

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the February 26, 2019 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Coutu the meeting of February 26, 2019 at 7:02 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Reverend Howe.
3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Roger Coutu, David Morin, Marilyn McGrath, Angela Routsis, Normand Martin

Staff/Others: Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Chrissy Peterson, Part-Time Office Assistant- Recreation; Jess Forrence, Public Works Director; Interim Police Chief Bill Avery

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Coutu asked does anyone in the audience wish to address the Board on any issue which the Board has control of at this time.

Reverend Howe – Good evening. David Howe, 1 Federal Street, Hudson, NH. I've come tonight to do something that I've wanted to do for a couple of months. I just haven't had the opportunity to do so. I just want to commend our town, the Selectmen, the Highway Department - Department of Public Works for the beautiful job that was done at the common this year in decorating it for the holiday season. I think it was one of the best that we've ever seen and I just wanted to come and say thank you and I really appreciate it. I believe town people appreciate it. It adds a good spirit to the atmosphere. It covers the traditions of Christmas and I really appreciate and am proud to be in a town that puts up the nativity scene still. The nativity has been around for longer than Santa Claus. I just wanted to come and say thank you and how much I appreciate it. I enjoy living in this town. Thank you.

Chairman Coutu stated our Public Works Director just came in as you were speaking Mr. Forrence. I'm sure he appreciates the kind words. Thank you Reverend. It's great to hear. I know you're a busy man and for you to take time out of your busy day to come in here is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much Sir.

Anyone else wish to address the Board at this time? Seeing none.

5. RECOGNITIONS, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Coutu noted we have a Conservation Commission position available. An alternate Jennifer Parkhurst has applied for a full term membership. I spoke to Selectman Morin who is our liaison to the Conservation Commission and he has agreed to take any questions if anybody has any questions.

Selectman McGrath suggested that we defer any action on this appointment because I have questions and I understand that she's not here tonight but I want those questions answered before I can vote on this position.

Chairman Coutu said without objection, we will defer the appointment.

Donna Graham asked if the Board wanted Ms. Parkhurst to attend the next meeting. Chairman Coutu said yes which would be the Monday before the election.

A. Interview

- 1) Conservation Commission - (2 vacancies - 1 member term to expire 12/31/19; 1 alternate term to expire 12/31/21)

Jennifer Parkhurst (incumbent alternate)

B. Resignations

- 1) Michael Tsu as a member of the Conservation Commission

Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to accept the resignation of Michael Tsu as a member to the Conservation Commission with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 5-0.

- 2) Michael Pitre as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Martin, to accept the resignation of Michael Pitre as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment with the Board's thanks and appreciation.

Chairman Coutu stated he's not officially resigned but I understand that he's missed several consecutive meetings and the Chairman of the ZBA has given him adequate time to either come to a meeting or to notify and he hasn't notified.

Selectman Morin indicated the Town Administrator actually sent Mr. Pitre a letter and said if we didn't hear from him we would assume that he is and we had not heard from him.

Chairman Coutu said I had dinner with my wife at a local restaurant in town here Sunday night. He didn't say a word to me. He was there.

Selectman McGrath asked should the appropriate motion be to vacate the seat as opposed to accept the resignation if he didn't submit a resignation and sadly in this particular case this is the second go around with this individual. The first time that this happened I didn't want Chairman Martin at the time wanted to vacate the seat. I believe you were the Chairman. I thought it was unfortunate and I thought we should give Mr. Pitre every opportunity to submit a resignation because it follows you. If at some point in the future he wants to apply for some other position or run for office, that failure to just do the proper thing follows you. I was opposed to that and we gave him every opportunity and he did resign. He submitted a resignation. This time it's the same type of thing chasing him to get a resignation. He hasn't submitted it. I read the paperwork over the weekend and they've given him multiple opportunities. At the very least, either send an e-mail or call the office and say I'm sorry but my business is taking me away from ability to serve and I'd like to resign. That's all it would take. I think we should vacate the seat and leave it at that. He didn't resign.

Chairman Coutu said technically he did. It has always been the policy of the Board that if someone - people are made aware that when they take a position if they miss three consecutive unexcused absences, they are in effect resigning their position so it's considered a resignation because of his failure to come.

Again, Selectman McGrath thought it's improper and I find it insulting actually because I've served on a number of boards over the years and every so often you get tired of serving and you want to take a break. Well you take the break but you make sure that you do it in the proper way. I'm sorry I just think that this is insulting to the town. It's insulting to the other members that serve on that board and show up at meetings and do their due diligence. That's just how I feel and I won't vote to accept a resignation that hasn't been tendered.

Chairman Coutu stated I know Mr. Pitre well and I'm sure Mr. Pitre never intended to insult anybody.

Motion to accept the resignation of Michael Pitre as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment with the Board's thanks and appreciation, motion failed.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin, to vacate the position held by Mr. Pitre on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and to advertise for applicants to fill that seat.

Chairman Coutu noted that motion is not in order. You can't vacate a position. We're not going to have that position. That will be interpreted as having vacated that alternate position.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin to defer, carried 5-0.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Coutu asked does any Board member wish to remove any item for separate consideration. I noticed that other one came back in proper order. Thank you. (6. C. 4.)

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to approve consent items A, B, C, D, E and F as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Current Use Lien Release - Map 126, Lot 32 - 50 Griffin Road, w/recommendation to approve
- 2) Disabled Veteran Tax Credit - Map 211, Lot 038 - 13 St. Anthony Drive, w/recommendation to grant

B. Water/Sewer Items

- 1) Water Abatement - W-UTL-19-03 - Hudson Enterprises, LLC, w/recommendation to approve

C. Licenses & Permits & Policies

- 1) Outdoor Gathering Permit - British Cars of New Hampshire
- 2) Raffle Permit - British Cars of New Hampshire
- 3) Request to Solicit Funds - American Legion Post 247
- 4) Raffle Permit - Nashua Masons

D. Donations - None

E. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the February 11, 2019 Meeting

F. Calendar

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| 02/27 | 7:00 | Planning Bd - Buxton CD Meeting Room - CANCELLED |
| 02/28 | 7:00 | Zoning Bd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 03/06 | 7:00 | Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room - CANCELLED |
| 03/07 | 6:30 | Recreation Cte - BOS Meeting Room |
| 03/07 | 7:00 | Benson Park Cte - HCTV |
| 03/11 | 7:00 | Conservation Cmsn - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 03/11 | 7:00 | CableTV - HCTV |
| 03/11 | 7:00 | Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room |
| 03/12 | 7:00AM to 8 PM | TOWN MEETING - Community Center |
| 03/13 | 7:00 | Planning Bd - Buxton CD Meeting Room |

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on February 11, 2019

- 1) Motion by Selectman Morin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to seal the nonpublic minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting, carried 5-0.
- 2) Motion to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Martin, carried 5-0.

B. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on February 12, 2019

- 1) Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to seal the nonpublic minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting, carried 5-0.
- 2) Motion by Selectman Morin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to accept Police Chief Jason Lavoie's letter of retirement effective February 12, 2019, carried 5-0.
- 3) Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin to appoint William Avery as Interim Police Chief at a salary of \$106,375 per year, carried 4-1. Selectman Morin in opposition.
- 4) Motion to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Morin, carried 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bid Recommendation - Jette Field Light Replacement Project

Chairman Coutu stated you all have the bid recommendations in your packet. There were two bids submitted. The Recreation Director and the Finance Director recommended that we accept the bid for Johnson's Electric I believe for \$49,950. Those funds are available in the Ballfield Maintenance Account 5824-267 with a budget of \$36,500. The balance of the fund \$13,450 will come from the recreation fees collected by the Planning Board line item 2050-182 which currently has \$41,086. Any questions?

Selectman Routsis stated Recreation Director Yates did let me know that he wouldn't be here this evening but he does have Chrissy here in case anyone does have an questions for her in regards to this.

Chairman Coutu asked if there were any questions. Comments?

Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to award the bid for the Jette Field Light Replacement Project to Johnson's Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$49,950. Funds will come from the Ballfields Park Maintenance Account (5824-267) in the amount of \$36,500 and the Recreation Fees Account (2050-182) in the amount of \$13,450, carried 5-0.

B. Request to Post for the Position of Special Equipment Operator for the Sewer and Drains Division in the Public Works Department

Chairman Coutu recognized Public Works Director Jess Forrence.

Jess Forrence indicated a couple of weeks ago we got a resignation from a 15 year veteran of the Public works which will be dearly missed. It's kind of tough finding that experience. I am looking to post his position which would be vacated the end of this week, Saturday. I'm looking to post it within. I think we've got a couple of good candidates in there. If we don't, I'd also like the Board's permission to go outside after the 5 days of posting if we don't see anything.

Selectman Morin asked is he just leaving for another job. Jess Forrence said he was very tight lip about it. He said he was just ready to move on. That was all. I wished him luck. Like I said he'll be

missed and tough to replace. We've had guys working with him for a number of years so it should fill in pretty quick.

Chairman Coutu asked Mr. Forrence would you post the position for 5 days prior to the advertising or did you want to do them both consecutively. Jess said no I'd wait after the 5 days.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to authorize the Public Works Director to post in house and externally for the position of Special Equipment Operator for the Sewer and Drains Division, carried 5-0.

- C. Public Hearing - Acceptance of a Donation from SoundOff Signal for Emergency Lighting Equipment for Police Cruisers Valued at \$5,774.63

Chairman Coutu recognized Interim Police Chief Bill Avery.

Good evening. Thank you very much. Chief Avery said the Hudson Police is trying to accept a donation from SoundOff Signals which is a spinoff of the company Whalen that supplies all the blue lights and emergency equipment that goes onto the cruisers. This company SoundOff is using it locally at a local business that we have switched to outfit our cruisers and they have asked us to take this donation to completely outfit one of our cruisers. It would be a test to see if we liked their equipment and possibly moving to that company in the very near future. They have graciously donated \$5,774.63 for this cruiser to be outfitted.

Selectman Routsis asked Global Safety is the new company in Hudson. Chief Avery said yes. They are located in the Industrial Park. We were at MHQ which was down in Marlborough, Massachusetts, and we've since moved our business locally to Global.

Selectman McGrath asked by accepting this donation we're not obligating ourselves in any way. Chief Avery said absolutely not. They are just doing this one cruiser. It will be a test. If we like the way it comes out, we will move in that direction because they are less cost per cruiser than Whalen. Selectman McGrath noted they're more local too.

Chairman Coutu asked there's no quid pro quo implied. Chief Avery said nothing. Chairman Coutu asked if there were any other questions before I open up the public hearing.

Chairman Coutu opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Does any person in the audience wish to speak on this item? Seeing none, I will close the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to accept a donation of cruiser emergency lighting equipment from SoundOff Signal for the Hudson Police Department valued at \$5,774.63, carried 5-0.

- D. Public Hearing - Acceptance of \$15,939 Grant Award from NHDES for Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Project at Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond

Chairman Coutu noted this is a recurring item we get every year. Our Town Engineer Elvis Dhima please.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Good evening everyone. Elvis Dhima stated as you are well aware the Town of Hudson does this every year. This year we've been granted again another fund in the amount of \$15,939. This is to do the chemical treatment and physical removal of the weeds at Robinson and Ottarnic Ponds. With that said, we've been using less every year. Last year we budgeted \$60,000 and we used about \$32,000. This year we're hoping to do the same. With that same, I'm in front of you tonight to ask you to accept the grant.

Chairman Coutu opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this item? I'll close the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin, to accept a \$15,939 grant award from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for the exotic aquatic plant control project at Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond and to authorize the Chairman to sign the attached contracts for Solitude Lake Management for herbicide treatment up to \$33,120 for Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond and Aqualogic for DASH work for both Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond up to \$14,700. The cost for these contracts will be covered by NHDES Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant for a 25 percent match up to \$15,939, carried 5-0.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman McGrath - I didn't have anything to add tonight but I think that I must comment further on the Zoning Board member that we discussed earlier. Just so that there isn't any misunderstanding about how I feel, I happen to like that individual very much. He was a respected member of the Zoning Board. He gave great input. He had a wealth of information and background that was valuable to the Board and valuable to the decision making that those individuals are forced to make. I have no personal animosity at all towards this individual. I'm just really disappointed that he couldn't take the time to do the right thing and resign in the right way just as I would do, just as any professional would do. Those are the reasons for my vote and the reasons that I can't - I'll just leave it at that. Thank you.

Selectman Morin - I'd like to talk about one thing. I've been working on this for a while and I finally got everything put together. As I talk, you may find think it's a school problem but it actually isn't a school. It's both the school and the town problem. We have the opioid problem and it hits this town hard but we have a group of people that we're not helping out. We spend a lot of time with the people that are affected by the drugs. There's a lot of work on preventing the drugs for getting in our streets. A group of people we're forgetting is what we're finding is is that a lot of grandparents are inheriting their children's children due to the fact that a death from drugs or incarceration. In talking with some of these grandparents, the schools, and things to this nature, it is something that greatly lacks and these people are in very need of help. I'm not taking monetary wise. I'm talking how to deal with the problems with the kids and how this affects the kids. All the school stuff and many of the things that take place are high tech stuff and they're not familiar with how to use computers and getting onto the school things.

(Selectman Morin) I contacted the State just to get some numbers to verify. This is a 2016 study that UNH did. There was 8,000 grandparents that had taken over children drug related. Out of that 8,000, 52 percent were drug related or incarceration to that effect. There was a large portion in the Hudson Schools and they're running into problems at this time. What I would like to do - whatever you want to call it a committee, a commission, a task force, or whatever, I'd like to get together people from the school definitely working with the school. This is a school issue as much as it is our issue. Some citizens, maybe a grandparent that would like to participate, and some of our professionals - maybe police, fire, or whatever we can get for the expertise and come up with something that we can do for these grandparents to help. It doesn't have to be the town has to fund anything but we may be able to sponsor some seminars to help them and how to deal with this stuff. Bring in some professionals from the State and get these people in. If this group thinks that it's a worthwhile thing, I will contact the Chairman of the School Board tomorrow and have this same discussion with him and get his moving if there's something that you think we should do.

Selectman McGrath said I would wholeheartedly endorse something like that. I think that it is a hidden need that we don't recognize. I think whatever we can do to aid those families that are in dire need of help would be the right thing to do.

Selectman Morin said one thing I didn't mention, we can get help from next door. They have a lot of experience in this so they can make the contacts that we need to make for this plan. This is not in any way a safe station let me make that clear. This is strictly to help these grandparents that are getting children again and they're raising children again. The Roome Foundation actually contacted me and they are willing to take the funds that they collect for that group and put it towards sports activities for these kids throughout the State and talking with our Rec. Department, our numbers are way down with kids playing sports again. Now can we definitely attach this to the opioid? Maybe not. It may be to

the fact that these grandparents can't afford it and things to that nature. The Roome Foundation can help in that way and in many other ways. Like I said, get it started. Get a group of people together, put some ideas together and see where we can go.

Selectman Routsis said I'm not opposed to it but I think if we're going to have something like that possibly open it up to really any family in town that may have had anything like that. Don't just I guess market it just for grandparents or someone because there may be a family member that got a child that doesn't know how to handle a situation and maybe not beneficial to anyone.

Selectman Morin said that's a very good idea. Like I said, I had been told, and given, and did some research and they're finding a big thing in the State was the grandparents. You're absolutely right. I wouldn't be against that at all.

Chairman Coutu asked Chrissy we provide financial aid for families on the recreation programs. Like say the summer program or any athletic activity that would require funds, do we provide aid if we could document that the family is in need or indigent? Chrissy Peterson said we do a payment plan for them. We don't necessarily have scholarships or hardships for them. There are cases where the parents or grandparents would come to Dave or myself and you do make the exception and work with them but we don't have a set scholarship set up.

Chairman Coutu asked why don't we work on that on that end please. We have the 50/50 raffles and things like that. I know they're doing it towards school scholarships. If I'm setting my priority straight, I think this is more advantageous for the community to be helping people who feel obligated by virtue of their relationship to their grandchildren in that case or by virtue of their relationship to a family member who is incarcerated can no longer take the child. They take the child in and often times that puts a greater drain on their finances. I think that if you and Dave put your heads together, you'll see that we could set a priority for a couple of years. Thank you for that answer. We can work on that and maybe even have one of your represented on the committee so that we can have a good discussion about extra-curricular activities to keep their minds focused on other than what's happening in the family.

The other thing Selectman Morin is that we've been watching the numbers on the recreation programs. Chairman Coutu said we're noticing that there's a significant decline in school enrollment. The percentage is pretty consistent with the decline in the number of people participating. Now since PMA has built their own field and really expanded on their extra-curricular, a lot of those kids would use our summer program. They're not as involved in the summer sport. How is basketball enrollment this year? Ms. Peterson said it was a little bit down. Chairman Coutu said we had the girls program all but phased out last year. You had to shift some numbers around to be able to make it work. Chrissy said we did that again this year. Chairman Coutu said we are going to be able to have representation from the girls on some sort of basketball program. Chrissy said yes and we have a girls' lacrosse starting again for the second year in a row. One but it's a start so we're excited about that. Chairman Coutu said there is a decline in the school population. Like I said, the numbers are parallel with the decline we're having in the recreational enrollment. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't be doing something.

Chairman Coutu thought just to say we're going to appoint a committee, Selectman Morin can you help us lay some groundwork for this. Not now. I want to incorporate our Police, a representative of the firefighters obviously, and perhaps we could reach out to some of the clergy in the community because it may be going on within their parishes. We can have an extensive outreach because this should be a roundtable discussion and not 4 or 5 people. This should be a roundtable discussion with people who have the where with all, and the fortitude to want to deal with this, and the ability to reach out to agencies and get them all involved in Hudson's crisis.

Selectman Morin said the thing is we want a roundtable but we actually want to have a definite plan that we're going to do like seminars for these people on different subjects related to it. I know and I haven't talked to the Chief or anything like that but my thought was we have a victim advocate in the Police Department where we could get a lot of input. We have the Fire Department who deals with

that part of it. We have the Senior Services Coordinator which could bring in a lot of information from there. Yes I plan on incorporating a lot of people...

Chairman Coutu noted another great asset for us is Kathy Wilson here in the building.

Selectman Morin said, again, this is not the town side, this is a school side. This is something that we need to get no matter how we feel, this is something that both the school and the town need to work together and everything go away. It's all about the kids and it's all about families in need. It's a crisis. It's a crisis within a crisis and we need to deal with it.

In speaking with the State, Selectman Morin noted there is nothing for these people. They focus on who are affected by the drugs, law enforcement, and I don't want to take care of those because if we stop it there we wouldn't have these problems that we're talking about. There's really not many plans or action to take to help these people out that get affected on the other end of it and that's why I wanted to bring it forward to see what we want to do.

Chairman Coutu said maybe we can make some of our resources available through Kathy Wilson because she does very well managing her budget and there's always an excess there. If we can justify it and there's a filter system to identify the families that have a financial need for either services, or recreation programs for the kids, after school programs, we can work with the School Department identifying them and having some of their resources available in house and make these kids aware that these programs are available such as we have in the recreation and make the funds available to get them to participate. I think we can put a team together. It doesn't have to be 100 people. We could put a team together about a dozen people - up to 15 maybe - it makes sense to me and that type of discussion if we're going to involve the School Department which we should. I don't think that they're going to balk at being on board. It would be a good cooperative venture for us to enter into together. Why don't we do that? Let's lay a little more groundwork and then put it together who we're going to reach out to to be on this committee and what would be the best way to attract a couple of families to join the committee with us. The committee can hear from them firsthand what they're going through. Thank you. I appreciate it.

Selectman Routsis – I want to actually thank all of our emergency services personnel yesterday in our Highway Department. It was quite a windy day. I joke around with everyone and say if it wasn't winter it would have been considered a hurricane. We had a lot of down trees. A lot of people with power outages. From what I was seeing on line and from what I experienced myself, Eversource got our power back up in a reasonable time. The Highway Department was out cleaning up down trees and trying to make it as safe as possible and we had some pretty big trees down on some heavily traveled roads. I do want to thank everyone involved in that because without them it could have been far worse than it was.

I also want to thank Robin Rodgers for her years of service to the Library and for things she's done in the town because she is not running for the Library Trustees again. I just wanted to thank her for what she's done.

Chairman Coutu said she deserves applauded despite here Letter to the Editor. She has contributed much to our community and I certainly appreciate the service that she's put in. Thank you for bringing that up. I wasn't even thinking about her term being up and she didn't run for re-election. I hope she's enjoying the warm weather because I'm sure that's where she is. She's not? Selectman Routsis said no. She might be out of town right now but that's not their end game. Chairman Coutu said good luck to her and we thank her for her service. Matter of fact can we get a letter written out to her in appreciation and we can find out how many years of service. If it wasn't for that family, we wouldn't have the Library we have today.

Speaking of the Library, Selectman Routsis indicted the 10th anniversary is coming up. They mentioned that at the last meeting. They will do some sort of soiree. Now I'm really done.

Selectman Martin – Thank you Mr. Chairman. As you know, a lot of us follow social media. There was a concern by a resident and I private messaged him about the concern. I didn't contact the department. I think we need to discuss how our contractor goes out and measures properties. The resident's concern was that he had motion activated cameras on his property so it clings to his phone. He saw a person walking around his property and measuring just like an assessment would do to a home. He was on his way home from work and when he got there, the gentleman was still there, didn't identify himself right away, and he was asked to leave the property. His car wasn't even visible to the person that owned the home. I think we need to visit - I don't know who the liaison is - visit with the Assessor's office to talk about how the contractor goes out, and how they identify it, and make sure that they identify themselves because these homeowners sometimes get very panicky when somebody is walking around their house and they don't know whose there. At least a ring on the doorbell and a business card or something that we're here walking around your property. If you see us, I think it's a very big concern and I'd like see that talked with the contractor.

Selectman McGrath indicated I'm the liaison to the Assessing Department and I will talk to Jim Michaud about that.

Selectman Morin said I saw the same thing Selectman Martin did. I have some concerns. When they have a piece of paper on town letter as their ID, anybody can get a piece of - there was a picture that said I am the liaison from the town. That concerns me. Instead of some type of official town ID, we have a piece of paper than anybody can get a piece of letter and type a letter say hey I work for the town.

Selectman Routsis said he had a town ID. It said it. He showed him the town ID and he also had a piece of paper.

Selectman Morin said I did forward the whole conversation that was on that post to the Assessor and he told me that they would be talking about it first thing Monday morning and getting everything cleared up and speaking to the contractor and making sure that they understand that this is the way we want it done.

Selectman McGrath stated it doesn't necessitate a call from me then tomorrow. Selectman Morin said he said he was going to take care of it first thing Monday morning.

Selectman Martin said the Budget Committee cancelled their meeting for next week. That's it. That's all I have.

Selectman Coutu - I have nothing this evening other than to say that considering the damage we had around town yesterday and as alluded to, we had quite a few of our major roadways had severe damage trees falling: Musquash Road, River Road, up at this end of town the streets are too numerable to mention plus the damage to private property. I hope everyone is safe. I want to thank people for their patience. I've been following a lot of posts the past couple of days relative to down trees, and property damage, and the lack of electricity. Not that people are taking it in stride, I think most of them have reacted the way you did realizing the severity of the storm that it was going to take a while so they were a little more patient than usual. More patient than they had been in the middle of the ice storm which took us a week to get everything pretty well straightened up and up and running when we had the ice storm. Thank you for that. That's all I have this evening.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin, to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; and (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or

tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant, carried 5-0 by roll call.

Chairman Coutu entered Nonpublic Session at 7:21 p.m., thus ending the televised portion of the meeting. Any votes taken upon entering open session will be listed on the Board's next agenda. The public is asked to leave the room.

Chairman Coutu entered open session at 9:15 p.m.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Martin, to seal the Nonpublic Session Minutes of February 26, 2019, carried 5-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, carried 5-0.

Recorded by HCTV and transcribed by Donna Graham, Executive Assistant.

Roger E. Coutu, Chairman

David S. Morin, Vice-Chairman

Marilyn E. McGrath, Selectman

Angela Routsis, Selectman

Normand G. Martin, Selectman