

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the August 13, 2019 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Morin the meeting of August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Chairman Morin.

3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: David Morin, Kara Roy, Roger Coutu, Marilyn McGrath, Normand Martin

Staff/Others: Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Fire Chief Rob Buxton; Police Chief Bill Avery; Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer; Jess Forrence, DPW Director

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Morin said I see no one in the audience for public input.

5. RECOGNITIONS, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS - None

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Morin asked does any Board member wish to remove any item for separate consideration.

Selectman McGrath indicated yes - Item C. 1 and C. 2.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Roy, to approve consent items A, B, C. 3., D, E and F as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Timber Tax - Map 133, Lot 052 - 21 Beechwood Rd., w/recommendation to approve
- 2) Timber Tax - Map 133, Lot 053 - 19 Beechwood Rd., w/recommendation to approve
- 3) Timber Tax - Map 133, Lot 054 - 17 Beechwood Rd., w/recommendation to approve

B. Water/Sewer Items

- 1) Water Abatement - W-UTL-19-05 - 27 Cedar Street, w/recommendation to approve
- 2) Water Abatement - W-UTL-19-06 - 43 Quail Run, w/recommendation to approve

C. Licenses & Permits & Policies

- 1) Permit to Bait Wildlife - James Goodie
- 2) Permit to Bait Wildlife - Frank Vieriro

Selectman McGrath requested that item 1. and 2. - Permit to Bait Wildlife removed from the agenda because I cannot vote for either one of those. I think it's an unfair advantage that's given to these individuals and it's something that I can't abide by.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Roy, to deny Consent Item 6. C. 1. and C. 2. The permit to bait wildlife, carried 4-1. Selectman Martin in opposition.

- 3) Tag Day Permit - Southern NH Spirit Boosters

D. Donations

- 1) \$5,000 donation from Digital Credit Union to the Fire Department's General Donation fund

- 2) \$200.00 donation from the Wettergreen Charity motorcycle ride for the needs of comfort dog, Haven

E. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the July 23, 2019 Meeting

F. Calendar

- 08/14 7:00 Planning Bd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 08/15 7:00 Benson Park Cte - HCTV
- 08/20 7:00 Municipal Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
- 08/21 6:00 Library Trustees - Hills Memorial Library
- 08/22 7:00 Zoning Bd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 08/26 7:00 Capital Improvements Committee - BOS Meeting Room
- 08/26 7:00 Sustainability Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 08/27 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
- 08/28 7:00 Planning Bd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
- 08/29 7:00 Zoning Bd of Adjustment Workshop - Buxton CD Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on July 23, 2019

- 1) *Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Roy, to authorize the Fire Chief to extend the probation of Firefighter Benjamin Savage for an additional three months with a completion date of October 28, 2019 for a total of 12 months as recommended by the Fire Chief, carried 5-0.*
- 2) *Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to authorize the Fire Chief to promote David Hebert to the position of Building Official effective July 29, 2019. This assignment will be a non- exempt position with an annual salary of \$61,483 as recommended by the Fire Chief, carried 5-0.*
- 3) *Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Martin, to list Town owned tax deeded property located at 7 Alpha Street with DiBernardo Real Estate for \$179,900 and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign the Marketing Agreement with DiBernardo Real Estate for the sale of the property, carried 5-0.*
- 4) *Motion by Selectman Roy, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to agree to the Modification Petition from the Hudson Police, Fire & Town Supervisors Association and add the position of Information Technology Technician II to the unit at the Town Accountant/Civil Engineer scale, Step 4, and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Modification Petition, carried 5-0.*
- 5) *Motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Coutu, carried 5-0.*

B. Replacement of Police and Fire Dispatch Consoles and Radio Infrastructure

Chairman Morin recognized Fire Chief Rob Buxton and Police Chief Bill Avery.

Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Chief Buxton explained as you are aware, we were with you at the July 9th meeting to review an upgrade to the communication system throughout town. One of the takeaways that night or deliverables for us was to come up with a funding mechanism for the project which we have proposed in this Memo to you this evening. The vision of our plan is to move the Fire, Police and Highway Department onto one communications platform and bring all the radio equipment underneath one infrastructure base. The cost of that project is \$1.5 million in change. Tonight we're

proposing a three-step process for you. The first step would be to authorize us to utilize the \$736,132 in the Capital Reserve Fund for communications equipment. That is a Board of Selectmen to expend authorization. The second piece of that is to propose a warrant article for the upcoming budget process would be to remove \$810,000 from the unassigned fund balance which would have no tax impact. Very similar as what we did with the renovation for Central Station. This would require a simple majority at Town Meeting in March 2020. That is what the recommendation was after we sat down with the Finance Director. There were several different opportunities looked at. The third piece was to basically as you to keep an open mind to afford us an opportunity to come back at the budget time to basically propose contributing monies to the Capital Reserve Fund so you continue plan for futuristic replacement. It's a three-step process and that's where we'd like to go this evening. Certainly open to questions.

Chairman Morin asked any questions for the Chief.

Selectman Coutu said your final statement was that - would you repeat your final statement relative to putting money in the Capital Reserve Fund. Chief Buxton stated we would ask you to keep the Capital Reserve Fund active which would be for futuristic replacement improvements to the system. So as this equipment that goes in new, you should start now planning for futuristic replacement of that system so 10, 15 years down the road if you have a breakdown, you have monies to utilize to replace mobile radios, infrastructure type stuff.

Selectman Coutu asked it's not for the repairs of the equipment that we will be purchasing for \$1.5 million. Chief Buxton indicated under the capital reserve process for this, you are available to use for emergency repairs, replacement, and improvements to town-owned equipment. We carry a dollar figure in our operating budget for a maintenance contract with two-way communications which I would be looking to carry that continuous as we move forward as I'm sure the Police Chief and then we would work with the Public Works Department to do the same.

Selectman Coutu said I understand the difference between the \$810,000 that you want to withdraw next year to the \$736,000 presently available you're adding in next year's money. Did the Finance Director tell you how much money would be left in the fund after the withdrawal of the 736? Chief Buxton indicated currently as of June 30 you have \$6.3 million which is 8.6 percent of the gross appropriation coming into this year. If revenues continue to grow - sorry I didn't figure out the math to remove the \$810,000.

Selectman Roy asked what about the \$736,000. Chief Buxton said that is the Capital Reserve Fund now. Selectman Roy asked how much money would be left over in that. Did you talk about that? Chief Buxton said the Capital Reserve Fund - two separate questions. The Capital Reserve Fund currently has about \$772,000 but that is based off of what the market value of that fund is today. As you are aware, you give that money to the Trustees to invest so as long as the market continues to grow, you'll see that plot of money continue to grow. If something was to happen in the investment market, that's why we took the \$736,000 that was the hard number that the Finance Director gave us.

Selectman Coutu asked was communications part of the CIP. Chief Buxton indicated it was not.

Selectman McGrath said the stock market went up today with the announcement that the President is doing something about deferring purchases - Chinese products that will be on people's Christmas lists. So that helped the stock market today. That fund should hopefully grow and hopefully it will continue for a time to go.

Chief Buxton indicated the values that you see in front of you are an estimate to get us to the end of the line. If the stock market continues to grow and there's more money in there, we would offset that so we'd take less from the unassigned fund balance. We would want to continue to put money into that account so you have planning as you grow down the road.

Selectman McGrath had a question about the new equipment. Would it be covered by any kind of warranty for a period of time? Chief Buxton said sure. There will be a warranty period that's usually a five-year period on the Motorola equipment for the one-year installation. Selectman McGrath said having to do any kind of repairs. Chief Buxton said they would be replacing that.

Selectman Coutu asked to your knowledge Chiefs, the loop that is unfinished is that taken into consideration here? To the best of my knowledge, Chief Buxton said that is being worked on. I know that I have been asked for my review of the fire alarm system on that loop will be completed. That's already been funded. That is not part of these monies.

Selectman Roy noted I had a conversation with the IT Director just before this meeting and they're supposed to start working on that within the coming week to finish that loop. They have the contract in place and everything. Selectman Coutu said this would be the end of it. Selectman Roy said yes. This would finish that loop.

Selectman Coutu asked Chief Avery based on information that you were able to gather in researching I'm assuming and I shouldn't but I will assume that both Chiefs worked on this plan. Chief Avery said yes. Selectman Coutu asked is it fair to say that if this were to pass the muster of the voters and they approve the warrant article and we moved ahead with this, that this should resolve once and for all the communication gaps. Chief Avery answered absolutely. We are 100 percent confident if we get this through the voters and get this infrastructure installed we will have zero problems with our radios. Selectman Coutu asked does this infrastructure include a new antenna by your station. Chief Avery said yes as well as one at Chief Buxton's location and then another antenna...Selectman Coutu thought we had a new antenna here. Chief Buxton stated we don't have a new antenna. We utilize the same antenna. Selectman Coutu asked is the six o'clock horn on. Chief Buxton indicated the six o'clock horn is no longer around.

Just from a historical perspective, Chief Buxton stated both of us had a group of employees that have met and worked on this proposal in the backside and met with the vendor to look at the topographical challenges in town to make sure that our gaps were being filled in - Sullivan Road, River Road, Dracut Road, Speare Road - those areas that have been commonly been problems for both of us. Those will go away.

Selectman Coutu asked is there only one vendor for this thing. Chief Buxton said no. We're working with Motorola directly which is the type of equipment that we're purchasing. They are a sole source. They don't afford an opportunity for - so you're dealing with the corporation and then underneath them are their installation teams which we're fortunate to have two-way communications in this area which is their license installation team. That's who we've been working with. Selectman Coutu said I wholeheartedly endorse Motorola products for municipal communications. Thank you.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Roy, to approve the plan to update the radio system that covers Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments by utilizing the Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund; creating a warrant article for FY2021 that would remove \$810,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance; and continue to contribute monies to the Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund, carried 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sagamore Bridge and Lowell Rd. - Safety Concerns

Chairman Morin recognize Selectman McGrath.

Selectman McGrath explained I asked that this be put on the agenda so that we could have a discussion about taking some sort of action to prevent automobiles from racing through the red lights. I've witnessed it multiple times. I've seen one night three cars - and I talked to Chief Avery about it at the time - race through the red light not even hesitating just like a raceway going through. The last vehicle in the chain was a van. They all took a left and got over to the far right lane going to Wason Road and the last vehicle almost went over it. It looked like he was on two wheels.

Selectman McGrath received a call a couple of weeks ago from Maryellen Davis. I talked to her the other night to get the actual details. She was quite upset. She was sitting at the traffic light in the morning going to work. She said it was about 7:30 and by the way she gave me authorization to release this. She's sitting at the traffic light, the light turned green for her to take a left onto the Sagamore Bridge and she hesitated. Had she not, she would have been hit broadside by an 18-wheel tractor trailer that went barreling through the red light and took a left onto Flagstone. I think that we need to do something. You can't prevent people.

If they're determined to go through but you can slow them down and I've talked to Elvis and I've talked to Chief Avery. One of the suggestions that I had - as you know I drive down to Boston quite a bit for medical appointments. I was down in Chestnut Hill last week and I drive this route often. They have a large area, I don't know the width, but it crosses the road. It's a raised portion plus it has a rumble strip so you're forced to slow down. I think that that might be an appropriate item to consider for this stretch of roadway. I can't in good conscious sitting on this Board not to try to do something because someone is going to get killed there or seriously hurt. I think anybody that travels that road, you've witnessed it. I know Roger you've witnessed it. I think we need to do something.

Chairman Morin asked do you mind if we call up the Police Chief and the Town Engineer. Selectman McGrath indicated no. I've asked both of them to be here.

Selectman Coutu said the problem is the road is owned by the State. Chairman Morin said that was going to be my question to them. Selectman McGrath indicated Elvis has talked to them.

Good evening. Chief Avery started what Selectmen McGrath just referred to as a daily occurrence out there on the Sagamore Bridge, we have run numerous directed patrols. We have used officers in unmarked cars, marked vehicles in the area to make the motor vehicle stops. We have utilized the motorcycle. During those times when we were there, yes there are violations constantly and we constantly make motor vehicle stops in and around that area. However, as soon as we leave that area to attend to another problem area, the people start doing them again. If we're there, they're not going to run the red lights. If we're using unmarked cars, it's definitely more efficient and have one marked unit in the area to stop the cars. Again that area the speeds are high when they're coming off the Sagamore Bridge. I have the accident data in front of me. We have had a total of 18 accidents since July of 2018 in or around that exit ramp. Some of them are on the onramp and some of them are in the intersection. Eight of them are intersection related. The causes of them: following too closely, one DWI (driving while intoxicated), driver inattention, blowing the red light, improper stopping, following too closely, speed, distracted driving, unsafe lane changes. We had two hit and run in those intersections. So there's various reasons why these accidents are happening. Again the speed is high. I spoke with an employee of our this morning and he said every time that light turns green I wait and I hesitate before I proceed through there. I urge the public. I can't say it enough. They need to drive cautiously going through these intersections. We do not want a tragic event where we have a serious motor vehicle accident or a fatality in these intersections. With the speeds, that could happen.

Selectman Coutu said after this was mentioned in the past in this room, Chief Lavoie ordered directed patrols on an interim basis. You we can't assign somebody there permanently seven days a week. It's impossible financially unfeasible and it means that we don't need the police officers on the street that we have. We can afford to put them there. However, what I noticed was even then when they were doing directed patrols the minute a car was pulled over, going through the red light continued and I had one guy joke to me and said - and he wasn't saying that he was doing it - he said that that's dumb because when they pull people over, that opens the door for everybody to just rush right through because he's not going to jump in a car and go chase another person. I understand that but the fact that there's visibility, the flashing blue lights are going, I know that it does slow people but I've seen people fly through the light anyway. You agree that that's also a problem.

Chief Avery stated there is absolutely a problem down there no doubt. That's not the only intersection but I think the speeds down there are probably the highest when they're coming off the bridge. We had another complaint about Greeley and Route 111. The officers have been running directed patrols there - three shifts every single day out there working together trying to stop that problem. Selectman Coutu asked even after the changes we made at that intersection? Chief Avery said yes. People are blowing through the red light. People were coming east bound and looking like they're going to make a right turn down Kimball Hill road or up Kimball Hill Road, they take the breakdown lane and pass all the traffic and continue easterly toward Windham.

Selectman McGrath asked Chief Avery does the State Police patrol that road. When I used to go over to BAE on Spit Brook Road I would see them sometimes in the morning and sometimes in the afternoon. I travel that road quite a bit. Chief Avery stated their jurisdiction is on the Sagamore Bridge. If there is a motor vehicle accident on the bridge, they're responsible for it. If the troopers are tied up, our officers will

take it and the same as in Nashua. The Nashua police officers will come up and take it. I'm not on the street like I used to be. I don't know if they're out there patrolling. I don't know if they're running radar as people are coming over the bridge. We have the jurisdiction to run radar up on the bridge. If we think just having a cruiser up there will slow people down approaching the intersection will do it, I'm not sure.

Elvis Dhima said I ran the numbers yesterday on Pelham and Lowell Road because it's the closest intersection to this to just kind of get an idea. Last Friday we had about 1,000 people going through the red light because we can time them. It happens throughout the day. During the peak hours in the a.m. and p.m., you're looking as much as 50 violations every hour and then it usually drops to 10 or 20. I ran the numbers for Ferry and Library as well and we did about 300 on Friday. It's everywhere. I spoke to the State because it is a State intersection. They explained to me that it's basically an epidemic in New Hampshire as far as going through the red lights. We have more than one epidemic it seems.

What can we do? Mr. Dhima spoke to staff at VHB. One of them used to work for a consulting firm that did the traffic analysis for Green Meadow which is the golf course. That was about 15 years ago. When they ran the analysis, they found out that the average speed at Sagamore at 60 mph and they don't seem to stop as they get close to Lowell Road. Eighty-five percent of those traffic counts were doing more than 65 mph. What you have is the circumferential highway which is an unfinished project being dumped on Lowell Road which is 30 mph. That's what you have here is the highway dumping into a local street and that's what we're dealing with. What can we do? What can the town do? The one thing we can do is we can team up with a firm and make the case to the State that there is a safety concern out there. The way we do that is we do the traffic counts and we have videos out there that show people going through the red lights. We won't use that to write up tickets but it will basically be a visual proof of what's going on. That visual proof just like our cameras in other intersections allow us to do an assessment by a third party because we could be bias about this basically saying how many vehicles are going through the red light. If we make a case to the State, I'm hoping we can convince them that this is their matter to resolve and not ours. If that does not happen, then we go to the next phase which is coming up with ways that we can prevent this. One way is basically to have rumble strips. Another one is to have a small hump that's actually part of the road and not like the ones that you take on and off during the summer because they won't work during the winter. Another option would be flashing lights. As you get close to the toll booth and things like that. That doesn't mean it's guaranteed. The rumble strips that have had success in certain areas and they have not had any success in other ones. They've put them up. They've taken them down. They put them up again. It's mixed reviews.

Elvis Dhima explained what I did get taking to different people is that there's nothing guaranteed as far as trying to change people's behavior. What does that mean? We might be success for the first three months and then as people get used to them, business as usual. You have to remember that most of those people going through there are commuters. They don't live in town and they just don't think twice about how they're doing things. It's very unfortunate for us but that's where we're at. Things we can do is the first step would be to assign town staff to look further into this matter. We can utilize one of the many consultants we have and go make a case. The second option would be if you can't get anywhere with the State, then we have to do something ourselves.

Selectman McGrath indicated I talked to Elvis this afternoon about the Chestnut Hill location because they have two or three of those raised areas of the roadway with the rumble strips. There's a lot of residential on this road but it's a busy road because it leads to the Faulkner Hospital. There's a lot of traffic and it comes right off of Route 9. I've asked Elvis if he would give Chestnut Hill the officials down there a call to see if he could get some information from them. It would just be a phone call and hopefully they'd be able to provide you with some information about whether it works or it doesn't work. They seem to patrol that area. Every time I go down, I see police around. It slows you down. Unless you want to ruin your vehicle, you just can't go flying over it because it's raised enough.

Selectman Roy asked is there any way we can request an increased State Police presence on that road. Chief Avery said yes they can through the Troop B Commander. Most certainly can. Selectman Roy didn't know if that was a long-term solution but at least in the short term. Chief Avery stated right when it comes over the bridge and starts descending to the lights, I believe the speed limit drops to 40. I know that was one area that we used to target but I know they're coming over there 60 - 70. We've had as high as over 100 coming over that bridge.

Selectman Coutu thought coming over the bridge when you get off the bridge there's a sign that says 30 not 40. Chief Avery agreed. On the bridge though when you start descending down towards the lights is that where it turns to 40? Selectman Coutu said it starts 50 all the way until the sign says 30. Those are the only signs - 50 to 30. Elvis Dhima said either 50 to 30. It could very well be 30 and it makes sense because Lowell Road is 30. It's basically saying slow down to that speed.

Selectman Coutu asked Selectman McGrath the humping that you're talking about is it a portable humping system because if it's permanent, plows can't go over those things. Selectman McGrath indicated they must because they plow those roads. I go down there every month. I drive that roadway once a month - winter, spring, summer, fall and they plow them. I don't know how they create them. That's not my area of knowledge. Selectman Coutu was curious to see if it was portable. Selectman McGrath didn't believe so. I believe that it's permanent.

Elvis Dhima stated I can add to that. There's two types to both of your points. There's the ones that you typically put sometimes the rubber ones and have pins in them but they don't work during the winter. The type Selectman McGrath is talking about is what they refer to is a permanent hump. What that is they'll mill it out a little bit and they'll just keep adding layers to it and they'll have a nice smooth transition but it won't be six inches. It might be four. What that does is it basically gives the feel of...Selectman Coutu noted that's if you're doing 30. If you're doing 50, you're flying. Mr. Dhima said people do that the first time and then the second time they'll get...Selectman Coutu indicated the first time could kill them too. Those are very dangerous. Mr. Dhima said you usually see those for 25 mph like dead end streets or 55+ communities when they don't want people to go over it like townhouses and things of that sort. It will have to go and sell it to the State before we do any of that. That's just one thing that can be looked at.

Selectman Martin explained my brother lives on Middle Dunstable Road in Nashua between East Dunstable over there. You turn on the road, there's a speed hump. Go down a little further, there's a speed hump. Nobody ever gets up to 30 on that road. I don't see why we couldn't - and they still plow the road. It's actually cleaner than most of the roads in Nashua. There's no reason why we can't slow them down with those speed humps. They're on Main Street. They slow you down. They're putting them up in school zones right now that are elevated. I agree we have to do something. Somebody is going to get killed and they're going to start crying saying oh you didn't do anything. I think we need to look at the options and maybe get the State involved and make it happen.

Chairman Morin asked do you really see the State doing something where that is a highway per say. Elvis Dhima didn't envision anything happening in the highway portion but what I do envision is maybe something being done at the ramp. Basically the first 500 feet or something from the light in it. I don't know what the cheap version is. I don't know what the expensive version will be like flashing light. I don't know if it will be a combination of both. From what I'm gathering talking to different people and sources. It seems that the best way to do this is make the case to the State. They have different intersections where they have a division within the Traffic Bureau that handles basically safety. If we can get people on board to see that this is a real concern, maybe they'll put in the list. It might not be done this year or next year but it's in the list. If you really want to be aggressive about this and if it's not too much money, we can maybe start doing some of the things such as the rumble strips perpendicular to maybe three of four of them. If that doesn't work, we can always fill them in. It's pretty cheap. As far as the lights or anything else, that's when you get into the expensive.

Selectman Martin noted if you go to Maine and you travel towards their toll booths, you hear bbrrrr, bbrrr. That's what you hear but you can still go over them really fast. I think we need to give some deterrent. It has to be done.

Selectman McGrath said whatever the cost is if you lose someone's life because some fool ran a red light and it would be some innocent person that wasn't aware that people run that light all the time. I think we really do need to do something. It's not much different than Dracut Road. Years ago before there was a traffic light there - I've told this story before. People would be racing down Lowell Road and take a left to Dracut without even slowing down. They smashed into a car, killed the driver, and he had 18 children. It's quite a few years ago but for the lack of not putting in a traffic light and that's what caused the State of New Hampshire to do something about that intersection. It took somebody's life. I could continue on but I won't.

Chairman Morin asked what plan of action should we take. Elvis Dhima recommended to the Board of Selectmen to make a motion to direct the Engineering Department to take steps towards doing an assessment analysis and work with one of our traffic engineering friends we have to make a case to the State of NH DOT.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Roy, to direct the Engineering Department to take steps toward an assessment analysis and consult with an engineering company to make a case with the NHDOT.

Chairman Morin asked are we talking just the Sagamore Bridge or are we talking Lowell and Wason also because that came up in the conversation. Elvis Dhima said just the intersection of circumferential highway bridge a/k/a Sagamore and Lowell yes.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

B. Professional Firefighters of Hudson, Local 3154 Boot Drive - Request

Chairman Morin explained what they're looking to do is as you know in the past they would hold a boot drive at the intersection of Chase, Derry and Ferry Streets to collect money for the MDA which is what the firefighter's charity is. They haven't done it in a couple of years. They did stop after we had the problem with the panhandlers and they did stop at that time. Again they would like to do it. They have included a safety plan as they have in the past. They would set up signs. They all wear traffic vests. The islands in the middle of this intersection actually work out very well so it keeps them mostly out of the road. This year he had added at the same time to do the intersection of Library and Ferry also. When he brought this to me, I had the discussion there was some concern in the past about how we know people made a donation and they received the firefighter stickers. We had a short discussion on are we going to run into problems where you hit a person at this intersection and they come to the next intersection again. He said he would be agreeable if we approved it that they would only do Library Street so we wouldn't have that problem. It's up to the Board. They would like to do it on September 8th between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Selectman McGrath asked as opposed to standing on these street corners, would it make more sense for them to go to places like Sam's Club, Market Basket, and maybe Hannafords. Chairman Morin indicated they actually have been. They have done several at Walmart. They done it at all the Dunkin Donuts but they would like to because they weren't collecting as many of the donations for their charity that's why they would like to go back and do it the one time at the intersection here. Selectman McGrath indicated I don't have a problem with that at all.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to approve the Professional Firefighters of Hudson, Local 3154, request to conduct an MDA Boot Drive on Saturday, September 7, 2019, at the intersections of Ferry Street, Derry Street, Chase Street, and Library Street, carried 5-0.

Chairman Morin told Kyle when you do Library and Ferry just Library Street that way we don't run into the problems of hitting people twice.

C. Annual 9/11 Observance - Request

Chairman Morin indicated the 9/11 service for this year will take place on September 11, 2019 at Benson Park starting at 6:30 p.m. The Town Administrator has already contacted Alvirne High School for the B Naturals so they will be there and sing a few songs. We're working on a short guest speaker if that works out. Does anybody have any questions on that?

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to hold the annual 9/11 Observance on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Benson Park, carried 5-0.

9. REMARKS BY SCHOOL BOARD - None

10. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Roy - I have nothing tonight.

Selectman McGrath - I really don't have anything. I didn't have anything prepared or thought about anything. One thing I would like to mention just to acknowledge the shootings that happened last week in El Paso and in Ohio and what a shame. Just wanted to mention that because everyone in the country of course is concerned.

Selectman Coutu - I want to thank Tim Malley and his committee for an awesome job this year with Old Home Days. My wife and I had the opportunity to go on Saturday. We enjoyed ourselves very much. The fireworks display was awesome. Again, another effort in our community who if it wasn't for volunteers taking over the program probably would not be realized. It would have fallen by the wayside and we'd have lost a great tradition on Hudson - Old Home Days. I wanted to thank them and commend them for an outstanding year and another great job. That's it Mr. Chairman thank you.

Selectman Martin - We had the opportunity to tour the police station with the Budget Committee last week. It was a good opportunity for the Budget Committee to do it at the same time as the MRI report was released. The Chief will be going in to speak with them I think at their September meeting to answer more questions. Very interesting to know that the Chairman of the Zoning Board Charlie Brackett was there and he was a very big help in giving some clarification in engineering things. I believe the Chief of Police appreciated his attendance. I did too because having that knowledge going into things like this helps people out. The Budget Committee did meet afterwards. They are requesting all of the year end financials for both the town and the school but on the school side, they're requesting all of the transfers from the first of the year to the end of the year and all of the expenditures they made with the end of the year fund balance so they could prepare for budgeting in the fall.

I did have a great time at Old Home Days. I was there on Friday evening. I was able to be there on Sunday to draw some raffles. That's all I have.

Selectman Morin - I have a couple of things. First I'm happy to announce we had our last meeting today of Connect the Dots which is the grandparents. That committee is all put together. They will be starting to hold the meetings with any families that need assistance through the town. Representative Ober attended our meeting today and actually provided some information of funding that we weren't aware of that we can get for the families. So it moved on very well. I appreciate all the work because it was a lot of work by all the town employees that participated and all the outside organizations. We're going to move forward and it's going to be a good thing.

Second thing is the VFW has got permission to do the Wreaths Across America this year. At this point, and I'll be assisting them on Thursday, we'll be going to the cemeteries to locate the graves of our past Veterans and soldiers where the wreaths will be placed in December. That program is moving forward.

The cemetery on Central Street needs some care again. What we're going to do and we're asking the public if anybody would like to assist. On August 25th, we're going to make a day of it and go in there and cut the grass, do all the trimming, and clean the cemetery up again until the committee that's working on that can come forward to the Board with some suggestions on how the town can take that over.

- Discuss Department Head Reports

The last thing I really don't want to discuss much. I just want to make sure everybody got the department head reports and were able to read through them. We'll discuss it again in six months. Just wanted to make sure everybody got them.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Martin, to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:2 (a) Strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining; RSA 91-A:3 (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; (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; and (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community, carried 5-0 by roll call.

Chairman Morin said we are entering Nonpublic Session at 7:48 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 Morin entered open session at 9:13 p.m.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Roy, to hire Sean Hirschfeld to the position of Truck Driver/Laborer at a rate of \$18.75 per hour (Grade VIII, Step Minimum) in accordance with the Hudson Public Works Union, AFSCME Local 1801, Contract, carried 4-1. Selectman Coutu in opposition.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to hire Louis Pilat to the position of Truck Driver/Laborer at a rate of \$18.75 per hour (Grade VIII, Step Minimum) in accordance with the Hudson Public Works Union, AFSCME Local 1801, Contract, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Roy, to authorize the Fire Chief to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding in reference to the Task Force deployment of Firefighter/AEMT Corey Girard, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Roy, to agree to the Modification Petition from the Hudson Police, Fire & Town Supervisors Association and add the position of Building Official to the unit at the Police Information Manager/Fire Prevention Officer/Computer Service Operator scale, Step 1, and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Modification Petition, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Roy, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to sell town owned tax deeded property located at 151 Robinson Road to Jen/Nick Home Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Roy, to sell town owned tax deeded property located at 7 Alpha Street to the highest bidder Kayla Page and Dillon Dumont in the amount of \$200,000, carried 4-1. Selectman McGrath in opposition.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Roy, carried 5-0.

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

David S. Morin, Chairman

Normand G. Martin, Selectman

Kara Roy, Vice-Chairman

Roger E. Coutu, Selectman

Marilyn E. McGrath, Selectman