

**Greene Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
March 10, 2003**

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

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

**Members absent:** Ronald Grant – vacation.

**Others present:** Barbara Bubier, Robert Coady, Bill Ethridge, Sandra Ethridge and John Plestina (Sun Journal Reporter).

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

Timothy Doyle, acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.  
Ron Grant is on vacation.

**II. Public Discussion**

Mike Stephanak, Station Manager for WGLT TV4, asked if Channel 4 could order 2 laptops before the summer production season begins. The Board instructed him to meet with Steve to discuss the possibility.

Tim Doyle presented Bill Ethridge from Bill's Auto Sales with a plaque from the Greene Economic and Community Development Group – as Most Improved Business in Greene in the year 2002. This plaque was presented to Bill at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Greene Business Night in February by GE&CDG. The Board wanted to present the plaque at their televised meeting.

**III. Acceptance of Minutes – February 24, 2003**

Mark Christman motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the February 24th 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 balance is \$499,103.90 as of March 10<sup>th</sup>. Steve is to present the Board with a cash analysis at the next meeting. The monthly excise tax collection exceeds last year's collection by \$1,000.

Steve received a letter from Purdy Powers to look at the GASB 34 requirements. This will be a whole new accounting process for the Town with fixed assets.

Mark Christman motioned to send a notice to the Budget Committee that the last article at town meeting was for \$1,260,000 – the total was correct the projected income was listed wrong it is for \$140,000. Maurice Levasseur 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Roads**

Steve reported that the Highway Crew has been sanding heavy and putting salt down. The Board reminded residents to take what public sand they need not to abuse (overuse).

The Town is posting the roads tomorrow for trucks over 26,000 pounds. The Town Manager can issue a permit for a truck over 26,000 pounds if it for emergency use (septic tank pump, pour concrete, etc). These permits are not to be given out for poor planning. Trucks that exceed the posted weight limit can still drive on the posted roads when the road is frozen and there is no standing water and the temperature is less than 32 degrees.

**c. Legal issue, George Courbron**

This is tabled until Ron Grant is back next week as he has been meeting with George Courbron.

**d. Security Bid**

Mark Christman motioned to award the Security Bid for the new fire station to Protection One for \$ 7,572.62 along with an annual fee of \$ 359.00. Maurice Levasseur 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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e. **Presentation to Bill Ethridge/Most Improved Business**

Was done under public discussion.

f. **Other**

Steve reported that the signed consent agreement with Paul Chabot is in tonight's packet. Paul Chabot is on the Planning Board agenda for their meeting tomorrow night regarding his garage. Hazmat from DEP has been at the fire station site today and there is old oil seeped into the dirt and is being removed.

Steve reported that the Code Enforcement Officer has spoken with DEP regarding Dion cutting along the Androscoggin River off the Welcome Hill Road. They are going to deal with the situation – not the town.

Steve reported that the Code Enforcement Officer visited the Gerald Marin property on College Road tonight. There is another trailer moved in there.

Steve reported that the town is working with DEP and Dept of Health regarding the E-coli found in water samples taken on Vermont Avenue. Letters has been sent to the residents in close proximity to this find. It could be from a malfunctioning septic tank and not much can be done into the ground thaws.

**V. New Business**

a. **Election of Board of Selectmen Chairman**

Mark Christman motioned to elect Ron Grant, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Note: Ron did agree to this with the Board before he left for vacation.

b. **Committee Members/Appointments**

Maurice Levasseur for the Board to keep their current committees except for him, he will take the Greene Economic & Community Development Group. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Note list as follows:

Ron Grant – Appeals Board, Julia Adams Morse Library  
Expansion Committee

Tim Doyle – Budget Committee; Cable TV Committee,  
Capital Improvement

Maurice Levasseur – Greene Economic & Community  
Development Group, Land Use Ordinance  
Review Committee, Solid Waste Committee

Kevin Mower – Capital Improvement, Planning Board

Mark Christman - Conservation Commission, Land Use  
Ordinance Review Committee,

Maurice Levasseur motioned to appoint Stephen Eldridge as Town Manager, Road Commissioner, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, and General Assistance Administrator until March 15, 2004. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Maurice Levasseur motioned to appoint Wendall Strout Jr as Animal Control Officer until March 15, 2004. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to appoint Sally Ann Hebert as Registrar of Voters until March 15, 2004. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to appoint Carol Buzzell as Motor Vehicle Agent until March 15, 2004. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to appoint Carol Buzzell as Inland Fisheries Agent Agent until March 15, 2004. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to appoint Alden Peterson as Addressing Officer (911 house numbering) until March 15, 2004. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to appoint Alden Peterson as Emergency Management Director until March 15, 2004. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to appoint Laurent E Veilleux, Steven Chouinard, Lucien Asselin and Paul A Lauriere as Constables to serve civil papers only until March 15, 2004. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.



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Mark Christman motioned to appoint Sally Ann Hebert, Brenda Theriault, Robert Conklin, Eric Bunford, Don Bedford, Michael Stephanak, Richard Sabine and Joanne Boyington to the Cable TV Committee until March 15, 2004. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Maurice Levasseur motioned to appoint Steve Creamer, Arthur Lawrence, Robert Coady, Phillip Moreau, Peter Jolicoeur and Dennis Rose to the Capital Improvement Committee until March 15, 2004. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Maurice Levasseur motioned to appoint Phillippe Moreau, Bruce Sanford, Steve Creamer, Alden Peterson, Robert Coady, Brenda Theriault, Bruce Tufts and Rebecca Miller to the Fire Station Building Committee until March 15, 2004. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to appoint Rebecca Laliberte, Carol Buzzell, Sally Ann Hebert, Melvin McCorrison, Sharon Gates, Elaine Wood, David Iannotti and Steve Goulet to the Greene Economic and Community Development Group until March 15, 2004. Maurice Levasseur 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to appoint Gretchen Bubier, RaNae Gagnon, Marnie Gardner, Louise Morgan, Patricia Rose, Richard Sanford, Bruce Sanford, Deborah Beam and George Chiasson to the Julia Adams Morse Library Expansion Committee until March 15, 2004. Vote was unanimous. Maurice Levasseur 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to appoint Michael Brousseau, Judith Marden, Suzanne Rousseau, David Roy, George Farris Jr and Steve Creamer to the Land Use Ordinance Review Committee until March 15, 2004. Maurice Levasseur 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to appoint Anthony Reny to the Greene Planning Board (3 year term) until March 15, 2006. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to appoint George Schott to the Greene Planning Board (one year term) until March 15, 2004. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote for the motion – Kevin Mower and Mark Christman. Vote against the motion – Tim Doyle and Maurice Levasseur. Motion died.

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Maurice Levasseur motioned to appoint Leon Rioux, John Abbott and Mark Christman to the Sabattus Lake Dam Commission until March 15, 2004. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to appoint Charles Varney, Richard Sanford, Fred Bubier, Ted Webber, Leo Morissette, Steve Creamer and William Creamer to the Solid Waste Committee until March 15, 2004. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board held off making appointments to the Appeals Board, Conservation Commission and Planning Board until the Committee Chairs make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

The Board requested that Channel 4 post on the Bulletin Board that volunteers are needed for Greene Economic & Community Development Group, Land Use Ordinance Review Committee, Planning Board.

c. **Fire Truck Bid**

The Board asks that Chief Bruce Tufts be at the next meeting to discuss the new fire truck bid. The Board also wants to see the proposal before the bid goes out.

d. **Town Manager Review**

The Board will go into Executive Session to set the Town Manager's Salary at the end of this meeting and report back to the public.

e. **Legal**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

f. **Other**

The Board would like a report from Kevin Doyle, Highway Foreman, to review the costs analysis of calcium vs. sand vs. sand/salt at the end of April.

Mark Christman motioned to sign a Proclamation to WGLT TV4 for Media Democracy Week March 17 to March 22, 2003. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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The Board reported that following road issues:

Leeds Junction Road will be on the agenda at the March 24<sup>th</sup> Board  
Of Selectmen meeting to discuss paving in 2004

Main Street/Patten Road intersection has bad potholes heading to  
the Library that needs sand in

Steve is to call MDOT regarding Sawyer Road by Sabattus Line  
also has bad potholes

**VI. Committee Reports**

Kevin Mower reported that the Planning Board is meeting tomorrow night.

Mark Christman reported that the Sabattus Lake Dam Commission is not active right now.

Mark Christman reported that he and Tim Doyle are on the Superintendent Search Committee for MSAD 52. They have done a site review of the final candidates and are meeting again to make their recommendation to the School Board on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of Selectmen would like to discuss the 76 acres on Sprague Mills Road that MSAD 52 owns on the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board of Selectmen want to know the status of the daycare at the Elementary School and if that is viable for a site for the Superintendent's office.

Steve reported that he has offered to help the Julia Adams Morse Library Expansion Committee with fundraising and to write grants. They are reworking their budget and have gone back to the original floor plan including basement. Mark Christman motioned to have Steve Eldridge, Town Manager, write grants to assist the Julia Adams Morse Library Expansion Committee. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. The Library Expansion Committee did not get the \$50,000 appropriation they asked for at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen did not recommend the appropriation as the committee is working hard, but the Board was trying to hold appropriations to keep the mill rate down this year.

**VII. CEO Report**

There was none reported at this meeting.

**VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements**

There was none reported at this meeting.



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**IX. Announcements**

Timothy Doyle read the announcements aloud. Tim reported that the newspaper ad would be advertised this weekend for full time Code Enforcement Officer.

Mark Christman motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss the Town Manager performance and set his salary for 2003. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board was in Executive Session from 8:15 pm to 8:47 PM.

Tim Doyle announced the Board reviewed the Town Manager performance and set his salary. Maurice Levasseur motioned to set Steve Eldridge, Town Manager, salary for 2003 at \$52,000.00 plus benefits for the calendar year. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Julia Adams Morse Warrant of \$ 439.76. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Ella Augusta Thompson Fund Warrant of \$ 207.52. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Fire Department Building Warrant of \$ 3,260.38. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 261,505.42 with \$217,045.00 school payment. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.



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**XI. Adjournment**

Maurice Levasseur motioned to adjourn. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Ann Hebert  
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,

Timothy S. Doyle Acting Chairman  
Board of Selectmen