

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
March 24, 2003**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting April 14, 2003.

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: Barbara Bubier and Fire Chief, Bruce Tufts.

I. Call to Order 7:00 PM

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

II. Public Discussion

There was none discussed at this meeting.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – March 10, 2003

Mark Christman motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the March 10th upon signature of Acting Chairman, Timothy Doyle. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Treasurer's Report/Cash Flow Analysis

Steve reported the balance is \$516,718.39 as of March 24th. Steve presented a cash flow. Steve has spoke to Mechanics Savings Bank about a TAN if needed. Their percentage is 4% and would take them 2 weeks to prepare. Steve is going to shop around to other banks. Tim questioned the legality of borrowing from ourselves. Steve is to check with MMA. Steve is taking prudent steps that the town be careful of spending.

Steve will present to the Board a list of foreclosed property for the Board of Selectmen to review at their April 14th meeting.

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b. Roads

Steve reported that the Highway Crew has been filling pot holes and shuring up the dirt roads. Steve reported that the filter fabric that was installed on Leeds Junction Road is standing up well.

c. Legal issue, George Courbron

Ron Grant did meet with him and wants to talk to the Board during an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

d. Town Manager Review

The Board will discuss at the end of the meeting during Executive Session.

e. Other

Steve reported that he and Bruce Tufts, Fire Chief, has applied for a grant in the new round of \$750,000,000.00 grants being awarded this year. The Fire Department is going after a tanker truck. The grant process closes at the end of April. The status of the town has changed since the last application. The town has grown, the Fire Department Volunteer Members has grown, the town is in indebttness and the age of the equipment is getting older.

Steve gave a update on the new Fire Station. They are still blasting ledge daily and hope to start pouring the footings by the end of the week.

V. New Business

a. Library Expansion Budget/Project

Steve presented the Board with a spread sheet for the addition to the Julia Adams Morse Library. Steve is working with them on fundraising and grantwriting. Requests have been sent for funding to foundations; a large mailing is being sent to the residents of Greene and Leeds.

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b. Fire Truck Bid/Dispatch/Radio Bids

The Board discussed with Bruce Tufts, Fire Chief, the request for proposal for the new fire truck. Bruce and Steve will get together to finalize the proposal for the Board before the April 14th meeting.

The Board discussed with Bruce Tufts, Fire Chief, the request for proposal for dispatching services for the Greene Volunteer Fire Department. The Board will receive the final proposal before the April 14th meeting.

The Radio Bid will be reviewed after the Dispatching Service Bids are awarded.

c. Scholarship Committee

The Leavitt Board of Trustees will still award the Greene Bicentennial Scholarship to a Greene Student as before from the interest on the \$16,000.00. The Board of Selectmen is going to form a committee of 4 people and one representative from the Board of Selectmen to award the \$3,000.00 this year to a student graduating from Leavitt. Timothy Doyle is the committee and bring a sample application to the next Board of Selectmen meeting. Brenda Theriault and Christos Gianopoulos was on the Greene Bicentennial. Daniel Kary and Mary Charbonneau have expressed interest of being on that committee.

d. Town Office Space Committee

The Town has no money and would like this back on the agenda in four weeks.

e. Appointments

Timothy Doyle motioned to appoint Rebecca Laliberte to the Planning Board as alternate member for one year. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to appoint George Schott to the Planning Board as alternate member for one year. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Mark Christman, Kevin Mower and Ronald Grant. Vote against the motion – Timothy Doyle and Maurice Levasseur. Motion passed.

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f. Legal

Steve reported that our Attorney is filing an contempt of court order against Gerald Marin from the 2000 court decision. He was to remove all structures and clean the site. He is currently residing there in a refrigerated box trailer and just put another box trailer on the property. He applied for a building permit and was denied by the CEO and the money was returned to him.

g. Other

The Board discussed the White Dove Food Agency is closing down and the food agency is possibly moving over to the Grange to handle and the old town house will be used by the Historical Society. The Board does not want the White Dove Food Agency to shut down as there is a need for a food bank in the Town of Greene.

The Board discussed the paving bids will be put out for proposal.

Ronald Grant wants the Cable Committee to report to the Board what is happening.

VI. Committee Reports

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. A Superintendent has been chosen and the name was not made public as the Board did not know if it had been announced yet from MSAD 52.

Kevin Mower reported that the Planning Board did not meet on March 11th as they did not have a quorum. They are meeting on March 26th.

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

Ronald Grant read the announcements aloud.

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 32,371.01. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Julia Adams Morse Warrant of \$ 981.07. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Ella Augusta Thompson Fund Warrant of \$ 3,941.70. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Fire Department Building Warrant of \$ 3,786.31. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XI. Adjournment

Mark Christman motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for Town Manager Review and George Courbron Legal Issue. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:24 PM.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald I. Grant Chairman
Board of Selectmen