

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
October 24, 2005**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting November 14, 2005.

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

Members absent: No one was absent from this meeting.

Others present: Barbara Bubier, Randy Ray – Code Enforcement Officer, Greg & Jane Seeley, Pat Rose, Earl Gilmore, Duane Tardif, William Desoi, Wendell Strout – Animal Control Officer, William & Elaine Labelle, Normand Lessard and Nick Angelides – Lewiston Sun Journal.

I. Call to Order

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

Ronald Grant held a moment of silence for the deaths of Robert Philbrook, Clyde Libby and Matthew (Jack) Smith for their contributions to our community.

II. Public Hearings

a. General Assistance Ordinance

This is for the adoption of the 2205-2006 General Assistance Ordinance with the 2005-2006 appendixes A, B, & C adoption date October 25, 2005.

b. Robert Perkins Junkyard Permit Renewal

There were no comments for or against this renewal.

The action from this public hearing will be acted upon under old business.

III. Public Discussion

There was no discussion at this meeting.

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IV. Acceptance of Minutes – September 26, 2005

Timothy Doyle motioned waive the reading on the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes dated September 12th meeting upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion Anthony Reny, Timothy Doyle, Kevin Mower, and Ronald Grant. Abstain – Mark Christman. Motion passed.

V. Treasurer's Report

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported that cash on hand is \$1,630,856.65 after the today's warrant. Charles reported that the final FEMA payment of, received to date \$88,719.80. The town is still awaiting the state's share payment of \$16,634.95; this has to be paid during a legislative session. No date has been set for payment yet. Annette Roy, Deputy Treasurer and Charles Noonan, Town Manager will have a proposal at the November 14th meeting for FEMA reimbursements to the various budgets.

The cash flow continues to be on track. A report on 2005 vehicle excise revenue comparison to budget and 2004 revenue for the November 14th meeting.

VI. Roads

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported the work on the Bull Run Road has been put off due to the incoming inclement weather; Bull Run, Coburn and Longley Road will have work done when the weather clears. The highway crew has finished the work on Wiley Road and the College Road and Sprague Mill Road railroad crossings. The railroad crossings are much better and thanks to the residents for the corporation while the crossings were being repaired. Ronald Grant, Chairman, commended the Highway Crew and railroad for a good job. The Highway crew will be doing a little bit of patching on the Sawyer Road railroad crossing to make it easier for the winter. MDOT and railroad has promised to do a complete rebuild next year.

Ronald Grant, Chairman, announced the Highway Department has received their new truck and a picture is on the town's website.

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VII. Old Business

a. Deer Run

A request has been received from residents of Deer Run Road (Phrase I) asking the Board of Selectmen to consider having a special town meeting for the residents to vote on accepting their section of road upon receipt of \$14,000 in escrow for the repairs needed on the road. The Board discussed at length. Timothy Doyle motioned to direct to Town Manager to post a special town meeting for the next Board of Selectmen's meeting upon receipt of the monies for escrow. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Petition – Barking Dog Complaint

The Board of Selectmen read silently the petition request action be taken on Jan Kippax's barking dogs. He has a kennel with 29 Great Pyrenees dogs.

Greg Seeley spokesman for the petitioners requested Board of Selectmen's support in the animal control officer control over the Kippax's dogs. There are other neighbors in the audience supporting this petition.

Wendell Strout, Animal Control Officer, stated this is an ongoing issue. He has visited the Kippax and discussed this issue over the years. These dogs have a deep bark and this breed of dog will bark at anything. He would like to see this resolved also before the windows are opened back up in the spring. The Town Attorney is the only person to prosecute.

Alan Stone, Jan Kippax's Attorney from the firm of Skelton & Taintor stated the Kippax has held kennel licenses for many years for the show dogs and has tried to control the noise level. He asked that personalities be set aside and try to figure out a way to identify the specific issues and address them.

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, is to set up a meeting with Wendell Strout – Animal Control Officer, Greg Seeley – representing petitioners, Alan Stone – representing Jan Kippax.

Randy Ray, Code Enforcement Officer, remarked that Kippax is allowed to have kennel license as a home occupation. There is no selling of dogs, therefore, no license from is state is required.

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The town needs to update the current barking dog ordinance per MMA.

b. Library Expansion

Charles Noonan, Town Manager, reported that a email from the State Fire Marshall's office is in the Board's packet tonight informing them the plans need to be certified by a design professional before they can review them. This is a federal law the State Fire Marshall's office oversees.

Bruce Sanford has not been able to get his plans certified and this is back in the Board of Selectmen's hand.

The Board discussed this at length from the needing a certification on the plan, time frame this fall, the possibility of receiving a grant after the Referendum election, to costs rising. Anthony Reny motioned to turn the project back to the Julia Adams Morse Trustees and the Julia Adams Morse Library Expansion Committee. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

c. Maine Poly

The Board of Selectmen met last week to discuss in executive session with the Town Attorney the taxes at MPAC. The Board will go into executive session at the end of this meeting.

d. RR Crossings

This was discussed earlier in the meeting under roads.

e. Fees

Randy Ray, Code Enforcement Officer, presented the Board an updated synopsis of building permits fees compared to other towns showing what the price comparison is on a 2,000 square foot home or a \$200,000 home. Randy Ray presented a report of what the income has been for 2004 and 2005 for building and plumbing permits compared to the salary of the Code Enforcement Officer. Randy Ray recommended taking the cap off the costs of a building permit. It takes approximately 8-12 hours to issue a permit from prelim talk to occupancy permit issued; this includes all the inspections during constructing of home and installing septic system. The Board also discussed with Randy Ray the price of permit for a storage building. Ron Grant, Chairman, commend Randy Ray on the presentation of fees.

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The Board will hold a public hearing after receiving the Planning Board recommendations on the Subdivision fees and escrow fees for consultation.

f. Other

Timothy Doyle motioned to adopt the 2005-2006 General Assistance Ordinance & 2005-2006 Appendixes A, B, C. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to approve the Robert Perkins Junkyard Permit Renewal. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to direct Charles Noonan not to release the Robert Perkins Junkyard Permit until the fees are paid. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

VIII. New Business

a. Petition – Dog Barking Compliant

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

b. NIMS Adoption

Timothy Doyle motioned to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Municipal Valuation Return

Timothy Doyle motioned to sign the Municipal Valuation Return. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. Other

Mark Christman motioned to accept Justin Hartford's resignation from the Greene Planning Board with regrets and to have the Town Manager send a letter of thanks for his service to the community. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ronald Grant asked residents interested in becoming appointed to the Planning Board fill out a committee application form. The Planning Board will be asked if they know of any candidates.

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Ronald Grant read a letter from Charles Peillet congratulating Timothy Doyle on his recent promotion to Major in Maine State Police. The Board echoes the congratulations to Tim.

IX. Committee Reports

Mark Christman apologized for missing the last Board of Selectmen's meeting. He reported on the Sabattus Lake Dam Commission meeting in which they raised the gates on the Sabattus Dam to lower the water level. They have requested \$1,500 for the 2006 budget from the Town of Greene.

Anthony Reny reported the Conservation Commission is meeting on Wednesday evening.

Timothy Doyle reported the Budget Committee is meeting with charities on Thursday evening. .

IX. Assessment Questions & Abatements

Timothy Doyle motioned approve and sign the abatement request for Real Estate Tax Account # 2391, in the amount of \$216.45 (homestead exemption received in 2004 and not in 2005 – computer glitz). Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XII. Announcements

Ronald Grant, Chairman read the announcements aloud and welcomed on behalf of the Greene Economic & Community Development Group the new restaurant, Hurricane Café & Deli to Greene. This is where Mario's was located.

XIII. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Ella Augusta Thompson Warrant of \$3,049.13. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 85,678.99; which includes payment for the dump body and plow for the new highway department truck. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Payroll Warrant of \$ 5,110.62. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.


XIV. Adjournment

Timothy Doyle motioned to enter in Executive Session to discuss legal matter pursuant to MRSA 1 section 405 (6) (E) and the Board will not be coming back to open meeting, there is no decision to be made, just instructions to Town Manager. Anthony Reny 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Board in executive session from 8:31 PM to 9:20 PM.

Anthony Reny motioned to adjourn. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. The Board adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen