

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the August 12, 1997 Meeting

Attorney-Client Session w/John Ratigan from 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman E. Lorraine Madison at 7:50 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, led by Selectman Terry Stewart

3. **ATTENDANCE**

Selectmen: E. Lorraine Madison, Rhona Charbonneau, Shawn N. Jasper, Ann Seabury & Terry Stewart

Staff/Others: Paul Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Jim Michaud, Assessor; Keith Bowen, Recreation Director; Coleman Kelly; Abbott & Annie Rice; Howard Dilworth, Jr; Angela Hurshman; Terry McLlarky; Les, HLN; Tim, SUN; Signe, TEL

4. **PUBLIC INPUT** (There was none.)

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A. FROM: Steve Malizia, Finance Director

RE: Award of Bid--Birch Street & Lowell Road Signalization

REFER TO: Old Business

B. FROM: DataMedic, 51 Sawyer Road, Waltham, MA 02154

RE: Donation of Computer Systems to Recreation Department

REFER TO: New Business/Public Hearing

C. FROM: Bill Oleksak, Health Officer

RE: Renewal of Health Officer's Certification

REFER TO: New Business

D. FROM: Angela Hurshman

RE: Using Kirby Building as Animal Shelter

REFER TO: New Business

E. FROM: Karen M. Pentz, Personnel Manager, Wal*Mart

RE: \$3,000 Donation to Recreation Department

REFER TO: New Business/Public Hearing

F. FROM: Sewer Utility Committee

RE: Sewer Abatement Requests

REFER TO: New Business

G. FROM: Assessor

RE: Various Assessing Items

REFER TO: New Business

Motion to receive the Correspondence, with appropriate referral, by Selectmen Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried unanimously.

6. NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Cable Committee (1 Member, Term to expire 7/27/2000)

Chairman Madison said their procedures are to interview during the first meeting of the month and fill the positions at their second monthly meeting. She recognized the Nominations and Appointments Representative, Selectman Stewart, who asked the applicants to state their background and why they were interested in serving.

Phyllis A. Milan -- (Because of her soft voice, many of her comments were not picked up by recorder.) She used to be a volunteer to Windham's Cable Committee and has been a crew member for cable casting live meetings and talk shows. She can edit, produce and run most static equipment. Prior to elections, the Selectmen and Budget Committee would have a live call-in talk show.

Chairman Madison said having televised meetings with the Budget Committee beforehand so people would know what was going on was an excellent idea.

Lillian Yates -- (Because of her soft voice, many of her comments were not picked up by recorder.) She comes from Alabama, but her husband is from Hudson, and he got a job in this area, so that's why they came back here. In Huntsville, she worked as a Legal Assistant and her firm represented a cable company in the area and they did a lot of work for them, so she has some background in this area.

Terry McLlarky said he moved to Hudson in 1962 and he believes in serving the Town. He works at Town elections and served on the Ethics Committee. He has the time it takes and he does not have an axe to grind against the cable provider.

John Brunelle (On vacation and was not present). Chairman Madison said he was on vacation until August 18, so perhaps the Board could interview him at their meeting on the 26th.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Award of Bid--Birch Street & Lowell Road Signalization

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Chairman Madison recognized the Town Administrator, who said the Town Engineer was directed by the Board to secure the additional cost figures, which he has done. The Finance Director was recommending that the Board proceed on the basis of the \$47,700. Mike also identified some additional work in conjunction with the Fire Department to run some cable between Birch and Central. Paul said he and Steve feel it's an excellent price, but they really need to have a benchmark as to whether or not that's a fair price. He thinks they should separate out the \$8,000 portion, test the waters to see how competitive it is, and bring it back for the next meeting.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to award the design-build to Costello, Lomasney & deNapoli in an amount not to exceed \$47,700 for the Birch Street-Lowell Road signalization project carried unanimously.

Chairman Madison said the \$8,000 portion will come back on the next agenda.

B. Liaison Assignments (Deferred from 5/13/97)

Chairman Madison said three months have elapsed since the assignments were made and she wondered if anyone was having any problems, etc. There were no comments, so current roster stands.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing and Board Action on a \$3,000 Donation to the Recreation Department by Wal*Mart

Chairman Madison opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no response, so she closed the hearing.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to accept the donation with many thanks.

Selectman Seabury asked if this would come back to the Board of Selectmen prior to the funds being expended, because her idea for a street hockey rink would be within the Recreation Department. As the Recreation Department's liaison, she asked Keith to be in touch with her before he does anything with the money. He said he would.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Madison asked Keith if someone was in the audience from Wal*Mart. He said yes. The Chairman apologized, saying she didn't realize who she was and thanked her for the donation.

B. Public Hearing and Board Action re. Donation of 8 Computer Systems to the Recreation Department by Datamedic

Chairman Madison opened the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak on this issue. There was no response, so she closed the hearing.

Selectman Jasper asked the Recreation Department what the plans were for these because computers can become expensive. Chairman Madison said the computers were going to be donated 'as is' and no further money would be appropriated for them. Keith said he hoped that, from the donation, he'd be able to have three up and running and use them for the summer program; the kids are very excited about it. He put in a reading center this year and wants to add a computer center. Selectman Jasper said they have really redefined recreation. Selectman Seabury asked what the computers would be used for. Keith said that he has different software he'd be able to install, including games. Selectman Jasper said this is how something usually starts out, then it ends up costing the taxpayer money. If there are 20 kids that want to use a computer, and you have only three systems, the following year, it becomes a budget request. He didn't know if this was something they wanted to get into within the Recreation Department. He thought this was something the schools ought to be doing, not the Recreation Department.

Paul said the expansion issue was a separate issue and would have to be sold on its own merit. Keith's intent is just to utilize the computers that would otherwise have been thrown away. There isn't going to be any investment in upgrading.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to accept the gift of computers to the Recreation Department carried 4-1. Selectman Jasper was opposed.

C. Renewal of Health Officer's Certification

Motion to sign Bill Oleksak's recertification as Hudson's Health Officer for three years, or until a replacement is named, by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart carried unanimously.

D. Angela Hurshman's request to use the Kirby Building for an Animal Shelter

Ms. Hurshman was in the audience, so Chairman Madison recognized her and asked if she had anything to add to the memo. Angela said no, her memo was pretty straightforward. She said the Animal Control Officer has to run back and forth to Pelham, which takes time him

away from Town. If the Kirby Building was used, it would save on transporting costs, plus save time because it would be across from the Police station. She thought it would be good to bring this before the people at Town Meeting because when this issue was discussed this year, people were getting frustrated. She said they weren't going to continue putting money into a fund if they don't know what is going to happen with it. The people wants to see a definite plan.

Selectman Jasper said the request was timely because it's when the process begins. The Board of Selectmen have to decide how they want to proceed. Some of the issues involve the Chief of Police. He, personally, feels they should not be in the business of running an animal shelter. The arrangement with Pelham is financially beneficial to the Town. A large amount of money has been put aside for an animal shelter and, if the people want a shelter, then a group akin to the Nashua Humane Society should be formed to run it. Running an animal shelter is a costly endeavor. There's more animals out there than can be adopted and the Town is doing what needs to be done to take care of the problem. He didn't think it was appropriate for the Kirby building to be used as an animal shelter, that they should explore other options. If it is decided to build an animal shelter, it should be built from the ground up. The Kirby building is much larger than what is needed for an animal shelter and if they use half of it for an animal shelter, the other half becomes useless because of the noise and the smell and it would be eliminated for any practical purposes. The Kirby building would make a nice office building. If there is a group out there that wants to run an animal shelter, they should form a committee.

Selectman Seabury thought there was a huge group already with Hudson and Litchfield people that was supposed to come back to the Board so they could make a decision on it. Selectman Jasper said if that group exists, then they should submit a petition. Once a group is formed, the Town could consider contracting animal services with them. The Town would be looking at a lot of money each year to actually run an animal shelter, and he didn't think the Town should be in that business.

Angela said there was no one present who was here when this account was set up, which was for the Town of Hudson to run an animal shelter. She said the committee that someone referred to no longer existed. The person who tried very hard to keep the committee together petered out on them. She was told that once the money is allocated for a specific purpose, it can be used only for that purpose. She said there's a difference between a dog pound and an animal shelter and the Town is committed to building an animal shelter.

Selectman Jasper said she may have been told that, but the fact is the money belongs to the Town of Hudson and by a vote of Town Meeting, they can do, with proper notice, whatever it wishes with the money. That money was put aside for a purpose; there have been many purposes that money has been put aside for, such as for the spillway at Robinson Pond, repairs to the Highway Garage, a boat ramp, a salt shed, and then those things were changed--most of them by Town Council--but Town Meeting can change it. The money doesn't have to sit there forever, nor does it have to be used for that purpose of the Town decides to do something else. If they are directed by Town Meeting to do something, they would probably do it--but the Board of Selectmen can't be forced to do anything.

Angela said she has \$50,000 in the account of personal funds that she gave to the Town. She didn't think that they could take that money and do whatever they wanted to do with it. Selectman Jasper said he didn't know anything about that money, that he was talking about the \$15,000 that the Town votes to put in every year. Angela said Selectman Jasper was misrepresenting the townspeople because they voted for an animal shelter. Selectman Jasper said the Selectmen can't touch that money. It could only be spent by a specific authorization by a vote at Town Meeting. At this point, Town Meeting has only said they would put money aside for that purpose, but until Town Meeting says they are ready to go ahead with a project, nothing will happen.

Chairman Madison said the question that should be asked to the voters is, "Do you want to build an animal shelter?" That question has never been asked. Every year, there is money that is voted to be set aside for the possible use of a future animal shelter. If the voters say yes, they want to build an animal shelter, there are funds available for that purpose. But the people have never specifically said they wanted to, or didn't want to, build an animal shelter. This needs to be asked and then put to bed.

Angela agreed, saying that is why she wrote the letter. Chairman Madison said the voters have to decide whether or not they want to build it. Selectman Seabury said the voters will want to know the costs involved. Chairman Madison said people didn't want to appropriate a lot of money, but have agreed to go along with \$15,000 every year. They never said they wanted to build an animal shelter, however. They can also appropriate that money for something else.

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Selectman Seabury said the Board has decided that maybe the Kirby building isn't the best place for an animal shelter. A lot of others have asked about and shown an interest to use that building. Selectman Jasper, who had a previous dog shelter on his property, knows what he is talking about. It will cost the Town a lot more money to operate an animal shelter than what it does now by taking the animals to Pelham, which is \$3,500, plus \$500 for veterinarian costs. Someone would have to come up with firm figures of what it costs now and what the proposed costs would be. Angela said there was a contractor that had worked on the animal shelter that she thought was on file in the Police Department, but it was quite awhile ago. She asked what the Selectmen's position is because this is something she's been working to see happen for a long time.

Paul said nothing can be done in terms of touching that money until there is a warrant article to appropriate that expenditure. In the past, funds have been appropriated, set aside, but it can't be touched unless there is a specific request to the Town to appropriate it for another purpose other than putting it into a fund somewhere, with the exception of personal funds, which are currently co-mingled and would have to be separated, which creates another issue because if those personal funds are put under the control of the Town, they still cannot be spent for anything unless it's appropriated for that purpose by Town Meeting. The action that

needs to happen at Town Meeting, in February next year, is to have a warrant article to appropriate funds from that account to do whatever. What he is hearing from the Board is that they are not about to put forward that warrant article. Someone else has to do that. The Town can also undo what it has already done. There can be a warrant article in some future year to take all of the money in reserve and put it towards some other purpose. Angela said that would be a wrong move. Paul said it's really up to the Town. Angela said she hoped that would never happen. Paul said he was just laying out the options.

E. Sewer Abatement Requests, (Reference #1)

(Michael Horandan, \$11.05; Richard Christman, \$8.34; Nicholas Carlone, \$23.81)

Motion to grant, as recommended by the Sewer Utility Committee, by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, carried unanimously.

F. Assessing Items

1) **Totally & Permanently Disabled Property Tax Exemption** (Aldeo Laine)

2) **Elderly Exemption** (Sophie Corosa)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to grant, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

3) **Abatement Application, 13 River Road, Map 7, Lot 1-2**

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Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to grant, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

4) **Abatement Application, 5 Executive Drive, Map 13, Lot 1**

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to grant, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

5) BTLA Docket #15947-95PT, 35 Lowell Road and BTLA Docket #15946-95PT, 225 A-H Lowell Road

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Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to grant, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

G. Purchase of Computer System for Zoning

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Selectman Jasper said he had asked that this PO be pulled because it wasn't something that was budgeted for and he has a problem doing this sort of thing. These things need to be planned out. A few weeks back, they spent money for a (large paper) copier, and they did it rather hurriedly. They didn't ask many questions, such as the long-term need of the machine and if it could be done less expensively some other way. Chairman Madison said all of that was explained at the time. Selectman Jasper disagreed, saying he didn't want this one to go through that same way. If something breaks down and there is an emergency, it's a different story.

Paul said in the Zoning budget for FY-98, they were left with \$1,000 to purchase a PC, which is rather skinny money. They also wanted incorporate document management, which they are currently trying to get underway, putting paper files on CD ROM. It wouldn't do her any good to put documents on CD ROM and then not be able to access them. The initial \$950 that is being proposed by Kathy Hawkins to get Sue a proper machine to do what she needs to do would come out of the Data Processing budget. They do have sufficient monies in that budget to cover unanticipated data processing expenditures. The machine is not usable without CD ROM capability. Susan was unable to be present because of a sick child. In order to handle the documents, they are either going to have to send them out to be microfiched or have them put on CD ROM, which is a lot more efficient--and what has been done in the Town Clerk's office. If Sue puts them all on fiche, at some point in the future, they will have to be converted to CD ROM.

Selectman Charbonneau asked when Sue would be able to get this if they didn't approve it. Paul said probably July '98 and, in the meantime, she would be spending money to fiche documents. It would cost a lot more in the long run doing it this way.

Selectman Jasper said the cart got put before the horse. In deciding that everything was going to be put on CD ROM, someone should have told them that, in order to do that, they need a PC to read it. Here they are in an off-budget cycle, saying they are going to have to throw the money away if they don't do it. This happens too much and it's not the way to be doing things. They probably should do it, but at the same time, they're sending a message that it's o.k. Obviously, the ducks didn't get put in a row, or they wouldn't be in this position. Paul said the need for this machine wasn't articulated during the budget process. Selectman Jasper said it should have been because someone should have known that it would be needed. It's frustrating having it come up this way, bypassing the regular process, and it happens too often.

Selectman Charbonneau said it may not be the right process, but she believes in saving money, so she is in favor of it.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau to approve the PO was seconded by Selectman Stewart.

Selectman Seabury asked if the microfiching money has been used up. Paul said no, but it would have been used to store on discs instead of microfiche. She has got to reduce documents. The PO is for the hardware to read the documents if it was put on CD's. Chairman Madison said she already has \$1,000 in her budget to get her computer so she needs an additional \$700. Paul said she can't take it out of her microfiching because she still needs that to reduce documents. Selectman Seabury thought there was \$2,000-\$3,000 in Sue's microfiching budget. Paul said she would need all of it. Chairman Madison said she thought microfiching was the old way. Paul said if she gets this equipment, she will stop microfiching and from here on will be reducing documents on CD ROM. She needs the equipment to be able to handle the CD ROM. Selectman Seabury said they need to find out how much money is left in the microfiche budget. Paul said if they use the money Sue has for document management, microfiching or CD ROM storage, she will get inundated with paper and no way to put it into a storage media. Selectman Seabury understood that, but long ago, no one even knew about microfiching, which hasn't been that long ago people added it into their budgets. This is coming up too soon after a complain she had by a taxpayer about people switching money in their budgets and he wanted to know how the Selectmen could stop them from doing that. She can understand his thoughts. When the taxpayer votes for an item, they want the money spent on that item. Paul said they've got computer money going to for computers and there is operational money for document management. If there is any mixing that is contrary to the budget policy, it would be taking money from microfiching and using it for equipment.

Selectman Seabury asked if this request was the same idea as the request by the Planning Department for a copier. Chairman Madison said yes, it is. Selectman Jasper said microfiche was wonderful for a time and now they are being told it's the old way and they're going to do something else. If they don't do anything for the next 11 months, the world won't come to an end. If this was something that was really needed, it would have been in the budget. Chairman Madison said she understood his point. They can go to the well once, but not a second time, and she wouldn't support it. It should come back through the budget process. It won't hurt to wait awhile longer.

Vote: Motion failed 1-4. Selectman Charbonneau voted in favor.

H. SWSCOM Objectives

Selectman Seabury said the SWSCOM met the other evening. Coleman Kelly was elected Chairman, Joe Wozniak the Vice Chair, and she the Recorder. SWSCOM wants the Board to give them some goals and objectives. They will begin to review the solid waste contract. Leo

Lessard also attended the SWSCOM meeting. She recognized Coleman and asked him if he had anything to add. Coleman asked if the Selectmen had a goals and mission statement in mind for the SWSCOM. Selectman Seabury said the former SWSCOM was a very active, hard driving crew and she didn't know if this committee would get that involved. SWSCOM wants to know exactly what the Board of Selectmen expects of them Chairman Madison said she'd like them to continue with the recycling and she'd like to see regular reports from BFI. She asked the Board to think about it and compile a list of goals and objectives they'd like to see SWSCOM address. They are in the middle of the contract, at this point. Coleman said, for the next meeting, he'd like a representative from BFI to come in. They'll have to start next month to prepare for a new contract. Chairman Madison said the Board would put together some goals and objectives and get them to him.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Budget Process

Selectman Jasper said the budget season was going to be earlier this year and feels it's imperative that the Board get together on an off-meeting night, relatively soon, to talk about their goals and objectives for the upcoming budget season so they can give some direction to the department heads, and how they go about making those goals and objectives happen. He thinks their #1 objective is the highway facility. They can't afford to have that opportunity slip away for another year. He hoped the Chairman would set a meeting soon so they can talk about where they want to go with the budget, and how they want to get there. Chairman Madison said she would set a meeting within the next few weeks.

B. CIP

Selectman Stewart said there's a CIP meeting Thursday night. For that process, they will need to know what the Board of Selectmen's goals are. Selectman Jasper said if the CIP wants to be relevant to the process this year, they have got to move up their date from September 30. The Board needs to have it in order to work it into the budget process.

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C. Victorian Figures at Old Home Days

Selectman Seabury asked Selectman Jasper if the Historical Society was going to use the man and woman figures with the faces cut out so people could stand behind them and have their pictures taken with their faces showing. If they are put up next to the Victorian house, it would make a marvelous picture--and be a good fund raiser. Selectman Jasper didn't know about it.

D. Bandstand/Gazebo

Selectman Seabury said the 250th Committee met today. Lucille Boucher has 50-50 raffle tickets to sell at Old Home Days and a flyer was typed up to be distributed. Lucille talked to the contractor and, if he builds the bandstand in the winter, it will cost less. Commemorative bricks will be sold for \$50 and they have a lot of other fundraising projects. Selectman Jasper said a bandstand is a wonderful idea, but questioned the proposed location on the Town Common, citing parking and pedestrian safety. He also wondered how will it would acoustically with noise on all sides of the park.

Chairman Madison said she had a long talk with the auditor about the 250th Committee and they need to remove the Board's liaison to that committee. This is a committee that will be independent of the Town. The money that had been advanced to them was returned and that will all come out in the audit. They need to change the name of the committee and remove the rep. In doing this, they will be a free-standing committee, the Town won't be involved in the gazebo, they will have to come forward with plans and do the work about finding other locations or other options--and they will handle their own funds. If the Town gets involved, it will become a Town project.

Selectman Jasper agreed, but once they say they are going to build a bandstand, it becomes a Selectmen's issue. When it is offered to the Town, it becomes the Selectmen's problem--pedestrians, parking, etc. The committee can make suggestions, but they need to talk with the Selectmen early in the process. He has a problem with the committee saying what they are going to be doing before they have received an o.k. from the Board of Selectmen. People will be giving money, based on what they think will happen. Before the committee makes any representations about any walkways or location of the bandstand, they need to come before the Board. The Selectmen are the ones who will decide where it goes. They put the cart before the horse.

Selectman Seabury said the gazebo wasn't a new idea. Selectman Jasper said it was talked about last year, but only briefly, and then it died. The safety people should also be included in the discussions for their input. He suggested that the committee meet with the School Board and Trustees about using the Hills House, the Town's cultural center. There's parking there, too, so it might be a better location. He knows the person pushing this likes the idea of a bandstand on the common, much like the one on the oval in Milford, but it may not be the most practical place. Chairman Madison said everyone thinks a bandstand is a great idea, but the location might not be. Selectman Stewart agreed with Selectman Jasper that using the Hills House might be more practical. At Old Home Days now, bands are stuck under a tent. Selectman Charbonneau wondered what would happen with the hay fields. Selectman Jasper said they are not productive and are already getting destroyed.

Selectman Jasper said this thing really needs to be thought out carefully because a bandstand is not easily moved once it is located. Selectman Seabury said she has thought it out--for 15 years. They can cordon off a section of Library Street and people can put their chairs out there. There's all kinds of parking available with the schools, the library and Town Hall. They

can work around all the obstacles. Selectman Jasper said he wasn't saying it couldn't work, but did question if it was the very best they can do. It might be used more often if it were someplace else. Selectman Seabury said one of the owners of the apartment houses there thought it was a delightful idea. She didn't think the others would be against it, either. She hoped the Coast Guard band would come up from Connecticut for the first concert. That's why she is on the committee--and not as a Selectman.

E. Pine Road-Winslow Farm Road Intersection Improvements

The Town Engineer, Mike Gospodarek, said this project was started six years ago by Mark DeVine, which was to straighten out a 90° within the Pine Road collector at the intersection of Winslow Farm Road. The project was abandoned due to time constraints. Mike would like to resurrect the project.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to refer this to the Highway Safety Committee carried unanimously.

Selectman Jasper wanted to see information in terms of accidents out there. Selectman Seabury said Mark DeVine brought this before Zoning because they had to do a wetlands special exception and, if someone is going to resurrect this, it has to be done more diplomatically. They came in like gang busters, and the board denied it. There was a cost factor that prevented it, too.

F. Resignation of Rhona Charbonneau from 250th Committee

Selectman Charbonneau resigned as liaison to the 250th Committee. Selectman Seabury moved to accept the resignation, with regrets. Selectman Jasper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. LICENSES AND PERMITS

A. Request by the Kiwanis for an Outdoor Gathering Permit for Old Home Days on August 15-17, 1997

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve carried unanimously.

B. Request by Shear Class to hold a Cut-a-Thon on August 24, 1997 at 290 Derry Road to benefit the Nashua Children's Association

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve carried unanimously.

C. Raffle Permit Request by the Chamber of Commerce to hold a raffle during Old Home Days, Aug 15-17

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve carried unanimously.

D. Raffle Permit Request by St. Kathryn's Church to hold a raffle during Old Home Days, Aug 15-17

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve carried unanimously.

E. Raffle Permit Request by the Wattanick Grange to hold a raffle during Old Home Days, Aug 15-17

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve carried unanimously.

The following two permits came in after the agenda was assembled:

F. Raffle Permit Request by the Hudson-Litchfield Rotary to hold a raffle on October 9, 1997, with ticket sales starting at Old Home Days

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve carried unanimously.

G. Raffle Permit Request by the 250th Committee for a 50-50 Raffle to be held on December 9, 1997 with ticket sales starting at Old Home Days

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve carried unanimously.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes of the July 22, 1997 BOS Minutes

Motion to accept the Minutes as presented and refer to file by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, carried unanimously.

12. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

08/13 7:00 LMR Planning Board

08/14 7:30 LMR ZBA

08/18 7:30 LMR Conservation Commission

08/18 7:00 BOS w/G Wulf

08/19 7:00 LMR BOS/Sewer Utility Committee

08/20 7:00 LMR HEDCorp

08/21 7:30 LMR Budget Committee

08/21 7:30 Sewer Utility Committee

08/26 7:00 LMR Public Hearing -Nashua Sewer Ordinance/Industrial Pretreatment and BOS Meeting

Chairman Madison asked if there were any additions or changes. She reminded everyone of the meeting on August 18 at 3:30 p.m. and the one on the 25th at 3:30. Paul said there was an addition to the 19th, a 9:00 meeting with the library. Chairman Madison said on the 19th, the Board was meeting with the Sewer Utility and then, at 9:00, they are meeting with the Library Trustees. Paul said the Trustees have requested this meeting to discuss their plans and to introduce the new Librarian. Selectman Seabury asked if it was a regular meeting night. Chairman Madison said no, it was the night they were meeting with the Sewer Utility.

13. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Terry Stewart complimented Keith Bowen on the great job he's doing with the Recreation Department and congratulated the Fire Chief for a successful boot drive.

Shawn Jasper hoped everyone would attend Old Home Days and stop by the Historical Society.

E. Lorraine Madison read the 101st item in an article entitled, "101 Fun Things to do in Southern Maine," in a Maine paper: "Go to a city council meeting, the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. The entertainment value depends on the topics for the night, but surprises can come at any time."

14. NONPUBLIC SESSIONS

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to enter Nonpublic Session under 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee; (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 9:19 p.m. and was terminated at 10:00 p.m.

The following motions were made in open session:

A. Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart to promote Patrolmen Jason Lavoie and Michael Smith to the rank of Sgt., and Sgt. Donald Brough to the rank of Lt., effective August 17, 1997 carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to hire Bob Boucher as a full time Call firefighter and Mike LaFleur as a full time Call EMT, effective August 13, 1997, carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained because it was a Fire Department issue.

Discussion with the Fire Chief about Engine 1.

Chief Carpentino said they are having major problems with this engine and it is time-consuming and costly. There are transmission problems now, and this one will be the fourth one they put it. The estimated cost to fix it is \$8,000. He wanted direction from the Board whether or not they wanted him to go ahead

and get it fixed or to look at other options. This truck is scheduled to be replaced in a couple years and he didn't know if it was cost effective to throw \$8,000 into it. He'd like to have a couple vendors give him an estimate of what the truck is worth on a trade-in value.

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He said they were dealing with Pelham Diesel, but there were other vendors within 1½ hours of here, such as Pierce, Greenwood Fire Apparatus, Tom Reese, plus others in Connecticut and Rhode Island that would give an appraisal of the truck. Chairman Madison said the Chief should go out and get the estimates. Chief Carpentino said if it appears it isn't going to be cost-effective to put the money into the truck, there are new vehicles available. He asked if the Board wanted him to pursue that avenue in order to have a figure to give to the Board at the same time. Paul said he'd be prudent to get a figure. Selectman Jasper said the likelihood of getting support for another engine this fiscal year is zilch, because the highway garage will be the #1 priority. He thought the Fire Department could go with one less pumper for a year or two.

Chief Carpentino said there are other issues involved. He will still submit his capital improvement projects for the Fire Department. If the Town turns it down, so be it, but he's just letting everyone know what the need is. In addition, he needs direction from the Board if they want to spend money to repair the truck, let it just, sell it for salvage, or replace it. He personally thinks it's a waste of good money to put it into the truck. They can probably function with two less trucks, but only because he can call on Nashua in an emergency. Chairman Madison said they would think about everything the Chief presented and will they look at numbers later and go from there.

Chief Carpentino said the priority driver will be Shawn Jasper, so he asked if the Board wanted Selectman Jasper to accompany him if he has to go someplace to look at a truck. Paul said that would be the Chief's call, between him and a Call firefighter. Chief Carpentino said that was fine, he just wanted an understanding of the issue. He could accompany him as a Call firefighter in order to gather information, but then could report the findings as a Selectmen to the group in order for them to get a better understanding of it. Chairman Madison said if Selectman Jasper needs to be consulted, it should be as a Call firefighter, and he should keep his liaison, Selectman Seabury, fully informed. Chief Carpentino said he'd get on this tomorrow and would keep Paul informed daily.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, carried unanimously.

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