

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the March 26, 2013 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Coutu the meeting of March 26, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Leo Bernard.

Chairman Coutu asked anyone who plan on coming up and speaking if you'll pull your microphones to close to you. We're noticing that there's a loss of quality to the sound if the microphones are far away and they have to keep making adjustments for the sound in the control room. If you would do that, I'd appreciate it.

3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Roger Coutu, Rick Maddox, Ted Luszey, Nancy Brucker

Absent: Ben Nadeau

Staff/Others: Stephen Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Jim Michaud, Assistant Assessor; Bill Abbott; Bernie Manor; Leo Bernard; Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director; Lt. Kevin DiNapoli

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Coutu asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board on any issue at this time.

Leo Bernard - 3 Bungalow Ave. I'm here to see if it's okay with the Board of Selectmen. Earth Day is coming up on April 22nd and the Recycling Committee would like to do something the weekend before Earth Day. They want to do a road cleanup. One of our members has talked to Kevin Burns and he doesn't see a problem with it. He even offered to give us the trash bags to help us out and pick them up on Monday. I talked to the committee member who's trying to set this all up and I told her at the meeting that I needed to talk to the Selectmen to make sure they didn't have a problem. The two major roads they'd like to clean is Greeley Street and Wason Road because they see too much trash on the side of the road. I know that the Fire Department comes here to make sure it's okay for them to do their boot drive. Chairman Coutu asked how many people are we talking about. Leo said he didn't know. She's gathering a group and told her I'd get back to her. She was talking to the Boy Scouts. Linda Kipnes is on the Green Team and she's been joined with us at our meetings. She talked about DOT does adopt a highway. She does it with the Junior Woman League in town. The committee member knows they do that for the League but she wanted to do something for the town and not for the State roads.

Chairman Coutu asked who would be coordinating this. Leo indicated it was one of our members - Tianna. It's a good way to help the community clean the roads. She wanted to do this. Chairman Coutu said he didn't disagree with you Leo, my major concern is public safety. Have you discussed this with the Police Department at all? Leo said no they have not. If the Board approves this, Chairman Coutu advised that Leo speak to someone at the Police Department. Leo indicated that Kevin Burns indicated that we could borrow the vests and also have a sign warning people that there's people ahead. They are looking into all that.

Selectman Maddox said much like we did with the firefighters in the road, my concern is Wason Road is a challenging road. I wouldn't want to walk on it never mind trying to pick up trash and move stuff around if it's just people running across the street type of thing. At some point, talk with the Police Department. If they have some signs or barricades that you're going to be in this 300 foot section, you just keep moving the barricades as long as you have the vests on.

Chairman Coutu asked what day the 21st feel on. Leo stated a Sunday. They want to do it between noon and 3 p.m. They're predicting they're going to get a big enough group. I told her at the meeting yesterday that this is something we need to bring in front of the Selectmen. We just can't go out and do it on our own. These are your roads but we still like to clean them up.

Chairman Coutu asked Lt. DiNapoli if he saw a problem with that. Lt. DiNapoli indicated that there were definitely going to be some logistics in planning it because as Selectman Maddox had said based on the nature of the roadway, it will have its fair share of challenges. Based on your experience, Sunday 12 to 3 Wason and Greeley - heavily traveled? Lt. DiNapoli said yes it could be. The problem is the visibility problems that exist on that road. It's not straight and level. It doesn't take much to cause an issue. Chairman Coutu suggested to Leo that April 21st is not tomorrow.

Selectman Maddox suggested that we just stick to Greeley. I think that would be a much safer road. Its flatter, has more site distance, and see how this works out and we can work out some of the kinks. I think starting out on Wason Road is really pushing the envelope there. Leo indicated that she had many other roads but she narrowed it down to two. Selectman Maddox said something less challenging than Wason. There's so many curves and so much traffic. Sunday you might think it's slow but a lot of people coming in to go to Market Basket and those types of places, I just think if we're going to do this we shouldn't start off trying to launch to the moon. Let's pick something a little closer. Greeley not so bad; Highland right off of it - that kind of thing. I'm just having a little bit of heartburn about Wason. Chairman Coutu indicated that Selectman Maddox's point is well taken. I agree with you. Why don't we try it on a smaller scale and maybe you might be able to expand the area of Greeley as long as it's flat. If they were going to do one mile on each, or a mile and a half on each, you might want to try 2 to 3 miles on Greeley. I will tell you that not this late into Earth Day but sometime in the fall of next year if you want to meet with me, I will work with you on developing a grant that will help you not only with Earth Day but a lot of other things - recycling and the things that you're really working on. We can get you an organization that I'm affiliated with - we

can get you all of the bags, signs, anything that you need to conduct this type of clean up and we can get you other things. Hudson is one of the few communities in this State of our size, and we're the 9th largest in the State that has not received anything from this organization that we're affiliated with because we've never requested it. If you want, I will work with you this fall. Leo indicated that there was a guy on the Green Team, he filled out a grant for his work. This was done without me knowing about it. He said he wouldn't know until mid April until he had an answer. I told if we received a grant, we'd still have to bring that before the Selectmen. I'm trying to follow all the rules. Chairman Coutu indicated that you guys do a lot of great work and this Board appreciates the work that you've done. This is another exercise in trying to clean up our town. Maybe people will see it and people will start adopting areas of their streets and do some cleanups on their own. It's a good example for people to follow.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to allow the Recycling/Green Team to do a cleanup on a designated area of Greeley Street provided that they have worked out the logistics with the Police Department, carried 4-0.

5. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Coutu asked if any Board member wish to remove any item for separate consideration.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to approve consent items A, B, C, D and E, as noted or appropriate, carried 4-0.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) 2012 Tax Abatement - Map 234, Lot 27, w/recommendation to approve adjustment
- 2) 2012 Tax Abatement - Map 101, Lot 27, w/recommendation to approve adjustment

B. Water/Sewer Items

- 1) Water Abatement - W-UTL-13-02; W-UTL-13-01, w/recommendation to approve

C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Request to Solicit Funds - Nashua Crusaders Football and Spirit
- 2) Request to Solicit Funds - Half Moon Sober Festival
- 3) Raffle Permit - Hudson Heat 18U

D. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting
- 2) Minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting

E. Calendar

- 4/02 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
- 4/04 6:30 Recreation Cte - BOS Meeting Room
- 4/04 7:00 Benson Park Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 4/08 7:00 Conservation Cmsn - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 4/09 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room.
- 4/10 7:00 Planning Board - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 4/10 7:00 Benson Landscape Cte - BOS Meeting Room
- 4/11 5:00 Sewer Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
- 4/11 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 4/15 7:00 Energy Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 4/16 7:00 Cable Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
- 4/17 5:00 Water Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
- 4/17 7:00 Senior Affairs Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 4/18 7:00 Benson Park Cte - BOS Meeting Room
- 4/18 7:00 Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 4/22 7:00 Recycling Cte - BOS Meeting Room
- 4/23 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
- 4/24 7:00 Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 4/25 2:30 Trustees of Trust Fund - Buxton CD Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Municipal Utility Committee

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia indicated that the Board directed that the Water and Sewer Utility Committees be combined to form a Municipal Utility Committee. In order to do that, you need to change a couple of sections of Town Code. One would be the water section and one would be the sewer section. In order to change those Codes, I had Attorney Buckley, who's our general counsel, review the sections of the Code and provide you with a markup. You have in this packet both sections of the Code - water and sewer, and for each you have the draft, which is the mark up copy and then that mark up he's giving us a final copy. Basically what he's done is if you'd like to accomplish this, he's prepared the documentation that you would need to go to a public hearing and you'd be required to hold a public hearing to change these sections of the Code. Before we went off to a hearing, we need to work out some of the little details. Some of the little details include membership. We're now combining two committees to form one committee. I know there were some questions that have arisen regarding membership.

As this is currently written in this draft format, Mr. Malizia said it states on both committees, which is now going to be one committee. On the second page, it talks about a Municipal Utility Committee consisting of 5 members who shall reside in town (that's a given). Two shall reside in town and be either served or own real estate served by sewer; two shall reside in town and reside or own real estate which is served by water; and one shall reside in town but may reside in a dwelling not serviced by municipal sewer or water. If I read this the way I read it, you have to have at least 2 sewer users, at least 2 water users, and 1 user can be on either system. There was some concern because we don't always attract members. We don't always attract enough quality people. Unless I'm reading this differently, it appears that you just need to have 2 that have at least one of those two utilities and then a 5th person could be a neither. The very last page I've provided you shows you the roster of who's currently on water and sewer. The current makeup, there are 4 people that are on both committees currently. In other words, there are 4 common members. Then there are 2 separate members.

Leo Bernard indicated that the list was incorrect. Donna Graham noted that Jeff Rider is not a sewer user on the Sewer Utility Committee and he's not a water user on the Water Utility Committee.

Steve Malizia indicated that you still have 6 people in 5 seats. Chairman Coutu said he didn't know how extensive Mr. Manor's communication was. Did we all get the e-mail from Mr. Manor expressing that concern about membership? The two committees involved - Leo and Mr. Manor would you step forward please. Mr. Manor have you had an opportunity to review the documents that we have which is the legal opinion and the proposed changes in order to combine the two utilities? Bernie Manor indicated that he looked them over. Chairman Coutu noted the communication you sent us expressing your concern about membership. Was there anything else in the document that you felt needed to be tweaked? Were you for it or against it? Mr. Manor said he's been trying to combine the two and thought it's a smart thing to do. I couldn't find anything else in there that bothered me very much. The membership did bother me because we are having trouble getting members on either committee.

Selectman Maddox indicated that if we take that piece of membership and change it to a 7 member board and make that 3 shall reside in town and don't have to have either. It kind of solves all the problems. Mr. Malizia said you make 7 and you'd have an open seat. There are 4 that are in common. Mr. Manor serves on both. Mr. Rider serves on both. So what you have is one member that serves on Water and a separate member that serves on Sewer. One of those two people with a 5 member board would be out. Selectman Maddox was trying to solve that problem and say then you'd have 3 out of that seat.

Leo Bernard said you have to remember on both boards we both had alternates. Water doesn't have an alternate. Selectman Maddox said with 7 I think we'd need alternates.

Bernie Manor said his concern is if we get the committee too big, we're going to have the same problem of trying to fill those spaces. Chairman Coutu asked about meeting time. You're both at 5:00. Leo said they were Wednesday and Thursday. Chairman Coutu indicated that they could reach a compromise on a day to meet. Steve Malizia indicated that that was not part of the Ordinance. Chairman Coutu said the only modification we would have would be the membership which it would appear that we can resolve and then get ready for a public hearing unless you feel we should tweak it some more. Steve Malizia thought it was fine as proposed. If you want to add members, that's fine. If you want to take 5 members and make somebody the alternate right now, you could do that too.

Bernie Manor indicated he was concerned that if you go with what you have right now is either Jeff Rider or I have got to get out because we're both non users on both sides. Jeff or I have to resign. Chairman Coutu indicated that they were going to modify it so that nobody has to resign.

Selectman Maddox explained that right now we have 2 boards that have 5 members each. We're going to go to one board that has 7 members to have to have 1 in water, 1 in sewer. Three will now have the ability not to be on either system. It solves that dilemma and I think 7 for the amount of monies and infrastructure that they have and we're going to be busy I think in the coming years with water if not sewer, I think it's important that we have a reasonable number of good people on those boards. Chairman Coutu asked if that sounded okay. Mr. Manor said as long as they can get good people to fill the seats.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to schedule a public hearing for April 9, 2013 to adopt the modifications to Hudson Town Code, Chapters 142 and 270 to combine the Sewer and Water Utility Committees into a Municipal Utility Committee, carried 4-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Acceptance of \$125 donation from the Londonderry Post Office in memory of Gary Buzzell to be placed in the Recreation Donation Account

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

As Steve Malizia understood it, Mr. Buzzell was a Hudson resident and also a postal worker. I believe he was out of Londonderry. His co-workers have generously donated \$125 to the Recreation Donation Account. I recommend that the Board accept it with their thanks and appreciation.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to accept a \$125 donation from the Londonderry Post Office in memory of Gary Buzzell to be placed in the Recreation Donation Account with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 4-0.

- B. Public Hearing - Acceptance of two grants from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency - "Hudson Red Light Running Patrols" in the amount of \$5,720; and "Hudson DWI/DUI Patrols" in the amount of \$7,800

Chairman Coutu recognized Lt. Kevin DiNapoli.

Lt. DiNapoli indicated that these are through the NH Highway Safety Agency. These are reoccurring grants we've done over the last several years. We've had some good success. They're broken up depending on the parameter of the grants. Usually in 4 or 6 hour blocks and the uniform patrol and a marked cruiser are out there enforcing these laws and setting a good example for the motoring public and bringing back some quality numbers. The way it works is the results that we've been able to provide over the last couple of years allows us to continue with this. They're pretty strict in the logistics of if we're not performing and doing what is requested of us via these grants, then they obviously wouldn't reissue them. So it says a lot the fact that we're able to keep doing it.

Chairman Coutu knows that Selectman Maddox has had a habit sometimes of going out to visit with these patrols and see how they operate. He was favorably impressed and the numbers provided us favorably certainly impressed us in the past that we continue to renew these.

Selectman Maddox stated that it is amazing to see that there was 756 traffic light warnings in 2011. That's when police were there and actually saw it. Those are the ones that always bother me - to see somebody going through that red light and somebody else is doing 40 mph on Lowell Road. I think this is, again, one of those things where if the State is willing to help us out, let's not look that gift horse in the mouth.

Chairman Coutu opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. Anyone wishing to speak on the grant, please step forward and state your name and address and your questions or concerns.

Randy Brownrigg - My name is Randy Brownrigg. I live at 2 Little Hales Lane. I don't have anything against the grants but I'm just wondering as you've heard me from the Budget Committee about advertising and marketing what this town does, can something like this be put into our website letting them know what the grants do and the numbers behind this program what its done. Kind of let the public know what these things do. Can that be placed into our website a detailed letter or a detailed description about these grants and what they do, and how they help the town to their effectiveness.

Lt. DiNapoli thought the best way to go about it is we could do it via press release to the media specific to what we're trying to accomplish, the results we've had in the past and we can do it pre and post when the grant is over. We could go over the results and just put that out there. We've had good luck doing that.

Mr. Brownrigg said the Police Department has worked extremely hard in getting the grants and doing what they do. I think the public needs to know that we're getting these grants how much work and effort goes behind it. That's important. If it goes through The Telegraph or the local paper but it should be put on our website of what we do in this town and help our community to understand the things that are important, and this is important.

Chairman Coutu indicated that we'll take that under advisement. I appreciate your comments.

Leo Bernard - Leo Bernard, 3 Bungalow Ave. Just to go a little further, maybe put something on cable. Set it up because I know you said press release. That's Channel 9 and stuff. If you do something with the cable company or something and get it on our 20 so the public and town understands why we're doing all these grants.

Lt. DiNapoli knows the Chief would certainly be open to that. He's progressive in his thought process and he would absolutely be open to looking at the different options that we would have to get out there just exactly what we're doing on a daily basis. Leo Bernard said we're trying to let the town know instead of just everybody out and Channel 9 knowing or whatever knowing what Hudson does.

Chairman Coutu closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. Any comments or questions from the Board?

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to accept two grants from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency - "Hudson Red Light Running Patrols" in the amount of \$5,720, and "Hudson DWI/DUI Patrols" in the amount of \$7,800, carried 4-0.

C. Request to hold an Ann Marie House 5k Road Race on Saturday, September 7, 2013

Chairman Coutu recognized Dennis St. Lawrence.

Dennis St. Lawrence, 14 Taconic Drive, Amherst, NH. I'm a volunteer over at Ann Marie House who provide temporary housing for families experiencing homelessness. For the last 5 years I've sponsored, or assisted I guess, or directed the 5k run for Ann Marie House which has been held over in Nashua. We thought it would be a very good idea if we could actually hold it closer to the folks that are actually benefiting from it and actually create some awareness for what's being done. We corresponded with Chief Lavoie to try and find the safety route possible. Initially we were looking at starting at Ann Marie House and taking a little jaunt across Lowell Road into the Industrial Park and back again. Chairman Coutu indicated you'd be taking your life into your own hands. I felt bad for you when I saw that. M. Lawrence indicated that they soon learned that that was not the best route. We were considering also just having it on Executive Drive side but that really defeated the purpose of getting people over to Ann Marie House. After it's doubtful the race would bring the folks back over to that side of the road again. We started to explore what the Chief had recommended which was trying to find or way over to Burns Hill Road. He provided us with some Google maps and low and behold there was a fairly wide path that went from behind Ann Marie House and connected up with St. Mary's and then St. Francis Street, and then right onto Burns Hill. That's the spot of greatest concern for us. We have some experience with about 35 volunteers we've had in the past managing traffic over at Greeley Park in Nashua. We have used cones, barriers, and have had good success with that. Our concern here is its a little higher traffic speed than occurs around Greeley Park. There are some spots where the road dips a little bit.

In talking with Chief Lavoie, Mr. Lawrence said they were both comfortable that we can manage that but it would mean cones and possibly more than likely blocking one lane for about 1,000 feet from the point where St. Francis enter Burns Hill to the point where you catch up with the development Glenn Drive. We're just going to do a little jaunt there and come back on Burns Hill Road. That's the route we're considering now. I'm still open to some other suggestions but to try to get a 5k in, that's probably our best route. It would be Saturday morning 9 o'clock until 12 p.m. in that time frame. Volunteers have not been a problem for us in the past so we have a pretty good amount of experience at controlling traffic. We've always had about 35 volunteers. Its taken place in north Nashua where we have many more intersections that we have to contend with but admittedly they are slower intersections. So it would mean probably moving back a little further, anticipating traffic a little earlier. I would anticipate that we'd be able to do that.

Chairman Coutu said he noticed in your correspondence back and forth you made an effort to look on property for open trails and you had found some but the traverse - there was a lot of overgrowth, the trails were relatively narrow, and there's still snow because it wasn't easy for you to traverse that area. In coming back with this route that you're now proposing, I take it you have discussed this at length with the Chief and he's willing to work with you to accommodate you on that Saturday morning as well as the volunteers that you're going to have. Your prime concern is raising money for Ann Marie House. Our prime concern is public safety both the racers and the public driving up and down Burns Hill Road. Mr. Lawrence indicated they share that safety concern of course as well and I think the actual confirmation that it was okay I think probably went to Donna. The Chief and I corresponded but I think the condition of being able to come here tonight was predicated on his giving approval to Donna.

Chairman Coutu said they didn't want to do anything to prevent this from happening because since Ann Marie House has been in this community, they've done an awful lot of good for our community in helping a lot of people in serious need of housing, food, and medical care. We certainly appreciate it. Anything this town can do to accommodate something like this is beneficial to both of us especially the town. We gain considerably as a result of your successes.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to approve the Ann Marie House 5k Road Race on Saturday, September 7, 2013, from 9 a.m. to approximately 12 p.m. with the route approved by the Police Chief and the Chief's recommendation that there be at least 2 police officers hired for traffic on Burns Hill Road, carried 4-0.

D. Request to advertise for a Part-Time Appraisal Technician Position

Chairman Coutu recognized Assistant Assessor Jim Michaud.

Good evening. Jim Michaud said relative to the Board's decision on March 11th to defer a decision on this to this meeting, I'm asking the Board to approve a motion to advertise for the Part-Time Appraisal Technician position that is vacant within the department.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to authorize the Assessing Department to advertise for the position of part-time (29.5 hours) Appraisal Technician, carried 4-0.

E. Request to purchase Town owned land, Map 227, Lot 007, 45 Sagamore Park Road

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia indicated that there was a request received from someone interested in purchasing a parcel of town owned land. The parcel of land is approximately 45 Sagamore Park Road which if you go into the Industrial Park it's down the end. It's actually off the pavement. It's a wood lot approximately half an acre. It has right now currently a value of \$6,200. I went through all the departments in

town. It appears to be surplus to the town's needs. Each department reviewed the parcel to see if there was a need for it or if there was anything on it. At this point in time, there does not appear to be a need and there doesn't appear to be any town structure. Therefore, this parcel would seem to be a candidate for possible sale by either public auction or sealed bid. It included in my packet the assessing sheet for it and there's also a map that gives you an outline of where it is. Again, it appears to be surplus to the town's needs. According to a memo received from the Town Planner, it's an industrial zone land locked parcel, i.e. it has no frontage on a classified or better public street nor frontage along the lesser grade road, and according to the Northern New England Real Estate Network website, the immediate abutting parcel to the north, which is 43 Sagamore Park, which is lot 6, was for sale for \$9,900. It looks like somebody may be trying to consolidate some parcels there. Again, it's up to the Board if the Board wishes to put this parcel out for either public auction or sealed bid. It was tax deeded so you have the authority to do so.

Chairman Coutu said if we were to go - I understand the auction process because we've auctioned a couple of pieces of property. Some not as successful as others. On the sealed bits, we do the advertising ourselves...Steve Malizia said you would place an advertisement. You would solicit bids. They would be opened by the Town Clerk. You would review the bids and have the right I would assume because you'd write the language to either accept or reject any or all bids. Chairman Coutu said that would be my preference only because we decide not to sell the land because somebody comes in and makes a bid at whatever the starting bid is and we're really not that happy with it. We're paying the auctioneer regardless. We've had that experience before. I would rather go out to sealed bid. We can accept or reject them. All that's going to cost us is the advertising.

Selectman Maddox was not as inclined to want to sell this. I think we should talk to the Conservation Commission. This is right on the river. This is a parcel that for \$6,200 we've been trying to get a river walk at some point along here. Why would we sell land that would be able to facilitate that? I think that for this short of money, I think there's better uses. If something needed to be done at the riverside - I just don't see the sense. If the town owns this, why would we give away this resource? I think, again, if the town departments don't need it, you're certainly not going to locate a fire station there but I think we should at least go to the Conservation Commission and some of the other things to see if there is a value to the town other than just owning a piece of land.

Selectman Luszey's thought is if there is someone out there that's looking to consolidate a bunch of parcels into a buildable or developable site, we actually maybe selling ourselves short here. I also agree with Selectman Maddox. We should talk to the Conservation Commission and see if they have any interest in this parcel. I believe we actually had an item that asked what or all of the parcels that we could look at to sell off. I think we'd want to take a look at them all in their entirety before we start doing them on-site, two-step without knowing the entire impact.

Selectman Brucker said that she does know that Weston & Sampson is going around methodically testing town own land looking for a possibility of a well. I don't know...Steve Malizia indicated that we probably don't have the radius because of the Industrial Park. Selectman Brucker said it has to be 400 feet. Is that the river there? I couldn't tell. Mr. Malizia showed the water to the left of the map. Selectman Brucker asked if we owned the next lot over - 227? Steve Malizia said no. Selectman Brucker didn't think we should sell it either until we've consulted with Conservation.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to refer to the Conservation Commission to review archived river walk plans along the river and make an assessment and needs for the Town.

Selectman Maddox asked for an amendment. I'd also like for us to take a look - there is a plan somewhere in the vast resources of our archives about the river walk. I just wanted to know how this would play into that plan. Just for information. There's a plan somewhere that said we were going to build a river walk from A to B. Chairman Coutu said asking the Conservation Commission to review archived river walk plans along the Merrimack River.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to refer to the Conservation Commission to review archived river walk plans along the river and make an assessment and needs for the Town and to take a look at the archived map/information on the river walk, carried 4-0.

F. Asbestos Mitigation 9 Industrial Drive Zach's Field

Chairman Coutu recognized Selectman Maddox.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Selectman Maddox asked that this be put on the agenda because as you saw the e-mail from the Town Engineer, this project is moving forward. It looks like in the next 30 days this will be out to bid. We're really getting to that point. What I wanted to do from the get go is to see the town, which is getting the \$650,000 worth of grants and who will own the land at the end of this is the ones that are overlooking this project. So we will determine the money should be paid out, that the work was done according to the plans, and all of that. I just think that rather than waiting until half way through and going I wish we had done that, we have this now to be able to say we have good people in our Engineering Department to oversee this. They're not going to do the day to day. There will be people there with the white suits on watching the asbestos and all of that. As far as the big picture, the overview, I think it's important that we have this oversight within the town. Chairman Coutu stated that he'll be monitoring the foot print, the...Selectman Maddox said the payments, the contract requirements, and those types of things.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, that the Board supports Engineering as the overseer of the asbestos mitigation phase of 9 Industrial Drive Zach's Field.

Selectman Luszey didn't think a department can oversee it. It should be person disbursing funds and it should be the Town Engineer. Selectman Maddox said he was amendable to that. I think it's going to be between the two of them but we could certainly put him in charge. I like getting rid of Mr. One. You're absolutely right. A name is better than Mr. One. By that I mean someone, anyone, no one. Chairman Coutu said there's no doubt that we're referring to our Town Engineer will be the overseer of the project as a result of this motion. It doesn't have to be added to the motion. The Town Administrator will make sure that that's relayed to him.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

G. Economic Revitalization Zone - 267 Lowell Road, Map 234, Lot 035

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia indicated that Michael Bergeron who's the Business Development Manager for the State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development or DRED who I think most of you have met, Mr. Bergeron is sort of the rain maker. He's the guy who works with industry/companies trying to relocate to New Hampshire. He's the business development person. He has worked with the town before. Specifically we designated the Sagamore Park and the Industrial Drive Parks as economic revitalization zones. Mr. Bergeron called me and stated that the old Vectron property, which is basically vacant, would also be eligible to be its own economic development zone. He is asking that the Board designate that so that it is an additional arrow in his quiver when he's trying to lure or get clients up here. It's another marketing tool. It would be another sale point and it doesn't cost us anything quite honestly. It's a series of State tax type credits for either payroll and/or business profits tax. It doesn't have any impact on property tax, it doesn't cost us anything, it's a simple form, you have to designate it in a meeting. Should you designate it, the paperwork goes up. Because they're the ones that solicited it, it should be basically rubber stamped and that will then be our third economic revitalization zone - the Vectron property.

Chairman Coutu said he spoke with Mr. Bergeron and we agreed that we would want to have both of our industrial parks so recognized. Did we pay for the signs that we put up there? I remember at the time the Assistant Town Administrator Mark Pearson and he ordered the signs. So would there be a plan for us to want to put a sign also on that property? Mr. Malizia indicated if you would like, we could put a sign on that property. Selectman Maddox thought there were a couple left. Chairman Coutu said if there are any left, I would certainly hope that we would mark the area that it has some advantages if they want to move there and they want to look at that property as well.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to request that the State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development designate 267 Lowell Road (Map 234, Lot 035) as an Economic Revitalization Zone.

Selectman Brucker thought it was a wonderful opportunity and it doesn't cost us anything. It's so nice that this will get out there to more people. I don't see how we could pass it up.

Just for the people at home, Selectman Maddox said this is a 121,000 square foot building on a 13 acre lot. So this is a good size building that we would love to have occupied. Chairman Coutu thought a lot of people at home might not remember when we designated the other 2 industrial parks for this zone. What the benefits are to dealing with the State of NH, Department of Natural Resources and Economic Development, that partnership that provides some financial relief or industry who wants to come in to any of those zones and we will now have designated 2 parks and 1 single building. There's incentive for people to move here as well as our tax rate and other benefits that we have for ourselves in this community.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

H. VFW Post 5791 Loyalty Day Award Nomination

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia indicated in the past 10 years, the Hudson VFW Post 5791 has asked for the name of a Town employee along with a police and fire employee, those are under separate cover and that's a separate submission, they're looking for a loyalty day award nomination. Someone that either provides an extraordinary service or loyal service to the Town. I've enclosed a list of some past recipients from the Town. This year I'd like to nominate Donna Staffier-Sommers. If you know Ms. Sommers, she works in Sewer Utility and deals with a great many customers always with a compassion and a fairness. I think she supports the Sewer Utility Committee very ably. She's been with us since 1996 I believe in several different roles. She started as a crossing guard, moved up to be part time over at Highway Department, and assumed the sewer job in 1997. I think she would make an excellent nominee for this award.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to nominate Donna Staffier-Sommers, Sewer Utility Administrative Aide, for the Hudson VFW Post 5791 2013 Loyalty Day Award, carried 4-0.

I. Recommendation of Water Utility to name the next well in honor of Catherine Valley

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia stated that you have correspondence from Jeff Rider, Chairman of the Water Utility Committee. It looks like the Committee has voted to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that when the next well is established, a water well, that it be named in honor of Ms. Valley.

Chairman Coutu stated for the record for those that watch us on a regular basis know that I like Mrs. Valley very much. However, I would like us to take this under advisement because if we are successful in finding a piece of land in town that has water that would be of some value to us as backup or for summer use, that the Board of Selectmen reserves the right to have the well named by the then - whatever Board is serving at that time - Selectman Maddox had this discussion - like him, I don't want to see us tie any future board's hands. This should be taken under advisement. If somebody is donating the land - the wells that we have existing there are two. They are both named after the people who donated the land. If somebody is willing to give us a valuable piece of land that has quite a bit of water, he says the only condition is I'd like it named after our family name, I don't want to hold anybody's hands to a future committee. With this if there's no exception, I'll move to take this letter under advisement and we'll defer it until we find a well.

J. Fiscal Year 2014 Default Budget

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia indicated that the Finance Director is also in attendance. As you are all well aware, our budget did not pass so therefore we are going to a default budget starting July 1st. If we look at the difference between the default budget and the budget that the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommended, the difference is \$35,928 or the default budget isn't that much lower than the budget we proposed. If you look at the second sheet of the Memo, it articulates where those differences are. Our budget is made up of several different components, including the general fund, the sewer, the water, library, and the conservation funds. So you see here that from a general fund perspective the delta is \$19,000. To be frank when you're dealing with a \$22 million budget, it's not real hard to find \$19,000.

Steve Malizia said what the department heads, the Finance Director, and myself did last week was sit down with the budget and look at the Board of Selectmen's priorities. As you recall during the budget meetings that you had back in October and November, you went through every department's budget line by line. You either identified things you wanted to add or delete and in some cases you added things at the end. If you recall, we had the "can", "will", and "should". Bottom line, we "departments" wanted to make sure that the priorities that the Board articulated, i.e. monies that you wanted to put in for various items were included in this budget because from a default perspective, this stuff doesn't show back up. What we did was we looked at what we had in the default budget - and I'll give you some examples which is the top part of this last page. We still had the money in for the Assistant Town Administrator. When we went to the default, that money is back into the budget. We don't need it. So what we've done is taken a look at the Board's priorities, which is the bottom part of the worksheet, and made sure that we deployed those monies back into your priorities. I guess that's the simplest way I can say it.

Mr. Malizia thought one area that we thought we could get away with some cuts was in the Town Poor account. When we look at the data, we had originally cut 25. We think it could sustain a 35 reduction. Don't forget we have a donation account out there has \$8,000 in it should we get in trouble. We did make sure that we funded the community grants. That's was another area where the St. Vincent de Paul folks came in for \$5,000. We wanted to make sure we carried out that mission. As you recall, there was some specific things including a gas contingency account. We looked at deeded property. We wanted to have some money there so we could manage those. We also wanted to look at communications, and so on, and so forth on this list. What we did as a collective group was look through the budget, identify opportunity where because we got it back in the default budget we don't need it, where would we redeploy it or where would we recommend redeploying it. So that's what you have in front of you. The Finance Director is here if there's questions or you need more information.

In a nutshell, Steve Malizia said its \$19,000 in the grand scheme of our budget. It was pretty reasonable to find. You'll notice that there's also a delta of \$3,400 in sewer. Again, that's \$1.5 million budget. Water - \$19,000. That's a \$3.5 million budget. What does that mean? You might lower some of your unplanned maintenance. You might not change as many water meters out. It's not a big deal in the scheme of the whole operation. We'll still make our bond payments. We'll still service all of our customers. The general fund was the most important because that's where you articulated the priorities.

Chairman Coutu had one question that jumps out at him and it's in the 5826 line under "funds required" - the bottom part of the last page. The third item up from the bottom which is the recreation lacrosse. The \$13,774 we had agreed that the \$12,000 that was in there for baseball would carry over to the lacrosse program. Mr. Malizia said right now because we went through the default budget, default budget didn't recognize that we had done that move we had made in lacrosse. We recognized it the second line up from the first part and we just took it out of there and put it into there which is what you did during the budget process. Unfortunately the default resets it back so we did accomplish that.

Selectman Luszey said the diesel because of the number of snow storms are we going to be okay. Steve Malizia indicated as long as it doesn't snow again Kevin says that he will make his budget. He'll have to move monies around but what Kevin stated was as long as he doesn't have to go out to another snow storm, he said he had one more in him but as long as it's not a big one we will be okay. His budget is tight no doubt about it. We will also probably be entering the year with a somewhat lower than we'd like salt shed. It won't be as full as we'd like it when we first go into the season. We have money next year for salt. Like everybody else, he likes to have those chestnuts.

Selectman Maddox asked if we were going to get any money from FEMA. Steve Malizia indicated that we've applied for FEMA but it probably won't come into this fiscal year. In other words, we'll receive it next fiscal year the rate FEMA moves. We got the documentation. The February storm President Obama declared it. We'll submit but it does take time. By the time the money gets here, it probably won't be until July or August.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to approve the attached Memo dated 3/20/13 from Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director, to attach the FY14 Line Item transfers as recommended by the Town Administrator and the Finance Director, carried 4-0.

K. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the upcoming year

Chairman Coutu indicated that he was looking for nominations for Chairman.

Selectman Brucker nominated Richard Maddox as Chairman. Chairman Coutu indicated that Selectman Maddox's name has been placed in nomination and it does not need a second.

Selectman Luszey nominated himself. Chairman Coutu indicated that Selectman Luszey has been nominated.

Chairman Coutu closed the nominations for the purpose of the election. Selectman Maddox having secured 3 votes will be the new Chairman serving at the next meeting. We'll state this for the record, we do whatever we wish with it but I received a message this evening from Vice-Chairman Nadeau that even though he can't be here because of this surgery, he would be interested in the Vice-Chairman if nobody else was going to be nominated for it.

Selectman Maddox nominated Selectman Brucker for Vice-Chairman. Selectman Brucker said she would accept the nomination.

Motion by Selectman Maddox to elect Selectman Brucker as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Maddox said as with all of you, nothing against anyone. I think that Selectman Brucker wants to move through the chain, I think that we have had a policy of rotating people through. I just think that it would be the next logical step Sir. Selectman Luszey said only as convenient.

Chairman Coutu declared the nominations closed. Selectman Maddox is making a motion that we elect Selectman Brucker as Vice-Chairman by acclamation. Seeing no objection, all in favor 3-0 by acclamation. Selectman Brucker is Vice-Chair by acclamation. She would be Vice-Chairwoman. There's selectmen but there's no governance. If you were elected, you would be Chairwoman of the Board of Selectmen I believe. I think that's how they do it.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Luszey - We posted a request for a public hearing for the donation from the Council on Aging for the amount of \$220,000 so that hopefully we can begin work on the senior center. Chairman Coutu said that was encouraging news today - the e-mail that we received after we went through this past week. It was very encouraging news. I was very pleased to hear that.

Selectman Brucker - The Water Utility has been very busy. The SCADA upgrades across the town are underway. Verizon came out and tested their signals for cellular at all the positions and they said they're strong across town so we'll be going with them for cellular. It's really going to decrease the cost of that kind of service.

Dame/Ducharme Well - is back on line. There was problem there with the pump and it's been fixed. The Weinstein well is going to have to have some work done on it. They need to replace the screen in it. So that's going to be major.

Budget Committee - They met last week and elected Jon Maltz as the new Chairman. We of course talked about how a lot of the warrant articles had failed and just what might have happened at that last Town Election. There were different opinions about it. One person thought that people just didn't want to vote for government which I had a hard time understanding that point of view because town government you're voting for the services of the town and it's not so much...you're really voting to have a very safe community. I didn't understand that. Some people many of us thought it was the economy. Some of us thought that we need to get more voters out and have a better cross section of the community, the demographics of who comes out to vote needs to be enhanced. One person on the Committee said that he thought that the Board of Selectmen had not sold and hadn't worked hard enough to sell what was on the ballots. In defense of what we've done, I explained everything that we had done to try to have the citizens understand just what they would be voting for and to promote it. We had talked at the Budget Committee about helping support whatever each individual member thought should be something that people should vote for and I kind of reminded them that we had all decided that we were going to go out there and help support these items. That was the post mortem of what happened at the Elections.

Selectman Maddox asked if this person at the Budget Committee have a suggestion not just a criticism that we didn't sell it. Did they have a suggestion on how we could sell it better? Selectman Brucker said she didn't hear one. I didn't hear one that was anything different from what we've done. Again, Selectman Maddox said if somebody has a better idea but everybody tells us we don't do a very good job of selling it. I think that Selectman Coutu and I our faces were on the channel - all of us with the Deliberative Session constantly. Selectman Brucker said yes I did mention that.

Relative to that subject, Chairman Coutu said I take those comments very personally. Selectman Maddox and I were up for re-election. We could have easily asked you, the other members, to carry the ball so that we don't jeopardize our opportunity to want to continue to serve our citizens. We stuck our neck out. We all agreed that we were proud of the contracts that we had negotiated. You can always do better but I think we did extremely well considering the results of several other contracts we tried to negotiate in the past. I know I did what I could in terms of asking the unions to do their fair share by some signs, do some campaigning on our own as long as it wasn't done during the working hours. However for someone to get up and criticize this Board of Selectmen, all 5 members, for not selling it enough, I talk serious exception. We stuck our necks out. We stood together, we stood strong, and we stood with conviction. The members of the Budget Committee are elected by the people of the Town of Hudson to represent the interest of the Town of Hudson and to advise the voters at election time what they feel is in the best interests of this town. By unanimous votes, contract after contract on our side - the town side, they voted unanimously to approve these contracts. They're elected officials. What did they do to sell it to the voters? If they had conviction and they were telling us we need to sell it and we did a damn good job in going out there and trying to sell it, where were they? Where were their voices? Shame on them. I take it personally. We did an outstanding job this year. It's because of the economy. We got the message loud and clear. Privately we knew it was going to be difficult no matter what we did but we did our best to sell it. We couldn't have done any more unless we each took a couple thousand dollars out of our pockets and bought full page ads every week, and none of us are in that position. We live in the same economy other people do as well. I take it personally and I wish the Budget Committee would reserve their comments. They're either deaf or blind if they didn't see all the promotion that we put out there because we did an awful lot of it. More than I've ever seen since I've lived in this town and more than I've ever seen by a public body supporting contracts in every municipality that I've ever been in. I've never seen a unanimous elected body go out and sell contracts the way we did. We were unsuccessful. We did our best. Fortunately Selectman Maddox and I were approached by several people who said they respected our positions, they liked what we did, they were going to vote for us but they disagreed with us on the contracts. I appreciate that. At least they gave it some thought and that's all that counts. If they think it through, the final decision is up to the voters. Our positions we serve as a result of the voters. I'm pleased and I'm sure Selectman Maddox is that we were re-elected very disappointed about the contracts. Don't tell me and don't tell anybody on this Board that we didn't do a good job - not you Selectman Brucker they Budget Committee - don't tell us that we didn't do a good job selling it. It's the best damn effort I've ever seen by anybody that's been elected to public office. For Selectman Maddox and I to stick our necks out the way we did, we could have taken it on the chin. The voters like us Rick.

Selectman Maddox - A couple of things Mr. Chairman. While all of you are enjoying the turkey dinner at the Chamber, I will be at the Planning Board. I just wanted to let you know that there are a couple of things that are going through there and we're hopefully going to make some progress. Hopefully I will be reappointed to the Planning Board. That is the ex-officio position. So we need to have a vote of this Board correct Steve? Mr. Malizia said correct. Selectman Maddox said he would volunteer. If somebody else wants to but I think we need to move this forward. One of the reasons I said I'd take it tomorrow night is Center Farm is coming back once again. The Wall Street issue - there was an issue with that one. I just figured as much as I love my free turkey dinner, I said I'll go to the Planning Board.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to entertain a motion to appoint Selectman Maddox as the Selectman Representative on the Planning Board, carried 4-0.

Selectman Maddox indicated that you and I have talked and I think that there's talk around town. I would like to suggest that this Board host at our May workshop two groups. First the School Board. I think that I know you've tried in the past. I think that maybe all of us are slapped by the votes. I think it's time to take a look at some low hanging fruit. Are there things that the two groups together can do to save the taxpayer money. They buy paper by the truck load. Why don't we take advantage of that. There is two electrical rate contracts. Whoever has the best deal, let's go with that. They have some personnel that we might be able to use for our HVAC. I said real low hanging fruit but at least then attempt to see if there is some dialog that we could have between the two boards because we work for the same boss - the voters. Chairman Coutu indicated rubbish removal. Selectman Maddox was just saying is there some low hanging fruit that we can go for. In know in the future maybe in time some IT issues and whatever but just to see if we can bridge that gap at our May meeting.

As the second part of that Mr. Chairman say that we did that from 7 to 8. At 8 o'clock invite our Representatives to the general court in Concord to talk to both groups and see if there is legislation that we could utilize to benefit Hudson. I've talked to Representative Jasper about if we wanted to do something with our water utility borrowing money against our sewer fund which we have a lot of money at this point no use for, why couldn't we borrow against ourselves. Why go to a bank and give them the money when we could get utilize our own funds. Things of that nature and maybe the School Department has some items also. With this kind of lead time, we would be able to invite them, tell them what our plan was, and again we can commiserate about our predicament but I think that we work for the same group the taxpayer. So I'm hoping we could be able to do this Sir.

Chairman Coutu said he watched the last School Committee meeting and Chairman elect Mrs. Bisson had also stated like you that she felt that they needed to have an open dialog with us. I think she was reaching out. Something we've been trying to do for some time and we've not been successful. I hope that it's not that she has to extend an olive branch - we're not at war with each other but we are both faced with similar dilemmas with our budgets. There's a lot more critical than ours. I think we might have some suggestions as you and I have discussed about things that we might be able to offer and opportunities for them to be able to save some money. I know they are caught up right now in their own dilemma trying to restructure with the schools. I can appreciate the amount of work and the effort that's being put into it and the openness, transparency in which they're doing this by inviting people to the high school. I know I was at a meeting just beyond the high school last night and there were quite a few people there. There were a lot of cars in the parking lot.

Selectman Nadeau post op was giving me the brief rundown minute by minute because he was there. I appreciate that at least one member of the Board of Selectmen was there. I was at a meeting at the HCTV facility.

Selectman Coutu - I just want to bring to your attention as I did last week that the Hudson Recreation Department Easter Egg Hunt will be at Benson Park on Friday, March 29th. First graders and under will be at the amphitheater field down by Swan Pond. Their time is at 6 p.m. start and the 2nd through 5th graders are at 6:30 and that is also at the amphitheater. I understand there's still quite a bit of snow and I was also told that last year the grade which started at 6 and people said they were done within 15 minutes of getting all the eggs. There's so many kids. They were all over the place and gathering all the eggs.

Chairman Coutu indicated that the 5th and 6th grade dance was held on March 8th. That's the day of the snow storm. We still had 200 children in attendance. That's low attendance for us for a dance for the 5th and 6th grade. Considering the snow storm, that was a great attendance.

Men and ladies softball signs ups at the Recreation Center - Thursday, April 4th, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 6th, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. That will be on Hudson Cable Television for the dates and times. There's a movie night Friday, April 5th, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The movie is to be decided. Lacrosse is doing well. All 9 teams are on weekly practices and games slated to begin Sunday, April 14. I'm going to ask that we send a letter to committee Chairs, those committee that are televised asking them to try to be cognizant of the fact that if they're sitting way back and leaning away from the microphones, it's very difficult to hear them on television. I'd like those Chairmen of those committees which are televised, there are several that are not to please ask their members to sit forward so that they can speak through the microphones. I would prepare those letters if there's no objection from Selectman Maddox for his signature.

Assessing Department - Town residents, Assessing Department wishes to inform the residents that the deadline for applying for the 2013 property tax year for new veteran's property tax credits, elderly property tax exemptions, disabled property tax exemptions, blind property tax exemptions, and current use applications is April 15th, 2013. If you want further details, please contact the Assessing Department at 886-6009 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or you can go to our town website - www.hudsonnh.gov, to go Assessing page and that information should be there unless we have a special posting on our own page for that.

Chairman Coutu wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the voters who did show up at the polls. Not as many as we would have liked but those who did show up committed themselves to a community service and to let their voices be heard relative to the ballot questions, the warrant articles, and to the election of the selection of the candidates they felt they would like to have them serve them. That is not to say that we did not have a good field of candidates. I respect and appreciate the fact that people step forward to run for public office. I'm a strong advocate of people whether it's their first time or their third time to step forward and run. We've seen it in both situations. Mrs. Brucker her first attempt she did exceptionally well and was elected to the Board of Selectmen. They obviously put a good team together and went out and did the leg work and they got it done. Selectman Luszey I believe other than the Budget Committee is the first time you ran for selectman and you were successful and you won. There are others that have run a couple of times and haven't been successful and they're welcome to continue to try. That's the process. That's the way government works. It's free choice. We don't elect ourselves. It's not a dictatorship and I certainly appreciate all of the people - well it might become a dictatorship next Tuesday. I'm warning you people but at the time being, we're writing a free range while we can. One more week. I want to thank all the voters who showed up. Very, very grateful. I know I speak also for Selectman Maddox. We truly appreciate your trust in us to allow us to serve you for an additional three years.

Selectman Maddox asked if the Board was in agreement with inviting the School Board and the State Reps.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, that we ask the School Committee and the State delegation to the House of Representatives to appear at the first workshop in May. We'll ask the School Board to be here from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and following that will be the House of Representatives, carried 4-0.

Selectman Maddox appreciated the people that voted for me and Selectman Coutu to bring back this team. You're right, it was interesting to stand out there in the rain with my fellow candidates. Again, it's an interesting process. I wish that the 15,000 people who had showed up to vote for President even if half of them had come out would have been nice. In the rain and cold weather, 3,200 people showed up and I appreciate their vote.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION - NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Luszey, carried 4-0.

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