

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the September 22, 1998 Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Vice Chairman Terry Stewart at 7:35 p.m.

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

3. **ATTENDANCE**

Selectmen Present: Terry Stewart, Rhona Charbonneau, Ann Seabury and Shawn N. Jasper (Chairman E. Lorraine Madison was absent.)

Staff/Others: Paul Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Asst; Kevin Burns, Road Agent; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; David Yates, Rec Director; David Alukonis; George Hall, Planning Board; Howard Dilworth, Jr; Nancy Regan; David Bouchard; Mr. and Mrs. Jackson

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

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A. FROM: Highway Safety Committee

RE: Ordinance 098-05 Installation of Stop Signs

REFER TO: New Business

B. FROM: Lucille Boucher, 250/Bandstand Committee

RE: Bandstand

REFER TO: New Business

C. FROM: David Yates, Recreation Director

RE: Donation of Playground Equipment

REFER TO: New Business

D. FROM: Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer

RE: Bush Hill Road Re-alignment, Map 21, Lot 5

REFER TO: Old Business, 6-A

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

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Thurston's Landing/Bush Hill Road**

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to defer to October 13, 1998 carried unanimously.

Paul Sharon said the area in front of the Jackson's will be staked out and flagged later this week, which will give everyone a chance to look at it. They should have all the comments by the first of October. Selectman Charbonneau asked if this was eminent domain. Paul said presumably; Selectman Jasper said hopefully not. He has been having conversations with the Jackson's and he felt that this was an excellent plan that was being proposed at this time and suggested that it be staked out so the Jackson's could look at it and go from there. Paul said Mike Gospodarek has been in touch with the Jackson's with some frequency concerning this issue.

B. Fire Department's Adjusted FY-99 Budget Line Item Accounts

Vice Chairman Stewart recognized Selectman Jasper, who said he hoped everyone looked over the sheets with the accounts and amounts. The Chief made the cuts in order to fund the Superintendent's position, around \$43,000, a position the Chief did not request. It was suggested and authorized by the Board. Selectman Jasper felt that some of the cuts would compromise safety and suggested moving \$15,000 from Contingency to help restore some of the items. He felt the following items should not be sacrificed: In 5720-403 Opticom \$1,093; Mobile Radio \$1,900; Portable Radio \$1,195; Portable Radio Charger \$570; In 5730, 205 Repair/Paint Trucks \$2,500; 237 Arson Class \$1,000; Training Seminars \$2,000; Instructor Fees \$1,000; 324 Chemicals, Foam, etc. \$500; 399 Nozzles/Appliances \$1,000; 399 Pass Devices \$2,280; and Dry Hydrant Maint \$1,500; In 5750, 325 Repair Vehicles \$500; 350 Immobilization Supplies \$1,100; and 403 CPR Torso \$340. Selectman Jasper reiterated that the items add up to between \$15,000 and \$16,000.

Selectman Seabury asked if Selectman Jasper was replacing everything that the Chief took out. Selectman Jasper said the Chief didn't ask for a new position, the Board suggested it. Selectmen Charbonneau and Seabury thought the Chief asked for it. Selectman Jasper said he wasn't at the meeting, but he listened to the tapes, and it wasn't the Chief's request. Paul said it was a dynamic conversation. Selectman Jasper said it was not brought up by the Chief. Paul asked if the proposed reductions eliminated lines or reduced them. Chief Carpentino said it was a combination of both.

Selectman Seabury didn't mind giving the Chief the money if he needs it, but until he does, they are jumping ahead of the game. If an emergency vehicle breaks down, she is sure the Board will help out; they always have. She thinks they are moving too fast on this and maybe he can work this out within his budget himself. If he can't, the Board will be there to help. Selectman Jasper said all of the items were what the Board, the Budget Committee and the Town authorized and some of the things are ongoing, parts of replacement programs. Some of the accounts can be reduced, but not on all of them. The Board should at least put some of that money back in. He shouldn't have had to cut the \$43,000 to begin with because he didn't have a plan. Selectman Charbonneau agreed with Selectman Seabury that the Chief should do what he can within his budget and then, if he needs to use Contingency, they can vote on it at the time. She knows the Chief wouldn't have proposed the cuts if he thought he was going to jeopardize the people. She thinks the Board should go along with what the Chief is recommending and, when he needs the money, they'll take it out of Contingency at that time.

Paul said there was no motion on the floor. Selectman Charbonneau moved to go along with the Chief's recommendations. Selectman Jasper said they didn't need to do that. Paul said they need a motion only if they were going to make a transfer from Contingency. Selectman Charbonneau said the Chief knows he'll get the money if he needs it. Selectman Jasper asked for a clarification, that if the Chief has a need for any of the specific items, he's welcome to come back to the Board to ask. Selectman Charbonneau said that was correct. Selectman Jasper said things should not be unnecessarily cut in the course of trying to keep up with the planned replacements. If the Chief doesn't have the money someplace else, the Board should

not be cutting operations unnecessarily. Selectman Charbonneau agreed. Selectman Seabury said this was getting funny and asked how many times they bought Fire Department windows. Selectman Jasper said that was a different Chief. Selectman Seabury agreed that unexpected things come up in every budget. Hopefully, he can work within his budget but, if not, the Board will help him.

C. Highway Department Reorganization (Deferred from 9/15/98)

This item was discussed during yesterday's Selectmen-Department Heads' meeting. Road Agent Kevin Burns asked how much detail he should go into tonight. Selectman Jasper said they approved this yesterday. Paul suggested that Kevin briefly recap what was being proposed. Kevin said his recommendation was to eliminate the position of Street Division Assistant Foreman and replace it with a Truck Driver/Laborer, effective after it is posted and they go through the hiring process. His second recommendation is to temporarily hire an Assistant Foreman for a training and evaluation period, with the anticipated retirement of the Street Division Foreman. He wants to go into the next budget season with a Road Agent and two Foremen and that would be the complete supervisory staff.

D. Harvest Fest

Vice Chairman Stewart recognized David Alukonis, who said the Historical Society is sponsoring Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 10, Columbus Day weekend. The intent is to provide a venue for the Town's non-profit and community service organizations to be able to make some money, as well as to provide a location for various recreational events. The organizations which will be taking part include the Historical Society, the Lions Club, the Nottingham West Lions Club, the FFA from Alvirne, the Baptist Church organization, and others, including PTO's. Both the Police and Fire Departments will be having open houses that day, as well as the Vocational Center at Alvirne. There will be various activities in various parts of Town, and entertainment, such as a petting zoo, which is sponsored by the Historical Society, and a tug-of-war contest, sponsored by CHIPS. The Selectmen were invited to form a team and there has been a challenge made between the Police and Fire Departments. The Highway Department is more than welcome to participate, as well. There will be a bonfire in the evening, coordinated by the Fire Department.

Selectmen Seabury and Charbonneau said it sounded wonderful. David said the Historical Society would be meeting tomorrow night to firm up the plans and schedules. Selectman Seabury said she read in the paper that the Historical Society is taking over Old Home Days. David said they have been the co-sponsor of the event and are interested in working with other organizations. They, alone, cannot accomplish an Old Home Days event.

E. Christmas Tree and Plan Review

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to defer to October 13, 1998 carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing/Board Action on Ordinance 098-05 Authorizing Installation of Stop Signs on Hartson Circle/Cheney Drive

Vice-Chairman Stewart opened the Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak.

Robert Nadeau, 18 Hartson Circle, said he'd like to see Stop signs on Lund Road and Hartson Circle. He lives on the top on a hill and several times, he's narrowly missed hitting someone

because there is a blind corner. He'd like a sign put up on Lund Road because it's a dangerous spot. It might cost some money, but he'd rather spend a few dollars for a sign than see someone get hurt.

There being no further speakers, Vice-Chairman Stewart closed the hearing at 7:56 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to adopt Ordinance 098-05 carried unanimously.

B. Public Hearing/Board Action on Donation of Bandstand to the Town by the 250/Bandstand Committee

Vice-Chairman Stewart opened the Public Hearing at 7:58 p.m. and asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak.

Howard Dilworth, Jr., 36 Old Derry Road, said he was glad to see the Board accepting the bandstand as it would have been an embarrassment to have the dedication before accepting it. He wanted to make a third pitch to the Board to get a good site plan of this area. He believes very strongly there should be good site plans for *all* of the facilities in Town, such as what is expected from applicants to the Planning Board. He thought this was an opportune time to mention it again.

There being no further comments, Vice-Chairman Stewart closed the hearing at 7:59.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to accept the bandstand, with thanks, carried unanimously.

C. Acceptance of Donation of Playground Equipment

Motion by Selectman Seabury to accept, with thanks, seconded by Selectman Jasper.

Selectman Jasper said normally when the Board accepts something, they have a letter from the organization making the donation so they know what it is. In this case, all they have is a note from the Recreation Director. Paul said there is a letter from the Condo Association, offering the playground equipment. Mr. Yates has met with them, looked at the equipment and evaluated it. All it needs now is to be accepted before being picked up and moved to another location. Selectman Jasper said they don't have a clue as to what they are accepting. Paul asked David Yates to explain. He said he was trying to track down a copy of the letter. He looked at the equipment, which is an aluminum two-swing and slide set that was at the condo complex, but it was creating too much noise there. He said it looks like the set at Greeley Park and is in great condition. The Rec Committee thought it was a good idea when it went before them. Selectman Jasper asked if it was of commercial quality. David said yes, it's good and sturdy. The Rec Committee suggested putting it at the Rec Center. Paul said it's valued at less than \$500 and that's why there was no public hearing.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

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8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Bandstand Dedication Ceremony, Sunday, September 27, 1998 @ 1:00 p.m.

Selectman Seabury said she sent invitations to politicians and to businesses in the community that donated materials and other funding. She sent an invitation to Bob Smith in Manchester,

but it was returned. Selectman Charbonneau said she's already spoken to his people. Selectman Seabury said everything is falling into place. Officer Chuck Dyac will sing the National Anthem, the Justice Band will play and Reverend Howe will give the invocation. She's hoping the weather cooperates because there will be a lot of cake left if it doesn't. Selectman Charbonneau hoped they'd have a good turnout.

B. Setting 1999 Town Meeting Deliberative Session Date

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to set the Town Meeting date for February 6, 1999 carried unanimously.

C. Authorization to Fire Department to Purchase Ambulance

Vice-Chairman Stewart recognized Chief Carpentino, who said Town Meeting approved the purchase of a new ambulance to replace the 1987 unit. Nine spec packages were sent out and they received two back. They evaluated both bids and one did not meet the specs in a number of areas. The company that met the specs is Specialty Vehicles out of North Attleboro, MA, was also the low bidder, the vendor the Fire Department has bought most of their ambulances from. It came in at \$96,889 after the trade-in value. They'd like to add \$1,680 to cover the cost of the installation of a chain system to provide the vehicle with traction during the winter. It will also help out on maintenance and will still be within the \$100,000 warrant article. The total price will be \$98,569. He went to North Attleboro yesterday with Mickey Rudolph, the EMS Supervisor and met with Mr. Hooper, who called the company in St. Paul, Minnesota. They have one 1998 Ford chassis left, reserved for Hudson, contingent upon the Board's approval. If this isn't approved, they have to go back to the drawing board, or wait until a 1999 is available, which will take up to six months to get after a contract is signed.

Selectman Jasper asked how long it will take to get the 1998 vehicle. Chief Carpentino said, because it is a '98, they will move it to the head of the assembly line so they can get it off the lot, as soon as they get a signed contract; probably in about 45 days, barring any problems. They are adding another compartment to the ambulance to provide more room for equipment. The 99's will have a 4-5% price increase. Paul asked if this was the figure they discussed yesterday afternoon with the Board, or if the chain was extra. Chief Carpentino said the chain was part of the bid and the same numbers he talked about yesterday, with the only difference being Cecile didn't list the options on her sheet.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to accept Frank's recommendation for a 1998 Ford chassis, for a total of \$98,569 carried 3-0. Selectman Jasper abstained because it was a Fire Department item.

9. LICENSES AND PERMITS

Outdoor Gathering Permit request for Harvest Fest on October 10, 1998

Motion to grant by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried 3-0. Selectman Jasper abstained.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes of the BOS Meeting of September 15, 1998

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

11. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

09/23 7:00 Planning Bd in P/Z Mtg Rm

09/24 7:30 Sewer Utility Cmt in Small Conference Room

09/24 7:30 ZBA in P/Z Mtg Rm

09/27 1:00 Dedication Ceremony @ Library Park on the Bandstand

10/01 7:00 Cable Committee, P/Z Mtg Rm

10/03 8:00-2:00 Cleanup at Landfill

10/06 7:30 Recreation Cmt @ Rec Ctr

10/07 7:00 Planning Bd Workshop in P/Z Mtg Rm

10/08 7:30 ZBA in P/Z Mtg Rm

10/10 Harvest Fest

10/12 Columbus Day Holiday--Town Hall Closed

10/13 7:30 BOS Mtg in BOS Mtg Rm

Vice-Chairman Stewart asked if there were any changes or additions. Selectman Jasper added the CIP meeting, scheduled for 9/24/98.

12. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Seabury noticed that the Jackson's were in the audience and asked if they should be given an explanation. Selectman Jasper said he spoke with them Sunday night and told them that the discussion (on Bush Hill Road/Thurston's Landing) was going to be postponed until October 13. Paul added that the road was going to be staked out towards the end of the week.

13. NONPUBLIC SESSIONS

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to enter Nonpublic Session under 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 8:10 p.m. and was terminated at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to hire Keith Bowen and Fred Deppe as co-soccer directors and split the \$1,000 fee 50-50 carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. carried unanimously.

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