

Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 25, 2002

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting December 9, 2002.

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: Barbara Bubier, Pat Rose, Robert Coady and John Plestina (Lewiston Sun Journal Reporter).

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Discussion

Brenda announced that the Women's Club is doing their Sharing with those that Care program for Christmas is in need of donations for the 2002 program.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – November 4, 18, 2002

Timothy Doyle motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the November 4th and November 18th meetings upon signature of Chairman, Ronald Grant. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Steve reported the fund balance of \$ 1,269,4776.84 as of November 25th after the warrant. Steve also announced that that Excise has exceeded the projection for 2002 Budget, but State Revenue Sharing is less than projected.

The amortization schedule for the bond for the Fire Station is in the Board's packet tonight. Along with letters from the Maine Bond Bank and Mechanics Savings Bank.

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b. Roads

Steve reported that there are a few driveways on the Leeds Junction Road that need gravel where the road was built up. The project looks good. The Highway Department is grading all the dirt roads before they freeze. Kevin Doyle, Road Foreman, is on vacation this week.

c. Other

There was none discussed at this meeting.

V. New Business

a. Planning Board Appointment

Mark Christman motioned to appoint John Bennett to fill the remaining 2 ½ year term of Sheldon Bubier on the Planning Board; following the Planning Board recommendation. Timothy Doyle 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Maurice Levasseur, Timothy Doyle, Ronald Grant, Mark Christman. Vote against the motion – Kevin Mower. Motion passed

Maurice Levasseur motioned to appoint George Schott as alternate member of the Planning Board until March Town Meeting; following the Planning Board recommendation. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote for the Motion – none. Vote against the motion – Maurice Levasseur, Timothy Doyle, Kevin Mower and Mark Christman. Abstain – Ronald Grant. Motion failed.

b. Paul Chabot Petition

Paul Chabot presented 11 pages of petitions to Sally Ann Hebert, Deputy Town Clerk, for verification. A certification from Sally states that there were 179 signatures received – 153 valid and 26 invalid. Total valid signatures had to meet or pass the 151 needed; 10% of the November 2002 Election.

Timothy Doyle motioned to deny the petition request for a warrant article for Town Meeting, as this was not for public purpose; to send a letter by registered mail notifying Paul Chabot that the Board is willing to meet with him and try to resolve. Maurice Levasseur 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

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c. Holiday/Year End Schedule

Timothy Doyle motioned for the Board of Selectmen to meet on December 9th and 30th for regular meetings. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Steve announced that the Town Office will close at 1:00 PM on December 24th, staff will be paid for the full day and close at 1:00 PM on December 31st to close out the books, staff will work to get ready for the audit.

Steve will announce the Transfer Station hours at the next meeting.

d. Municipal Leadership Program

A brochure on the Municipal Leadership Program presented by the Muskie Institute was passed among the Board members.

e. Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting

Turner will host the next meeting on January 28th 6:30-8:30 PM. The new elected officials, Joan Bryant-Deschenes and Ken Blais are asked to attend along with a representative from MDOT to discuss the URIP program.

f. Legal

Steve update the Board on legal as follows:

Desjardins – Helen Desjardins appeared before the Board to address her dismay that she to pay the attorney fees in her case against Poliquin. She spoke to the Board on what had transpired since before the case began. She felt as a taxpayer that she was treated unfairly.

Courbron – The Judge made a decision that George was in violation of operating his business out of his home along the River Road. George has 21 days to appeal the court decision; at the end of the 21 days the Code Enforcement Officer can issue a Stop Work Order and George can apply to the Planning Board for a change of use.

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g. Other

A brief discussion on the dangerous buildings is still in the works with the Code Enforcement Officer.

A letter to Bruce Tufts, Fire Chief, from The Frankhauser's was read thanking them for the service they provided when their granddaughter was missing.

VI. Committee Reports

Kevin Mower reported that the Planning Board met and approved George Schott's project on Bull Run Road, withdrew the approval on George Farris Patten Road project; and started the Paul Chabot subdivision review.

Timothy Doyle reported that the Budget Committee met and went over the charity requests and discussed the 5% tax discount.

Steve reported that the Land Use Ordinance Review Committee met and has sent some recommendations to the Planning Board for review.

VII. CEO Report

There was none discussed at this meeting.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There was none discussed at this meeting.

IX. Announcements

Ronald Grant read the announcements aloud.

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the November 25th Town of Greene warrant of \$20,859.74. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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XI. Executive Session

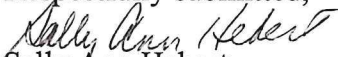
There was none needed at this meeting.

XII. Adjournment

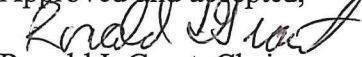
Mark Christman motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's meeting to work on the 2003 budget. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald I. Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen