

**Greene Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
May 10, 2004**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting May 24, 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 26, 2004**

Mark Christman motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Steve Eldridge reported the balance as of May 10<sup>th</sup> is \$ 176,082.52. Steve reported that this month's school payment of \$ 225,179.00 was taken from the capital reserve fund and will be replaced when the 2004 tax money comes in. The second fire truck payment of \$ 60,082.00 is on the warrant for EVM after Bruce does the prepaint inspection tomorrow. Delivery is expected the second week in July.

Steve talked to Chris Trenholm in regards of the Town paying 50% of the school payment in June and the rest in July after 2004 tax monies start coming in as was done in 2003.

Steve is hoping the next State Revenue Sharing check will be larger.

Sally Ann Hebert reported that the 2003 tax lien notices would be going out next Monday.

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There was the yearly \$ 15,000 backhoe payment on the warrant tonight. There are two more yearly payments due on this backhoe.

The Board questioned if there was another FEMA payment coming in as they thought they was two winter storms.

Steve and Maurice attended the Tri-Town meeting; Chris Trenholm and Tom Hanson were there to represent the school department. They did a presentation of how they are trying to cut back the 2004-2005 budget. Steve worked out a prelim tax rate with these figures of \$.10 per mil increase.

**V. Roads**

The Highway crew is out cutting brush while Webster Tree Service is cutting trees on Barrell Shop and Patten Roads. The crew is working on pulling the shoulders back in, grading and working on the department's equipment. The bids for the 2004 season will be in before the next Board meeting. Barrell Shop Road was put out to bid to private contractors to ditch, build up and install or replace culverts. The Town will provide the gravel, geo-tech fabric while the contractor provides the labor. The Highway Department will be busy with maintenance of the roads this summer.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

**a. MPAC**

Steve has talked to Peter Sweeney from GE Capital to pay 50% of the unpaid personal property tax before December.

**b. Palasky Referendum/MMA Tax Reform**

Steve presented the Board with a copy of the information sheet done by Dana Lee. The Board would like a scaled down version placed on the counter on how this will affect Greene if it passes.

There is a Tax reform forum in Cape Elizabeth on May 16<sup>th</sup>; this is being video recorded and tapes will be available for sale. Sally Ann Hebert announced that she is purchasing one to broadcast on WGLT to help the viewers keep informed on tax reform.

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c. **Public Works Addition Bid**

Steve has contacted three contractors to review the project; has not had any response yet.

d. **Other**

The Julia Adams Morse Library is waiting for the announcement of the Library Grants that will be awarded in June. Additional paperwork requested has been submitted. Ganneston the lowest bidder on this project is also the contractor doing the renovations at the Lewiston Public Library.

**VII. New Business**

a. **EMA Command Center**

Steve reported that EMA has approached the Fire Department and Town about storing the new command center & trailer at the new fire station. This unit was acquired thru the Homeland Security Grant, would be insured by County, driven by Androscoggin Sheriff's Department. The peoples using this center would be responsible for clean up of the vehicle. The Board discussed on how this would be a benefit to the Town and to the residents of Greene. Steve is to ask Tim Bubier, EMA Department to give a written proposal and presentation to the Board on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Board would like to make sure that this has gone by the firemen themselves.

b. **Ladies Auxiliary**

The Board has recognized the Greene Fire Department Auxiliary as a town organization. Mark Christman motioned to appoint:

Mary Sanford (President)  
Patti MacDonald (Vice-President)  
Sherry Lavoie (Treasurer)  
Linda Simones (Secretary)  
Brenda Theriault (Liaison)

Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.  
Board signed appointment papers.

This will allow them to have suppers at the fire station.



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c. **Bates College Liquor Permit**

Timothy Doyle motioned to sign the temporary Liquor License request for Bates College to allow catering June 12<sup>th</sup> 6-10PM at the Bates Boat house on Androscoggin River. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Board signed the application form.

d. **Fire Chief Appt/Constable Appt**

Kevin Mower motioned to appoint Bruce Tufts as Fire Chief for the Greene Volunteer Fire Department. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Board signed appointment paper. This was done after the Fire Department members voted Bruce Tufts as Fire Chief.

Kevin Mower motioned to appoint Lucien Asselin as constable to serve civil papers only. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Board signed appointment paper.

e. **Legal**

Timothy Doyle motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal matter. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Board was into Executive Session 7:40 to 7:50PM.

The Board reported that they discussed the legal issue and no further action will be taken.

f. **Other**

Bruce Tufts had noticed a small leak in the electrical room. One of the fireman on his own went on the roof of the new fire station, marked all nail heads showing in the roofing with orange fluorescent paint. Steve is awaiting a return call from Glenn Builders regarding the leak in the electrical room. Timothy Doyle motioned to direct Steve to notify Bruce Tufts, Fire Chief and all firemen that no one has the authority on his own to do work or be on top of the building without authority of the Fire Chief or Assistant Chief. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board briefly discussed on where the students from Greene Central will be going to school in the fall until the school is useable. Talk is the students will be broken up and go to Greene Baptist Church, Leeds Central School, and move the portables to Tripp Middle School. There will be a public announcement made by the School District.

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Timothy Doyle requested if the town would have the Highway Department put sand around the cement pillars on the Backstop at the Babe Ruth field. Mark Randall will supply the sand. This needs to be done before the games start in two weeks. The winter caused the cement pillars to rise out of the ground.

Steve reviewed a letter the Board received from Judy Marden regarding her thoughts on the proposed subdivision planned for the former Allen Pond Campground property and the subdivision Gary Yakawonis is planning for part of his lot abutting.

The Board briefly talked about the impact these and other subdivisions will have on the Town.

Steve reported that the Town has been notified that DEP errored in making there decision on Gary Boillard's self-storage units on Main Street and revoked his permit. They used the wrong watershed in making the wrong calculations. This will be discussed tomorrow night at the Planning Board meeting.

Ron Grant read a thank you from the children of Verna Coady, recipient of the Boston Post Cane.

Ron Grant announced that Channel 4 is broadcasting live on Thursday "Thin Blue Line" on Importance of 911 house numbering. Next Thursday night will be "On the Greene Line" Adelphia discussing the upcoming changes on cable TV in Greene.

The Greene Planning Board, AVCOG, Androscoggin Valley Soil & Water Conservation District is having a workshop on the Protection of Sabattus Pond Water Quality at the Greene Fire Station Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> 7-9PM.

The Board talked about the loss of the public boat launch at Allen Pond due to the sale of the campground. The Conservation Commission has a public right of way on Thomas Road of .25 acre, there is no parking, and is used for carry in boats only. The Conservation Commission will discuss this at their June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

Maurice Levasseur did an overview of the Solid Waste meeting. Items discussed was pay per bag, look at better ways to recycle, mulch, metal pile, how to reach more informational. Ron Grant attended the meeting and there is more room for more volunteers. They also discussed what would happen if the Palasky bill passed.

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Andy Valley will work out a plan to move containers on Saturday when the compactors are overflowing.

Maurice mentioned that every action has a reaction when it comes to recycling.

Maurice Levasseur reported on the Tri Town Selectmen's meeting. They discussed that all three towns need a grader and discussed joining together and purchasing one, problem is, and it is needed at the same time of the year.

The Boards talked about the helping to pay for transmission repair to the GFD snorkel. The Boards did not respond, this should be mentioned to the Fire Departments themselves. There was discussion of the impact to the towns of the Palasky bill.

**IX. CEO Report**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

**X. Assessment Questions & Abatements**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

**XI. Announcements**

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

Ron Grant announced that the MSAD School Budget hearing is Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> at LAHS cafeteria at 6:30 PM. The School Budget vote will be on Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> at LAHS auditorium at 7:00 PM.

**XII. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant**

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 51,702.09. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Board signed the warrant.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Warrant of \$ 60,082.00. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Board signed the warrant.

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the school payment warrant of \$ 225,179.00, from the Capital Reserve Fund, to be repaid when the 2004

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tax money comes in. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was  
unanimous. Motion passed. Board signed the warrant.

**XIII. Executive Session**

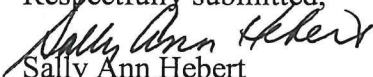
There was none needed at this time.

**XIV. Adjournment**


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

The Board adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sally Ann Hebert  
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,

  
Ronald Grant, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen