

**Greene Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
May 13, 2002**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting May 28, 2002.

**Members present:** Ronald Grant – Chairman, Mark Christman, Timothy Doyle, Kevin Mower, Maurice Levasseur, Stephen Eldridge – Town Manager.

**Members absent:** Sally Ann Hebert was not present at the meeting. She will take the minutes from the tape.

**Others present:** Pat Rose, Barbara Bubier, Dick Sanford, and Jean Dupuis.

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Public Discussion**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

**III. Acceptance of Minutes – April 22, 2002**

Mark Christman motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Tim Doyle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**IV. Unfinished Business**

**a. Treasurer's Report**

Steve announced that the balance sheet would be corrected by next week. He will hold the line on spending until after tax monies start coming in after July 8<sup>th</sup>. Excise tax collected is \$8,000 lower than collected last year at this time. All municipalities are flat in excise tax and below normal collection. The MSAD 52 School Board has adopted their 2002-2003 budget and it will represent a 7.24% increase to the Town of Greene (monthly payment will be approximately \$ 14,000 more).

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**b. Roads**

Steve announced the Highway crew is out cutting back the ridges on the dirt roads and installing the culverts that need to be installed before the 2002 paving program begins.

**c. Tax/Tax Acquired Property**

The Board discussed at length the Bouthot/Parker(Rose Road); Hudson/Parker(Patten Road); Pinkham/Parker(Patten Road) and Parker(Route 202) properties with Bernard Parker. The Board unanimously decided to take no action at this meeting, the owner could pay the taxes, and these properties will be resolved at the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> after Parker's Attorney does a title search of ownership.

Tim Doyle motioned to advertise the George Draper and Eileen Harkins foreclosed tax properties as required by town meeting vote. Maurice Levasseur 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**d. Internal Control Policy**

Steve asked that this item be skipped tonight, as he had not finished with some of the recommendations he had received.

**e. Gravel Bids Awards**

Steve announced to the Board that Glen Dube's bid of \$4.00 per yard for 1 ½ " crushed was a typo and that they asked not to be held to the bid.

Maurice Levasseur motioned to award the 1 ½ " crushed to the next lower bidder R & S Excavation at \$ 4.99 per yard. Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**f. CDBG/Grant Administration Fees**

The Board discussed to pay Steve for administrating the grants for the Town or if it is part of his salary. Maurice Levasseur motioned to pay Steve Eldridge \$ 500.00 for administrating the planning grant for the three towns above and beyond his normal pay. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Steve is to bring back a policy in writing before the next meeting for administrating fees for any future grants.

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**g. Leeds Junction Road**

The Board discussed if the town was reconstructing the Leeds Junction Road or reconditioning it according to our Land Use Ordinance. Reconstructing according to the Land Use Ordinance is 50% of the road being reconstructing. They interrupted this ordinance to mean material used as referenced in the specifications, not the application procedure. Discussion with Junior Farris implied this.

**h. Other**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

**V. New Business**

**a. Backhoe Bids**

Steve recommended to the Board to comply with the lease agreement and stay with Wallingford Equipment for a minimum of three (3) years. The Board unanimously agreed to lease the current backhoe for another year after discussing lease/purchase agreements at length for what would work best for the Town.

**b. Paving Bids 2002**

The Board will review the paving bids and award the bid at their May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were five bidders on all the five different roads. Copies of the list are attached.

**c. Appointment of Fire Chief**

The Board unanimously "Thanked" Alden Peterson for his service and dedication to the Town of Greene as Fire Chief for the Town of Greene since 1955. Kevin Mower motioned to appoint Bruce Tufts as Fire Chief. Maurice Levasseur 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Bruce Tufts was Assistant Chief and the Board felt that he is qualified and dedicated. Alden will be continuing as E911 addressing officer, EMA director and will keep a hand in the Fire Department.

Fire Warden (for issuing burning permits) will not be determined until after Tuesday's meeting.

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**d. Land Use Ordinance Committee Appointments**

Tim Doyle motioned to appoint Donald Dostie, Steve Creamer, Michael Brousseau, George Farris Jr, Judith Marden, Suzanne Rousseau, David Roy and John Bennett to the Land Use Ordinance Review Committee. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**e. Fire Station Land/School House**

The Board discussed how much land the town is purchasing from Richard Sanford is it 3.4, 5.0 or 2.4 acres and if they are all at the \$25,000 price. Clyde Hodgkins is going to do the topo survey for the architect and on Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> the test holes will be dug by Dick Sanford when the architect is there. These holes are being dug to see how much ledge is there to see if the building can be built on this property. The Board unanimously agreed to make sure the lot is a build able lot before the purchase/sale agreement is signed.

**f. Legal**

The Board will be discussing this later during the meeting under executive session.

**g. Adopt-A-Spot/Highway**

Steve announced there is information in tonight's packet regarding a proposal from the Greene Economic & Community Development Group regarding Adopt-A-Spot/Adopt-A-Highway. The Board will review and discuss at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**h. Other**

Kevin Mower discussed if the gate at the Recreation Park could be locked when no ball teams are playing on the fields. There have been people going down in Recreation Drive with vehicles and speeding. The Board discussed the concern of people walking there and speeding vehicles along with the area being open with the new trails. Steve is to contact Mary Charbonneau from the Conservation Commission, also, the Androscoggin Sheriff's Department to report the parties and fast moving vehicles that are in there after dark.

**VI. Committee Reports**

Tabled to the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.



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**VII. CEO Report/Monthly**

Ron announced the report is in tonight's packet.

**VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements**

The list of abatements to clean up the books will be done at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**IX. Announcements**

Ron read the announcements aloud.

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

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the May 13<sup>th</sup> Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 256,579.92 (\$202,385.00 Is for the monthly MSAD 52 school payment). Mark Christman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the May 13<sup>th</sup> Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant of \$ 533.31. Kevin Mower 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**XI. Executive Session**

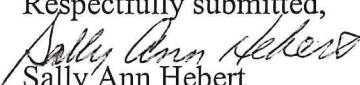
The Board is to review the staff evaluations from the personnel folders as part of the Town Manager review process, to evaluate Steve Eldridge. The Board coming in individually to review this instead of taking the time of the executive session will do this. Tim Doyle motioned to go into executive session to have a teleconference meeting with the attorney regarding litigation of George Courbron Jr. Maurice Levasseur 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board of Selectmen adjourned to Executive Session at 8:52 PM and will not be rejourning to the regular meeting. Board of Selectmen adjourned from Executive Session at 9:29 PM.

**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sally Ann Hebert  
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,

  
Ronald I. Grant, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen