

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2004**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting January 26, 2004.

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

Members absent: Mark Christman has another commitment tonight.

Others present: David Roy, Sheldon Bubier, Judy Marden, Mike Brousseau (Chairman - Land Use Ordinance Review Committee), Robert Coady, Scott Gosselin (Maine State Police), Jennifer Simmons (Greene Central School Counselor) and John Plestina (Reporter Lewiston Sun Journal).

Public Hearing Land Use Ordinance Review

Mike Brousseau, Chairman, commented on why the Committee felt the need to enact an ordinance relating to the licensing and regulation of sexually oriented businesses and why it should be voted on as a separate article. This will give some guidelines regulating this type of business in Greene.

The Board and members from the audience suggested that computer pornography be added to this ordinance.

Mike went over the changes to the Land Use Ordinance and why they should be done and some recommended changes to the recommendations. The Board will review the recommended changes again in a couple of weeks. The Public Hearing ended at 7:50 PM.

I. Call to Order

Ron Grant called the meeting to order at 7:51 PM.

II. Public Discussion

Jennifer Simmons, School Counselor from Greene Central School and Trooper Scott Gosselin from Maine State Police; proposed Rope Course that they would like to build on land owned by the Town maintained by the Greene Conservation Committee.

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This Ropes Course is a challenge course with 8 standing elements and over a dozen transportable challenges behind Greene Central School. This is based on the concept of adventure education on the fact that individuals can take physical, mental and emotional risks within the context of group activities and games to develop self-respect and improve self-esteem. This is used for participants to learn important information about how to communicate with others, how to solve difficult problems, how to be flexible and creative, and most importantly, how to be good leaders and role models for others.

Mary Charbonneau from Greene Conservation Committee has toured the area and is giving authorization for this to be placed there. She believes this fits in the guidelines of the original of Recreation Park.

This would be built with a donation of \$2,500 from the State Troopers Union in Memory of Maine State Trooper Detective Giles Landry. Other grants are being sought out from Maine Support Network, Maine Community Foundation, Western Maine Teachers Fund and Greene Central School Student Activity Fund. No additional insurance costs are expected from the town. A small shed will be built to house the cables that are dismantled after use.

This would only be used when a trained facilitator is available. This could be used by businesses and other organizations as a teamwork builder.

Steve will review the proposal, insurance, and money handling and bring back to the Board at a later date.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – December 8, 2003

Maurice Levasseur motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the December 29th meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Steve reported the balance as of January 12th is \$664,219.88. Steve reported that the auditors were here two (2) days last week. Excise tax collection has exceeded projection by 8%. Steve announced that the Board hopes to hold the tax rate flat this year.

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The Board will meet in Executive Session to give direction to Steve on a MPAC personal property issue.

b. **Roads**

Steve reported that the Highway Crew has been very busy sanding and salting, as the roads are very slippery.

Steve is to send a letter MDOT regarding the big, old trees they had removed at the corner of Main Street and Sawyer Road around the little telephone building. The letter will also have a request from the Board to replace the guardrails on Sawyer Road by the ledges that was demolished during an automobile accident this last week.

c. **Banking/Office Efficiency**

Steve spoke to both Robert Coady and Phil Moreau regarding the proposal from Bangor Savings Bank. They liked the proposal and recommend for the town to make the change.

Maurice Levasseur motioned based on the recommendation of two budget committee members and the Town Manager to transfer the municipal funds from Mechanic Savings Bank to Bangor Savings Bank; to have Ron Grant and Steve Eldridge sign the necessary papers. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

In swapping the banking services, only the municipal accounts will be changed and possibly down the road debit cards will be allowed for transactions.

Thompson Fund and Julia Adams Morse Library Funds will stay at Mechanics Savings Bank.

Steve thanked Robert Coady and Phil Moreau for their time and input on this project.

d. **Historical Society**

There is no discussion on this tonight.

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e. **Other**

A letter has been received from Representative Jennings on a scheduled meeting with Governor Baldacci. This meeting could be held on Feb 3rd at 10 AM or Feb 4th at 1PM. A list of attendees needs to be put together and meet before the meeting with the Governor to go over what needs to be discussed. Maurice Levasseur and Ron Grant can attend on Tuesday Feb 3rd.

Steve will be at a LA leadership meeting on January 26, 2004 and will not be at the Board meeting.

V. New Business

a. **Conservation Committee/Ropes Course**

This was discussed under Public Discussion.

b. **Pine Tree Zone**

Steve reported that he has been meeting since August and has submitted three properties (Chabot, Central Chemical, & George Schott) in Greene. This is a statewide program and AVCOG has taken the lead to meet the January 15th deadline.

Timothy Doyle motioned to sign the premilary approval and will bring to Town Meeting in March. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. **Chamber Annual Meeting**

Steve reported that the Greene Business Award presented by the Chamber of Commerce would be presented to David Bubier at their annual meeting on January 29th at Ramada Inn. Board members are to let Steve know who will be attending.

d. **Annual Report Dedication**

This will be discussed in Executive Session.

e. **Legal**

This will be discussed under Executive Session.

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f. Other

Kevin Mower motioned to accept the proposal for bid for the fire tanker truck from Greene Volunteer Fire Department. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

This tank truck is being placed out to bid from a FEMA grant for \$225,000. The Board discussed the benefit of having a special town meeting to approve the town's match of \$22,500 or to wait to the annual town meeting.

Timothy Doyle motioned to go into executive session to discuss a legal issue. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Board was in executive session from 8:30 PM – 8:54 PM.

Timothy Doyle announced that the Town Manager updated the Board on Maine Poly (MPAC) back taxes to the town and no vote was taken.

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept Michael Stephanak resignation from Station Manager of WGLT TV4. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Timothy Doyle announced that Mike is valuable to the cable committee and to remain on the committee.

The Board announced that no additional steps would be taken to moving the cable van to town owned property.

VI. Committee Reports

A Greene Economic and Community Development Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th.

Steve Eldridge and Ron Grant attended Julia Adams Morse Library Building Committee meeting. The bids went out January 19th; prebid meeting on 2/2 at 10am at the library, and bids will be opened on February 13th.

Budget Committee will be meeting every Thursday until the 2004 budget review is complete.

VII. CEO Report

There was none at this meeting. Bruce has been out to accidents and fires all day.

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VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There was none at this meeting.

IX. Announcements

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Fire Department Building Warrant for \$1,414.53. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. This was discussion to stop drawing off this account.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant of \$ 318.79. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 16,168.43, to minus the Valley Cemetery \$2,000 and to move to the 2003 budget year. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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XI. Executive Session


This was discussed earlier.

XII. Adjournment

Maurice Levasseur motioned to adjourn. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen