HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN Minutes of the March 7, 2016 Meeting

- 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> by Chairman Maddox the meeting of March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
- 2. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> led by Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Chairman Maddox noted as it is the night before Elections, this meeting will be relatively short due to a small agenda but we do have a couple of things.

3. <u>ATTENDANCE</u>

Board of Selectmen: Rick Maddox, Roger Coutu, Pat Nichols, Marilyn McGrath; Ted Luszey

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant

4. PUBLIC INPUT

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

My name is Doug England. I live at 28 Chandler Court in Hudson up in Shepherd's Hill. One of the things I just wanted to address is I want to thank the Selectmen Board as far as the tax issues that we've been dealing with and I see that's on the agenda here for abatement. Thank you. The other items that I wanted to address. Obviously as you know we're looking to complete the building within Shepherd's Hill. There's 100 plus units that are there that are right now the land development rights have expired and we're looking to get a vote to kind of re-issue those rights to continue to build. In doing that, we've put together a building committee within the development to try to get some ideas of people within the development and what they would like to see, are not happy with. A couple of things came out that are Town or State responsibility and we kind of just wanted to address it to the Selectmen and get your input or at least put it out there.

Mr. England indicated one of them is the intersection obviously Kimball Hill, 111, and Greeley Street. They're very busy and very difficult to turn left going west on 111. Very big topic with the people in the development. I can say I know even the bus driver complains about getting out of there in the morning to bring the kids and get there on time. I did some research and I saw that there was a study done in 2006 that was DOT sponsored between Litchfield and Hudson as well. That was one of the big intersections that had a high flow or a high flow increase with traffic. So I just wanted to kind of get an understanding if there was ever going to be some development to change that intersection. I know it was an (inaudible) plan that was recommended as far as that plan to put on there. I haven't seen anything in the capital improvement plan for that to happen. They asked me to come to this meeting to just ask the question if it's something that will ever come to fruition that's all.

Chairman Maddox noted a couple of things. You asked about the building. The only thing I'll say is you might want to check with the attorneys. You have a site plan that allows for X. If you want to change it much from that, then you're going to have to go through the whole planning process again and that's not something you want to do. No other time I think in Hudson would you get 400 units on 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. If you want to reduce them down and have more open space, that's something certainly that you could look at.

Doug England noted we're definitely not looking to do more. Right now there's 126 units that are left to build there. We're hoping to do more like 110 to try to gain a little bit more parking space and spread them out a little bit more. From my understanding with the engineer that actually did those plans and still has those, has the approvals and everything that there was some notes on the plan to be able to fluctuate within a certain percentage without going back to the Planning Board and such.

Chairman Maddox thought you can make duplexes, fourplexes, or fourplexes, duplexes but the total number can't change. Again certainly would take a look at what you wanted to do because parking up there looks like it could be a challenge if it's snowing out.

As far as the intersection, Chairman Maddox noted that is a State intersection and they don't vote so I'm going to say this. NHDOT stands for never having done on time. Selectman Luszey said its part of the circumferential highway. Chairman Maddox said no not this intersection. Mr. England noted that was supposed to relieve that. Chairman Maddox said there are members of the Board who are trying to move that forward because, again, Wason Road was never meant to take the traffic that it takes. As far as that intersection though, I was told I think two years ago by the Police Chief that the State was going to give Kimball Hill its own cycle, give Greeley Street its own cycle so that that issue of one timid person backs people up past Cahill's.

Doug England noted that's the other thing I was going to bring up is there a possibility to time that differently because you don't have the space there for two lanes that you could do one side and then the other side to alleviate.

Chairman Maddox said it's a very important intersection and it's something that we have to look at. Again because the State controls it, we don't even have I'm being told a key to the light box. So when there's a problem, they have to call the State in. I saw a police officer down directing traffic because the light was out the other day. It is on our high priority list because, again, it is a very busy intersection and with Benson Park being there, it has increased the amount of traffic that is coming out of that roadway. We'd be looking forward to your help with it gets to that point if need be that we do something. This Board will need to direct the Engineering Department where it wants to go but I don't think it would be a big expense to at least widen it so you could have a dedicated left turn lane so what happens right now is somebody in the middle kind of stops everything and backs up quickly. It is something that we realize that needs to be addressed because it is a tough intersection especially with that screwy angle and all of that. No roundabout. That was what the Town Planner wanted to put in was a roundabout there. It's nice to see you come in because again I think that it has - we know that there's all kinds of changes going on in there. It would be nice to have a conversation rather than our lawyers having a conversation that costs both of us a lot of money.

Doug England agreed. One of the things that we brought up to the lawyers way back in July was that we wanted to sit down with you guys and have a meeting. Nope sorry it can't happen. I don't know what happened with that. We definitely would like to sit down with you guys and have a conversation about what's there and what we're planning on doing. One of the things we wanted to do is kind of get our ducks in a row which is why we developed a building committee to kind of see what the development wanted, what was there, how we wanted to progress, how we could change it if we could in any way without making a whole planning process.

Chairman Maddox indicated a lot of the infrastructure is already in place too. You have sewer pipes running and water line running to various areas that are expecting to see places. So you'd be challenged to go and try to redo that.

Selectman McGrath commented you Mr. Chairman and Selectman Coutu just mentioned about the roundabout and that it was the Planner's idea. That wasn't his idea. It was something that he presented to this Board but it wasn't his idea. I don't want him blamed for it.

Doug England informed the Board I will say I had a very nice conversation with the Town Planner. He was very up front and had a lot of great information. He was very helpful for me finding out information and I got to say everybody in the town that I've spoken to has been that way. I've been very pleased with that. Just one other thing if I could. Another thing that I saw in that master plan associated with Benson Park was having a cross walk between Shepherds Hill and Benson's. I know that there is a large majority of the residence in Shepherds Hill that utilize Benson's and seems silly for them to get in a car and drive around the street into parking. I know again that's probably DOT property. I don't know how that all works. Obviously we can't as a development do anything there because we don't have any control over that. I didn't know if that was something that could be done as well.

Regarding that particular issue, Selectman Coutu said I have had several conversations with people at DOT. Kimball Hill Road is one of those roads. It's a State road. They claim anyway and they're willing to provide me the evidence that they've done several studies about where to put a crosswalk if it were necessary. They started down at the intersection where Cumberland Farms is. They wanted to put a crosswalk there. I told him that a lot of our traffic came from your property and they're not going to walk that far down to come across the road and come all the way back up. One of the people at DOT suggested to me well maybe you might want to have a nice road developed so they can come in directly next to Cumberland Farms. I said that's private property. That's for sale. We can't do that. They said that looking further up the road an up the hill because of the curve that comes around it's blind; it would be more of a traffic nuisance because they'd have to put some sort of a light fixture. They don't want to spend the money and they think it's going to be dangerous. The impression I got the last conversation I had was about I'm going to say 9 months ago because there's one person in that area who's been very, very persistent over the years with me about getting something done so that they could have a pedestrian crosswalk. The last thing I got from the State was I was really wasting my time. They're just not going to do it. It's not that an effort hasn't been made it's just that DOT - I would assume that in earnest they may have very well done some sort of a study to ascertain whether or not it would be safe to do it. As many times as I've been across from your property usually parked in the upper level near the red barn and when I pull out, I can see where there's a difficulty and I know there are a lot of people do traverse.

Doug England noted they walk down the fire lane and cut across right there. Selectman Coutu noted sometimes they're taking their chances running over. They have their dogs and couple of them bring their kids. We appreciate their visiting the park but we'd like them to do so safely. It isn't that we're not pursuing something but it doesn't preclude us from going back to the State and asking them to look at the whole situation - looking at Greeley Street and 111 and talk about the lights. I think that as Selectman Maddox said if we could get them to

key those lights in a different fashion and probably widen the intersection somewhat and allow people to - I noticed the other night when I was coming back from Pelham when I got to the intersection when the light turns for a left turn onto 111, the other traffic coming off of Greeley also has. It should be timed so that you empty out Barretts Hill and then allow Greeley afterwards or vice versa whichever as long as they have a right of way to go and I think that has to be looked at and we need to convince the State to do that.

Mr. England said you get that one timid person that can't take a left turn and it's all done. You wait two or three cycles to get through.

Again if we're going to be looking at that intersection, Chairman Maddox said one thing we could look at is if we're going to have to go to the State anyway at the very least directly across from the train station, that's a pretty level flat area putting a crosswalk there. Again we didn't know it was an issue but let's take a look at it. If you're going to make a submittal to them, then might as well make it...Selectman Coutu said it is. If they're going to develop say 100 to 110 additional units up there, it's 110 additional families because there's no age restriction on the properties. Chairman Maddox noted maybe the new developer would be willing to put in the sidewalk from your driveway up to that location and then that would be the impetus to...Mr. England said like you said, sidewalk would be a huge thing and definitely we could work that into the development plan on our side just as long as we had the ability or the right of way to do that because it is a State road. It's a huge topic at least in the development. Chairman Maddox noted one thing that helps State projects along is if you're willing to fund them. If we're willing to put up a lot of the engineering money, that moves it along very quickly as opposed to them having to then get engineering money, then construction money. Again let's have a dialog downstream and safer is better.

Doug England asked is there anything that we could do directly with the State that would assist this in any way to speak to somebody directly that maybe we can get them from both ends. Selectman Coutu asked Steve Malizia can you provide them the name and the address of the new Commissioner. She might be willing to listen. It's a little different from our perspective. We represent a municipality. You're a private citizen. We try to deal directly with the Commissioner. I think we've had more success in dealing with the Commissioner when - well we haven't had much success because the Commissioners change with the weather. Every season there's a new commissioner and now there's a brand new one. She's only been there I think 3 or 4 months. I don't know how long she's going to last because the Governor's term is up this year so we'll probably have a new one with the new Governor. Let me put it this way. If we have the opportunity to return and we're going to make an effort or if the Town Administrator no matter who sits here is going to meet with the Commissioner, we can get a hold of you and call in advance to see if someone from your Association or a couple of people would like to accompany us when we go to Concord and meet with DOT. We're going to have to meet with them on several other issues as well.

As we're working towards some things at Benson's, Chairman Maddox said this would be probably rolled into it as we're going forward if there was some participation from your side. We do have our secret weapon the Speaker. I think, again, there's a bunch of things that we can do here to hopefully increase the safety of that stretch of road.

5. <u>RECOGNITIONS, NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS</u> - NONE

6. <u>CONSENT ITEMS</u>

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

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to approve consent items A. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, B, C, D, E and F as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to approve consent items A. 8, carried 4-0-1. Selectman Nichols abstained.

- A. <u>Assessing Items</u>
 - 1) 2013 & 2014 Property Tax Abatements Map 177, Lot 5 126, vacant condo pad sites at Shepherds Hill Condo Complex, w/recommendation to abate
 - 2) 2015 Abatement Map 198, Lot 8, 58 Pelham Road, w/recommendation to approve
 - 3) Current Use Lien Release Map 115, Lot 3-6, 3 Senter Farm Road, w/recommendation to approve
 - 4) Elderly Exemption Map 175, Lot 134, 15 Blackstone Street, w/recommendation to grant
 - 5) Veteran Tax Credits Map 203, Lot 125, 7 Hickory Street; Map 177, Lot 005, Sub 328, 19B Clearview Circle; Map 145, Lot 009, 1 Bridle Bridge Road;

Map 137, Lot 014, 3 Farmington Drive, w/recommendation to grant

- 6) Requalification of Elderly Exemptions Map 156, Lot 005, Sub 006, 9A Doveton Lane; Map 156, Lot 006, Sub 033, 2B Doveton Lane; Map 156, Lot 008, Sub 002, 9 Amanda Drive; Map 156, Lot 008, Sub 013, 1 Madeleine Court; Map 182, Lot 126, 33 Library Street; Map 198, Lot 040, 12 B Street; Map 158, Lot 001, Sub 009, 31 Bonnie Heights Drive; Map 138, Lot 031, 2 Sunland Drive; Map 136, Lot 032, 31 Bockes Road; Map 182, Lot 045, 5 ½ Maple Avenue; Map 166, Lot 008, 24 Ledge Road, w/recommendation to requalify
- 7) Tax Deferral Application Map 204, Lot 006, Sub 431 431 Fox Hollow Drive, w/recommendation to grant
- 8) Requalification of Elderly Exemption Map 168, Lot 068, Sub 014, 214 Pheasant Run, w/recommendation to approve requalification

B. <u>Water/Sewer Items</u> - NONE

- C. <u>Licenses & Permits</u>
 - 1) Request to Solicit Funds The Half Moon Sober Festival, Inc.
 - 2) Brox Night Trucking Permit 30 extension to 3/23/16
 - 3) Petition & License for 1 new pole, License #21-1204 Stonewood Lane
- D. <u>Donations</u> NONE
- E. <u>Acceptance of Minutes</u>
 - 1) Minutes of the January 5, 2016 Workshop Meeting
 - 2) Minutes of the February 23, 2016 Meeting
- F. <u>Calendar</u>
 - 3/08 TOWN ELECTION VOTE
 - 3/09 7:00 Planning Brd Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 3/10 3:00 Trustees of the Trust Fund Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 3/14 7:00 Conservation Cmsn Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 3/15 7:00 Cable Utility Cte HCTV Ctr.
 - 3/16 5:00 Municipal Utility Cte BOS Meeting Room
 - 3/16 7:30 Senior Affairs Cte Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 3/17 7:00 Benson Park Cte BOS Meeting Room
 - 3/21 7:30 Budget Cte Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 3/22 7:00 Board of Selectmen BOS Meeting Room
 - 3/23 7:00 Planning Brd Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 3/24 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment CD Meeting Room
 - 3/28 7:00 Sustainability Cte BOS Meeting Room

7. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

- A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on February 23, 2016
 - 1) Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to seal the Nonpublic minutes, carried 4-0.
 - Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to hire Ryan Gawlik as a Regular Special Shift Employee at a rate of \$11.00 per hour effective 2/23/16, carried 4-0.
 - 3) Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to hire William Davidson as an as needed temporary snow plow driver at \$17.67 per hour effective immediately, carried 3-0-1. Selectman Coutu abstained.
 - 4) Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to hire Alexander Green for the position of Firefighter/AEMT in the Fire Department at the contracted starting salary of \$18.98 per hour (step 1) effective March 27, 2016. This assignment will be a non-exempt position in accordance with the International Association of Firefighters Local #3154 Contract, carried 4-0.
 - 5) Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to authorize the Road Agent to post for the position of a Truck Driver/Laborer position within the Highway Department, carried 3-0-1. Selectman Coutu abstained.

- 6) Motion to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, carried 4-0.
- B. VFW Post 5791 Loyalty Day Award Nomination

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia believed you discussed this in my absence. This was the annual Loyalty Day nomination. We got the request from the VFW. I did contact and communicated with the VFW Loyalty Day Chairman program person who stated that this nomination would not be an issue. It would not be in conflict. I think there was some question as to this person is a member of the Fire Department. Traditionally firefighters and police officers are nominated here for police and fire. When I spoke to this Loyalty Day Chairman, he was okay with this nomination and again I recommend we make this nomination this year.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to nominate Helen Cheyne, Fire Administrative Aide for the 2016 Hudson VFW Post 5791 Loyalty Day Award, carried 5-0.

C. Revised Use of Town of Hudson Meeting Rooms Policy

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia noted it seems like somewhere in the throws of the campaign season the idea was brought up to amend the town meeting room policy to allow for the use of the community center by political campaigns. I believe all the members haven't been in attendance at a meeting so I believe this has been deferred to this meeting. If you look, what you'll see is a revised policy back on the 8th of February to allow for the community center to be used for political purposes. Political purposes would be things such as caucuses, rallies, meet the candidate, etc. subject to the fees and requirements under the Town Code. This would obviously be a charge for rental of the hall, any cleaning deposit, any damage deposit and what not. This basically would amend it so that the community center could be used for that purpose.

Selectman Coutu said I had suggested that we take a look at this only because, and this is not geared to any one particular candidate, I had received a few phone calls relative to the use of the facility and I said no it was prohibited. A couple of people suggested to me that that is singularly our largest meeting hall that we have available for the public. Inasmuch as we make it available for other uses and it affords us an opportunity - it doesn't raise a ton of revenue to raise a little bit of revenue to lease it out and I don't think that there will be any board who would excuse the rental fee for political rally. We've seen what goes on. I read through your revisions. I believe you may have made the revisions. I think that it speaks to what I was concerned about. I want to be certain that 1) we have a policy on the deposit and it is nonrefunded. If the person who is charged with cleaning or in the case of the use of that facility, it would be David Yates found that the building was left in such a condition that we had to bring people in to clean it that they would not get their deposit. I also wanted to have - and it's not addressed in here - but one of my concerns was in light of a rally that took place at Alvirne High School for one of the political candidates - I forget who it was. I think it was Hilary Clinton but I'm not sure. The Fire Department wanted to be included and they felt that at a rally of this size whatever the capacity is at the Community Center, that they should have at least one person EMT experienced provided for and they would have to be paid for by whoever rents the hall and obviously we would want one police officer there.

Steve Malizia's understanding that was the practice for Alvirne High School. We had a police and fire detail. The same with the middle school when a different candidate went to the middle school and that's billable to the campaign. We're actually billing it out of our office. So that's a requirement. Selectman Coutu said any campaign who would rent the facility would be made aware about that. Mr. Malizia said correct. They would be required to have a detail.

Chairman Maddox noted there was some snafu with one of the schools. They moved it from the VFW to a school and unfortunately the Fire Department was not made aware of that. Again I think that just better communications. If we are going to rent the hall out, then Mr. Yates or whoever is controlling this needs to make sure that all of those parties police and fire are in the loop.

Selectman Luszey indicated they were there because they attended to a person that fainted. Chairman Maddox said no they came because they were called. They were not there. I talked to the Chief. Selectman Luszey said when I drove in they were there and I was there early. Chairman Maddox told the Board I got there they were not. The Chief told me that they did not know that event was happening. Again let's close that loop and make sure that the Fire Department and Police are depending upon the capacity that they believe that they're going to have are there.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to revise the Use of Town of Hudson Meeting Rooms policy to allow for the use of the Community Center for political purposes subject to the Fees and Requirements under Town Code, Chapter 205-15, Community Center Fees, carried 5-0.

8. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. Revenues and Expenditures

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia noted we are two-thirds of the way through the year or 67 percent. Things are looking fairly well still at this time. We've had a fairly mild winter. As you're well aware, we're starting to actually sweep the streets. It might be a little premature but at least they're getting out there and getting some of that sand picked up. I don't see any cause or any issue with the expenses. I will continue to say that motor vehicle revenue continues to do very well. We are at 75 percent. That's a very good parameter considering we bumped that budget number up for this year. That's very positive. If it keeps going like that trend, obviously that money would make its way into our surplus because we do not budget it.

Selectman Coutu asked Mr. Malizia under "legal" we're at 85 percent. Is that because we have our contractual obligation we prepay for the year? Mr. Malizia said we encumber money. Selectman Coutu reiterated so it has been encumbered so that's the reason why it's at 85. There were a couple of others that I looked at that raised to that level and a lot of them I know there's encumbrances. Steve Malizia said sewer, trash, contracts with Pennichuck, contracts with the City of Nashua. We make sure that we encumber those. Selectman Coutu commented the revenues are outstanding. Mr. Malizia said heck even interest. It's modest but we're still making money.

Chairman Maddox commented on the ambulance fund. Mr. Malizia noted it's always a month behind. I just saw that and its \$50,000 that just crossed my desk today. As a matter fact, I signed the check today.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

<u>Selectman Nichols</u> - I have nothing to say at this time other than please get out and vote tomorrow. This is your town and this is where your money is. Please try to get out and vote. Thank you.

<u>Selectman Coutu</u> - Tomorrow is Election Day. We had 9,000 people show up for the Primary. We have a lot greater impact on your fiscal being in the Town of Hudson so it's imperative that you get out and vote and make your choice. I hope to see everybody there.

<u>Selectman Luszey</u> - All I can say is that every year end I would tell my group to look to your left, look to your right. There will be changes and I wish both of you the best of luck. Chairman Maddox said that was a left-handed comment if I ever saw one. Anything can happen. Selectman Luszey said that's right or it may stay the same but that is a change.

Selectman McGrath - I have a comment that I've debated about whether or not to bring this up this evening but I think that I'm compelled to. That's my position on the fire station. I voted to send that item to the ballot so that the voters would have an opportunity to vote on it. When I did that, I made the statement that I still hadn't decided and I wasn't supporting it at that time. I am still not supporting it primarily for the reason of traffic which I think I brought it up last year. I've brought it up again this year. I read the letters in the local paper supporting it by various firefighters. One of the things that the voters need to know is that the traffic light that's being talked about is being available for that building if its built is contingent on three other properties and that is Market Basket expanding; it's Haffners which is owned by a new ownership, and also Fairview across the street. When Fire Chief Buxton was here I told him that I needed an answer about that that I thought particularly with Market Basket the lengthy legal process that they went through to acquire that under one ownership as opposed to the family ownership that it had been under before. It was my opinion that I thought that they would probably delay any kind of expansion. He failed to get back to me on that. I did talk to the Town Planner and it's his understanding as is mine that Market Basket is not going to expand for at least 3 years. If that's the case, and that's the biggest piece of that puzzle for creating a light at that intersection, that fire station could be built but that doesn't mean that there's going to be a traffic light there until those 3 pieces of property come together and actually come up with a plan and agree to a plan to have a traffic light and realign their access. I am not supporting it. I will not vote for it tomorrow. The voters can make up their own minds as they have done in the past. I thought it was fair to at least let everyone know how I plan to vote on that particular project. That's all that I have.

I will wish both of you good luck tomorrow.

<u>Selectman Maddox</u> - I have two things. First off for those of you that are on the fence about replacing the fire station on Burns Hill, we've made arrangements. There will be somebody there all the time. Even if the truck is out on a call, there will be somebody there. If you're on the fence and if you didn't get to see that award winning television show that we put up to show how small that space is. It is about 750 square feet where you spend 24 hours with two of your co-workers as well as the cramped space and people have asked about the land around it. There's water on two sides. There's a house on the back of it and there is some terrain issues. Please if you're on the fence on this, not like Selectman McGrath, if you would stop by and take a look. Again I think that it's an eye opening that you can stand in the middle of the day room and be in the middle of the entire kitchen, sleeping quarters, bathrooms, and everything else.

To your statement, Chairman Maddox said there is a light there already Selectman McGrath. There is a light at Hampshire Drive that could control the traffic. Not as well as two but it could be done. It's not like there's not going to be a light there. There is one presently at that corner right where Mission Point is. There is a traffic light right there that comes out into Hampshire Drive. So they will have a light. They won't have the perfect two lights but they would have the ability. We will all be at the elections tomorrow. Ladies and gentlemen some of us will be standing outside waiving and hopefully in getting your attention and your vote. If you have questions, please stop over. I think that Selectmen McGrath has a legitimate concern. She doesn't see the traffic issues. If you've ever seen a fire truck going down the road, they move cars out of the way pretty well. Again I understand your concerns so let's see where it goes. I hope people will come out and read the paperwork that was in the HLN that showed a sample ballot so that you can hopefully have some questions for us if you want. The other three Selectmen will be inside if you want to ask them as well. Again the polls open at 7 a.m. They close at 8 p.m. Hope to see thousands of you there.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to enter nonpublic session under 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 Maddox noted Nonpublic Session is being entered into at 7:40 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 Maddox stated that open session was being entered into at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey to appoint Michael Johnson temporarily to the position of HCTV Assistant at a rate of pay of \$15 per hour not to exceed 28 hours per week effective March 8, 2016, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to reduce the interest on the support lien for 180 Highland Street, Map 158, Lot 015 in the amount of \$1,128.01, carried 4-1. Selectman Coutu in opposition.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to terminate Rosemarie Brackett as a truck driver/laborer effective February 24, 2016, carried 3-0-2. Selectman Coutu and Selectman Luszey abstained.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to terminate Captain Kevin Grebinar effective February 24, 2016, carried 4-0-1. Selectman Luszey abstained.

11. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nichols, carried 5-0.

Recorded by HCTV and transcribed by Donna Graham, Recorder.

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