

Greensboro Selectboard

October 8, 2025 – Minutes

LOCATION: Town Hall Meeting Room with remote access

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:, MacNeil, Mike Metcalf, Tim Brennan, Ellen Celnik (joined remotely)

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Carpenter

OTHERS PRESENT in person: Davis Barnett, Maria Amador, Kim Greaves, Josh Karp

OTHERS PRESENT remote: Peter Romans, Janet Long, Chief Dave Brochu, Jr., Aileen Gebbie, Lise Armstrong, Christine Armstrong, Jennifer Ranz, Alison McKnight, Miriam Rogers, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Library Trustee appointment
- Communications with Hoyle Tanner and DEC

MINUTES

- September 23 budget meeting: minutes unanimously approved as written.
- September 24 second monthly meeting: minutes unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Wastewater grants, Hoyle Tanner, reimbursements. Davis asked if the original wastewater grant and amendments have been located. Kim said the town office staff is still working on this project. Davis said these documents should clarify the town's dependency on Hoyle Tanner (HT) to utilize the \$100k in remaining grant funding.

MacNeil said he's been in communication with HT to make sure they understand the selectboard's concerns about the delayed reimbursements owed to the town. John Reilly at HT recommended the board speak with Lynette Claudon at VT DEC to clarify the situation. MacNeil said he'll schedule a meeting with Lynette and invite Wastewater Advisory Committee members to participate.

Tim said he like to see the original grant document. MacNeil said the initial wastewater project was built around a number of separate grants including ARPA funds, and there are likely multiple original grant documents. It needs to be clarified whether this remaining funding is part of an original grant, or somehow separate.

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

The Board reviewed the September OCSD report.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT. – Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.

Chief Brochu was present and gave his September report.

ROADS & DRIVEWAYS

1. **Road Foreman's report – Tom Camarra.** Tom was not present this evening.

2. Janet asked for an update on why the Craftsbury Rd. speed limit was changed back to 50 mph earlier than usual. MacNeil said he would clarify this with Tom.
3. Peter asked what criteria the town is using to determine when roads should be graded and chloride applied. MacNeil said this is a question for Tom, who is not present.

Peter requested that the road crew union contract be put up on the website. Kim agreed to do this.

Peter said when he was on the selectboard, a system was created to track equipment repair costs. Tom would code repair invoices and then the treasurer could keep track of repair costs for each piece of town equipment. This information could help determine the right time to replace a given piece of equipment, and could allow the town to delay equipment replacements that are scheduled on the HERF. Peter asked if this is still being done. Kim said she and Brandy have been working together to restart this tracking.

Tim suggested there may be a way for the town's bookkeeping software to automatically categorize repair expenses to make the process easier.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

Request to Cater Permits. Request to cater permits were received from Chefwerks LLC for an event at Turning Stone Farm on October 11, and Pear Ridge Productions LLC for an event at Wilson Herb Farm on October 18. Mike made the following motion:

The board approves catering permits for Chefwerks LLC and Pear Ridge Productions LLC.

Tim seconded the motion which carried (Celnik, Brennan, Metcalf, in favor; MacNeil not voting as chair).

TREASURER

1. The Board reviewed the FY26 budget YTD report and September check warrant reports.
2. Kim reported that:
 - Over \$2 million in property tax payments have been collected to date.
 - The annual fire station payment has been made.
 - The road crew has been paid out additional overtime per the union contract addendum.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Approve warning for Australian Ballot vote & informational meeting.** MacNeil read the draft warning for the November 13 Australian Ballot vote and the October 28 informational meeting.

Kim said there is a community meal at Fellowship Hall on the evening of October 28 and wondered if this poses a conflict with the informational meeting. Ellen suggested this is not a conflict but could be considered a positive thing; Christine agreed. Davis called Naomi who told the board there would not be a conflict. The board agreed to hold the meeting at Fellowship Hall.

Christine asked whether the informational meeting will have a remote component. After discussion the board agreed to offer remote access to watch the meeting, but no remote interaction. Tim suggested participants be given the opportunity to ask questions in advance. Tim made the following motion:

The board approves the warning that includes the locations, dates, and times for the Australian Ballot vote and informational meeting.

Mike seconded the motion which carried (Celnik, Brennan, Metcalf in favor; MacNeil not voting as chair).

Discussion of whether to send out ballots to all registered voters. Kim said while this decision is up to the board, doing so would cost about \$2,000 and would be an unbudgeted expense.

Tim asked if sending out ballots is a typical practice. MacNeil said during the pandemic there were federal and state funds used to mail ballots, but there are no such funds anymore. He said sending out ballots is not

typical and recommended that the town not do so in this case. The board agreed that ballots will not be mailed out.

Kim said polls will be open from 10 AM-7 PM on November 13 and absentee ballots will be available.

Davis said the Communications Working Group would like to assist the town in getting the word out about the informational meeting and ballot vote.

- 2. Wastewater / Hoyle Tanner.** MacNeil said at the 9/24 selectboard meeting there was a presentation from the Wastewater Advisory Committee about engaging Hoyle Tanner (HT) to do further studies, using \$100k in grant funds remaining from the initial wastewater project. It is currently unclear whether this remaining funding may be used by the town to hire any consultant it wishes, or whether the funding is tied to HT specifically. John Reilly at HT suggested the town discuss this issue with Lynette Claudon at VT DEC.

Ellen said the question about whether this funding is tied to HT should be easily answered. The more challenging question is why the town has not been reimbursed for HT invoices from the initial wastewater project that the town paid months or even years ago.

In an email correspondence, John Reilly stated that the town is responsible for paying all of their invoices regardless of whether grant money is received. MacNeil wondered whether the town should be accepting grants that specify that the contractor must be paid even if the grant funding is not received.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Consent agenda.** MacNeil read a fact sheet explaining the use of a consent agenda, which could make selectboard meetings more efficient by allowing the board to approve a slate of items with one vote. Tim added that if anyone wants to discuss an issue under the consent agenda, it would need to be removed and moved to another part of the agenda.

MacNeil said this is a board policy item that could be approved by unanimous consent. The board agreed by unanimous consent to utilize a consent agenda.

- 2. Library Trustee appointment.** MacNeil said the library has recommend Carol Reynolds be appointed as library trustee. Mike made the following motion:

The board appoints Carol Reynolds as library trustee.

Tim seconded the motion which carried (Celnik, Brennan, Metcalf, in favor; MacNeil not voting as chair).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk