

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2002**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting January 14th, 2002.

Members present: Ronald Grant – Chairman, Mark Christman, Timothy Doyle, Kevin Mower, Stephen Eldridge – Town Manager, and Sally Ann Hebert – Recording Secretary.

Members absent: Michael Parshall (at Sabattus Lake Dam Commission Meeting).

Others present: Barbara Bubier, Patricia Rose, Richard Sanford, Steve Creamer, Paul Chabot and Robert Coady.

I. Call to Order

Chairman, Ronald Grant, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He wished everyone "Happy New Year".

II. Public Discussion

There was none discussed at this meeting.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – December 10, 2001

Timothy Doyle motioned to waive the reading of the minutes; to approve the acceptance of the minutes upon signature by Chairman, Ronald Grant. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Steve reported that Fund Balance is \$ 1,067,115.84 as of January 7, 2002. The 2001 year ending Fund Balance was \$ 1,260,487 with a carry forward of \$ 251,739.

The auditors are doing the year-end audit for 2001.

Steve and Sally will work on the clearing up the older taxes after the audit is completed.

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b. Roads

Steve reported that storm was cleaned up with a full crew of all the trucks on the road. The past storms the Highway Dept was down either by employee or trucks.

Steve presented a comparison to the Board of Lane Miles maintained during storms and number of trucks on the road with Leeds, Sabattus, and Monmouth. The State designated 20 lane miles per man.

Greene is conservative on using salt on the roads as the roads are in watersheds of Allen Pond, Sabattus Pond etc.

Timothy Doyle spoke on how the town is bad mouthing the highway crew. It is better to work with the crew than to complain. This has been an age-old problem of people bad mouthing the Highway Department without knowing the facts.

c. Building Fee Schedule

The Board discussed the fee schedule that Lewiston sent into Steve.

Timothy Doyle motioned to charge residential .20 square foot with \$400.00 cap; commercial .20 square foot with \$800.00 cap; to bring the whole thing back to the next meeting for final approval. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Timothy Doyle, Ronald Grant, Mark Christman. Vote against the motion – Kevin Mower. Motion passed.

d. AVCOG Contract

The Board discussed the how this contract is going to streamline applicants going to the Planning Board. An escrow account will be set up when AVCOG knows what to charge the applicant. Timothy Doyle motioned to allow Steve to sign the AVCOG contract on behalf of the Town. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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e. Other

Steve reported that he had received a letter from a Sabattus Pond resident concerned that the Sabattus Lake Dam Commission did not go by their agreement on maintaining the water level of Sabattus Lake. This letter will be discussed at the January 28th Selectmen's meeting when representatives from Sabattus Lake Dam Commission can be in attendance.

Steve reported that he has found a quote gotten when Judy was Town Manager for \$6,000.00 to level, replace boards, reside, new roof and new doors on the old Sand/Salt Shed. After discussion this will be placed on the 2002 Town Meeting Warrant for the voters to vote on with no dollar value. The Board has promised to repair this building the last two years.

Steve announced that the closing of the sale of Maine Poly is scheduled for this week. Timothy Doyle motioned to waive the interest on unpaid real estate taxes. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

V. New Business

a. Public Hearing

Steve announced the date of the Public Hearing will be January 28, 2002. The hearings will be held on the following:

Land Use Ordinance Amendments (see attached list)
CDBG Grant Application
Planning Board Application
Junkyard Hearing

There will be another hearing on February 25, 2002 for the CDBG Grant Application.

There will be a hearing on the new Fire Station on February 11, 2002. Steve will check with the school on the availability and have these hearing being shown on WGLT TV4 as tape delay.

Mark Christman motioned to post Public Hearing Dates of January 28th and February 25th. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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b. Fire Station Committee

Steve Eldridge, Town Manager, and non-voting member of the fire Station Committee, serving as Chairman of the Fire Station Building Committee presented to the Board a presentation on what has been done by the committee to date. It will have 8 bays, will serve as an emergency shelter for the community if needed, has been planned on the foresight of a paid department and expansion of ambulance service for the community and will serve the community for the next 100 years. It will be of brick/masonry construction. The Committee would like to see the town go out for a bond for the construction of this building along with an addition to the Greene Highway Garage. The Board will be having a hearing on this proposed building and bond on February 11, 2002 at Greene Central School. Kevin Mower motioned to apply for a 2.3 million dollar bond for the new fire station and addition to the town garage and not to be obligated until after March Town Meeting; these will be voted on separately. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board asked that request for proposals are requested from several different banks for the bond.

c. Legal

The Board discussed the letter Debra Parks, Code Enforcement Officer sent to the Poliquin's regarding the swimming pool issue. Kevin Mower motioned to continue legal actions with Michael Poliquin on pool placement without permits, setback violations. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Steve announced the Board would be doing nothing on the Desjardins lawsuit filed against them upon legal advice for the Town Attorney.

Steve announced nothing has been received regarding the Coubron Case against the Town.

Paul Chabot approached the Board after the Board reviewed the three different letters to handle the judgment summary. The three different letters of forgiveness were for:

- i. Erase all debt
- ii. Erase all debt but legal fees
- iii. Erase all but \$700

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Paul tried to discuss this legal matter with the Board. The Board kept reminding him that the judgment summary was issued from the court and that they could not discuss this matter. Timothy Doyle motioned to deny all three (3) requests as this is currently under litigation and is considered a pending legal matter. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. Other

There was none discussed at this meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

Timothy Doyle reported that the Budget Committee is half way through the budget and should finish reviewing the 2002 Budget this week.

VII. CEO Report

Ronald Grant asked Steve to have the Code Enforcement Officer submit a report monthly. Steve reported that during the year 2001 the following permits were issued:

109 Building
88 Plumbing

Steve also announced that Debra Parks, CEO, is currently working on a violation in shore land on Allen Pond Road and she has visited Mikey's Garage on Route 202 regarding a junkyard violation and is currently working on two other violations.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There was none discussed at this meeting.

IX. Announcements

Ronald Grant read the announcements aloud. The Board decided that there would be a regular Selectmen's Meeting next week to get back on schedule.

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Ron also announced the election process for the March election for Selectmen (2 positions available – 4 people have taken out papers), School Board Member (1 position available – no one has taken out papers) and Planning Board Member (1 position available – no one has taken out papers).

Ron also announced the Board is hosting a Welcoming Reception by invitation only to local businesses for them to meet the following new businesses on January 22nd at the Sedgley Place:

Maine Poly Acquisition Corp – Kimberly Dunton
IPAC – Susan Dacey
A & A Hardware – Mike Albert & Family
The Colonial Shop – Patty Theberge
Specialty Dough – Tina Parker

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to approve the Town of Greene Warrant \$ 214,033.41 of which \$202,383.00 is the school payment. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XI. Executive Session

There was none needed at this meeting.

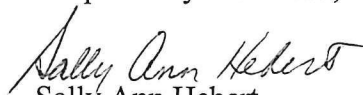
XII. Adjournment

Brenda Theriault announced that the Greene Bicentennial Scholarship Fund has received a \$1,000.00 donation from Clinton Reed in the memory of Alton "Stub" Johnson. The donation will be used to add to the principal. Sally Ann Hebert also announced that Clinton Reed also donated \$500.00 to the Greene Fire Department in Stub's (her dad) memory.

Kevin Mower motioned to adjourn. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board of Selectmen's meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald I. Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen