

Greensboro Selectboard

December 16, 2025

FY27 Budget Meeting – Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: MacNeil, Tim Brennan, Judy Carpenter, Mike Metcalf, Ellen Celnik

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT in person: Brett Stanciu, Kim Greaves

CALLED TO ORDER: 1:05 PM

FY27 BUDGET & WARNING

Roads

- Road crew overtime (OT) increase will be less than proposed earlier, taking into account that much of the OT over the past two years was due to flood OT. OT will be increased to 250 hrs. for the road foreman and 225 hrs. each for the two crew members. These increases are due mostly to OT wage increases per the union contract.
- \$25k will be included under ‘grants match’ for the town’s contribution to a box culvert project, to be offset by \$25k from the 2023 FEMA in-kind reimbursements. Additional costs for the box culvert will be paid by FEMA and VTrans.

Police

- The board approved including the Orleans County Sheriff’s request of \$205k in the budget, a 2.5% increase.
- Discussion of whether the town truly needs the current level of police coverage. Brett suggested that early in next year’s budgeting process, the board work with the sheriff to calculate how much money the town could save with a reduced-coverage scenario.

Capital budget and HERF

- It was agreed to move the ‘town garage’ line item from the capital budget to the HERF.
- Since much more background research needs to be done, including determining a site for the new garage, it was agreed to remove \$20k in garage planning funds from FY27. The scheduled HERF transfer will remain unchanged.
- Town garage loan payments of \$113.9k will be scheduled in the HERF starting in FY29.

Appropriations

- New appropriation requests to date: energy committee \$1k; community meal \$4,800; Caspian Arts \$1k.
- It was agreed to include the library’s requested appropriation increase of \$6k (\$44k to \$50k).

Ellen made the following motion:

The board approves the FY27 draft budget.

Judy seconded the motion which carried (Celnik, Brennan, Metcalf, Carpenter in favor; MacNeil not voting as chair). This draft budget will be presented to the public at a special meeting on January 7.

Town meeting warning

- It was agreed that an article to approve a 1% local option tax on rooms, meals and alcohol will not be included on the warning. The board felt that more community discussion is needed, especially from local businesses that would be affected. Discussion about setting up a rental registry prior to proposing a vote on this issue. It was agreed that the local option tax issue will be summarized in the town report. Brett will get the latest rooms, meals and alcohol figures for Greensboro from the state.
- It was agreed to include an article changing the town clerk's position from an elected position filled by a town resident to an elected position filled by a Vermont resident.
- It was agreed to include an article changing the term of the collector of delinquent taxes from one year to three years.
- It was agreed to include an article asking the voters to grant a municipal property tax exemption for the Hardwick beach property.
- It was agreed to include an article asking the voters whether the town should explore the possibility of purchasing the Caspian beach property including the dam, with the understanding that any formal proposal to purchase the property, and/or to borrow funds to purchase the property, will come before the voters for their approval. Tim will draft this article.
- The conservation commission has requested that a *Resolution declaring the Town of Greensboro to be a wildlife friendly/anti-coagulant rodenticide free community* be included in the warning. The board agreed to include the resolution in the warning.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:16 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp