

# Greensboro Selectboard

November 9, 2022 – Minutes

[Meeting was held via video conference]

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

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Dan Predpall, Brett Stanciu, Chief Dave Brochu, Jr, Wayne Young, Eric Hanson, Maya McCoy, Jamie Hall, Anne Altman, Jamie McIntyre, Christine Armstrong

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

## ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

### MINUTES

1. Minutes of 10/12/22 regular meeting unanimously approved as amended.
2. Minutes of 10/20/22 special meeting unanimously approved as written.

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

None this evening.

### GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

The Board reviewed the September/October GFD report.

- **Air bottles.** Chief Brochu requested approval to order five more air bottles, at a cost of \$8300. This would be paid for from the Capital budget. He added that after all the old bottles are replaced over the next few years, they'll begin upgrading SCBA units. David Kelley made the following motion:

*The Board approves the purchase of five air bottles as requested by Chief Brochu, to be paid for with Capital Budget funds.*

Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- **Engine 1 repairs.** \$2k in repairs were recently made to Engine 1's pumping system.

### NEW TOWN WEBSITE AND EMAIL UPGRADE – Maya McCoy

Maya reported that she's almost completed the new town website, with help from Kim and Brett. Before it goes live in a few weeks, she asked Board members to look it over and give feedback on any navigation or formatting issues. Tracy asked that members of the Website Task Force also be invited to provide feedback. Maya said that the new website was constructed based on suggestions from the Task Force.

There are currently 18 active town emails. There have been ongoing issues with the town's email system and an upgrade is needed. One option is to move to free Gmail accounts, another is to purchase a subscription to Google Workspace.

Maya said downsides to the free approach include that addresses wouldn't end in .gov, and that no comprehensive back-end admin would be possible. Ellen said it seems that more and more towns are

moving to .gov emails and we might have to pay to get a system we like. Tracy made the following motion:

*The Board will continue to research email options with Maya's help, and make a decision no later than the December Board meeting.*

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

Dan wrote a Vtrans grant equal in scope to the original NBRC grant. Upon receipt of the application, VTrans asked him to remove the pavilion, history walk and freighthouse and resubmit the grant, which he did.

Early this week, VTrans asked him to again resubmit the grant application, suggesting he increase construction costs from \$62k to \$125k due to inflation.

Currently the grant application is for a total project of \$239k, with \$191k in grant funds and a \$48k match. Grant funds will be used to construct a 'premium' parking area with landscaping and fences, plus amenities such as bike racks, picnic tables, an air pump station and trash can.

Discussion of whether to offer a trash can or require pack in/pack out instead. It was agreed to discuss this later.

The pavilion, history walk and freighthouse will be part of a scoping study, with these projects being undertaken via an additional construction grant in upcoming years.

Dan will provide \$24k of in-kind labor towards the cash match, and the Bend Revitalization Initiative has raised about \$15k. Dan proposed that the town contribute \$10k to the project over the next two budget years (\$5k each year).

David made the following motion:

*The Selectboard commits to providing \$10k of matching town funds as requested by the Bend Revitalization Initiative for LVRT projects in Greensboro Bend.*

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **GREENSBORO CEMETERY COMMISSION – Wayne Young**

Wayne told the Board that the Cemetery Commission (CC) has been steadily improving cemeteries around town. There are years of deferred maintenance to catch up on, including clearing fence lines and repairs to headstones. New terraces have also been made at the Village cemetery. A stump grinder is needed to complete fence line work and a surveyor is needed to lay out new plots. Wayne also suggested that the town improve the road network in the cemeteries to provide better access to plots.

The Greensboro Association (GA) has contributed funds toward these projects, and suggested to Wayne that he request an increase in the CC budget so more work can be done each year. Ellen asked whether an increase in the CC budget would lead to the GA providing more funding.

The CC budget is currently \$7250; Wayne proposed an increase to \$10k for FY24. The budget committee will consider his request.

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

The Board reviewed the OCSD October report. Tracy will contact OCSD and request that someone attend the December Board meeting.

## **ROADS**

Road Foreman Tom Camarra was not present this evening.

1. **Glover/Greensboro gravel pits.** No update.
2. **Shoulder reclaimer.** No update.
3. **Speed limit signs.** Gary said that some gravel roads have historically had a speed limit of 25 mph, and asked how the new 35mph ordinance would affect this. David and Kim will look into this.

## **GREENSBORO RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Discussion of how to deal with emptying the trash can at the Bend Community Park. The issue is that when the can is full, someone needs to bring the trash bag to the road to be collected, and put a new bag in the can.

Tracy felt that the transition to pack in/pack out should be done sooner rather than later.

David will talk with Jamie Hall and Carolyn Kehler to work out a short-term solution.

## **TREASURER – Brett Stanciu**

The Board reviewed the treasurer's monthly report, the FY23 budget report, and the October check warrant reports.

Brett reported that the ARPA committee has been doing a diligent and thoughtful job, and plans to make funding recommendations to the Board at next month's meeting.

## **TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves**

**Town Meeting.** Kim said she's unsure whether the town will be allowed to hold the 2023 town meeting by Australian Ballot again. At this stage of the pandemic, the state may require in-person town meetings to resume. Kim will clarify with the Secretary of State's office.

## **ONGOING BUSINESS**

1. **New town garage.** The topographic survey has been completed but has not been received yet.
2. **Lanphear house – update.** Demolition of the house is currently underway. A few residents were apparently unhappy with the situation and began harassing the All Metals employees who were demolishing the house. The OCSD came to assist and the situation resolved.  
The GFD provided dust control with the tanker.
3. **Hiring grant writer – update.** Ellen and Brett will determine what kind of grants the town should be applying for. Clarifying this will inform the search for a qualified grant writer.  
Brett said Maddie Johnston of Craftsbury may be interested in the job but isn't available until spring 2023.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:58 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*