

Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2004

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting April 26, 2004. Note this meeting was taped, as Channel 4 was not on the air.

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: Barbara Bubier, Pat Rose, Ray Lafrance (Androscoggin Sheriff Department) Guy Desjardins (Androscoggin Sheriff Department), Suzanne & Richard Rousseau (Greene Taxpayers Association) & John Plestina, Reporter from Lewiston Sun-Journal.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Discussion

Ray Lafrance & Guy Desjardins from Androscoggin Sheriff's Department presented an overview of the 2003 Annual Report. The Sheriff's Department is looking at boarding inmates from other counties when the inmate average is low. This will bring income into the County.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – March 22, 2004

Mark Christman motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the March 22nd meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Steve Eldridge reported the balance as of April 12th is \$ 150,627.00. This is the balance that is left until taxes are committed June 28th. Steve has informed the departments that they cannot spend money only payroll until that time. Payroll averages \$32,000 per month for the Town. The Treasurer has authority to borrow from capital reserve if need be and pay back to them first. MPAC has not come up with the tax money yet. Excise tax collection is up a little bit more than last year.

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b. **Roads**

The Highway crew is out patching the potholes in the roads. Kevin and Steve have gone over the schedule for the next three months. There will a person in to show the highway crew how to improve ditching with the grader. The paving bids for 2004 season have gone out. The heavy load limit signs have been removed. The reclaim that was laid down on Barrell Shop Road is standing up well.

c. **MPAC**

The Board will discuss in Executive Session what direction to give the Town Manager in collecting the past due personal property taxes.

d. **Town Manager Review**

The Board will go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the Town Manager's review.

Timothy Doyle motioned for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss MPAC and personnel matter. Mark Chrisman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:30 PM and returned at 7:47 PM. The Board reported that the personnel matter will be handled by the Town Manager not the Board and gave the Town Manager direction to collect the MPAC back personal property taxes.

e. **Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting**

The Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting will be held on April 27th at 6PM at Leeds Town Office with Superintendent Tom Hanson and Chris Trenholm Business Manager of MSAD 52.

f. **Cable Franchise**

Steve reported that Leeds, Wales and Turner Board of Selectmen have voted to go forward with working jointly with Greene on the refranchise. Timothy Doyle motioned to allow Pat Scully to move forward with the cable agreement. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

All the towns have recognized Channel 4 and wish to participate. The towns will move forward with an inter-local agreement.

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g. **Other**

Ron reported that along with himself, Tim Doyle and Mark Christman they went to look at the new fire truck at EVM. The firefighters also went and are very excited about the new truck.

V. New Business

a. **Androscoggin County Sheriffs Dept.**

This was discussed under Public Discussion.

b. **Palasky Referendum**

Steve presented how dangerous this proposal is to the Town of Greene. He presented two different plans. The Town of Greene will not have enough money to run the town; there would not be any highway dept, transfer station and no town office.

Steve is to put presentation on Channel 4.

c. **FEMA Grant**

The town has received \$9,113.17 for the 2 snowstorms in December; which is 75% of the \$11,683.55 spent.

d. **Appeals Board Appointment**

Mark Christman motioned to accept Denis Perron's resignation from the Appeals Board and send a letter of appreciation. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Maurice Levasseur motioned to appoint Marc Therriault to fill Denis Perron's seat on the Appeal's Board. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. **Rapid Renewal**

Steve reported that the town started using Rapid Renewal online today; this will allow residents to renew their motor vehicle registrations online. The tests went smooth and there will be an approximate 2% loss of agent fee revenue.

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f. Fire Trucks/Tractor, Trailer, Snorkel

The Fire Department is to come up with a list of equipment they would like to get rid of. The Board will meet at the Fire Station at 6PM on April 26th to review.

g. Boston Post Cane

The Board will meet at 6:30 PM on April 19th to present the Boston Post Cane to the next oldest resident in Greene.

A plaque will be made to present to the person to keep and the cane will be used for presentation purposes and returned to the Town Office to be placed on display.

h. Legal

There was none discussed at this meeting.

i. Other

Steve and Ron have been subpoenaed to testify at Joyce Houle's Appeal of her Unemployment Appeal.

Timothy Doyle motioned to sign the 2004 unlicensed dog warrant for Wendall Strout. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motioned to sign the 2004 Payroll Policy for one year. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

VI. Committee Reports

Steve reported that the Greene Economic & Community Development Group met and voted in Charles Peillet as Chair. They will meet on April 21st to discuss the long and short-term goals and to discuss the Village Celebration.

A comment received from a citizen that in doing business with the Town Office is was very well conducted and ran smoothly.

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VII. CEO Report

Steve reported that Bruce Tufts, CEO, has been extremely busy. There is 4 sub-divisions; totaling 47 lots; in front of the Planning Board. There are two other subdivisions in the works. Greene is facing a serious housing development boom right now.

Bruce has sent letter to the owners of the following properties: Wing, Tremblay, Champagne and also two letters to junkyard violators.

The Town is looking at impact fees and what is happening to the solid waste in Town.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

Timothy Doyle motioned to approve the 2004 supplemental tax bills to accounts 790, 973, 1106, 1524, 1725 due to Trio Conversion error; the land assessed was not billed. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

IX. Announcements

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

Steve announced that the entrance to the office area at Greene Central School is not accessible to the public until the renovations are done.

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Greene Volunteer Fire Department Building Fund Warrant of \$ 32,153.34; which \$28,000 is for interest to the Maine Bond Bank. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 258,222.53; which includes the school payment. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 19,444.69. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant of \$ 865.68. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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XI. Executive Session

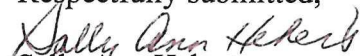
Mark Christman motioned for the Board to go into Executive Session for the Town Manager evaluation and will not return to open session. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XII. Adjournment


Mark Christman motioned to adjourn. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen