

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2006**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting January 23, 2006.

Members present: Anthony Reny, Kevin Mower, Timothy Doyle, Mark Christman, Ronald Grant - Chairman, Charles Noonan - Town Manager and Sally Ann Hebert - Recording Secretary.

Members absent: No one was absent.

Others present: Greg Seeley, Aaron White, Randy Ray - Code Enforcement Officer, Bruce Tufts - Highway Foreman and Nick Angelides - Reporter Lewiston Sun Journal.

I. Call to Order

Ronald Grant, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Board of Selectmen held a moment of silence for the recent passing of former Selectmen William "Buster" Nickerson.

II. Public Hearing

a. Fee Schedule Change Land Use Ordinance

The proposed fees:

- 10-201-1B Residential/mobile home - ~~\$400.00 maximum~~
(No Maximum)
- 10-201-2 A Street Construction/Reconstruction - ~~\$50.00~~
\$100.00
- 10-201.4 A. 1. Commercial ~~\$150.00~~ **\$250.00**
- 10-201.4 A. 2. Residential ~~\$100.00~~ **\$250.00**
- 10-201.5.A. Application Fee ~~\$100.00 per lot~~ **\$250.00 first lot, \$100.00 per lot thereafter**
- 10-201.5.B. Amendment to approved plan ~~\$50.00 per lot~~ **\$50.00 first lot, \$100.00 per lot thereafter**
- 10-201-5.C. ~~In addition to the application fee the Planning Board may charge the applicant for cost associated with professional technical review of the application.~~ **An escrow Account, in the name of the Applicant, shall be established for each Subdivision Review with the initial payment to the Planning Board set at \$250.00 per lot. These funds shall be used to assist the Planning Board with the costs associated with professional and technical review of the Application. Upon expenditures of 75% of the escrowed amount, the Planning Board may, at it discretion, require additional funds to be placed into**

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the account. Any and all funds unused and remaining in the escrow account at completion of the Subdivision Review shall be returned to the Applicant. The Planning Board shall maintain and provide the Applicant with an accounting of all expenditures upon completion of the Review.

10-201.9.E. Temporary Vendor Permit \$ ~~0.00~~ **\$25.00**

10-201.9.F. Mobile Vendor Permit \$ ~~0.00~~ **\$25.00**

There was no comments for or against the above changes. The Board will vote on later during the meeting.

b. Proposed Ordinance for the Regulation of Barking Dogs Within the Town of Greene

This ordinance is intended to replace the "Disturbance of the Peace By a Dog Prohibited" ordinance currently in effect in the Town of Greene. Ronald Grant, Chairman, read the proposed ordinance aloud. Charles Noonan, Town Manager has received revised changes to the proposed ordinance from the Attorney Lee Bragg. The Board discussed at length the proposed ordinance. Changes from this hearing will be posted for the second hearing on January 23rd at 7:00PM. Charles Noonan, Town Manager is to discuss with the Attorney Bragg if the fine can be paid directly to the town, without having to go to court the first time and if he has any recommendations regarding how the fines can be collected without going to Court.

Once the new ordinance is voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in March, Wendall Strout, Animal Control Officer will be given copies to hand out.

III. Public Discussion

There was no discussion at this meeting.

IV. Acceptance of Minutes – December 12, 2005

Timothy Doyle motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes dated December 12th meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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V. Treasurer's Report

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported cash on hand of \$ 1,078,800.68 after the today's warrant. Charles Noonan, reported the cash flow analysis is in the packet tonight; this is preaudit figures. Charles Noonan, went over the report in the packet to keep track of the 3/12th's budget until after Town Meeting in March.

VI. Roads

Charles Noonan, reported the Highway Dept is looking for emergency plow drivers to have a list ready when there is a big storm. The Board discussed using Mark Christman and Randy Ray if the need arises. The pay is up to \$10.00 based on experience.

George Proctor, resident of Leeds, submitted a bill to the Town of Greene for repairs to his car for front end damage from hitting a substantial pothole. The Highway crew went out and fixed this pothole after it was reported to them. The town is not liable if the pothole was reported and remedied. The Board unanimously agreed against paying this bill.

Bruce Tufts, Road Foreman, discussed the problem with mailboxes. The bottom of the mailbox should be 44" from the ground. The Highway Crew does not go out and purposely hit the mailboxes. Mailboxes are placed in the town right of way. Sometimes there is a car coming from the other direction and the truck has to move over. If a mailbox is hit, the Highway Department goes back and tries to fix at no costs. Some delivery people are telling the residents where to place the mailbox and if it isn't done to the carriers specifications, they will not deliver the mail at that box. The ideal solution is put the mailbox on a chain so it will float out of the plows way.

Mark Christman reported that he has heard from a resident of Big Buck Court that the Town is doing a good job plowing.

VII. Old Business

a. Deer Run

The money has been received from the residents to repair the road and the deed has been recorded.

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b. Annual Report Bid

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported the bid received:

Park Street Press \$ 3,940.00

Little Guy Press \$ 3,975.00

Pettengill Printing \$ 4,052.00

Timothy Doyle motioned to award the bid to Park Street Press, Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Budget Committee Meeting

The Budget Committee meeting was cancelled last Thursday due to the snow storm. They will be meeting this Thursday.

d. Nomination Papers due January 17, 2006

Ronald Grant, Chairman, announced that Kevin Mower and Sheldon Bubier both have returned nomination papers for Board of Selectmen. Deborah Dupuis has taken papers out for MSAD 52 School Board Director. Time is still available if anyone else would like to take out papers, they have to be returned by 4:00 PM January 17th.

e. Other

Aaron White, resident of Greene, owner of Little Guy Press remarked that he would lower his bid to match Park Street Press bid for the printing of the Annual Town Report. He asked the Board to reconsider their motion and take into consideration he is a resident and it would in the best interest to keep the money in town. Tim Doyle remarked that Park Street Press has been printing our reports for several years and they do a good job.

VIII. New Business

a. Audit

Charles Noonan, reported that the auditors will start the 2005 audit on Wednesday, January 11th.

b. Foreclosures

Charles Noonan, presented the Board with a list of foreclosures, the property owner has until January 17th to pay. Charles Noonan, Town Manager, can work with the taxpayer to set payments arrangements to keep their property.

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c. Road Repair Petition

The Board has received a petition from residents of South River Road asking that their road be repaired and paved. This road was already on the road schedule for 2006. Charles Noonan, is to write a letter on behalf of the Board of Selectmen telling them if the road budget is approved at the Annual Town Meeting in March the road will be repaired and encourage them to attend the meeting to vote.

d. Animal Shelter Contract

Mark Christman motioned to accept the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society contract 1/1-6/30/2006 and have Charles Noonan, Town Manager, sign this contract on behalf of the Board. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Anthony Reny, Kevin Mower, Mark Christman and Ronald Grant. Vote against the motion – Timothy Doyle. Motion passed.

e. Appointments – Asst Fire Chief

Mark Christman motioned to appoint Bruce Tufts as Assistant Fire Chief upon recommendation of Fire Chief, Joseph Brown. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

f. Chamber Dinner

Ronald Grant and Mark Christman will go to the Annual Chamber Dinner on February 2nd at Ramada Conference Center, Lewiston at 5:00 PM.

g. PW Garage Furnace

Charles Noonan, Town Manager and Bruce Tufts, Road Foreman reported to the Board that the furnace at the Town Garage is not working, it has semi collapsed. It is running inefficiently. There has been one quote received for replacing with two hanging furnaces. Charles Noonan asked if the money left in the account that was voted last year for safety at the Highway garage could be used to replace this furnace. The floor drain, new bathroom fixtures, new power entrance, new lights and sheetrock have been installed. Only \$6,664.00 of the \$30,000 budget was spent. This cannot be done as this is a new year. Charles Noonan, is to get figures and try to call a special Board meeting before Friday to have a Special Town Meeting on January 23rd.

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h. Other

Theresa Godfrey, president, of Greene Youth Athletic Association, appeared before the Board to request additional monies to their 2006 request. She presented the Board a letter from herself and former President, Jeff Marquis. They has significantly depleted their general fund. They have had an incident in June of 2005 that could be a potential lawsuit of a coach. The Board will discuss the request during their budget review after this meeting.

IX. Committee Reports

Mark Christman noted that he and Charles Noonan, met with Commissioner Martin of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife along with Representative Lansley. They did not get the results they wanted to restock Allen Pond. They are still looking for a piece of land on the pond for a boat launch so the state can restock.

X. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There were none discussed at this meeting.

XI. Announcements

Ronald Grant, Chairman read the announcements aloud.

XII. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Accounts Payable Warrant #2 dated 1/9/06 of \$253,552.65; includes January MSAD52 school payment of 226,662.00. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant #1 dated 1/9/06 of \$5,257.66. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant dated 12/23/2005 of \$654.29. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant #127 dated 12/23/2005 of \$6348.21. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant #124 dated 12/23/2005 of \$5395.24. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Ella Augusta Thompson Fund Warrant dated 12/30/2005 of \$1861.55. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Ella Augusta Thompson Fund Warrant dated 12/23/2005 of \$1171.28. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant #125 dated 12/23/2005 of \$1083.22. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant dated 12/30/2005 of \$307.73. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.


Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Accounts Payable Warrant #126 dated 12/23/2005 of \$ 40313.66. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Accounts Payable Warrant #128 dated 12/30/05 of \$65367.10. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.


XII. Adjournment

Mark Christman motioned to adjourn. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. The Board adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen