

Greensboro Selectboard

August 10, 2022 – Minutes

[Meeting was held via 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, Beth Meacham, Eric Hanson, Rep. Katherine Sims, Dan Predpall, Anne Altman, Miriam Rogers, Maggie Altman, Christine Armstrong

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Eric Hanson: Caspian Challenge report

Gary Circosta: driveway plowing for a business

Dan Predpall: leadership conference report

MINUTES

- July 13 regular meeting unanimously approved as written.
- July 21 special meeting unanimously approved as amended.
- August 3 special meeting unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

- Eric Hanson reported that 82 runners took part in the Caspian Challenge race, with \$1000 – \$1500 raised for lake protection efforts.
- Dan Predpall reported that he and others recently attended a leadership conference, and spoke about upcoming grant opportunities.

GREENSBORO LIBRARY – resurfacing driveway

After looking into library driveway R.O.W. issues from a legal perspective, David suggested that the town and the Altmans sit down like good neighbors and work out a reasonable solution so improvements can be made to library's driveway. He added that this situation shouldn't be allowed to devolve into a conflict. He suggested that himself, the librarian, and a representative from the Altman family meet.

Library trustee Beth Meacham recently contacted the Altman family, telling them that a member of the Selectboard would be in touch soon. She added that some agree with the Altmans that the library driveway shouldn't be repaved. One perspective she's heard: staymat would be effective and have a lower environmental footprint than asphalt.

David will try to organize a meeting for next week.

KATHERINE SIMS – Legislative update & Bend depot

Rep. Sims gave a legislative recap from last session and answered questions from Board members.

Bend Depot. Rep. Sims said that Dan Predpall, David Kelley, Mark Snyder, Vicki Strong, Peter Romans and herself met recently to discuss options for a suitable lease agreement for the property. It appears there are two approaches: 1) continue to try to convince VTrans to sell Mark Snyder some land, and 2) work with Vtrans to negotiate the town of Greensboro entering into a long-term lease with the state, and then subleasing land to Mark.

Mark purchasing land from the state seems to be a no-go at this point – VTrans doesn't want to give up ownership of the R.O.W.

David felt that a 99-year lease, that includes language whereby the lease is contingent on the property being well maintained, could be an approach.

VTrans indicated that such a lease might be possible, and said it would be helpful for the town to show how a lease would further goals in the town plan. It was noted that VTrans may need to sign off on any subleases. Rep. Sims said she walked away from a recent meeting with VTrans feeling positive.

It appears that the towns of Lyndonville and Morrisville have long-term lease agreements with VTrans that have allowed them to renovate and use their depots. David made the following motion:

The Board agrees to pursue a 99-year lease on the Vtrans R.O.W. land in Greensboro Bend, for the sum of \$1.

Peter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Dan is willing to communicate with VTrans on behalf of the town, and will keep the Board updated.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT

No report was available this evening.

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

The Board reviewed the July OCSD report.

ROADS

- 1. Road Foreman's report.** Tom was not present this evening.
- 2. Driveway plowing.** Gary said he was approached by a Greensboro resident who wanted their business plowed on Center Rd. in a more timely fashion. Peter said there's an existing agreement between Perry's and the town that only residences are to be plowed.
- 3. Dust.** A resident of Shadow Lake Rd. has put out signs asking drivers to slow down due to a dusty stretch of road directly in front of their house. It was noted that the road crew applies chloride immediately after grading, but may not have the time to re-apply; chloride is also costly. David will discuss the situation with Tom.
- 4. Glover & Greensboro gravel pits.** Peter said he gave permission to the Glover road crew to dig a test hole at our gravel pit. A meeting at the pit will be held later this week.
- 5. Porter Brook bridge.** VTrans suggested that the town to re-bid the project this month. Peter said that while fewer contractors than anticipated submitted bids during the first round, a larger list of contractors has been compiled for the next round. He added that the town will apply for a second state grant to help fund this expensive project.

Discussion of hiring someone to look into additional grant funding, given the tremendous amount of federal infrastructure money out there.

6. **Shoulder reclaimer.** The town applied for a grant to purchase a shoulder reclaimer, but have heard nothing. Peter will contact VTrans about this.

NEW TOWN GARAGE

- Consultant Steve Pitkin wrote an RFP for architectural services, which has been distributed.
- Discussion about a building for the sand pile.
- A topographic survey of existing garage buildings and utilities will be needed as the project moves forward. Steve recommended the town use a local firm that is available now and will charge \$3400 for the work. This will be paid for out of Capital Budget funds.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. **Catering Permits.** The Board reviewed two catering permit requests. Gary made the following motion:

The Board approves catering permits as requested by JRS Corps for a wedding reception at Turning Stone Farm on Sept. 10, and as requested by Monkey Hospitality for a wedding reception at Turning Stone Farm on Oct. 15.

Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. Discussion about authorizing the town clerk to approve catering permit requests. Kim said that while VLCT is not particularly in favor of this, the VT Dept. of Liquor Control said it would be just fine. Peter made the following motion:

The Board authorizes the town clerk to approve and sign catering permit requests.

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, the FY22 budget report, and the July check warrant reports.
2. **Bend Park – new fence.** Discussion about whether funds for the new fence should come from the General Fund (town properties or grounds) or the Capital Budget. Gary made the following motion:

The new fence at the Bend Park will be paid for using funds from the 'town properties' account in the General Fund.

Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Gary suggested that ARPA funds could be used for the fence, allowing the town to be reimbursed for the project.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Lanphear house. Peter said an RFP was sent out, and the town heard from one contractor, All Metals, who said it's not possible to come up with a reasonable estimate for demolition and removal until after any asbestos issues are resolved. Tracy made the following motion:

The town will hire an asbestos mitigation contractor to assess the Lanphear building.

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk

AMENDED 9/14/22 J.K.