.

4. Pedestrian sign on Bend Rd. Kim had a call from a resident of Bend Rd. concerned about speeding, who asked the town to put up 'Pedestrian Crossing' signs on the flat by the Ling farm. Kim will order two signs. Ellen said she's already asked OCSD to run radar on that stretch, but she'll call them again.

5. New 35 mph signs for gravel roads. Tom estimated that sixty 35 MPH signs are needed on gravel roads around town. Since this expense is budgeted for FY 2023, Tom will be asked to hold off ordering.

- 6. New dump truck – surcharge.** Peter said that a \$6500 surcharge has been added to the cost of the new truck. Kim will review the signed sales agreement to make sure this surcharge is permitted. Peter made the following motion:

If permitted by the sales agreement, the town will pay the \$6500 surcharge for the new town truck.

Dave seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 7. HERF update.** Peter said the HERF needs to be updated. Inflation has made road equipment considerably more expensive, and it is likely replacement cycles will have to be extended.

David, Gary, and Brett will get together to discuss.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

- 1. Local Emergency Management Plan – update.** Chief Brochu looked over the plan and made some updates. Ellen made the following motion:

The Board approves the updated Local Emergency Management Plan.

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 2. Fence at Bend Park.** Kim said there's been a request that the town install a fence behind the basketball court at the Bend Park, to keep basketballs from ending up in the swamp. This would need to be a fairly high fence. This fence is not in the budget; discussion of where funding could come from, perhaps the capital budget.

Stuart LaPoint offered to determine how much fence is needed and put together an RFP. The project will likely go out to bid.

- 3. Mowing town properties and ballfield** will be put out to bid.
- 4. New trees for Village Green.** While the town will purchase the trees, Stuart LaPoint said he's willing to help in planning locations for and planting the trees. An ad hoc committee of Kim, Laura Hill, Stuart, and Josh Karp will meet and plan the planting.
- 5. Green up day – tire dumpster.** The Board approved having a tire dumpster for Green-Up weekend again.
- 6. Highland Lodge liquor licenses.** David made the following motion:

The Board approves a First Class Hotel liquor license, a Third Class Hotel liquor license, and an Outside Consumption Permit for the Highland Lodge.

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

TREASURER – Brett Stanciu

- The Board reviewed the treasurer's monthly report.
- FY22 budget report, YTD.** Reviewed by the Board.
- March check warrant reports.** Reviewed by the Board.
- ARPA Standard Allowance recommendation.** Brett said VLCT recommends that the Board elect to use the ARPA Standard Allowance, allowing the town to use ARPA funds for 'any standard expense'. Gary said this will give the town maximum flexibility when deciding how to spend these funds, and also result in less paperwork for Brett. Ellen was at a recent ARPA training session and it was highly recommended that towns take this option. Gary made the following motion:

The town will make the one-time irrevocable decision to elect the "Standard Allowance" approach for the ARPA award in the amount of \$208,949.29 to spend on the provision of government services throughout the period of performance of the grant.

Ellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. The Planning Commission asked Brett (as Zoning Administrator) to provide a copy of the Caspian Lake dam inspection report when it becomes available later this summer.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Town Website. Rather than putting town website improvements out to bid, Ellen wondered whether current webmaster Maya McCoy could be hired to do the work. Brett said Maya is not available until the fall, but she'll be asked to review the Website Task Force's report and determine a logical order that improvements should be made in. Board members were in favor of this approach.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Fourth of July.** Kim said she's been getting calls about the Fourth of July and fireworks. She reminded the Board that the minimum fireworks contract is now \$10k, yet there's only \$4k in the budget.

Discussion of using the \$4k for other Fourth of July events rather than fireworks.

Gary said he's in favor of fireworks.

David made the following motion:

The Funky Fourth will held on Saturday, July 2 this year. The town will spend \$4k on a community celebration instead of on fireworks.

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

2. **Ukraine.** David spoke about the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, saying every American community should do what it can to relieve the suffering of the Ukrainian people.

He said there could be an auction of higher-value items on the Funky Fourth, perhaps raising thousands of dollars. These funds could be given to Save The Children in Ukraine, or perhaps Save The Children could help identify a sister town in Ukraine that Greensboro could reach out to and offer support.

Discussion. Peter and Gary wondered whether it's appropriate for town government to take a stance on the conflict or offer support. David said there are many formal "sister cities" programs around the world, and Greensboro developing a relationship with a Ukrainian town could be an example that other towns could follow.

Peter asked Glover Selectboard member Brian Carroll for his thoughts on the matter. Brian said taking a stance may indeed be appropriate for the Board to consider, and that he couldn't think of obvious downsides. David made the following motion:

The Greensboro Selectboard endorses the spirit and concept of joining with a partner town in Ukraine, so our town can offer support directly to Ukrainians suffering from the horrific consequences of Russia's war on Ukraine.

Ellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. **Kingdom Games – swim meet.** After reviewing the proposal from Kingdom Games director Phil White, David made the following motion:

The Board approves Kingdom Games' request to hold a swim meet at Caspian Lake on August 14, 2022.

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk