

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the May 22, 2018 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Coutu the meeting of May 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Selectman Routsis.

3. ATTENDANCE

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

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Captain Bill Avery; Dave Yates, Recreation Director; Richard Empey; Linda Kipnes

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.

- Linda Kipnes, Chairman of Sustainability Cte - Solarize Plus update

Good evening. Linda Kipnes explained I'm just going to do a quick update because there's some events coming up in the next couple of weeks that I wanted you and everybody to know about. I'm hoping that some of you will be able to come to the kickoff event. It's going to be May 30 at 3:30. The place is still to be determined. They're looking I think for a place that maybe has solar installed or something like that that would be a background for it. I'm not sure why they haven't been able to come up with it but I will let Donna know as soon as I know where it will be. It's mostly a press event. They're hoping to generate some press coverage about the campaign. The installers will be there and they will talk a little bit about the campaign but mostly it will be to generate some press coverage that kickoff event.

Following that, Ms. Kipnes said there are three information sessions. Those are on this paper that I gave you. This will be sent out to many households in Nashua and Hudson as a postcard that you get in the mail a lot. This kind of a size of postcard. Two of the events will be in Nashua on June 6th in the evening and June 9th in the morning. The third one will be here in Hudson on June 13th at the Hills building. It will start at 5:30. The program will be from 6 to 7. It will be televised live and recorded to be played again. That will be in detail. Explanation of the program - the installers will talk about how it works and what they can do and how everybody can get involved with it. I wanted you all to know and if you are able to attend any of those events that would be wonderful. I would like to if I may put some copies of this by the Town Clerk's office if that's okay for people to pick up as they come in. I will make some copies of that. We would like to put something similar to this on whatever websites we can get access to. Chairman Coutu said you have access to our public access and we could put it on the town's website. It's not a problem.

Linda Kipnes noted I did speak to Inspectional Services just to give them a heads up. If we get a good response to this, there may be a greater than usual volume of permit requests and inspections that would be needed if we have a lot of people responding to this. Chairman Coutu said I'm sure they will be appreciative of that extra workload. Ms. Kipnes said I offered to help as much as we can to facilitate it. The installers once they worked with them will know the routine and hopefully will be able to make it as smooth as possible.

Chairman Coutu asked if there were any questions anyone about this project. Thank you very much and good luck. Thank you for all the work that you're putting into this. I appreciate it. It's a good way to save energy and that's what you're all about. Thank you. Anyone else that has anything that comes under the Board's control. You're welcome to step forward and identify yourself. Seeing none, we'll move onto the consent items.

5. RECOGNITIONS, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS - None

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Coutu said I'm going to ask you to look at your calendar the third item down. Dave pay close attention. It's not 7 p.m. it's 3 in the afternoon. I think we have it marked correctly. The third one down, the Trustees of the Trust Fund meet at 3. That will be amended. Does anyone wish to have any item pulled?

Selectman Martin asked to have one item amended under A. 6. - Institutional Exemptions. American Legion is Post 48 and not 43. Just so we have it correct for the record. That's all I have.

Chairman Coutu said I'm going to pull item C. 2. That's a Hawker's Peddler's permit for a couple of questions I'll have.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Morin, to approve consent items A, B, C 1., D, E and F as amended, noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Land Use Change Tax - Map 199, Lot 4-1 - 1 Derek Way, w/recommendation to approve
- 2) 2017 Tax Abatement - Map 215, Lot 10 - 6 Wentworth Drive, w/recommendation to deny
- 3) 2017 Tax Abatement - Map 216, Lot 9 - 8 Executive Drive, w/recommendation to deny
- 4) 2017 Tax Abatement - Map 221, Lot 4 - 2-4 Hampshire Drive, w/recommendation to deny
- 5) 2017 Tax Abatement - Map 216, Lot 8 - 12 Executive Drive, w/recommendation to deny
- 6) Institutional Exemptions - Map 183, Lot 100 & Map 190, Lot 015 - Kiwanis Club of Hudson, Inc.; Map 242, Lot 058 - The PLUS Company; Map 147, Lot 027 - Alvirne School (Chapel); Map 109, Lot 010 - Southern NH Medical Center; Map 106, Lot 006 & Map 190, Lot 085 - Area Agency Properties, Inc.; Map 222, Lot 041-001 - Goodwill of Northern New England; Map 168, Lot 122 - Hudson Grange #11; Map 182, Lot 022 and Lot 030 - American Legion Post #48; Map 136, Lot 036 - Hudson Memorial VFW Post #5791; Map 140, Lot 047 - Hudson Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses; Map 228, Lot 054 - New Life Christian Church; Map 166, Lot 001 - St. Patrick's Cemetery; Map 166, Lots 011 and 017 - St. Casimir's Church and Cemetery; Map 182, Lot 129 - St. John the Evangelist Church; Map 235, Lot 009 - St. Kathryn Church; Map 210, Lot 010 - Sisters of the Presentation of Mary; Map 176, Lot 034 - First Baptist Church; Map 156, Lot 035 - United Pentecostal Church/Parsonage; Map 182, Lot 049 - Community Church of Hudson; Map 105, Lot 007 - Lighthouse Baptist Church, w/recommendation to grant
- 7) 2017 Tax Abatement - Map 174, Lot 79-2 - 25 Derry Street, w/recommendation to deny
- 8) Elderly Exemption - Map 173, Lot 003 - 36 Webster Street, w/recommendation to grant

B. Water/Sewer Items - None

C. Licenses & Permits & Policies

- 1) Request to Solicit Funds - Humane Society for Greater Nashua
- 2) Hawker/Peddler/Itinerant Vendor's License - Somerset Grille

Chairman Coutu stated if you go to the back of the front page if you'll notice in the Zoning Administration section, the State License expires on 5/31. If you look at the event, the event is planned for 6/15. I have no assurance and if you look at the license, you go to the back of the very next page you'll see the food service license expires on May 31. I just wanted to before we approve it ask Mr. Malizia if you would

notify Mr. Buttrick that we need to have by date specific - it may not be specific but it should be the date prior to June 15th proof that he has renewed his food service license. Steve Malizia said we'll actually talk to the applicant personally to make sure that he submits a copy of it. A lot of times they submit one this is the one they have and once that expires we'll get a new one. We'll make sure that he does it before the event. You can either put some sort of contingency on this saying "pending his new Food Service License".

Chairman Coutu indicated I have no problem with it. I just want to make sure his license is current at the time of the event because his license expires prior to. Is there any other questions or comments? I'll make a motion.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to approve Consent Item 6. C. 2. with the notice that we will verify that his license is updated, carried 5-0.

D. Donations - None

E. Acceptance of Minutes

1) Minutes of the May 8, 2018 Meeting

F. Calendar

05/23 7:00 Benson Landscape Cte - BOS Meeting Room
05/23 7:00 Planning Bd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
05/24 3:00 Trustees of the Trust Fund - Buxton CD Meeting Room
05/24 7:00 Zoning Bd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room
05/28 Memorial Day - TOWN HALL CLOSED
06/06 7:00 Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
06/07 6:30 Recreation Cte - BOS Meeting Room
06/07 7:00 Benson Park Cte - Cable Access Center
06/11 7:00 Conservation Cmsn - Buxton CD Meeting Room
06/11 7:00 Cable Utility Cte - Cable Access Center
06/12 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
06/13 7:00 Planning Bd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
06/19 7:00 Municipal Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
06/21 7:00 Benson Park Cte - Cable Access Center
06/25 7:00 Sustainability Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
06/26 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
06/27 7:00 Benson Landscape Cte - BOS Meeting Room
06/27 7:00 Planning Bd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
06/28 7:30 Zoning Bd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on May 8, 2018

- 1) *Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Morin, to hire Elizabeth White as a student intern employee for the summer of 2018 in support of Alvirne High School's Academy of Finance program at a rate of \$10.00 per hour for approximately 150 hours. This is a temporary position without benefits, carried 5-0.*
- 2) *Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Morin, carried 5-0.*

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Awarding a Contract to Brian Mason Electric, LLC, for the Electric Utility Portion for the Restrooms at Benson Park in the amount of \$50,750

Chairman Coutu recognized Richard Empey, Chairman of the Benson Park Committee.

Good evening. Richard Empey stated I'm here tonight to request the awarding of the contract for the electric utility portion of the restroom project at Benson Park. The restroom project was approved at the March elections warrant article. We request that you waive the usual bidding procedure and award the contract for this project to Brian Mason Electric, LLC, for the total sum of \$50,750 for the reasons listed. Brian Mason has been consistently the low bidder for previous projects in the town and is well known to the town. This company's proposal is far below what we expected. The electric portion the project we estimated to be close to \$100,000.

Mr. Empey explained one of the things that makes their proposal attractive is they've agreed to work on a time table in conjunction with the Highway Department who has agreed to do the trench work. They will be able to come in and leave and work with the Highway Department which is a little unusual for contractors. They usually work on their own time schedules. This will allow us to save considerable amount of money because with this proposal the Highway Department will be able to do the trenching on overtime hours when they're not normally working. That sounds expensive but if you figure it out, it's really very inexpensive. In discussion with Kevin, his portion of this will be well below \$15,000. If you add that to the \$50,750, we're in the neighborhood of \$65,000 - \$66,000. There are a few variables in there. Obviously Kevin doesn't know exactly what the trenching timeframe is going to be because he doesn't know what he's going to encounter exactly. I would like to have you consider this project and possibly move forward. We understand the work would not be able to begin until July 1st when the new budget comes into play.

Chairman Coutu stated typically in a situation like this where we're going to have the town crew do the trenching. You taking the steps to remediate his costs. We're going to transfer money from this account to the Highway Department to reimburse them. Typically he would bill out to get it done. That's your understanding?

Mr. Empey stated you explained that pretty well but yes that's the plan. The warrant article would reimburse Kevin for those overtime hours that he expends in that trench work.

Chairman Coutu said the other thing too is that initially when we talked about bringing the electricity down to the elephant barn it had always been the intention that we would continue and we would trench out to the gazebo while he's trenching to bring a line to the gazebo. I believe all of the plugs are already there. They were installed and the piping is...that's what I was told. It was all set up. Kevin Burns told me that. Dick Empey said as of right now I don't believe. There might be a conduit just from a leg down out into the dirt. We're talking 6 foot of conduit. None of that was included in continuing the conduit down to that gazebo in this contract because it's not really part of the restroom project. It's going to be quite sizable cost. They will be able to come off the transformer that is nearest to the restroom and continue down. As far as the restrooms - the gorilla house - everything will be in place to supply that gazebo in event that we manage to have that funded somehow or to go that extra distance. You're talking about another close to 400 feet of conduit and wire. This project here is 800 feet so do your numbers. You're looking at another \$30,000 - \$40,000 to go that extra distance.

Selectman McGrath didn't have a problem with what you're requesting waiving the bidding process. However, I do have a couple of questions. In the written presentation that you gave us when you were talking about warrant article funds will be used to compensate the Highway Department for their personnel. Are you talking about a second warrant article to be voted on next March or are you talking about the warrant article that just passed? Mr. Empey said I'm talking about the warrant article for \$240,000 for the restrooms that has already passed. We had originally priced that out intending to use outside contractors as was requested by this board for that whole project. As I said, that cost was going to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000 give or take \$5,000 or so that would be used in a private contractor to do all the trenching, all the conduit, all the wiring, and Eversource doing their part. With this new contract - I believe you have a copy of the costs - the Eversource portion is going to be handled by Brian Mason Electric. The town's responsibility in this project will be strictly the trenching and Kevin getting reimbursed

out of that \$240,000 warrant article for his overtime work and equipment expenses. Everything else is included in Brian Mason's portion of the contract.

Selectman McGrath said it just wasn't clear based on the way that this was written. It wasn't clear to me whether or not you were planning to go next March for a separate warrant article to compensate Kevin and his staff. Mr. Empey said absolutely not. Selectman McGrath asked Kevin is going to make sure he keeps his hours so we can actually determine what the cost will be. Mr. Empey assumed so. I can't speak for Kevin but I'm sure that that will be his intention because his budget is tight enough. He doesn't need anything else. Selectman McGrath requested Steve Malizia for KC to make sure that that gets included in that spreadsheet that she prepared to show the inception to date costs for Benson Park. Mr. Malizia stated it will actually be charged to the warrant article so it will be very visible.

Selectman Morin asked do you know what the cost is to run it to the gazebo. Richard Empey said we haven't looked at that. I can't honestly say that we have an accurate cost. I based my \$35,000 - \$40,000 on strictly distance. We're 834 feet I think is what we're doing now at a cost of about \$65,000. You go another 400 feet laterally. Say 35 to that. Again that would entail the outside contractor versus town equipment. There's a lot of variables in that so I really can't give you an accurate number.

Chairman Coutu said we'll talk to Kevin about it. I understand that the conduit and maybe the wire have already been purchased and stored somewhere. There was always that plan to go to the gazebo and Kevin was pre-planning for it. Mr. Empey said just the conduit and no wire.

Selectman Routsis indicated I did speak with Kevin today because I wanted to just ask on this to make sure it wasn't going to interfere with his timeline for getting paving and everything done. We always talk about Kevin being overloaded with work and us adding stuff. He said because of the days that he's going to be looking to do this, it won't interfere with their regular work and he is going to bill everything separately for the time that they work.

Selectman Martin thought as my opinion that it's putting the cart before the horse spending \$50,000 out of \$240,000 warrant article when we don't even know how much it's going to cost to construct the toilets themselves. Here we are taking \$50,000 for the electrical work and maybe \$15,000 for overtime rate. So we bring that to \$65,000 and you take that off the \$240,000 they have to spend and you have \$180,000 left. Well what about if the construction costs come in at \$250,000? You don't have the money but yet we've laid the electrical work. I would think that we would go put a bid package together for the entire project - the toilets and all the project to do it all at once and get a cost that way. I think this is just putting the cart before the horse.

Chairman Coutu thought the documentation on the total cost has been provided but Mr. Empey if you want to explain.

Going back to last year, Richard Empey stated we were asked to get estimates for all portions of this project. We had some low estimates. We had some very high estimates for the restroom facility itself. The one we chose to go with was \$96,000 to use in putting this project together. It looks like that is going to be close to good. I can't tell you how much construction costs have gone up since last year. The logic of doing this first was put to me that we need to get the utilities in to the building and see how much money we have left over so that when we go out to bid, we can try to keep the contractors in the realm of what we have for money to build this restroom facility as opposed to building the restroom facility and have it come in at X number of thousands of dollars and not have any money left over to put the utilities in. It's kind of which way do you want to go first.

Chairman Coutu indicated there's also approximately \$20,000 in contingency built into the warrant article. There's \$19,357 in contingency in case of a cost overrun or an error here or there. Mr. Empey stated that warrant article also includes the first year operating costs.

Selectman Martin said I've thoroughly reviewed this and I think that I feel this should go out to bid as a total package. I will tell you I can't support a motion to approve this. Thank you.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin, to waive the bid process and to award the contract to Brian Mason Electric, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$50,750, carried 4-1. Selectman Martin in opposition.

B. Recreation Department - Installation of Suspended Basketball Backboards at the Community Center

Chairman Coutu recognized Recreation Director Dave Yates.

Good evening. Dave Yates explained I've been doing some research to look in the possibility of putting suspended basketball hoops in the community center. The first step would be to get an engineer to make sure that that structure can hold the weight of the basketball systems. The systems are approximately 1,000 pounds. We would have to get an engineer in there. I've talked to our engineer. He has talked to several structural engineers. They will go up there and look at it and make sure it can withhold that weight before we take any more time and put them in. I'm here tonight to see if the Board would allow us to go out and get a structural engineer to look into this project if we want to go forward with it.

Chairman Coutu said why don't you tell the Board - I think I know the reasoning - why you would rather go suspended as opposed to the manual push outs.

Dave Yates said there's several reasons. The manual pushouts are a lot of work. They're very heavy. The new floor is a cushier floor. We haven't even tried moving them out yet but the contractor did say it will be a lot more pushing to put them out. We have a lot of events in there to move them in and out all the time. It's a lot of work. It's also taking a lot of storage. Now that the Rec. Department has moved down to Community Center, we have moved a lot of items from the old garage and those hoops are really taking a lot of space in the garage. It will be a lot easier. When you have events, you can just put them up to the ceiling. They'll be out of the way. It will make things a lot easier and streamline activities a lot better.

Selectman Routsis stated I've actually talked to Dave about this quite a few times even before we had the floors put down just because I thought about it afterwards the weight of the moveable ones that we have now don't know if they're there for a long period of time if they'll make a dent in the new floor. We also don't want to potentially scratch the floors with moving them. This just seemed to be one of the best routes to go. We also have the ability potentially to dispose of the other hoops that we have after we make a decision on this. If we decide to move forward with this, we might be able to get a decent amount of money back for those other hoops.

Selectman Martin said if we go forward with this is this going to be able to adjust for the young kids there - the instructional portion of basketball. Mr. Yates stated these are adjustable - 8 feet to 10 feet.

Selectman McGrath asked about the weight. Is that the actual weight? Dave Yates said the complete system. Selectman McGrath asked does it take into account - I'm not a basketball fan but I've seen basketball balls where they jump up and they grab onto the hoop and try to make a big show of it. Mr. Yates said I think we have people that attempt to do that but we don't have a lot of people in Hudson. Mr. Malizia said I've never seen that in my coaching career. Mr. Yates thought it will take into account also. If you had a 200 pound man hanging on the rim, that definitely adds to the...Selectman McGrath stated not only that but I think it's the force too that would add to the weight and the structural integrity. Mr. Yates said we'll bring that to the engineer but I would think that would be taken into account also. I think this is just a case of let's be safe than sorry. I think it's worth the \$3,000 and if they say no, then we'll move the old ones out like we do now.

Chairman Coutu asked where did you get the estimate of \$3,000. Dave Yates stated that was from our engineer. That was from Elvis. He's been in contact. Chairman Coutu asked he wants to do it. Mr. Malizia said he cannot. He's not a structural engineer. It will come from your donation account if I'm not mistaken. Dave Yates said we have money in the donation account. There's also money in the Planning Board fees for the project. We can find the monies. It won't cost the taxpayers anything out their pocket. Chairman Coutu said it always costs the taxpayers when we spend the money. I've been reminded of

that many times over the years. The approximate cost for the system is \$13,000. Did you call around for that? Mr. Yates said we did. I've had a couple of companies come in. If this is approved, the first step we would have to go out to bid. Chairman Coutu asked is that a high end number or median. Mr. Yates indicated that's right in the middle. I've talked to two companies and they're both right around that price.

Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Martin, to hire a Certified Structural Engineer to measure and inspect the existing roof structure of the Community Center to see if suspended basketball backboards can be installed and to develop current loads, analyze the roof system, and prepare a recommendation in amount not to exceed \$3,300, carried 5-0.

- C. Public Hearing - Donation of an Office Trailer valued at \$3,000 from Recore Trading Company, LLC

Chairman Coutu asked why. What are we going to do with this trailer?

Steve Malizia stated we're going to put it over at the shooting range at the landfill. We're going to take the one out that's there that's a piece of junk and we'll demo that and put this there. Mr. Belisle from Recore has generously offered this. He will actually move it there for us. It will be a better us or better trailer when we do dump day when the workers are there doing the tickets and also on the police firing range. It's just an upgrade. He tried to sell it. He didn't get any bids. He offered it to us. I've personally seen it. I've been in it. Elvis has been in it. It's in great shape. He has no need. He's putting new structures on his site so he offered it to us. It's up to you if you want to accept it. If you do, you need to hold a public hearing. That's the intention is to put it at the landfill. There's an old trailer there now and that will get demoed by Kevin and hauled out. This one will go in. That's the intention.

For clarity, Chairman Coutu said we have an offer of a donation of a trailer for town use. With that I'll open a public hearing at 7:31 p.m. Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this matter? Seeing none, I'll close the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. Does anyone on the Board have any comments or questions? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to accept an office trailer valued at \$3,000 from Recore Trading Company, LLC, with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 5-0.

- D. Police Dept. - Request to Accept a Community Oriented Grant through Sam's Club for the Backpack Program at the Hudson Schools for \$1,000

Chairman Coutu recognized Police Captain Bill Avery.

Captain Avery stated we are looking to accept a \$1,000 donation for a community oriented project and we're going to use this through the schools. It's called the backpack program. It's not what you think. We're not going to be buying backpacks for kids. This program is going to be for kids within the school system that are on the free lunch or reduced lunch fee. On the weekends, and I believe our SROs will be deeply involved in this, they'll be supplying a bag with various other food items - Mac and Cheese, Pop Tarts to name a few. I'm sure they'll come up with some different items that they're going to use it for. That's what we're going to be using this \$1,000 from Walmart and Walmart/Sam's Club that they donated to us.

Chairman Coutu said it was my understanding that they've discovered nationwide that most of the kids who are on the free food programs most of them are not adequately fed on weekends and this program was started. I'm glad to see we've taken and joined that initiative to provide some nutrition to the kids for the weekend. Some parents a lot of them are single parents. They don't have a lot of food in the refrigerator on the weekends. They're struggling. We have it right here in Hudson like they do in other communities. Any further questions or comments?

Selectman Martin had a comment. We can't forget this program has also participated in by high school students. Two of which we just recognized at the Chamber dinner. It's a great program and a great use of the money.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to accept \$1,000 for the Community Oriented Grant through Sam's Club for the Backpack Program, carried 5-0.

- E. Police Dept. - Request to Apply for an Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative Grant through the NH Department of Safety for \$85,590.44 with no matching funds

Chairman Coutu recognized Police Captain Bill Avery.

Captain Avery stated Lieutenant Bianchi our Detective Commander and Sergeant Scotti who is also part of the Detective Division worked tirelessly on this grant. They have done the research, spoken with several other agencies that have been participating in this grant program to help combat the opioid crisis I will call it. I know there are reports that it's getting better. I don't see it getting better. I see the problem. It's continuous. We're continually going to overdoses and I know Chief Buxton and Chief Lavoie have addressed the Board in the past. We continuously go to these overdoses. We are going to use this money for the Detective Division. We have two people that are in Detectives that are in specialized units which most of you know. I'm not going to say their names because of their positions but they will also be coming back to working after hours and more extensive hours to combat the opioid crisis to target drug dealers, people that are moving quantities of drugs through this town whether they live in this town or just using the Town of Hudson as their dealing points which we all know does happen and we do have some people in town here that are dealing. I'm not going to speak about how long this grant will go on. I don't want that on record but we will continue to combat it and we're not going to stop until hopefully we put a dent in it.

Chairman Coutu stated just last week Captain I don't know if you were aware of it and perhaps you are in the Greater Lowell area which is an area where a lot of the drugs are infiltrating from I don't want people from Lowell coming in and criticizing me saying we're putting Lowell down. It's an epidemic. Throughout norther Middlesex and Hillsborough County, there's a real bad batch that started to surface last week with a lot of bad opioid infesting in the drugs. They're starting to notice a little bit of a spike now. It's starting to spread around. I'm sure that's going to be problematic for us and the Hillsborough area. I'm glad that they took the initiative to apply for this grant so that we can continue doing what we're doing. What's sickening to me is I read the paper again this morning. They had another major raid which we participate in on a regular basis. We worked together and cooperatively with other communities in our area on these raids. It's the same people over, and over, and over again. I saw one this morning. It's the third time I've read his name in the past two months in the paper being arrested for sale of possession of narcotics. The more we presence we can have to let them know that we're going to keep fighting this. We're not going to quite. We're going to win not them. I think in the end we will be effective and whether it's one life or 100 lives, the more we can do to get it off the street the better off our community will be.

Captain Avery said I don't know and obviously we don't know how much of this \$85,000 that we're going to be awarded. Again those two individuals along with the detectives really worked hard on putting together all the statistics and what we have had for overdoses and narcotic activity in Hudson. I hope we get a good chunk of it but you just don't know how the money is going to be divvied up. Yes we work collectively with every surrounding agency - federal, State and local agencies pretty much daily on trying to combat this problem.

Selectman McGrath stated I read the paper too. I think our Police Department deserves a lot of credit for participating in the apprehension of these creatures that are peddling that stuff that's killing people. It's killing them almost instantly in some cases. I think that your department deserves a lot of credit and as a member of this community I appreciate that. Captain Avery thanked Selectman McGrath and said I will pass on your words of appreciation to the troops.

Selectman McGrath add one more thing. I forwarded some information to all of the members of the Board of Selectmen today that I received from Jim Michaud about Londonderry signing on to that project where there is a number of communities that are signing on to try and recover some of the costs that are associated with the Police Department and the Fire Department that you have to expend and it comes out of your budgets just to address this one problem. I would like to request that we put that on the agenda to have a discussion. We had the attorney that came in and presented that information to us and I think that now is the time that we go forward with that and participate as well. Thank you Captain Avery.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Martin, to approve the Police Department's request to apply for the Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative Grant through the NH Department of Safety in the amount of \$85,590.44, carried 5-0.

F. PSNH/Eversource BTLA Appeal Case - Hiring Special Council

Chairman Coutu recognizes Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia stated as you are well aware, we have several years' worth of taxes that are being appealed by PSNH/Eversource. Dave Lefevre is our Town Attorney however, he is not an expert in this particular field of these particular cases. What he is recommending is that we do hire an expert or we join actually in with 30 or so other communities that have banded together because it's basically going to be kind of one common appeal. The premise is the same it's just you have different values in your town. What Dave Lefevre is recommending and in order to be more efficient and save money instead of him representing us, we hire Christopher Boldt at Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella who is an expert in this field. I didn't write it down but the Assistant Assessor also agrees with this recommendation. Dave will keep an eye on this where he needs to but in essence what we're looking to do is bring in outside counsel for this very specific appeal so that we save time and money.

Chairman Coutu asked is Attorney Boldt representing other communities as well. Steve Malizia indicated there is a list on the very back of this that I listed the other communities that we are right now aware of that he is representing on this very matter so we will be one of these communities. I believe there are others coming on board. Chairman Coutu stated he's going to represent everybody. Mr. Malizia said it's basically a common appeal. It will be litigated on, and I'm not an expert on litigation, but basically it's like a class action lawsuit where he's representing everybody. The principals are the same. Your value might be different. Your value might be different but the principal is the same. That's what the argument is. As opposed to us doing it ourselves with Attorney Lefevre who is very good at a lot of things but this is not his area of expertise.

To your knowledge and based on conversation with our attorney, Chairman Coutu asked is this thing going to come to an end. Steve Malizia asked do appeals ever come to an end. I don't know. Quite frankly, there's a lot of utilities out there. They have deeper pockets. They have folks working for them that are always trying to reduce their value. Is it ever going to come to an end? These specific cases will come to an end at some point but there could be future cases. That's the way it works in this State. It's a very property tax heavy State and when there's a lot of money on the table, it's worth it to them to try some of these matters. Chairman Coutu stated apparently it's been ongoing for years. Mr. Malizia said yes it has.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Martin, to hire Attorney Christopher Boldt from the law firm of Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella as special counsel in the PSNH/Eversource Board of Land and Tax Appeals cases and authorize Chairman Coutu to sign the representation agreement, carried 5-0.

Chairman Coutu stated one of the things that came to mind because we're at the end of our agenda here is if we're going to have a workshop in June would the Board like us to discuss - we are tentatively scheduled and we're on time those of you who haven't seen the new fire station, please take an opportunity to go down and take a look at it. The Fire Chief if you called him I'm sure he'll walk you through it. Beautiful building. A little more work to do but we're on time under budget. We're doing well. We're going to have an empty fire station at Burns Hill. We have presently the old recreation building that's empty. I don't know if you want to have a discussion about potential uses of those buildings so that we can have an idea of what direction we want to go. See if we can get some sort of a consensus on what to do. I've been inside both buildings. You can take a look at the buildings. Our options are sell them. Municipal department transfers into any building that's also an option.

Steve Malizia said right now the rec. building we're using it as temporary storage. We have been evicted from the storage facility that we are in. So the material has been brought over to that empty building so we can sort through and figure out what we're going to keep, what we're going to scan, and what we're

going to move. Chairman Coutu asked we were evicted from the place in Nashua. Mr. Malizia said yes. They gave us a three week notice and said see ya. Chairman Coutu said with all the money we've given them over the years. Mr. Malizia stated \$200 something a month. Yes it's some amount of money. It's not \$1 million but it was \$250 - \$270. They've changed their business model so when we had to get that stuff out, we put it in that building and all our departments have been going through and figuring out what we need to keep, what we need to get rid of so we can figure out what we're actually keeping. I think we had I forget how many boxes that we've already disposed of. These are records that some of the stuff has already been scanned so we just have to verify what are we keeping. That's temporary at this point in time.

Chairman Coutu asked when the Town Clerk is looking for records she can go to the Recreation Department now and go pull the boxes and try to find them in there. Mr. Malizia said yes. Chairman Coutu knows you're the one that does most of the searches. Are there a lot of boxes in there? Patti Barry said yes. Chairman Coutu asked you're still in that situation where you have to go from box, to box, to box to find...Ms. Barry said each department is doing it but that building is still pretty full. Chairman Coutu asked can we scan a lot of that stuff that's in there. Ms. Barry stated a lot of stuff still is required to be kept in paper file. Chairman Coutu said I know we went through that with the courts a few years ago and they said no you have to keep it. Some of it can be scanned. I know a lot of the departments the Land Use got theirs pretty well caught up.

Steve Malizia indicated fire has records. Engineering has been through a lot of their records. Our department, we're going through our records. If there's stuff that we can scan...Chairman Coutu stated its ongoing and we are scanning what we can and we're disposing. Mr. Malizia said we've already shredded 60 boxes I think. There's a schedule to shred some number more before the end of June. Chairman Coutu asked how much space are those boxes occupying in that building - half the building. A quarter of the building? Ms. Barry responded more than half. Chairman Coutu said wow that's a lot of boxes. You better get that place organized. Still the building is there so if you want to have that discussion just let me know.

Selectman Morin asked has the senior citizens been notified. I know myself and Selectman Martin have gotten a lot of concern from senior citizens that use that as their meeting point for their trips. We weren't aware that they were starting to use it for storage already and they were planning on using it. We told them we were working on that. Steve Malizia thought they used the Community Center for their trips.

Selectman Martin stated during the summer program they use the rec. building just so that they can have a place to go inside and go to the bathroom before they depart on the bus and park their vehicles. Mr. Malizia stated it won't affect their parking I can tell you that because there's certainly nothing outside. We'll have to look at that. I didn't realize they were doing that.

Selectman Routsis noted I did speak with Dave Yates. They do have restrooms on the charter bus that we get for them when they travel. They are always able to use the restrooms on the charter bus which they use when they go down there and they come back. Prior to going as well.

Chairman Coutu thought the problem is as one senior mentioned to me is that some of them get there early and they have a cup of coffee. They're sipping their coffee waiting for everybody to come. When the bus shows up, they all have to go to the bathroom. So they found it convenient to be able to go into the building as well as the bus. Yes Millie we're talking about. I just wanted to let her know that we're doing something about it. So you will look into that and see if we can accommodate some of that.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman McGrath - I have nothing.

Selectman Routsis – I just want to thank the Girl Scouts for having me out today at their meeting. We discussed local government with them so they would be able to get their government badges. It was great being able to meet with them. I do appreciate the time that they took and for asking me to come. That is all that I have.

Chairman Coutu said you're to be applauded for taking the time to go. I love doing that with kids. You peaked their interest a little bit about government when you do something like that. Good for you. Thank you for doing that.

Selectman Martin - The Budget Committee did a presentation at their meeting on May 9th. They had Attorney Steve Buckley from New Hampshire Municipal Association come in and do the basic laws of budgeting. The whole Budget Committee was present. There was a member from the School Board and the Acting Library Director was there. It was very informative for me. I got a lot out of it because I asked questions. I believe that everybody else including all the new members on that committee got a lot out of what he was presenting to them. Then they have planned for June to have a presentation of the three legged stool as they call it. I can't wait to see the stool. I'm looking forward to it. That's all I have.

If I could just clarify for the audience out there, Steve Malizia stated about a dozen years ago the Finance Director, myself and the Assistant Assessor went to the Budget Committee and did a presentation on the three components that basically make up your tax rate which is basically the appropriations which we all talk about, the revenues which get talked about, and the assessed value. Typically if you look at those three things, they form three legs of a stool. Without one of the legs, the stool would fall over. It was a very simple concept and we expressed it that way. The intention is to do that - a similar type of presentation for the Budget Committee on June 6th I believe their first meeting. The intention is there's a lot of new people. The audience can listen to it. People at home can listen to it. The intention is to just explain how all these pieces work together and they can ask questions. It's sort of a takeoff on what they heard from NHMA from Mr. Buckley which by the way that was one of our free seminars that was put on. The intent is to make it a little bit more specific for Hudson so that all these new folks and people out in TV land can see how these components all work together.

One thing further Mr. Chairman, Selectman Martin thought we forget to thank the people that make things happen for these boards and committees. I have to say that the Finance Director Kathy Carpentier and Susan Kaempf do a lot of leg work for the Budget Committee. I know they are appreciative of it and it's a lot of work that the Chair doesn't have to do. I want to personally thank them for all the hard work that they do for the Budget Committee. Chairman Coutu was sure that a couple of them are watching and if not pass it on please at the meeting tomorrow morning.

Selectman Morin - The Road Agent asked me to get this out. Starting Tuesday, May 29th, they're going to start resurfacing tearing up Pelham Road and then resurfacing it. He just wants to get word out to the residence to expect delays, detours, and if they can seek alternate routes because it is going to cause some problems on Pelham Road. They're going from Melendy Road to Bush Hill so it's going to be a two week process. It would be best if you could get away from that area do so.

I was wondering, and I know you talked to some of the Chairman of the committees, but is there some type of list or a book or something for Chairmen of committees how to run a meeting or what they should do? Steve Malizia noted I know that Knowing the Territory which is a NHMA publication that might have a chapter or two on that topic. I don't remember if we had something. Chairman Coutu said no we don't formally. There's a rules of order and procedure but we can have a workshop with committee chair. I'm watching some of them and they're out of hand now. It's getting worse. They're getting out of hand. I think 4, 5 years ago I think I brought it up. We had talked to chairmen on how they conduct their meetings and stuff like that.

Steve Malizia asked is there something specific we need to work on in your opinion. Selectman Morin said yes. Chairman Coutu mentioned decorum is a problem in a lot of these committees. People are just talking over people and nobody is asking to be recognized by the Chair. Some of the Chair is just they either lost control or don't control. There's been a turnover of chair now. Selectman Morin didn't think they don't know the process. We had one instance that we were going to nonpublic right in the middle of the meeting. Why do we have people watching if they're not going to come back? We had the discussion at the end of the meeting but they don't understand that. I think we need to sit down with all the chair people and explain to them how the process should go and then let the chairmen just mention we should have a discussion on that.

Chairman Coutu thought there should be a workshop because there are things coming out of some of those meetings that are in nonpublic and they think it applies to us only. It applies to them as well. They're violating State law when nonpublic matter which is appropriate nonpublic matter. Some of them don't even know what you can discuss in nonpublic. They're talking about parades and what not. I think a workshop would be in order for them. A couple of us can meet with them and say this is the rule of conduct, this is the rule of order, this is how you run a meeting. It's not difficult. Half an hour - 45 minutes to answer their questions for one night. I'll gladly come in. I'm sure Selectman Morin would come in.

Steve Malizia said I didn't know it was a problem. Do you want the whole Board to do it or just somebody to do it? Chairman Coutu said if the whole Board wants to come I'm fine with it. It will be a non-televised public meeting. We will open it to the public. We'll advise it but we don't have to televise it. Mr. Malizia asked are you going to require them all to come. Chairman Coutu said I would like to have them come. They're volunteers. I'm not going to force anybody to do what they don't want to do. They're volunteers but we would respectfully request that they come. Selectman Morin said at least the chairmen and the co-chairmen. Mr. Malizia said presumably that they key you're looking for. I don't know what the summer schedule will bring for a lot of these folks. It may be something that not to kick it down the road too far but you may not get as much attendance in the summertime. Chairman Coutu noted chairmen or their designee. It should be the vice-chair or another designee, a couple of people, and members of the committees who might be interested in being chair. She might want to come too and we'd give them some sort of insight as to the proper way of conducting a meeting. You can work that out.

Selectman Morin wanted to know the status of the safety plan for Town Hall. Steve Malizia indicated we had a Joint Loss Safety Committee meeting. We're going to have I believe Officer Mirabella come over and he's going to walk us through what we need to do. We have a fire drill planned but active shooter. That's coming I think in the next month or so. Selectman Morin asked are we going to do the committees too who are here at night when there may be a problem. Some of the things - I've seen it happen in the past somebody finds an explosive device and they decide to bring it to the fire station. Well this building is connected to the fire station. Are we going to look at that? We have an instance at the school. Are we going to be evacuating this building? Those committees should know. Again maybe the chairmen or the vice-chairmen come to a meeting to explain that type of situation what they're going to do if they're in the middle of a meeting and we have some type of emergency. We should try to cover as many people as we possibly can.

Steve Malizia indicated we'd start here and then we'll work our way out. Right now I think we have weaknesses because we would treat it like a fire drill and we shouldn't be treating it like a fire drill. Selectman Morin said I said people have brought explosive devices to the fire station and this building is connected. We have a school situation and its right across the street. It's going to affect this building.

The last thing, Selectman Morin had a request to forward to the Highway Safety Committee if that's the route to go to make Burns Hill and Musquash a four-way stop intersection. Chairman Coutu noted that's the way to go. The Public Safety Committee meets Thursday. Steve Malizia said I don't know off the top of my head. I think it's either quarter or every other month. Chairman Coutu indicated they can have a meeting on request. They've done it for me in the past.

Selectman Morin asked who's the chairman of that. Mr. Malizia said it's typically been Kevin. Selectman Morin indicated I'll talk to him tomorrow. Mr. Malizia said he'll know off the top of his head when the next meeting is.

Selectman McGrath commented on the four-way stop at Musquash and Burns Hill. If you travel on Musquash and you come to that stop sign, there's a piece that's cut out that people use to skirt the traffic in front of them so something needs to be done about that and that can be a conversation when you talk to the Highway Safety Committee about that. I've seen that and it's dangerous because there are people that are flying Wason and they may not see them in time. Taking the right turn so that they don't have to stop at the stop sign.

Selectman Coutu - This coming is Memorial Day. We will be doing the usual barring any unforeseen rainstorm. I know they'll talking about potential rain but it doesn't seem like it's going to be a heavy downpour. Last year it was cancelled. We'll know in advance if it's cancelled. The same parade route. We're going to be meeting on 102 at the shopping plaza and we'll be marching down to the gazebo. The high school will be there with their band and we'll be having TAPS. There will be some guest speakers. I think that our veterans will be happily represented and doing their solutes. Looking forward to seeing a lot of our citizens along the parade route. I know that I think at least three of us are going. I don't know if you're going Selectman Routsis to the parade. Selectman Routsis indicated most likely. Selectman McGrath said it depends on the elements. Chairman Coutu said we probably won't be marching. We're getting old and wearing ourselves out. Selectman Martin and I will sit in the truck and we'll watch Selectman Morin run down the street. We'll get together somehow and we're going to be involved in the parade. It's a holiday weekend. The kids are going to be out of school. I'm going to ask everybody to drink sociably and not get intoxicated and get behind the wheel of your car. Have a friend drive you home. As you would every day, please drive on all of our streets as if your kids lived on all of our streets. Let's drive with some sense of sanity and respect for our community. I wish everybody a happy holiday weekend.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Routsis, 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 8:04 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 10:05 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to allow Chief Lavoie to buy out 220 hours of vacation time, carried 5-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:06 p.m. by Selectman Morin, seconded by Selectman Martin, carried 5-0.

Recorded by HCTV and transcribed by Donna Graham, Recorder.

Roger E. Coutu, Chairman

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David S. Morin, Vice-Chairman

Marilyn E. McGrath, Selectman

Angela Routsis, Selectman