

# Greensboro Selectboard

## February 11, 2026 – Minutes

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

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT in person:** Beth Meachem, Kim Greaves, Brett Stanciu, Josh Karp, Jennifer Ranz, Rob Brigham, Ila Hunt, Dylan Laflam, Bill Smith, Erika Karp, Michael Malick, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Dede Stabler

**OTHERS PRESENT remote:** Eric Hanson, Janet Long, Rick Lovett, Kristen Leahy, John Stone, Davis Barnett, Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:34 p.m.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Scheduling meeting for signing bond bank documents
- Recreation committee appointments

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. January 14, 2026 regular meeting minutes
- B. January 28, 2026 special meeting minutes (candidate forum)
- C. Orleans County Sheriff's Report
- D. Road Foreman's Report

Mike made the following motion:

*The board approves the consent agenda.*

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

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

1. **Selectboard agenda & use of Town Hall third floor.** Jennifer Ranz asked why David Kelley's agenda request was not added to this evening's agenda, and asked what the process is for submitting an agenda item. MacNeil said agenda requests must be submitted by Thursday at 4 p.m., the week prior to the selectboard meeting. Agenda requests should be emailed to board chair MacNeil, with Kim and Josh cc'd. MacNeil said that proposed agenda items are included on the agenda at the board chair's discretion. In this case, he decided not to include David's request. David said one of his agenda requests was to discuss using the Town Hall gym for pickleball. MacNeil said this agenda item wasn't included because the board first needs to figure out how it wants to manage uses of the building.

Regarding the Town Hall's third floor, Tim said there is a lot to investigate and this will take some time. The third floor has been closed to the public for decades, and the board needs to clarify why it was originally closed. In the 1980s when Lakeview School was considering expanding into the Town Hall, the fire marshal inspected the building and stated it would not be possible to use the third floor. The fire marshal's report can't be located in the town offices, so Tim and Karl requested a copy of the report from the state archives. Naomi questioned the logic of searching for this old report, when the fire marshal could simply be asked to perform a new inspection.

Naomi said Wonderarts signed a lease with the selectboard to use the third floor a number of years ago. Tim said he was on the Wonderarts board at that time and no programming was done in that space.

Judy said a small group is working to clarify Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, fire safety requirements, and potential structural issues with the roof. Sorting all this out could require a series of inspections. It's also possible that inspections could turn up issues that would affect current uses of the building.

Tim added that in addition to the required inspections, the board also needs to consider how the use of the third floor would affect the use of the middle floors, in terms of noise levels.

Rob said there are many residents who have an interest in fixing up the building. MacNeil said the board also has this interest, and has included \$40k in the FY27 Capital Budget to begin investigations of the building.

2. **David Kelley – swimming lessons.** Discussion of whether there are enough funds in the budget for the swim program. After hearing from Brett that a donation for the swim program was just received from the Greensboro Association, MacNeil said he would sign the swimming lessons contract.
3. **David Kelley – recreation committee.** David said that recreation committee needs new members and that chair Devin Burgess submitted three names to the board for consideration: Lisa Sartorius, Jennifer Ranz, and Dede Stabler. MacNeil said the board would vote to appoint Jennifer and Dede, who have both submitted letters of interest, but will wait on considering Lisa Sartorius as she has not yet submitted a letter of interest.

MacNeil noted that as an official town committee, the recreation committee must follow the open meeting law. Meetings must be warned, with minutes taken and posted to the town website.

## **ROADS**

1. **Certificate of Highway Mileage (Vtrans).** Reviewed and signed by the board.
2. **Roads & Bridge Standards (Vtrans).** Reviewed and signed by the board.

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

No discussion or public comment.

## **GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT. – Chief Dave Brochu, Jr.**

Chief Brochu reported that the new fire truck has been delivered and is currently getting Insta-chains installed.

## **TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves**

1. **Planning for Town Meeting.** Kim reported that the Highland Center will provide coffee and donuts. A spaghetti lunch will be served, with donations accepted. The town offices will be closed at noon the day before Town Meeting so staff can prepare. Two microphone runners are needed!

Janet noted that Peter Romans has withdrawn his candidacy for selectboard.

2. **Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending on the Grand List.** Reviewed and signed by the board.

## **TREASURER – Brett Stanciu**

1. **Treasurer's Report.** The board reviewed Brett's monthly report. Brett noted that outside auditor Sullivan Powers is currently finishing up the FY25 regular audit and has started work on the FY25 single audit.
2. The board reviewed the FY26 budget reports and January check warrants.

- 3. Bond for new fire truck.** Bond documents are being prepared by the town's bond counsel. The board agreed to hold a special meeting on Wed. Feb. 25 at 1:30 p.m. to sign the bond documents.
- 4. 2024 Flood loan.** Josh reported that all 2024 flood projects have been approved by FEMA and the town can expect about \$850k in federal reimbursements in the next month. This will allow the town to pay off the \$733k flood loan. Mike made the following motion:

*The board authorizes the treasurer to pay down the 2024 flood line of credit in its entirety when the funds become available.*

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Caspian Challenge Race.** Tim made the following motion:

*The board approves the Caspian Challenge race as proposed.*

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

- 2. Wastewater Advisory Committee appointment.** In an email, chair Davis Barnett noted that the committee has lost two members, and Elissa Mackin has expressed interest in joining. Judy made the following motion:

*The board appoints Elissa Mackin to the Wastewater Advisory Committee.*

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

- 3. Caspian Lake Dam Task Force appointments.** No list of proposed members was submitted to the board; tabled.
- 4. Recreation Committee appointments.** Chair Devin Burgess submitted the names of Lisa Sartorius, Jennifer Ranz, and Dede Stabler for board consideration. MacNeil noted that since the board did not receive a letter of interest from Lisa, she will not be considered at this time. Mike made the following motion:

*The board appoints Jennifer Ranz and Dede Stabler to the recreation committee.*

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. Greensboro Fire District #2 (GFD#2) – request for District to be absorbed by Town.** Dylan Laflam serves on the GFD#2 board of directors. He said public water systems have strict testing requirements, and GFD#2 relies on volunteers to perform this testing, with a certified water operator signing off. This volunteer testing is getting burdensome for this small organization.

The water system is in good shape at the moment. While GFD#2 has a modest fund for repairs and maintenance, a single problem can easily deplete this fund. Dylan said they're looking for a financial safety net and ways to save on ongoing testing costs.

While one option might be a merger with GFD#1 in Greensboro Village, the GFD#2 is more interested in exploring a merger with the town, he said.

MacNeil said that the fire districts, as municipalities, are independent legal entities. The first step is for the town to understand, from a legal standpoint, whether a merger between the town and GFD#2 is possible, and if so, how it could be structured.

Naomi noted that the Greensboro Community Trust has been looking into water and wastewater issues in the Bend. She said these are complicated, critical issues that must be addressed in order to move ahead with

any development in the Bend. Naomi added that NVDA may have a water specialist and could be a resource.

**2. Town Hall Meeting Room – usage policy.** Discussion of the draft room usage policy.

Discussion of whether to require liability insurance for use of the room. Josh noted that at the January 14 selectboard meeting, the board agreed that initially, the meeting room would be available for just selectboard meetings, official town committees and other town groups such as the Greensboro Association. Given that, he asked whether an insurance requirement is necessary. Judy said she is also skeptical about requiring insurance, but wondered if the town’s insurer should be consulted all the same.

Naomi suggested that since the town wants to encourage use of the meeting room, the use application should be streamlined and easy to fill out. She said the library has a simple use form that could be used as a model.

Dylan, who works for the school district, said the district has a comprehensive use policy with a variety of use categories, each with different requirements.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Greensboro Award**

Ellen made the following motion:

*The board will enter executive session at 8 p.m. to discuss the Greensboro Award.*

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

The board voted unanimously to exit executive session at 8:15 p.m. and took no action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk*