Annual Meeting of The Greensboro Association

4PM-6PM (4-5 pm, GA business meeting; 5-6 pm, town reports)

August 4, 2016

### Greensboro Association Business Meeting (4PM)

**President’s welcome (John Stone)**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

Welcome: Asks if 4 pm time is good, room replies positively

Business meeting will be one hour; selected committee reports will be presented

Committee reports are on the GA website; members are asked to look to the website for information on the activities of the GA

Reading of Members Passed; moment of silence for these members

Minutes from last year are published on the website—next year will adopt both

President’s Report: John Stone talks about the year’s projects

Various projects are being undertaken. This year the ice damage and lake level are prominent, so this will be a feature.

Noise on lake is also a major problem; traditions of lake use must be discussed.

The lake cottage rental guidelines--on issues like occupancy, septic and noise levels-- are left in the back for membership. These are also available on the GA website and should be shared with renters.

John thanks committee members, mentions particular people who make a difference on the GA, the varied work of members. He looks ahead to the next year, growing the Fund for Greensboro, supporting long-term community needs. He hopes to grow the membership of the GA, traditionally lake-centered but hopefully will move beyond that. (See President’s Report on GA Website)

**Committee Reports**

***Lake Protection Committee & Lake Levels: (Andy Dales & John Schweizer)***

Andy Dales gives overview of what has been happening with lake in terms of water quality and invasive species; also winter ice damage because of the level of the lake.

Fortunately, no milfoil on Caspian Lake, now or ever. As to water quality, a committee was formed in 1969, the Lay Monitoring Program, to test the water quality throughout the summer. Results have been consistently very good for the past forty years. Water clarity is an indicator of water quality. Of the 51 Vermont Lakes, Caspian is # 7. For various substances being tested, Caspian is #3 or #4 out of 51; very good results.

Measurements have been stable for years. After the ice push and waves of 2016, water clarity went down somewhat. This cleared out after some weeks, and material is on bottom.

As to milfoil, the “greeter” program meets every boat at boat launch. Seven days a week, 5 to 5. Three paid young local greeters, with help from town hall; payroll is run through town hall books. 2015, 561 boats inspected; this year, 530 by end of July 2016. Probably 800 boats by end of season 2016. Program costs $15,00 per year. State of Vermont gave $6,000 last year and town of Greensboro gives the rest. Focus on milfoil because it is so bad; all encouraged to watch out for milfoil. Safety responsibilities of committee described, including buoys around swimming area.

John Schweizer presents on water levels and ice damage issue, mainly on north shore of lake.

A long-standing agreement with Hardwick Electric to drop water level in winter; Hardwick Electric decided to stop this practice, based on state regulations. Delegation went to VT Agency of Natural Resources, productive meeting about lake level. The hope is to have several lake levels, for the different seasons. Plans to meet with biologist to determine best levels. State concern about spawning ground. Hopefully property damage can be avoided without harming aquatic species. Options for moving forward, committee leaning to petition state to allow new winter lake level.

***Grants and Endowment Committee (John Schweizer)***

John reviews mission of committee, enhancing community. Money given to specific organizations; one year projects, Greensboro-based. Services to community, if the groups have little fund raising ability; $9,000 total. Lists grants given this past year, rationale for each grant. Goes over 2017 project grants; $5,100 total. Total amount of grants, around $14,000. Giving back to community through grants.

***Treasurer & Auditor Report & Budget Approval (Rick Lovett)***

Fiscal Year 2014, Auditors Report, 2014-15 Budget

Working on June 30 –July 1 year. Last year was financially successful. Rick goes over budget numbers. Receipts about the same as last year. GA has no debt or employees, keeps expenses to a minimum. Money at Vermont Community Fund and in operating account at bank, all in cash or money market account. In case of milfoil problem, must keep money in liquid form. Comments and suggestions welcome; motions made to accept treasurer’s report and auditor’s report, and to accept budget. Motions accepted by acclamation.

John Schweizer talks about Fund for Greensboro—community purposes described. 2015/206—brochure mailed out to 800 members. 30-35 contributors to the fund. Plans for 2016/2017—personal visits to members. Will improve brochure and fine-tune criteria for disbursements.

***Nominating Committee (Don Jenkins)***

Describes the slate of nominations for class of 2017—opening for this class.

Then lists slate for class of 2019, seven individuals. Officers listed. (All had been distributed in hard copy.) Motion to accept slate as presented, seconded. Motion accepted by acclamation.

***Close of Business Meeting***

John Stone asks if there is AOB. Question on purpose of Fund for Greensboro. Explanation of purpose by John Stone and John Schweizer; long-term program, hope to build up an endowment.

Business meeting ended at 5 pm.

### Greensboro Reports (5:00PM)

***Town Update & Greensboro Award (Susan Wood, Selectboard Chair)***

Select Board report by Susan Wood. Question of sign ordinance, did not adopt an ordinance. Request to be neighborly with signs, has worked.

Policy on use of Class 4 roads, winter damage. Current laws address the issues, enforcement is key. Sidewalks are bad in town, some repairs have been done. Old firehouse sale accomplished, new fire equipment bought. Town has parking issues. Open meeting law is under review, town is making sure the public is aware of town acts. Town has $1.7 million budget. Maintaining town roads and buildings ongoing. Working with state on speed limits to address concerns. Recreation committee and beach committee have new members.

Town update: Greensboro Award—Judy and Andy Dales

Goes over Dales’ life story and the award.

***Police Report (Chief Aaron Cochran)***

Police responded to 316 total incidents in Greensboro for 2015. Regarding crime statistics comparison, there was a significant increase between 2014 and 2015—from 25 in 2014 to 39 incidents in 2015.

Most were financial crimes—including thefts. Decrease in domestic violence cases. New K9 dog, dog brought to the meeting!

Comments on drug situation in area and DUI enforcement.

***Town Plan & Survey Update (Joe Wood & David Miltonberger)***

Working on Town Plan; seven members on Planning Commission

Commission is working with consultant, will help analyze results of survey

All stakeholders have been asked to participate—high levels of return of the planning survey

Community meeting set for Monday evening, August 15, 2016

Commission wants to hear from the community as to how future Greensboro development should happen

Meeting adjourned 5:45