

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
April 26, 2004**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting May 10, 2004.

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.

I. Call to Order

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 – April 12, 2004

Maurice Levasseur motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the April 12th meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Steve Eldridge reported the balance as of April 26th is \$ 169,645.57. Steve is watching expenses carefully before he has to tap into capital reserve for the school payment next month. It was approved at the Annual Town Meeting in March for the Board to use the capital reserve monies before the 2004 tax money comes in. Timothy Doyle and Maurice Levasseur do not want bond money spent, to have the town take out a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). Steve is to check on when the next payments for the new fire truck should be.

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b. **Roads**

The Highway crew is out sweeping the winter sand up and patching the potholes in the roads. The State grader trainer was here training with Connie last week. He is scheduled to return next month to do more training. Kevin and Steve have gone over the schedule for the next three months. Kevin has the work schedule for the next three months for the ditching, shoulder work and cutting brush.

c. **MPAC**

A letter has been sent to Peter Sweeney at GE Capitol regarding the back personal property taxes. Steve is asking the Board for direction on this, trying to get tax money in before July.

d. **Palasky Referendum**

MMA tax reform question is on the June ballot. Steve put together a sheet on what the impact will be for the Town. This will be posted on TV4. Steve is to come up with an alternative plan for the town if this all passes.

e. **Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting**

Meeting tomorrow night the 27th at 6PM at Leeds Town Office with Superintendent Tom Hanson and Chris Trenholm Business Manager of MSAD 52.

f. **Fire Trucks/Tractor/Trailer, Snorkel**

Maurice Levasseur motioned to have the Fire Department make a recommendation to donate the tanker to the Maine Towing Association for training purposes only and to send a letter not to be used to haul water for drinking or swimming. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

g. **Other**

Ron reported that along with himself, Tim Doyle, Steve Eldridge and Kevin Mower presented Verna Wheeler Coady the Boston Post Cane on Monday April 19th. Ron reported the Board was very welcome at the celebration.

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V. New Business

a. Public Works Addition Bid

Steve reported that there were only two (2) bids received for the Town Garage addition. One for the whole project Kleen Kut Construction \$32,657.00 and one for concrete only \$2,895.00. Steve is to talk to several contactors to see what can be done for the money appropriated. Kevin Mower motioned to reject all bids. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Timothy Doyle, Ron Grant, Kevin Mower & Mark Christman. Vote against the motion – Maurice Levasseur. Motion passed.

b. Town Office Expansion

The Board discussed to hold off on planning the Town Office expansion until the votes on tax reform are done. The Board also discussed if the meeting room at the Fire Station could be used. There is not enough parking at the Fire Station as it is unpredictable when the parking lot has to be used by the firemen. The Board did not want two meetings scheduled here at the same time.

c. Appointments

Kevin Mower motioned to appoint Dell Farris & Steve Lyons to the Greene Economic & Community Development Group. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Board signed appointment papers.

d. Legal

Kevin Mower motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss 2 personnel matter and one legal matter. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Board was into Executive Session 7:35 to 7:52PM.

The Board reported that they discussed the personnel issue and is not appropriate for the Board to act on; Steve will act on. The Board will sit on the legal issue for 2 weeks.

e. Other

The Town received "President's Recognition Award" from AVCOG for participation in the development of the Androscoggin Valley Region Pine Tree Zone.

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The Board discussed the grant with AVCOG to have GIS update, no costs to town for training, make sure Alden Peterson, Addressing Officer is on board. Mark Christman motioned for Greene to get on board with AVCOG on the grant for GIS update. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Steve reported that Jim Caitlin from Turner is applying for a regionalization grant on cable. Timothy Doyle motioned to have the Cable Committee look at this grant, no commit to money, and allow the Town of Greene to back out if need be. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board and/or Town Manager are not interested on serving on the MMA Executive Committee.

VI. Committee Reports

Ron Grant reported that the Appeal Board met and upheld the Planning Board decision on George Courbron's application.

Kevin Mower reported that the Planning Board met; discussed 13 lots on Allen Pond Campground. Gary Yakawonis and Bob Perron's project was not heard at their meeting. There are three more subdivisions in the works for the Planning Board review.

The Board briefly discussed impact fee and how this growth affects the schools.

VII. CEO Report

There was none discussed at this meeting.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There was none discussed at this meeting.

IX. Announcements

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

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X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 29,933.39. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion Ron Grant, Kevin Mower, Mark Christman. Vote against the motion Tim Doyle and Maurice Levasseur. Motion passed. Tim Doyle motioned for Steve to do whatever right to resolve the bill for \$400.00 for electrical work done by Ledgerview Electric. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Ella Augusta Thompson Warrant of \$ 865.68. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XI. Executive Session


There was none needed at this time.

XII. Adjournment


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

The Board adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen