Town of Greene Selectmen's Meeting December 30, 1996

Minutes will not become official until accepted at the next regular Selectmen's Meeting on January 13, 1997.

Attendance: Timothy Doyle, Chair

Kevin Mower

Maurice Levasseur William Nickerson Ronald Grant

Judy Biggar, Town Manager

I. Call to order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm but then recessed the meeting to convene in public hearing.

II. Public Hearings

The Board opened the public hearings.

-Junkyard Permits

There was a review of the junkyard permit applications and the CEO's recommendations on them. With no public input, the Board voted unanimously to approve the applications for permit.

-Ordinance Changes

1. Land Use Regulation Changes

The Board opened the hearing for public input. It was requested from the floor that the changes be read and discussion follow on each.

- Section 1.4: Sheldon Bubier stated that he disagrees with the statement "satisfaction of the Planning Board". He added that this section allows the Planning Board purview over some of the authority of the Appeals Board.
- Section 1.7: Sheldon Bubier stated that the rationale for the 250 foot circle was to make sure building lots could support a proper septic system. On the zoning of Route 202 to Industrial/Commercial, Brenda Therrieault stated that the Town should be encouraging business in the Town.
- Section 4.3: Public input showed general support of the change.
- Section 5.4: The Planning Board noted that the section allows for the construction of Multi-family dwellings. Sheldon Bubier noted that this use was not addressed previously because of the impact of multi-family units on the tax base.

Section 6.1: Sheldon Bubier had a question on applicability. Suggested that Forest Management Activities be changed to Forestry Activities.

Section 6.2: There was no input from the public.

Section 6.4: In regards to the requiring professional services during a review, Sheldon Bubier noted that past approval for such applicant funding services were provided by the applicant and then approved by the Planning Board. The services were not sought by the Planning Board and paid by the applicant. The Planning Board stated that they would like to have a certain degree of confidence in the consulting services that they require. Selectman Levasseur stated that the Planning Board is not staffed by professionals and strongly supports the need for consulting services. Sheldon Bubier suggested that a part time planner might be needed.

Article IX: Definitions: The Planning Board noted that, after consultation with Attorney there is not a need for any of the definitions with the exception of "Child Day Care Home"

Article X: The Planning Board stated that they would like to place the building codes in this spot.

Article XI: This section covered the authorities and responsibilities of the CEO. There was a question about the responsibility of the building permits belonging to the CEO. It was noted that because of state certifications, the responsibility falls to the CEO but the Town Manager works as his agent to issue them. There ensued a general discussion on the CEO, his responsibilities and salary.

Section 7.3: The Planning Board stated that this formalizes the authority for the Board of Selectmen to enter into consent agreements and levy fines.

There was a general question from the Planning Board if the ordinance changes can be made in parts to the Town Meeting, so that a negative vote on one part would not endanger the remaining portions. The Board stated that they would check with MMA.

After hearing no further public input, the Board closed this section of the public hearing.

Transfer Station Ordinance

The Town Manager noted that this ordinance change was needed to update the former "Landfill Ordinance". She then reviewed the changes in general for the Board and the public. It was noted that commercial use of transfer station will no longer be permitted with this ordinance. Brenda Theriault stated that she believed businesses should get something for their tax dollar. Barbara Bubier stated that any regulation placed in the ordinance shouldn't be put in it unless it is enforced.

With no further public input, the Board closed this section of the public hearing.

Excavation or Opening of Public Roads Ordinance

Again, the Town Manager gave a brief overview on the ordinance that would regulated the excavation of town roads. It was noted that the fee for the excavation permit would be established on a yearly basis. There was also some confusion on the use of the term opening.

With no further public input, the Board closed the public hearing at 8:25 pm.

III. Acceptance of Minutes December 16, 1996

Moe read the minutes aloud. On a motion made by Kevin and seconded by Moe, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes of December 16, 1996 with the recommended corrections.

IV. Public Discussion

There was no public discussion.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Treasurer's Report

The Town Manager read aloud the Treasurer's report.

B. Roads - Workshop on Priority Listing

The Board noted that this worksession would be held after the remainder of the regularly scheduled meeting.

C. R. St. Amand Re: Issuance of Building Permit and Plumbing for Z. Bergeron

After some discussion, Mr. St. Armand was referred to the Code Enforcement Officer.

D. Ash Disposal

The Board noted that they are awaiting further information.

E. Budget Review

The Board noted that this worksession would occur after the remainder of the regular meeting.

F. Other

Transfer Station - Ron reported that the fire alarm wasn't working at the Transfer Station. The Town Manager noted that she had spoken to Alden Petersen today about it and he would be following up on the matter.

VI. New Business

A. Executive Session (Hardship Abatement)

To be held after the regular business has concluded.

B. Other - There was no other old business.

- VII. Committee Reports None
- VIII. CEO Complaints

The Chairman gave a brief review of current complaints.

- IX. Assessing Questions or Abatements None
- X. Selectmen Acceptance and Signing of Weekly Warrant

The Selectmen passed and signed the warrant.

XI. Announcements

The Chairman read the announcements.

A. Executive Session (Hardship Abatement)

On a motion made by Moe and seconded by Ron, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn to executive session in regards to Hardship Abatement Request 96-4.

After adjourning from executive session, the Board publicly announced that Hardship Abatement Request 96-4 had been denied.

BUDGET REVIEW:

The Board continued their budget review in a work session forum.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board voted unanimously on Kevin's motion and Ron's second to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M..

Respectfully submitted, Judy E. Biggar, Town Manager

Accepted and Approved

Chair, Board of Selectmen