

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2004**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting October 25, 2004.

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: None.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Discussion

Brenda Theriault announced the Greene Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary is having a blood drive on November 6 from 8AM-1PM. Their goal is to collect 50 pints.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – September 27, 2004

Kevin Mower motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the September 27th meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Steve Eldridge reported the balance as of October 18th is \$ 1,475,580.05. This week's warrant includes the bond payment of \$ 155,203.39 and school payment of \$241,749.00. The excise tax collection is behind last year's collection year to date. There was \$20,000.00 paid in excise on large trucks last week, that was paid in September last year.

V. Roads

Steve reported C H Stevenson has finished Barrel Shop Road; RC Cloutier Paving was in to see Steve to ask if they could put a modified binders on this year and a 1" overlay in the spring. The Board discussed this at length about the new culverts installed. Timothy Doyle motioned to pave the road as originally planned. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion Maurice Levasseur, Timothy Doyle and Ronald Grant. Vote against the motion Kevin Doyle and Mark Christman. The motion passed.

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VI. Old Business

a. **School Project Update**

Steve Eldridge reported the project is on schedule. The driveway is being finished this week.

b. **MPAC**

The Board discussed the amended Letter of Intent with Maine Poly Acquisition Corp (MPAC). Maine Poly agreed after altering the original letter of intent by paying in full the principal amounts of tax years, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, that the remaining balance owed is for 2004 tax year and interest on the personal property taxes 2002-2003; the total principal and interest to date is \$108,540.42. MPAC has agreed to begin paying \$ 4,522.52 per month for 24 months beginning January 5, 2005. The 2005 personal property tax will be paid on time. Timothy Doyle motioned to have the Board sign the amended Letter of Intent with MPAC. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. **Public Hearing Information**

The Board reviewed the information the Town Manager has put together for the informational hearing on the tax cap referendum on Wednesday October 27th. The Board discussed this at length and that the presentation should be of a neutral nature, but, show what would be cut from town services if this tax cap passes.

Sally Ann Hebert, Deputy Town Clerk, reported that as of tonight there have been 153 absentee ballot applications received and 102 new voter registration applications received. This is higher than previous years.

d. **Charities Meeting**

The meeting of the 2005 budget requests from Charities will be held on Monday November 8th with the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen. The Budget Committee will chair this meeting. This meeting was changed due to the tax cap vote, if, the tax cap passes they will not be a need for this meeting.

e. **Other**

Steve Eldridge reported that the City of Lewiston gave him 20 tickets to the December 14th Maniac Hockey Game. The tickets will be offered to employees then the Board

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VII. New Business

a. Municipal Valuation Return

Maurice Levasseur motioned the Board of Selectmen sign the 2004 Municipal Valuation Return, the 2004 certified ratio is 95%. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Special Town Meeting

Steve Eldridge reported that he met with the Budget Committee along with Timothy Doyle and Ronald Grant to discuss the shortfalls in the 2004 budget, they both felt they have to live within the existing budget and not touch surplus. Steve has put together a list of what accounts money can be taken from to cover the shortfalls.

Steve presented the Board with a draft Special Town Meeting Warrant. The Board will sign the warrant next week for the Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday November 8th at 6:30 PM.

The date of the meeting was changed so Steve could possibly have money to lease a grader for grading the dirt roads before winter.

c. Conservation Grant

The Board and Steve Eldridge discussed the grant the Conservation Commission is applying for before the December 6th deadline for building trails on the town owned land surrounding Hooper Pond.

d. Town Manager Evaluation

The Board discussed doing the Town Manager's Evaluation during the month of February before asking the voters for the Town Manager's salary at the annual Town Meeting.

e. Legal

There was none discussed at this meeting.

f. Other

Kevin Mower motioned for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

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The Board went into Executive Session at 7:44 PM. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 7:47 PM. Ron Grant announced there was nothing to vote on.

Steve Eldridge read a letter from MDOT Bridge Division announcing they will be working on the Turner Center Bridge beginning October for four months. There will be one lane closed with a traffic light to control traffic.

Sally Ann Hebert reported there is a rabies clinic on Sunday November 7th from 10AM-12NOON. A clerk will be there selling 2005 dog licenses.

VIII. Committee Reports

Mark Christman reported the Sabattus Lake Dam Commission did not have a quorum at their last meeting.

Steve Eldridge reported the Conservation Commission met to discuss they would like to apply for a grant to build walkways around Hooper Pond.

IX. CEO Report

There was none at this meeting.

X. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There was none at this meeting.

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 \$ 968.73 dated October 18th. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 427,476.52 dated October 18th that included the school payment of \$ 241,749.00 and bond payment of \$ 155,203.39. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

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XIII. Executive Session

This was held under new business other earlier in tonight's meeting.

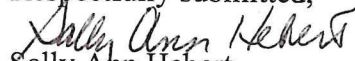
XIV. Adjournment

Mark Christman motioned to adjourn to work on the 2005 budget. No second on the motion. Motion died.

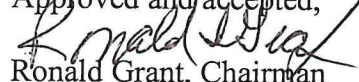
Maurice Levasseur motioned to adjourn. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen