

Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting ~ January 13, 2014

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting January 27, 2014.

Selectmen present: Don Bedford, Tony Reny – Acting Chairman, Charles Noonan – Town Manager, Kevin Mower, and Sally Ann Hebert – Recording Secretary.

Selectmen absent: Ron Grant – Vacation; Mark Christman – Vacation.

Staff present: Bruce Tufts – Highway Foreman, Robert Stevens, Brent Armstrong and Gary Bedford highway workers.

Others present:

This meeting was televised on WGLT TV7 Greene, Maine

I. **Call to Order**

Tony Reny, Acting Chairman called the January 13th Board of Selectmen Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Ron Grant is on vacation in Florida.

II. **Public discussion**

None.

III. **Acceptance of Minutes**

Don Bedford motioned to waive the reading of the December 30th meeting minutes; and the minutes will be approved upon signature of Chairman, Ron Grant's signature. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. **Treasurers Report**

Charlie Noonan, Town Manager/Treasurer reported a balance on hand after today's warrants of \$1,249,863.16.

V. **Roads**

Tony Reny thanked the highway crew for their work during this last ice storm. They worked very diligently. Other towns sent their crew home during the storm. Greene was still out there trying to keep the main roads passable.

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The Board asked fellow citizens not to call the highway department when frustrated. At one point there were four trucks off the road. Residents have been screaming at the crew; leaving absene messages on the phone; and most of all calling the Highway Foreman's wife and calling her names.

VI. Old Business

a. FY 2014 Budget

The Board, Sally Ann Hebert and Mike Stephanak went over the cable tv budget.

Kevin Mower motioned to approve the cable budget for 2014 at

\$ 33,250.00. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to approve the public works budget for 2014 at

\$ 1,193,870.00. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Bruce Tufts, Public Works Foreman requested an article to budget

\$ 200,000.00 for salt to run pure salt on the tar roads. This will give the voters a choice on how they want the roads to be treated. This will be left to the voters. This is over and above the Public Works Budget.

b. Audit

The auditors have completed the onsite audit; the draft report should be received this week.

c. Other

None.

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VII. New Business

a. FEMA – Ice Storm 12/22/13 -12/26/13

Charlie Noonan reported that FEMA representatives will be in Maine on Thursday or Friday to review expenditures for the 12/22-12/26/13 ice storm.

b. Town of Belgrade Town Office visit Jan 22 – 5:30PM

Charlie Noonan reported representatives from the Town of Belgrade will visit the Greene Municipal Office. They like the design of the building. The office staff, finance committee, building committee, and board of selectmen will be visiting the office.

c. Sand Usage

Public Works has gone thru \$ 5,000.00 of sand/salt in the small shed for public use. There are trucks coming in from different towns loading sand into their pickups, trucks with sander bodies. They have taken the gravel from the ramp the Public Works Department uses to load their trucks. When no more sand was in the building for public use they drove out back and hauled the ¾" gravel away. There were many suggestions discussed with the Board and Public Works Employees. Bruce Tufts the highway foreman will get some jersey barriers to place to leave a space large enough for people to walk thru. More signage will be hung to remind people that this sand/salt is for Greene Residents, not people from other towns.

d. Assessor's Agent

Charlie Noonan reported the new assessing agent will start tomorrow. He has a one year commitment to the Town of Greene. The town will save \$20,000.00 with the change.

e. Other

None.

VIII. Appointments

None.

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IX. Committee Reports

Don Bedford reported the Planning Board is not meeting this month.

X. Assessment Questions & Abatements/Supplementals

Charlie Noonan reported that RJD Appraisal finished the quarterly report. There was a net gain of \$ 402,300 valuation.

XI. Announcements

Tony Reny read the announcements aloud.

Six people have taken out nomination papers for two positions on the Board of Selectmen. One for each School Board position.

Jan 14 9-3:15 PM Assessors Agent

Jan 16 2PM Town Report Bid Opening

Jan 16 6PM Budget Committee

Jan 20 Town Office & Highway Closed (Martin Luther King Day)

Jan 21 MSAD52 School Budget at Greene Central School

Jan 22 5:30 PM Belgrade Town Office Visit

Jan 27 Selectmen Meeting 7PM

XII. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant # **1 dated 1/6/14 of \$ 10,823.36**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Accounts Payable Warrant # **2 dated 1/6/14 of \$ 24,914.05**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant # **3 dated 1/13/14 of \$ 11,381.68**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Accounts Payable Warrant # **4 dated 1/13/14 of \$ 19,982.08**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant # **1 dated 1/13/14 of \$ 730.65**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Cable Expense Warrant # **1-14 dated 1/6/14 of \$ 356.99**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the 2014,2015,2016 MDOT project list for the Town of Greene.

XIII. Adjournment

Kevin Mower motioned that the Board of Selectmen enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A). The will not be returned to regular session, there will be no vote.

The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:20PM.

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Don Bedford motioned to adjourn; Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board of Selectmen's meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved and accepted,


Sally Ann Hebert

Recording Secretary


Anthony Reny, Acting Chairman

Board of Selectmen