

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2004**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting September 27, 2004.

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

Members absent: Sally Ann Hebert – Recording Secretary is attending an Election Conference.

Others present: Robert Coady, Barbara Bubier and Pat Rose.

I. Call to Order

Ron Grant chairman called the rescheduled meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced this Board of Selectmen meeting was rescheduled from Monday September 13th due to lack of Board of Selectmen quorum.

II. Public Discussion

There was none discussed at this meeting.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – August 23, 2004

Mark Christman motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the August 23rd meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Steve Eldridge reported the balance as of September 13th is \$ 1,796,406.00. Steve reported that there is \$165,000 more in the Treasurers balance over last year. Collection of excise tax monies is 4% over last year.

Steve Eldridge reported reported that Maine Poly has paid personal property taxes including 2003. They paid more than they had previous agreed to and need to sign a new agreement. They paid the 2003 personal property taxes to take advantage of the Maine BETR program. They will be making payments beginning in January and keep current beginning in 2005. The Board needs to sign the new agreement. The Board is meeting next week at 6PM with Rob Duplisea, Assessing Agent, Bruce Daniels, owner of building, Bob Bergeron of MPAC.

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The Board discussed the shortfalls in the 2004 budget at length. The Board will meet with the Budget Committee to make recommendations on how to handle the shortfall.

V. Roads

The Board commented on the real nice job done on paving Patten Road. The paving was completed today on River Road. Some of the driveways need to have the aprons repaired. The Highway Department is doing the edging on Patten Road. Brush and tree cutting is being done by the Highway Dept and Wood's Tree Service.

Steve met with Dave Leeman on Tuesday, C H Stephenson, is having their excavator worked on, as soon as that is done they will be doing the job on Barrel Shop Road.

The State has been doing work on Sawyer, Longley, Allen Pond Roads. The work is more noticeable as they have merged the Greene camp with the Winthrop camp and are getting more work done with a larger crew. The Board questioned on the conditions of Route 202 this winter with the work being dispatched from Winthrop, as the sand, salt and calcium tank has been removed from Greene.

VI. Old Business

a. MPAC

Discussed above under Treasurer's Report.

b. Growth Ordinance/Impact Fees

Remind the Board that they will be meeting next week at 7pm with the Planning & Appeals Board along with the Land Use Ordinance Review Committee.

c. Palasky Bill Workshop

Steve, Tim and Ron attended the meeting held in Lewiston presented my MMA. They highlighted the meeting with other board members and those in attendance. Voters are taking their anger out on services that are used the most.

d. School Project Update

The students will be moving back in after Christmas.

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e. **Other**

Ron Grant announced that Kathy Grefer-Kirkland has submitted her resignation as alternate member of the Greene Planning Board effective July 14, 2004. Kevin Mower motioned to accept her resignation with regrets and to send her a letter of thanks. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

VII. New Business

a. **Grader/1985 Truck**

The 1985 truck was talked about during the Treasurer's Report. Steve has a sheet in the packet detailing usage of a grader by the Town Highway Department. Steve will meet with the Budget Committee to discuss this and get their recommendation.

b. **MMA Voting Delegate**

Timothy Doyle motioned to authorize Steve Eldridge to vote on behalf of the Town at the MMA Convention. Mark Christman 2nd his vote. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. **County Budget Committee Vote**

Timothy Doyle motioned to vote for all three candidates. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board thanked Phil Moreau for volunteering to serve on the Androscoggin County Budget Committee. The Board expressed their thanks and gratitude to Robert Coady for all his years as County Budget Committee Member.

d. **Legal**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

e. **Other**

Ron Grant reminded the Board of the Tri Town Meeting tomorrow night with the Selectmen from Leeds and Turner along with the School Board.

VIII. Committee Reports

Steve Eldridge reported that he has received a request from RaNae Gagnon on behalf of the Julia Adams Morse Library Expansion

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Committee to request Ganneston Construction meet with them to talk about a better costs estimate at the October 19th meeting.

IX. CEO Report

Steve reported that the last time he spoke with Bruce there was 36 new home starts in Greene this year, 4 more than the end of last year. He has issued 8 more new home permits since then.

X. Assessment Questions & Abatements

Reminded the Board that they will be meeting with Rob Duplisea, Assessing agent at 6PM next Monday night to discuss the state valuation.

XI. Announcements

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

XII. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant of \$ 909.65 dated September 13th. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 538,372.99 which includes the school payment of \$ 241,000.00 and the \$251,000.00 County Tax dated September 13th. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 15,224.16 dated September 13th. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

XIII. Executive Session

There was none discussed at this meeting.

XIV. Adjournment


John Nutting spoke to the Board regarding his frustration by the lack of property tax relief. He is running for State Senate. He talked about ways of inceasing sales tax and having the tax rates by 1/3 for property, 1/3 for income tax and 1/3 for sales tax. He also spoke that people need to contact their legislator's, senator, governor and to go to Augusta to speak on their concerns.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald I. Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen