

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2003**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting August 25, 2003.

Members present: Ronald Grant – Chairman, Mark Christman, Timothy Doyle, Kevin Mower, Stephen Eldridge – Town Manager, and Sally Ann Hebert – Recording Secretary.

Members absent: Maurice Levasseur - ill.

Others present: Pat Rose, Barbara Bubier, Paul Cyr, Paul & Suzanne Levesque, Mr. Gauthier, and John Plestina, reporter from Lewiston Sun Journal.

I. Call to Order 7:00 PM

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

Public Hearing – Sedgley Place – Liquor License (change ownership)

Paul & Suzanne Levesque are taking over Sedgley Place Restaurant September 1st. This hearing is held to coincide with the change of ownership and liquor license. The Board and the new owners discussed the possibility of expanding the existing park lot to alleviate parking on the roadside during the winter months. Mark Christman motioned to approve the Liquor License to Paul & Suzanne Levesque as new owners of Sedgley Place. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

II. Public Discussion

Barbara Bubier asked why she received a penny back when paying her taxes with a check written out in the amount that was stated on the tax bill. Questioned why the computer did not figure the same amount twice.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – July 14, 2003

Timothy Doyle motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the July 14th meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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IV. Unfinished Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Steve reported that 86% of the 2003 tax dollars were collected during the discount period. Excise tax collection is under \$8,000 for the month of July compared to 2002. MPAC has paid the real estate taxes past due and one month of the personal property agreement.

b. Roads

Steve reported that College Road is pretty well finished. The paving will be done on Friday. The highway crew is working on the Quaker Ridge Road, Hooper Pond Road, and North Hatch Hill Road getting them ready for resurfacing. The tree work is being done. The guardrails will be installed on College Road after the paving is done. Residents of College road questioned if the road is narrower now than before the culvert was installed. Steve reported that the road is actually wider and the culvert was installed to MDOT specifications. The Board will go down and look at the road to look at the resident's issues.

c. Fire Station Construction

Steve reported that the bay doors are being installed and cabinets are being installed. R & S is getting ready to finish most of the earthwork and coordinate with Blue Rock to do the parking lot the same time as Patten Road.

The State Electrical Inspector would not approve the 200 amp electrical service, building this type and size needs a 400-amp service. Keith from Plymouth Engineering thought 200 amps to be adequate. This is being held up for final hookup. The Board of Selectmen agreed to hold a special meeting if necessary. Steve will check into tomorrow.

Steve is to schedule a tour of the fire station with the Fire Station Building Committee.

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d. Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting

The Board discussed the agenda for the Tri Town Selectmen Meeting on September 18th. Topics discussed was:

- Chris Trenholm, MSAD 52, Business Manager to discuss joint purchasing.
- Tom Hanson, MSAD 52, Superintendent to discuss funding.
- Someone from the Governor's office to discuss regionalization – What do little towns do?
- MDOT Turnpike – Sabattus exit – problems that will bring to Greene, Leeds and Turner.
- URIP programming.
- MDOT – ledges on Sawyer Road.
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d. Other

The Board discussed having Steve contact the taxpayers that owe back taxes.

Steve is to bring to the Board a tax club for 2004 budget.

Timothy Doyle motioned to approve Perkin's Junkyard permit. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

V. New Business

a. Route 202 Pilot Program

Steve reported on the Route 202 Pilot Program. Greene is a model for the State of Maine forms the presentation that Joan Walton from AVCOG did for MDOT. Joan will be doing the same presentation for the Board at the 25th meeting. They are trying to focus the Village area by improving safety with the increase of traffic flow.

b. Rapid Renewal

Steve and Carol will have more information on this project for the 25th meeting.

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c. Fire Department/Capital Improvement Program

Steve explained Bruce Tufts, Fire Chief, letter to the Board explaining the plan on how the Volunteer Department is looking at saving money for the town in purchasing a used 1997 truck and having Engine 7 refurbished. Bruce also explained to the Board the need for another tanker truck to aid the town when Greene's Department is in a mutual aid town. Steve and Bruce is report back to the Board at the 25th meeting with a plan.

d. Historical Society/Old Town House

There is nothing to report at this meeting.

e. Legal

Steve reported that he should hear from the Courbron Brief in September.

f. Other

Steve reported that he has begun work on the 2004 budget by sending letters out to the Departments.

Steve is to set up a meeting for the Land Use Ordinance Committee.

Leeds Junction Road is holding up well real and paving is not in the near future.

VI. Committee Reports

There was none reported at this meeting.

VII. CEO Report

Steve reported that there have been 18 new homes and 28 new garages permits issued to date this year. A total of 105 permits with an income of \$12,929 in Building Permits and \$5,380 in Plumbing Permits.

Bruce Tufts has passed his external and internal plumbing tests and now will be issuing Plumbing Permits. The Board thanked Ken Pratt for stepping in to help out and congratulated Bruce for passing his tests.

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VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There was none discussed at this meeting. Steve did announce that Rob would be in the office on August 21st from 9-4 for people to call in and make an appointment with him to address their concerns regarding their tax bills.

IX. Announcements

Ron read the announcements aloud.

Sally Ann Hebert reminded the Board of the Village Celebration on September 13th.

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 522,275.66; which includes the MSAD 52 school payment of 255,179.00. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Julia Adams Morse Warrant of \$ 576.87. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Fire Station Building Warrant of \$ 2536.88. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XI. Executive Session

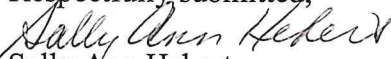
There was none discussed at this meeting.

XII. Adjournment


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

Meeting adjourned 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen