

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2003**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting April 28, 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, Patricia Rose, Fire Chief, Bruce Tufts and John Plestina, Reporter Lewiston Sun Journal. .

I. Call to Order 7:00 PM

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

II. Public Discussion

Ron Grant welcomed Pat Rose back in the audience after an absence.

Brenda Theriault representing the Greene Fire Department Fireman's Auxiliary reported that they are taking orders for a community birthday calendar for the year 2004. This is to build community relations and to support the Fireman's Auxiliary. The price is \$7.00 for 5 entries and \$.50 for each extra entry. They will be selling at the Greene IGA, Greene Post Office and Landry's Quick Stop on May 10th.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – March 24, 2003

Mark Christman motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the March 24th upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Steve reported the balance is \$293,544.18 as of April 14th. Steve presented a cash flow of excise tax collections and reported that it is up over last year. Steve reported that the budget is going to be close. But should be able to meet the financial needs of the town until July.

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b. **Roads**

Steve reported that the Highway Crew would be removing the road postings this week along with sweeping the roads.

The Highway Department is removing the two ash piles (brush and tire pile fire) at the transfer station to come into compliance with DEP.

Steve reported that there is mulch to go to the residents of Greene. This is at the Transfer Station from Androscoggin Soil and Conservation for Sabattus Lake and Allen Pond Road to use and they did not take so any it is there for residents.

c. **Legal issue, George Courbron**

The Board will meet in Executive Session at the end of tonight's meeting to discuss the George Courbron legal issue and a personal matter.

d. **Fire Station Construction**

Steve updated the Board on the Fire Station Construction that the footings has been poured, the walls to the main room and office are up. The plumber moved his construction trailer on site. A large water source (spring) was found when the excavation work was being done – they are going to reroute the flow into the pond.

The Board discussed at length the pros and cons of a Clerk of the Works. The Board unanimously agreed to have Steve contact Plymouth Engineering to see if there is a need for hiring a Clerk of the Works, if this would help or hinder the project. Much of the discussion was that the Clerk of Works makes sure the project is done to engineering specifications and built according to plans. Basically this is someone that will watch our dollars at work, and make sure the project is being done right and according to schedule.

e. **Fire Truck Bid/Dispatch**

Steve reported that he has received the last page of the fire truck bid specifications from Bruce Tufts, Fire Chief. The need for performance bond and liability insurance has been added. If the bid is sent out tomorrow it will be due June 13th (45 days later). The truck will not be delivered until after the new fire station is completed. Timothy Doyle motioned to direct Steve Eldridge, Town Manager to send out the fire

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truck bid. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board unanimously decided to wait on a decision on the dispatching until Steve has time to talk to Jim Bennett from Lewiston.

f. **Other**

Timothy Doyle reported that he has gotten together a committee of Christos Gianopoulos, Brenda Theriault, Tammy Anderson, Jim Weston and himself for the new scholarship the town voted on at the 2003 annual town meeting. They are meeting on April 24th to discuss criteria, draft application, name among other items.

Ron Grant reported that the Town Manager evaluation is complete and in the personnel file.

V. New Business

a. **Cable Franchise**

The Board reviewed the letter Attorney Pat Scully has sent to Adelphia.

There is a letter in the packet that David Wing, Principal from LAHS sent to Adelphia regarding keeping Turner, Leeds, Greene and Wales on the same loop.

A letter from Graham Nye, Interim Superintendent from MSAD 52 sent to WGLT TV4 and Channel 11.

b. **Town Office Space Committee**

The Board and Steve talked about forming a committee to look at the possibility of adding onto the Greene Town Office. Steve is to put together a plan of action and report back to the Board of Selectmen April 28th.

c. **Dog Warrant**

Timothy Doyle motioned for the Board of Selectmen to sign the dog warrant for unlicensed dogs as of April 14th. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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d. Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting

The Board will meet with the Selectmen from Leeds and Turner and the School Board on April 24th at Leeds Central School. The Boards have been working closely with the school board the last few years.

e. Foreclosure List

The Board reviewed the list of tax-foreclosed property. Some of the taxpayers have made arrangements to make payments.

Maurice Levasseur motioned to have Steve try to work with the owners of the foreclosed real estate tax accounts (429, 837, 2064, 428); the town does not want to take these properties and to set up a payment plan so they can redeem their properties and to get a letter from the Attorney that is handling the sale of accounts 1869 and 1859. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to abate Robert Provencher for 2000 taxes in the amount of \$ 327.81. This account was not deleted from the computer. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to abate Rev Paul Rines 2000 taxes in the amount of \$ 251.37. This account was not deleted from the computer. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

f. Legal

The Board is to review the Paul Chabot Release Agreement. Steve is to correct the typos and mail to the Board for their review.

Steve reported that Contempt of Court has been filed on Gerald Marin. The Judge can fine him, make him clean up and get rid of everything on the property and/or put him in jail.

g. Other

Steve is to find more information on if the Town can be restrictive on the number of Building Permits issued and if they can add an impact fee to the permits.

Steve is to look at the cost numbers of the town hauling the transfer containers vs. the Town paying someone else to haul.

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Steve reported that he has received a call from Marnie Gardner that the Friends of Julia Adams Morse Library received \$500.00 from Gardiner Savings Bank, \$2,000.00 from Androscoggin Savings Bank and \$50.00 from Champoux Insurance Agency. This is from the mailing of requests to help fund the addition to Julia Adams Morse Library.

VI. Committee Reports

Maurice Levasseur reported that the Solid Waste Committee met and went over the DEP letter for noncompliance at the Transfer Station.

Maurice Levasseur reported that the Greene Economic and Community Development Group met and reviewed the map that Joan Walton from AVCOG did on the Route 202 corridor. The group discussed the ingress and egress onto Route 202 for commercial properties. They are a very upbeat and positive group with plans in the work for commercial development.

Timothy Doyle reported that he was on vacation and did not go to the Budget meeting.

Kevin Mower reported that the Planning Board meet on April 8th.

They reviewed the Paul Chabot's application for a 4-lot subdivision on Sprague Mill Road. The Board remarked how well that Paul Chabot is doing cleaning up the Nystrom Farm. Paul has also been working with Steve and the GE&CDG.

VII. CEO Report

Steve reported that he has interviewed three people for CEO position. He will be calling one tomorrow to offer them job.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There was action taken on two under tax foreclosure.

IX. Announcements

Ronald Grant read the announcements aloud. The Board will decide when to have the May 26th meeting, as this is Memorial Day.

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

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Timothy Doyle motioned to sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 291,769.08. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion Maurice Levasseur, Timothy Doyle and Ron Grant. Vote against the motion Kevin Mower and Mark Christman. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Fire Department Building Warrant of \$ 94,426.94. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Julia Adams Morse Warrant of \$ 526.75. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

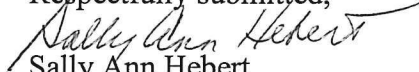
XI. Adjournment

Maurice Levasseur motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matter and George Courbron Legal Issue. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

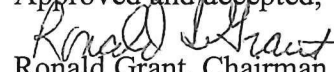
The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:46 PM.

Meeting adjourned 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen