

**Greene Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
December 29, 2003**

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next Regular Selectmen's Meeting December 29, 2003.

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

Members absent: Maurice Levasseur is on vacation this meeting.

Others present: Bruce Tufts (CEO), and Pat Rose.

I. Call to Order 7:00 PM

Ron Grant called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and announced that Maurice Levasseur is on vacation.

II. Public Discussion

There was none at this meeting.

III. Acceptance of Minutes – December 8, 2003

Timothy Doyle motioned to waive the reading of the minutes, to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the December 8th 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 29th is \$878,370.95. Steve reported that excise tax collection has exceeded projection. Approximately \$146,000 balances will be carried forward in the 2004 budget. The fire equipment gear is zeroed out. Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Collection is \$200,000 less than last year; Steve is working with Maine Poly and GE Capital to try to get some of the Personal Property Tax paid.

b. Roads

Steve reported that the Highway Crew is very busy with washouts. North Hatch Hill Road has major problems to get back into shape. The washouts caused section of roads to be closed. Alden Peterson and Steve are looking into possible FEMA money for expenses for the two large snow storms (one had 30" of snow) followed by heavy rain for the costs of plowing and

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damages. The Highway Crew was able to enjoy the Christmas holiday with only one person going out to sand on Friday.

A check of \$1,500.00 was received from Androscoggin Valley SWCD for work that Kevin Doyle, Phoebe Hardsty from AVCOG and Allen Pond Association for work and planning within the Allen Pond watershed.

c. **Fire Station Completion**

Don Bolduc was at the site last Monday when the roof continued to leak. Don Bolduc, Plymouth Engineering, Bruce Tufts and Steve poured water over the roof and watch from the attic on where the leaks where coming from. The aluminum flashing has been removed and replaced with lead flashing. There were no signs of leakage during the rain on Wednesday and Thursday.

Steve spoke to our attorney regarding retainage of funds until the Board is sure the roof will not continue to leak. The attorney recommended that after substantial completion to pay \$43,000 and to hold 2% retainage for up to a year with no interest.

Mark Christman motioned to retain 2% up to a year and to pay Glen Builders the balance of \$44,840.47. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Tim Doyle was reluctant to vote as he feels that Glen Builders is responsive and hope to remain responsive.

d. **Banking/Office Efficiency**

Steve has sent the Bangor Saving Bank proposal to Robert Coady and Phil Moreau to review. This is to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

e. **Historical Society**

Steve reported that he and Kevin Doyle reviewed the condition of the Old Town House and feel the building is secure as ever. There are no signs of leakage. Sally Ann Hebert, Chairman, of the Greene Historical Society reported that the Historical Society would pay the heating and telephone for the building. Steve reported that the town would continue to pay for the town building maintenance, and the electrical and the insurance.

There was a discussion if the building needs a security system and who will pay for. The Board would like to look at other options of security besides those already received.

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This is to be brought to March Town Meeting for a decision. The Board talked about increasing the Historical Society budget to cover some of the costs.

f. **Other**

Ron Grant announced that he has arranged a meeting of the Board with the Planning Board on January 26th at 6:30 PM before the Selectmen's meeting.

The Board discussed the need for one person to be appointed to the Fire Department Benevolent Fund along with the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief to sign the warrants. Tim Doyle will be the person or find another budget committee member to serve. Brenda Theriault offered to serve; Tim Doyle felt that this could be a conflict where she is very much involved with the Fire Department Women's Auxiliary.

Tim Doyle motioned to pay tonight's Fire Department Benevolent Warrant of \$164.60 and to not set precedent. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Tim Doyle, Kevin Mower, Mark Christman. Vote against the motion – Ron Grant. Motion passed.

Tim Doyle is to find someone to serve on the Fire Department Benevolent committee.

V. New Business

a. **FEMA Grant Award**

It was announced that the Greene Fire Department has received a grant from FEMA of \$202,500.00 for a new tanker truck; the town has to match 10% of the grant (\$20,250.00). This will go to the March 2004 Town Meeting for approval. The grant has to be spent within one year from December 7th. The bid package will be presented to the Board at the January 12th meeting. This is the largest grant awarded in the State to date for any item.

The Board and Bruce Tufts, Fire Chief, discussed that this will be a basic truck with tanker. The truck is readily available; delivery time will be quicker than the truck currently being built. By receiving this truck it will aide the town in not looking at purchasing another fire truck within 10 years? The Town will appropriate money each year to have money available for when a fire/rescue truck has to be replaced.

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b. **Library Expansion Bid Schedule**

Steve announced the following schedule for bid on the Julia Adams Morse Library Expansion:

- January 5 – Meeting at JAML with architect to finalize bid Documents
- January 19 – Bids will be available
- February 2 – Prebid meeting with contractors at the Julia Adams Morse Library
- February 13 – Bid opening at Greene Town Office

c. **Tri-Town Selectmen – Rep. Robert Jennings**

Ron announced that Maurice Levasseur, Steve Eldridge and himself attended the Tri Town Meeting in Turner on December 11th. There was a small turnout, but much discussion on how the Governor does not know what these towns are already doing for regionalization. Representative Jennings has contacted Steve and is setting a meeting up with the Governor and 15 people in January to talk about no new taxation. Freshman Representative Jennings is frustrated with how the government works, the downfall of term limits. The group is to meet before they meet with the Governor to discuss have a plan of action.

d. **MDOT – Special Provision**

MDOT sent a special provision form for the Board to sign the allow overweight trucks and contractors working on the Route 202 be allowed without a special permit from the Town. Tim Doyle motioned to sign the special provision form. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote for the motion – Tim Doyle, Ron Grant, Mark Christman. Vote against the motion – Kevin Mower. Motion passed.

e. **Legal**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

f. **Other**

There was none discussed at this meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

There was none discussed at this meeting.

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VII. CEO Report

There was none at this meeting.

VIII. Assessment Questions & Abatements

There was none at this meeting.

IX. Announcements

Ron Grant read the announcements aloud.

Sally Ann Hebert announced the Androscoggin Historical Society has for sale the "150th a Pictorial Sesquicentennial History, 1854-2004" and "Alnobak, A Story of Indigenous People in Androscoggin County". These are available at the Greene Town Office. Sally Ann Hebert wrote a section on Greene in the Pictorial Sesquicentennial History Book along with many others from Androscoggin County.

Ron Grant read a Thank You from resident, Charles Peillet, thanking the Board and Bruce Tufts (CEO) for removing the Tremblay building.

Ron Grant read a notice from the Julia Adams Morse Library announcing their new expanded hours. The Library has to be open a certain number of hours each week to submit Grants.

Ron Grant read a letter from RCAM inviting the Board and Town Manager to their open house to showcase their services in late January.

X. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Weekly Warrant

Kevin Mower motioned to accept and sign the Julia Adams Morse Library Warrant of \$ 609.48. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Christman motioned to accept and sign the Town of Greene Warrant of \$ 32,275.52. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ron Grant announced the new town hours will start on Friday January 2, 2004.

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XI. Executive Session

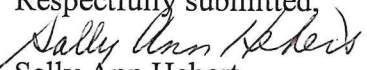
Tim Doyle motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue; then the Board will adjourn to a budget workshop. Mark Christman 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Executive Session ended at 8:15 PM.

XII. Adjournment

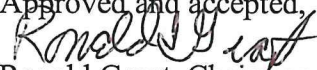
Mark Christman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Mower 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Ann Hebert
Recording Secretary

Approved and accepted,


Ronald Grant, Chairman
Board of Selectmen