

Greensboro Selectboard

June 8, 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, Tom Camarra, Brett Stanciu, Mike Montgomery, Nigel Friend, Sam Friend, Miriam Rodgers, Eric Hanson, Liz Steel, Norm Patenaude

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Kim: Catering Permit; School Board appointment; Carolyn Kehler re Bend Park

Peter: RuralArts use of Town Hall

MINUTES

Minutes from May 11 meeting unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

None this evening.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT – Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.

No May report was available.

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

1. The May report was not available this evening.
2. **Police contract.** The Board reviewed the new Police Contract. The price is unchanged from last year, which the Board found surprising given current fuel costs. Members of the Board expressed good feelings about the OCSD's first year. Gary made the following motion:

The Board accepts the police contract as amended by correcting dates throughout.

David seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. Tracy questioned why the town of Hardwick isn't having the HPD patrol the Caspian public beach. Peter said he had spoken with former Chief Cochran about this, and was told that HPD would not be doing any beach patrols.
4. Carolyn Kehler requested that the OCSD have more of a presence in the Bend, in the spirit of community policing.

ROADS

1. Road Foreman's report.

- Gravel Construction completed repairs on the culvert on North Shore Rd. Tom said the price was reasonable and that the culvert will likely need replacement in three or four years.

- Grant work has been completed on Rocking Rock Rd., and shoulder reclamation work has been completed on Shadow Lake Rd.
- All roads have been graded and chloride twice at this point.
- Crosswalks will be painted when road crew members are back from vacation and the weather is cooperative.

2. Bids were opened for roadside mowing, paving, and winter sand.

	BIDS			DECISION
Sidewalks	No bids received			The Board agreed to re-bid the job.
Roadside Mowing	Mike Montgomery \$8157.50	Walt Neborksy \$8800		David moved to accept Mike Montgomery’s bid. Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
Paving	Pike \$107,100	Fresh Coat Asphalt \$142,800	J. Hutchins \$118,320	David moved to accept Pike’s bid. Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
Winter Sand	Gravel Construction \$20k for 2500 yd.	Ken Davis \$26k for 4000 yd.	Ken Davis, screening 4000 yd. at our pit: \$20 – \$24k	The Board rejected all bids. David moved to re-bid winter sand, just for screening 3k – 5k yd. at our gravel pit. Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Additional contractors will be solicited to bid.

3. Road crew vacations. After discussion, Ellen requested that the road crew draw up a calendar of vacation schedules so the Board is aware of who’s going to be gone and when. Tom agreed this was sensible.

4. New town garage – update. Peter spoke with architect James Coe, who worked on the Glover Town Garage. James has been involved with other garage projects around the state, and offered to draw up a proposal for his services. He’s worked with Steve Pitkin, and former Glover Selectboard member Jack Sumberg spoke highly of him. Peter asked if he could give James the go-ahead to submit a proposal. After discussion, Board members agreed that James should be asked to submit a proposal.

5. Glover / Greensboro gravel pits – update. Ellen and Peter met with members of the Glover Selectboard, who asked them to consider selling ± 6 wooded acres of Greensboro’s gravel pit to Glover. This would allow Glover to access parts of their gravel pit they can’t currently utilize. While the parcel might also provide Glover with additional in-ground sand and gravel resources, access to their gravel pit is the primary motivation.

Peter talked to former Selectboard Matt McAllister, who knows Greensboro’s pit well, and Matt thought selling the six acres was a reasonable request.

Peter said that if the Selectboard is open to continuing a discussion about the sale, Glover would proceed with test borings to help determine the value of the parcel.

Gary said that while selling the six acres may not affect us now, it will eventually, and he wondered how a decision could be made without knowing how much gravel our pit has left. He said at this point, he’d lean towards not selling Glover the land.

Tracy also had concerns about selling gravel resources that Greensboro would need in the future. She wondered if there was a way to help Glover that would allow Greensboro to be a good neighbor, yet doesn’t require them to buy expensive acreage.

Peter said the idea is that we’d get market value for the piece, depending on what’s in the ground.

David felt that as neighbor towns, we should do everything we can to work together, and he made the following motion:

The Selectboard will continue discussions with Glover, to work towards a solution for their gravel pit challenges. The Board is not making a commitment to selling any land at this time.

Ellen seconded the motion, which carried (P.R., E.C., D.K., T.C. in favor, G.C opposed). Gary said it would have made more sense to hear a presentation from Glover prior to voting on a motion such as this.

6. Grants-in-Aid program – letter of intent. Gary made the following motion:

The Board authorizes Kim to apply for the VTrans Grants-in-Aid program.

Ellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. Craftsbury Beer Run - special events permit. Eden Ice Cider is requesting to hold this special event on August 20 from 11AM to 3PM. Gary made the following motion:

The Board approves the special event permit as requested by Eden Ice Cider.

Ellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. For the Love of Food - catering permit. For the Love of Food is requesting a catering permit for a wedding at Turning Stone Farm in October. Gary made the following motion:

The Board approves the catering permit as requested by For the Love of Food.

David seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. School Board appointment. Sam Friend requested that she be appointed to a vacant position on the Orleans Southwest Union Elementary School District Board. Gary made the following motion:

The Board appoints Sam Friend to the OSWUESD Board.

David seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

It was noted that there is another opening on the district board that needs to be filled.

4. Bids for Mowing town properties and ballfield. One bid was received, from Kyle Drown (\$4600 for one year). David made the following motion:

The Board accepts Kyle Drown's bid for mowing the town properties and ballfield.

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. Funky Fourth update. David reported that there's enough items for a good auction. Food will be catered by Smith's Store, a free picnic lunch for all. Clive Gray has ideas for live music. In lieu of fireworks, the Greensboro Association has been asked to contribute their customary Funky Fourth donation to the picnic, and to Save the Children's Ukraine fund. Brett and David are working together to publicize the auction.

Gary suggested that the town website announce that there will not be fireworks this year.

6. Greensboro Bend Park.

- New fence. One bid was received, from Round Hill Fence. The bid is \$7628.53 for a 60' coated-wire chain link fence. David made the following motion:

The Board accepts the bid from Round Hill Fence for a new fence at the Bend Park.

Ellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- Garbage. Perry's is currently picking up park trash on Wednesdays. Someone needs to put the trash out by the curb and replace the bag. Kim said she would do this for now; it was suggested that in the future a member of the Recreation Committee could take on this task.

Tracy suggested the park transition to pack in/pack out, ultimately getting rid of the trash can. Carolyn Kehler supported this idea, but noted that a transition to this new approach might take some time. David made the following motion:

The Board authorizes the Recreation Committee to transition to pack in/pack out at the Bend Park. The Recreation Committee should discuss this transition with the Bend Revitalization Committee.

Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- Carolyn said the swing and slide are too high. It was agreed that the Recreation Committee will deal with this issue.

TREASURER – Brett Stanciu

1. The Board reviewed the treasurer's monthly report.
2. **FY22 budget report, YTD.** Reviewed by the Board.
3. **May check warrant reports.** Reviewed by the Board.
4. **Payroll budget authorization.** After discussion, Ellen made the following motion:

The Board approves the FY23 payroll authorization table, pending a corrected baseline salary and 4% increase for Kim Greaves.

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ONGOING & OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Grange cleanup.** The final Grange cleanup with dumpster will be on Friday June 10 at 9AM.
2. **Conservation Commission appointment.** Commission chair Clive Gray recommended Peter Watkinson be appointed. Peter made the following motion:
The Board appoints Peter Watkinson to the Conservation Commission.
Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
3. **RuralArts – use of Town Hall.** Peter reported that RuralArts is still interested in using the 2nd floor of the Town Hall, but is putting the 3rd floor renovation project on hold. The group will be presenting an updated proposal for its use of the building in the near future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gary made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 9:05 PM to discuss a personnel issue.

Peter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 9:43 PM. Peter made the following motion:

In honor of long-valued employee Eddie Keene, the town of Greensboro will contribute \$300 to the Go Fund Me initiative for his funeral expenses.

Ellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk