

Greensboro Selectboard

December 9, 2025

FY27 Budget Meeting – Minutes

MEETING LOCATION: Town Hall meeting room (in-person only)

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: MacNeil, Tim Brennan, Judy Carpenter

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellen Celnik, Mike Metcalf

OTHERS PRESENT in person: Brett Stanciu, Kim Greaves, Josh Karp

CALLED TO ORDER: 1:10 PM

FY27 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Appropriations. MacNeil said that statute requires that the town accept petitions for appropriations until January 15. Tim noted that in the town report, appropriations are listed separately from the budget, so the board could adopt the budget prior to Jan. 15.

Tim suggested that organizations that haven't yet submitted the appropriation request form be given a free pass for this year, since the form is brand new. Judy said most appropriation requests have already been received.

The budget committee agreed to hold the FY27 budget Q&A on Wed. Jan. 7 from 6:30-8 PM at the town hall community room, with remote access. The budget will be adopted the following week at the board's January 14 Meeting.

Police. The Orleans County Sheriff's contract for FY27 is \$205k. MacNeil said he'd like to know if the town has the option to dial back the level of service.

Town Administrator position. Discussion of how to best justify to the voters the need for the new town administrator position that is included in the FY27 budget. MacNeil said it would be very helpful to have one town staff member responsible for administering grants. He added that the lengthy FEMA reimbursement process is an example of the need for this position moving forward.

Regarding grants, Josh suggested that since the selectboard accepts grants on behalf of the town, perhaps there should be policy that requires committees or organizations make a proposal to the selectboard before applying for a grant. This would allow the board to judge whether a particular grant is a priority and also if the town has the capacity at any given time to handle the grant administration.

Emergency Reserve Fund. Discussion of creating an emergency reserve fund. Josh said there is approx. \$50k in unallocated FEMA in-kind reimbursements available to start this fund for FY27.

Beaver Deceiver for Craftsbury Rd. MacNeil said he tried to schedule installation this past summer but the installer was unavailable. Josh said this device is desperately needed at the Craftsbury Rd. location just north of North Shore Rd., and noted that the road crew had to unplug the culvert at least five times in 2025 which adds up to considerable expense with no long-term solution. The board agreed to put \$5k in the budget for the deceiver.

Salt Brine. The idea of moving to salt brine for treating the town’s paved roads has been discussed for a few years. MacNeil said there is a significant capital investment required, perhaps even an additional truck. Given that the town only has 11 miles of paved roads, salt savings won’t be so dramatic and the payback period will be longer, he said.

Judy said she’s heard anecdotally that salt brine is harder on everyone’s vehicles than regular road salt.

The board decided to not include any funds for brine in the FY27 budget. Hardwick is currently setting up a brine system, and since Greensboro would likely be purchasing brine from Hardwick, waiting another year will allow Hardwick to get fully set up and also to gain experience with brine that can be shared with Greensboro.

Tire dumpster for Green-Up Day. The board agreed to leave funds in the budget for the tire dumpster. Roadside tires will be free, and a sign will be posted requesting that residents use the honor system and pay for personal tires at the town offices.

Box culverts. Josh said that undersized culverts on Old Schoolhouse and Bayley Hazen Rds. are directly implicated in the roads washing out in both 2023 and 2024. Hydraulic studies show that these small culverts need to be replaced with box culverts. It is anticipated that FEMA and state grants will cover 80% of the costs, with the town’s share being about \$25k each. Josh suggested that the board budget for at least one of these culvert replacements in FY27.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brett said the board needs to discuss:

- 1) The town clerk’s salary increase. This is currently in the budget at 5.8%, which is the same as the road crew’s hourly rate increase.
- 2) Brett and Brandy’s hourly rate as treasurers. \$30/hr. is their current rate and is not increased in the FY27 budget.
- 3) How much additional OT should be budgeted for the road crew.

Tim made the following motion:

The board will enter executive session for personnel matters at 2:23 PM.

Judy seconded the motion which carried (Brennan, Carpenter in favor; MacNeil not voting as chair).

The board left executive session at 2:40 PM and took no action.

The next budget committee meeting will be held on Tuesday Dec. 16 at 1 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp

AMENDED 1/15/26 J.K.