

**HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Minutes of the March 10, 2003 Meeting**

7:00 – 7:30 p.m. labor relations hearing, pursuant to RSA 91-A:2 I (b)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Cole at 7:57 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Selectman Stewart.
3. **ATTENDANCE**

**Selectmen:** William P. Cole, Rhona Charbonneau, Shawn N. Jasper, Ann Seabury and Teresa Stewart.

**Staff/Others:** Paul D. Sharon, Town Administrator; Steve A. Malizia, Interim Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Sean T. Sullivan, Director of Community Development; Jim Michaud, Assessor; Tom Sommers, Sewer Utility Consultant; Lt. Dave Morin, Fire Department; from NRPC, Stephen Williams, Assistant Director and Ray Guarino, Transportation Planner; Jim Battis, Conservation Commission Chairman; Ray Rowell; Leo Bernard; Howard Dilworth, Jr; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Giuffrida; Bob Haefner; Anne Lundregan, TEL.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

**Fred Giuffrida, 14 Pinewood Road-Response to Remarks on 2/25/03**—Mr. Giuffrida read the following prepared statement:

I'd like to start out by adding my personal welcome back to Selectman Seabury. I'm here tonight as a citizen and member of the Budget Committee. I had no intention of being here and, frankly, I resent the need for it. I had no intention of writing a letter to the Hudson-Litchfield News this week. Frankly, when I left the last deliberative session of the year, I expressed to my wife how great it was that my only remaining civic duty of this electoral season was to walk into the polls on March 11<sup>th</sup> and cast my one vote. I should have known better. I forgot that wonderful new Hudson tradition where, before the election, the Selectmen get to abuse the comments section of their meeting by making campaign speeches to the camera. I laughed out loud in front of my tv a few weeks ago when Mrs. Seabury used her comments to endorse a warrant article on the School Warrant. Welcome to the age of televised Selectmen's meetings. I wasn't laughing a couple of weeks ago at the last Selectmen's meeting. I happened to be in the audience that night when Chairman Cole used his comments to request that the voters ignore all Budget Committee recommendations on the warrant and believe what the Selectmen told them. Now Chairman Cole could have said something to the effect that, look, the Budget Committee doesn't agree with us on some of these articles, and intelligent people can have differences of opinion. He could have then gone on to present factual, non-misleading arguments, supporting the position of the Board of Selectmen. He chose not to do that. Instead, he bashed the Budget Committee, saying at one point, the only explanation for our positions was foolishness or frustration. In his closing, he remarked once again don't let someone else's foolishness or frustration decide your future. Now there's a statement when Mr. Cole and I can agree. However, I think the only way the words foolishness or frustration could be used to describe this year's budget process would be frustration with Mr. Cole's foolishness. Let's review a little background. This is years of the famous Bill Cole big pot budget. This year, the Board of Selectmen decided they wanted an effectively level funded budget, but you really can't do that because of contracted raises to staff, etc. So what the Board of Selectmen did was to do a similar calculation as is done to calculate the default budget. They took last year's budget, added in contractual obligations and removed some of last year's one-time expenditures. Then, and this is key, they didn't do the work of going back and adjusting any of the individual line items. They basically admitted that every line item in the budget was wrong except for the department totals. This is in keeping with Mr. Cole's philosophy that the Board of Selectmen should hire good department heads, give them a pot of money and then leave them alone. The problem with this, of course, would have been next year when the Budget Committee went to review actual expenditures versus budgeted amounts, we'd be unable to, since none of the original budgeted amounts would have any meaning. The Budget Committee, in reviewing the budget, looks at every single line item in the budget, comparing how much the departments said they were going to spend versus what they spent. In the process, we also evaluate how the money was spent. For example, if this year's budget is increased to pay for new hoses for the Fire Department, we check to see if that's how the money was spent. There would be no way to do this under the Cole big pot approach. In addition, there would be no meaningful way of determining how much money should be allocated the next year. Eventually, I guess we'd get to the point where we'd do some calculations on the rate of inflation and the growth of the Town, add that to last year's allocation, and then tell the department heads to have at it. Luckily, when the budget got to the Budget Committee, we fixed most of that. It was hard. We had to not only do our job, but the job that the Board of Selectmen should have done in the first place. No fewer than three Selectmen told the Budget Committee during deliberations that the budget they sent us should have been done better. Let's see, three members of a five member board. I guess I just don't get the math. The citizens of Hudson can be assured that we will be able to track budget versus actual expenditures next year in detail. Thanks solely to the Budget Committee.

The next item I'd like to remind the Selectmen of is the issue of Fire Department overtime. The escalating percentage of Fire Department overtime was an issue that was brought before this board multiple times. This board did nothing about it. The Selectmen did level-fund the bloated overtime budget, but the Fire Chief came before the Chief, pleading for more overtime money. So, what did the Board of Selectmen do? As I told the Fire Chief, the Board of Selectmen set him up. They made the Fire Chief the only department head to have permission to go before the Budget Committee and ask for more money. Now, the

Board of Selectmen knew full well that there wasn't a snowball's chance in July that the Budget Committee was going to give the Chief that money when the Selectmen hadn't. But they sent him anyway, shirking their responsibility to address the issue, making the Chief do a lot of extra work, and shifting the onus to the Budget Committee to turn the request down. Not only did we turn the request down, but it was the Budget Committee that finally addressed the overtime spiral, addressing it from a fiscal standpoint when the Selectmen wouldn't address it from a management one. We put a stake in the ground and reduced the amount of money available for overtime in the suppression department. Not the Selectmen, the Budget Committee. By the way, Chairman Cole, I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your endorsement for re-election by the Local Fire Fighters Union. I noticed that in the paper last week.

With this background, I'd like to address the warrant article issues brought up by Chairman Cole at the last meeting. Article 6, Wage and Benefits Increase for Non-union Personnel. Chairman Cole and the Board of Selectmen have presented this as a well-deserved raise for some of our hard-working staff. I wholeheartedly agree. Where the Budget Committee had questions on this warrant article was not on the 3% raise, but on the comparability adjustments for certain unnamed staff. Repeatedly during the budget process, during which Mr. Cole admits to being at every meeting, we requested a list of which staff are being considered for comparability adjustments and how the amount of comparability was calculated. It wasn't until the floor of the deliberative session that the Budget Committee got any idea of who was going to get these comparability adjustments and, even then, without sufficient backup on how comparability was calculated and which towns were used. Furthermore, the Selectmen didn't even have the fiscal responsibility to remove the raise for the Town Administrator, which is in this warrant article. We're in the process of hiring a new administrator. Either the new person is going to get a raise the first day on the job, or the Selectmen are just adding that money to yet another big pot for raises or other uses.

A note on our request to Selectmen and department heads for backup information. Chairman Cole in his speech bemoaned that it's never possible to provide enough information and that we don't hire department heads to write doctoral dissertations in support of their budget requests. I would simply remind Chairman Cole and the Board of Selectmen of RSA 32:16, the portion of the Municipal Budget Law entitled Duties and Authorities of the Budget Committee. The second item in that section reads as follows: To confer with the governing bodies, body or bodies, and with other officers, department heads and other officials relative to the estimated costs, revenues anticipated and services performed to the extent deemed necessary by the Budget Committee. It shall be the duty of all such officers and other persons to furnish such pertinent information to the Budget Committee. Note that it says deemed necessary by the Budget Committee, not by the Board of Selectmen, and that it says it is the duty of the governing body. In this case, the Board of Selectmen. It doesn't say to be provided at their convenience. Basically, we have the right to ask for any backup information and it is the duty of the Board of Selectmen to provide it. By way of contract, the School Board does an excellent job of providing the Budget Committee with backup. Why does the Board of Selectmen have such a hard time?

Article 16, Roadside Tractor Mower. I'm sure the majority of voters have no idea what this is, but basically, you can think of it as a huge lawnmower, mounted vertically to cut the brush over-hanging the sides of the road. If you've ever seen one of these things, it is a scary piece of equipment, though I'm sure it's quite effective at its job. Mr. Cole presented this was a state-wide mandate and how could the Budget Committee be against it? Well, I'm here to tell you there's no state-wide mandate for roadside tractor mowers. What there is is a mandate that the brush at the side of the road be cleared, which the Highway Department is presently doing. The brush will continue to be cleared next year, with or without this piece of equipment. It's just a matter of how long it will take. Some members of the Budget Committee would like to take a closer look at what the Highway Department does in the summertime and how fully loaded these guys really are. Most felt that this was certainly a purchase that could be put off until another year when the economy was better.

Article 18, SCBA Equipment for the Fire Department. That's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. Chairman Cole advised us this is a key safety issue and a repair issue. The Budget Committee found that the equipment in question is working and is well within the manufacturer's suggested life span, and especially if you consider the number of structure fires we actually have in Hudson in any given year.

Article 14, Part-time Welfare Officer. This is one of my favorites. Chairman Cole quoted the Budget Committee as saying there would be fewer cases because the economy was improving. Now Chairman Cole was, once again, at the budget meetings, so he knows that the opinion of the Budget Committee was that the economy was terrible, that many people are out of work, and that the Welfare rolls are increasing at this time. We felt that the present Town Administrator has been doing the job and it would be prudent to consult with the next Town Administrator, after they are hired, before creating this permanent position. Further, it was questioned whether 10 hours per week was going to be much help anyway. Mr. Cole also conveniently forgot to mention that the Welfare budget, which he submitted to us, had a \$40,000 shortfall versus what is projected we be required to spend next year. The Budget Committee fixed that, not the Board of Selectmen.

Articles 10, 12 and 13 are all new positions. The Budget Committee felt that these new positions, whose creation could be put off until the economy improved. Chairman Cole felt the Budget Committee's rationale was since other people are unemployed, it would somehow be unseemly to hire new personnel. He stated, for the life of him, he couldn't understand how people being unemployed in this community was related to whether the Town should hire new staff. I can understand how these things can be confusing. Let me try to make the connection for you. Unemployment is the highest we've seen in a long time. The economy stinks. The taxpayers, thus, have less money to spend on taxes, even though their property tax evaluations went up precipitously

this year. Consequently, (not discernable) creating new positions when you are able to do so saves the taxpayers money, thus helping them out. I hope that's clear. If not, see me after class. I would also like to note that the Budget Committee did recommend several new positions we thought were necessary, most notably new police officers and staff in the Assessor's Office.

I'm not a very good politician. When Mr. Cole said the Budget Committee acted out of foolishness and frustration, I take it personally. I shouldn't, right? It's not an attack on my character, it's only politics, right? I'll try to do better. I'm going to try to trust more in the wisdom of the voters. I'm going to trust that they can see that it is the Budget Committee and not the Board of Selectmen, at least, not at the moment, that takes the time to see that their tax dollars are spent wisely. I'm not going to tell them to just trust me, or that the Board of Selectmen is always wrong. I'm going to trust the voters. I'm not going to take it personally any more. At least I'm going to try. I'm going to trust that the voters know the difference between having character and being one. Consequently, Mr. Cole, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your year of service to the Board of Selectmen. I'm very hopeful that after tomorrow's election, there will be someone else in your seat. Mr. Chairman, you may take solace in the fact that (not discernable) you will have the final opportunity to speak. Thank you all for your patience and attention.

Chairman Cole thanked Mr. Giuffrida and asked if anyone else wished to address the Board.

**Ray Rowell, 6 Marshmallow Path**, read the following prepared statement:

Thank you, Chairman and Board members. I come in front of you tonight to say thank you once again to the Hudson Junior Woman's for supporting candidates' night and all that attended. I also would like to urge the Hudson voters to come out tomorrow and vote. If you're looking for change in the Town, tomorrow is the time to exercise your right to vote. When voting, keep some key points in mind, such as the safety of the Town and the welfare of the Town. Both are important in their own way. The Town is growing and changing in many ways. People come and people go. Things change over a period of time. Maybe it's time the change is due. We need to look to the future and not be stuck in the past. We know, as a town, to come together to learn to solve problems and be able to move forward. I am one of 24,000 wanting to make a difference, so join me in making a change at the polls. On a personal note, putting aside events yet to come, I would like to show my deepest support to the families and servicemen of overseas in the war on enduring freedom. We are the great nation behind you all the way. Thanks.

Chairman Cole thanked Mr. Rowell and asked if anyone else wished to address the Board.

**Howard Dilworth, Jr., 15 Sycamore Street, re Paper Street going before Planning Board**—Mr. Dilworth said on the Planning Board's agenda Wednesday night, there will be a plan that is looking into doing away with a paper street that goes to the Merrimack River. Before this paper street disappeared, he hoped that the Selectmen would weigh in on whether or not they think that having access to the Merrimack is something they should take a stand on before the street disappears forever.

Chairman Cole thanked Mr. Dilworth and asked if anyone else wished to speak. Being no response, he closed Public Input.

## **5. CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to accept Consent Items, 5-A, C & D, with appropriate recommendations, carried 5-0.*

### **A. Assessing Items**

- 1) Applications for Good Cause Abatement, with recommendation by the Assessor to grant. (25 Alpine Ave, 149 Belknap Rd, 38 Clement Rd, 98 Derry St, 10 Dumont Rd, 4 Eayres Pond Rd, 80 Ferry St, 106 Ferry St, 15 George St, 9 Gloria Ave, 4 A Hopkins Dr, 9 Iris Path, 11 Kimball Hill Rd, 51 Melendy Rd, 55 Melendy Rd, 4 Nottingham St, 9 Nottingham St, 4 Power St, 24 Riverside Ave, 54 School St, 8 Second St, 28 Wason Rd, 9 Windham Rd, 22 Winnhaven Dr, 25 Winnhaven Dr, 1 York Rd)
- 2) 2002 Abatement Application, 51 Quail Run Dr., with recommendation by the Assessor to grant.
- 3) 2002 Abatement Application, 137 Ferry St., with recommendation by the Assessor to grant.
- 4) 2002 Abatement Application, 46 Lexington Court., with recommendation by the Assessor to grant.
- 5) 2002 Abatement Application, 45 Schaefer Circle, with recommendation by the Assessor to grant.
- 6) Abatement Application, 6 Sunrise Drive, with recommendation by the Assessor to deny.
- 7) Abatement Application, 65 River Road, with recommendation by the Assessor to deny.
- 8) 2002 Abatement Application, 24 Ledge Road, with recommendation by the Assessor to grant.
- 9) Current Use Lien Partial Release, Richard Hook Subdivision, Map 42/Lot 10-1, with recommendation by the Assessor to grant.

- 10) Yield Tax Warrant, 64 Musquash Road, with recommendation by the Assessor to sign.
- 11) Supplemental Tax Bill, 11 D Street, with recommendation by the Assessor to issue.
- 12) Application for Veteran's Tax Credit and Application for Abatement, 161 Highland Street, with recommendation by the Assessor to grant.
- 13) Application for Elderly Exemption, 12 Krystal Drive, with recommendation by the Assessor to grant.

**B. Sewer Utility Items**

**1) Sewer Allocation Request by Bowes Elderly Housing, Map 23/Lot 25**

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

**2) Sewer Allocation Request by Waterview Landing, Map 23/Lot 5**

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to grant as recommended by the Sewer Utility Consultant.

Selectman Jasper said this property is the 100-year flood plain. He's not sure what effect that has on the ability to build. Interim Engineer/Sewer Utility Consultant Tom Sommers said there are four lots affected by the 100-year flood plain. There is a section on flood plains in the Town Code that are not part of the Zoning Ordinance, nor are they part of the calculations for sewer allocation. It is about making sure building is done safely within a flood plain. Building a flood way, which is the portion of the flood plain where the majority of the water is carried, is the key of what to stay out of. A small area on the plan fingers into four lots, below elevation 115. It will be a concern if they build in there, but it does not affect the calculation of allocation. The issue of steep slopes and wetlands have been dealt with. When building permit are applied for, the concern will be of house level on those lots, and there are specific regulations in the Code regarding that. With respect to the sewer allocation process, there is no issue with the number of lots. Selectman Jasper said if this whole area had been in the 100-year flood elevation, some of those lots could have been entirely consumed. Mr. Sommers said if that had been the case, he'd have pointed it out because, depending on whether it is in the flood way or flood fringe--and this is in the flood fringe--can determine what hoops you have to jump through, which are more tied to the planning and building process.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Acceptance of Minutes**

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**D. Committee Announcements**

- 03/11 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voting at Lions Hall
- 03/12 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
- 03/13 6:30 Recreation Committee at Rec Center
- 03/13 7:00 Sewer Utility Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 03/13 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room
- 03/17 7:30 Conservation Commission in CD Meeting Room
- 03/18 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. Blood Drive at HPD
- 03/18 7:00 Attorney Client Session w/BOS & Benson's Cmt in BOS Meeting Room
- 03/18 7:30 Library Trustees at the Annex
- 03/20 7:30 Budget Committee in CD Meeting Room
- 03/21 FIRST DAY OF SPRING
- 03/24 6:30 School Board in BOS Meeting Room
- 03/25 7:00 Trustees of the Trust Funds at Town Hall
- 03/25 7:30 BOS in BOS Meeting Room
- 03/26 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
- 03/27 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room

**Change in the Order of the Day**

Chairman Cole said, unless there was some objection, he'd like to take up 7-A, since Lt. Morin was on duty.

**Request by Lt. Dave Morin of the Fire Department relative to HFD Trading Cards**

Chairman Cole said this request was relative to Fire Department trading cards. Tonight is informational only and the Board anticipates this will be on their next agenda for formal approval. Lt. Morin said they'd like to reinstitute the trading card program. Town businesses offered to take the pictures and print the cards for them—Hudson-Litchfield News and Presstek. Each member of the department will have their picture taken, with information about them on the back of the card. Cards will be given out at the schools and when they come in contact with kids at the Fire Station. The estimated value of the donation is around \$7,000. He will submit a letter to the Selectmen with that information for the next meeting.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### A. NRPC re applying for Federal Funds for three Town Intersections

Chairman Cole recognized Stephen Williams, Assistant Director of NRPC, and Ray Guarino, Transportation Planner. Mr. Williams said when he was before the Board in January, the Selectmen asked NRPC to get the Planning Board's recommendations on intersections for which federal funds might be sought to make the recommended improvements. After some discussion, the Planning Board made a recommendation for applications for federal funding for intersections 1) Belknap, County and Lowell Roads; 2) 111 w/Kimball Hill Road and Greeley Street; 3) Chase and Ferry Streets. Regarding #3, the Planning Board originally recommended Lowell and Pelham Roads, but Town staff determined that plans they thought were available for that intersection were not, so it was changed to Ferry and Chase Streets. NRPC and Town staff prepared the applications to be authorized by the Board and signed by the Chairman.

*Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart to approve the applications to request Federal funding through NRPC and NH DOT, in concert with the Hudson Community Development Department, for: 1) improvements to the intersection of NH 111 with Greeley Street and Kimball Hill Road; 2) development of an intersection of Lowell Road and Belknap Road by the extension of Belknap Road west from its existing intersection with County Road; and 3) improvements to the intersection of Chase Street and Ferry Street.*

Selectman Jasper asked to have the question divided, because he is opposed to #2. Belknap would be turned into a throughway from Lowell Road to 111. That is a residential neighborhood, with a narrow, winding road.

*Vote on the motion to approve the applications for: 1) improvements to the intersection of NH 111 with Greeley Street and Kimball Hill Road; and 3) improvements to the intersection of Chase Street and Ferry Street carried unanimously.*

(Start Tape 1, Second Side)

Mr. Williams said the motion for the extension of Belknap to Lowell Road was the Planning Board's recommendation. In the actual study, three different alternatives were considered. One was the extension through Belknap Road to intersect Lowell Road. The other two did not have that extension and made changes to the intersection on Lowell Road and the County Road/Belknap Road intersection. In the application, NRPC identified the fact there were three alternatives and that the Planning Board and Highway Safety Committee preferred the extension of Belknap through to Lowell Road. If federal funding is secured, prior to the development of any improvement, there will need to be a preliminary engineering process and a public hearing process, to identify the exact improvements. If the application is approved tonight, it would secure a place in line for the Town for this project. NRPC anticipated the issue of putting the street through the neighborhood as a legitimate concern and tried to address those in developing the application. Selectman Seabury said there were three alternatives presented, one of which was using County Road as a turnaround. Selectman Jasper said he was basing his comments on the material before them, which clearly states intersection of Lowell Road and Belknap Road by the extension of Belknap Road. Therefore, he is still opposed to it.

*Vote to approve the application for 2) development of an intersection of Lowell Rd and Belknap Rd by the extension of Belknap Rd west from its existing intersection with County Rd carried 4-1. (Selectman Jasper was opposed.)*

### B. Public Hearing relative to acceptance of Award of a Tri-Town LCHIP Grant in the Amount of \$300,000 for the Ingersoll Property

Chairman Cole opened the public hearing at 8:34 p.m. and asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak.

Jim Battis, 6 Potter Road, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, recommended that the Board accept the LCHIP grant. He noted that the Ingersoll Trust property that the Town is going to vote on tomorrow to potentially purchase the conservation easement will provide a very nice piece of property, which will stay on the tax rolls as agricultural land, and will potentially generate timber taxes. It actually costs the taxpayers virtually nothing because of the LCHIP grant, the substantial gift from the landowners by reducing the asking price for the conservation easement, and a DES Watershed Protection Grant that the Town received. It makes complete sense for the Town to accept the grant and he hopes the voters will vote for the Ingersoll Trust warrant article to keep the land out of development.

Chairman Cole said the Article 24 was for \$268,000. The LCHIP grant was \$58,000 and change. Mr. Battis said the first of February, the Town received a DES Watershed Water Supply Protection Grant for \$79,000 which means they have about \$30,000 more than the asking price for the land.

Selectman Jasper thanked Mr. Battis and the others who have worked so hard on this project. It has come together very nicely, as well as the Board could have hoped for. He is confident this will pass tomorrow. It would be a travesty if it didn't. Mr. Battis thanked the members of the Conservation Commission and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, who did much of the work. Chairman Cole asked how the others towns stand in this process. Mike Speltz of the Protection of NH Forests and a resident and Conservation Commission member in Londonderry. Windham, who has a 25 acre parcel has a closing scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. This parcel

adjoins Hudson's on the other side of Beaver Brook. The Londonderry portion, which is also contiguous to the Hudson portion, will probably close at the same time the Hudson parcel does—around mid-July. This will allow time for the survey crews to do the job after the snow is off the ground. The project as a whole is marching along on schedule and they expect a smooth closing and celebration in July when this all comes together. The Ingersoll family contribution is nearly \$69,000 of bargain-sale component of the project. They've been a tremendous help in pulling this over the line. Because the land is contiguous on the three towns, each town will get the benefit of well over 200 acres of working forest because all three towns will be granting public access. It's a quadruple win for the three towns and the family.

Chairman Cole closed the public hearing at 8:42 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to accept this grant contingent upon Warrant Article 24 passing at Town Meeting on March 11, 2003 carried unanimously.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. **Request by Lt. Dave Morin of the Fire Department relative to HFD Trading Cards**

This item was taken up earlier in the meeting.

### B. **Request for Funds to complete Parcel Mapping Project**

Chairman Cole recognized Community Development Director Sean Sullivan and Assessor Jim Michaud. Mr. Sullivan said they were asking for the Board's authorization for \$12,000 from the Agency Fund account. In May 2002, the Town entered into a contract for \$47,910 to Aerial Survey. In January 2003, the vendor notified them there were approximately 1,500 additional parcels that need to be mapped at a cost of \$17,000. Through Jim's efforts, the vendor reduced the price to \$12,000. The previous vendor, East Coast Mapping, had advised them there were approximately 4,100 parcels remaining to be mapped. Subsequently, the Town placed a bid and entered into a contract with Aerial Survey, but ¾'s of the way through the project, they said there were 1,500 additional parcels that needed to be mapped. The Planning Board has voted to support the not-to-exceed expenditure of \$12,000 from the Agency Fund account, upon receipt of the mapping for the remaining 1,500 parcels.

Mr. Michaud said the current mapping company is very responsive to concerns and questions. Mr. Sharon asked if Messrs. Sullivan and Michaud were satisfied that the 1,500 parcels were not parcels East Coast Mapping was supposed to have done in the first phase. Mr. Michaud said East Coast Mapping had a set number of parcels to do and they delivered that. These are not new parcels; they aren't parcels that were discovered by not being assessed.

Selectman Jasper asked how many parcels there were in Town. Mr. Michaud said about 7,100. Selectman Jasper said they should have known how many parcels the Town had. Mr. Michaud said he knows how many taxable and non-taxable accounts there are. For instance, Fox Hollow is one parcel, but it contains many taxable accounts. Selectman Jasper asked who has control over this money. Mr. Sharon said the Selectmen do.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$12,000 from the Agency Fund Account 1050-200 to Aerial Survey to cover the additional costs associated with the Town's parcel mapping project carried unanimously.

### C. **Acceptance of a \$500 Donation by Wal-Mart to the Police Department's K-9 Division**

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to accept the donation, with the Board's appreciation, carried unanimously.

### D. **Request by Hudson Youth Baseball to hold Parade traveling from the Recreation Center to Lions Field as part of their Opening Day Events scheduled for April 12, 2003**

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve the request, as the Board has done in previous years carried unanimously.

## 8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Cole said the only item he had was to remind Selectman Jasper that he'd be manning the polls solo tomorrow, since three of them were on the ballot and one is recuperating from a hip replacement, adding that the hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(Start Tape 2, Side A)

## 9. **REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN**

**Selectman Jasper** said he came upon a box of clippings in his attic and found a picture of the last Selectmen's meeting from 1985 before going to the Council form of government, showing a smiling Ann Seabury. Her hair is a little grayer now, but she still looks the same. He didn't recognize himself, though. He was thinner and had a lot more hair on his head and on his face. He hoped the people turn out to vote. Cold is no reason for people to stay home—and it's a short walk from the parking lot to inside.

**Selectman Charbonneau** wanted to make sure the people get out to vote. Many issues have to be addressed.

- **Selectman Stewart** wished Chairman Cole a happy birthday, welcomed back Selectman Seabury and congratulated her on losing 50 lbs. She also wished Paul good luck in his new venture and Selectmen Cole and Charbonneau good luck tomorrow and said everyone should get out and vote. Selectman Charbonneau and Chairman Cole both wished Terry good luck tomorrow, too.

- **Selectman Seabury** didn't know where to begin in thanking all of the people who sent her cards, flowers, well wishes and brought food in, including a fruit basket from her 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at Memorial. She even heard from Darryl and Joan Wagner. She appreciated everyone's kindness, saying this has been a humbling experience. She wished Chairman Cole happy birthday and said she was going to miss Paul because they have worked well together. She thought he did an excellent job and that he would be a hard man to replace. She wished Bill, Rhona and Terry good luck tomorrow and hoped everyone goes out to vote.

- **Chairman Cole** reminded the Board that next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., there would be an attorney-client session between the Board and the Benson's Committee to discuss the State's quit claim deed for the Benson's property. He echoed the sentiments made to Paul, whose wife is already in Florida, awaiting Paul's arrival with the furniture. The Chairman thanked Mr. Sharon for his many years of professionalism, dedication and commitment to the community and to the friendship he extended to the Board members and everyone he came in contact with. Mr. Sharon thanked everyone, saying it has been a joy working for everyone. He wished all the incumbents good luck tomorrow and said he will miss Hudson.

- Chairman Cole reminded Steve Malizia that he will go on the clock (as Interim Town Administrator) on Sunday—not Monday! He added his sentiments with regard to the elections tomorrow. In the final analysis, it really doesn't matter who you vote for or what you vote for. What is important is to get out and vote. Selectman Jasper concurred.

## 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**William P. Cole, Chairman**

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