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# Greensboro Selectboard

## May 11, 2022 – Minutes

[Meeting was held in person and on video conference]

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

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Chief Dave Brochu, Jr., Tom Camarra, Jim Sawyer, Nancy Riege, Alison Gardner, Emily Stone, Dan Predpall, Liz Steel, Meghan Wayland

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

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Peter: 1) Jim Sawyer – Responsible Wakes, 2) Dan Predpall – grant, 3) Memorial Garden hydrant

### MINUTES

1. 4/13/22 regular meeting unanimously approved as written.
2. 4/20/22 special meeting approved as written (P.R., T.C., E.C., D.K. in favor; G.C. abstained).

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

1. **Meghan Wayland – Community Garden.** Meghan told the board that the community garden group would like to add three raised beds and some open ground to the garden. After discussion, Gary made the following motion:

*The Board approves the community garden expansion plan as presented by Meghan, contingent upon approval of the tree committee and a Selectboard member after a site visit is made.*

David seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. **Jim Sawyer, Eligo Lake Association – Responsible Wake Petition.** Jim requested that the Board send a letter of support for a ‘Responsible Wakes’ petition being submitted to the VT Agency of Natural Resources. The petition asks the ANR to amend the Public Water Rules in order to manage wake boats and wake sports on Vermont Lakes and Ponds. Jim said that while there aren’t many wake boats in VT right now, they could be coming. David made the following motion:

*As requested by Jim Sawyer, the Selectboard will send the following letter to VT ANR in support of the Responsible Wakes petition:*

*The Greensboro Selectboard requests that the Agency of Natural Resources amend the Use of Public Water Rules to manage wake boats and wake sports on Vermont Lakes and Ponds. Use of wake boats for wakeboarding and wake surfing is permitted only in defined areas of water bodies ("Wake Sports Zones") where all the following conditions are met:*

1. *the distance from shore is greater than 1000 feet;*
2. *the water depth is greater than 20 feet;*
3. *the area of the water body satisfying 1) and 2) is more than 60 contiguous acres.*

*For water bodies where no such areas exist that satisfy all three conditions, vessels defined as wake boats are prohibited.*

Peter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## **GREENSBORO BEND REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE – Dan Predpall**

Dan said the town received a state municipal planning grant to create a redevelopment plan for Greensboro Bend, focusing on the soon-to-be-completed rail trail. The rail trail's Greensboro Bend entry point, being only several miles north of the main trail, is expected to be a popular place to enter the trail. Based on statistics from other rail trails, Dan said there could be thousands of people coming through the Bend each year.

The redevelopment plan has been drafted and calls for amenities such as bike racks, picnic tables, a food truck pad and signage. Dan said there could be a lot of cars, especially on weekends, and a parking lot will be absolutely necessary or there could be quite a mess of cars on Main St. He suggested the town consider purchasing the Goldberg parcel, an open area that could serve as a parking lot and site for some facilities. The parcel may have existing water and septic.

To implement the redevelopment plan, Dan is applying for a Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) grant. A letter of interest in the grant was submitted in April, the town made the short list, and Dan is now working on a detailed application due June 3. Dan's grant request will be for \$124k, with a 25% match (\$31k) required from the town. He said a Better Places grant from the state could possibly provide \$21k, with the town raising the remaining \$10k. Dan noted ARPA funds could also be used for matching funds. The match doesn't have to be committed until later in 2023, giving the town some time to figure out the match.

Dan asked the Selectboard to write a resolution authorizing Peter to be the grant officer for the NBRC grant, if awarded. David made the following motion:

*The Board authorizes Peter to sign the NBRC grant contract, if awarded, and be the Selectboard member responsible for administering the grant.*

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Peter thanked Dan for all his work on this project. Dan will upload more information to the town website soon, and added that the rail trail will be a great opportunity for local businesses.

## **GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT – Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.**

The Board reviewed Chief Brochu's monthly report.

1. MEI is still working on problems with alarms in the fire house that started after phone system upgrades.
2. Chief Brochu solicited three bids for placing staymat on the firehouse parking lot.
3. **New fire gear.** Chief Brochu said the FD has been evaluating their gear and discovered that much of it, while in great shape, is over ten years old and is considered 'expired' by the NFPA. Town insurer VLCT says firefighters using the expired gear are still covered, but they'd prefer the older gear be worn by firefighters who don't enter buildings. This means 12 sets of new gear need to be purchased for those who may enter buildings.

Chief Brochu received an estimate of \$2400 per set for the new gear. He said the FD can afford five sets this fiscal year, and is seeking funding for the additional seven sets. Chief Brochu suggested either capital budget funds or ARPA money could be used.

## **ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.**

1. The board reviewed the April OCSD report.
2. Discussion of when a new contract with the OCSD will be signed. Peter will discuss with Sheriff Harlow.
3. **Lamoille County Sheriff – Dispatch.** Peter reported that Sheriff Marcoux agreed to discount dispatch services on the next contract, since OCSD doesn't need the dispatch services of the LCSD.

## ROADS

1. **Road Foreman's report.** Tom said the large Tate Brook culvert under North Shore Rd. needs repairs; Tom will meet with VTrans and contractors to discuss the scope of work and get estimates. Tom will report back at next month's meeting.
2. **Highway Dept. Bids** for sidewalks, paving, winter sand, roadside mowing, and gravel crushing will be opened at next month's meeting.
3. **New town garage update.** No update.
4. **35 mph signs for gravel roads.** Tom ordered 60 signs at a cost of approx. \$10k. Discussion about whether these can be paid for from the FY2022 road budget. Gary said perhaps the funds could come out of existing surplus highway funds.  
Peter noted that erecting all the signs is lower-priority work this time of year.
5. **Glover – gravel pit.** Peter said the town of Glover is having a problem accessing gravel on their side of the pit, and it appears Greensboro could help them out with this issue. It was agreed that members of the Glover and Greensboro Selectboards and road crews will meet at the pit to discuss.
6. Peter reported that the water hydrant at the memorial garden was hit by a snowplow and is damaged; it may need to be dug up and repaired.

## TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. **Bids for Mowing town properties and ballfield** will be opened at next month's meeting.
2. **New trees for Village Green - Update.** Kim asked for the Board's approval to have four stumps ground. She also had concerns about one big remaining maple seemingly doing poorly, and whether it's become a safety hazard. The tree committee will be asked make an assessment of the maple, and decide whether it should be cut down or left for a while longer. It is hoped that the tree can be left. David made the following motion:  
*The Board approves the stumps on the Village Green being ground, and will follow the tree committee's recommendation on the old maple.*  
Ellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
3. **Fourth of July.** Kim reported that a 40x60 tent (capacity of 120) can be rented locally for \$1700. She noted portable toilets will also be needed.  
The church is not doing a chicken barbeque this year, and Kim suggested the town ask private food trucks to set up for the day. Dave made the following motion:  
*The Board approves moving forward with the rental of the tent and portable toilets, and supports Kim asking food trucks to set up for the day.*  
Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
4. **Town Hall Generator.** Discussion of whether to sign a maintenance contract with Brook Field Service. No contract was signed, as it was felt that a local contractor could perform the annual maintenance for less.
5. **Catering permit.** David made the following motion:  
*The Board approves the catering permit request from Black Diamond BBQ for an event at Turning Stone Farm on June 25.*  
Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **TREASURER – Brett Stanciu**

Brett was not present this evening.

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

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

**Village Cemetery improvements.** Boomer will be doing the work on the cemetery roads as discussed last month. The Board approved the town providing bank run gravel for the road work, to be hauled by Boomer. Tom will assess the stump dump's capacity for additional stumps, since some stumps will be pulled as part of the project.

Dave will discuss with Kim whether any permits are needed for the cemetery project.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Caspian Arts is requesting to use the Grange building for an art exhibit for four or five weeks starting mid-July. The building needs to be cleaned out first; volunteers are being sought.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel**

David made the following motion:

*The Board will enter executive session at 8:14 PM to discuss a personnel issue.*

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The board left executive session at 8:45 PM and took no action.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:45 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*