

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
February 23, 2004**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting March 8, 2004.

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: Barbara Bubier, Pat Rose, Marnie & Paul Gardner.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Discussion

There was none at this meeting.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – February 23, 2004

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

Timothy Doyle motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the February 5th meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant and to correct paragraph 4 to withhold up to \$8,000 from retainage. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Steve Eldridge reported the balance as of February 23rd is \$??.
Steve reported that the revenue is down, trying to collect back taxes. The Ella Augusta Thompson Fund met with Joel Harris from H. M. Payson to go over their investments. Bert Murch has resigned from the Thompson Committee effective town meeting; there will be a vote at town meeting to replace him.

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b. Roads

Steve reported the Highway Crew is chipping ice, working on equipment, and steaming out the frozen culverts. The paperwork has been submitted to FEMA for an estimated \$12,000 reimbursement on the Dec 6th & 7th snowstorms.

A letter has been sent to a resident informing them that arrow signs will be placed at the intersection of College Road and North Hatch Hill Road.

c. MPAC

Steve attended the meeting at AVCOG with Representatives from Congressmen Snowe, Collins & Michaud's office, representatives from GE Financing. MPAC is trying to get things back on track and presented a plan to GE and others to prevent foreclosure on the personal property. MPAC is promising to pay on schedule and if they miss a payment foreclosure process will take place immediately. Steve is to meet with Kim Dutton on February 24th.

d. Fire Station Construction

Plymouth Engineering hired a contractor to fix the walls that were bowed out. The Fire Department is pleased with the fix. After much discussion on the repairs of the building, the building has been fixed at no costs to the Town. Timothy Doyle motioned to pay Glenn Builders \$ 27,248; withholding \$1,500.00 to pay Plymouth until electrical issue resolved. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Tim Doyle thanked Steve and Ron for settling this issue.

e. Fire Truck Bid

Timothy Doyle motioned to table until the first meeting after the Annual Town Meeting. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

f. Old Town House/Historical Society

Timothy Doyle motioned to sign the agreement with the Historical Society and to take out the requesting memorandum be recorded. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Sally Ann Hebert, President, of the Greene Historical Society signed the agreement and thanked the Board of Selectmen.

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g. Other

There was none discussed at this meeting.

V. New Business

a. Meeting with the Governor/Feb 25

The meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, February 25th. Ron read aloud the items they plan to discuss.

b. Franchise Agreement Draft

The Board was given a rough draft of the cable franchise and cable ordinance. They will be a meeting of the Selectmen from Wales, Greene, Leeds and Turner and others involved in this process at the Greene Town Office March 23rd. Pat Scully is proposing that all 4 towns work together.

c. Library Bids

Marnie Gardner chairman of the Library Expansion Committee and Steve gave an overview of the bids received. The bids were from \$540,000 to \$690,000. Mark Christman motioned to reject all bids. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote for – Maurice Levasseur, Tim Doyle, Ron Grant and Mark Christman. Vote against – Kevin Mower.

Timothy Doyle motioned to allow library committee and Town Manager to discuss with the low bidder (good faith conversation) to keep the discussion open if money is received from a State Library Grant and hold price for the project. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Tim Doyle, Ron Grant, Kevin Mower, and Mark Christman. Vote against – Maurice Levasseur. Motion passed.

Paul Gardner asked that the encumbered funds the town has for the library expansion be released at the Annual Town meeting for expense if needed.

d. Solid Waste Report

Steve went over the Solid Waste Report and announced that Greene's tonnage increased by 57 tons.

e. Audit Report

Steve reported that the Auditor moved the last warrant and first warrant figures. Ron has expressed displeasure with the over drafting accounts.

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f. **Legal**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

g. **Other**

Steve reported that he has been attending meetings with County Commissioner, Elmer Berry on regional efforts.

Dennis Sanborn is asking to have his land removed from Tree Growth.

Adelphia notified the Board that rates are increasing on cable television.

A letter has been received from a resident regarding a roaming dog issue and Wendell Strout, Animal Control Officer is taking care of it.

Letters have been sent out to all committee members asking if they still would like to be on the Board.

VI. Committee Reports

Sally Ann Hebert announced that the Thin Blue Line is airing last Thursday evening and went very well with the Maine State Police, Game Warden and Road Foreman.

VII. CEO Report

There was none discussed at this meeting.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There was none at this meeting.

IX. Announcements

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

Brenda Theriault announced that the Women's Club would be providing a lunch at the Annual Town Meeting.

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X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant # 7 of \$ 47,205.56. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant # 8 of \$ 14,253.77. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Ella Augusta Thompson Warrant of \$ 4,489.22. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant of \$ 675.23. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XI. Executive Session

This was none discussed at this meeting.

XII. Adjournment

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

The Board adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,



Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen