

**HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of the March 9, 1998 Meeting**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Madison at 7:33 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, led by Selectman Ann Seabury

3. **ATTENDANCE**

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

**Staff/Others**: Paul D. Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Steve Malizia, Finance Director; Leo Lessard, Road Agent; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer; Jason Brennan, Camp, Dresser & McKee; Coleman Kelly; Len Lathrop; Nancy Regan; Howard Dilworth; Tim, SUN; Len, HLN; and Signe, TEL

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Chairman Madison stated that if anyone wanted to speak on an agenda item, it had to be now because she was not going to recognize anyone in the audience during Board deliberations on the items.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A. FROM: Steve Malizia, Finance Director

RE: Bid Recommendation--Hudson Water Utility Bonds

REFER TO: New Business

B. FROM: Steve Malizia, Finance Director

RE: Bid Recommendation--Aerial Photography and Photogrammetric Mapping

REFER TO: New Business

C. FROM: Joseph Wozniak

RE: Civility Issues

REFER TO: New Business

D. FROM: Jim Michaud, Assessor

RE: Various Assessing Items

REFER TO: New Business

*Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to receive the Correspondence, Items A-D, with appropriate referral carried unanimously.*

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Bid Recommendation--Hudson Water Utility Bonds**

*Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to award the bid for the 30-year bond to Merrill Lynch in the amount of \$49,262,387.50 (5.15%), as recommended by the Finance Director, carried unanimously.*

Chairman Madison stated that with the interest rate being at 5.15%, the Town will save \$1,029,645.

## **B. Bid Recommendation--Aerial Photography and Photogrammetric Mapping**

Town Engineer Mike Gospodarek introduced Jason Brennan from Camp, Dresser & McKee, who gave a brief computerized slide presentation on aerial mapping.

*Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to award the bid for aerial photography and photogrammetric mapping to East Coast Mapping, in the amount of \$194,958.50 as recommended by the Finance Director.*

Selectman Jasper asked why there was such a big spread in the bid amounts. Mr. Brennan said he wondered, too. When he contacted East Coast Mapping, a very reputable firm, they said that was the way it costed out. Some of the other firms proposed to do contour mapping in a different manner, which added to the price. He said the specifications are very strict and East Coast must meet them at their bid price. Selectman Charbonneau wanted to make sure there weren't any hidden clauses. Mr. Brennan assured her there were not; the specifications were straightforward and direct.

*Vote: Motion awarding bid to East Coast mapping carried.*

## **C. Civility Issues**

Chairman Madison said Joe Wozniak sent the Board a letter, in which he stated that defamatory remarks were made by a Selectman at a meeting, which were not challenged by the Chair. He asked that the statements made at the January 27, 1998 meeting be stricken from the official record, and for a public apology from the Selectman who made the remarks. Chairman Madison reminded the Board that the Minutes from that meeting have already been accepted and placed on file, adding that perhaps she should have stopped the remarks when they were made, but she doesn't think it really got out of hand. She should, however, stop anyone from using names. She asked the Board what they wished to do about the matter. There was no response, so she moved on to the next item.

## **D. Assessing Items**

### **1) Veterans Tax Credit/\$100 (Thomas Dorris, 37 Barretts Hill Road)**

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

### **2) Disabled Tax Deferral Application (Cheril Katsohis, 7 Alpha Street, Map 49, Lot 50)**

*Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to sign, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.*

### **3) Totally and Permanently Disabled Property Tax Exemption and Abatement (Bennett E. Hart, 1 Blackstone Street)**

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

### **4) Current Use Release, Map 17, Lots 21, 21-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, & 8 Pelham Landing Subdivision (Alphonse and Sophie Raudonis) and Map 28, Lot 4-12 Farmington Drive (George LaBounty)**

*Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to sign, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.*

## **E. Setting of Date to Swear in newly elected Officials**

Chairman Madison said that last year the election was on April 8 and the official swearing-in ceremony was April 15. The Board opted not to have a formal ceremony this year. The elected officials can go in to the Town Clerk's Office at their convenience to be sworn in, after the three-day recount period, on March 16th.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. State Fish and Game**

Selectman Jasper said there is a Bill in Concord having to do with the power of Fish and Game to regulate all hunting and taking of game within towns. The question arose as to how that might affect the Town's trapping ordinance, which might not be legal to begin with, but it was drafted by the Town Attorney. He didn't think the Legislature can pass retrospective laws, but he wasn't sure whether it applied to this. He requested a legal opinion as to the potential impact. Paul said Attorney Ratigan is aware of the legislation and he will be asked to provide a legal opinion.

### **B. Meeting w/Planning Board to discuss southern portion of Lowell Road**

Selectman Stewart said the Chairman of the Planning Board will be contacting the Selectmen to set up a meeting concerning the lower end of Lowell Road by Market Basket and the intersection.

**C. Manning the Polls Tomorrow**

Chairman Madison said she will be at the polls tomorrow at 7:00 a.m. and after work. Two Selectmen are seeking re-election and, therefore, cannot work the polls. Selectman Stewart said she will be there at 7:00 a.m. and after 5:00. Selectman Charbonneau will be there at 12:30 p.m.

**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**A. Request for a Hawker/Peddler Permit by Aron Johnston to operate a mobile canteen truck for Spring Hill Catering**

**B. Request for a Hawker/Peddler Permit by Carlos Edes to operate a mobile canteen truck for Spring Hill Catering**

*Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve the Hawker-Peddler requests carried 4-1.* Selectman Charbonneau voted in opposition.

**9. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**A. Minutes of the Board of Assessors Meeting of February 10, 1998**

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

**B. Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of February 10, 1998**

**C. Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of February 17, 1998**

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

**10. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

3/10 Voting at Lions Hall, 7 am - 8 pm

3/11 7:00 pm Planning Board, P/Z Mtg Rm

3/12 7:30 pm ZBA, P/Z Mtg Rm

3/12 7:30 pm Sewer Utility, Small Conference Room

3/16 7:30 pm Conservation Commission, P/Z Mtg Rm

3/19 7:30 pm Budget Committee, P/Z Mtg Rm

3/24 7:30 pm Board of Selectmen, BOS Rm

There were no additions or changes to the listing.

**11. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN**

·Selectman Stewart said everyone should vote tomorrow; they need land for a public works facility.

·Selectman Seabury wished Selectman Jasper luck tomorrow.

·Selectman Charbonneau wished Selectmen Jasper and Seabury luck and to vote no for Water Commissioners, yes for Benson's.

·Selectman Jasper wished Ann good luck tomorrow. If he's lucky enough to be sitting in his seat after tomorrow, he didn't want to be looking across the table at a different face.

·Chairman Madison wished both Selectmen Seabury and Jasper good luck, adding that she hoped they would both get re-elected. She asked

everyone to vote no on the Water Commissioners.

**12. LIAISON UPDATES** (There were none.)

**13. NONPUBLIC SESSIONS**

Consideration to enter Nonpublic Session by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, likely would benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

**Votes taken in Open Session**

A. Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury to hire Michelle Carpentier as a part-time receptionist in the Highway Dept. effective 3/15/98, Grade VI, Step 1 @ 9.99/hr carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to grant authorization to the Road Agent to advertise the position of Truck Driver-Laborer in the Sewer and Drains Division of the Highway Depart. due to a vacancy caused by a resignation carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to authorize the Finance Director to advertise the position of Water Billing Clerk, if the applicable warrant article is approved by the voters tomorrow carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to authorize the Assessor to advertise the position of Assessor's Aide due to the resignation of Ellen Boucher carried unanimously.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. carried unanimously.

Recorded and Transcribed by Priscilla Boisvert

Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

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