

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**Minutes of the November 25, 1997 Meeting**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman E. Lorraine Madison

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, led by Selectman Shawn N. Jasper

3. **ATTENDANCE**

Selectmen: E. Lorraine Madison, Rhona Charbonneau, Shawn N. Jasper and Ann Seabury. (Terry Stewart was not present.)

Staff/Others: Paul Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Steve Malizia, Finance Director; Sue Snide, Zoning Administrator; Leo Lessard, Road Agent; Lisa Nute, HPD Information Officer; Gary Rodgers, Deputy Fire Chief; Dave Morin, Shane Sewade and Jodi Mitchell, Hudson Fire Department; Abbott, Annie and Jim Rice; Coleman Kelly; Howard Dilworth, Jr; Jean Serino; Arthur Haines; Tim, SUN; Les, HLN; Signe, TEL

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Trading Cards, Hudson Fire Department

Chairman Madison recognized Deputy Fire Chief Gary Rodgers, who came forward, along with Dave Morin and Shane Sewade, who coordinated the baseball trading card project, and Jodi Mitchell, who took the pictures. Deputy Chief Rodgers presented the Selectmen with an uncut sheet of cards. Dave Morin thanked the Board for their support of this project, adding that the donation from Presstek included 90,000 cards and 200 posters, which will go a long way in promoting good community relations for the Fire Department.

Arthur Haines, 17 Maple Avenue, Cell Phone Antennas -- Mr. Haines said he has lived on Maple Avenue for many years. He and his daughters and their friends have gone down by the river to look for wild flowers, hiked the trails and even launched a boat into the river a couple times. You can look across the river and not even see the houses in Nashua. It probably looks like it did 150 years ago. His daughters are concerned with the environment and pollution and have been involved in projects to clean up the area. He was opposed to locating a communications tower in Merrill Park, adding that it was unfortunate Omnipoint was told they could put up a tower there. The height of the tower was determined by the amount of antenna mounting space, not by signal strength. They will rent antenna space to other companies for profit. If it was less than 100' it would be covered by Zoning regs. The Merrill sisters sold the riverfront property to the Town for \$50,000 and he thinks they expected the land to be protected. He didn't think they would want to see a private company make a lot of money from it and degrade the property. Hudson has very little conservation land and they should protect every little bit they have. He didn't want to phone his daughters to say that the Town was putting in a big, ugly tower at Merrill Park.

Chairman Madison stated that Omnipoint has not been told that they can put a tower at Merrill Park; it's still under advisement by the Town.

Jean Serino, 118 Robinson Road, Communication Towers -- Ms. Serino echoed Mr. Haines' comments, saying that it is a public park, owned by "all of us." The only thing you can count on is the beauty of nature. To ruin or hurt it in any way is sacrilegious. She didn't think the tower needed to be that tall. In Vermont, they were allowed to put in a shorter one, hidden in the trees. She resented a commercial, private company putting something on public land to make a profit. This park belongs to the whole Town and if something like this is going to happen, it needs to be voted on at Town Meeting.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A. FROM: Jim Michaud, Assessor

RE: Update of Release from Public Servitude, Mark Street (Shawver request)

REFER TO: Old Business

B. FROM: Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer

RE: Shirley Bergeron's request for Land

REFER TO: Old Business

C. FROM: Richard Gendron, Chief of Police

RE: CAD System for the Police Department

REFER TO: New Business

D. FROM: Abbott Rice, Master, Wattannick Grange #327

RE: Permission to place Grange Sign at Bridge on Town-owned Land

REFER TO: New Business

E. FROM: Steve Malizia, Finance Director

RE: Bid Recommendation for Solid Waste Contract

REFER TO: New Business

F. FROM: Mike Reynolds, Town Planner

RE: FCC Pre-emption of Local Zoning--Cellular and Broadcast Towers

REFER TO: New Business

G. FROM: Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer

RE: Street Acceptances

REFER TO: New Business

H. FROM: Jim Michaud, Assessor

RE: Various Assessing Items

REFER TO: New Business

I. FROM: Sewer Utility Committee

RE: Abatement Requests

REFER TO: New Business

J. FROM: Leo Francoeur

RE: Zoning Petition

REFER TO: Planning Board

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

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Filling State Representative Vacancy

Chairman Madison said they are not able to hold an election at the same time as the Special Town Meeting. Therefore, there are no plans to have an election for the vacancy for State Rep.

B. Update of Release from Public Servitude, Mark Street (Shawver request)

Chairman Madison recognized Paul Sharon, who said this seemed to be a paper street, an unaccepted street, but platted street, that runs off of Wason Road. The issue went before the Board at a previous meeting and concerns were raised relative to land locking other properties. The matter was subsequently discussed at a staff meeting, and it was found that by vacating that street, other parcels *would* be landlocked. It was determined that there has been some use of that area. He said the general conclusion, at this point, is to do nothing. His recommendation was, therefore, to deny the request.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to deny the request carried unanimously.

C. Shirley Bergeron's request for Land

Chairman Madison recognized Paul Sharon, who said he talked with Ms. Bergeron, who said she wanted an opportunity, after the holidays, to take a look at the map with Mike Gospodarek to really see what the effect of the 30' additional right of way would be on that property. She's really not sure she's going to be interested in pursuing it and, therefore, requested that it be tabled until sometime after the first of the year, when she'll request bringing it back.

Selectman Jasper said he was in favor of that, but he didn't get an answer to the question he asked on October 14. Paul said they don't know where the current road is at that point in relationship to the edge of the right of way because the pavement meanders within the right of way; 30' would be additionally from the right of way.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to table carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS**A. CAD System for the Police Department**

Lisa Nute, Information Manager, of the Hudson Police Department said she was before the Board about a month ago, at which time she got authorization to start purchasing their equipment, which she called Phase I. Tonight, she was before them seeking authorization to contract with Unicom of Ohio, the software company they decided on. They are anxious to get into New England, so they gave them a great price. The Police Department has been using TIPS since 1991, which was developed by Jeff Ziminsky, but there has been no research and development on it and it is not meeting their needs at all. For example, they can't report auto data to the State. Jeff has promised that they will have that capability before the February deadline, but they should have been reporting since last January. Now they need to go back and do things like that. All along, there have been things like that, which has not been good.

Continuing, she said they have been looking at software for over a year, and have narrowed it down to a company that will carry them into the future. Unicom impressed them a great deal. The software is ODBC, "Open Data Base Compliance." They can take their statistics and dump them into Microsoft access and develop forms and things like that. The original quote by Unicom was out of their reach, even with the grant, but since they are so anxious to break into the New England market, they slashed their prices. The total amount went from \$132,181 to \$72,470 a savings of \$59,711. Lisa said it was a lot of system for the money, which includes the CAD system, Photo ID, NH Customization/Report Writer, TIPS data conversion, Records Module, Drug Investigation Module, Crime Mapping, 8-days to install/train, and maintenance/update for the first year.

She had a draft contract that has been reviewed by Attorney Ratigan, who made minor modifications, such a time restrictions and things like that. Chairman Madison asked if everything was going to run independent of the VAX; Lisa said yes, but they will still be able to access the VAX for data via a modem. She said the PD was awarded a grant of \$119,250 with the Town matching just under 25%. Paul asked if the crime mapping would be compatible with GIS. Lisa said it would. Selectman Charbonneau asked if the Town's share would be about \$19,000 of the \$72,470. Lisa said yes.

Selectman Jasper asked if they were going to stay within budget with all of this. Lisa said yes. Selectman Jasper thought only the Town of Hudson could enter into contracts, being signed by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Everyone agreed. The language in the contract will be changed from the Hudson Police Department to the Hudson Board of Selectmen.

Motion by Selectman Jasper to approve the agreement for the purchase of the computer equipment and software in the amount of \$72,470, with the necessary changes made in the contract, seconded by Selectman Seabury, carried unanimously.

B. Permission to place Grange Sign at Bridge on Town-owned Land

Selectman Jasper thought that a large reader sign was going to be place there, which would incorporate all of the signs of the civic groups in Town.

Paul said the Chamber of Commerce was the agency that was going to do that. Susan Snide said they were supposed to come in with a proposal, but she hasn't heard anything from them. Leo Lessard said the Chamber has a sign committee for that, which includes him and the Chief of Police. They are presently in the design stage of the process and hoped to have something by Spring.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to approve the placement of the Grange sign carried unanimously.

C. Bid Recommendation for Solid Waste Contract

Chairman Madison said she had asked Selectman Seabury if the Solid Waste Committee met to go over the contract. She had said they didn't. Present tonight was the Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee, Coleman Kelly, who was available to answer any questions anyone might have. She asked Leo Lessard, Road Agent, to come forward. Mr. Lessard said they advertised for the contract and then had the bid opening. BFI and Waste Management were pretty close. He recommended staying with BFI because they've had an excellent working relationship for the past two years. Whatever he asked them for, they've done.

Chairman Madison said that BFI also allows them a credit of \$5 a ton, which hasn't been factored into the costs, but which would reduce the amount by \$1,600. That would make them the low bidder. She also noted that they changed this contract to include a 12-month extension period and does not include pickup of Christmas trees. Leo said they also tightened up some wording, such as changing "pickup of at least once a week," to "pickup once a week." Chairman Madison said there is a 6-month extension allowed in the current contract and they could ask for that extension, but she didn't think they had a good reason to ask for an extension. Everyone else agreed with her. Paul mentioned that the price represented a dramatic increase that equates to about 30¢ on the tax rate, but they knew there was going to be an increase; they just didn't know how much. Leo said there was also an increase in residents, too. The Finance Director did an analysis, which showed that each household pays \$14 a month for trash pickup.

Selectman Charbonneau asked what yard waste pickup costs. Leo said it was \$31,000 for two years; Waste Management wanted \$60,000 for that service. Chairman Madison wanted to see the recycling charges lowered. Selectman Charbonneau thought the people were supposed to be educated on the benefits of recycling. Leo said there was a shift in the make up of the committee, so they never really followed through on it, and he didn't have the time to go to the recycling seminars and get into it as much as he could have.

Chairman Madison recognized Coleman Kelly, who said reconfigured SWSCOM wasn't organized until late summer. With that, and changing of the budget law, there wasn't adequate time to structure a change in the recycling program for this contract. The committee feels they need to undertake an aggressive educational program within the community before making recommendations to the Selectmen about increased participation. Chairman Madison said she'd like to see more emphasis in this area; people just don't bother recycle. It may have to be made mandatory.

Selectman Jasper said it is getting to the point where curbside pickup costs about 10% of the total operating budget, or about \$1.10 on the tax rate. He thought the people should be given a voice on the merits of putting in a transfer station. This new contract reflects a 31% increase. Chairman Madison said this is something they could discuss in the future. Selectman Jasper didn't think it should wait to the future, that it might even be something for consideration at the upcoming Town Meeting. It wouldn't take much for BFI to figure out how much it would cost to put in a transfer station, including operating costs. Paul asked if that would include Town personnel. Selectman Jasper said probably with their personnel, at this point. BFI personnel were present and said they would be able to come up with some numbers. Selectman Jasper said they'd be looking at some place where people can go in and dump into the roll-offs, instead of curbside collection. Chairman Madison said once before when they had trouble with solid waste, everyone paid for their own pickup by a private firm. But there are some taxpayers whose only service they really use is solid waste pickup.

Selectman Jasper said that is a choice that could be put on the warrant, and then the people could choose which option they wanted. Paul said if they do an option like that, they would have to give all other contractors an option to competitively rebid. Selectman Jasper said he agrees, but didn't think there were any insurmountable hurdles. This contract is up in July and they would have time to rebid. They would probably stay with curbside, but they should be presented with both options. Paul said, in examining the bids, about 60% of the increase is for recycling. Selectman Jasper asked how they save money by recycling, if that is the element that has gone up the most. Chairman Madison said because they are recycling only a small amount. The more they recycle, the less it will cost. Selectman Jasper said this is a labor-intensive element and the Town is recycling more now than before. Paul said the Town gets a direct credit on quantity.

Selectman Jasper asked if anyone evaluated this for cost effectiveness. He asked what would happen to the contract if the Town stopped recycling. BFI said they would have to go back and re-look at the numbers to see if they'd have to add additional trucks due to the recyclables being thrown back into the solid waste stream, causing additional volume. Chairman Madison couldn't believe they'd go in that direction. There are educational programs to teach children the benefits of recycling, plus the environmental issues. She didn't think the Town should be giving that kind of a message. Selectman Jasper believes in the concept of recycling, but wonders if they can justify it in view of the high numbers. There would still be recycling available at a transfer station, where people would separate their own items. Chairman Madison said people do selective recycling. What they don't put in the colored bin goes into the trash.

Coleman Kelly said several years ago he spoke with another town who had a transfer station with excess capacity. At that time they were willing to entertain an agreement with Hudson. He asked if the Board wanted him to pursue that possibility. Chairman Madison said that was something the committee might want to look into. Selectman Jasper said this was hard enough to do without having to go out of Town to do it.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, that the bid for the solid waste 2-year contract be awarded to BFI in the amount of \$2,455,150 for fiscal year 98-00 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to direct the Road Agent to forward information to the Board of Selectmen on the cost of running a transfer station ASAP carried unanimously.

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D. Tower Communications

Chairman Madison recognized Zoning Administrator Sue Snide said she wanted to inform the Board on the status of discussions with Omnipoint Communications. Last Wednesday, they spoke to the neighbors of Merrill Park and explained what they were proposing. The neighbors had an opportunity to ask questions and they were not happy with the prospect of a tower being located in the park. She had a memo available for the Board, outlining the issues facing the Board, including if Merrill Park can be utilized by the Board of selectmen for revenue and the placement of a structure. She said Mike Reynolds informed her last Wednesday that money from the Federal government, Land and Water Conservation, were used to improve that park and he is conducting research to determine if that would preclude the placement of a structure in the park.

Selectman Jasper said he will not consider placing a communications tower in any Town park. If the rest of the Board feels the same way, there is no need in pursuing the subject any further. Selectman Charbonneau said they should move to deny this, as it's inappropriate to locate a communications tower on public land. When they first come to the Board, the request was to use Town land for testing only. Chairman Madison said it would be horrible to put one up along the river. She thinks part of the reason they want to locate a tower here is to finish something they started in Nashua. Selectman Charbonneau agreed.

Selectman Jasper expressed his disappointment in the way this process was handled. When Omnipoint came before the Board, it was to request permission to test in various locations on Town land. He thought they would then come back to the Board with the results and to get further permission to place a tower, if they determined that a particular site was favorable to them. The Board never saw a list of locations. The next thing he knew, because he saw it in the paper, was that there was going to be a public hearing. Chairman Madison said Omnipoint themselves conducted an informational meeting for the neighborhood residents. Selectman Jasper realized that, but still felt the Board had been left out--sandbagged, because they knew people would be riled up when they saw Merrill Park. If they came back to the Board first, they would have been told Merrill Park is not a suitable area for consideration, and it wouldn't have gone any further.

Paul Sharon didn't know how this one could have worked differently. It will come back to the Board of Selectmen anyway, because Omnipoint will choose some site. They looked at various sites and knew what would work for them, which would not take any additional testing. They took it upon themselves to get the reaction of the neighbors at Merrill Park by holding a public meeting. It doesn't preclude anything. Selectman Jasper said a lot of people were unnecessarily riled up. Omnipoint should have come back to the Board first to say that Merrill Park 'works,' and asked for authorization to proceed. Had they done that, the Board would have said no. Selectman Charbonneau said the only thing the Board authorized Omnipoint to do was test. She didn't realize something else had happened until people started calling her, asking what was going on at Merrill Park. They should have come back to the Board before they held an informational meeting. They would have been told that Town property is not the proper site for a business venture.

Paul said the Town can't prohibit the tower from going up somewhere. Selectman Charbonneau said they could on Town-owned land. Selectman Jasper didn't know that the Constitution allows a government agency to come in and tromp all over a state like they are here. This is an issue worth fighting. Chairman Madison said that is what they will be discussing with the next agenda item. But the Town would have some advantages if the Town preempts them and finds a location. The potential exists that the Federal Government will override local zoning ordinances.

Susan Snide said that Attorney Ciandella has recommended that this Board formulate a policy on how they want communications companies to approach the community. For instance, does the governing board want to talk to the businesses and, therefore, have more control, or does the body want the businesses to negotiate with private property owners, adding it wasn't something the Board had to decide right away. Chairman Madison asked how much time they did have because there was a deadline of November 27 associated with the next agenda item, on this same subject.

Selectman Jasper said the Board of Selectmen were in a lose-lose situation. If they don't allow siting on Town property, they lose some of the control; if they allow them to be located on Town land, the Board will be crucified. He said he has a cell phone and it works just fine. Susan asked him if it was analog or digital. He didn't know. She said it would make a big difference pretty soon, and there are some dead spots in Hudson, according to the Fire and Police departments. If the Board does want to set a policy where they enter into agreements with PCS providers for more than one year, Town Meeting authorization is required. Amherst has already done that and have been in negotiations with Omnipoint.

Chairman Madison said this is something that needs to be looked at before something is federally mandated. Selectman Jasper said that doesn't make it constitutional. Susan understood what Selectman Jasper was saying, but this isn't the place to debate the Constitution. She said she, personally, doesn't like adult businesses, but she can't say they can't come into Hudson because there isn't any policy on them, and it is the same thing with communication towers. The Board can regulate location and time, but they don't have the option of saying 'no.' She said when Omnipoint was testing, the original idea was to locate it at Town Hall, but when they went to Merrill Park, the engineer thought it was a great location. Paul mentioned that Susan was suggested engaging a consultant, maybe in conjunction with another town, such as Amherst, to put together a proposal. Selectman Charbonneau asked if there were any towers in Nashua. Susan said there are five towers and they are negotiating for six more, but Nashua has several tall buildings and they can be hidden behind them.

Chairman Madison asked for the will of the body. Selectman Jasper said he's confused about what the policy would do. If the Town doesn't want towers located on Town land, do they need a policy? Paul said there should be some kind of guidelines as to potential attachments on the towers. Chairman Madison said if the whole country is having the same problem, it's something they will be seeing more and more of. It might be a good idea to hook up with the consultant in Amherst. They will have a proposal by someone who knows what they are talking about and is familiar with these things because it is something that will happen sooner or later. Selectman Jasper wondered what the guidelines will do. Susan asked if the Board wanted to say something like, "We will not entertain any proposals to locate towers on municipal land," or if they would consider some Town-owned property, "This is what we expect from you." Paul said he gave Susan a copy of a 30-page model ordinance on regulating what can be regulated on these kinds of towers. The Town should be regulating what they can, where they can. Susan said that's how the Town can maintain some control. As they move on into the future, the towers become very important, especially to the emergency service departments. Paul said the Board can require that the towers be stealth towers, to meet certain standards to hide or shield them and make them blend into the landscape--as much as you can with a 150' tower. But the regulations have to be in place. This is a highly technical issue.

Chairman Madison asked the Zoning Administrator what she recommended. Susan recommended sitting down and talking with the consultant, Ivan Pagacik, an RF engineer, of RCC Engineers in Andover, MA. Coleman Kelly has a background engineering and understands something about TF and can ask pointed questions to help clarify the Town's understanding. Charles Dunn from Town also has a background in RF engineering understands this type of thing and wants to be involved in helping the Town decipher some of the information. Since the Board will probably have technical, as well as Constitutional questions, it would be wise to talk with an expert in the field to understand why the companies are proposing. Chairman Madison thought they should meet with the consultant. Susan said she would tell the consultant to plan for at least an hour.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, for the Zoning Administrator to arrange for Ivan Pagacik to come before the Selectmen with the Planning Board and Zoning Board present, carried unanimously.

E. FCC Pre-emption of Local Zoning--Cellular and Broadcast Towers

Chairman Madison recognized Paul Sharon, who said the Planning Board received a communique from the law firm of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett out of Grand Rapids-Lansing, Michigan. They are a firm that has taken a leadership role in fighting the FCC and Telecommunications Act on the preemption. They are currently representing communities in Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas and getting more people on the band wagon all the time. They have requested Hudson to make a modest \$250 contribution to this collective effort. The Planning Board strongly recommends it, as does he and Susan Snide.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to participate and contribute \$250 towards the fight against the FCC rules carried unanimously.

F. Street Acceptances: Public Hearings/Board Action

1) Joan Avenue

2) St. Mary Drive, St. Anthony Drive, St. Francis Drive

3) Robin Drive and Falcon Drive

Chairman Madison, pursuant to RSA 674:40-a, relative to Street Acceptances, opened the public hearing at 8:50 p.m. on the consideration to accept Joan Avenue, St. Mary Drive, St. Anthony Drive, St. Francis Drive, Robin Drive and Falcon Drive as Town streets. Not receiving any comments, she closed the hearing.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to accept the aforementioned streets as Town Streets carried unanimously.

G. Various Assessing Items

1) Intent to Cut, Map 28, Lot 9

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to sign the Intent to Cut, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

2) 1997 Abatement Application, 2 Thurstons Drive, Map 21, Lot 4-1

3) 1997 Abatement Application, 18 Merrimack Street, Map 54, Lot 21-1

4) 1997 Abatement Application, 8 Patricia Drive, Map 28, Lot 20-27

5) 1997 Abatement Application, 7 Leonard Drive, Map 5, Lot 67-46

6) 1997 Abatement Application, 25 Rangers Drive, Map 31, Lot 30-62

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

H. Sewer Abatement Requests

1) Reference #5 (Joyce Cloutier, 6 Clifton Street, \$77.39; Raymond Seubert, 8 Roy Drive, \$83.34; Roger Auclair, 34 Greeley Street, \$35.71; Suzanne Marchand, 16 St. Anthony Drive, \$57.15; Thomas Dunlea, 35 Winnhaven Drive, \$38.10)

2) Reference #6 (Honore Gendron, 9 Tessier Street, \$36.91; Frank Mucko, 117 Lowell Road, \$46.43; Kevin Conroy, 15 Cummings Street, \$22.62)

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

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Lighted Bike Path on 3-A near Sagamore Bridge

NH DOT is working on the design for improvements on 3A and widening of Sagamore Road and, according to Nancy Mayville, there is going to be a bike path included, which will be cantilevered off of the bridge as it comes across the river. The path will go into the woods for about 1,500' and then to Sagamore Road. The question Nancy posed was whether or not the Town wanted the path lighted. The State has offered to put in eight lights, if the Town will pay for the electricity.

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The cost would run about \$2,900 a year. She said they could approve the installation of the lights, but they don't have to light them all. Selectman Jasper said if the lights are put in and not lit, there will be phone calls every day.

Chairman Madison recognized Coleman Kelly, who asked, considering the potential infrequent use of the path, if the State would consider installing motion sensors to control the lights at either end of the portion going through the woods. Selectman Jasper said that wouldn't work because the type of lighting they use takes several minutes to light up. There will be a large portion of the year that the path isn't being used.

Chairman Madison recognized Steve Boucher, who asked if it would become a public safety liability issue if lighting were not put in, given our litigious society. Paul said absolutely; it would be a muggers' haven. Selectman Charbonneau sometimes a free gift ends up costing a lot in the long run. Selectman Jasper said the Board constantly turns down residents' requests for street lights. They aren't in the business of putting up street lights so everyone can feel safe and comfortable; they put them up for safety. He didn't think 3% of the population will ever use the path that would cost \$2,900 a year for electricity. Selectman Charbonneau said she could see putting in lighting if it was a long stretch, but not for only 1,500'. It just didn't make any sense to her. Selectman Jasper said the bike path is going in on State land, so if there is any liability, it will be the State's.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, that the Town does not want to accept responsibility for lights on State property failed by a tie vote, 2-2. Selectmen Charbonneau and Jasper voted in favor of the motion; Selectmen Madison and Seabury were opposed.

Chairman Madison said it would go on the next agenda because Nancy Mayville will be there to talk about the State cleaning up the Benson property.

B. Special Town Meeting Warrant

Chairman Madison announced that the Warrant has been posted.

C. Warrant Article for Billing Clerk

Selectman Jasper said when the Warrant is done, an article for a Billing Clerk should be included. He said the Budget Committee won't get started on the budget until January. They were very pleased that the Board listed the Warrant Articles as provided the information they did.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. BOS Minutes of August 25, 1997

B. BOS Minutes of November 4, 1997

C. BOS Minutes of November 10, 1997

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

10. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS (There were no changes or additions to the listing.)

11/26 @ 7:00 Planning Board in Planning/Zoning Meeting Room

11/27 & 11/28 Thanksgiving Holiday--Town Hall closed

12/1 @ 7:00 p.m. Governor's Volunteer Award Night in Concord

12/2 @ 7:30 Recreation Committee at Rec Center

12/2 @ 7:30 Public Informational Meeting on Water Company at Lions Hall

12/3 @ 7:00 Planning Board Workshop in Planning-Zoning Meeting Room

12/3 @ 7:30 Budget Committee in Selectmen's Meeting Room

12/4 @ 7:30 Budget Committee in Planning Zoning Meeting Room

12/4 @ 7:30 Sewer Utility Committee in Selectmen's Meeting Room

12/9 @ 7:30 BOS Meeting in Selectman's Meeting Room

12/10 @ 7:00 Planning Board in Planning-Zoning Meeting Room

12/10 @ 7:30 Budget Committee in Selectmen's Meeting Room

12/11 @ 7:30 Budget Committee in Selectmen's Meeting Room

12/11 @ 7:30 ZBA in Planning-Zoning Meeting Room

12/12 @ 7:30 p.m. Special Town Meeting Deliberative Session @ Memorial School

11. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Ann Seabury said she has 50-50 tickets for the bandstand raffle, in case anyone is interested. The drawing is at the beginning of December.

Rhona Charbonneau said she had put an article in the HLN last Friday about the property at Benson's, and she has been getting an unbelievable response. Over the weekend, she got over 40 calls, plus faxes and letters. The people *would* like to see that turned into a park. She will be making an appointment with Leon Kenison and wanted to find out how the Board felt about it. Selectmen Madison and Seabury thought it would be wonderful--and probably the best response to any question they have ever asked. Selectman Jasper said the last letter that was written said it was too early to talk about the future of Benson's. He thinks there is a lot of room for a portion of that to be a park. He expects that eventually there will be the next leg of the Circumferential and they will need that land for wetlands mitigation. Some of it will be too high for that, and to that degree, he'd like to see something done with that land. None of them like seeing that area deteriorate. Selectman Charbonneau said it would be the ideal location for a park. They could look into using volunteers and applying for grants.

E. Lorraine Madison wished everyone a wonderful holiday.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, carried unanimously.

Recorded and Transcribed by Priscilla Boisvert

Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

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