

2016 Annual Town Meeting Minutes

March 4 & 5, 2016

Charles Noonan, Town Clerk, read the opening of the Annual Town Meeting Friday morning at 8am.

Article 1: Dan Moreau nominated and voted in with three written ballots cast. Oath on file.

Article 2:

1. Two (2) Selectmen, position includes Assessor and Overseer of Poor (3 years).

Donald Bedford 81 votes Oath on file.

John Soucy 130 votes Oath on file.

2. One (1) MSAD #52 School Board Director (3 years).

Diana Morgan 125 votes Oath on file.

Two hundred thirty-four (234) ballots were cast.

The Annual Town Meeting reconvened at Greene Central School at 9AM. WGLT TV7 taped the meeting for rebroadcast.

Dan Moreau, Moderator called the meeting to order.

Tony Reny, Selectman, led everyone in the singing of the National Anthem.

Selectmen Tony Reny presented a framed dedication of Albert Murch. Albert "Bert" Murch has been a resident for many years. He served on the School Board for years, donated a parcel of land for a ballfield named Murch Field.

Selectmen Tony Reny presented Judy Lyons and Marie Tancred (volunteers for Greene Central School) the "Spirit of America" Awards.

Article 3: Carol Springer was nominated and voted by hand vote for three years on the Ella Augusta Thompson Fund Committee. Oaths on file.

Article 4: Nancy Hinds was nominated and voted by hand vote for five years on the Julia Adams Morse Library Committee. Oath on file.

Deborah Beam was nominated and voted by hand vote for two years on the Julia Adams Morse Library Committee replacing Susan Allison. Oath on file.

Article 5: Brent Armstrong, Holly Ewing, Steve Goulet, Robin Healey, Robert Hodgkins, Phil Lavoie, Dan Moreau, Phil Moreau, Bruce Tufts, and Freeland Witham Oaths on file.

Article 6: Voted by hand vote to allow the town to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12ths of the budgets amount in each budget of the 2016 annual budget, except Road Maintenance and Administrative Expense, during the period from January 1, 2017 to the 2017 annual town meeting. The Public Works/Road Maintenance and Administrative Expense Budgets can be expended up to 6/12th during the period from January 1, 2017 to the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 7: Vote by hand vote to set June 20, 2016 as the date of commitment for Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.

Article 8: Voted by hand vote to set a date October 4, 2016 and set 5% interest to be charged on real estate and personal property taxes unpaid after October 3, 2016.

Article 9: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired from nonpayment of taxes, the Selectmen may sell at a public auction or by sealed bids after advertising for 30 days on Channel 7, the Town's website and in the newspaper(s) with option for the owner to quick claim deed for payment of all back taxes, interest and costs prior to the date of advertising.

Article 10: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any Town owned personal property with a value of \$2,000.00 or less after advertising on Channel 7 and in locations of public notice posting.

Article 11: Voted by hand vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 MRS, § 506 and to pay no interest on such prepayments.

Article 12: Voted by hand vote to set a 3% rate of interest for overpayment of Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes

Article 13: Voted by hand vote to appropriate from overlay those funds needed to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during this fiscal year.

Article 14: Voted by hand vote to appropriate dollars out of the money received from the registration of snowmobiles to the Greene Dragons Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, which are open to the public at all times, and to authorize the Municipal Officers may deem advisable, for the purpose, to whatever type of vehicle the landowner will allow on his property.

Article 15: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 217,483.00 for Administrative Wages Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 16: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 172,633.00 for Employee Expense/Benefit Account for the ensuing year.

Article 17: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 143,850.00 for Administrative Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 18: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 2,000.00 for Emergency Management Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 19: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 153,500.00 for Fire Protection Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 20: voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 50,000.00 for Fire Truck Capital Reserve Account for the ensuing year.

Article 21: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell or dispose of any Greene Volunteer Fire Department miscellaneous equipment; all proceeds shall be deposited into the Greene Volunteer Fire Department Benevolent Fund.

Article 22: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell or trade any Greene Volunteer Fire Department vehicles toward replacement vehicles; all proceeds from the sale shall be deposited into the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 23: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 6,900.00 for Street Lights for the ensuing year.

Article 24: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 12,753.00 for Animal Control Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 25: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 250.00 for Planning Board Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 26: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 450,000.00 for Road Construction/Paving Account for the ensuing year.

Article 27: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 558,922.00 for Public Works Road Maintenance Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 28: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$352,862.00 for County Tax Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 29: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 400.00 for Appeals Board Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 30: voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 6,200.00 for General Assistance Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 31: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 1,500.00 for Conservation Commission Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 32: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 20,700.00 for Parks and Recreation expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 33: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 2,000.00 to the Sabattus Lake Dam Commission Expense Account for the ensuing year; this will be disbursed if Wales and Sabattus vote to pay their share.

Article 34: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 3,500.00 for Cemetery Care Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 35: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 200,900.00 for Transfer Station Operational Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 36: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 144,678.00 for Debt Service for the ensuing year.

Article 37: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 7,650.00 for Charitable Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 38: Vote by hand vote to appropriate \$ 8,930.00 for purchasing books for the Julia Adams Morse Library for the ensuing year.

Article 39: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 50,492.00 for operations for the Julia Adams Morse Library for the ensuing year.

Article 40: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 50,000.00 for Capital Reserve Account for the ensuing year.

Article 41: voted by hand vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to expend up to \$ 15,000.00 from Surplus for the purpose of replacing malfunctioning waste water disposal systems pursuant to 30-A MRSA 83428 and Dangerous Buildings pursuant to title 17 §285, but only after the Selectmen have exhausted all other revenues of funding. Any funds expended from surplus funds shall be recovered by a special tax against any real estate as provided in 30-a MRSA § 3428 (4) (b) and Title 17 § 2853. Any such tax will be liened against real estate and interest will be charged at the annual rate, 60 days after commitment of said tax. A strict accounting will be maintained at the Town Office.

Article 42: Voted by hand vote to transfer Overlay and Excise Tax Balances after year end to surplus.

Article 43: Voted by hand vote to lapse year-end balances to surplus except those covered by State Law.

Article 44: Voted by hand vote to allow Selectmen to use the Capital Reserve Accounts to meet the town's financial obligations should it become necessary in anticipation of taxes and to return the funds once the taxes are collected.

Article 45: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Inter-local Agreement with the Towns of Leeds, Turner and Wales for providing local access television (WGLT TV7) to these communities.

Article 46: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow funds in anticipation of taxes and to pay the interest and legal fees associated with such borrowing from overlay.

Article 47: Voted by hand vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$ 40,000.00 to purchase 73 acres +/- of land, (Map 10 Lot 054-003) from MSAD #52.

Article 48: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$32,000.00 for design, engineering, bid documentation and construction administration of a proposed Public Works Garage.

Article 49: Voted by hand vote to reduce the total commitment by these revenues totaling \$ 1,347,000.00:

Excise Tax	\$ 750,000.00
Highway Block Grant	\$ 50,000.00
Revenue Sharing	\$ 175,000.00
Projected Income	\$ 125,000.00
Undesignated Surplus	\$ 175,000.00
Designated Surplus/Capital Reserve	\$ 72,000.00

Article 50: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 for a Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve Account.

Article 51: Voted by hand vote to accept funds from the Federal and State Emergency Management Agency for reimbursement of various cost associated with storm damage and to transfer those funds to the accounts in which they were expended.

Article 52: Voted by hand vote to authorize the Cable TV Committee, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to expend from the Cable TV Reserve Account an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00.

Article 53: Voted by hand vote to enact an "Ordinance exempting Eligible Active Duty Military Personnel From Vehicle Excise Tax".

" ORDINANCE EXEMPTING ELIGIBLE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM VEHICLE EXCISE TAX"

Section 1 Authority.

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. ss. 1483-A, which expressly authorizes such ordinances.

Section 2. Excise tax exemption; qualifications.

Vehicles owned by a resident of this municipality who is on active duty serving in the United States Armed Forces and who is either permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base outside this State or deployed for military service for a period of more than 180 days and who desires to register that resident's vehicles in this State are hereby exempted from the annual excise tax imposed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. ss 1482.

To apply for this exemption, the resident must present to the municipal excise tax collector certification from the commander of the resident's post, station or base, or from the commander's designated agent, that the resident is permanently stationed at that post, station or base or is deployed for military service for a period of more than 180 days.

For purposes of this section, "United States Armed Forces" includes the National Guard and the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces.

For purposes of this section, "deployed for military service" has the same meaning as in 26 M.R.S.A. ss 814(1)(A).

For purposes of this section, "vehicle" has the same meaning as in 36 M.R.S.A. ss 1481(5) and does not include any snowmobiles as defined in 12 M.R.S.A. ss 13001.

Section 3. Effective date; duration.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment by the municipal legislative body unless otherwise provided and shall remain in effect unless and until it or 36 M.R.S.A. ss 1483-A is repealed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40AM.

Recording Secretary

Sally Ann Hebert

Deputy Town Clerk