

**Minutes for Annual Town and Town School District Meeting  
March 3, 2015**

The legal voters of the town and town school district of Greensboro will meet at Fellowship Hall in the town of Greensboro, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10 a.m. to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect a moderator to govern said town for the coming year.

*TIM NISBET WAS NOMINATED BY DAVE SMITH, SECOND BY VALDINE HALL*

***BRIDGET MOVED THE CLERK CAST ONE BALLOT FOR TIM NISBET***

Article 2: To take action on the printed report of officers.

*SO MOVED BY BRIDGET COLLIER, SECOND BY DAVE SMITH*

*OPENED TO THE FLOOR, THE PRINTED REPORT OF OFFIERS WAS*

*APPROVED AS AMENDED/CORRECTED*

*PAGE 26 - 2013 GRADER, ACTUAL COST PAID SHOULD BE \$210,500 NOT \$210,000*

*PAGE 53 - CRAFTSBURY COMMUNITY CARE CENTER IS A NON-PROFIT RESIDENTIAL*

*CARE FACILITY NOT A FULL CARE NURSING FACILITY*

*PAGE 22 - A CLARIFICATION ON THE DELINQUENT TAXES, THE ACTUAL AMOUNT*

*COLLECTED BY JUNE 30, 2014 WAS \$134,645.61. THE STATEMENT OF TAXES SHOWS*

*THE ACTUAL TOTAL TO BE COLLECTED OF \$153,088.94*

*PAGE 44 THE PHONE NUMBER FOR THE HEALTH CENTER IS 472-3300 NOT 479-3300*

*PAGE 8 LIBRARY TRUSTEES, NEED TO ELECT 3 3YEAR TERMS*

***APPROVED AS AMENDED***

*AT THIS TIME TOWN CLERK, VALDINE HALL, TOOK A MOMENT TO THANK THE*

*FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR HELP IN MAKING TOWN MEETING HAPPEN:*

*KIM GREAVES AND JEANNE EISNER FOR SETTING UP, TED DONLON FOR*

*SETTING UP OUR SOUND, KRISTEN LEAHY AND JANE JOHNS FOR HELP IN*

*PREPARING THE TOWN REPORT, THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FOR USE*

*OF THE SPACE AND, FOUR SEASONS OF EARLY LEARNING FOR PROVIDING*

*LUNCH.*

*SUSAN WOOD TOOK THE FLOOR AND PRESENTED THE GREENSBORO AWARD.*

*THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT WAS WAYNE YOUNG. WAYNE WAS PRESENTED A*

*CLOCK AND HIS NAME WAS ADDED TO THE WALL PLAGUE.*

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$ **743,598.00** (Australian Ballot)

*SO MOVED BY BRIDGET COLLIER, SECOND BY ANDY DALES*

***Ballot Vote: Yes 97 No 3***

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve the proposed Zoning By-Law changes (This will be by Australian Ballot).

*SO MOVED BY DAVID SMITH SECOND BY ANDY DALES*

*DISCUSSION ON WHAT THE CURRENT SETBACKS ARE AND WHAT THE IMPACT OF*

*THE PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD BE. HOW WILL THE "SIGNIFICANT PORTION" BE*

*DECIDED, WHO DECIDES, WILL IT BE THE SAME FOR EVERYONE. WHAT IS THE*

*DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE AND WHAT IS BEING*

*PROPOSED. PHIL GRAY ATTEMPTED TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.*

***Ballot Vote: Yes 70 No 30***

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro authorize property tax exemption for the "Ballfield" property identified as parcel ID 005-0002 for a one year period. This will eliminate the municipal property tax due. However, the amount due for education taxes will still need to be raised and will be included in our Local

Agreement Rate.

SO MOVED BY JANET LONG, SECOND BY BRIDGET COLLIER  
JANET LONG ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE TOWN PAYING THE EDUCATION  
TAX ON THE BALLFIELD. IT WAS ASKED WHO OWNED THE PROPERTY, VALDINE  
STATED THAT THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY MRS. OSTERHOUT AND MRS. BISHOP AND  
THE TOWN HAS A LEASE TO USE THE PROPERTY AS A BALLFIELD.

**ARTICLE 5 PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE**

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro elect a three (3) member Cemetery Commission.  
SO MOVED BY KIM GREAVES, SECOND BY IRENE HILL  
DISCUSSION ON WHAT A CEMETERY COMMISSION DUTIES WOULD BE - VALDINE  
SAID THE WOULD OVERSEE THE OPERATION OF THE TOWN CEMETERIES. JANET  
LONG WANTED TO KNOW IF THE TOWN CLERK COULD SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER,  
VALDINE TOLD HER THAT THE TOWN CLERK COULD BUT THE TOWN TREASURER  
COULD NOT.

**ARTICLE 6 PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE**

Article 7: To elect town officers and school district officers required by law and one or more library trustees:

**SELECTBOARD 3 YEAR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY SUSAN WOOD**

KIM GREAVES NOMINATED WARREN HILL, SECOND BY ANDY DALES  
JANET LONG NOMINATED SUSAN WOOD, SECOND BY STEPHANIE HERRICK  
JANET TRAVERS NOMINATED SEAN THOMPSON (APPARENTLY WE DON'T NEED SECONDS SO THERE WASN'T  
ONE FOR SEAN)  
BRIDGET COLLIER NOMINATED ERNEST MACHIA

WARREN SPOKE FIRST FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE DIVERSITY ON BOARD HE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE  
COMMUNITY. ALSO, DUE TO HIS LINE OF WORK, HE IS AS ASSET WHEN REPLACING TOWN EQUIPMENT.

SUSAN HAS ENJOYED SERVING ON THE BOARD FEELS THAT BOARD HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING EFFICIENTLY.

SEAN INTERESTED IN SERVING AND SAVING MONEY, HIS BACKGROUND IS COMPUTER IT.  
ERNE FEELS ITS IMPORTANT THAT THE BEND BE REPRESENTED AND SAVING FUNDS.

ERNE MOVED TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS, SECOND BY DAVE SMITH  
**116 VOTES CAST- 59 NEEDED TO WIN**

WAYNE YOUNG 2 SEAN THOMSON 18  
SUSAN WOOD 52 WARREN HILL 24  
SPOILED 7 (INCLUDING 2 VOTES FOR WAYNE YOUNG)

KIM GREAVES NOMINATED WARREN HILL, JANET LONG NOMINATED SUSAN WOOD, BRIDGET COLLIER  
NOMINATED ERNEST MACHIA, ERNEST MACHIA WITHDREW

**2ND ROUND 115 VOTES CAST - 58 NEEDED TO WIN**

SUSAN WOOD 87 WARREN HILL 26  
SEAN THOMSON 2

**SUSAN WOOD WAS ELECTED**

**SELECTBOARD 2 YEAR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY WARREN HILL**

KIM GREAVES NOMINATED WARREN HILL, JANET TRAVERS NOMINATED SEAN THOMSON, BRIDGET COLLIER  
NOMINATED ERNEST MACHIA, ERNEST WITHDREW

**112 VOTES CAST - NEEDED TO WIN 58**

WARREN HILL 55 SEAN THOMSON 56  
SUSAN WOOD 1

**2ND ROUND 123 VOTES CAST - NEEDED TO WIN 63**

WARREN HILL 60 SEAN THOMSON 63

**SEAN THOMSON ELECTED**

**SELECTBOARD (TO COMPLETE 3 YR TERM - 1 YR REMAINING) CURRENTLY HELD BY ERNEST MACHIA**

*BRIDGET COLLIER NOMINATED ERNEST MACHIA, KIM GREAVES NOMINATED WARREN HILL. WARREN HILL WITHDREW - BRIDGET MOVED THAT THE CLERK CAST ONE BALLOT FOR ERNEST MACHIA*

**TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS 1 YR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY PEGGY LIPSCOMB**

*BRIDGET COLLIER NOMINATED VALDINE HALL - VALDINE WITHDREW  
VALDINE HALL NOMINATED PEGGY LIPSCOMB*

**DAVE SMITH MOVED THE CLERK CAST ONE BALLOT FOR PEGGY LIPSCOMB**

**CEMETERY COMMISSION 3 YEAR POSITION**  
*VALDINE HALL NOMINATED PATSY MERCIER*

**PATSY WAS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**CEMETERY COMMISSION 2 YEAR POSITION**  
*PATSY MERCIER NOMINATED BRUCE BUCKLEY*

**BRUCE WAS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**CEMETERY COMMISSION 1 YEAR POSITION**  
*MARY YOUNG NOMINATED WAYNE YOUNG*

**WAYNE WAS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**GREENSBORO SCHOOL BOARD 3 YEAR TERM CURRENTLY HELD BY MAJORIE URIE**

*VALDINE HALL NOMINATED MARJORIE URIE, TARA REYNOLDS STATED THAT MARJORIE HADN'T BEEN ATTENDING MEETINGS AND WASN'T INTERESTED IN SERVING, VALDINE WITHDREW HER NOMINATION  
TARA REYNOLDS NOMINATED CAROLYN KEHLER*

**CAROLYN KEHLER WAS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**LAKEVIEW UNION DIRECTOR 3 YEAR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY JERILYN VIRDEN**

*DAVID KELLY NOMINATED JERILYN VIRDEN  
ANNE HARBISON THOUGHT SHERRAL LUMSDEN WOULD BE A GOOD CANDIDATE AND NOMINATED HER -  
LARRY LUMSDEN DIDN'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR SHERRAL AS TO HER INTEREST IN THE POSITION, SO ANNE  
WITHDREW HER NOMINATION*

**JERILYN VIRDEN WAS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**LAKEVIEW UNION DIRECTOR (2 YRS LEFT ON A 3 YEAR TERM) CURRENTLY HELD BY CAROLYN KEHLER**

*TARA REYNOLDS NOMINATED VICTORIA VON HESSERT  
VICTORIA VON HESSERT WAS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE*

**HAZEN UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR 3 YEAR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY DAVID KELLY**

*VALDINE HALL NOMINATED DAVID KELLY*

**DAVID KELLY WAS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**FIRST CONSTABLE 1 YEAR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY RICK WALSH**

*BRIDGET COLLIER NOMINATED RICK WALSH*

**RICK WALSH WAS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**SECOND CONSTABLE 1 YEAR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY MARK SNYDER**

*RICK WALSH NOMINATED MARK SNYDER*

**MARK SNYDER WAS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 YR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY DONNA JENCKES**

*BRIDGET COLLIER NOMINATED DONNA JENCKES*

**DONNA JENCKES ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 YR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY HAROLD (HAL) GRAY**

*MIKE METCALF NOMINATED HAL GRAY*

**HAL GRAY ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 YR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY VIRGINIA JENKINS**

DIANE IRISH NOMINATED VIRGINIA JENKINS

**VIRGINIA JENKINS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE  
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES 1 YR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY JANET LONG**

MARSHA GADOURY NOMINATED JANET LONG

**JANET LONG ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER 1 YR POSITION CURRENTLY HELD BY LORRAINE TOLMAN**

MIKE METCALF NOMINATED LORRAINE TOLMAN

**LORRAINE TOLMAN WAS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**TOWN AGENT 1 YR TERM CURRENTLY HELD BY DAVID SMITH**

JANET LONG NOMINATED DAVID SMITH

**DAVID SMITH WAS ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**TOWN GRAND JUROR 1 YR TERM CURRENTLY HELD BY DAVID SMITH**

BRIDGET COLLIER NOMINATED DAVID SMITH

**DAVID SMITH ELECTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

**BROKE FOR LUNCH AT 12:11 WILL RECONVENE AT 1PM**

OUR REPS VICKI STRONG AND SAM YOUNG UPDATED US ON WHAT THEY ARE WORKING ON THIS YEAR, VICKI ISN'T HAPPY WITH PROPOSED EDUCATION CHANGES -

SAM SAYS WE WILL GET LITTLE ANTENNAS ON THE PHONE POLES THIS YEAR WHICH SHOULD INCREASE CELL PHONE COVERAGE. THE QUESTION WAS WHAT CARRIERS WILL BE INCLUDED ON POLE ANTENNAS - SAM STATED AT THIS TIME IT WILL JUST BE VERIZON

CLIVE GRAY COMMENTED ON THE GOVERNORS PROPOSAL TO LEVEL FUND VERMONT CONSERVATION THIS YEAR- HE WANTED TO KNOW IF THIS ORGANIZATION HAD A CHANCE OF GETTING WHAT HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY PROPOSED - SAM STATED THAT WITH THIS YEARS BUDGET, THEY ARE LUCKY TO BE AT LEVEL FUNDING

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE VOICED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAX FOR HEALTH CARE

CRAFTSBURY HAD HIGHEST TEST SCORES IN STATE - WHAT CAN BE DONE TO KEEP CRAFTSBURY AT ITS LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE IN TERMS OF TESTING - PROPERTY TAX REFORM WHERE ARE WE -TRISH DO NOT TAX CHARITABLE DONATIONS

WHAT IS LEGISLATURE DOING TO GET EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO WORK TOGETHER - VICKI, JUDICIARY IS WORKING ON "EFFICIENCY" TO SEE HOW THEY CAN WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE COST

WHERE DO YOU STAND ON THE MARIJUANA BILL - SAM IS CO SPONSOR OF BILL - NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR - THERE WILL BE A SLOW APPROACH, THE MAIN FOCUS ISN'T THE MONEY BUT THE BEST WAY TO MONITOR SO THAT IT IS GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITIES. VICKI ISN'T IN FAVOR OUR REPRESENTATIVES WERE THANKED FOR COMING

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town Greensboro appropriate the following sums to the outside agencies listed below?

SO MOVED BY DAVID SMITH SECOND BY BRIDGET COLLIER

DAVID SMITH FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS HE HAS CALLED THE QUESTION, BUT

THIS YEAR HE THINKS WE SHOULD LOOK CLOSELY

**THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED ON A VOICE VOTE**

Outside Agency	Amount
Area Agency on Aging	\$ 1,000
AWARE	1,500
Beach	2,450
Caledonia Home Health	1,400
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	200
Craftsbury Community Care Center	10,000
Four Season's of Early Learning	9,500
Green Up	50
Greensboro Nursing Home	18,704
Hardwick Area Community Coalition	500
Hardwick Area Food Shelf	2,000
Hardwick Area Restorative Justice	1,500
Lamoille Family	500
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	250
North Country Animal League	600
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	800
NVDA	572
Orleans County Historical Society	425
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	800
Orleans County Court Diversion	100
Red Cross	250
Rescue squad	6,467
Rural Community Transportation	900
VT Center for Independent Living	210
Wonder & Wisdom Seniors Program	3,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 64,178</b>

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve the following Special Appropriation requests from the Municipal Properties listed below?

Greensboro Cemeteries	\$15,250
Greensboro Conservation <b>FUND</b>	\$ 2,000
Greensboro Free Library	\$25,000
Greensboro Grange Bldg	\$10,000
Greensboro Historical Society	\$ 1,500
Greensboro Recreation	\$ 1,000
Willey Beach Park	\$ 3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,750</b>

SO MOVED DAVID SMITH, SECOND BY BRIDGET COLLIER

DISCUSSION: MARK SNYDER WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE \$10,000 FOR THE GREENSBORO GRANGE BUILDING WAS NEEDED - HAROLD PATTEN WANTED TO KNOW HOW THIS WOULD FIT WITH THE NOISE ORDINANCE - STEPHANIE

RESPONDED THAT EVENTS HELD THERE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE, REFERRING TO THE NOISE ORDINANCE QUESTION. MARK WANTED TO KNOW WHY WE WERE PUTTING MONEY INTO THIS WHEN WE ARE NOT PUTTING MONEY INTO THE TOWN HALL. "WE'RE GOING DOWN A RABBIT HOLE WILL AND NEED MORE AND MORE". ANNE HARBISON THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD GO NICE WITH THE WILLEY BEACH - ONE OF THE NICEST PARTIES SHE EVER WENT TO WAS ERIN DEZELL GRADUATION PARTY AT THE OLD GRANGE BUILDING. PETER ROMANS THINKS THE GREENSBORO GRANGE BUILDING IS AN INTERESTING PROJECT BUT WE HAVE MANY OTHER PROJECTS NEEDING 10'S OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. HE DOESN'T THINK WE SHOULD SPEND ANY MONEY ON THIS BUILDING. WE SHOULD BE SPENDING OUR MONEY ON OTHER BUILDINGS. STEPHANIE RESPONDED THAT THE APPROPRIATION REQUEST WAS EARMARKED FOR HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY, WE NEED TO MAKE THE BUILDING HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO USE IT. IF WE DO NOTHING TO THIS BUILDING IT WILL CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE, THIS WAS THE ORIGINAL TOWN HALL BUILDING AND SHOULD BE PRESERVED. BRIDGET STATED THAT 20 OR 30 YEARS AGO PEOPLE WANTED TO LET THE CURRENT TOWN HALL BUILDING GO AND MAKE IT A PARKING LOT, NOW THE BUILDING IS FULLY USED BY THE TOWN OFFICES AND THE SCHOOL. JUDY DALES POINTED OUT THAT WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS BRING THE BUILDING UP TO SPECS SO THAT THE SPACE CAN BE USED. THE ONLY SPACE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IS FELLOWSHIP HALL AND DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WE REALLY NEED ANOTHER SPACE. PETER STATED THIS IS GOING TO BE A \$200,000 PROJECT MONEY WOULD BE BETTER SPENT IN OTHER PLACES. PHIL GRAY WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH PETER ROMANS STATEMENT AND MOVED TO LOWER THE AMOUNT FROM \$10,000 TO \$5,000, JANET LONG SECONDED. DAVE KELLY THINKS IT IS TRAGIC THAT WE ARE TURNING OUR BACK ON OUR MOST HISTORIC BUILDING. MARK SNYDER THOUGHT THAT SINCE WE BOUGHT THE BUILDING FOR ONLY \$8,000 IT WAS A GOOD DEAL BUT ALL WE NEED IS KEEP A GOOD ROOF ON IT. MIKE LAMBERT CALLED THE QUESTION.

**THE AMENDMENT TO LOWER THE \$10,000 REQUEST TO \$5,000 FAILED ON A VOICE VOTE, THE \$10,000 APPROPRIATION REQUEST STAYS.**

THE WILLEY BEACH PARK APPROPRIATION REQUEST, PETER SAYS THEY TRIED TO LOWER AMOUNT BUT THEY HAVE A FEDERAL MANDATE TO MAKE IT A PARK - PHIL WANTED TO KNOW IF THIS WAS A ONE SHOT PROPOSITION. BRIDGET SAYS THE CHEAPEST THING IS TO PUT UP THE SIGN AND LEAVE IT SUSAN DISAGREES WITH BRIDGET, HER UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE HAD TO REMOVE THE GRAVEL THAT HAD BEEN PUT IN PLACE.

**ALL OF THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED, ARTICLE 9 PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

Article 10: Shall the voters approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 1,669,296.00 which contains the necessary amount required by law and proposed expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015? (This budget includes the outside and local appropriations requests).

amount

SO MOVED BY BRIDGET COLLIER, SECOND BY ANDY DALES

DISCUSSION: QUESTION ON THE AMOUNT BUDGETED VERSUS THE AMOUNT SPENT FOR GUARDRAILS IN FY14 – VALDINE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS A CHANGE IN THE REQUIREMENTS WITH THE PAVING GRANT WE RECEIVED LAST YEAR. WE

ARE NOW REQUIRED TO REPLACE GUARDRAILS ON ANY SECTION THAT WE REPAVE WITH GRANT MONEY.

WHY THE INCREASE IN INSURANCE FOR CONSTABLES – VALDINE EXPLAINED THERE WAS A RATE INCREASE. THE QUESTION AROSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE NEEDED CONSTABLES. VALDINE SAID IF THE VOTERS WANTED TO ELIMINATE THE POSITION, WE NEEDED A PETITION TO GET ON THE WARNING FOR A FUTURE TOWN MEETING.

**ARTICLE 10 PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE**

Article 11: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve moving any surplus, with the exception of the HRA line item, from the current fiscal year Highway Dept Budget into the HERF account in the next fiscal year?

SO MOVED BY DAVID SMITH, SECOND BY JANET LONG

DISCUSSION – JANET WANTED TO KNOW WHAT HRA AND HERF STOOD FOR.

VALDINE EXPLAINED THAT HRA WAS THE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT AND THAT THE HERF WAS THE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND. JANET ASKED THAT NEXT YEAR THE ACTUAL WORDS BE USED AND NOT ABBREVIATIONS

**ARTICLE 11 PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE**

Article 12: Shall the voters of the Town Greensboro approve applying surplus, including HRA monies noted in Article 11, from the current fiscal year General Fund to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

SO MOVED BY BRIDGET COLLIER, SECOND BY DAVID SMITH

**ARTICLE 12 PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE**

Article 13: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro vote to instruct the Selectboard to set the tax rate necessary to raise the specific amounts for the town on the FY2016 Grand List? Taxes will be delinquent if not received in the office of the Town Treasurer by Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

SO MOVED BY JANET LONG, SECOND BY JUDY CARPENTER

DISCUSSION, VALDINE HALL PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE TAX DUE DATE TO OCTOBER 29, 2015 AT 4 PM, AS TAXPAYERS HAVE UNTIL OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> TO FILE THEIR HOMESTEAD DECLARATIONS. JANET LONG MENTIONED THAT ALL PEOPLE HAD TO DO WAS SAVE UP AND PAY AT LEAST WHAT THEY PAID THE YEAR BEFORE. DENISE STUART, A LOCAL TAX ACCOUNTANT, SUPPORTED THE CHANGE, STATING IT WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR TAX PAYER'S AS THEY WILL NO LONGER NEED TO ESTIMATE WHAT THEIR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WILL BE IF THEY HAPPEN TO BE AN OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> FILER. NANCY LAMBERT CALLED THE QUESTION

**ARTICLE 13 PASSED AS AMENDED – THE TAX DUE DATE WILL BE OCTOBER 29, 2015 BY 4:00PM**

Article 14: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro instruct the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

SO MOVED BY DAVID SMITH, SECOND BY NANCY LAMBERT

DISCUSSION – STEPHANINE HERRICK WANTED TO KNOW IF BY EXTENDING THE TAX DUE DATE WASN'T THIS GOING CAUSE US TO PAY MORE IN INTEREST. VALDINE RESPONDED THAT YES IT WAS POSSIBLE.

**ARTICLE 14 PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE**

Article 15: Shall the voters of the Greensboro town school district approve the proposed budget of \$ 44,108 which contains the necessary amounts to defray town school district expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same? Taxes will be delinquent if not received in the office of the Town Treasurer by Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

SO MOVED BY BRIDGET COLLIER SECOND BY DAVID SMITH

KIM GREAVES PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT CHANGING DATE TO OCT 29, 2015 THE QUESTION WAS ASKED WHAT THE \$44,108 COVERED, VALDINE

*EXPLAINED THIS WAS EARLY EDUCATION*

***ARTICLE 15 PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE AS AMENDED – TAX DUE DATE  
WILL BE OCTOBER 29, 2015 BY 4PM.***

Article 16: Shall the voters of the Greensboro Town school district authorize the school directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and state revenues?

*SO MOVED BY DAVID SMITH, SECOND BY BRIDGET COLLIER*

***ARTICLE 16 PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE***

Article 17: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro vote to advise the Selectboard to enact a noise ordinance?

*SO MOVED BY DAVID SMITH, SECOND BY ANNE HARBISON*

*THERE WERE A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE NOISE  
ORDINANCE AVAILABLE FOR THE VOTERS TO REVIEW. THESE ARE THE  
DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THE DISCUSSION.*

*DAVID SMITH FEELS A NOISE ORDINANCE IS GOING TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR  
BUSINESSES, HE AGREES AND SUPPORTS THE STATEMENT BRIDGET  
PREPARED AND SUGGESTS THAT WE VOTE NO*

*PETER ROMANS RESPONDED THAT THEY (THE SELECTBOARD) HAD RECEIVED  
COMPLAINTS AND DECIDED TO LOOK IN TO IT. A COMMITTEE WAS FORMED  
AND A DRAFT ORDINANCE WAS CREATED. THEY (THE SELECTBOARD) CAN  
ISSUE WAIVERS – THE DRB IS NOW INCLUDING IN THEIR DECISIONS THAT NEW  
BUSINESSES CAN NOT HAVE OUTSIDE AMPLIFIED MUSIC OR WEDDINGS. HE  
THINKS THIS WAS DONE AT A REQUEST OF THE NEIGHBOR'S. HE FEELS IT  
ISN'T FAIR TO NEW BUSINESSES TO HAVE THE RESTRICTIONS THAT THE DRB  
PUTS ON AND EXISTING BUSINESS DO NOT HAVE THE SAME RESTRICTIONS. A  
NOISE ORDINANCE DOES NOT PRECLUDE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, THEY SIMPLY  
HAVE TO LIVE WITH A REALISTIC LEVEL OF NOISE FROM THEIR PROPERTY.  
HE BELIEVES EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
PROTECTED FROM NOISE*

*DAVID KELLY WANTED TO KNOW HOW THE SELECTBOARD WAS GOING TO  
ADMINISTER THIS, DAVID FEELS WE ARE GOING TO FIND OURSELVES IN  
COURT DEFENDING THIS – WE DON'T NEED THIS ORDINANCE*

*TOM ANTISTASIO SAID HE SPOKE WITH HARDWICK POLICE CHIEF AARON  
COCHARAN AND IS STUNNED WITH THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE CHIEF  
THAT HE WASN'T CONSULTED – SAID THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED NOT  
WANTING TO BUY METERS DUE TO COST – NOISE ENDANGERS HEALTH  
BECAUSE PEOPLE CAN'T SLEEP – WE ARE TALKING ABOUT LOUD NOISE. HE  
FEELS THE DRB SHOULDN'T BE SAYING PEOPLE CAN'T DO THINGS WE  
SHOULD HAVE A NOISE ORDINANCE INSTEAD*

*CHARLIE McATEER, TAKES ISSUE WITH HOW THE DRB HAS BEEN OPERATING.  
THEIR BUSINESS IS ONE WHICH HAS RECENTLY HAD RESTRICTIONS APPLIED,  
INCLUDING NO OUTSIDE AMPLIFIED MUSIC OR WEDDINGS. THESE TYPES OF  
RESTRICTIONS LIMIT THE USE OF BUSINESSES. HE FEELS THAT THIS TYPE OF  
SPOT ENFORCEMENT IS INEQUITABLE – IS THE DRB ACTING AS A NOISE  
ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY WITHOUT THE AUTHORITY?*



MARY MCGRATH SAYS IT ISN'T JUST A VILLAGE ISSUE. THE DIRT TRACK NEAR HER IS A PROBLEM. THEY SPOKE WITH AN ATTORNEY WHO TOLD THEM AS WE DID NOT HAVE A NOISE ORDINANCE HE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.

HAROLD PATTEN DOESN'T THINK WE SHOULD HAVE A NOISE ORDINANCE

ADAM FROEHLIG THINKS WE SHOULD VOTE BY PAPER BALLOT WHEN WE GET AROUND TO VOTING ON THIS. TIM EXPLAINED THIS WAS AN ADVISORY ARTICLE AND THEREFORE NON-BINDING.

ROB BRIGHAM - HAS LIVED ABOVE THE HIGHLAND LODGE AND HAS ENJOYED THE WEDDINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED THERE. PETER GEBBIE TRAVELS UP AND DOWN THE ROAD AT ALL HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK DURING HIS HAYING SEASON, NOISE HAPPENS, GET USE TO IT OR MOVE SOMEWHERE ELSE

ANNE HARBISON - YOU NEED TO GET A PERMIT FOR FIRECRACKERS

PENNY BRETSCNIDER - HER NEIGHBORS JENNIFER AND NAOMI RANZ, HAVE PARTIES, PLAY MUSIC AND SHE IS FINE WITH IT - HER DONKEYS MAKE NOISE WILL THEY COMPLAIN?

BETHANY LANGE-McATEER SAYS SHE IS CONFUSED. THERE IS A STATE ORDINANCE, SO WE DO HAVE AN ORDINANCE DON'T WE?

PETER SAYS THE HARDWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY IF WE HAD A NOISE ORDINANCE

MIKE CLOUTIER - WE ARE BECOMING A WORLD OF NO - HE USE TO HAVE PARTIES, THE KEY IS INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS - USE SOME COMMON SENSE, BE NICE

CAROLYN KEHLER – HAS BEEN HERE SINCE THE 40'S - THINGS HAVE CHANGED - WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE THREE DAY FRAT PARTY IT WAS IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD. HOWEVER, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN THE SECOND YEAR AND SHE FEELS IT BECAUSE SHE WENT OVER AND SPOKE WITH THEM. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO CALL THE POLICE INSTEAD OF TALKING WITH HER NEIGHBORS. SHE HOPES WE DON'T DO THIS.

JANET LONG- NOISE DOESN'T BOTHER HER, SHE CANT HEAR ANYTHING. BUT THE POLICE SAY THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A NOISE ORDINANCE.

NAT SMITH - ONE PART OF THE BYLAW SAYS THE DRB SHOULD CONSIDER NOISE WHEN ISSUING A PERMIT. HE DOESN'T THINK THE DRB APPLYING RESTRICTIONS IS INEQUITABLE.

THE HISTORY OF THE LAKEVIEW INN WAS PRESENTED

**98 VOTES CAST - YES 24 NO 74**

Article 18: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro vote to advise the Selectboard to sell the property known as

the "Old Fire Station"?

SO MOVED BY DAVID SMITH, SECOND BY JANET LONG

DISCUSSION A COMMITTEE WAS FORMED MEMBERS INCLUDED TONY ACHESON, MARSHA GADOURY AND WARREN HILL. THEY SOUGHT MARKET OPINIONS FROM TWO LOCAL REALTORS THE VALUES REPORTED WERE \$80,000 AND \$110,000 AND THEY ASSESSED VALUE OF \$ 72,500

GINA AND TOM ANTISTASIO ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS WANT TO BUY THE OLD FIRE STATION AS IT WOULD ENHANCE THEIR PROPERTY. THE TOWN IS GOING TO HAVE BIG EXPENSE IF WE KEEP IT

**ARTICLE 18 WAS ACCEPTED ON A VOICE VOTE FROM THE FLOOR.**

Article 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

**4TH OF JULY - FIREWORKS ON FRIDAY THE 3RD- PARADE ON SATURDAY THE 4TH**

WAYNE NEXT YEAR WOULD LIKE TO SEE SCHOOL REPORT READABLE, VALDINE HALL SAID SHE WOULD ALSO LIKE THAT, HOWEVER, THIS IS WHAT THE SCHOOL SENDS US

DAVID MAUNSEL HAD A NOISE STORY - HE WORKED IT THROUGH BY TALKING TO HIS NEIGHBORS

DAVID SMITH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY BRIDGET COLLIER

ADJOURNED 3:06 PM

ATTEST:

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VALDINE HALL, TOWN CLERK

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TIM NISBET, MODERATOR

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SUSAN WOOD, SELECTBOARD

DATE:

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