

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2003**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting September 22, 2003.

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

Members absent: Kevin Mower absent due to illness.

Others present: Bruce Tufts – Fire Chief, Barbara Bubier, 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.

II. Public Discussion

There was none discussed at this meeting.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – August 25, 2003

Timothy Doyle motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the August 25th 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 reported that the balance as of September 8th is \$1,604,369.03. Excise Tax collection for the months of July and August were behind last year's collection for the same month, but the year to date total is still higher over last year.

The Board discussed at length the money that will be left over in the bond that was not paid out for fire station construction. The Board is to meet jointly with the Budget Committee to jointly participate in making a recommendation for the 2004 budget process.

Steve and Bruce Tufts, Fire Chief, will set in on the punch list review of the Fire Station Construction with the General Contractor to compare what

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was done to the bid specifications to satisfy the Bond Bank requirements. The Board trusts Bruce and Steve to do this review.

b. Roads

Steve reported that Quaker Ridge and Hooper Pond Roads have been paved. North Hatch Hill Road will be paved tomorrow. The chip seal will be laid before the end of September. Commercial Paving is to fix the shortage of hot top at the intersections before laying the chip seal coat. The Highway Department is to edge the shoulders, cut brush and perform the ditching on the roads.

The guard rails have been ordered for College Road and will be installed upon delivery.

The Board and Steve discussed the trees along the road; Steve and Kevin are working with Webster Tree Service on this.

The Board would like to decide next year in the bids on when the roads will be worked on.

Steve reported that Bob Hodgkins mowed the capped landfill today and the new gate is being installed.

c. Fire Station Construction

Steve reported that the fire station is just about complete. After the electrical box is installed and the electricity is hooked up then adjustments can be made to the doors and all the systems can be checked out.

d. Grant Administration Fee/MPAC

Timothy Doyle motioned to pay the Town Manager 41 ½ hours at his hourly rate for grant administration of the MPAC grant; this is to be taken from money left over in the grant. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Route 202, Pilot Program

Steve is to put together an impletion plan based on priorities for the Board to review.

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f. **Other**

Bruce Tufts appeared before the Board to request their approval before accepting a used ambulance from a local ambulance service. This is being donated to the Greene Fire Department to coincide with their plan to improve the fleet of trucks. This ambulance will replace the current rescue truck that the box is being replaced with a tank for use as a tanker truck. Mark Christman motioned to accept the donation of a 1987 ford diesel ambulance from ambulance service at no cost to the Town of Greene. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Steve is to send a copy of the plaque information to the Fire Station Building Committee for their review before purchasing.

Thank you notes was read from Melissa Veilleux, recipient, of a Scholarship from the Town of Greene and one from Greater Androscoggin Humane Society for the Town's donation to the new animal shelter.

V. **New Business**

a. **AVCOG General Assembly**

Maurice Levasseur motioned to nominate/appoint Steve to AVCOG general assembly. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. **Historical Society/Old Town House**

There is nothing to report at this meeting.

c. **Planning Decisions, Inc. presentation**

Steve reported that Planning Decisions would do a presentation for the Board of Selectmen from the towns of Leeds, Wales and Monmouth along with Greene at Greene's September 22nd meeting. The presentation will be 1 to 1 ½ hour long. Invitations have been sent to the other towns.

d. **Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting Menu**

The Board will discuss after the meeting.

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e. Legal

Steve reported that he has notification that an intent to sue has been received from an attorney regarding the town sending a 30-45 day notice to someone in bankruptcy. Steve has turned this over to the town attorney and hoping to have this resolved outside of court.

Steve reported that the Courbron case should be read later this month in court.

f. Other

Steve reported that MDOT has been working on the corner of College Road and Sawyer Road to help eliminate some of the accidents that are occurring there. Jolicoeurs are agreeing to have the brush and rocks removed from their property on the corner. There is going to be stop ahead painted on the roads approaching the intersection.

Steve also reported that the MDOT has been removing some of the ledges on Sawyer Road.

Ron reported that curve signs are missing on College Road.

Steve was directed to put together a plan for road maintenance, with the town doing some of the work and some being subbed out. The Board would like to see the numbers as the highway department is getting behind the eight ball on regular road maintenance due to summer projects.

Steve read the results from the MMA elections.

Mark Christman motioned to appoint Robert Godfrey to the Land Use Ordinance Review Committee. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Steve reported that Kenneth Blais, current State Senator, wrote that with the redistricting his district would not be in Greene after the 2004 election.

Steve reported that he received a letter from OSHA forgiving the penalty of May 15th inspection.

Ron announced that there is a letter in the packet regarding cable from Joanne Boyington.

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VI. Committee Reports

Steve reported that the Land Use Ordinance Review Committee met and laid out some highlights for 2004 update. They will be meeting with the Planning Board on October 14th at 6PM to discuss what they have noted for proposed changes.

VII. CEO Report

There was none reported at this meeting.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

The Board signed the Supplemental Tax Commitment for two tax bills that was billed to the wrong people and corrected.

IX. Announcements

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 331,617.53; includes the school payment of \$225,179.00. The check for the school payment will be held for mailing until the due date. The check for the paving will be held until the paving is corrected. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Julia Adams Morse Warrant of \$ 679.46. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to sign the Fire Station Building Warrant of \$ 239,217.18. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XI. Executive Session

There was none discussed at this meeting.

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XII. Adjournment

Maurice Levasseur motioned to adjourn. Mark Christman 2nd the motion.
Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Ann Hebert
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Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,

Ronald Grant
Ronald Grant, Chairman

Board of Selectmen