

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the May 24, 2016 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Luszey the meeting of May 24, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Selectman McGrath.

3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Ted Luszey, Roger Coutu, Pat Nichols, Marilyn McGrath; Angela Saucier (arrived at 7:37)

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Dave Yates, Recreation Director; Kevin Burns, Road Agent

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Luszey asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board on any issue which the Board has control of at this time. Seeing none.

5. RECOGNITIONS, NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - None

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Luszey asked does any Board member wish to remove any item for separate consideration. Seeing none.

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

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed/Timber Tax Warrant - Map 144, Lot 021 and Map 201, Lot 012, w/recommendation to approve
- 2) Gravel Tax Warrant - Map 122, Lot 002, w/recommendation to approve

B. Water/Sewer Items

- 1) Water Abatement - W-UTL-16-01 - 10 Monroe Drive, w/recommendation to approve
- 2) Sewer Abatement - S-UTL-16-21 - 80 Ferry Street; S-UTL-16-22 - 18 Sycamore Street, w/recommendation to approve

C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Outdoor Gathering Permit - 4th Annual Lumberjack Show
- 2) Outdoor Gathering Permit - Hudson Historical Society - 30th Anniversary Gala
- 3) Night Trucking Permit - Brox Industries
- 4) Petition and License for 1 new pole - #5-4288 - Central Street/Rte. 111

D. Donations - NONE

E. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the April 26, 2016 Meeting

F. Calendar

5/25 7:00 Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
5/26 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment - CD Meeting Room
5/30 MEMORIAL DAY - TOWN HALL CLOSED
6/01 7:00 Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
6/02 6:30 Recreation Cte - BOS Meeting Room
6/02 7:00 Benson Park Cte - HCTV Ctr.
6/08 7:00 Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
6/09 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment - CD Meeting Room
6/13 7:00 Conservation Cmsn - BOS Meeting Room
6/14 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
6/15 7:30 Senior Affairs Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
6/16 7:00 Benson Park Cte - HCTV Ctr

6/21 7:00 Cable Utility Cte - HCTV Ctr.
6/21 7:00 Municipal Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
6/22 7:00 Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
6/23 3:00 Trustees of the Trust Fund - Buxton CD Meeting Room
6/23 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment - CD Meeting Room
6/27 7:00 Sustainability Cte - BOS Meeting Room
6/28 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on May 10, 2016

- 1) *Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to deny the hardship request for Map 182, Lot 39 - 5 Reed Street, carried 5-0.*
- 2) *Motion by Selectmen Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to sell 11 Summer Avenue to Robert Pace, Jr., in the amount of \$72,000, carried 5-0.*
- 3) *Motion by Selectmen Nichols, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to sell 17 and 19 Merrimack Street to Robert Pace, Jr., or his assigned company in the amount of \$138,000, carried 5-0.*
- 4) *Motion by Selectmen Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to sell 14 Adam Drive to Robert Pace, Jr., in the amount of \$71,000, carried 5-0.*
- 5) *Motion to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman McGrath, carried 5-0.*

B. Benson Park Permit Parking Ordinance

Chairman Luszey recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia noted at the last meeting the Board directed that an ordinance be prepared for your consideration for permit parking at Benson Park. I believe the main goal, the main purpose of this was for your volunteer either on the Benson Park Committee or I believe the elephant barn folks. So with that direction, this ordinance has been prepared to actually put it into Town Code to codify a process and parking permits for the area that's closest to the Historic District. I believe the Board wanted to reserve up to 5 spaces for permit parking which would be issued, I believe, through the Benson Park Committee. This articulates basically how that would work. It's in 2 sections I believe. It's in the Parks and Recreation section and it can also be found in Vehicles and Traffic. Those are where the Code would change. There's also a reference to a penalty. If some violates this, they could be subject to I believe it would be a \$20 fine. So bottom line this was the ordinance that was prepared for your consideration. You're free to mark it and amend it as you see fit. Once you do that if you'd like to forward it, you need to have two public hearings to adopt it. So they would have to be in June. I believe June 14th and 28th is the prescribed period of time you have to notify the public. You have to have a certain amount of days between hearings so again tonight you discussed it. You can amend it, change it and if you want to go forward, June 14th would be the first hearing.

Selectman Nichols asked about #2 - "permits shall be issued on an annual basis April 1st of each year expiring March 31st of the next year. Permits are valid for one year." Does this mean for one person or it's just the amount of...Mr. Malizia said we would have 10 permit that could be issued as of April 1st. They don't necessarily have to be handed out. You want to do them on an annual basis. Just like keys. You don't want a bunch of keys floating around. You want to have control of how many permits you have. Every year you would have up to 10 permits. Selectman Nichols wanted to make sure that 10 people just don't get those passes and everybody else is out. Mr. Malizia assumed the Benson Park Committee who I think you'd direct to police it would police it on April 1st every year. So if somebody left..

Selectman Coutu said the intent was there will be 5 parking spaces. There will be 10 permits issued. That's it. Mr. Malizia agreed. Every year they would be color coded so that if you had a green one this year, next year it would be a red one so that the police officers looking they kind of know hey the red one is not any good.

As I read this, Chairman Luszey said the permit is issued to a person and that permit is good for one year. Selectman Saucier who is not here did ask that in item 1 where it says "Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Hudson, NH," and to add "and be a volunteer for the Benson Park Committee" so it's not anyone can get the permit. The intent of this ordinance was to provide a space for the people that are taking care of the little flower gardens and things like that. Steve Malizia indicated but they're not all necessarily members of the Benson Park Committee. They might have adopted a garden or the elephant barn people aren't necessarily on the Benson Park Committee. Chairman Luszey didn't say on the Committee, I said they're a volunteer for the Benson Park because somehow we need to delineate that they've been approved by the Benson Park Committee to be a recipient of...Mr. Malizia presumed the

fact that the Benson Park Committee is the ones authorized to do it. They would probably police like. We could certainly write it in there more if you want but given that the Benson Park would be the one determining who gets that, I think that kind of solves that but again if you want to change it, that's fine.

Chairman Luszey said I can go either way but as long as it's clear, it's for the volunteers somehow.

Selectman McGrath asked would adding the word "recognized" in front of volunteer take care of that and just strike the Benson Park Committee. Strike the rest of that..."be a recognized volunteer for Benson Park". Chairman Luszey was okay with that. Selectman McGrath said to strike the word "the" and the word "committee" from that. Chairman Luszey reiterated so basically after NH and a recognized volunteer.

Selectman McGrath had a question concerning item #5 - "the permits are not transferable and maybe revoked by the Chairman of the Benson Park Committee or the Board of Selectmen. Is there a reason for revocation or is it just...Steve Malizia noted you need to have that in case somebody for some reason gets suspended, something happens, they leave town I guess. You need to be able to get it back. Selectman McGrath asked do we need to put a reason there or for just cause as determined by the Board of Selectmen or Benson Park Committee. Mr. Malizia said then we'd have to define what just cause is and it starts to get overly wordy. I was just trying to think of some way to get a permit back if we needed it. Selectman McGrath understood that but it also doesn't spell out for any reason. If they park the wrong way could someone say I don't like the way you're parking, you're coming in too often and we're going to revoke your permit. I would think that we would want to have some rational for revoking a permit.

Chairman Luszey wasn't sure I want to go down and start this and all the reasons for that but it's the Board of Selectmen that would revoke it. It would have to be a majority vote to do it. The same on the Benson Committee. For me if we want to do that, it would have to be revoked by the Benson Park Committee and not the Chairman because the Chairman is one person and the way this reads, they could do it just by themselves. I think it make it fair so that it can't be for any reason that someone's win, it has to be a vote board and by eliminating the Chairman, it's the Benson Park Committee or the Board of Selectmen that would have to come.

Selectman McGrath asked so you just want to strike the Chairman. So it should say "Permits may be revoked by the Benson Park Committee or the Board of Selectmen". So you're striking the words "the Chairman of". That's in both sections. Mr. Malizia agreed. Any change you make would be in both sections.

Chairman Luszey asked if there were any other changes.

Selectman McGrath asked did we determine what fines there would be. Chairman Luszey said they're actually covered in the RSA. Mr. Malizia said it's referenced in paragraph 7. It falls under the restricted property zone and potentially subject to removal under 317-16 too depending. That also could be invoked if the police feel it's necessary.

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to forward the proposed ordinance as amended for permit parking at Benson Park to the required two (2) public hearings on June 14, 2016 and June 28, 2016, carried 4-0.

Selectman Coutu asked to bring to the Board's attention that despite numerous complaints and despite our mentioning several times that there would be no vehicular parking inside the park continues to be so. I received several complaints this past week about vehicular parking in the park. People want to know why certain people can park despite the fact that we keep saying they cannot park. I don't know what to do about it at this point other than if someone sees it, call the police and have the vehicles removed. They are not allowed in the park. That's a strict rule in the deed.

Chairman Luszey said it is. Is it safe for me to assume that these vehicles are our volunteers doing the grounds? From what Selectman Coutu heard, this is one weekend I didn't have a chance to go up there to check. Usually when I get one I check it. I know that 3 or 4 weeks ago my wife and I rode by and there were 5 or 6 cars parked inside. According to the complainants, there were more than one vehicle parked by the red barn and had been there for quite some time. We have made an exception that if they were bringing in equipment that they could back it in, take the equipment out, and then go park. They're remaining there. They're not leaving. They're just staying there. I know last weekend was I don't know if that was their grand opening for the red barn. Mr. Malizia thought that was their reopening. Selectman Coutu said they have no right to park their vehicles there. People see it and they want to know why they can do it and they can't.

Chairman Luszey asked would that be the Friends of Benson that would be. Selectman Coutu didn't know who owns the vehicles. I'm not going to make an assumption. I could park my car there and people won't know whether I'm a member of the Friends of Benson. I can bring it and park it and go walk through the park. Who's going to know?

Selectman McGrath said I might because you've got a low plate number. So someone might recognize you. Selectman Coutu said well they would recognize my car but I mean if I didn't have a low plate number. A person in

general would say I'll park my car there and go walk in. Steve Malizia said the best thing to do would be to send a letter to the Friends of Benson and ask that they cease and desist from parking in there. Selectman Coutu noted that's my point. We've been asking. Mr. Malizia said our people can be in there. Chairman Luszey indicated not Highway but I'm talking about the Benson Committee members that...Selectman Coutu said whoever. It might not be members. I don't know who it is. Chairman Luszey indicated all I'm saying is unless you go out to the Friends of Benson and the Benson Committee saying there is no vehicle permit parking. Selectman Coutu said that's fine if you include further abuses who will subject the vehicle to being towed.

Selectman McGrath asked is this the area that you intend to pave that you're talking about. It's something place else? Chairman Luszey said this is inside the gated part. Selectman McGrath didn't know because as I've said before, I don't utilize Benson Park. I've only been there three times - the event that Selectman Coutu sponsored a couple of years ago for candidates that were running for the Board of Selectmen, to the senior center once, and I was to the 9/11 Memorial ceremony once. I know very little about Benson Park.

Chairman Luszey said we'll put together a letter and send it out. We'll start there. It's a good place to start I guess.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. YMCA Achievement Center at the Community Center

Chairman Luszey recognized Recreation Director Dave Yates.

Good evening. With me tonight is Joe Manzoli from the YMCA and Keith Bowen is the Principal representing Memorial School. We've met several times to talk about this program. We've also brought it up before the Rec. Committee. They wholeheartedly thought it was a great idea. We would like to present this to the Selectmen tonight and then I hand it over to Joe. He's the expert on what we'd like to do and Keith. If you have any questions, we're here to answer them.

Thank you for having us tonight. Joe Manzoli noted we're very excited about this program that we've created in partnership with the School District, the Recreation Department, and we'd like this to really be a community-wide program. To give you some scope of what we're doing with the overall program and then specifically why we're here tonight to talk about the Community Center. We met with folks from the middle school back in November. The Y has been running programs with the School District for the last several years and we wanted to focus on middle school. It's an important age and we wanted to see how we can better engage those kids both during the school day and after school. After a lot of conversations where we've gone is the creation of this YMCA achievement center within Memorial Middle School. We'll have a full time YMCA employee embedded in the school working with teachers, working with the students throughout the day on a variety of activities to help better engage them in their school day. We also wanted to provide a safe and engaging place for kids to be after school. After meeting with students and in terms of what they wanted to do as well as meeting with folks from the school, we realized that we can run some programs in the school, after school but kids really wanted a larger space. I had a meeting with Dave. We talked about the possibility of using the Community Center during the school year on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Those are days that the late bus runs from the middle school. So we'd have transportation home for those kids. We'll be working on getting transportation over to the Community Center. So we would be staffing with YMCA funded staff at the Community Center and run recreational activities for kids on those days.

Mr. Manzoli indicated the School Board has approved the school portion of this program and the Recreation Committee met a month or so ago to speak about utilizing the Community Center. We really wanted to look at this as a community approach to engaging these kids. We've also been reaching out to the Police Department to see how they can be involved and build relationships with the kids. The way this would work is we would have again staff and volunteers at the Community Center running programs for kids that would be coming over after school. The program would run until 5 o'clock. After 5 o'clock the center starts getting used with sports programs and other programs in town. They would be supervised during that time with structured activity. There would be a sign out process to make sure the kids if they come to the Community Center they're only leaving the Community Center with either on the late bus or with a ride. We're very excited about the program and a unique approach of engaging this really important age group.

Selectman McGrath asked you said they'd only be allowed to leave with a ride. Would you supervise who that person was that was picking them up so that they had authorization to take them? Mr. Manzoli said yes. Selectman McGrath said they wouldn't just be able to go with anyone. Okay. Thank you.

Selectman Coutu wanted to first of all extend my sincere appreciation to the YMCA for their willingness to partner with the Town of Hudson to provide a very healthy after school environment program and to coordinate from within the system. I want to thank Principal Bowen for his willingness to recognize that there is a need for after school programs within our system and I want to thank our Recreation Director as well as those people I serve with on the Recreation Committee for having a healthy and engaged conversation about partnering with the YMCA. I think it will be a tremendous benefit and certainly an asset to the children who attend the program because it will open up

opportunities, and doors, and an environ that they otherwise might not be entitled to or might not be privileged to. This affords an opportunity for young children whether they come from wealthy homes or impoverished homes - an opportunity to engage with other kids on an equal level. I'm very familiar at my age and I know very well through the decades what the YMCA has accomplished in many communities having been involved as a child with the YMCA and the Greater Woburn/Stoneham area. I look forward to your participation with us. Wholeheartedly endorse the concept. I've been involved in the conversation almost from the outset when it was first presented to us. Again I thank all of you for your willingness to do this.

The first question Selectman Coutu has is how many - I think my question would be to you Principal Bowen - how many children do you think would partake in this program? Keith Bowen thought it would depend on what the schedule for the week would be. It would depend on what the director for the program after school would be doing during the week. During the winter months if you're playing basketball at the Community Center and you have an arts and crafts thing going on, you're talking about healthy meals and so on and so forth and creating like a yogurt bar or something in that Community Center. You could get upwards to 100 kids who might want to go over and spend some time there in the afternoon. I can really see this taking off from the perspective of there are kids who are really looking for places to go to hang out with their friends and doing it in a controlled environment with adult supervision with positive role models around them. I can see it really being supported by the parents of the community as well. A hundred I think. I'm downplaying it. I could really see 150 to 200 kids taking advantage of this at some point.

Selectman Coutu said let's assume that we reached that goal. Are you anticipating that you would need parent volunteers to monitor the large group? How many counselors do we have in the summer time? Dave Yates indicated 16 to 20 for 200 kids. Keith Bowen said at the beginning what we're anticipating is starting smaller than that around the 50 to 60 kid range at first within the month of September but as the year moves on and the winter months moves on, there's less opportunity to get out there and really hang out with your friends in an environment that is conducive to the activities that they want to do. I think as the winter months move on we certainly have had conversations about supervision out there and we've incorporated that into parts of our grant planning that we've looked at. The YMCA has dedicated its efforts to staffing the after school program and will continually look at that piece as the ratios start to get higher. We'll look at adding staff to it and we're looking at paid staff.

Selectman Coutu has a set of twin grandchildren that are in North Carolina and they volunteer at the Y. They volunteer as supervisors and they're only 14 years old. They're assigned like 7 or 8 years old that they supervise. Basically they don't necessarily supervise. They're aides. They go get the game boards or whatever tools they're going to need for whatever activity. It's part of the program that you have to volunteer in order to show your support for the Y and not just be a member but participate. Mr. Manzoli said we've also talked about partnering with Alvirne High School and incorporating some high school students coming down the leadership opportunity for them with kids at the middle school which would be right along the lines of what you're talking about. Selectman Coutu said awesome. I was wondering why we weren't using the rec. building as opposed to the Community Center. Now I understand why we would need the Community Center. Thank you so much. I appreciate it.

Chairman Luszey had a couple of questions. Is there any funding or costs on the town side of this? Mr. Manzoli said no. Chairman Luszey asked are you collecting revenue. So it's free? Mr. Manzoli said it is free to the participants and free to the town. We're in the process -we've submitted quite a few grants to a variety of funders. We should be hearing back really soon. Really any day now on some of the larger ones. The plan here is that this will be completely funded through the Y. So all the money will come through the Y in terms of paying staff but it won't cost the town anything. It won't cost the participants anything. We won't be collecting any money.

Chairman Luszey's last question is it's a Tuesday through Thursday program and there's a couple times a year and it's going to be during the school year that that's not going to be available because of voting and other town meetings. How does that impact this program? Joe Manzoli said we wouldn't run programming. We'll know that well in advance. We've spoken about that quite often. We'll be planning ahead and we'll know that those are always on the calendar. The way we anticipate this will work is that there will be a schedule of programs maybe in some cases with 6 or 8 week sessions. So Tuesdays maybe kind of an open gym with intramural basketball. We definitely heard from the students that they wanted a place to just be able to play basketball or play some sports but we also want to have art programming and nutrition programs as Mr. Bowen said. We would on that day we wouldn't have programs at the Community Center. We'll still have some clubs and activities going on at the school. We just wouldn't be able to have all those kids. Chairman Luszey thought it was a very set..Mr. Manzoli said we can be very flexible. We've designed the program in a way that we know right now this is all ink on paper. We've given ourselves a little bit of flexibility both within the school and after school because we know that what we think will happen on day one we'll be changing a little bit on day 2 as we see how the kids are reacting.

Selectman McGrath had a couple of questions. The first one was about cost so that's been covered. Will you be providing snacks or boxed lunches for the kids after school or will there be any type of nourishment for them? At this, Mr. Manzoli said no. However there is the possibility - there is a kitchen in the Community Center. We did talk about the possibility of there being a program in which kids maybe can run a smoothie bar or something like that. We would need to see if there's demand for that. We certainly wouldn't be serving meals. What we find at the Y with some of our other afterschool programs is the kids come with a snack. In our licensed programs, we'll serve a snack. At this

point, there isn't a plan for that but it doesn't mean we can't. If we found that there was a need particularly with some of the kids who are maybe from lower income families and may not have a whole lot to go home to in terms of a nice healthy meal. If we're finding that, there are some avenues that we can look into to maybe have those meals available. That is another problem that we're not aiming to solve right now. There are kids who come to school hungry because they're not being fed well at home. Selectman McGrath indicated I have nieces and nephews. I don't have children of my own but I have nieces and nephews and I know what they're like when they come home from school. They're ravenous. They could eat the paper off the walls they're so hungry. So kids going from school to a program like this, they're going to be hungry and whether or not it's providing an apple, or some fruit options, or something. I think you're going to need to think about that. One of my nephews by the way did utilize the Y program in Milford and he loved it. He's beyond that age now but he really enjoyed it and it was good for him - good activities for him after school.

The other thing, Selectman McGrath asked about the adults that are going to be working with the children are you going to have background checks performed so you know exactly who you're dealing with and who's going to be interacting with these youth. Joe Manzoli said yes. They'll probably get screened more than most of employees because we'll probably have them go through multiple. So the YMCA we do criminal background checks as well as sex offender registry checks. So we'll be doing that because they'll be employees of ours. They'll probably be going through that again. Keith Bowen said we'll also send them through Human Resources at the School District to get them finger printed and background checked. We could probably work out where that would be the same.

Selectman McGrath asked will you be working with the Police Department on that as well and getting their guidance and/or assistance. Mr. Manzoli was hoping to work with the Police Department is more on just being a presence. To swing by the Center and get to know the students. In terms of the background checks, the checks that we do go through a - I don't know about you, ours go through the State Police. Mr. Bowen thought ours do as well. Mr. Manzoli indicated that goes against the FBI.

Keith Bowen said as far as the Police Department involvement, I've had conversations with our SRO at Hudson Memorial School to share with him what we're doing, what we're thinking and ask him to pass it on to his CO at the Police Department. We haven't had a formal meeting with him yet because we wanted to come here present to you and get your approvals for what we're doing before we start planning out the next phases of it and really incorporating the Police Department into the next phase is where we would start to head down that road.

Selectman McGrath was in favor of this program. I think that it's a necessary program and I'm happy to endorse it.

Before we move on, Chairman Luszey asked to let the record show that Selectman Saucier joined us at 7:29 p.m.

Chairman Luszey asked if there were any more questions before we move on. Thank you gentlemen. It is a great program.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to approve the use of the Community Center as a YMCA Achievement Center in partnership with the Hudson Memorial School during the school year - Tuesday through Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., carried 5-0.

B. Impact Fee Accounts

Chairman Luszey recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia indicated it's been the direction of the Board that in May of each year we take a look at some of the outstanding impact fees. Impact fees are the monies that are collected from developers basically who have developed something in our community and they basically have a time limit on them. I believe 6 years. You either have to encumber or dedicate the money towards something, use the money, or in some cases if you can't do either one of those, you have to give it back. We've gotten into the practice of taking a look at impact fees.

Mr. Malizia indicated these are the ones that are I say have a deadline that's coming up in the near future. So we usually touch base on all of these. Elm Street, Webster Street improvements - that's money that's been collected I believe from the Sparkling River development. It needs to be starting to be spent or committed for some sort of improvement in that area by October of 2017. Stop and Shop road improvements. You have committed this money. If that project ever happens over there where they were going to do the realignment, this Board dedicated money there. So we've committed that money so in essence, that money is ours until you un-commit it, do the project, or the project goes away totally.

Town sponsored elderly activities. Mr. Malizia said we've committed those monies. I am going to speak to Dave to see if there's any need at the senior center. We can just throw that money over there. This was for a small development. I'm trying to remember where it was. It was in proximity to this area. It was a few years ago. It was only a 4 or 5 unit and I think that's the last of that money. Selectman McGrath noted it's only \$300. Mr. Malizia said yes it was modest.

Mr. Malizia said then the Belknap Road, that's I believe the Oakridge development and my understanding from that is once that development is done, the road will be repaved. That's what that money was dedicated for. I anticipate next year perhaps I think is what we've heard. That money will be available for the Highway Department. So in a nutshell, those are the accounts. As you recall, last year we did some solar lights on 102. We used up monies from a couple of developers there. I send this out to Kevin. He gets a copy of - I hope you've seen it because you were cc'd, Elvis and - again, we're just trying to keep on top of monies we've collected so that they get used for the purpose they're intended. Selectman McGrath noted so that they don't lapse and end up getting reverted back.

Steve Malizia indicated there's no action needed at this point. It's just information.

C. Discussion relative to monies realized from sale of town properties

Chairman Luszey recognized Selectman Coutu.

Selectman Coutu asked do we know - I don't know where we stand presently and do we have an accounting of what we anticipate...Steve Malizia said I took some time today and put a worksheet together. I'll pass it out and make it a little easier for you. Selectman Coutu noted I need some talking points. Mr. Malizia indicated I have your talking points right here.

So as everybody is aware, Steve Malizia indicated we've been selling town property. Last fiscal year you recognized net proceeds of about \$280,000. That's the top 3 properties. You can see that up there and I also passed out the warrant article that was proposed and passed by the voters where you took those proceeds and you put it into 3 existing capital reserve funds: communications, recreation fields, and major repairs to town buildings. That was last year's proceeds. This year if you look at the bottom part of the worksheet, that's what is under contract. None of them have closed yet. We don't have the checks but that's what we anticipate net proceeds. So when you look at this sheet, you're looking a little bit over \$972,000 of net proceeds. That's after real estate commissions and what not. If you were to divide that by the same three way split, you're not obligated to but if you were that would be about \$324,000 for each of those buckets that you put the money in last year. That's sort of a summary of where we're at.

Selectman Coutu would like to prepare - I don't know - I guess we have from now until next March because we have to go before the voters again. Mr. Malizia said realistically you want to do your warrant before January. Selectman Coutu asked can any of that money without a warrant article be used to offset taxes. Mr. Malizia said yes because what will happen if you do nothing else and we recognize this unanticipated revenue, it will flow to our bottom line surplus. That's where we'll go. Any money we bring in, and again this is unanticipated revenue, we did not budget this in the revenue. Anything that comes in will go to your surplus. Let me qualify that. If any of these close before the end of this fiscal year - if they close next year, you have to wait a year until that year closes. So anything that happens between now and the end of June would go to the surplus. When the audit gets completed, they do our book and everything and they say here's your new surplus number. It will be anticipated that these proceeds - anything we took in would go to that surplus and you could then appropriate or do whatever you want as a board to reduce taxes. That's always your option.

Selectman Coutu said we anticipated that we were going to receive based on the numbers anyway somewhere in the vicinity of close to \$1 million. When I look at what the original intent was especially for the first pool of money and I anticipated this was going to be not ad infinitum but certainly for consideration on the next go around - communications, equipment, infrastructure, capital reserve fund, I think they needed something like \$300,000 to \$400,000 and I think they're pretty close to it now with what we committed. I don't see any need to put a large sum of money in that area. The major repair for town buildings and capital reserve I think is very important. As far as fields, I'd like to see them come in with a proposal which they're working on. They don't need a significant amount of money to complete that but I'd like to see us put money in that again and leaving a surplus for them to start looking for an additional field. I think rather than just have one. We should probably have 2 fields and I think we will have accomplished what we need to accomplish it. However, I feel very strongly. The voters in this town the last election have been very generous. That generosity is going to show up in the tax bill this year in December. The average homeowner is going to be hit with an average increase I'm going to guesstimate \$400 to \$500 for the average home with the school side and the raises on the town side.

Steve Malizia indicated I actually looked at that. It's probably a little bit closer to \$300 if not a touch under \$300 for the average person. Selectman Coutu said \$300 this year because the school side the greatest impact will begin next year. Selectman McGrath asked Mr. Malizia to repeat that. Steve Malizia said you do the tax rate come this November the appropriations you voted on March are going to hit that tax bill. Included in that would be for example the renovation of the track. When I took what passed for us and what passed for them and I took the average house, it appeared that the number would be about \$300 added to the average bill. The average house was \$256,000.

Just to point out, Selectman McGrath said the track was over \$500,000.

Steve Malizia said I can't remember the exact number but I thought it was \$.17 or \$.19 per thousand. That's a one-time hit.

Selectman McGrath commented you might as well say half a million dollars because it's only short \$5,000. When you work in the finance world you round up. So it's half a million dollars.

Selectman Coutu said considering the large sum of money that I thought what we could anticipate as a result of the sale of real estate that I wanted to propose to this committee that we commit half of the proceeds to offset the taxes. So in this case it would be 973 so we'd look at a \$482,000 approximately if we were to realize that to be committed towards relief on the taxes and the remainder to be divide equally for the same three accounts that we originally had proposed which would be the fields, IT, and building maintenance. That's my recommendation.

Selectman McGrath thought this is a good idea however we have to remain focused on the fact that these are just under contract and they may not close until after July 1. So we may not have that money to put offset taxes just to keep that in mind because people are going to automatically think great we're going to get \$500,000 taken off of the tax bill overall and it may not happen because if they don't close on the properties until after July 1st, we won't get that money this year. It will have to go after the following year.

The other thing Selectman McGrath stated was splitting it in half and taking the remainder which is again rounding up \$500,000 and putting it against the other 3 projects that we've already done that for. Do we need to put that much into each of those capital reserve funds or should we look at what really is going to be spent or what we anticipate spending in those funds and thus we could likely bounce up this number. I don't know if it's worth the effort or not but it's something that I think we should consider as well.

Chairman Luszey said point well taken. The only other point I would add is we have had on the ballot for the last 2 years a new fire station and we have used the same numbers for the last 2 years. I am working on a project over in Nashua that is expected to start now because we delayed it in 2017. I was just told to increase my cost by 6 percent based on the increase and construction costs. I don't think we can use the same numbers as we have been for the fire station if we're seriously going to be talking about a replacement again this year. We may want to table this item to have a full discussion and ask Steve to go out and take a look at what is the current need if you will for the communications and the fields and major repairs and kind of project those out maybe 5 years and also get an updated cost on what we think the fire station is going to cost us and see where it may be better to utilize this money. That would be my thought.

Selectman Coutu said fair enough. The project you're talking about without getting into specifics Main Street in Nashua. Chairman Luszey said yes. Selectman Coutu was surprised it was only 6 percent.

Selectman McGrath noted I also heard on the news the other day that all of the costs you can anticipate going up. It's not just localized it's nationwide. The costs are going to be escalating.

To kind of put this out there, Chairman Luszey indicated we're having a budget discussion I think it was the last Tuesday in June. We would have everything. I hope to have this conversation for then so that one we'll know it. I think it's closing by then. Mr. Malizia said you should have a much better idea on what's closing by then. Chairman Luszey said we'd also know what's going to be closing in July so we'll know what year we can work with those numbers in. Mr. Malizia indicated the biggest obstacle has been title work because what ends up happening with these things that are tax deeded, sometimes the titles were an issue. That takes time. It's not that people don't want to close it's just that you get involved with title companies and title attorneys. It goes at the speed it goes.

Selectman McGrath commented again I think that this is a good idea and it would certainly help families that are struggling to pay their tax bills and whatever other expenses that they have. If we're able to accomplish this, it would be a shame if all of a sudden there was an urge to start spending money again on things that really aren't needed and thus use up that \$500k or whatever it amounts to be and then the taxpayers they don't realize anything. They end up with more costs. That would be my concern. You can't control that I know. School Department is separate. Library is separate but I would really hope that if we're able to accomplish this that people don't all of a sudden think that they've got another pool of money that they can just come up with all of these ideas to spend more.

Chairman Luszey said if I have a consensus, I would ask Steve to take a look a the last article that we put forward and give us a five-year look out as to what may be needed against those items in there that the communications and you'll need help from the Fire and Police Chief. Steve Malizia agreed. That one there and then even maybe (inaudible) but I have no idea what you want to do for fields. We definitely are talking a field.

Selectman Coutu said we are this close to coming in with a formal plan for...Mr. Malizia indicated I'm aware of it. Selectman Coutu noted they've made concessions. We may have to phase it. We may be able to do it very quickly. We want to see what the proposal is and how much more is needed over and above what was committed last year to accomplish that. I don't think it's a significant amount of money. Mr. Malizia didn't think for that activity possibly.

Selectman Coutu asked if we could get one field built this year I'd be thrilled. That brings us a long way from where we were. We know the land is readily available now because a concession was made from the tenant that we have on the other field. They're willing to not renew that portion and let us have it. We're going to be working I believe with ascertaining the access road, making sure the parking is going to be sufficient to accommodate both fields, and come in with a plan that can be intelligently presented and discussed for the Board to consider. If they're looking for \$100,000 to wrap this deal up, we can put that one to bed and think about fields for the future and we can take that in our five-year plan.

Steve Malizia said in the five-year plan, the only number you would have is what this field costs - this proposal. That's the best I can say. Selectman Coutu noted we didn't have to buy this land. Mr. Malizia said you might not have to buy any other land because you still have another piece of land that goes all the way around. I'm just saying. That's the best I could do.

Chairman Luszey stated they're all estimates at this point. They're all going to be estimates. It's those 3 items and then on top of that work with the Fire Chief to take a look at the current estimate that we have for the fire station and put an escalator cost on that. Mr. Malizia said they did from the first year to the second. Chairman Luszey said we need to do it again and see what that does to it again.

Selectman Coutu asked we're going to put this on the ballot at infinitum. Chairman Luszey said we're going to have that conversation but for a planning purpose, we need to know what the cost going forward is and then we'll have that discussion where to best utilize this money. For me, it's four items. Agreed? I'll work with you.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Saucier - I just want to mention to everybody that this Saturday there is going to be a fundraising motorcycle ride at Best Cycle in Nashua if anyone is interested in coming. Nine o'clock registration starts. Kick stands will go up at 10:30. It is for a 3 year old lovely little girl who is battling a terminal illness. If anyone is interested in coming, please come. We are going to have a DJ, a band, vendors, and we're hoping for a very successful day. Other than that, I have nothing else.

Selectman Coutu commented that Marilyn, Pat, and I are going to take our motorcycles out and we'll be down there.

Selectman Coutu - First of all I want to thank the volunteers who went out on Route 3A last week the roadside cleanup which is managed by the Sustainability Committee. They did a fantastic job. To get a bunch of people together that's willing to grab plastic bags and go up and clean up a large roadway that's well traveled such as they did and they have done many other areas in town. They plan on doing several this year. I can't thank them enough. An outstanding job and I think we owe them a debt of thanks for all that they do for our community. Again, a group of volunteers putting themselves forward to do something good for our community and make it look better.

Speaking about that, again, Selectman Coutu said I can't compliment Kevin Burns and his crew enough about the gateway to I think most people think its downtown. For me the gateway to our town is coming in off the Sagamore Bridge into Hudson. They took that eyesore, cleaned it up. I hope you're still working on that sign "Welcome to Hudson". I noticed that they marked off where there might be some pipes so in case you want to start digging. Fantastic. I'm just so impressed. Every time I go by there, I just wish the State would do their part and fix our roadways that they control in this town. The potholes are getting worse. I've been up and down Dracut Road. It's horrendous. The potholes all over there. River Road for the longest time they were just filling the potholes and they were coming back very quickly. Now it seems like what they've done is they've cut up and make the holes bigger so they figure if they put more fill in it's going to last longer. Almost every one of their roads in this town are being neglected. The gateway again on Lowell Road down by the bridge the potholes are starting to come up there. Hopefully we can get them to take care of that.

Selectman Coutu thanked Speaker of the House Shawn Jasper for his assistance in getting to the Department of Transportation and to clarify what we can and cannot do in the deed. I don't know anybody that's read the deed more than I have since I received it prior to even obtaining Benson Park. I thought we were on our right footing about paving Benson Park and apparently we are and I believe I have not seen it formally. I believe I heard that we did receive clearance to go ahead with the project.

Monday is Memorial Day. Selectman Coutu said first and above all else I want to thank each and every one of our citizens who have served in the military and those who present day serve in our military and we'll remember all those who gave their lives for us to be able to do what we do every day in our country. I would ask everyone to be safe on Memorial Day weekend. If you're going to drink, please don't drive. Hudson, NH, police have one of the best records of nabbing drunk drivers I'd rather you not be a statistic and also think about the other people out there that are out there trying to enjoy their holiday. Don't make them a victim of your negligence because you chose to drink and drive. Please be careful. Let's make this a safe holiday for everyone and let's remember our veterans every day and not just on Memorial Day. With that, I thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman McGrath - I don't really have anything to add.

Selectman Nichols - I went to the Municipal Utility Committee meeting and they chose a new Chair who is Dave Shaw and the Vice-Chairman will be Bill Abbott. Just the normal every day things. I went to the Library Board of Trustees meeting. They were very happy with purchasing their new copier through town along with the town. I like that idea of partnering with the town. I'm very happy with that. They're paying it themselves but to be able to get the discount, they were very, very happy and to say thank you. That's all I have

Selectman Luszey - Just a couple of items. First of all I'd like to express our condolences to the Finance Director on the loss of her mom. There will be a wake tomorrow in Billerica for that want to attend from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you can attend, great if not, I'll be there and I'll represent us.

Operation Care for Troops. Chairman Luszey said as you know last weekend was our second shipment of the year and we did just over 1,028 boxes. Again the number of folks that came out from Hudson, Nashua, and all the surrounding towns we couldn't do it without them and a great thank you to all of them.

Chairman Luszey said I asked Donna to send out a note that I received from Representative Ober. It talks about TAP which is Transportation Alternative Program Grant which is for pedestrian and biking infrastructure. If this Board is interested in applying for that, I would request the Town Administrator to ask our Recreation Director to submit a grant to improve our...Steve Malizia indicated that's usually our Engineer for any road infrastructure. Chairman Luszey indicated it's not road. This is for pedestrian and bicycle paths. Would that be road? I thought that would be recreation. Mr. Malizia asked are we talking on the side of the road.

Selectman Coutu thought that might be a great idea for Benson Park. A bike trail up by the barn. Selectman McGrath asked that wouldn't be paved. Chairman Luszey asked are we interested in asking him to take a look at that. Steve Malizia said we can but would caution you because one thing I found with these monies, it doubles the cost of whatever you're going to do. Selectman Coutu believed it was 80/20. We did one for Benson Park not too long ago. It was 80/20.

Steve Malizia noted we did a sidewalk on 102 that cost \$1 million. Selectman Coutu commented it's a sidewalk. We're talking about a bicycle trail. Mr. Malizia said I'm telling you. We get into that federal money; I'm just raising the specter. That's how these things triple. Nonetheless.

Chairman Luszey said we'll can that one. NRPC. I got a call from them and my commitment to them is they understand where I stand with them. Given that I'm this Board's liaison to that committee, I would like to know what you would want me to bring forward to them in terms of what our needs are and what we would like them to work on. I know for me personally I believe they should make it a priority to help us figure out how we solve the Lowell Road traffic issues. I know that's not a major priority for them.

Selectman Coutu said that should be their priority. It's been my bone of contention with them. I'm willing to take the \$19,000 we give them every year away and put it in the bank. Maybe we can build a little small overpass over Lowell Road and start the project ourselves with the \$19,000 we give them. They do nothing for us. Chairman Luszey said I don't tend to disagree with that statement. Selectman Coutu explained they came to her and said last year that they were going to commit to doing it and they'd be in touch. I haven't heard a word.

Chairman Luszey stated my commitment to them was that I would mention it tonight and ask you folks to think about it. There will be an agenda item at our first Board of Selectmen meeting in June as an item for discussion on what you would want me to bring to them and that I would give them a call the following day to let him know where we stand and what I would be representing.

Selectman Coutu thought it was a lot more important than bringing trains into Nashua. We have our own problems.

Selectman McGrath suggested that we consult with the Town Planner as well because he may have some thoughts that we wouldn't think of that they would address. Chairman Luszey said I would ask him to be at that meeting to talk with us about that.

Just on my last comment, Chairman Luszey said on Memorial Day I don't know if folks know but I'm a member of the Pelham VFW and I will be over there Memorial Day supporting my brothers and sisters over there in supporting our Veterans from all over the State. Again please be safe and have a great Memorial Day.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, 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; (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; 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 Luszey stated Nonpublic Session is being entered at 8:07 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 Luszey entered open session at 9:36 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to promote Matt Costa to the position of Equipment Operator, Grade XII, Step 3, at \$23.24 an hour per the Town of Hudson and Hudson Highway Department Local #1801 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Contract effective May 29, 2016, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to hire Bill Davidson as a Truck Driver/Operator at \$17.67 per hour, Grade VII, Step Minimum, per the Town of Hudson and Hudson Highway Department Local #1801 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Contract effective July 10, 2016, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Saucier, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to take Map 156, Lot 063, Sub 002, 102 Elmwood Drive, by Tax Deed, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Saucier, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to take Map 178, Lot 013, Sub 042, 7 Loop Road, by Tax Deed, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Saucier, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to take Map 182, Lot 043, 9 Maple Avenue, by Tax Deed, carried 5-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols, carried 5-0.

Recorded by HCTV and transcribed by Donna Graham, Recorder.

Ted Luszey, Chairman

Marilyn McGrath, Vice-Chairman

Roger E. Coutu, Selectman

Pat Nichols, Selectman

Angela Saucier, Selectman