

**Greene Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
January 13, 2003**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting January 27, 2003.

**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.

**Others present:** Barbara Bubier, Pat Rose, Scott Verrill (Superintendent MSAD 52), Lucien Doyon, Julie Snyder, Sylvia Snyder, Paul Chabot, Suzanne Chabot, Chuck Hodgdon, Mario Gendron, David Gendron, Jennifer Gurney, John Plestina (Lewiston Sun Journal Reporter) and others.

**I. Call to Order 7:00 PM**

Ron Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**II. Public Discussion**

Scott Verrill, Superintendent of MSAD 52, addressed the Board of Selectmen to advise them of a potential increase in the school budget for 2003-2004. There will be cut backs from the state, leased modular spaces will not longer be reimbursed by the state (Greene Central and Tripp Middle School both have 2), the district office needs a new space (currently leasing space at the Leavitt Institute Building from the Town of Turner), and along with the district having to repair/replace the roof at Leavitt Area High School (there is court litigation regarding this with the contractor and builder – costs will returned to the District if awarded). There will be a referendum vote in late February. The District has applied for emergency renovation funds. Scott left copied of these plans with the Board.

**III. Acceptance of Minutes – December 30, 2002**

Timothy Doyle motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the December 30<sup>th</sup> meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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**IV. Unfinished Business**

**a. Treasurer's Report**

Steve reported the fund balance of \$ 867,001.07 as of January 13<sup>th</sup> after the warrant. Steve reported that the excise tax collection for 2002 ended up being \$584,534.00 vs. \$568,330.00 2001 collection.

The Budget Committee is half way through the 2003 Budget process.

The Auditors have been in and commented to Steve that the audit was easier.

**b. Roads**

Steve reported that the road crew is cleaning up after the storms and repairing the equipment.

Steve reported he had received a call complimenting the Road Crew for keeping the roads open during the storms. Chuck Hodgdon also remarked on the good job the road crew is doing. .

**c. Annual Report/Dedication**

The Board will discuss after the meeting during executive session to keep if from the family.

**d. Paul Chabot**

There was a group of residents in support of Paul Chabot asking the Board to enter into an agreement with him to settle the court case the Town of Greene has with him regarding his commercial garage being constructed after issuance of a building permit for residential construction.

There was much discussion by the Board and with all in attendance trying to reach a remedy to this situation. The Board agreed to have Timothy Doyle sit down with Paul Chabot and try to craft a settlement to bring back to the Board at a special meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Office.

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**e. Other**

Ron reminded everyone that nomination papers are still available for Board of Selectmen and School Board Director.

The Board discussed the proposed changes to the Land Use Ordinance. There will be presented in different sections – changes, definitions, errors/omissions and amendments required by the State. There was a discussion on the Private Road options. There is another meeting scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup> of the Land Use Ordinance Review.

**V. New Business**

**a. Freedom of Information**

The Board has asked the Town Manager to put in place a written policy regarding freedom of information (Right to Know Law).

**b. Transfer Station**

Steve went over the Inspection Report from DEP regarding the Transfer Station. Steve is in the process of replying within the required 90 days of receiving the noncompliance report.

January 1<sup>st</sup> the Transfer Station was supposed to be open, but was closed due to the contractor not being able to empty the dumpsters. There was approximately 2000# of trash on the ground in bags.

**c. Bid Awards/Planning Grant/Annual Report Printing**

Steve reported that the Regional Committee met last Wednesday in Leeds and reviewed the proposals for consultant. Steve is checking the references and will report back to the Board at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Maurice Levasseur motioned to award the bid for printing the annual town report to Park Street Press for \$ 3,780.00. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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**d. Resignations**

Thelma Sanford has submitted her resignation from the Greene Economic & Community Development Group effective immediately. Timothy Doyle motioned to accept with regrets and to send a letter thanking her for volunteering for the Town. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

John Abbott has submitted his resignation from the Greene Planning Board effective immediately. Mark Christman motioned to accept with regrets and to send a letter thanking him for the Town. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board announced that the Planning Board currently is seeking two members, one alternate and one regular member. The Planning Board will report to the Board with a recommendation for filling vacancies. The vacancies will be announced on Channel 4.

**e. MPAC contract**

After Board discussion of the MPAC grant Timothy Doyle motioned to authorize Steve to sign the agreement with MPAC on the back personal property (equipment) taxes to be paid back to the town over a two-year period. Maurice Levasseur 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**f. Legal**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

**g. Other**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

**VI. Committee Reports**

Kevin Mower reported that the Land Use Ordinance Review Committee and the Planning Board would be meeting jointly tomorrow evening to discuss private roads.

Tim Doyle reported that the Budget Committee is meeting every Thursday during the month of January.



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Tim Doyle reported that he and Mark Christman are meeting on Monday with the search committee on hiring a superintendent.

Maurice Levasseur reported that the Land Use Ordinance Review Committee is meeting tomorrow night.

Steve Eldridge reported that the Regional Economic meeting is reviewing the proposals for consultant.

**VII. CEO Report**

There was none reported at this meeting.

**VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements**

There was none reported at this meeting.

**IX. Announcements**

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

**X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant**

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Ella Augusta Thompson Fund Warrant of \$ 1,577.12. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Fire Department Building Warrant of \$ 143,422.90. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant of \$ 431.81. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Town of Greene 2002 Year End Warrant of \$ 28,090.48. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 247,710.01, which includes the school payment. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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**XI. Executive Session**


None needed at this meeting.

**XII. Adjournment**


Timothy Doyle motioned to adjourn. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sally Ann Hebert  
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,

  
Ronald I. Grant, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen