

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2011**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting February 14, 2011.

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

Staff present: None.

Members absent: Ronald Grant is on vacation.

Others present: None.

This meeting was televised

I. Call to Order

Tony Reny – Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**Public Hearing: Land Use Ordinance Amendments
Flea Market Ordinance; Mass Gathering Ordinance**

Tony Reny called the Public hearing to order. Randy Ray, CEO explained the Land Use Ordinance Amendments, Flea Market Ordinance; Mass Gathering Ordinance. These were briefly discussed.

II. Public Discussion

None.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – January 24, 2011

Mark Christman motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, and to approve the acceptance of the minute's dated January 24th meeting upon signature of acting chairman, Tony Reny. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Charlie Noonan reported a balance on hand after today's warrant of \$ 842,203.38. Charlie informed the Board the excise tax collection is slightly higher year to date. Charlie is not happy with the governor's proposed revenue sharing cuts. With cash on hand to June; the town many need a TAN note.

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V. Roads

With the cold snaps the highway crew has used more sand/salt than anticipated. There have been some equipment malfunctions the highway crew is taking care of. The Towns of Leeds and Monmouth are posting their roads for heavy loads at the end of the week. Greene is going to hold off as long as they can.

The railroad needs to fix the Sawyer Road crossing this summer. An aide from Representative Michael Michaud's office is meeting with Charlie at the end of February. Cars are hitting the pothole so hard it is turning the vehicles sideways.

A resident on Sullivan Road reported the plow hit her mailbox; the policy for Greene is the town does not replace as they are placed within the town's right of way. The Board of Selectmen stood behind the town's policy not to reimburse.

VI. Old Business

a. Center Bridge

Charlie reported MDOT held a meeting in Turner last Tuesday. There were 28 people in attendance. MDOT proposed three different options. (current location, locate upstream or locate downstream). Residents of the three towns would like to see the new bridge be wider with a 3rd recreation lane. The bridge needs to be wider for school buses and snowplows. There is no funding currently for this project. The estimated time line is for the design to bid to go out in January 2012 with the bids being open April 2012. The bridge will be approximately 600 feet long and North River Road and Churchill Hill Road will be built up.

b. Audit

Charlie reported the management letter from the auditor's recommended that Harry Childs, Deputy Treasurer do less counter work.

c. Unemployment Compensation Bill

Charlie reported he attending the hearing last Wednesday. There is a work session being held on this bill. He will be able to speak at the work session.

e. Other

None.

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VII. New Business

a School Budget

Tony Reny reported he attending the school budget workshop, there is a proposed plan to transport all the 5th and 6th graders to Turner for betterment of the children. The district is looking at purchasing the purchase a building for Adult Education. The district is also looking at outsourcing the transportation department. This will lay off all the bus drivers, the buses and drivers will be contracted thru a private firm.

Sally Ann Hebert reported that WGLT TV7 has been taping the meetings and rebroadcast on channel 7 and available for viewing on peg central website.

b Superintendents Search

Current Superintendent Darlene Burdin has resigned to be done her position at the end of June. The School Board is looking for members to serve on the committee. Mark Christman will serve as he has served on prior search committees.

c Rec. Committee

Charlie reported that the VFW has approached the town to purchase the VFW property. GYAA had approached the town that they need more space for fields as they have three fields (Burgess, Mission and Dupuis) on private land that they fear will not be available for use in the future. DEP has looked at the land for possible new fields, etc. The cost is \$30,000 to purchase the land and building. May be done with a lease/purchase at \$6,000 per year for 5 years. DEP will relook at the property after the snow is gone. There will be a need for a forestry plan for the trees and how much land is actually available.

d 2011 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board discussed Article 18; the amount of propane used to heat the town office and the price of it, concern that there was not enough money in the budget.

Kevin Mower motioned to increase utilities to \$14,900. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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e Tri-Town Meeting Leeds 3/17 or 3/24

The Board agreed the March 24th is a good night for them to meet.

f Other

Kevin Mower motioned to purchase the list of equipment needed to go wireless at \$2596; \$ 2547 and 80 month to go wireless unless a better deal can be done. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Town Report Books are going out Tuesday.

VIII. Appointments

None.

IX. Committee Reports

Tony Reny reported the Conservation Commission will have an ice fishing derby on Hooper Pond on March 12th.

Tony Reny reminded residents to go vote at town meeting on the photographs submitted for the photo contest. The commission was very surprised at the quality of the pictures received.

X. Assessment Questions & Abatements/Supplement

None.

XI. Announcements

Tony read the announcements aloud.

XII. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant # 9 dated 1/31/11 of \$ 6,516.43. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Accounts Payable Warrant # 10 dated 1/31/11 of \$ 22,382.50. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant # 11 dated 2/7/11 of \$ 7,880.01. 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 # **12 dated 2/07/11 of \$ 33,513.82**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant # **13 dated 2/14/11 of \$ 7,624.02**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Accounts Payable Warrant # **14 dated 2/14/11 of \$ 286,274.49**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant # **3 dated 2/07/11 of \$ 1,518.19**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Ella Augusta Thompson Fund Warrant # **2 dated 2/14/11 of \$ 1,142.86**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.


Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Cable Warrant # **3 dated 1/31/11 of \$ 95.95**. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XIII. Adjournment

Mark Christman motioned to adjourn. Don Bedford 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned at 8:2PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,

Tony Reny, Acting Chairman
Board of Selectmen

