

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
December 8, 2003**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting December 29, 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: Robert Coady John Plestina, reporter from Lewiston Sun Journal.

I. Call to Order 7:00 PM

Ron Grant called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

II. Public Discussion

Brenda reminded the Board and viewers that the Greene Women's Club is still requesting and accepting donations for the underprivileged for the 2003 Christmas project. The need has increased this year.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – November 24, 2003

Timothy Doyle motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the November 24th meeting 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 December 8th is \$843,771.12. Steve reported that the town has collected 8% more Excise Tax year to date compared to last year. The Budget is tighter than last year. Letters are going out to the vendors to have their 2003 bills in before the end of the year. Balances carried forward will be considerably less than previous years.

b. Roads

The Board of Selectmen all remarked that the Highway Crew did an outstanding job during the storm this past weekend. The road crew worked around the clock and will be cleaning up the roads and intersections this week.

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c. Fire Station Completion

Steve and the Board discussed the roof repairs and that \$28,000 should be left in the bond until October 2004 if needed. The Board is not happy with Plymouth Engineering on some of the specs for the fire station. The Board discussed holding final payment until December 29th.

d. Fire Station Signage Bids

Steve sent out Neo-Kraft specifications without the price to three sign companies. Prices was received Welch Architectural Signage \$6,574, Neo-Kraft Signs \$5,837, Stetson Sign no price received. Maurice Levasseur motioned to have Neo-Kraft make the signs for the new fire station for \$5.837. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Other

Steve reminded the Board that copies of letters that were mailed to the Greene Volunteer Fire Department, Greene Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, Maurice & Louise Bouley for their assistance in the Open House that was held at the new fire station on November 23rd.

A copy of the letter sent to Keith Quattrocchi, School Board Member that resigned. is also in the packet.

The Board discussed changing the faucet on the kitchen sink at the fire station for more usability.

Anyone with bad or foggy cable reception is to contact the Town Manager.

V. New Business

a. School Board Appointment

The Board interviewed Diana Morgan and Deborah Dupuis for one of them to be appointed to fulfill Keith Quattrocchi's term on the school board until March. The Board applauded both candidates as being well qualified and assets to the community. Unfortunately only one person can be appointed and the Board hopes that the other candidate will step forward to serve on other boards/committees in town. Kevin Mower motioned to appoint Diana Morgan to MSAD 52 School Board to replace Keith Quattrocchi term until March 2004. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Kevin Mower, Mark Christman and Timothy Doyle.

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Vote against the motion – Maurice Levasseur and Ronald Grant. Motion passed.

b. **Banking/Office Efficiency**

Steve presented a sheet on some goals that he has been working on to make the office more efficient. These changes included Rapid Renewal, Payroll Outsourcing, and better banking systems. The Board would like to have this reviewed by the Budget Committee. This is to be brought back to the next meeting for more discussion.

c. **Legal**

Steve reported that George Courbron Jr has applied to the Code Enforcement Officer for a home occupation. He has changed his business structure to be only himself and one family member that also reside in the home.

d. **Other**

Kevin Mower remarked on the gapping hole in the Town Garage door. Steve reported that it will be fixed this week.

Brush and wood has been chipped at the transfer station.

The Board will work on the budget tonight after the Selectmen's meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

Steve reported the Greene Land Use Ordinance Review Committee met and has made recommendations for the additions and changes to the Greene Land Use Ordinance; a final draft will be presented at the January 7th meeting. The Adult Entertainment Ordinance will be presented as a separate ordinance. Public hearing is scheduled for January 12th at 6:30 PM.

VII. CEO Report

There was none at this meeting.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There was none at this meeting.

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IX. Announcements

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 268,434.22 of which \$225,179.00 is for the MSAD 52 school payment. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Fire Department Building Warrant of \$ 4,254.57. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Maurice Levasseur, Timothy Doyle, Ronald Grant, and Mark Christman. Vote against the motion – Kevin Mower. Motion passed.


XI. Executive Session

There was none needed at this meeting.

XII. Adjournment

Mark Christman motioned for the Board to adjourn to work on the 2004 Budget. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. The Board adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen