

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2003**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting November 24, 2003.

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: Pat Rose, Barbara Bubier, Bob Coady, 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. Ron opened the General Assistance Public Hearing for the Board to accept the new guidelines from DHS for General Assistance Applicants. Maurice Levasseur motioned to accept the General Assistance Guidelines. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Ron closed the General Assistance Public Hearing at 7:10 PM.

II. Public Discussion

Pat Rose expressed concern on how to get to her property across the Bog Road since the tower company just built up the road and there is a considerable drop off. Steve is to look into this and report back to her.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – September 22, October 6, and October 20, 2003

Tim Doyle motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the September 22nd, October 2nd and October 20th meetings upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Steve reported the balance as of November 10th. Steve reported that he is holding back \$ 13,000.99 from paving on North Hatch Hill Road until the problems are corrected with Commercial Paving. This weeks warrant included expending Capital Improvement Money spent for Fire Department Radios and Uniforms and the school payment.

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b. **Roads**

Steve reported that highway crew is preparing the roads and equipment for winter maintenance. Mark asked if the North Line Road could be graded.

c. **Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting**

Ron announced that the Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting would be held on December 11th at Turner with the senate and house representatives for the area communities.

d. **Other**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

V. New Business

a. **Fire Station Open House**

It was announced that the open house will be held on Sunday November 23rd from 1-4PM. At 1PM Alden Peterson, Former Fire Chief will be honored. There will be coffee, punch and sweets for refreshments.

b. **Office Hours**

Steve reported a recommendation from the office staff that the office hours be changed to 8am-8PM on Mondays, 8am – 4:30 PM Tuesday – Friday. This would allow the office to remain open at lunch and the staff to each have an hour staggering lunch. The Board will revisit this on November 24th.

c. **Planning Board – Appt – Kathy Grefer-Kirkland**

The Planning Board has reviewed the application for member and endorsed the appointment of Kathy Grefer-Kirkland.

Maurice Levasseur motioned to appoint Kathryn Grefer-Kirkland for the remainder of the one-year term until March 15th. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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d. Historical Society – Old Town House

Sally presented the Board with a letter in their packets tonight and read aloud the letter for the public to hear. The Board of Selectmen and the Greene Historical Society will meet on Monday November 17th from 7-8 PM.

e. Legal-Choate, Coubourn

Steve and Bruce will review the Dangerous Building requirements and report back to the Board November 24th for the Board to decide what to action to take on this building.

Steve reported that the Judge has ruled the George Courbron case in the Town's favor. George has contacted Bruce Tufts, CEO to see what has to be done to bring this into compliance.

f. Other

Steve reported that he has meet with Sue Rousseau of Greene Families Concerned with High Taxes. He has advised them that anyone is welcome to attend any and all meetings of the Boards and Budgets of both town and school.

Steve reported that work has begun on the GASB 34. This is a federal report of accounting of all the town assets including roads and bridges. The Board questioned on if this was not done what is the penalty and who is going to enforce.

Ron reported that Steve, Tim and himself attended a meeting in Lewiston regarding forming a partnership with Lewiston/Auburn, other county towns and Androscoggin government. This will be a group leading the state in partnerships between towns, cities and counties. Ron read the resolution. Tim Doyle motioned to adopt the resolution and to have Steve, Town Manager sign on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Tim Doyle motioned to appoint Steve to represent the Town of Greene and to let the Board know when they can back him up at meeting. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ron read aloud the memo regarding the schedule of nomination papers for the March 5, 2004 election.

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VI. Committee Reports

The Capital Improvement Committee has met.

VII. CEO Report

Steve read report from Bruce Tufts, Code Enforcement Officer, with an overview of the building permits issued to date.

Bruce is working on Junkyards and Allen Pond Campground at this time. The campground has trailers that need to be moved 1000' from water and question if people are living there year round. The Board requested that Rob Duplisea, Assessing Agent, go review for possible taxation.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

Mark Christman motioned to abate the Personal Property Account #164 of Heller Financial for \$ 430.05 for equipment removed with notifying assessor. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Mark Christman, Kevin Mower. Vote again the motion – Maurice Levasseur, Tim Doyle and Ron Grant. Motion failed.

The Board wants to know what type of equipment and where was it located at the November 24th meeting.

Tim Doyle motioned for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss poverty abatement 2003-1. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Board went into Executive Session at 8:08 PM. The Board returned at 8:18 PM.

Timothy Doyle motioned to approve poverty abatement 2003-1 for approximately \$980.00; paperwork to be signed at the November 24th meeting. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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 \$ 328,320.06; which includes the school payment. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Mark Christman motioned to sign the Fire Department Building Warrant of \$ 11,434.15. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XI. Executive Session

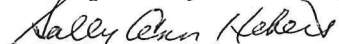
Maurice Levasseur motioned for the Board to go into Executive Session. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:13 PM. The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:44 PM.


XII. Adjournment

Mark Christman motioned to adjourn. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. The Board adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen