

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 24, 2003**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting December 8, 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: Barbara Bubier, Berkley Hobart, Lorraine Aubut, Barbara C Bubier, Judy Marden 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 at this meeting.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – November 10, and November 17, 2003

Maurice Levasseur motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the November 10th and November 17th meetings 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 the balance as of November 24th is \$1,021,238.40. Steve reported that the town received \$26,996.76 in State Revenue Sharing monies, thus bringing this accounts income to more than budgeted for 2003. Excise Tax Collection income is also over the 2003 budgeted amount.

b. Roads

Steve reported that highway crew is ready for snow; sand/salt supply is mixed and the plow equipment is installed on the trucks. The Highway Department took care of the wash outs on the roads for last week. Rick Houghton resigned from the Highway Department to take a position with

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the Town of Turner as an EMT; he will still plow part time if needed. The position is being advertised in Tuesday and Wednesday's paper. The deadline for applicants to apply is December 1st.

Steve reported that the tower contractor fixed the entrance to Pat Rose's land after he was made aware of the situation on the Bog Road. This is a discontinued road and the town does not work on discontinued roads.

c. **Fire Station**

Steve reported that the Engineers along with the contractors and sub-contractors would be at the Fire Station next Tuesday morning. The roof is continuing to leak and it will be repaired before final payment is made. The Board also expressed concern about water seeping into the building that it might cause mold build up in the walls. The punch list will be gone over again on Tuesday. The Board would like to see this account settled up before the end of the year, the balance is to go to offset the debt service.

Steve reported that he has received a price from Neo-Kraft Signs on the signage on the building. The firemen would like this type of sign instead of a wooden sign on posts on the lot. The Board instructed Steve to go out to bid on this type of sign.

A quote of \$1,000 was received for a tarred walkway. This will be done in the spring Of 2004.

d. **Historical Society – Old Town House**

Sally Ann Hebert presented the board with a plan of the Greene Historical Society using the Old Town House.

Timothy Doyle motioned to instruct the Town Manager to use the funds in the 2003 budget for the maintenance of this building to make the building dry and weatherproof for winter; to make sure the roof and windows are repaired. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. The board will digest the plan and report back to the Historical Society in two or three weeks.

e. **Office Hours**

Kevin Mower motioned that on January 2nd the office staff try the new hours of opening 8am to 8pm on Monday 8am to 5pm Tuesday thru Friday. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. If anyone has any comments on the hours to contact Steve Eldridge.

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f. **Other**

A brief discussion was held on the delivery of the new fire truck, this truck was to have been delivered in October and now looks as if it will be delivered at the end of December. The Board is dissatisfied and wants to know what the problem is. They would like to see the new truck so that it can be on display at the March Town Meeting.

Ron reported that the Fire Department open house went very well on Sunday and thank yous will be sent. The firemen led tours to the attendees throughout the afternoon. Members of the Women's Fire Department Auxiliary served the refreshments and cleaned up afterwards. Louise Bouley presented the firemen with a counted cross-stitch of the "Fireman's Prayer" that she had done.

V. New Business

a. **Pine Tree Zone – Economic Development**

Steve reported that the Town of Greene is participating in the Pine Tree Zone (a group representing regionalization in commercial development). He has been attending the meetings with AVCOG and towns and cities of Androscoggin County. Steve has presented the George Schott and Paul Chabot property to the countywide group; these sites have to be approved at the March Town Meeting. They are waiting for legislature to do the rules for the Pine Tree Zone. Greene Economic & Community Development Group Chair, Rebecca Laliberte, is part of this process also.

b. **School Board Resignation**

Ron read the resignation from Dr Keith Quattrocchi from MSAD 52 school Board. Kevin Mower motioned to accept Dr Keith Quattrocchi's resignation representing Greene on the MSAD 52 School Board, and to send a letter of appreciation. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board announced there is a vacancy and need to be filled from now to March Town Meeting. Residents are asked to fill out a candidate information sheet and return before December 5th. Ron will schedule interviews December 8th. This vacancy will be posted in the newspaper and on channel 4.

c. **Legal**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

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d. Other

Ron reported that the Trembley Building is torn down and the site is a mess.

Sally Ann Hebert showed the Board of Selectmen the Community Map Guides the Greene Economic & Community Development Group is working on. This is done with CMC Communications, Inc. at no costs to the town. The town will receive 1,230 guides for distribution. Each business advertising will receive 100 copies.

VI. Committee Reports

Steve reported the Greene Land Use Ordinance Review Committee met and are preparing for the public hearing on the proposed changes and additions.

The Board of Selectmen will be meeting with the Planning Board after the first of the year to share concerns regarding Valentine's Planning Board approval.

VII. CEO Report

There was none at this meeting.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

Timothy Doyle motioned to abate Heller Financial Leasing for \$ 430.05 Account P#164. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Timothy Doyle, Ron Grant, Mark Christman. Vote against the motion – Moe Levasseur, Kevin Mower. Motion passed.

Maurice Levasseur motioned to abate Account RE#1185 for homestead exemption omitted from 2003 tax billing for \$ 128.10 and to send a letter of apology. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board of Selectmen signed poverty abatement # 2003-1.

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IX. Announcements

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Kevin Mower motioned to sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 49,147.49. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Maurice Levasseur, Kevin Mower, and Mark Christman. Vote against the motion – Tim Doyle and Ron Grant. Motion passed.

Kevin Mower motioned to sign the Fire Department Building Warrant of \$ 4,540.51. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

XI. Executive Session


Timothy Doyle motioned for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and will not be rendering a decision tonight. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:07 PM. The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:59 PM.


XII. Adjournment

Mark Christman motioned to adjourn. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. The Board adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen