

2009 Annual Town Meeting Minutes
Town of Greene
March 6-7, 2009

Charles Noonan, Town Clerk, read the opening of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 1: Daniel Moreau nominated, 2nd and written ballot cast for moderator. Oath on file.

Article 2: 61 ballots cast at polls, 2 absentee ballots = total 63 ballots cast as follows:

1. One position for Selectman includes Assessor and Overseer of Poor Position (three years)
Kevin Mower 62
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2. One position for MSAD#52 School Board Director (three years)
Barbara Dupuis 58
Ross Mitchell 1
Sheldon Bubier 1
Spoiled 1
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Polls closed at 7PM.

Polls opened at Greene Central School at 8AM to allow residents to check in to vote on articles 3-71. Meeting began at 9AM.

Mary Schomaker, student from Greene attending Leavitt Area High School sang the National Anthem. The Cub Scouts: Ayden Warren, Justin Lavigne, Gavin Myshrall, Alex Doyle, Blake Barkman, Connor Sullivan and Cam Pellitier present the colors along with Jordan Lord Boy Scout. They lead everyone in reciting Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan Moreau, Moderator went over the rules of Town Meeting.

Timothy Doyle, Selectman present a framed copy of the 2008 Town Report Dedication to Laurier "Larry" Langelier.

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, presented an overview of the budget.

Article 3: Sandra Bubier and John Fogg voted by hand vote to the Ella Augusta Thompson Fund Committee (3 year terms). Oaths on file.

Article 4: Evelyn Hodgdon voted by hand vote to Julia Adams Morse Library Committee (5 year term). Oath on file.

Article 5: The following was motioned, 2nd, and voted by hand vote to the Budget Committee (1 year term). Oaths on file.

Gile Courtemanche
Steve Goulet
Maurice Levasseur
Philippe Moreau
Brenda Theriault

Holly Ewing
Arthur Lawrence
Daniel Moreau
Alden Peterson
Bruce Tufts

Article 6: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12ths of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2009 annual budget, except Road Maintenance and Administrative Expense, during the period from January 1, 2010 to the 2010 annual town meeting. The Public Works/Road Maintenance and Administrative Expense Budgets can be expended up to 6/12ths during the period from January 1, 2010 to the 2010 annual town meeting.

Article 7: Voted by hand vote to set **June 22, 2009** as date of commitment for Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.

Article 8: Voted by hand vote to allow a discount of 5% on real estate and personal property taxes paid in full thirty (30) days from the date of tax commitment, ending **July 22, 2009** at 4:30 p.m. EST. (Postmarks will not be accepted) to the Tax Collector and raise and/or appropriate for that purpose.

Article 9: Voted by hand vote that interest will begin on all real estate and personal property taxes paid after September 21, 2009 at 4:30 P.M. EST (postmarks will not be accepted); at a rate of interest of 8% per annum to be charged on real estate and personal property taxes unpaid after said date.

Article 10: Voted by hand vote authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired from nonpayment of taxes, the Selectmen may sell at a public auction or by sealed bids after advertising for 30 days on Channel 7 and in the newspaper(s) with option for the owner to quick claim deed for payment of all back taxes, interest and costs due prior to the date of advertising.

Article 11: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any Town owned personal property with a value of \$ 2,000.00 or less after advertising on Channel 7 and in locations of public notice posting.

Article 12: Voted by hand vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. s.s 506 and to pay no interest on such prepayments.

Article 13: Voted by hand vote to set a 2% rate of interest for overpayment of Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.

Article 14: Voted by hand vote to appropriate from overlay those funds needed to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during this fiscal year.

Article 15: Voted by hand vote to appropriate dollars out of the money received from the registration of snowmobiles to the Greene Dragons Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, which are open to the public at all times, and to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under conditions that Municipal Officers may deem advisable, for the purpose, to whatever type of vehicle the landowner will allow on his property.

Article 16: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Administrative Wages Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Dept/Div: 01-05 Administration

Compensation

10-01 Town Manager	63,000.00
10-03 Code Enforcement Officer	36,340.00
10-04 Assists to the Town Manager	96,800.00
10-06 Election Workers	1,200.00
10-07 Selectmen	12,500.00
10-12 Custodian	1,200.00
10-13 Health Officer	300.00

10-14 Unemployment Compensation

3,000.00

Total Compensation

214,340.00

Amendment of raise and/or appropriated of \$210,340.00 for the **Administrative Wages Expense Account** for the ensuing year failed by hand vote..

Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$ 214,340.00 for the **Administrative Wages Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Article 17: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Administrative Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Employee Expense

11-09 FICA Medicare

33,450.00

11-12 Staff Mileage

1,000.00

11-20 Education

1,000.00

11-22 Health Ins-Town Share

66,000.00

11-23 Town Manager Mileage

2,000.00

11-24 Town Manager Benefits

7,700.00

11-25 CEO Mileage

2,200.00

Total Employee Expense

113,350.00

Article 18: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Administrative Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Contractual Services

12-04 Copier

4,000.00

12-07 Septic

250.00

12-10 Software Licenses

6,500.00

12-23 Dues

8,500.00

12-24 Audit Fees

8,800.00

12-25 Town Report

3,500.00

12-27 Computer Support/Repair

3,000.00

Total Contractual Services

34,550.00

27-00 Legal

7,000.00

Total Legal

7,000.00

Utilities

14-01 Electric	3,500.00
14-02 Heat	1,500.00
14-04 Telephone	5,200.00
Total Utilities	10,200.00

Building Maintenance

15-03 Town Office	1,000.00
15-05 Old Town Office	500.00
Total Building Maintenance	1,500.00

Selectmen

2009

Supplies	
20-01 General	6,250.00
20-02 Postage	7,300.00
20-21 Flags	400.00
20-24 Water	400.00
20-27 Election Supplies	750.00
Total Supplies	15,100.00

Purchases

21-01 Computer	6,000.00
21-02 Software	1,200.00
21-04 Office Equipment	600.00
Total Purchases	7,800.00

Assessing Services

12-06 Assessing Contract	28,600.00
20-30 Records Update	13,000.00

Total Assessing Services

41,600.00

Unclassified

22-01 Advertising	750.00
22-04 Registrar of Deeds	600.00
22-05 Bank Fees	200.00
22-18 Greene Community Scholarship	3,500.00
22-19 Historical Society	800.00
22-20 Lien Expense	3,700.00
22-21 Interest Expense	100.00
Total Unclassified	9,650.00

Insurance

23-01 Auto, General Liability	25,000.00
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23-08 Workers Compensation
Total Insurance

18,000.00
43,000.00

Total Administrative Expense Acct.

170,400.00

Article 19: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$153,000.00 for **Tax Discount Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Article 20: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Selectmen to overdraft the **Tax Discount Expense Account** as needed, with the funds coming from Overlay.

Article 21: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$ 2,000.00 for the **Emergency Management Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Article 22: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$80,200.00 for **Fire Protection Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

05-05 Fire Department

Employee Expense

11-15 Training/Immunization

4,800.00

Total Employee Expense

4800.00

Contractual Services

12-03 Security

300.00

12-11 Dispatch Services

7,700.00

12-23 Dues

450.00

12-26 Pagers

4,600.00

Total Contractual Services

13,050.00

Utilities

14-01 Electric

4,250.00

14-02 Heat

11,500.00

14-04 Telephone

2,500.00

Total Utilities

18,250.00

Supplies

20-01 General	3,000.00
20-08 Gas/Fuel	4,000.00
20-28 EMS/Medical	1,600.00
Total Supplies	8,600.00

Maintenance

24-01 Buildings	10,000.00
24-05 Radios	3,000.00
Total Maintenance	13,000.00

Fire Equipment

26-01 2005 Engine 1	1,500.00
26-02 2004 Tanker	1,500.00
26-03 1986 Ladder Truck	3,500.00
26-04 1978 Pumper Tanker #4	0.00
26-05 1977 Pumper Tanker #7	2,000.00
26-08 1992 Rescue Van	1,000.00
26-09 1995 Rescue Truck	1,000.00
26-13 1998 Brush Truck	500.00
26-14 Special Response	300.00
26-16 Other Equip	7,000.00
26-17 Turnout Gear	4,200.00
Total Equip Maintenance	22,500.00

TOTAL Fire Department**80,200.00**

Article 23: Voted by hand vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000.00 to the
Fire Truck Capital Reserve Account for the purchase of a fire truck.

Article 24: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and or dispose of any Greene Volunteer Fire Department miscellaneous equipment. All proceeds shall be deposited into the Greene Volunteer Fire Department Benevolent Fund.

Article 25: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and or trade any Greene Volunteer Fire Department vehicles toward replacement vehicles. All proceeds from the sale shall be deposited into the Fire Truck Capital reserve Fund.

Article 26: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$ 6,250.00 for **Street Lights** for the ensuing year.

Article 27: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$12,200.00 for **Animal Control Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

05-25 Animal Control

11-12 Mileage	350.00
10-08 Wages	6,400.00
12-18 SPCA	5,350.00
Total Animal Control	12,100.00

Article 28: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$6,787.00 for **Youth Athletics Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

GYAA

29-02 Youth Athletics	6,787.00
Total GYAA	6,787.00

Article 29: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$ 250,000.00 for **Road Construction and Paving Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Article 30: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$471,850.00 for **Public Works Road Maintenance Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

06-10 Public Works

Compensation

10-02 Public Works Foreman	38,200.00
10-05 Public Works Full Time	110,900.00
10-06 Part Time	12,000.00
10-07 Overtime	20,000.00
Total Compensation	181,100.00

Employee Expense

11-05 Uniforms	2,600.00
11-12 Mileage/Allowance	1,000.00
11-13 Testing	500.00
Total Employee Expense	4,100.00

Contractual Services

12-15 Rental	7,000.00
12-33 Lease Purchase	32,000.00
Total Contractual Services	39,000.00

Utilities

14-01 Electric	3,000.00
14-02 Heat	6,500.00
14-04 Telephone	1,200.00
Total Utilities	10,700.00

Building Maintenance

15-01 Garage	1,000.00
15-06 Salt Shed	500.00
Total Building Maintenance	1,500.00

Supplies

20-01 General	7,500.00
20-06 Cold Patch	4,000.00
20-07 Culverts	7,000.00
20-08 Gas/Fuel	55,000.00
20-09 Gravel	11,000.00
20-11 Sand	21,000.00
20-12 Salt	45,000.00
20-13 Signs	2,000.00
20-14 Plow Supplies	9,000.00
20-18 Welding	1,000.00

Total Supplies	162,500.00
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Purchases

21-05 Public Works Equipment	35,000.00
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21-05 Sweeper	7,000.00
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Total Purchases	42,000.00
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Tree Service

12-09 Tree Removal	3,000.00
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Total tree Service	3,000.00
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**Selectmen
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Equipment Maintenance

25-01 2001 International Truck	4,500.00
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25-02 2002 International Truck	4,000.00
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25-03 1994 International Truck	6,000.00
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25-04 2006 International Truck	3,000.00
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25-05 2006 Loader	1,200.00
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25-06 1999 Backhoe	2,000.00
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25-07 Grader	1,500.00
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25-09 Misc.	1,000.00
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25-10 Mower	1,000.00
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25-11 Tractor	750.00
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25-12 Excavator	2,000.00
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25-13 2008 1 1/2 Ton	1,000.00
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Total Equip Maintenance	27,950.00
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Total Public Works	471,850.00
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Article 31: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$ 60,000.00 for the repair of the bridge/culvert over Stetson Brook on the Lane Road.

Article 32: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000.00 for **Planning Board Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Article 33: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$292,317.80** for **County Tax Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Article 34: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$400.00** for **Appeals Board Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Article 35: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$6,000.00** for the **General Assistance Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Article 36: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$1,475.00** for the **Conservation Commission Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Article 37: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$13,200.00** for **Parks and Recreation** for the ensuing year.

24-07 Murch Field	1,100.00
24-10 Mission Field	1,100.00
24-11 Pavillion	250.00
24-16 Recreation Park	9,600.00
24-09 Maintenance	850.00
24-20 Supplies	300.00
Total Parks and Recreation	13,200.00

Article 38: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$1,500.00** to the **Sabattus Lake Dam Commission Expense Account**.

Note: This will be disbursed if Wales and Sabattus vote to pay their share

Article 39: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$3,000.00** for the **Cemetery Care Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Article 40: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$7,300.00** for the **Greene Economic and Community Development Group Account**.

Article 41: To Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$2,500.00** for the **Cable Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Article 42: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$229,350.00 for the **Transfer Station Operational Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

10-06 Part Time	8,000.00
10-08 Wages (1)	21,500.00
Total Compensation	29,500.00

Contractual Services

12-12 Construction	100.00
12-15 Rental	1,800.00
12-20 Hauling Fees	30,000.00
12-21 Tipping Fees	150,000.00
12-22 Landfill Closure	1,500.00
12-31 Tire Removal	1,000.00
12-32 Chipping	2,000.00
Total Contractual Services	186,400.00

Utilities

14-01 Electric	1,300.00
14-04 Telephone	350.00
Total Utilities	1,650.00

Supplies

20-01 General	1,100.00
20-03 Miscellaneous	700.00
Total Supplies	1,800.00

Maintenance

24-01 Buildings/Grounds	3,000.00
24-02 Equipment	7,000.00
Total Maintenance	10,000.00

Total Transfer Station	229,350.00
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Article 43: Voted by hand vote to raise and or appropriate \$168,345.00 for **Debt Service.**

Article 44: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$7,650.00** for **Charitable Expense Account** for the ensuing year.

Rural Community Action Ministry	5,500.00
Seniors Plus	250.00
Advocacy for Children	250.00
Sexual Assault Center	250.00
Androscoggin Home Care	250.00
Abused Women Advocacy	250.00
American Red Cross	250.00
Community Concepts	300.00
Androscoggin Head Start	100.00
Tri-County Mental Health	0.00
Child Health Center	250.00
Total Charities	7,650.00

Article 45: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$6,000.00 for purchasing **books for the Julia Adams Morse Library** for the ensuing year.

Article 46: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate \$ **41,252.00** for the **Operations of the Julia Adams Morse Library** for the ensuing year.

30-01 General Administration	36,252.00
14-01 Electric	1,600.00
14-02 Heat	3,000.00
14-04 Telephone	400.00
Total Library	41,252.00

Article 47: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$25,000.00** for the **Capital Reserve Account**.

Article 48: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$5,000.00** for repairs to the old Town Hall.

Article 49: Voted by hand vote to accept Olde Hickory Lane and Coldwater Lane as shown on a subdivision plan entitled "Saddlecreek Estates", dated June 21, 2005 and recorded in the Androscoggin Registry of Deeds Plan Book 44 Page 119, as town ways, provided good and sufficient deed for said roads be conveyed to the Town.

Article 50: Voted by written ballot (yes 53 no 33 spoiled 1 blank 1) to appropriate not to exceed \$20,000 from Capital Improvement Reserve Account to design a building; to approve option 1.

Article 51: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to expend up to \$15,000 from Surplus for the purpose of replacing malfunctioning waste water disposal systems pursuant to 30-A MRSA 83428 and Dangerous Buildings pursuant to Title 17 s.s 285 1, but only after the Selectmen have exhausted all other avenues of funding. Any funds expended from Surplus Funds should be recovered by a special tax against any real estate as provided in 30-A MRSA s.s 3428 (4) (B) and Title 17 s.s 2853. Any such tax will be lien against real estate and interest will be charged at the annual rate, 60 days after commitment of said tax. A strict accounting will be maintained at the Town Office

Article 52: Voted by hand vote to transfer the **Overlay and Excise Tax Balances** after year end, to Surplus.

Article 53: Voted by hand vote to Lapse to surplus the **year-end balances**, except those covered by State Law.

Article 54: Voted by hand vote to allow the Selectmen to use the **Capital Reserve Accounts** to meet the town's financial obligations should it become necessary in anticipation of taxes and to return the funds once the taxes are collected.

Article 55: Voted by hand vote to use \$1,360,845 to reduce the total Commitment. Motion withdrawn.

Voted by hand vote to use \$1,400,845.00 to reduce the total Commitment.

Excise Tax	655,000.00
Highway Block Grant	75,000.00
Revenue Sharing	335,000.00
Projected Income	140,000.00
Fire Dept. Bldg. Fund	18,345.00
Undesignated Surplus	175,000.00
Designated Surplus	2,500.00
Total	1,400,845.00

Article 56: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Towns of Leeds, Turner and Wales for providing local access television (WGLT TV 7) to these communities.

Article 57: Voted by hand vote to accept funds from the Federal and State Emergency Management Agency for reimbursement of various cost associated with storm damage and to transfer those funds to the accounts in which they were expended during the year in which they were expended, or to deposit those funds to Surplus if expended in previous years.

Article 58: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow funds in anticipation of taxes and to pay the interest associated with such borrowing from overlay.

Article 59: Voted by hand vote to establish a capital reserve account for the purpose of maintaining matching grant funds available to the Greene Economic Development Committee and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds in said reserve account for the benefit of the Greene Economic Development Committee.

Article 60: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$2,000.00** for the **Greene Village Celebration**.

Article 61: Voted by hand vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$10,000.00** from Capital Reserve for the purpose of providing engineering, design, permitting and construction oversight services for the permitting of a Boat Launch on town property on Allen Pond.

Article 62: Voted by hand vote to accept funds from the Maine State Department of Conservation for the purpose of constructing a Boat Launch on town

property on the Allen Pond and for the Town to provide in-kind service and accept donations as its share of the construction.

Article 63: Voted by hand vote to Amend the Greene Land Use Ordinance" Chapters 1,2,3,8,12 to coincide with the State Shoreland Zoning regulations be enacted?

Article 64: Voted by hand vote to Amend the Greene Land Use Ordinance" Chapter 2 be enacted? (Note: these changes are not effected by Shoreland Zoning changes)

2-101.3 C.3.C 2-101.5.B

Article 65: Voted by hand vote to Amend the Greene Land Use Ordinance" Chapter 3 be enacted? (Note: these changes are not effected by Shoreland Zoning changes)

3-101.3 A 3	3-101.6 E	3-101.10 C
3-101.12 B	3-101.12 B.8	3-101-12 C.8
3-101.16.D.3.3	3-101.21	

Article 66: Voted by hand vote to Amend the Greene Land Use Ordinance" Chapter 4 be enacted? (Note: these changes are not effected by Shoreland Zoning changes)

4-101.3.3 4-201.1 E

Article 67: Voted by hand vote to Amend the Greene Land Use Ordinance" Chapter 5 be enacted? (Note: these changes are not effected by Shoreland Zoning changes)

5-102.1	5-102.3 A	5-102.7
5-201.1 CHART	5-301.1 CHART	5-301.4 A
5-301.4 B	5-301.4 C	5-301.G
5-301.H		

Article 68: Voted by hand vote to Amend the Greene Land Use Ordinance" Chapter 6 be enacted? (Note: these changes are not effected by Shoreland Zoning changes)

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6-101.2 B.4 6-201.1 A 6-202.6 C

6-202.8	6-202.11	6-202.12
6-401	6-401.1 A	6-401.1D.8
6-401.1 D.13	6-501	6-501.1
6-501.C2	6-501.W	6-601.1 DA

Article 69: Voted by hand vote to Amend the Greene Land Use Ordinance" Chapter 7
be enacted? (Note: these changes are not effected by Shoreland Zoning changes)

7-301.2 E	7-301.3 A.8	7-301.3 A.12
7-301.3 A.14	7-401.1 B	7-401.1 F
7-401.1 G	7-401.2 A.8	7-401.2 A.9
7-401.2 A 11	7-401.2 A 16	7-401.2 A 18
7-401.2 A 24	7-501.1 E	7-501.2 A
7-501.2 B.4	7-501.2 B.5	7-701.10 C

Article 70: Voted by hand vote to Amend the Greene Land Use Ordinance" Chapter 11
be enacted? (Note: these changes are not effected by Shoreland Zoning changes)


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Article 71: Voted by hand vote to Amend the Greene Land Use Ordinance" Chapter 12
be enacted? (Note: these changes are not effected by Shoreland Zoning changes)

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MINOR STREET	USE PERMIT	

The Town of Greene Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Deputy Town Clerk