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Greensboro Selectboard

October 14, 2026 – Minutes

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

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT in person: Jig Gresser, Erika Karp, Chris Steel, Karl Stein, Kent Hansen, Peter Gebbie, Chris Roy, Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Tom Camarra, Beth Meachem, Jennifer Ranz

OTHERS PRESENT remote: Mike Cloutier, Janet Long, Aileen Gebbie, Michael Miller, Christine Armstrong, Lise Armstrong, Ila Hunt, Dede Stabler, Elissa Mackin

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Treasurer's report

B. FY27 budget status report and September check warrants

C. Orleans County Sheriff – September report

Judy made the following motion:

The Selectboard accepts the consent agenda as presented.

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

APPROVE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES – 9/9/26 Regular Meeting

Ellen made the following motion:

The Selectboard accepts the minutes from the 9/9/26 meeting.

Judy seconded the motion. The minutes were amended; the vote was held and the motion carried (Celnik, Brennan, Metcalf, Carpenter in favor; MacNeil not voting as chair).

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **Peter Gebbie.** There are three roads coming together at Gebbie Corner, each with their own sign and post. Peter said the current location of the signs has pushed the road towards his fields over time, and requested that the town combine the signs onto one single post in the center of the intersection, or move the individual signs in towards the center. Tom agreed to move the outer signs closer to the center.

2. **Kent Hansen.** Kent asked for an update on the legal review of the revised zoning bylaw. Tim said the review is underway and should be completed by the end of October.
3. **Beth Meachem.** Beth said that the weatherization project at the library is complete, and thanked the Selectboard for their support of the project. Selectboard members thanked Beth and everyone who contributed to this project.

GREENSBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION (GCC)

GCC Chair Chris Steel requested Selectboard approval to apply to the Development Review Board (DRB) for a new boardwalk at the Willey Beach Park. While a request to construct a boardwalk was denied by the DRB a number of years ago, Chris said that under current state regulations a boardwalk is the best solution for accessing a wet parcel such as this.

Chris noted that the GCC is not asking for any boardwalk funding at this time. If the project is approved by the DRB, the GCC will come back to the Selectboard for further approvals. Ellen made the following motion:

> *The Selectboard approves the Greensboro Conservation Commission applying to the DRB for permission to construct a boardwalk on the Willey Beach property.*

Mike seconded the motion which carried (Celnik, Carpenter, MacNeil in favor). Tim and Mike recused themselves from the vote as they both serve on the DRB.

Members of the Selectboard thanked Chris and the GCC for working on this project.

ROADS

Road supervisor's report – Tom Camarra. Tom reported that all winter sand has been put up, and the road crew is prepping trucks and equipment for winter.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

Smith's Store - substitute tobacco license. Mike made the following motion:

> *The Board approves the request from Smith's Store for a substitute tobacco license.*

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Karl Stein – Creation of Emergency Response Team.** Karl said that while all Vermont towns have a Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP), during the 2023 and 2024 floods it was found that these plans were inadequate for those levels of emergencies.

   Others towns in the region, notably Hardwick, have spent the past few years designing and implementing a much more robust emergency plan that builds on their existing LEMP, and Karl has been working on doing the same for Greensboro.

   Part of this process is creating a town emergency team that would utilize the incident command system to work with neighboring towns and regional/national partners to quickly respond to natural disasters, mass casualty events, and public health emergencies. Partners could include Hardwick Neighbor to Neighbor, the Medical Reserve Corps, the Red Cross, VT Emergency Management, and

FEMA. Karl said MOUs would be signed with some of these groups so there would be pre-arranged relationships allowing for quick and efficient cooperation in case of an emergency.

Karl asked for Selectboard permission to finish developing the local plan, which will be added to Greensboro's LEMP when it's next up for annual renewal. Karl also asked for approval to create a Greensboro Emergency Response Team. It was unclear whether this team would be an official town committee. Tim made the following motion:

> *The Board expresses support for the creation of an emergency response team and looks forward to working with Karl Stein to develop a charter for this committee.*

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

Jennifer suggested that in the meantime, a list of who should be called in emergencies should be drawn up, if such a list doesn't currently exist.

2. **Updates to town hall gym use form.** Josh noted that it makes sense that the gym use form will change over time as uses of the space evolve. Elissa said both the United Church and library are used by the public for a wide variety of activities, and suggested that the town could learn from the way public access of these buildings is managed.
   - Administration of gym use form. It was clarified that Josh will be the primary staff member to administer the gym use form, with Kim as secondary.
   - Issuing door codes. Discussion of how often door codes should be reset. Karl noted that it's standard for state and federal buildings to have codes changed weekly. The Board agreed that this approach makes sense for the town hall building.
   - Clarify scheduling protocols. Josh said that currently the pickleball club uses the gym throughout the week without defined days or hours of use. Since there are no other users of the space at this time, there's been no scheduling conflicts.

     After discussion, the Board agreed that all users of the gym must specify specific days and hours they wish to use the space, so the use can be clearly noted on the town calendar and future scheduling conflicts can be avoided.

     Josh will modify the gym use policy based on this evening's discussion, and the Board will review and approve at its November meeting.
3. **Town Hall committee.** A draft charter will be discussed at the November Selectboard meeting. The Board agreed to delay soliciting committee members until the committee charter is completed.
4. **Clarify that Selectboard approval is required for changes to Town properties and facilities.** MacNeil said that the Board needs to develop a protocol that addresses how changes can be proposed to town properties, and this protocol needs to be communicated to all committee chairs.
   - **Clothing donation box at recycling.** The "Apparel Impact" donation box at the recycling center was installed without Selectboard approval. Kim said she had suggested to recycling coordinator Ken Johnson that he request Board approval, but by the time they had that conversation Ken had already ordered the box.

     Kim said it should be known that items dumped in the box are trucked out of state and do not make it to the Giving Closet.

- **Bend Community Park – pickleball court.** Ellen said members of the recreation committee painted a pickleball court on the basketball court at the Bend Community Park.

  As a town facility, MacNeil said the town is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the park and any proposed changes need to be approved by the Selectboard.

  Discussion of how to remedy the situation. Ellen felt that the lines should be removed, since they were added without input from the community. Tim said it's common for tennis courts to be painted for pickleball use, and suggested it's possible this could be a multi-use court.

  Christine said the Board could request that the recreation committee ask for permission after the fact. Judy suggested that the recreation committee be invited to the November Selectboard meeting to discuss this issue.

5. **Terms for town committee members.** The Selectboard makes committee appointments at their March reorganizational meeting, held the week after town meeting. Discussion of standardizing committee membership terms such that all terms begin and end at this March meeting. Josh said he'd develop a spreadsheet to better keep track of committee membership. A conversation on this topic with town committee chairs needs to be scheduled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Legal

Judy made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

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

The Board left executive session at 8:59 p.m. and took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Town Administrator