

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
May 23, 2005**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting May 23, 2005.

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

Members absent: Mark Christman absent for family emergency.

Others present: Barbara Bubier, Don Dostie, Bruce Tufts, Randy Ray – Code Enforcement Officer, Nel & Diane Grenier, Guy Williams and Nick Angelides – Reporter Lewiston Sun Journal.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Discussion

There was none discussed at this meeting.

III. Acceptance of Minutes May 9, 2005

Anthony Reny motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes dated May 9th meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported that the Cash on Hand balance is \$63,635.31 after the today's warrant and the town is in better financial shape than anticipated. Charles Noonan, Town Manager will have a more definite plan on making the MSAD 52 school payment the second week of June.

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, has predicated that the 2005 mill rate will be 20-30 cents higher than last years rate of \$18.30. The Homestead Exemption for residents will have a negative effect on the Valuation for the town. The amount of real estate taxable will be lower and the exemption will be higher. The Homestead Exemption not reimbursable from the State will have an approximately \$120,000 increase.

The School Budget if passed as presented will be approximately \$181,000 less this year.

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V. Roads

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported that most of the road damage from the storm in April has been repaired. There will be some water damage from the rainstorm today and Bruce is fixing as he sees them. The individual culverts from the April storm that needed replacing are being repaired. The Federal declaration from FEMA on the April 3rd rainstorm has not yet been announced.

The Board of Selectmen, Charles Noonan – Town Manager, and Bruce Tufts – Road Foreman will meet at 6:30 PM on Wednesday June 1st to review the road program for 2005.

The Highway Department is expecting delivery of the new grader next week. There was a slight problem with an attachment. The company in Canada supplying the wings to the grader burnt and has put 120 towns behind schedule.

VI. Old Business

a. Allen Pond Dam

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, wrote a letter to Allen Pond Improvement Association and the Greene Conservation Commission.

b. Deer Run

Charles Noonan, Town Manager announced that the residents of Deer Run meet and had a BBQ, nothing concrete came out of the meeting, except Phrase I is moving forward. They would like to get an estimate from the town when going out to bid.

A Special Town Meeting can be scheduled later on.

Mark Randall has repaired his section of Deer Run; the town repaired the Fawn Lane section.

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c. FEMA Funds

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported that March 11th and 12th have also been declared an emergency. The rainstorm of April 3rd has not been declared as of yet; should be hearing before the end of June.

d. Special Town Meeting Date/Warrant

The Board reviewed the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. The number of articles should be changed to 6. Anthony Reny motion to accept warrant as amended, Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Other

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported other towns are meeting with Adelphia on the roads not serviced; they have all done an interlocal agreement. Charles Noonan will have an update at the next meeting.

The Board of Selectmen needs to appoint the Assistant Fire Chief. Charles Noonan, Town Manager, will notify Joe Brown, Fire Chief.

VII. New Business

a. Saddle Creek Estates Subdivision

C. Noonan reported that his investigation of the status of a roadway within the proposed Saddle Creek Estates Subdivision had disclosed the area had been considered a "highway" within the Town. At the 1948 Annual Town Meeting, Article 37, the Town voted "to close or make a Private way" that section of the highway from "Bradstreets to Cross Rd.". Town records indicate that this section of "highway" encompasses the area in question in the Saddle Creek application. The Town continued to maintain a right of way over this section. Don Dostie, representing the developer of the subdivision, and Guy Williams, representing the Bradstreet estate, also spoke to the Board regarding the status of the roadway. Upon motion of Timothy Doyle and second by Anthony Reny the Board affirmed by unanimous vote that that section of highway had been closed or made a Private way by vote of the 1948 Annual Town Meeting and that the Town retained a right of way over said land.

C. Noonan will notify both the Planning Board and Mr. Williams in writing of the Board of Selectmen's decision.

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b. Executive Session Personnel Matter

This will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

c. Other

The Board of Selectmen will set the mill rate on June 20th.

VIII. Committee Reports

Timothy Doyle reported on the Greene Community Scholarship. There was six applicants of which they awarded 2 - \$1,000 and 3 \$500 scholarships. They will be announced at graduation.

Anthony Reny reported that the Planning Board has a plate full with tough issues and need more independent view from AVCOG before meetings.

IX. CEO Report

Ronald Grant, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, introduced the new Code Enforcement Officer, Randy Ray. Randy Ray, CEO, reported that he has issued permits for 3 new homes, has gone out on Plumbing Inspections with Ken Pratt and is studying for his certificates. His schedule is 8-4:30PM, and is flexible if the need arises. Ken Pratt will stay on for a while longer. The Board "thanked" Ken for all his assistance.

X. Assessment Questions & Abatements

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

XI. Announcements

Ronald Grant read the announcements aloud. Brenda Theriault reported that the Women's Auxiliary of the Greene Volunteer Fire Department is having a yard sale on June 4th at Farris Equipment.

Sally Ann Hebert reported that the "Greene Historical Sign" is placed on the Old Town House.

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XII. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant of \$ 873.92. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Timothy Doyle motioned to accept and sign the Ella Augusta Thompson Committee Warrant of \$ 3,441.34. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 4,558.97. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 24,757.21. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XIV. Adjournment


Kevin Mower motioned to enter into Executive Session according to 1MRSA sec 405 6(A). Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Board entered into Executive Session at 8:11PM. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 8:24PM.

Anthony Reny motioned to adjourn. Kevin Mower 2nd 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