

Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2005

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting April 25, 2005.

Members present: Timothy Doyle, Anthony Reny, Mark Christman, Kevin Mower, Ronald Grant – Chairman, and Charles Noonan – Town Manager and Sally Ann Hebert – Recording Secretary.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Barbara Bubier, Bruce Tufts – Road Foreman and Nick Angelides – Reporter Lewiston Sun Journal.

I. Call to Order

Ronald Grant, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. Public Discussion

No discussion.

III. Acceptance of Minutes March 28, 2005

Anthony Reny motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes dated March 28th meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ronald Grant reported that all member of the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager met in an emergency session on Sunday, April 3rd to give direction to the Highway crew for road damage during the massive rain storm we were experiencing.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported that the 2005 approved budget expense figures are on the report tonight. There is some tweaking to be done to the Road Foreman and CEO payroll. The cash flow projection is almost on schedule. The Board will review the cash flow at their first meeting in May, at that time, they will review the need for borrowing money either from another account or TAN note.

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V. Roads

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported that he has included in tonight's Board of Selectmen packages a reply from Rhonda Waterman, Region Manager, and MDOT. They agree the plow route for Route 202 was too long and will be cutting the route back to the original length.

Also included in the packet is an email from Michael Eldridge, representative from MDOT regarding his overview of the meeting held with the Greene Board of Selectmen on March 28th.

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported that the estimate given to FEMA for the April 3rd rainstorm is approximately \$125,000 or more. The roads are all opened back up; shoulder work will be done once all the roadwork is taken care of. The Board and Charles Noonan, Town Manager commended the Highway crew for an exemplary job on repairs from the storm damage. Bruce Tufts, Road Foreman, reported that cave in on the roads is still happening as the water has undermined some of the edges of the roads.

The answering machine at the Town Garage is not working at this time. This will be remedied shortly.

FEMA will be in the area on Tuesday visiting sites in Turner, Lewiston and Auburn. The town will get 75% of the additional costs from the storm.

VI. Old Business

a. Protection One

Charles Noonan, Town Manager reported that Protection One did come and do a complete test on the security system at the Fire Station. They presented Charles Noonan with a letter that fulfills their part of the contract and the check has been released to them.

b. Personnel Policy

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, and the Board of Selectmen discussed two concerns about the revised Personal Policy. When a person terminates his/her employment with the Town of Greene, ½ of accumulated sick leave will be paid to them.

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Upon motion of Timothy Doyle and 2nd by Mark Christman the Board passed by a vote of 3 for (Grant, Doyle, Christman; 2 against (Reny, Mower; a clarification to the Personnel Policy stating that in the even the Town Offices are closed by town officials due to inclement weather those employees dismissed or excused from work on a scheduled workday would be paid at their normal rate.

Upon motion of Timothy Doyle and 2nd by Mark Christman the Board failed to pass a motion by a vote of 4 against (Reny, Grant, Mower, Christman); 1 for (Doyle: a change to the Personnel Policy allowing any employees working during the hours which the Town Office was closed due to inclement weather to receive compensation time equal to the time worked in their normal work scheduled.

c. Fire Truck Acceptance

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported the new fire truck has arrived and looks very nice. The other new truck is back in service after warranty repair.

d. Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported that he has spoken to Wendell Strout; concerning who would call the dog owners. Mr. Strout indicated he did not care. The office staff will do the calling. Timothy Doyle motioned to sign the Unlicensed Dog Warrant. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Other

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported that he met today with Bruce Sanford regarding the Julia Adams Morse Library Expansion. Bruce Sanford has met again with the Julia Adams Morse Library Trustees; they are reviewing the size and footprint of the building expansion. The revised plans are being presented to the Expansion Committee April 27th and the to the Board of Selectmen at the May 9th meeting. Charles Noonan, Town Manager and Anthony Reny will sit down with Bruce Sanford to develop a contract and timeline for this project. Anthony Reny asked if this was cleared with the artichtect on using his plans; reply was they are not using his plans.

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Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported that he and Bruce Tufts, Road Foreman met with the salesman from Tenco regarding the plow and sander unit that is having problem. The salesman went back to the company to talk to the regional manager that Greene is unsatisfied with this unit. It was reported that Tenco is aware of the design faults; Charles Noonan and Bruce Tufts want it fixed. Charles Noonan is to send a letter to the regional sales manager to follow up with this meeting.

The Board discussed where the refranchising negotiating is with Adelphia. Charles Noonan, Town Manager reported that his is waiting for the map from Adelphia. The Board would like to get this issue resolved before Adelphia is sold.

The Board discussed having a special town meeting between now and July to reset the commitment, discount, interest and due dates to coincide with LD 1 legislation on homestead exemption.

The Board discussed the tax reform issue and how it could affect the Town of Greene. This will be discussed at the TriTown Board of Selectmen's meeting Tuesday night in Leeds.

VII. New Business

a. FEMA Storm Assistance

Charles Noonan, Town Manager has completed the request for the February 10-12th snowstorm; our claim is for \$7,118.63 and the town will be reimbursed 75% (\$5,338.97). Charles Noonan, Town Manager, is waiting for the filing date of the March 8 & 9th snowstorm; the Federal government has already declared this. The March 11 & 12th snow storm has yet to be declared an emergency.

b. CEO Applicants

Charles Noonan, Town Manager reported that six applicants applied for this position. Of the six, two are currently employed and are certified and employed as Code Enforcement Officers. The other four applicants would need to be certified. Bruce Tufts, former CEO and Charles Noonan, Town Manager will review the applications. Charles Noonan, Town Manager will be conducting the interviews. The Board of Selectmen will meet with Charles Noonan, Town Manager to review the applicants and hear Charles Noonan's recommendation before announcing at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

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c. Other

Mark Christman motioned to accept Robert Coady's resignation from the Greene Volunteer Fire Department Benevolence Committee and for Charles Noonan, Town Manager to send a letter thanking Robert for his service to this committee. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mark Christman motioned to accept Charles Peillett resignation from the Greene Economic & Community Development Committee, Conservation Commission and Appeals Board and for Charles Noonan, Town Manager to send a letter thanking Charles for his service to these committees. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Timothy Doyle motioned to appoint Barbara Bubier to the Greene Volunteer Fire Department Benevolence Committee to replace Robert Coady. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Ronald Grant presented the Committee assignments to the Board of Selectmen as follows:

Liaison to Committee (non-voting)

Ron Grant – Appeals Board
Tony Reny – Planning Board
Kevin Mower – Land Use Ordinance Review Committee
Mark Christman – Greene Economic & Community Development
Group
Tim Doyle – Cable TV

Voting Member

Ron Grant – Julia Adams Morse Library Expansion
Tony Reny – Solid Waste Committee
Tim Doyle – Greene Scholarship Committee
Tim Doyle – Budget Committee
Mark Christman – Sabattus Lake Dam Commission
Kevin Mower – Capital Improvement Committee
Mark Christman – Conservation Commission

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reviewed the 2006-2007 MDOT work plan in Greene. They will be tarring from the Turner Center Bridge to Sabattus Line (section North River Road, Allen Pond Road, and Sawyer Road).

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The Board of Selectmen signed the Solid Waste Committee appointments that we not signed the night of appointments.

The Board received a copy of the lists of telephone numbers of the employees and committees.

VIII. Committee Reports

Mark Christman reported that he was unable to attend the last Sabattus Lake Dam Commission.

Mark Christman reported that State Representative, Scott Lansley is scheduling a meeting at the Town of Greene owned property at Allen Pond to discuss continuing stocking the pond. Commissioner Martin from Inland Fisheries, other from Department of Conservation, Town officials, with people who abut or fish Allen Pond.

X. CEO Report

There was none for this meeting.

XI. Assessment Questions & Abatements

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

XII. Announcements

Ronald Grant read the announcements aloud.

XIII. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Accounts Payable Warrant of \$ 307,781.52. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 109.52. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant of \$ 5,416.60. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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XIV. Adjournment

Anthony Reny motioned to adjourn. Mark Christman 2nd the motion.
Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert

Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman

Board of Selectmen