

2017 Annual Town Meeting Minutes

March 3 & 4, 2017

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

Article 1: Christos Gianopoulos nominated and voted in with one written ballot cast. Oath on file.

Article 2:

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

Glenn Chateauvert 45 votes. Oath on file.

Anthony Reny - 38 votes. Oath on file.

Write ins:

Robert Stevens 3 votes

Bobby Doyon 1 vote

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

Jon Woodard - 51 votes. Oath on file.

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

Yuri Kowalski - 51 votes. Oath on file.

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

Pamela Sirois - 51 votes. Oath on file.

Fifty-four (54) ballots were cast.

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

Christos Gianopoulos, Moderator called the meeting to order.

Boy Scout Troop # 113 presented the flags.

Madelyn Hanscom, Student at Leavitt Area High School from Greene, she led everyone in the singing of the National Anthem.

Selectmen Tony Reny presented a framed dedication of Gail St Germain to her family. Gail worked at Greene Central for many years until her untimely death in 2016.

Selectmen John Soucy and Tony Reny presented the Spirit of America Awards to Hazel Harrington, Abbe Chabot, Kristin Bilodeau, Heather Carpenter, Dick Clark, Ann Mare Dunton, Cyndi Nielsen, Melissa Roy, Renee Westman and Carol Buzzell members of the Greene Village Day Committee.

Article 3: Ellen Wood and Donald Rose were nominated and voted by hand vote for three years on the Ella Augusta Thompson Fund Committee. Oaths on file.

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

Article 5: Brent Armstrong, Holly Ewing, Steve Goulet, Robin Healey, Robert Hodgkins, Phil Lavoie, Dan Moreau, Phil Moreau, Bruce Tufts, Freeland Witham and Robert Stevens. Nominated and voted on by hand vote to the Greene Budget Committee. 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 budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2017 annual budget, except Road Maintenance and Administrative Expense, during the period from January 1, 2018 to the 2018 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, 2018 to the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 7: Vote by hand vote to set June 20, 2017 as the date of commitment for Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.

Article 8: Voted by hand vote to amend date to October 2, 2017. Voted by hand vote to set a date October 2, 2017 and set 5% interest to be charged on real estate and personal property taxes unpaid after October 3, 2017.

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 MRSA, § 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 \$ 217,100.00 for Administrative Wages Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 16: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 180,359.00 for Employee Expense/Benefit Account for the ensuing year.

Article 17: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 153,800.00 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 \$ 183,500.00 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 \$ 300.00 for Planning Board Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 26: Voted down the amendment of \$ 525,000.00 by hand vote. Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 475,000.00 for Road Construction/Paving Account for the ensuing year.

Article 27: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 540,149.00 for Public Works Road Maintenance Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 28: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$378,817.00 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 \$ 7,450.00 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 \$ 202,850.00 for Transfer Station Operational Expense Account for the ensuing year.

Article 36: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 129,678.00 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 \$ 8,500.00 for purchasing books for the Julia Adams Morse Library for the ensuing year.

Article 39: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$ 51,892.00 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 \$50,000.00 for design, engineering, bid documentation and construction administration of a proposed Public Works Garage.

Article 48: Voted by hand vote to reduce the total commitment by the following revenues totaling \$ 1,332,500.00:

Excise Tax	\$ 775,000.00
Highway Block Grant	\$ 60,000.00
Revenue Sharing	\$ 170,000.00
Projected Income	\$ 125,000.00
Undesignated Surplus	\$ 202,500.00
Designated Surplus/Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00

Article 49: Voted by hand vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 for a Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve Account.

Article 50: 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 51: 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.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15AM.

Recording Secretary

Sally Ann Hebert

Deputy Town Clerk