

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the December 1, 2015 Workshop Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Maddox the meeting of December 1, 2015 at 7:02 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Selectman Nichols.
3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Rick Maddox, Roger Coutu, Pat Nichols, Marilyn McGrath, Ted Luszey (arrived at 8:26)

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Maddox asked if anybody in the audience wished to speak to the Board on any subject that we have control of. Seeing none.

5. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

INTERVIEWS

- A) Cable Utility Committee - (1 vacancy, 1 member term to expire 4/30/2018)

Peter Lanzillo

My name is Peter Lanzillo. I've lived in town since 1977 at 12 Blackstone Street. I've a videographer for Hudson Community Television. I've been doing it for a few years. I know Scott Pearson. I know Ryan and some of the guys on the Committee. So I said I'd see what's going on and join the Committee and see if I can help out. I've been doing videographing as a producer for probably about 4 or 5 years now. Time flies.

Selectman Coutu said to the members of the Board, Mr. Lanzillo is now known as having introduced to the world of Hudson anyway Joey Poll who we're very proud of. Joey is an auto racer and Peter has been announcing for almost every single race that Joey is in and does an outstanding job. I know we've had conversation in the past Peter about you possibly becoming involved with the Cable Committee. I was glad to see when I went through my agenda items that you applied. You're interested and I think you'd be a tremendous addition to the Committee.

Selectman McGrath noted I know Mr. Lanzillo from attending a lot of Planning Board meetings over the years. He also I found out a number of years ago that he worked with my father. You recognized my name as his daughter and came up and introduced himself. So I've known him for a number of years. He's participated in other events and meetings and has been civic minded for as long as I've known him. I think he's a great asset. I was glad to see your name.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to suspend the rules and nominate and appoint Peter Lanzillo as a member to the Cable Utility Committee with a term to expire 4/30/2018, carried 4-0.

Peter Lanzillo asked to put this plug in. Selectman Coutu I told you I would. Joey Poll isn't the only champion racer you've had in Hudson, NH. Dave Neon precedes Joey by quite a few years but he grew up here in Hudson. They moved up here when they were like 8 years old. That book tells it all. It's a very interesting story of him growing up in the Town of Hudson, New Hampshire - his brothers, his mother, his father. His house is still down here by Pete's Gun and Tackle. Marilyn you're probably familiar with the name.

Selectman McGrath said I don't know him. I don't know if I've ever met him but my brother worked on his racing team at one time and traveled with him down to South Carolina and places like that.

Mr. Lanzillo thought I'd put a plug in and you'll enjoy that book. When you're done with it, you can drop it off at the studio. Thank you very much.

- B) Conservation Commission - (5 vacancies, 2 member terms to expire 12/31/18; 1 alternate term to expire 12/31/16, 1 alternate term to expire 12/31/17, 1 alternate term to expire 12/31/18)

William Collins (incumbent member)

Good evening. William Collins, 5 Locust Street. I'm coming before you to seek reappointment to the Conservation Commission as a voting member.

Selectman McGrath commented that from my limited time attending Conservation Commission meetings, Bill is an asset to that Committee and I certainly wholeheartedly endorse him being reappointed to that position.

Selectman Coutu indicated you told me you'd make me proud by serving on the Conservation Committee as well as the Planning Board. I've seen a lot of people. I've been here 8 years and watched a lot of people be appointed to Committees and they bid their time. They wait. You jumped right in like you knew it. You're very committed to the Conservation Commission as you are the Planning Board. You're very committed and you're not afraid to go out and work in the field. One of the most important charges that we as a Board have asked the Conservation Commission is the preservation of our wetlands and forests and you've done an outstanding job. I know that you put an awful lot of work into securing bidders for land that we could have potentially bought. I don't think we want to go there but I just know that you're involved. That commitment speaks volumes for people who want to join our boards. We don't want to just see faces there. We want to see voices and an objective opinion. As stated in a letter most recently received which saddened me greatly from the Chairman of the Zoning Board. It's great to have an objective point of view and someone who will make decisions based on law and fact as presented and not necessarily from the heart. That's an endorsement for you. I agree with Selectman McGrath.

Chairman Maddox noted that Mr. Collins serves on the Planning Board and I think I'm just going to basically reiterate what you just said is the fact that you really have to go to the Chamber to get more members on these committees because he has been a great asset. He jumped right in and is working on that committee to rewrite the ordinances. I think it was a great undertaking and again he came in with an objective view. Again I reiterate what the other two Selectmen have said. You've been a great asset and I see no reason why we shouldn't just go right to the motion.

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to suspend the rules and nominate and appoint William Collins as a member to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire 12/31/2018, carried 4-0.

- C) Nashua Regional Planning Commission - (2 vacancies, 1 member term to expire 12/31/2019); 1 alternate term to expire 12/31/2019)

James Battis (incumbent member)

Good evening. James Battis, 6 Potter Road and I am here to ask for re-nomination to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission as a full Commissioner.

Selectman McGrath said Mr. Battis has been volunteering to the town for a number of years. I don't know how many and I'm not going to guess but it's been a while. He's always been an asset to any committee that he's participated in. I would wholeheartedly endorse this.

Chairman Maddox agreed. As a member of the NRPC, it is one of those far flung. They don't even meet in town. We have to drive all the way to Merrimack to be a member. Mr. Battis' attendance is excellent. He gets into the discussions and he can do that Hudson no vote very well. It is a pleasure to see the same faces. I wish more people would apply because it's not just the same faces. We need new people as well but when you have someone of Mr. Battis' caliber, it's nice to see him again.

Selectman Coutu thought that Mr. Battis knows that I certainly support any endeavor he wishes to participate in as it relates to his service to our community. However I have a difficult time appointing anybody to a Commission I don't even like. Jim what is it in summation do you consider the benefit of our participation in NRPC?

James Battis thought as you're probably aware it's by Statute it's an advisory panel similar to the Conservation Commission but advisory panel to the towns. The Commission looks at the orderly development of the region and I think personally what I get from it is I see perspectives on planning and zoning issues which I don't have. The variety of discussions that come from that Commission is really enlightening to me and I do bring it back in terms of my views on the Conservation Commission. I think the effort that the Commission put together concerning the Kinder Morgan pipeline - gathering the data and assembling the GIS maps and everything for the communities in an impartial view. Elvis Dhima was part of their subcommittee in that process. I think were very valuable and I think in the end the report that the Commission issued raised many of the real issues without the polemics and emotion that one typically sees regarding the pipeline. They actually raised significant engineering and technological issues. I think that's a proper role for the town.

Mr. Battis said they also play a major role in the traffic planning in trying to prioritize the 10-year plan for the State Highway Department and they also have a role in terms of distribution of federal money for the greater Nashua region. Of course the town is being supported through the tax maps - the GIS live maps, tax map service. My personal opinion is it's a much easier and much more user friendly process to look for information than the town tax map website. I think they do provide service to the town. I would like to improve the communications between the Commission and the town, Engineering Department, Planning, and the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Coutu said I would too Jim but I'd like to see it go away. Based on what I just heard, and I'm going to support your appointment because you want to serve and unfortunately for this town we pay \$19,000 a year to belong to an organization which I feel does very little for the town. As a matter of fact, the GIS system we're

paying separately for over and above the \$19,000. I don't think we're getting our monies worth. I don't think they've done anything in terms of helping us alleviate the traffic congestion on Lowell Road. I don't think they've done anything to partner with us as a governing body to proceed forward with meetings that we've had with DOT Commissions and I think we've met with several of them. It seems like they change with the weather up there about helping us alleviate our traffic concerns in the Town of Hudson. I don't see us getting a good value for the \$19,000. I will support your appointment. Jim you know how I feel about you. I think you're a tremendous asset to the Town of Hudson personally. As an individual, I think that you've served us well and I'm not going to deny you an opportunity to get the education that you're getting attending those meetings. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to suspend the rules and nominate and appoint James Battis as a member to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission with a term to expire 12/31/2019, carried 4-0.

- D) Planning Board - (5 vacancies, 1 member term to expire 12/31/2017; 2 member terms to expire 12/31/18, 1 alternate term to expire 12/31/17; 1 alternate term to expire 12/31/18)

William Collins (incumbent member)

Chairman Maddox noted this is one of the good things that Mr. Collins is willing to do. He serves on both. That gives both boards knowledge of what is happening at the other. They can see something in advance that makes us aware of things. He can also make us aware of when things didn't look the same at the last meeting. Again just a great resource between the two boards.

William Collins, 5 Locust Street. I'm looking to be reappointed to the Planning Board.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to suspend the rules and nominate and appoint William Collins as a member to the Planning Board with a term to expire 12/31/2018, carried 4-0.

Chairman Maddox noted we do have a couple of other seats open on the Planning Board. I know it's a commitment and Mr. Collins will attest to the fact that there's some homework involved. I've always enjoyed being a member of the Planning Board because you're going to decide what Hudson looks like in 30 years as the zoning changes, as the approvals go through, how Hudson is going to develop as a community is pretty much decided by how it's Planning Board goes. Again it's a very important board that you don't see results for years to come but they do have a very big hand in that. I hope people will for the new year make that resolution and come join the Planning Board.

- E) Zoning Board of Adjustment - (4 vacancies, 2 member terms to expire 12/31/18; 1 alternate terms to expire 12/31/16; 1 alternate term to expire 12/31/2018)

Charles Brackett (alternate to member)

Kevin Houle (incumbent alternate)

Normand Martin (incumbent member)

My name is Charlie Brackett. I live at 21 Old Coach Road in Hudson, New Hampshire, and I'm applying for an opening as a member of the Zoning Board. I'm presently an alternate.

Selectman McGrath stated this is another candidate that I think we're really blessed to have apply for the Zoning Board and also to serve on the Planning Board. An excellent member. Charlie served on the Zoning Board a number of years ago and for a number of years. He made decisions that followed the regulations, left emotion out of it, followed the By-Laws. He couldn't be a better member to have on that Board. He had to leave because of job commitments but thankfully he's back. I wholeheartedly endorse this candidacy as well.

Selectman Nichols asked do you want to be a full member or an alternate. Mr. Brackett said I'd like to be a full member. I'm an alternate now. I've been an alternate for a year and as Chairman McGrath said, I was probably on the Board as a member for 10 or more years before and I had to move away for work.

Chairman Maddox commented I would be remiss if I did not say that we do have unfortunately Mr. Seabury has decided not to re-up due to issues. I think that Mr. Brackett would be an excellent addition to this Board.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to suspend the rules and nominate and appoint Charles Brackett as a member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term to expire 12/31/2018, carried 4-0.

Good evening. Kevin Houle, 1 Cathedral Lane in Hudson, New Hampshire. I'm reapplying for re-appointment as a Zoning Board alternate member at this time.

Selectman McGrath had a comment. I'm familiar with Mr. Houle. He's been serving on the Zoning Board for the last several years as an alternate member. His attendance has been good although lately he's had some traveling to do for work and that's understandable. As an alternate, it doesn't interfere with the action of the Zoning Board. We have a number of alternates on that Board. I would like to see him back on that Board. I think he's a good candidate and somebody that I do endorse wholeheartedly I might add.

Chairman Maddox noted the ZBA is a different animal. It's almost like a group of judges. You're really interpreting the ordinance as opposed to sometimes the Planning Board gets into horse trading for the lack of a better term. You guys follow the rules down the straight and narrow. Selectman McGrath agreed. It's following the regulations. The variances have to meet the criteria that's been set up and if they don't meet the criteria, it doesn't matter whether or not you feel sorry for the person or not. You have to vote whether or not they meet that criteria. Kevin has done that.

Selectman Coutu said if you're looking for a different animal, Kevin's the one. He's the elephant in the room. I've known Kevin for a while now. We met I believe at George's on Dracut Road when we first met and that's quite a few years ago. He's devoted, a family person, hard worker, change companies since I've known you. He lends that independent voice and a very thoughtful, conscientious and serious member of the ZBA. Not that any of them are certainly by no means to say that any of them are clowns. They all take their responsibility very seriously. I, too, wholeheartedly endorse Kevin's reappointment as an incumbent alternate. I hope that someday if a permanent vacancy is available and you have the time to commit to it, I hope that you apply as a permanent voting member. You've been doing it quite a while now Kevin. Selectman McGrath agreed with that.

Chairman Maddox said I very rarely watch the ZBA because it makes the Planning Board look like wild. I just watched the other night and it was a half an hour of you guys going over minutes. I'm glad that people are willing to be that dedicated and get into those details.

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to suspend the rules and nominate and appoint Kevin Houle as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term to expire 12/31/2018, carried 4-0.

Normand Martin, 3 Edgar Court. I'm here for reappointment to the Zoning Board as a full member.

Selectman Coutu said, again, commentary. Normand is well known. Normand is the Vice-Chair of the Commission. He has been serving in the absence of Brad as Chairman. I do watch the ZBA meetings because I think it's important to be on top of decisions being made by our Commissions and our Planning Board as well. They in a small way dictate the future of the Town of Hudson, the direction it's going to go in. I've not known Mr. Martin to make a decision without giving it a great deal of thought and trying to be reasonable. He is not always been in the majority vote as I'm not always in the majority vote. He votes his conscience and I appreciate that. I think he gives it an honest and personal overview and I think he makes his decision not from his heart. I think that he like all of us interprets the rules and makes the decisions on the basis of the regulations and the rules that are before him. I think he did an outstanding job a few years ago in initially re-writing all of the Zoning Board By-Laws. He did an outstanding job doing that and put in an awful lot of time and effort. To remind everybody, all of these boards and commissions that we appoint people to they are volunteers. They put in countless number of hours. Not minutes, not one meeting, countless numbers of hours and they don't get paid for it. We're very appreciative of the service that they provide the community. Normand you've been doing it for a long time now. We've been friends for a long time. I appreciate your service to our town.

Chairman Maddox commented I haven't had to ask if you've ever been to a meeting to anybody so far. Again I think that that is a challenge. I know that people are kind of hesitant. Go to a meeting. Go to a couple of meetings on a board that you might be interested in. Sit in the audience and kind of see if you could follow along and make that commitment. These are commitment some of these boards especially the land use boards. Again we need good people to step up and fill in these positions so that our town grows the way people out in the audience would like it to go. Any other questions, comments?

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to suspend the rules and nominate and appoint Normand Martin as a member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term to expire 12/31/2018, carried 3-0-1.
Selectman McGrath abstained.

Chairman Maddox hoped that people have watched this and will take a look at our website. The application form is on line. I will be hunting people down on election season. Again go to a meeting. Sit in the audience and see what it takes. If it's something you think you'd like to get involved with, then come in and sign up.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) 14 Brady Lane - 12" Water Main Extension

Chairman recognized Town Engineer Elvis Dhima.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and good evening members of the Board. Elvis Dhima said back in 2014 the Planning Board approved the site plan regarding a Dunkin Donuts site. I will have this available on TV. Soon after that, the applicant came in front of the MUC for a water line extension which I got recommendations from and right after that, they came in front of the Board of Selectmen for a discussion. No decision was made at the time. They're back again to ask the town to get connected to our municipality's distribution system. With that said, this is a site plan. This is Derry and Robinson intersection. You probably have seen some of the construction already happening at the site. It's across from the gas station. It slopes on the side there. You can't miss it. They did already the erosion control. They're doing a significant amount of work there. Basically they want to drill under Derry road, go along side Robinson, and then bring an 8 inch line to Brady Drive. From that they'll get access to the main and then into the building. Again as I said, they came a long time ago in front of MUC and the Board. Something happened and they're back again. They're asking for permission to connect to it. This is one route to do it. I'm here in front of you tonight to accept this.

Selectman Nichols wanted to know - I went up and looked today. Is the Dunkin Donuts going to be lower or up on the hill? Mr. Dhima indicated up on the hill. That is pretty much the finish, the final grade. Selectman Nichols thanked Mr. Dhima. I wasn't sure. I know the road and I knew what we were going to do but I didn't know. Thank you.

Chairman Maddox noted there's actually 3 slots in that building that Dunkin will occupy only one. Elvis Dhima agreed. That's the main facility we know of. There's two more and we don't know what the uses of those are yet.

Chairman Maddox's question was there's also a water line on the other side of Robinson Road. I thought that anything that was going to hook up on Robinson Road was going to tie into that line rather than going under Route 102. Is there a reason why we didn't have them hook up to that line? Its, again, across the street from Brady Drive. Elvis Dhima said it's not quite across the street from Brady Drive. It's almost the same distance. If you look at the map, this is our 12 inch line within St. Jones site. Unfortunately, and this was before my time, there is no easement. This is where the water line ends roughly and there is an easement for that but there is no access easement to Robinson Road. For the applicant to get access from here, they'll need to go back to the owner and get access for this particular parcel right here that we don't have an easement for. There is right now no existing easement for this water line to get access to Robinson Road. The reason that they came under Derry Road is because it's pretty much the shortest distance to the site which is here. As you can see, this is the 12th. We're trying to get access to here. It's almost the same distance as this but there's no easement here for them to do it. The next access location will be Christina Drive which is much further away. Cost wise and layout wise it makes more sense for the applicant to come under 102 to get access to their site.

Selectman McGrath said the line going into St. Joe's Hospital access - Rick do you remember when they came in before the Planning Board? I know we had lengthy discussions about the water line and they were bringing it up Derry Road if I recall correctly. South of the site they were bringing it up Derry Road and connecting. Weren't they coming in from Derry Road, and down Robinson, and into St. Joe's? Chairman Maddox said no. They went through the back yard basically.

Elvis Dhima said that would complete the loop Mr. Chairman to do that. They're kind of getting closer. If you look at the map where our water is right now, they would be coming here. So for us to close the loop, we'll have to get access to this if we ever want to do it down the road or for some other applicant coming down the road to complete that loop. They're just proposing to come from the existing 12 inch under the highway or Route 102 and then get access to the site.

Selectman McGrath asked that's at their cost not a cost to the town. Mr. Dhima said not a penny. Selectman McGrath asked why would we not want to allow them to do that. Is there a legitimate reason why we wouldn't want to allow them to do that other than disruption of the roadway for a time? Chairman Maddox said they're going to drill under it. They're not going to cut it. Elvis Dhima agreed. You're absolutely right. They will be drilling under it so there will not be any disruption whatsoever. The State will not allow it because it's a State road. Yes those will be done under. Selectman McGrath reiterated it will be at their cost. Mr. Dhima said yes all of it.

Chairman Maddox said the only problem the Chair has is again I thought the deal was that anything to the Robinson Road side would be connected up to that St. Joe's because again they put significant money into it also. They would be getting the revenue for connecting up to that section that does not have the easement. That's the only question I have is I'm not really sure how that was set up and I know its pre Mr. Dhima. I thought everything on the West Road side would be done by that side. Again people did pay for that water line. I believe Mr. Tate and St. Joseph's Hospital ran that water line with the expectation of being able to recover some of their costs when somebody hooked up on that side. I'm just wondering why we're kind of burrowing under 102 and kind of short changing those people who have spent \$400,000 some odd dollars to run a line but you don't have that history.

Elvis Dhima said there is obviously some reason why there was no access provided to us if you look at the parcels. Typically we usually have access all the way down to here so we can get access to it. There was a reason why it wasn't done. Chairman Maddox noted if you put it to the road then people could connect up to it. By having it this far in, I believe was to give them the ability to recoup their monies on whatever distance it is. Mr. Dhima said at the time that was the only access to get water. Then we did the 102 when the town put in the booster station to get the line to Londonderry so that's why now you have that 12 inch line on the other side of the road and provided additional access for this particular site. Back before the 102, this was the only access. Now it's more than one way to get access to it obviously with the Board's approval. There is some history there prior to it and I'm not sure what because obviously it was before my time into it.

Chairman Maddox asked did any members of the Municipal Utility bring up these questions. Elvis Dhima said no.

Selectman McGrath had one other question if I can. In reading the documentation, they have the ability if someone else hooks into their water line within five years of this development - if we give them the approval now, it would be five years from this date this year that they would be able to recoup their costs. Would the same apply to the St. Joseph's property if they went in that way that St. Joe's would be able to recoup or would they be on the five year...Steve Malizia said if they had an agreement, it's beyond the five years. That's moot at this point. They've passed that. Anybody can hook up and they don't get reimbursed. Selectman McGrath said the only way that they would get reimbursed though is if they in order to extend that line on that piece of their property that they made an agreement with whoever wanted to do that that they had to pay them so much. Steve Malizia indicated that would be correct.

Steve Malizia said the basic extensions of our water system we've always had the developer whoever wanted the water basically pay for it. That's the practice of this town. That's what we've practiced for many years since day one. If you want water and you need to extend a main, you pay the cost. We've given folks in agreement to allow them to recoup some of it if somebody else comes along within five years. All the extensions that have basically been done have been done on someone else's cost.

Selectman Coutu asked what assurances do we have that there's not going to be something under the road that's going to prohibit him from pulling that in on a straight line. Elvis Dhima indicated it's up to them. If something happens during construction, I think they tried. This happened like 4 or 6 months ago I believe when they started drilling then they hit ledge. They're like oh my god this is going to be expensive we better look for a well. Then they looked for a well and they're like this is not going to work so we've got to go back to water. During that time is when we found out that oh well you guys came in for a discussion but you really didn't have an agreement in place. If you want to pursue this, this is why you need to go back to the Board. Hopefully they have all the means to do that. It will probably be a \$100,000 crossing right there I would say based on the special bid and running through ledge. That crossing alone would probably be close to that and then all the extra run they have to do, it's going to be a significant amount of work and money put from them to do this.

Selectman Coutu wanted to pursue this line of questioning. Are you saying that if they do run into ledge there's equipment that can bore through ledge? Elvis Dhima said yes. They will do exactly that to get under 102. They started it and they had something that they didn't expect there and they changed their plans. It's still cheaper for them to do this boring under the 102 versus doing the storage units for fire protection and the community well whatever you want to call that at the site. There's equipment for that. It's very expensive but yup they can do that. Selectman Coutu said it's very expensive. Mr. Dhima said it's what 50 feet if that between edge of pavement to edge of pavement. Spend 75 to 100 is what they're saying close to that. Selectman Coutu said if they're disrupting a solid mass of ledge and in the process of boring there's a cave in. Elvis said it typically doesn't. It's just a straight line through ledge. Selectman Coutu said "typically" doesn't mean it never happens. Are they going to insure? Mr. Dhima said yeah. They have a construction bond with the State for this work and they got the okay from the State that says this is a State road or a portion of this is a State road. Actually all of it is a State road.

Selectman Coutu commented I'm not going to support it.

Chairman Maddox said again I'm just a little reticent because again I thought that the plan for lack of a better word was anything on this side of 102 would be...Selectman Coutu commented he's too attached to that part. Chairman Maddox said again if they wanted \$1 million for that last 20 feet, then that would be unrealistic. Again as we ask people to run water lines at their expense and they're expecting to recoup at least some of their costs. That's why I'm a little reticent. I'm not quite yet that I'm not going to vote for this but I'm concerned that were they even asked if they could tie into this would they sell their easement for X amount of dollars and try to make this as fair as possible. Now once you start drilling under 102 does everybody - again I always thought there was going to be a demarcation with 102. One side would be the people that went up to Londonderry and the other side would be done by St. Joe's. Again free market as long as I think they both got a chance to bid this if you would. It sounds like and I know Mr. Dhima you're not part of any of this so we're kind of putting you in the middle of this. I would like to see because I think the Board is heading towards a no vote is to have the representatives come in and maybe make a presentation as to why this is better for the town.

Elvis Dhima understood. Would the Board reconsidered this agreement if they show a plan coming from the 12 inch line from St. Joe's? Again Chairman Maddox wanted to see what the benefits are to the town. I don't think there was an agreement. I think it was another one of those you run the line and you'll recoup some of your costs. The reason why St. Joe's didn't bring that pipe all the way to the street because now it's a public way, they still don't get anything. That was their insurance policy for the lack of a better term. Again I don't want us to dictate they have to go to St. Joe's but I think that we should probably take a look to see if that is a better option for us and not boring under 102 even though it's a State road where does that take us down stream.

Selectman McGrath agreed that I'd like to know whether or not they consulted with St. Joe's to find out whether or not they could access that and if the cost would be prohibitive. I remember when St. Joe's came in and they had to have water. They couldn't drill a well. That was going to be cost prohibitive for them. They preferred bringing in a water line and that met their needs. They wanted to develop there and they took the chance that if they put the water line in it might never get connected to anywhere else and they may have to bear the entire cost of that. So that was the cost that they recognized when they sought approval and got approval to build there. I agree. We should find out whether or not they've reached out and contacted them and go from there.

Chairman Maddox said maybe a member of the group that is applying for this application making the Town Engineer answer their questions is unfair to him. He doesn't know all the answers. Again I think that if they're coming back, they need to come back.

Elvis Dhima stated there's definitely some history here. I just wanted to say engineering wise it's one of those things that doesn't but obviously there's some additional history here that some explanation has to be done by applicant or applicant's agents and I will take care of that in the next meeting. I'll make sure that they come here and explain and answer any questions you might have.

Selectman Coutu asked to bring the map back up on the screen. Mr. Dhima noted that's coming from the 12 inch along 102 but it does a cross country cut and it gets St. Joe's and this is Christina Drive. This is what we have in that part of town.

Selectman Coutu said when the line was brought into St. Joseph's hospital it originated from 102 and that extension was to allow the other homes to also tie in...Chairman Maddox said there's no home there. It's all industrial. Selectman Coutu noted there was no water up there prior to that. I've been down in those industrial parks. I wanted to take a look at it because it's been a while since I've been. I go to St. Joe's all the time. Steve Malizia thought someone else has extended it down by Christine. That was a different extension. They needed it. They paid for it.

Chairman Maddox said they went all the way back to the pumping station - the old White Hen? We paid for an upgrade of the size of the pipe the town did I believe. Mr. Malizia noted we upgraded the pipe to 16 inches maybe. Mr. Dhima said 16 inch right here. This one. This is where the booster station is right here by Page and Derry. So a 12 inch line and maybe that's because of the additional extension the town did along West Road to push water further down and get it to Londonderry. There was a booster station needed and that's when that 12 inch extension happened on the other side over Route 102.

Selectman Coutu asked the development that's proposed for the Dunkin Donuts is going to be a 3-unit building. I'm trying to remember the Planning Board discussion. Dunkin Donuts is going to occupy the furthest away from Derry Road of the 3 units. Are they going to occupy A or C? Elvis Dhima would say A due to the drive thru. There seems to be a drive thru right here. Selectman Coutu asked B and C are going to get their water where and whose paying for that? Mr. Malizia said the developer of the whole building. It's one developer developing this. Selectman Coutu asked is it the developer who's paying to bring the line it or is it Dunkin Donuts. Mr. Malizia commented its Cafua Management or whoever that is. Mr. Dhima said they own Dunkin Donuts and other chains.

Chairman Maddox asked if they owned the whole development. Mr. Dhima believed they do. They're applying for the actual water.

Selectman Coutu commented think they do or you know they do. I hate the word "think". Think means I'm not sure. Elvis Dhima said they are the applicant right now for the entire water line for the entire building.

Selectman McGrath directed Selectman Coutu to the site plan. They're the owner of record and the applicant for Cafua Management and also the site plan shows that this is a proposed 3-unit. Two units are going to be retail space and then the Dunkin Donuts. Selectman Coutu asked they're the same company that owns Dunkin Donuts on Lowell Road correct? Chairman Maddox believed so. Selectman Coutu knows they own quite a few of them. They're also the ones that are proposing a Dunkin Donuts on the Hudson/Tyngsboro line. You don't know. Mr. Dhima didn't have an answer to that.

Chairman Maddox asked the Board where are we heading with this deferral.

Selectman Coutu indicated I'm ready to vote.

Chairman Maddox thought we'll defer and then. Selectman Coutu said my vote is no on the deferral. I'm ready to vote. If the majority want to defer it, defer it.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols to defer, carried 3-1. Selectman Coutu opposed.

Chairman Maddox asked Mr. Dhima to get some answers and probably somebody sitting in that chair next to you so that you're not the person again answering for them. If it's six and one half a dozen to go either way, again, we need to look at some history. Thank you Sir.

B) Weinstein Well Development Update

Chairman recognized Town Engineer Elvis Dhima.

Jeff McLure thanked the Board for the opportunity to come back. I'm with Weston & Sampson.

Kevin McGinnon from Weston & Sampson.

Chairman Maddox said you are water utility engineering consultants. Is that the official title Mr. Dhima? Elvis Dhima agreed for the water supply and sewer system.

Elvis Dhima said basically I'll let Jeff walk through a timeline to how we started, what triggered drilling the new well.

Selectman Coutu asked why do we need a timeline.

Chairman Maddox thought it's going to be brief but it's also going to give us some history. I think that there's new Board members and water utility is just not very sexy. So it really doesn't get the glamour that it needs to so these two gentlemen are going to at least give us some history of how we got some of this to where it is.

Mr. Dhima indicated where we started, why we did the things we did, where we are now. One of the reasons or two of the reasons why we might be at this position now and where we are heading and what we need to do and just give an overall feel and then go from there. With that said, I'll let Jeff give a very brief timeline as far as where we're headed. Chairman Maddox noted it needs to be as accurate as possible.

Jeff McLure said it's going to be oral. There's going to be nothing to take a look at up on the screen for this. This project and the replacement of the Weinstein Well started ultimately back in the end of 2009 when the well was cleaned and during that cleaning process there was found to be a split between the unit that's underground. Basically the screen and the well casing. That was found. From there, we moved into understanding what the alternatives were as far as how to best essentially protect the town from full failure and the loss of that well. An alternatives letter came out, something was decided by the town as far as what was the best course of action was which was to not minimize the amount of flow that could come from the existing well by lining it but by replacing the well in full so that the cost of your own water is cheaper than the cost to retrieve that same amount of water from Pennichuck. So that's the way that it moved forward and about a four phased process thereby knowing that if at any time that the well was to fail, that you could immediately come in and do a slip line and still be protected and your asset would be protected. So that's the way we move forward.

Mr. McLure said we went out just recently call it June of this year, we contracted with a firm and we brought them on board and they drilled a new well. The new well is successfully in place right now - the well itself. It's exactly what we wanted it to be. It is a good well. It is a good replacement for what is there. At that time that we did a step rate test and it was at that time that we realized that the ground conditions were not where they need to be in order for us to perform the full 5-day test to be able to prove that the well which is a suitable as existing well could get the same amount of water. I can get the same amount of water that you're currently getting out of the existing well but the problem is is that there is just not as much water in the ground right now as we would like there to be for you to get the full capacity of this well moving forward. Now it's at this time that I should say that the DES has a permitting process in place that did not exist when any of your other wells were drilled and is more strict and stringent to prove to them how much water that this well can actually take out of the ground. If we did that same process on your existing well, it would be a lot less than what is currently believed that your well is rated for in my opinion. You're grandfathered at a rate that was never tested out the way that they have to be today is probably the best way to phrase it.

Elvis Dhima said before 2009 we could pump up to 700 gallons a minute which is equivalent to 1.1 - 1.2 million gallons a day. Steve Malizia indicated 700 a minute. Mr. Dhima noted after 2009 due to the issue with the casing, we have dropped that production a little bit. Right now we're on average producing 625 gallons a minute or in some cases they run it at 650 gallons a minute for 22 hours. Then they let the well rest for a couple of hours and

they go at it again. We need to recognize that we're not producing as much as we used to out of this well due to the conditions at the casing. The next thing that we're dealing with right now is while we're producing this much of the existing well and that wasn't subject to regulations from DES, this new well that we might be testing will be subject to that and they will be seeing the test. They will be witnessing this or they will be there when we do this. The step test was kind of us doing it to kind of see what we can get out of it. The second Weston & Sampson realized we might not be getting here more than 500 or 525, we shouldn't be doing this. They came to me, we looked at our options, and we said okay we have had three years of drought. This year alone we just got the numbers today, we have had so far 9.3 inches. Less than average. Even in the past three years, we're having less rain than average. I'm not sure that's helping our cause or not with the aquifer and the water getting in or not. The water that's in the ground is not going to allow us to pump as much as we're pumping out of the Weinstein right now. The State will not allow us to. Looking at how much there is in the ground, there's a rate that they look for is 18 gallons per minute per foot.

Jeff McClure said a specific capacity. It's about 18 gallons per minute per foot of draw down. Sometimes what we're trying to do is maximize the available yield or the permitted yield that this well will be capable of at the end of the day. Given current aquifer conditions, we would be somewhat limited with this well so we recommended doing this in the spring when aquifer levels have significantly recovered. Seasonally speaking, we normally have higher aquifer levels and an observed higher aquifer levels throughout New England in the spring.

Selectman Coutu reiterated so what you're saying is in its present state the new well as a result of whatever State regulations or availability of water, it would appear presently that we're going to pump at a 30 percent capacity less than the previous well.

Kevin McGinnon stated when that well was originally put in in 1980, yes. What that well can currently do today, they're far more similar because the conditions in the ground have changed in the last 35 years. The example of that is behind you on the television which gives you the general concept of what happens under ground when you pump a well. You can see that the blue part is the part where there is water and the brown part is no water. You can see what's called the "cone of depression" there because it draws the water down into that well. When you stop pumping it, then it recovers. You can see that the initial water level in 1980 was 2 to 3 feet below ground. In 2012 you were 14 ½ feet below the ground and today you're 22 feet below ground. If you talk about specific capacity and you get a certain amount of gallons per minute for every single foot above that well intake, the lower that water level is down the less that your well can pump. It has nothing to do with the well itself. The well is in great structural condition the one we just put in. It's a perfect well. It can do up to 700 gallons per minute if the water is there to support it and that water is no longer there nor is it above the existing well.

Selectman Coutu said by no means am I an expert but I'm just trying to apply some common sense here. We have a viewing audience and I'm sure they would ask similar questions that I'm about to ask or at least this question anyway. If one of the reasons why we built a new well was because we felt that the old well was not pumping to a level that we expected but the new well is now going to only pump at what the old well was producing, why did we build a new well? Why didn't we just keep the old one and keep pumping?

Kevin McGinnon indicated the reason you could not keep the old well was that the well failed in between the casing and the screen. You can keep pumping that until it fails and then when it fails, it's going to pull in sand as the best possible condition and the worst, it's just going to slide off and the pump is going to get stuck in the screen and it will render it inoperable. The reason why you need it to move forward was to do something with the well to protect the asset and to not allow it to fail since it's such an important asset to the town.

Selectman Coutu noted you and I know that but the general viewing public will say to me if we didn't get that answer, which is a good answer and the correct answer, why did you build a new well when it's going to pump only what the other one did. It was eventually going to fail.

Mr. McGinnon appreciated Selectman Coutu pointing that out. Thank you.

Chairman Maddox said I'm going to go a little bit deeper then. Why didn't we reline because I heard that we would lose 30 percent. Well we're losing 30 percent anyway. Why wouldn't we then reline the existing well and not put ourselves into the repermitting issue?

Elvis Dhima said it's a great question. We love great questions. Basically the assessment at the time was done that the water table was going to remain the same or close to it. When they did the study, they figured that if the water remains the same, it wouldn't have any impact, or any issues, or droughts, or anything that we can control you would have that capacity now. Because of the aquifer levels have dropped, we just can't do that now that's why. The intent was we're going to get 700 gallons a minute because the aquifer is this level so we're going to go this deep. We're going to have this much. We're going to get this. It makes more sense. Instead of sacrificing 25 percent of the capacity by lining it, it makes more sense. The study was done. The trigger was pulled. This is what we're going to do. Unfortunately things have changed when you look at the aquifer now. It could be many

reasons: land development in Litchfield, maybe that the average water we're getting, the drought this year. It could be a lot of reasons.

Chairman Maddox said what you're saying if the level came back up to the 14.6 feet, then the new well would be able to pump at the 700 gallons a minute.

Jeff McClure asked to add to that. That 25 percent reduction, well it's already seen a reduction due to the lower water levels, you would add that 25 percent reduction onto the old well as well. It's currently not pumping at 700 gallons a minute any longer. Elvis Dhima said due to the casing issue, its 620 - 625. We're not seeing 700 anyways. We haven't seen that in a while anyways.

Chairman Maddox said bring probably brings us to the idea that we need to find another location to draw water from. I think that's really my intent of this was to get an idea of what those options are and you've got some sitting here. We have tried using the dousing rod and somebody knows there's water over here. I think that we really need to find a source that is reliable within our borders, preferably two so that again we have a cost effective, reliable source of water. Not dwelling on these wells, we see the issue here but going forward as the water utility board where should we be looking to either tap into the Merrimack which is a costly, time consuming project that we should start sooner rather than later if that is our intent or going out and finding sources of water within the Town of Hudson's border to be able to drill additional wells to augment these that we already have.

Elvis Dhima said if you're okay, Jeff can go over some of the options that we have and what they would recommend and some of the things that the communities around us are doing dealing with the same situation we are to give the Board an idea to what's going on out there, what our options are, what should we do, how long it takes because things take time like everything else if you're okay with it.

Chairman Maddox thought that was the intent here is we know that we've been getting reports about these wells and we know we need to do something else. We would like to expand our water system. It only benefits our citizens but more importantly it also improves our desirability to commercial and industrial coming into town if we have a cost effective and consistent source of water. I think that that's where we should be looking at is how we're going to develop that rather than dwelling on how we got in the hole in Litchfield, I don't think I want to spend much time on. I think we really need to look at where are we going to go forward with this process. I see some nodding heads so if you will start from there Sir.

Jeff McClure said please interrupt me as I go as you see fit. It's probably important to start the conversation by saying that back in January of 2011 part of this process we looked at what it would cost to continue to buy water from Pennichuck versus how much water you would need to get out of the ground and treat it in order to have that breakeven point between it being more expensive for one versus more expensive for the other. What that determined was that somewhere around the 200 gallon per minute range if you could find a source for 200 and treat it yourself, that would be the same amount as buying from Pennichuck cost wise looking at it over a 30 year present worth analysis.

Elvis Dhima said some of the treatment that it might consist of is...Mr. McClure said for groundwater treatment. That's a good point. If you can find any water at all even 10 gallons per minute that doesn't need to be treated, it's cost effective for you to put it into your system. We're talking treated water 200 or above. That was really the demarking line as far as okay this is what you should be looking for and anything below that that had to be treated. It may be cheaper just to continue on Pennichuck. With knowing that number, really what we recommend is that there's a stair step of costs for finding water. Generally it starts with groundwater and then it goes to surface water. Groundwater is always far cheaper. Groundwater that doesn't need to be treated is obviously cheaper than groundwater that does. It's cheaper to have overburdened gravel water pumping out of the ground then it is to drill 300 feet deep, 500, 700 feet deep into bedrock. So no treatment, gravel, bedrock, and then last is surface water when you're talking about total dollars per thousand gallons that you can actually pump and consume. So knowing that, we always recommend that you exhaust all sources within your town, or areas, or locations all investigations to find your groundwater first.

Mr. McClure said in 2003 the town embarked on a groundwater investigation study that produced results. At this time, those tables there was one for over burden gravel wells and there was one for locations for bedrock wells. A good starting point would be to look at those tables and to refresh them. It was a matrix. They were ranked on 5 to 7, 10 different criteria. Some of it was how close it was to your system, saturated thickness zones, contamination, potential pollution in the area, and so forth, and so on. Since it's been 12 years since that study, it might be worth updating that just matrix portion of it to better understand okay well these are the top 5 spots we really should be looking first, understanding those, and then going out and seeing if we can't get agreements with the owners of that property to then go ahead and do some initial test drilling like you did for Sparkling River and Tate property, and over by the Nash well on Old Derry Road. Concentrating it not so much where a developer comes and says I have something you may want to look here but going where it was initially thought by Kevin a Hydrogeologist hey maybe we should start over here. That would give you a more focused look as to what do you

have and what is the potential for additional groundwater. It could be shorter money than to begin thinking about surface water certainly.

Chairman Maddox asked by surface water you mean the Merrimack. Mr. McClure said yes. Chairman Maddox asked do you have a hydrogeologist on staff. Mr. McGinnon said present. Chairman Maddox thought that's where this town needs to go ladies and gentlemen. We need to go in some sort of orderly fashion rather than I think there's water over here does not seem to pan out for us. I think we need to spend the monies to find a consistent, and reliable, and safe source of water but I think we need to get some pricing on this as well as any idea what it would cost to bring in a permitted plant from surface water? I think those are the kind of numbers that we need to see as we go forward. I think we need an updated price to check that matrix.

For surface water if it's from the Merrimack if you're looking for 1 million gallons per day, Mr. McClure indicated it's going to be around \$15 million to do that. If you're looking for 2 million gallons per day, it's up probably about 22, 23. If you're looking for 3 million gallons per day, it's probably up at about \$28 - \$30 million. It is a little bit of an asymptotic curve but it's very pricey on the lower levels.

Elvis Dhima said the well itself the do you want to talk a little bit about what they did and what their numbers looked like for a million gallons per day versus the cost. Jeff McClure indicate we're just completing a project for Exeter, New Hampshire, for 1.5 million gallons per day for a green sand plant which is groundwater treatment for three different wells with all the piping, miles worth of piping to bring it all to one centralized facility, and that entire project was \$6.5 million. So you can see the magnitude of scale between groundwater and surface water.

Chairman Maddox thought that's what we need to look at is finding within the 29 square miles which is Hudson where our best opportunities maybe before we go to that kind of number. I think that that's a number that we need to see on a piece of a paper and keep looking at saying we're going to spend an awful lot of money to go to that river. I know everybody says it's right there but I'm sure that there's multitudes of permitting that is required and still needs to be treated. Again I think that we need to start getting this horse to the gate as far as finding sources within the Town of Hudson. I know that we have been blessed to buy a utility that had wells established and producing good volumes of water, quality water but we need to develop something besides those three that are all within a quarter mile radius of each other. Elvis Dhima said half a mile, $\frac{3}{4}$ miles I would say tops. You got the twins being within 1,000 feet from each other than you have Weinstein kind of a little bit further away. Dam and Ducharme are pretty close. We're only running one right now. We're getting full capacity and then Weinstein is a little bit further out.

Selectman McGrath had a couple of questions. You talked about the water supplies and you listed them. I tried to write them down. I may have missed one. Ground water, gravel, bedrock, surface which is Merrimack River. Are those the only ones or did I miss one?

Kevin McGinnon said I was going to add Mr. Chairman and this adds to your comment is that there is somewhat of a feasibility analysis I think that needs to be looked at in terms of what your options are. Jeff just listed quite a few of them. There are some hybrids as well. I don't want to get into a tremendous amount of detail because I know you're not a hydrogeologist and you probably don't want to listen to me talk so I'll be quick. One is aquifer storage and recovery is another alternative that you could actually use river water and pump it into your aquifers and retrieve it with your wells. That way you're kind of getting the natural treatment of the aquifer itself not having to pay the \$30 million for the treatment plant but still getting the recharge that you haven't been getting from precipitation. There are some other ideas that can be looked at in terms of feasibility, permitting, and cost. I think that could be valuable for you guys.

Selectman McGrath asked to stop on the aquifer for a minute. I know that we haven't had the rainfall that we normally would have that would help to recharge those aquifers. Is there a possibility too that the bedrock has shifted and created some sort of a blockage for the aquifer? Mr. McGinnon said no the bedrock is actually a boundary condition underneath the sand and gravel aquifer sitting on top. As precipitation falls on the earth's surface here in Hudson, much of it runs off into the streams and rivers and eventually into the Merrimack River. A lot of it infiltrates. Maybe about 50 percent of it infiltrates into the sand and gravel aquifer. Eventually that water moves within the ground and eventually discharges to a surface water body somewhere or it just sits there stagnant unless you pump it out of the ground with one of your wells. The bedrock is not playing a factor into the loss of recharge to these wells.

Elvis Dhima said it's almost like a bowl right Kevin? That bedrock serves as a bowl and that's where the water sits and then we just draw out of it like this. If you look at the boundaries of this particular square and call that a bowl, it's just sitting there. It just stores there. If you're not getting as much or if you're not putting as much in as you're getting out, eventually you're running in the negative.

Selectman McGrath was thinking about my own. I have a well. Certainly not to this capacity but I lost water. I was going to have a new well dug. It's a dug well or put in an artesian well, or hook up to town water. My father was alive at the time and he made a couple of phone calls and had somebody come down and I don't know if

fracking is the right word but they went down and they pounded on the rock and I've got more water than I ever had. That's what prompted that question about whether or not the rock would cause a problem.

Selectman McGrath's other question was about if we went to the surface water option and you said that if we wanted to pump one million gallons per day, the starting cost would be about \$15 million and then incrementally it would increase based on the increased number that we'd want in gallon. I'm good.

Chairman Maddox thought, again, that the Board needs to really start the process to move forward with finding wells within Hudson or if we have finally exhausted that is not a possibility then we need to look at surface water and how that's going to be funded and done. We keep on hoping that these wells will get better. These wells will never have a problem. I just think that there's way too many eggs in one slightly ripped basket. I would love to see us have multiple wells within the town border for no other reason than backup to these. Maybe we develop four sites that have great potential. Now we know we have some backup. We have some time to do it but again I think we need somebody with a hydrogeologist type of background as opposed to us saying well let's try over there. I know two people have come up to me and said I know there's great water on this parcel. How I'm not really sure. Mr. Dhima said it's bleeding from the ground. Chairman Maddox said well and some of that doesn't that happen. You can get a spring that could come up with some amount of water out of the ground but certainly not enough to meet the needs of a community of 25,000 people. I think really you need to come up with a revamped price to relook at that matrix scope of work, come back to this Board, and we continue to move forward. Again we're nowhere near the crisis level of California but water is a limited resource. I think that we need as the Water Utility Committee to be forward thinking and get this thing moving before it is a crisis. If any of these fail, Mr. Dhima that price to buy water from under the bridge is at X and we're producing it at what 1/18th of X. Mr. Dhima thought its \$.50 versus \$2 something.

Steve Malizia indicated that is an option too. That is there and that is available if we had some sort of crisis. Elvis Dhima said we have the water. It's just a matter of do we want to pay for it.

Selectman Coutu thought that's the right approach Mr. Chairman. I think that we need to be proactive. I agree that we need to look at the matrix. If there have been some fines and they prioritize them on the matrix - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, we look at the top, come back with a price and if it's feasible and it makes sense we look at the top 5 or the top 3 out of the top 5. I know you've had a lot of experience Steve. We can pretty much eliminate the ones that we've already looked at because we've had...Steve Malizia presumed that the ones we've already look at didn't yield anything doesn't seem to make sense to go look at them again. The ones that we've drilled.

Jeff McClure said the Alvirne property where we couldn't really get to where I wanted to get to because of the school. Selectman Coutu said where you got to produced nothing. Mr. McClure said correct. Selectman Coutu asked what about across the street in front of the Hills House. The water that was bubbling out of the ground was probably a broken pipe. Were you involved in that dig? Mr. Malizia thought Gary was and I think he came back with nothing. Selectman Coutu said there was no production but he said we couldn't get permission to go on the property that you wanted to go on in order to be able to do that dig.

Kevin McClure noted this area is a little delta deposit that kind of fans out to the west towards the river. The further east we could go - we were able to drill off into the wood behind the school a little south of here. We needed to be a little northeast of there to get the sweet spot.

Chairman Maddox thought we need to do something rather than just going let's try over here. I think we're going to have to rely on the expertise of a hydrogeologist and come up with a plan that makes sense. Again now that we know the numbers for surface water are multiple millions...Selectman Luszey is showing up from the Budget Committee meeting at 8:26...we're just looking to do something forward thinking on our water. Again with the consensus the Board come back with a quote to update that matrix and to anything else.

Selectman Coutu noted they know where we are. They know what our needs are. We're looking to augment what we already have and ideally to find a good alternate source of water supply. This drought that we just experienced in the past two years has been significant in terms of the amount of water per minute that we're able to pump. It's not just us it's everybody. If there's another aquifer out there that can supply to make the difference, it behooves us to find it and to put in a well and make it operable so that it's backup even if we just pumped it. Not necessarily seasonally but whatever you guys recommend in terms to keep the flow and not necessarily use it as a source but have it available for a backup. I like to think about linking the wells into one major output. I don't know what the cost would be to take the three wells that we have and connecting them all. Elvis Dhima said they kind of are right now through the distribution system I would say. Selectman Coutu said they're connected to the distribution system but the all operate independently as opposed to putting all the water into one pumping unit to put it out at a greater capacity I would think.

Elvis Dhima said the way it works is the tanks talk to the wells. We have three tanks. If they say they're low, they'll call on the well. It's kind of as easy as that saying I need water and then the well will go on and fill it up. That's why it only works sometimes 22 hours out of the 24 hours depending on what the needs are. Obviously

during the winter they are much less than during the summer. During the summer we maximize our production as much as we can and then we buy the delta from Pennichuck.

Chairman Maddox indicated the other issue is we should probably, again, I don't think we're going to get a home run. I don't think we're going to get a 700 gallon per minute well. If we hit three 250, that again I think we need to look at what our options are, what our - three good locations that will give us 250 gallons as opposed to trying to find that nirvana of one 750. I think we need to take a look at that. Selectman Coutu said it's cheaper than buying the water in the summer time.

Chairman Maddox also wanted to talk about this evening is our SCADA system or the interconnection of the controls, and the alarms, and all of that for our water system. Again we bought this utility. We tried to upgrade where we can. I think we need to really take a look now that we have a Town Engineer that seems to be becoming well versed in this and we have a great guy and Gary that knows a lot of this history. I think that we need to get with Pennichuck because that's who manages our water system. We need to come up with a plan to get all of those systems to at least the 2010s. We shouldn't be in the 1990s window of technology. I know that it's a very limited field. I know that there is whatever but I really do believe that we want to make sure that when a well does whatever that Pennichuck knows what's happening. I really do think that it is something that we need to address.

Steve Malizia said we're both probably going to say the same thing. We've already started doing this particularly with the main controller which was the most outdated piece of equipment. We've already been in consultation because we realized that was part of the failure that we just recently experienced. It is imperative that we get that - what was he saying he was running Windows XP. Mr. Dhima said yes. It's a very old outdated and the hardware and the software and they're not talking well to each other. There is multiple software that's used back and forth to read the signals and how they talk to each other. That's being taken care of right now. The PO was signed by the Board. The work is taking place right now. We're hoping to be done by the end of December. That should take care of any communication issues.

Chairman Maddox asked so all of the sites will be up to date. Mr. Dhima said the way it works is our main control will be up to date and it will be able to talk to everything that's up, all our assets. Our assets right now are talking to our main controller at Pennichuck through either a phone line or a wireless communication to our wireless plus the Weinstein - no I'm sorry. Two booster stations are wireless. The rest is phone lines. We're hoping that in 2017 and 2018 we phase out the rest of our assets and we convert them from a phone line connection to a wireless line so everything will be wireless plus the station at the treatment plant will be up to date. We shouldn't have any more issues or communication issues moving forward.

Selectman Coutu asked are those Fairpoint lines those two lines. Elvis Dhima believed we have Verizon. Mr. Malizia noted the wireless is Verizon. I'm trying to believe who we get the other bills from. I think it's Fairpoint. Selectman Coutu thought we'd save some money. Mr. Malizia thought yeah maybe but the key was the central brain.

Again Chairman Maddox didn't want to go into too much detail but I think that the security needs to tie into that as well. We've had some issues. I think that we need to address that and I think that that should be part of that comprehensive upgrade of our monitoring as well as not just the water flows and the pumps are running or not running in some cases but also the security so that we have facilities that protect our drinking water supply. Elvis Dhima indicated signs have been installed at our three main storage facilities. It's a federal violation if they go in. We had some incident on one of our tanks and we've put those out every single facility. We haven't had any issues ever since. We're hoping that's the end. It was an isolated incident and that was the end of that. Chairman Maddox told Mr. Dhima I'm hoping I'm going to lose weight. This is a resource that we need to protect. Again I think that as we look forward whether there's cameras, there needs to be better monitoring of these facilities. Unless the Board disagrees, again I don't see how we don't protect this resource that we have that we provide to our citizens. As part of that update if you're going to bring in an X size communications network, upgrade it so that you could do live feeds from cameras at those sites and that type of thing so that, again, we have protection. Some of these are located in the remote areas of the town.

Elvis Dhima said we could definitely look into that. The biggest challenge that we have is the weather. Some of these cameras they say that they work great then you have a winter, the ice, and all that. Typically you can set something else but you probably have to put a certain amount of money built into it to either replace them or maintain them. There's no such thing as just put a camera up and then you're good to go. I did look into it. They're pretty expensive and they get you on that monthly fee. If something happens, they'll call you. There's a little bit to it. It's not as easy as just putting a camera up and off you go.

Chairman Maddox noted I'm doing that at my company's building. I understand the limitations...Selectman Coutu interrupted a GoPro \$149. Mr. Malizia asked who watches it. Chairman Maddox said if you have it to an NDR that is at least recording so that the police have some method of going back and taking a look at this. There's a number of things that we should be doing. Mr. Dhima said we have Pennichuck look at our assets every week and that's when we know if there's any issues whatsoever. We do have that physical inspections done to them

every week. If the Board wants additional...Chairman Maddox thought we should at least get pricing so we have an idea of what that will cost us. Again I just don't want to be explaining to my citizens they got to boil their water because there's been a break in at the tanks. We don't want to be in that position.

On a happier note, Chairman Maddox said we have some of the best water based on your testing. Again we bought this utility, lowered the price 10 percent, and haven't raised the prices in 18 years. Refinanced the bond. We are in good shape as compared to probably some of our contemporaries. We need to make this system as good as we can and do a better job of doing some of this maintenance. I know Mr. Dhima is hot to put a bulb on top of Barretts Hill Road. I think really we need to get wells that are reliable. Before we put more storage, we need to have capacity of water to put in them. I think that's a discussion for downstream as to where we go with the tank situation.

Selectman Luszey said the reason I asked Donna to get these all out to you is because they're finishing up the town side of the budget and we'll begin the school deliberations shortly. The first thing the Budget Committee will do is take a straw vote on the warrant articles. I would like guidance from this Board as to how they would like me to place our vote.

Chairman Maddox asked the Board if they had a chance to look at the School Board.

Selectman Coutu heard the discussion. Did they come in tonight with another increase to their budget? Selectman Luszey said we're on the town side. I did make the motion to increase the Moderator's budget. Selectman Coutu said the Moderator yes. We had agreed to that for the police. Upon my leaving, Selectman Luszey said they just voted to take \$10,447 out of the Library budget which is the school funding basically the use of the Hills Library. I'm not sure where all that's going. I did abstain from that vote because I wasn't sure how you folks would have liked me to vote on that particular item since we did not discuss that so I stayed neutral.

Selectman McGrath asked Selectman Luszey if that was the only change. Selectman Luszey said there's two changes that I'm aware of right now. The \$4,750 increase to the Moderator's budget for police detail for the election in November 2016. Then the reduction of \$10,447 and they were debating how to take the revenue out of the library funds. Those were the only changes to our budget at this point. I will touch base on KC tomorrow morning and I'll e-mail everybody with the result. Tonight is the last night for budget review on ours.

Selectman Luszey indicated Warrant Article 3 is basically the contract for the support which is the Principals and Assistants and things like that.

Selectman Coutu asked have they had raises consistently. They're working on a raise. Selectman Luszey said it has to be at least two years. Steve Malizia said there are no current salary increases - in March of 2015 it did not pass so they did not get a raise. That's what they're saying in their backup. This is not going two years pro-step. Selectman Luszey said Sue Nadeau was the Principal in the middle school the last time they got a raise. It's two maybe three years.

Selectman Nichols said it's two anyhow.

Chairman Maddox said they're not going to get a step with that percentage.

Selectman Luszey read it through and it didn't indicate that.

Selectman Coutu asked how much are the raises. Chairman Maddox said \$137,000, 2.5 percent. With no step increases, does that balance out to the two. Selectman Coutu noted we don't give our administrators step increases. We gave them what we give everybody else, 2 percent. Steve Malizia noted this is a union. It's different.

Selectman Luszey asked how do you want me to vote on this in favor of or...Selectman Coutu was good with it. Chairman Maddox was in favor.

Selectman McGrath was still reading the rational. Can I ask a question? They're saying that the rational for the 2.5 percent increase with no steps is because there's an additional three days of work that has been added to the 11 staff members. All of the other staff members their hours are unchanged. There's only 11 that have 3 additional days that have been added. Selectman Luszey said I can answer that in the fact that I know when they did the teacher's contract either last year or the year before they added days to the teachers. What they did is they're matching the same time that teachers are in the building to that. They added days to the teachers work year if you will for no additional money. Selectman Coutu said teachers are not paid hourly they're paid a salary. Selectman Luszey said yes even though they may work 4 or 6,000 hours during the school year, they get paid a salary for that.

Steve Malizia believed the Principals and the Vice Principals work full year. There was nothing to change on them. I believe what they're changing if I understand this would be the staff people whose schedules mirror the teacher's schedules. Principals are there all year. Vice Principals are there all year. There are counselors that are there when the school session is in. They may spend some other time there but I believe that's from what I understand of the school. It's more than likely what they're doing. Selectman McGrath stated they're trying to make sure that these...Mr. Malizia said everybody is equally the same. You work this many hours or this many days. I think it's days they go by over there. You have to do a certain amount of days. Selectman Luszey said its days and like on the teacher side, they're contractually obligated that they cannot call in sick or take a day off before a school vacation or after a school vacation. They have to take so many days of continuing education every year - professional development days as part of their contract. So again what I believe they're doing here is aligning the school. I think everybody in this is in the schools. I don't know of anybody that's in the admin building that's in this union. I could be wrong. Reading it through, there might be one or two which is the school counselors because I think those are at a district level. They're not tied to a particular school. That would be the only one that I'm aware of.

Selectman McGrath said it goes on to say that all library media specialists will have a work year of 195 days. Is that different from everyone else or is that mirroring the...Selectman Luszey said that would be lining up to the same number of days as the teachers. Selectman McGrath noted this is about as clear as mud trying to read this. Selectman Coutu remarked as is most material that's provided. Selectman McGrath said this is my first go around at this. Selectman Coutu said good observation as is a lot of material that's provided from them.

Selectman Coutu had a question and I'd like to ask it now if I might. Our budget representative is here. Somebody asked me a question the other day and I couldn't provide an answer and never asked the question before. Someone asked me based on observation that they had watching some of the School Board meetings. Is there a possibility of getting them to pull out the cost of all extra-curricular exactly what it costs? What percentage of the total budget is extra-curricular? You hear them talk about...Selectman Luszey said I can make that as a formal request of the Budget Committee. Selectman Coutu thought that the citizens of Hudson deserve to know that answer because there's been this talk about pay to play and all that. What is it? Of the total budget how much of that budget is extra-curricular? All sports, all band, music, plays and all that stuff. How much is that costing the taxpayers for anything other than education? When I went to school we didn't have any. Selectman Luszey reiterated clubs, sports...Selectman Coutu said anything that's not related to education. Selectman Luszey thought they would argue that music would be.

Steve Malizia said music specifically. Band because music might be part of the general curriculum. Selectman Luszey said it is. I've got sports. Basically all I got all clubs, all sports. Selectman Coutu said if you look at transportation, they transport these people to different competitions. Transportation costs are expensive based on what I heard the other night. Selectman Luszey remembered a year Speaker Jasper had them take white socks out.

Article 3. Selectman Nichols read it and I keep reading it and I keep reading it. I think I got a better understanding since you people jumped in and kind of explained it to me. I have to agree with Selectman Coutu. I want to see the extra money that they spend on extra-curriculum activities.

Selectman Luszey said what we're talking about here is for the straw vote which happens the first night of the budget process. If we say no, what we would owe them and I hope they'd be asking like I did is what would they need to provide us with to turn that into a yes. It really is an indication of how all of the members which we are feel about a particular spending. If you have questions, I think the best way would be to e-mail me those questions and if I see a theme, I'll roll them up into one question to ask the School Board at that time. My inclination right now is that we would support their union contracts unless they're very much out of line. They don't seem to be at this point given what the write up is. If you do after you have more time to mull it over, send me your questions. I will get them answered and come back to this Board.

Again Chairman Maddox said this is just the straw poll. To everybody that's watching at home, we are not the School Board so all we're doing is giving advice to our member who sits on the Budget Committee. He only has one vote. Again I let the School Board do their school boarding thing. I think that I'm just looking at this as fair and consistent what we do on our side as a taxpayer or whatever. We do not have the knowledge that you sitting there at the Budget Committee have. From what I can see, Article 3 is within our parameters.

Just so Selectman McGrath was clear, this \$137,000 represents a 2.5 percent increase for this group. That is in line with what we've recommended for the town employees. For that reason, I'm okay with this.

Selectman Coutu asked did they say anything about a compression issue for them. Selectman Luszey said no. They haven't even talked about these yet. Again we haven't got into it. Because of our schedules, we won't be meeting before we meet. That's why I'm asking your input.

Chairman Maddox said at this point based on the straw poll and what we have here. Article #4 is to put a roof on the technical center and it's coming out of the Capital Reserve Fund that they have for repairs. I think that seems to be a reasonable need.

Selectman Coutu said that's in dire need.

Just to point out, Selectman McGrath said it says in the description that there's no amount to be raised from taxes. They've already got the money. Selectman Coutu wished they had the money to do it right away. They're going to have to wait another year because of that. It's leaking and creating a lot of problems at the school. Steve Malizia stated they may have to go to the voters. I don't know that Capital Reserve Fund. It may require a Town Meeting vote. There are some that are set up at the Town Meeting vote. It maybe that's a function too. I don't know.

Number 5, Selectman Luszey wasn't sure if I have the new one or the old one in front of me. Number 5 is the Alvirne track. They want to put a new surface in on the track. It's half a million bucks.

Selectman Coutu said this is the problem I have with it. I certainly understand and have listened and watched the school committee meetings. As you know, I'm involved in the Fields Committee. I've taken a look at the track. It is in deplorable condition. They can't hold any State tournaments there. It may come to a point where any meets are going to be prohibited as a result of the condition of the track. The problem I have with it is that if they're going to spend half a million dollars now, what assurance do we have considering the condition of the field itself that they're not going to damage all this work and create more costs down the road when they go in to fix the field. When I listened to the proposal that the School Committee received relative to doing the whole project in one piece, the new field, the additional bleachers, the new snack shack, and the new track that they were going to work from the interior out. They were going to redo the field first and do the track which made sense around it. Then they were going to put bleachers on the visitor's side which they were going to make them smaller than what they originally proposed because of the cost. Then they were going to add handicapped bleachers on the home side in the front because the track is going to move a little bit. So the handicapped people have to climb stairs to get up. There's no place for them to go. They were going to put bleachers for handicapped people in the front of the home side. We know where the snack shack is. It's down the bottom of the hill. They want to pull that up and make it so it's readily accessible to the consumers which makes a lot of sense because with my disability, I have a difficult time. I get down there but then I have a hard time coming up. I have to sit at a picnic table for 15 minutes. Now the game is going on. I'm missing the game. I want to be in the stands. I just feel that to spend half a million dollars without looking at the entirety of the project or having some sort of assurance that if they do at some point the voters decide to give them the money to do the field that this track is not going to get ruined and have to be resurfaced again. Half a million dollars is an awful lot of money for hot top. I'm sure Kevin Burns could do it for a lot less money than that. We have that in the budget. That's half a million. We'll let Kevin go do it. It will cost us probably \$150,000. I don't know. We'll come out ahead.

Steve Malizia said it's not just tar. It's a composite. Selectman Coutu said they have to put that sealer the surface on top. It's like a plastic coating and that's where the expensive part is. Chairman Maddox said this kind of falls into your cost of you wanted a price of what all the extra-curricular. This is certainly going to roll into that.

Selectman Coutu noted this would be a separate Warrant Article approved by the voters. I'm not opposed to it going on the ballot. I've always said let the voters decide. I'm going to be consistent and say I would support it because this is something the voters are going to have to look at and make up their minds.

Selectman Luszey agreed with what you just said. What I think about is a project of this magnitude which is no different than when they put the boiler in at Alvirne. It was a \$250,000 plus. They did a warrant article to put money in a capital reserve fund so that in 4 or 5 years they had the money to do that. This is a \$.19 per thousand tax rate hit. That's a significant amount of money on the tax rate. I would be more inclined to make this a yes if they change this to a capital reserve fund where they're putting either \$50,000 or \$100,000 for the next 5 years to do this work. You'll see in the next few that's what they're doing. They usually have \$400,000 or \$500,000 in surplus every year that they could fund this without increasing the tax rate. That's my spiel on this one.

Chairman Maddox thought that's where I was thinking I was going to go. Again we're trying to find ways to not hit the tax rate. I think this is another example of having a capital reserve fund for athletic fields makes sense that this would come out of those unexpended funds at the end of the year.

Selectman Coutu was sold. Capital reserve fund.

Selectman McGrath would agree. I think that that was an excellent for me an excellent explanation of where they could get the funding for this as opposed to hitting the taxpayers right up front with a half a million dollar when we were just talking about needing to get wells for water that it's far more critical to the citizens than a race track. I thought that was a really good explanation for me.

Steve Malizia asked does that mean you're directing him to vote no. Selectman Luszey said that's what I just wrote. No. The note is to request them to change it to a warrant article for capital reserve. Mr. Malizia said they don't have to do. Selectman Luszey agreed. It's our position. Selectman Nichols liked that. It's good. Mr. Malizia said it will go to the warrant regardless if they choose not to do it.

#6 - increasing the fund balance for special education expendable trust fund. Chairman Maddox asked it is now what \$100,000. What is it today? Selectman Coutu said it's ridiculous that's what it is today. Selectman Luszey said it is currently sitting at \$281,936. Their goal is to have \$400,000 there. They call it "unanticipated". This is the capital reserve fund or trust fund I guess you'd call it that they hit when students come in a lot of times that have disabilities, IEPs, and 50 whatever which can be extremely expensive.

Selectman Coutu commented sometimes it's cheaper to hire a professional and bring them into the system than it is to send students out of the district.

Selectman Luszey said their goal of \$400,000 good or bad...Chairman Maddox asked how much have they expended in the last three years. Selectman Luszey said I can get that answer for you. Chairman Maddox thought that would change my vote. Do they only need 50? Again we're just seeing this so. Selectman Luszey said I can tell you was it last year they had one student that was over \$100,000. It was an outplacement. What's the will of the Board on this?

Selectman McGrath had a suggestion. They've got a fund that has a balance of \$282,000. They're asking for another \$100,000. Why not cut that in half? If their goal is to get to \$400,000 and not have to expend that money, why impact the tax rate by \$100,000 where they've already got...Steve Malizia said it's coming from their surplus. Selectman Luszey said this one they are taking from the surplus.

Selectman Coutu asked why do they always have a surplus of \$400,000 or \$500,000 every year. Is this a way to take that money back now? They've been putting back in the general fund. Now they're creating these warrant articles to recapture all that money. I'll tell you what bothers me. What bothers me is that they come in with a budget proposal last fiscal year and they said in that proposal that they had a specialist go into the school and they had to do something with new air conditioners. They needed these two systems to adequately feed the building. Then they went into a default budget. Guess what happened? Another specialist went in and looked at it and say you know what can do it with one. So they cut the cost by \$60,000 but they had \$120,000 in the budget. Had the default not passed and they were granted the budget, what would they have done with that extra \$60,000? I watch these School Board meetings and it seems like money just flows all over the place. I listen to transfers. I have no idea where it's coming from and where it's going to and it's thousands, upon thousands, upon thousands of dollars. It's like waive the readings and I'll support that one. Which one? They tell us how much - we're going to transfer \$11,000 from here, to there, 19 from here to there. Who does their budget that they have to transfer all this money around constantly? I'm appalled.

Selectman Coutu said one of the reasons why I decided to get involved in politics in the Town of Hudson all went back to a warrant article. It was a warrant article for the library as a matter of fact where the voters were asked to appropriate and expend monies to buy new computers or printers or whatever. The voters said no and they went ahead and they did it anyway. The gall of these people. My wife and I were sitting at the dinner table and I said I'm going to run for selectman. This has got to stop. I didn't know at the time that the selectmen had no control over the budget and then I learned pretty quickly and I said this is the kind of stuff that upsets voters. The voters said no. I was one of the people that voted no. They went ahead and did it anyway. I see all this money being thrown around and I see these warrant articles as an opportunity to capture that \$400,000 that they've been - they haven't been giving it all back to us. A couple of hundred thousand every year they give back to us to put back into the general fund. Steve Malizia said they have to. They're required. They can't keep a fund balance. Selectman Coutu said you start creating these capital reserve funds..

Selectman Luszey said they actually requested the creation of a capital reserve fund last year. Selectman Coutu noted for all the unexpended funds. Mr. Malizia said they could not keep a surplus as we know it. They can certainly move the money around. Selectman Luszey indicated they had a warrant article where they wanted to keep the surplus so they could give money back to offset the tax rate. Chairman Maddox said they have that automatically. Selectman Luszey understood that but the normal person out there doesn't understand how it all works really. Like I said in tonight's budget meeting is that we don't control the library. We don't control the school. However, we do appropriate all the tax monies and then write checks to the school and the library.

Selectman Coutu asked where did the \$282,000 come from. Selectman Luszey noted if you look at the justification on page 3. How it got there is my belief is they had to have that put in there from surplus. Selectman Coutu said if they've been putting money in what warrant article authorized them to do that. Mr. Malizia assumed there was a couple the last few years there's been warrant articles to do so. I don't know. Selectman Coutu asked for how much. Steve Malizia said you'd have to look in the warrant articles that they've had in the last few years. Selectman Coutu said if they've created a surplus of what they're putting in, why should they have to put any more in. No. The answer is no to that one.

Selectman McGrath would say no as well and what is rattling around in my brain is that the tax rate went up this year and it wasn't due to the town spending. It was due to the school spending. For \$100,000 and a half a million dollars for a track, that represents an increase. I'm with you Selectman Coutu.

Selectman Coutu didn't know what your bill went up; my bill went up \$300 just half a year. Chairman Maddox said that's the second half. It is the adjustment. So that's for the whole year. Mr. Malizia said it captures for - the first half is only an estimate based on last year's rate. Selectman McGrath noted the town's portion of that bill went down. The increase is based on County and school. Selectman Coutu commented the student count keeps going down and the costs keep going up.

Chairman Maddox thought on this one I would want to know how much they've expended out of this in the last three years. If it is minimal, then they can survive on 281.

Capital school fund school renovation. Selectman Coutu said here's one where they had - how much did the elevator cost? Steve Malizia said 300 was approved to be released for the elevator. Selectman Coutu noted they had over \$500,000. The elevator was just to make it ADA compliant. I understand that and the old elevator was...Mr. Malizia said I went in it. It was Mr. Toad's wild ride. Trust me. Selectman Coutu didn't know if it had enough strength to get us up to the third floor. Mr. Malizia said it didn't stop at every floor either. Selectman Coutu was surprised it stopped at all. I'm surprised it went up.

Chairman Maddox asked have you seen the elevator we have here.

Selectman Coutu said they had over \$500,000. Now they still have \$250,000 after an unusual and rare expense of \$300,000 for an elevator. Why do they need more money? Selectman Luszey said they're going to pull \$150,000 for the roof if warrant article 3 passes which leaves the \$98,439 over the tech. center. Chairman Maddox said the thing that wasn't going to cost you any money just cost you some money.

Selectman Luszey asked to make an editorial comment here. Way back - I'll give you how long I've been on the Budget Committee 22 ½ or 23 ½ years. When we say no impact to the tax rate, there is an implied tax rate impact because if we gave back all the surplus monies, it would reduce the current or the future appropriations needed. The last one says zero impact to the tax rate. It's roughly 4 cents implied. So if we didn't use it, you could go back. All these things that say zero impact to the tax rate, it doesn't add anything but it could give back.

Selectman Coutu said here is another capital reserve fund, the same question, how much money are they putting in it right now? They must be putting something. There must be an appropriation for this every year. Selectman Luszey noted you're talking about 7. Selectman Coutu said they want to take the \$150,000 out of the \$248,000 and leaves them \$98,000. It gives them \$98,000 plus whatever they put in. How much do they put in every year to build this up? Mr. Malizia said nothing. That's why there's a warrant article to do this. Selectman Luszey thought they're a one shot warrant article. Mr. Malizia said they're not putting money in through the budget. I believe they're putting it in through this mechanism based on what I'm looking at here. I don't look at their budget. Selectman Coutu noted there's no impact to the tax rate but we found a way to raise it.

As Steve Malizia understood what this warrant article is representing, this is the money that they're replenishing that fund with. Selectman Luszey was kind of where Selectman Coutu is at. We have capital reserve funds that we put monies to every year in the line item budget if there is surplus. We don't ask the voters every year through a warrant for all this. Mr. Malizia said we don't ask the voters. This year we did ask the voters. Remember the three split. Selectman Luszey said that was a unique one because it had 3. Mr. Malizia said the only way they can spend this surplus is to do this though. What they're saying is at the end of the year if we have money left we want to put it in this fund, this fund, and this fund. Selectman Luszey noted that's the distinction between their budget process and our...Mr. Malizia said correct. They're not putting any money into the budget. We're doing it through the budget whether that's honest or you're making an appropriation. What they're saying is we don't do it that way. We get to the end of the year and if we have money, we'd like to put it in here. If we don't have any money, we're not going to put anything in here. If for some reason they come at zero, this will be \$98,000 and that's it. They won't put any other money in it from what I can tell based on this. You might see something different when you look at the budget. I would imagine you're not going to though.

Selectman Coutu was good with it. Let them spend the money and take it out and shift it around from one to the other. It's not raising and appropriating. Steve Malizia said all it is not available for some other purpose or to...Selectman Coutu said it's not available. It's available for that purpose. I always said if there's a crisis at the school, they can always ask for a special Town Meeting.

Selectman Luszey asked is 7 a yes. Chairman Maddox said yeah.

Selectman Coutu commented there was something that came up at the meeting the other day. Oh we just found that we had an extra teacher in the budget. We're going to transfer that money out of that salary account into

whatever they were transferring. I lose track. They're caught up on every computer now aren't they in house all brand new. Selectman Luszey said that's my understanding. Selectman Coutu said we have how many compared to them computers. We still have Windows XP. Don't we have a special room outside for that old IBM.

Chairman Maddox asked if there were any other questions. How is the budget going? Like Selectman Luszey said, there were no changes up until this evening. So there's a change for the Moderator. Very few questions, some comments. More of the new members...Selectman Coutu noted it's not the same Budget Committee it was in prior years. There's very little being reviewed from what I can see. Very few questions are being asked. One person yes. It's just not the Budget Committee of old. It's just yup, okay, thank you, we're all set with that, move on.

Selectman Luszey wasn't sure if that's truly the case because tonight was - if we believed we did our job and we did it well, there shouldn't be all that many questions because we came in I think it was about less than 1 percent total over last year. There shouldn't have been or there shouldn't be many questions to what the increases were because most of them were driven by contracts on our side. You did see tonight the conversation beginning to take place because the library, again like I told them, we don't vet it really. It's presented to us and we can make suggestions but they'll issue what they...Selectman Coutu said they cut less than a half a cent on the tax rate. Selectman Luszey didn't know. I'll have to go back. Yes. Mr. Malizia said its \$6,000. It's a quarter of a percent. Selectman Coutu repeated a quarter of a cent on the tax rate. Not that I expected that they should cut it but they did a good job with our budget.

Selectman Luszey indicated the two motions is a new zero because we added 47 to the Moderator budget and they took 55 out of the library. Steve Malizia thought you said they took 10 something out of the library. Selectman Luszey said they did total 10 but on the revenue side, there was an offset revenue from the school. It was a net zero. Selectman Coutu noted it's about \$1,000. Selectman Luszey said it won't even be noticeable.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nichols, carried 5-0.

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