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# **Greensboro Selectboard**

**July 12, 2023 – Minutes**

**[Meeting was held via video conference]**

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

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Greaves, Brett Stanciu, Josh Karp, Beth Meachem, Isa Oehry

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

## **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Kim:

1. Additional Special Event and Catering Permits.
2. Rick Morrill has volunteered to create a map showing flood-related road closures.

## **MINUTES**

1. 6/14 regular meeting: minutes approved as written unanimously.
2. 6/29 special meeting: approved as written (E.C., D.K., P.R., E.H. in favor; G.C. abstained as he was not present)

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS**

None this evening.

## **GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.**

No report was available.

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

The Board reviewed the June sheriff's report.

## **LIBRARY DRIVEWAY REPAIR – UPDATE**

Kevin Rich has been asked to submit a bid.

Discussion about the proposed staymat surface, which may be vulnerable during plowing and mud season and will likely require ongoing maintenance.

Beth will discuss the project with the Altmans and see if they are still willing to donate funds to the resurfacing project.

## **ROADS**

1. **Flooding and road washouts from July 10-11 rain event.** Peter said the priority is to get all residents access to a road so they can get in and out, and to give emergency services access to all residents. This may

mean that residents who typically have a choice of roads to and from their house may have just one to use for now.

- J.P. Sicard has been lined up to fix the huge washout on Craftsbury Rd. as well as the nearby washout on North Shore Rd., starting in the next few days.
- A contractor from Craftsbury is working on Circus and Bailey Hazen Roads.
- Matt McAllister is working on Sparhawk Rd. and will soon join Terry O'Connor working on Gonyaw Rd.
- Riley Auger, Chuck Hill and others have been repairing roads.
- Warren Hill, III is available to fill in on the road crew on a temporary basis.
- Paving priorities may be switched around this season, given that there are multiple areas of damage to the town's paved roads.
- Obtaining FEMA funding to help pay for road repairs will be an ongoing process.
- Caspian Dam. Since the rain event, water has been flowing over the top of the dam. H.E.D. and the state have been keeping an eye on it, and it is not believed to be a dangerous situation. Stew Arnold has been helping to document the overflow and is communicating with the state.

2. Road Foreman Tom Camarra is on medical leave.

3. **Sidewalks update.** Tabled.

4. **Petition for 25 mph speed limit in Greensboro Bend – update on speed study.** Tabled.

5. **New Town Garage – update.** Tabled.

6. **Road Naming.** Kim said the Board is currently authorized to name town roads, traditionally taking naming suggestions from landowners who live on or near the road to be named. It was agreed that this approach should continue.

#### **TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves**

1. **Special Event Permits for VT Cheesemakers Festival.** The Board reviewed nine Special Event Permits for the VT Cheesemakers Festival at the Highland Center on August 13. Gary made the following motion:

*The Board approves Special Event Permits for Shelburne Vineyard, Cold Spring Spirits, Wild Hart Distillery, Bakersfield LLC, St. Johnsbury Distillery, Hill Farmstead, Caledonia Spirits, American Crafted Spirits, and Ellison Estate Vineyard.*

Eric seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. **Special Event & Catering Permits.** The Board reviewed Special Event and Catering Permits. Gary made the following motion:

*The Board approves a Special Event Permit for Caledonia Spirits (Willey's Store on 7/28), and Catering Permits for Caledonia Spirits (Greensboro Farmers Market on 8/2), Pear Ridge Productions (Wilson Herb Farm on 7/15), and Pear Ridge Productions (Circus Smirkus on 8/12).*

Eric seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### **TREASURER – Brett Stanciu**

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

2. Brett said there will need to be a special meeting to set the tax rate.

Brett thanked Peter and Kim for working many long hours on flood recovery.

## **ONGOING BUSINESS**

### **1. Selectboard Rules of Procedure.** Initial discussion.

- *C(3) A majority of the members of the body shall constitute a quorum.* Eric suggested clarification: does this mean a majority of Board members present at a given meeting, or a majority of the total Board? Gary said Roberts Rules may provide clarification.
- *F(2). At the end of each agenda item...there may be 5 minutes afforded for open public comment.* Gary felt that this language could remain, yet the Board should not, as a rule, time-limit public comment. Peter felt that a time limit makes sense in some situations, such as when a member of the public makes a statement and then keeps repeating themselves.

### **2. LVRT trailhead project – update.** Due to the flooding, the parking lot project is on hold. The rail trail sustained significant damage across its entire length and may be closed for months.

### **3. Administrative assistant to the Selectboard – update.** Gary suggested that if the Board proposes the creation of a new position, it should be put in next year's town budget to be approved by the voters.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Selectboard meetings.** Eric suggested that the Board return to in-person meetings, with the option for participants to join remotely. The Board agreed to resume in-person meetings as soon as possible, with a remote option. Technology issues must be worked out ahead of time in order for such hybrid meetings to be functional and efficient. Eric, Ellen and Kim will work on this, using library staff and others for tech. advice.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Gary made the following motion:

*The Board will enter executive session at 7:30 PM to discuss personnel.*

Eric seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 7:50 PM. Peter made the following motion:

*Warren Hill, III will be hired as part-time road crew member.*

Gary seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned 7:53 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*