

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2005**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting January 24, 2005.

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

Members absent: None was absent.

Others present: Glenn Peterson, Jamie Lachance, Steve Eldridge and Nick Angelides, Lewiston Sun Journal Reporter.

I. Call to Order

Ronald Grant called the Board of Selectmen Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. This meeting was called to order early for the Board to attend to a personnel matter before the regular meeting.

II. Executive Session

Timothy Doyle motioned for the Board to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. ss 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:00 PM. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:30PM.

Maurice Levasseur reported that the Board has returned from Executive Session and there was nothing to report.

III. Public Hearings

General Assistance Ordinance

Ronald Grant reported that this was the normal state guidelines update. There was no discussion during the hearing. A vote will be taken during the regular business meeting.

Cable Television Ordinance

There was discussion and the board will adopt and sign during the regular business meeting.

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Cable Television Franchise Agreement

There was discussion for Sally to find out if Turner, Leeds and Wales are going to adopt the same agreement. Sally Ann Hebert has to attach a list of roads that do not have cable service attached to this agreement.

The Board would like Greene to receive the highest percentage as they provide all the local access station services to the four towns. When and if the franchise agreement is approved from Adelpia and the other towns, they are hoping to have a part time person on the payroll to oversee the station.

Transfer Station Ordinance

The Board discussed deleting construction/demolition debris from the ordinance. This will save the town approximately \$50,000 a year of the disposing this debris. There was discussion of what will happen if this passes and the debris will end up beside the roads. Residents will have to pay for disposing of their own construction/demolition debris when disposing of these items. A list of places that take this debris will be available at the Town Office.

The Board thanked the Solid Waste Committee for what they have done in reviewing the operations at the Transfer Station.

IV. Call to order Regular Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

Ronald Grant called the regular Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

V. Public Discussion

There was none discussed at this meeting.

VI. Acceptance of Minutes – December 27, 2004 & January 5, 2005

Timothy Doyle motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the December 27th and January 5th meetings upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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VII. Treasurer's Report

Ronald Grant reported that there was a balance of \$883,168.07 on hand after this week warrant.

The Board discussed the purchasing of a pressure washer by the Highway Department. Steve Eldridge reported that this was done before he left, the other one died and they needed a replacement to thaw out frozen culverts.

The Board discussed the purchasing of equipment by the Cable Committee; this was taken out of the 2004 budget and reflected on the 2004 audit.

The Board discussed at length the need for a special town meeting as the equipment repair account was left off the last special town meeting. Trucks have broken down and need repairs; this will exceed the 3/12 budget allowed to spend before town meeting. Timothy Doyle motioned to hold a Special Town Meeting on January 24th at 7PM prior to Board of Selectmen Meeting to seek authorization to exceed the 3/12 spending authorization for Equipment Repair between January 1 and March 5, 2005. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Sally Ann Hebert will have the warrant ready for the Board of Selectmen to sign on Friday at their Special Board Meeting. Timothy Doyle will notify the Budget Committee on Wednesday when they meet.

Ronald Grant reported that he talked to the auditor last week discussed the last payroll of the year, taxes and accrued leave account. The books were in good condition and thanked the staff of being so cordial. They thanked the former Town Manager and the staff for having everything ready for them.

VIII. Roads

Ronald Grant reported that Doris Guenette has resigned from the Highway Department today. Maurice Levasseur motioned to appoint Bruce Tufts as Acting Road Commissioner until a new Town Manager is in place. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ronald Grant reported that one of the town highway trucks was involved in an accident last week. There was no damage to our truck but there was damage to the other two vehicles involved in the accident.

There were comments from a bus driver on the conditions of the roads last week. She has since written an apology and a letter from Terrance Klemanski is in the packet tonight.

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Ronald Grant reported that Bruce Tufts took over the highway department on Thursday.

IX. Old Business

A. ATV Club

Jamie Lachance said that he has not talked to the people along the ATV trail on College Road yet. He will talk to them and this will be placed back on the agenda for the January 24th Board of Selectmen meeting.

B. Appoint Acting Road Commissioner

Bruce Tufts was appointed under the discussion of roads.

C. MPAC

Ronald Grant reported that MPAC made the January payment a day late on their agreement signed with the Board of Selectmen on December 27th.

D. Account Transfer

Ronald Grant announced that the motion made at the December 27th meeting was for only \$5,000 and \$ 445.70 still needs to be transferred to cover the overdrafts. Timothy Doyle motioned to transfer additional \$445.70 from Legal Expense to cover the overdrafts in the Administrative Postage, Transfer Station Removal and Utilities – Town Office Telephone. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

E. Other

There was none discussed at this meeting.

X. New Business

A. School Subsidiary Information

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the information that was in the packet from Maine Municipal Association.

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B. County Patrols

Ronald Grant reported that Elmer Berry has included some information in tonight's packet for the Board to review regarding the cutback to the Sheriff's Department.

The Board discussed the cut back in the County Budget. Phil Moreau is a member of the County Budget Committee and if he felt that something needed to be said he would of reported to the Board.

The Board will not join in any support of the letters from other communities at this time.

C. Greater Androscoggin Humane Society Agreement

Timothy Doyle motioned to have Ronald Grant sign the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society Agreement on behalf of the Board. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Maurice Levasseur, Timothy Doyle, Mark Christman and Ronald Grant. Vote against the motion – Kevin Mower. Motion passed.

D. Greene Economic & Community Development Letter

Ronald Grant read the letter aloud from Charles Peillet acknowledging the guidance Steve Eldridge gave the Greene Economic & Community Development Group and Conservation Committee while being Town Manager in Greene.

E. Nomination Papers

Ronald Grant read the memo from Sally Ann Hebert, Town Clerk regarding who has taken papers out to date for Board of Selectmen.

No one has taken papers out for MSAD 52 School Board Director for Peter Maxwell's position to date. Sally did report that she has talked to Tom Hanson, Superintendent, today and him and the School Board members have talked to Peter about returning to the Board.

F. County Budget

This was discussed under County Patrols earlier at this meeting.

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G. MSAD 52 – Roads

The Board reviewed the letters from the School Bus Driver and Terrance Klemanski, Transportation Coordinator of MSAD 52.

H. MSAD 52 – Highway Radios

Terrance Klemanski, Transportation Coordinator of MSAD 52 sent a letter to the Board requesting authorization to place the Town of Greene's Highway Department radio frequency in his radio to be able to communicate with the Town Road Commissioner during a storm if need be, Maurice Levasseur motion to accept the request at no costs to the Town of Equipment, for Sally Ann Hebert to type up a letter with the frequency after getting the information from Bruce. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

I. Ron's Letter (Town Report)

Ron asked the Board of Selectmen to review his letter.

J. Auditor – Account Representation Letter

Timothy Doyle motioned to have Ronald Grant, Chairman, or any other member of the Board of Selectmen sign the Account Representation Letter on behalf of the Town. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

K. Legal

None discussed at this time of the meeting.

L. Other

Timothy Doyle motioned to sign General Assistance Ordinance dated October 1, 2004 that was just received in the Town Office. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motion to accept as printed the Cable Ordinance effective today, to sign the signature page on Friday. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Sally Ann Hebert is to pen a letter to other communities that the Board of Selectmen okayed the ordinance in Greene, and to request a consensus on what they are doing in this matter.

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Timothy Doyle motioned to have Ronald Grant sign both concealed weapons forms in appropriate box and return to Maine State Police Licensing Division. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Steve Eldridge, former Town Manager and Board went over the warrant.

Sally Ann Hebert asked the Board about printing the list of valuation in the town report book. She is to look at the state statute to see what has to be printed in the annual report.

XI. Committee Reports

Timothy Doyle reported that there was 16 candidates for Town Manager and 4 interviews are scheduled for Thursday January 13 5-8:30 PM. The Committee will report to the Board of Selectmen at a special meeting on Friday January 14th at 6:00 PM to forward their recommendation. The Committee had requested interviews from the top 6 candidates and two have declined.

XII. CEO Report

There was none discussed at this meeting.

XIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There was none discussed at this meeting.

XIV. Announcements

Ronald Grant read the announcements aloud and added the Board will meet on Friday January 14th at 6:00 PM in Executive Session.

XV. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$292,203.73. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant of \$5,016.09. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

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Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant of \$778.58. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

XVI. Executive Session – Concealed Weapons Applications (2)

The Board handled this under new business other.

Timothy Doyle motioned for the Board of Selectmen to enter into Executive Session for Highway Department pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405, subsection 6(a). Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. There will be nothing voted on.


The Board went into Executive Session at 8:15 PM. The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:30 PM.

XVII. Adjournment

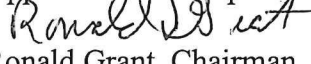
Maurice Levasseur motioned to adjourn. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen