**Greensboro Association Annual Meeting 2015**

**July 30, 2015, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Meeting begins at 5:10 PM

1. John Stone gives the President’s welcome, explains reasons for different time of annual meeting this year; reviews the agenda

 Reading of members who have passed during the year, moment of silence

**2. GA Business Meeting**

* ***Committee Reports***

Grants and Endowment Fund: John Schweizer

John described the grants given that year by the Association, the procedures for awarding grants. 17 applications were received (10 last year).

50% of revenues of the Association goes to grants.

The grants are to cover initiatives, not ongoing expenses, and should benefit the community.

John enumerates the grants and explains rationale for each

$10,000-$15,000 given annually; applications to be solicited in January for next year.

John further explains the Association’s Endowment Program.

He reviews the purposes of the Association in historical perspective.

Gifts to the Association have increased this year.

Describes the Association’s partnership with the Vermont Community Foundation.

There is a lake fund and community fund (new): social and educational purposes.

The general fund is non-restricted.

An advisory committee has been set up.

 Lake Protection: Andy Dales

2014 recap: Caspian Lake is #5 or #6 in Vermont for water clarity; 3rd in phosphorous level

No invasives found at all in 2014.

$11,000-$12,000 spent on greeter program, to inspect boats.

2015—also no invasives found so far.

Up to 200 boats inspected thus far in season.

Caspian water quality this year quite good, but not great; due to lots of rain, water is cloudy.

There is a problem with level of lake; it’s too high

Ongoing work with Hardwick Electric

 Town Initiatives Update: Naomi Ranz-Schleifer

Describes returning Willey Beach park to grass.

Plans for transportation include sidewalk repair and extension.

A “next generation” party is being planned—Saturday August 7th

**Other Committee Reports and Announcements:**

**--Treasurer’s report and auditor’s report**

Rick Lovett, Treasurer:

It was a successful financial year.

It was the first year of the Association having been set up as a 501 (3) (c).

There was a 10% increase in dues paying members; lake contributions are up 30%.

The Association’s year ends with $101,000 assets in cash.

Jennifer Lucas is acting in place of auditor this year.

She gave an inspection of accounts report, has found all in order

With regard to the budget for next year, a surplus is expected.

**Motion to approve 2014-2015 financial statement and next year’s budget**

**Made and seconded; motion passes by unanimous voice vote in favor.**

**--Nominating Committee Report: Don Jenkins**

Don Jenkins presents new slate

**Greensboro Association –2015 Slate**

Class of 2018

1. Becky Arnold
2. Day Patterson
3. Emily Purdy
4. Sara Slater
5. Clay Simpson
6. John Stone III
7. Victoria Von Hessert

Officers

President: John C. Stone III

Vice Presidents: Andy Dales, Linda Ely, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer

Secretary: Sara Dillon

Treasurer: Richard Lovett

Assistant Treasurer: Andy Dales

Auditor

Jennifer Lucas

**Motion made and seconded for proposed slate, unanimous acceptance by voice vote**

**--President’s Report and Q&A: John Stone**

John Stone thanks people who have contributed to the Association:

Clay Simpson, for his work on setting up the Association as a 501(3)© non-profit.

Andy Dales, for his work on lake protection.

Linda Ely, for decision-making and communication.

Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, for her work with the town.

Victoria Von Hessert, for the Caspian Lake Challenge; which was a fund raiser for school

Lorelei Wheeler, for the swim program.

John and Lisa Hewitt, for the 70th year of lake concerts.

Niall Kirkwood for his work on the board.

**4. Town Reports**

**A. Police report—**Aaron Cochran, chief of police in Hardwick

Discussed the contract between Hardwick police and Greensboro;

Police staffing was kept this year.

Chief Cochran gave an update on canine program.

There were some copper thefts from camps this past winter.

There were no complaints about partying on Caspian beach, and some concern about unleashed dogs.

 **B. Town Update:** Susan Wood, Selectboard Chair

Ms. Wood gave an update on the town: It has a $1.7mil budget; a new firehouse and new truck. She described work on the town green, the work of the elm tree committee

She explained how the village center designation helps town businesses, including Willey’s plans for renovation.

She notes that the circus camp is open.

Breezy Ave has been paved.

There has been a street light upgrade

Issues of cars speeding was noted.

There have been noise complaints, and a committee formed to deal with this issue.

She noted that fireworks require permits.

The select board is meeting twice a month.

It is working on a sign policy for public property

Greensboro Award has been given to Wayne Young

She describes the nature of Wayne’s service to Greensboro.

**Guest Speaker (about 6:45-7PM)**

**    GAAR Theatre Update,** Charles McAteer and Sabra Jones

gave a history of the theater project; there was a description of the theater design.

Maximum capacity is 330 people; the circus wants the capacity.

Audience questions were raised on GAAR status and future ownership of theater.

A spirited discussion ensued about the proposed theater.

**Meeting was called to a close at 7 03**