

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
March 22, 2004**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting April 12, 2004.

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: Pat Rose, Robert Coady, Anthony Reny, Susan Rousseau, Richard Rousseau & John Plestina, Reporter from Lewiston Sun-Journal.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Discussion

Brenda Theriault thanked the viewers for helping with the Project Graduation Auction. It was a success.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – March 8, 2004

Maurice Levasseur motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the March 8th meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Maurice Levasseur, Ronald Grant, Kevin Mower, and Mark Christman. Abstain – Timothy Doyle. Motion passed.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Steve Eldridge reported the balance as of March 22nd is \$ 315,538.00. The town will foreclose on the MPAC personal property taxes if they are not paid. They have had a plan for payment with the town and this did not work.

The Board discussed the bill on the warrant to the State for the fuel tax report. The Town has submitted and received fuel tax rebatement; when the state did the audit they found that the town owes them money for reimbursement and penalties.

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b. **Roads**

The Highway crew is busy patching the potholes, unplugging the frozen culverts along with taking care of the winter storms. Kevin and Steve are planning work schedule for 2004 season.

c. **MPAC**

This was discussed under Treasurer's Report.

d. **Town Manager Review**

Kevin Mower motioned to go into Executive Session to set the Town Manager salary. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. The Board was in Executive Session from 7:07PM – 7:20 PM.

Timothy Doyle motioned to pay Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager, \$52,000 plus benefits. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

There was much discussion between Richard & Suzanne Rousseau representing the Greene Taxpayers Association and the Board regarding the Town Manager's salary, keeping costs down and increasing the attendance at Town Meetings

e. **Plymouth Engineering**

The Board discussed the letter from Plymouth Engineering regarding the change order on the electrical panel. Timothy Doyle motioned for Steve to respond in writing to Plymouth Engineering to explain the Board's position on not wanting to pay the 6.5% of the \$8,500 fee to change from 200 amps to 400 amps. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Steve will place the \$1,500.00 retainage to Plymouth Engineering on the warrant for the next Board meeting.

f. **Other**

Ronald Grant read a thank-you letter from Berkley Hobart for dedicating the 2003 Annual Town Report to him.

Ronald Grant asked if Channel 4 could make a portable microphone available at future town meetings for the audience.

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Steve Eldridge reported that Pat Rose, Paul & Marnie Gardiner and himself has submitted a grant request of \$289,000 to the Maine State Library for the Julia Adams Morse Library.

Steve Eldridge reported that he and Bruce Tufts, Fire Chief, are putting together a FEMA grant request for \$60,000 for equipment and person to do health training with the Fire Department for a year.

V. New Business

a. Board/Committee Appointments

The Board signed the cable committee appointment papers. They were appointed last week.

The Board resigned Vira McManus appointment to the Ella Augusta Thompson Committee. This appointment is to replace Bert Murch until March 2005. Carol Springer term is for three years.

Ron Grant reported that the attendance registered at Town Meeting 2004 was 144 compared to 127 last years. There were 358 voters for the 2004 Election on Friday compared to 422 last years.

Ron Grant announced that Community Guide needs 30 advertisements for the map and community guide of Greene; to date 13 spaces have been sold. Businesses can share spaces to save money.

Maurice Levasseur motioned to appoint Jamie Lachance to Conservation Commission. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Maurice Levasseur motioned to appoint Charles Peillet to the Conservation Commission. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to appoint Rodney Gagnon to the Land Use Ordinance Review Committee. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mark Christman motioned to appoint Charles Peillet to the Greene Economic and Community Development Group Committee. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board will wait to appoint the Appeals Board vacancies after the Appeals Board can review the candidate information sheet.

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b. Liaison Appointments

The Board will represent the following:

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| Ronald Grant | – Appeals Board, Julia Adams Morse Library Expansion. |
| Mark Christman | – Capital Improvement, Conservation Commission, Land Use Ordinance Review |
| Timothy Doyle | – Budget Committee, Cable TV, Greene Scholarship Committee |
| Maurice Levasseur | – Greene Economic & Community Development Group, Solid Waste |
| Kevin Mower | – Capital Improvement, Land Use Ordinance Review, Planning Board |

Steve is to send a letter to the Boards/Committees informing them of their Selectmen liaison.

c. RJD Quarterly Review

Timothy Doyle read the report from RJD on their quarterly review 2003 for 2004 taxes. The review consisted of maps 1,2,3,5,28,29. A total of 460 parcels were visited with 189 changes. The total increase in valuation is \$359,800 and total decrease of \$34, 400.

The Board feels that RJD is well worth the money. If the property tax cap bill is voted on, our systems will be able to handle the changes.

d. Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting

Leeds had scheduled a Tri-Town Meeting on April 22nd. Tom Hanson and Chris Trenholm from the School Department are not available that evening and would like to be able to attend the meeting. They are available on April 27th.

e. Legal

There was none discussed at this meeting.

f. Other

The Board discussed the costs of the Transfer Station. The Solid Waste Committee will be setting up a meeting.

The Board announced that the previous Boston Post Cane Holder has passed away. The Board discussed the possibility of presenting a plaque to the person, using the cane for presentation purposes, displaying the cane at

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the Greene Town Office. Steve will get the costs for plaque and display case. The Board will hold off on presenting the cane until the next Board meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

Ronald Grant announced that the cable committee would be meeting tonight after the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

VII. CEO Report

Steve reported that Bruce Tufts, CEO, is reviewing the 27 lot subdivision of Sanborn & Hammond, a subdivision review has been presented by Gary Yakawonis and another plan is being presented on the former Allen Pond Campground property.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

Timothy Doyle motioned to abate Citicorp (P172) \$161.04 for 2003 taxes. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motioned to sign the supplemental commitment totaling \$16,388.07 (Sanborn & Hammond Tree Growth penalty \$3,073.98; Sanborn & Hammond Tree Growth penalty \$12,924.30 and Roger Stockwell Land omission \$ 389.79). Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IX. Announcements

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 36,572.03. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Fire Department Benevolent Fund Warrant of \$ 5,148.32. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant of \$ 1,193.91. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Ella Augusta Thompson Fund Warrant of \$ 3,248.06. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XI. Executive Session

The Board will go into Executive Session at the next Board meeting for Town Manager review.

XII. Adjournment

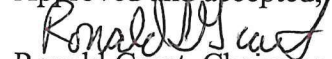
Maurice Levasseur motioned to adjourn. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen