

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
April 13, 2009**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting April 27, 2009.

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

Staff present: None.

Members absent: None.

Others present: None.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Discussion

None.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – March 23, 2009

Mark Christman motioned to waive the reading of the minutes; to approve the acceptance of the minutes dated March 23rd meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ron Grant. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Charlie Noonan reported a balance on hand after today's warrant of \$ 508,048.79; today's warrant had the bond interest for the fire station, computer and school payment. Excise tax collection is at 99.6% of the 2008 year to date collection.

V. Roads

The roads are still posted and will be so for the next week or two. The gravel roads and shoulders are a concern with the softness and vehicles driving on them.

The Highway Department purchased a reclaim and asphalt hotbox for \$1,000 from the City of Lewiston. This will save money and time for the town as they can put hot top in the potholes instead of cold patch at half the money.

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VI. Old Business

a. Personnel Policy

Tim Doyle motioned to sign the Town of Greene Personnel Policy dated April 13, 2009. Tony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Boston Post Cane

Ron Grant presented the Boston Post Cane to Barbara Nelson on April 5, 2009 at the Meadows. Tim, Tony and Kevin attended along with 51 other attendees. Becky Laliberte, The Meadows Owner, provided the cake and refreshments for the presentation. She is willing to host this event in the future. The Boston Post Cane will be 100 years old in August.

c. River Committee Meeting

Charlie reported the advisory committee will be meeting Wednesday night at Leeds Town Office. Some of the committee was on the Lewiston Sun Journal chat room today. The ?? committee meeting is the last Tuesday of the month.

d. Tax Liens

Charlie reported that 3-4 of them has caught up to date. A couple has negotiated settlement. Charlie is asking the Board to meet later in the meeting in executive session to give him direction on how much to negotiate.

e. Dispatch Contract

Charlie has researched the Board's question on how the Town is getting billed for dispatch services. The town is being billed on single calls. Tony Reny motioned to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract (need name and length of contract) on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

f. Allen Pond Boat Launch

Charlie asked the Board for suspension of the RFP for engineering service of the Allen Pond Boat Launch as a property owner has approached the Town Manager that his lot is available for purchase for parking for the boat launch. The state or federal government may purchase the 2.2-acre lot.

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Some options are to have lot 2 retained as the parking area for the public boat launch on Thomas Road. Charlie is to have the town attorney review the deeds to see if there is a right of way across Thomas Road. The Board discussed who would maintain the road, would there be a road association, hold a public hearing before everything is finalized.

Kevin Mower motioned to have Charlie expend up to \$1,000 for the Town Attorney to review the deeds for clarification of town's legality of travel on the Thomas Road. Tony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

g. Computer

Charlie reported that Denis Perron has installed the new computer server; the system is currently set up for both servers until everything is completely transferred.

h. 2010 Census

The 2010 Census has begun. There will be people going door to door; they will have proper identification.

i. Other

Mark Christman motioned that the Board of Selectmen enter executive session to discuss confidential (tax negotiations) records pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(f). Tony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Board entered executive session at 7:40 PM. Board returned from executive session at 7:58 PM.

Tim Doyle reported the board discussed personnel property tax matters.

Tim Doyle motioned to have Charlie accept Maine Poly offer to settle the 2006, 2007 and 2008 personnel property tax years with a payment of \$11,000.00; to abate the difference; to have an agreement on what is on location of Personal Property 2009; payment to be received within 10 days. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. The Board reported this is the best deal agreement for the Town.

Tim Doyle motioned to have Charlie enter payment arrangement with R & S; the final approval will at the next Board meeting. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. The Board reported that R & S is offering to pay the full amount due; no dispute.

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VI. New Business

a. SAD #52 Budget

Charlie reported that Darlene Burdin, Superintendent presented him with prelim figures stating Greene's share is going to be \$71,000 less for 2009-2010 year. Some of the savings is due to money received from the federal government thru the stimulus program and use of other various revenues. The school Board was very careful not to use the stimulus money for regular budgeted items; but for one time needed expenditures. The Board thanked the school board for the effort they have done on keeping the budget low.

b. Recreation Committee

Tony reported the Recreation Committee has had their first meeting. They will have a meeting with the Conservation Commission to review efforts and make sure that they do not have the same mission.

c. Town Office Building Committee

Charlie reported the Town Office Building Committee is having their first meeting on Wednesday. They will go over the history of the committee, elect a chairman and secretary. They will review the RFP for the new building. The Board requested they get a copy of the RFP before the next Board meeting.

d. Town Manager Salary

This will be set at the next Board meeting; the increase will be retroactive. See below.

e. Town Manager Review

See below.

f. Executive Session

See below.

g. Other

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Charlie informed the Board that the lease for the telephone equipment is up and he has signed the contract for another three years.

VIII. Appointments

Mark Christman motioned to appoint Tony Reny, Mert Buzzell, Glenn Chatueavert, Renaud Dupuis, Jamie Lachance, Shawn Lavigne, Andre Leblanc, Wendell Strout and Brian Tutlis to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Tony Reny motioned to appoint Jeff Levesque to Conservation Commission. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IX. Committee Reports

Mark Christman reported he attended the Sabattus Lake Dam Commission meeting last Monday. The committee is going to have a catwalk installed on the dam to make it safer for opening and closing the gates. The water level is currently in compliance. There is an article on the warrant for the Town of Sabattus Town Meeting on May 30th to have Sabattus withdraw from SLDC. The abutters along the lake in Greene and Wales can contact the Sabattus Town Office to be put on a list to speak at the meeting regarding this issue. SLDC has decreased the testing of water quality done by Scott Williams and will be researching if there are any grants available.

Ron Grant reported that he attended Androscoggin County Commissioners meeting two weeks ago. The final findings were presented; the committee has been discharged. They would like more Selectmen, Town Managers on the new committee, if one is convened, as they will have more say on what is in the discussion on financing the dispatch center.

X. Assessment Questions and Abatements

None.

XI. Announcements

Ron Grant read aloud.

XII. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant # 26 dated 3/30/09 of \$ 5,207.26. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Accounts Payable Warrant # 27 dated 3/30/09 of \$ 7,817.78. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant # 28 dated 4/06/09 of \$ 6,090.50. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Accounts Payable # 29 dated 4/06/09 of \$ 26,807.91. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant # 30 dated 4/13/09 of \$ 5,309.65. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Accounts Payable # 31 dated 4/13/09 of \$ 285,139.16. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant # 7 dated 4/06/09 of \$ 1,440.41. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.


XIII. Adjournment

Mark Christman motioned to that the Board of Selectmen enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A). Tony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.


Board adjourned to executive session at 8:29PM.

The Board adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen