

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the November 3, 2015 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Maddox the meeting of November 3, 2015 at 7:03 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Chief Rob Buxton.

3. ATTENDANCE

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

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director; Kathy Wilson, Human Services Specialist; Fire Chief Rob Buxton

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. BUDGET WRAP UP

Community Grants

Chairman Maddox recognized Finance Director Kathy Carpentier and Human Services Specialist Kathy Wilson.

Kathy Carpentier indicated we're back here to help support any questions you might have. It was a budget wrap up will come back. You wanted to talk about some of the vendors that the community grants are going to. We have the book here. Kathy deals with some of them and has for about 12 years. She's very diligent and she's a good representative for the town but she might be able to help you make some decisions if you so choose on the community grants. With that, we'll answer any questions.

Selectman Coutu was ready to make recommendations unless somebody wants to go first. I've done quite a bit of research. I spent a lot of time on line. I made a few phone calls. I never thought about calling you Kathy I should have. I've discovered a few things. Several of these organizations almost co-exist. They all come under one umbrella and there's a lot of little organizations under this one big umbrella. For example, I'm just going to throw these out there. I've already made up my mind how I'm going to go. Harbor Homes, Healthy at Home, Keystone Hall, HIV Aids Task Force, and there are two others are all linked under one umbrella yet they come in here with individual requests. A couple of these are our local hospitals. For me it has always been my intent even though I'm not a big fan of this whole process year after year. I'm a big fan of supporting those organizations which do have the greatest impact on our community. As a result of that, I am willing to propose presently three cuts and make some additions that I feel would serve more of the people in Hudson. If you're willing to hear those Mr. Chairman, I'm willing to propose them now and give you my reasoning for each of the cuts.

About mid way, Selectman Coutu noted there's Harbor Homes and Healthy at Home. Both of these organizations do just about the same thing. I see that there's some minimal benefit to the Town of Hudson. I'm willing to give the benefit of the doubt and cut Healthy at Home \$600 and leave Harbor Home at the \$3,000. Unless I can hear an argument that supports supporting both, I don't see why we should have to support that.

Just to clarify, Selectman McGrath indicated the budget proposal is \$600 for Healthy at Home. You're proposing to reduce it to zero? Selectman Coutu said correct. The other one is providing the same service.

Unless you have some more detail, Selectman Luszey said I'm very familiar with Harbor Homes because I deal with them one on one. They are focused at homeless veterans mainly. I'm not familiar with Healthy at Home other than what I read here.

Selectman Coutu described Healthy at Home is how to live healthy at home. We have nutritionists all over the place in the southern region that do that. Selectman Luszey agreed with that. One is kind of like a health care versus providing. Selectman Coutu noted Harbor Homes does that that's why I figured I'd give them the benefit of the doubt. I don't know how many they service in Hudson. It's hard to get those numbers. The impact to service our veterans was important from my perspective anyway and I felt that any veteran in need from Hudson could certainly go to this service. That would be my first proposal.

First off, Chairman Maddox asked Ms. Wilson do you have any input as to - are you using Healthy at Home as part of your stable of organizations that you utilize in your position here? Kathy Wilson said no but I do know some clients that do use it and were referred through another agency. Harbor Homes also does transitional housing and not just for veterans. They have a homeless shelter, and transitional housing, and veterans.

Chairman Maddox asked Selectman Coutu are you going to put that in a form of a motion.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to cut \$600 from Healthy at Home and bring it down to zero.

Selectman McGrath had a couple of questions. Harbor Homes I thought that they also dealt with the mentally ill that might need housing or assistance. Healthy at Home can you explain what they do to me. Kathy Wilson said they're fairly new I would say. I believe that when someone is released from the hospital, an elderly person, that they will go over and evaluate their situation and see what they need and reach out to other resources. Selectman McGrath asked it's more for the elderly/senior citizens that need assistance or disabled and that wouldn't fall under Harbor Homes. They don't do the same. Kathy Wilson was not aware. Selectman McGrath asked are there any other agencies on this list that do that. It's not a lot of money but to an agency that's helping residents here, it might mean something more important to them. Are there other agencies on this list Kathy that you know of that do similar things or senior citizens? Is that something that they could possibly achieve by someone at the senior center that would be able to assist them? Ms. Wilson didn't see any other agency on this list that does the same as Healthy at Home. I'm not sure about the senior center.

Chairman Maddox asked Selectman McGrath if that answered your question. Selectman McGrath said it does. It doesn't help me make my decision. Chairman Maddox said again it is \$600. I guess we need to allocate monies best we can. Any further discussion?

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Coutu indicated this is a major cut. I'm proposing to cut \$8,000 out of Lamprey Health. Kathy can you shed some light on Lamprey Health. This is one of the agencies that's in the top tier of funding. Other than the fact that it's part of Southern NH Regional Hospital, what is it that they do for us that the hospital doesn't do anyway? Kathy Wilson said I can answer that in just a little part - prescription assistance. When someone is released from the hospital that they will supply either a 30 day prescription to them so they're not coming to the town. Selectman Coutu questioned and we give them \$8,000 to do that. When you look at the list of the agencies that we're funding and the services they provide, I'm not trying to put you on the spot, do you think they merit being in the top five because they give 30 days worth of prescriptions to baby some of our residents? Ms. Wilson didn't know how to answer that question because we'd probably need to reach out to them with some more detail on it. Selectman Coutu noted it's difficult to get detail on that.

Chairman Maddox asked Selectman Coutu what was your thoughts. You're going to zero? Selectman Coutu said zero. Chairman Maddox thought maybe we split this baby. Selectman Coutu said give them \$4,000 for something we don't know what they do. A lot of these agencies they don't see that they're open and transparent the research I did. I spent a whole afternoon trying to research these things. Chairman Maddox asked what did they put in the book.

Kathy Carpentier read Lamprey Healthcare served over 16,000 patients through over 65,000 office visits with over 80 percent of our greater Nashua. It doesn't say Hudson. Sorry it was on the second page - 270 Hudson residents made 1,200 visits to the Nashua center. Services provided and there's the same list - primary care, prenatal, pediatric, reproductive, chronic disease, nutrition, health education, social services, substance abuse, and interpretation services.

Selectman Luszey said that number is how many residents and visits were taken care of by Southern NH Medical now. It doesn't tell specifically how this was applied to that. Everything that was read off that's in that binder when I look at it is covered by insurance or through federal funding. There's nothing that says prescription number of Hudson residents were there. It sounds to me as they just take all this money in from all of the communities and just throw it in a big pot and kind of swirl it around and we don't really know the benefit.

Selectman Coutu spoke to a charity that's not on our list and I'm not looking to fund that charity. Just out of curiosity and I said to them and they're not even in our area but they are in New Hampshire and they service the entire State. I'll leave them nameless because I'm not proposing any money for them. I said to them if I were to ask you how many services have you provided to the Hudson residents and the person on the phone said to me I can tell you by looking at our stats here that we did slightly over 1,000. We serviced 1,100. They didn't say people. There were 1,100 visits for Hudson residents but let me qualify that. One person could be 40 times because of the nature of what we're doing and it was cancer related. So we may have multiple visits in a given week for one person test, after test, after test. Some might have to come in for dialysis every two weeks the same person. So he said one person could represent 100 to 150 of those visits. It might only be 10 people getting a lot of visits or it could be 20 people getting fewer. I equated that to what I could discover out of this organization is that whether the hospital is having someone who's an in-patient might need services. They get recorded but what kind of services they're getting and how they're benefitting by it there's no way of knowing. It's difficult for a lot of these agencies unless they're directly connected to our community somehow to get that information. I wasn't happy with what I was finding. When I saw that they're in the top tier, why are we giving them \$8,000 if we can't even identify who the beneficiaries are and how much is the benefit. That was the purpose in going through this exercise for me anyway.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to cut \$8,000 from the Lamprey Health (Nashua

Health Center) to zero.

Selectman McGrath said the people that would be utilizing this service you said that its medical appointments, prescriptions, and things like that that they're assisted with. Does that not fall under the health care system that our government has put in place? Kathy Carpentier stated this does say for people that are uninsured or on Medicaid. Even though the Affordable Care Act has everyone - not everyone is insured even though everyone is supposed to be insured. There's still a population that is uninsured even though we're required to be insured. Those are the type of people that are going. Selectman McGrath said they're not insured or they're underinsured as in Medicaid patients. Ms. Carpentier noted this says uninsured or on Medicaid. Selectman McGrath indicated they'd be underinsured if they were on Medicaid. Some of the services might not be covered.

Kathy Wilson noted if they were uninsured, they would supply the resources for them to apply for the healthcare whether it's free or not.

Selectman Coutu wanted to shed a little bit of light because I went through the same anxiety Selectman McGrath. As I understand the system and Kathy you know it better than I do. Both of you know it better than I do especially when it comes to agencies that provide services. This particular agency is under the auspices of the Southern NH Medical Center. If I'm a client at Southern NH Medical Center and I am uninsured and I could be wrong. Maybe State to State it's different. Maybe it's covered. I would think that because it's a federal program, it's covered nationally. I lack the services or the resources to acquire what they profess which again is difficult to find out what the services are exactly. Assistance with applying for insurance, referral, 30 days worth of free prescriptions, or whatever the case, or 30 days worth of pills based on a prescription that I might have need, is it not true that if Southern NH Medical Center, or St. Joseph's, or go to Elliott any hospital provides that service. It's subsidized by the federal government and they get federally reimbursed for uninsured people they provide service to in the millions of dollars no less. Kathy Wilson didn't know that answer. I'm not sure if they get 100 percent, or a percentage, or if they receive any funds from it. Its Selectman Coutu's understanding that they do. The hospitals are subsidized to provide those kinds of services to those who are indigent and unable to afford them. There is a reimbursement from the federal government in the form of some sort of a grant that every hospital applies for and for the most part are granted based on population.

Selectman McGrath had a question for Selectman Coutu. Do you know if St. Joe's has the same type of a program or is this just associated with Southern NH? Selectman Coutu said I couldn't find anything that was linked to St. Joseph's Hospital. The St. Joseph's community service is Meals on Wheels program. That I'm very familiar with because they service us here in Hudson. There's nothing else that I can find in here that has a direct link as this does to Southern NH with St. Joseph's. I could not find that. There maybe one or two of these maybe. I just couldn't find it. This one was obvious. It came right out and when I researched the Lamprey.

Chairman Maddox asked Ms. Wilson you do not send anybody there as part of your welfare assistance program here. Ms. Wilson said I could or at this time there's a 211 that's in place through United Way. It's a referral center. If I don't know the answer, I would have them call 211 to receive the answer and the referral and they might refer them there also. Chairman Maddox said this is not an agency that you refer to on a regular basis. Are we ready to vote? I'm just trying to sit here and go what are they servicing for us? Again I understand what you're going from. They're probably reimbursed and they're just putting this money into a pool.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Coutu said the last one I'm proposing to cut before I make proposals to add is the - I looked up the Front Door Agency. Its run through the Nashua Pastoral Care as it says here. All I could find and we're giving them \$4,000. They're almost in the middle of the pack. From everything that I've researched and I looked at this one very carefully because I'm big on transitional living. They only have 26 housing units. They have a large geography. How many people in Hudson could they possibly be servicing? Kathy Wilson said I transitioned two young ladies into their program this year. They also assist with back rent to stop an eviction with my referral. They're a great agency. I work well with them.

Selectman Coutu noted we have our own home transitional living right here in Hudson on Lowell Road. Do we not use that service before we would use this service or is it because there's a shortage of homes? This only has 26 potential housing units. Ms. Wilson said they're two different. The Anne Marie House on Lowell Road in Hudson is a family shelter. The Front Door Agency is a transitional housing program for single women between the ages of 18 and 26 with young children. So it's two different types of programs.

Selectman Coutu stated you just said that you referred two young women and they were able to assist us. Ms. Wilson said they're still in the program now. Selectman Coutu asked how many times do you refer people to the Front Door. Ms. Wilson said if they owe back rent, almost every time I have a client if they owe back rent. They just assisted someone yesterday for me. Selectman Coutu asked don't we assist with rent ourselves. Kathy Wilson noted not back rent. With my referral, 90 percent of the time help my client.

Selectman Coutu asked to pursue this line of questioning. I'm either missing something here or there's a misnomer. Are you saying that I own a property in the Town of Hudson and I have a tenant and I know they're indigent but I let them rent anyway, then the rent falls behind. I can't come to the town and seek support for my tenant and get back pay for the rent that's due me in order to keep them in there? Ms. Wilson said no it's for the current month. That's where I step in and give them referral to the Front Door Agency or other agencies that do help with back rent. There are other agencies that help with back rent only.

Kathy Carpentier noted the same with utility bills. Our currently Welfare Policy Guidelines are only for current monthly expenses.

Selectman Luszey said RSA 540-A is very clear on what landlords can and cannot do. We cannot go and solicit funds for tenants. However when a tenant becomes delinquent in their rent, one good landlord will do a demand notice for rent. It doesn't become late until after whatever the lease or the agreement of that rental property is. I do know that the town will help tenants in that. What happens is if a tenant is in a real problem situation, they get one month's rent I believe from the town. Then they'll start falling delinquent. By the time they get through the eviction process if it's the first or second time, the eviction process can be stopped by payment in full. This is where these services come into play. Kathy Wilson said most of the time they're coming to me and they're already two months behind. Selectman Luszey said that's because of the process RSA 540 takes you through.

Selectman Coutu reiterate what you're saying is that you truly believe that the Front Door through the pastoral care service is a benefit to our community. Ms. Wilson said yes I'll fight for that one. Selectman Coutu said this isn't cast in stone. I just went by the research that I have. What jumped out at me is they only have 26 units and they're based in Nashua. I knew that we had the Anne Marie House and I know one is transitional and the other one is servicing kind of a family environment. I'm trying to differentiate between the two. I'm trying to avoid duplication of services. You know I will support you on that. I will remove that from the table.

With that done, Selectman Coutu said we were able to cut \$8,600. It's a little less than I would have liked to have cut. I'm going to make the following recommendations and I'm willing to...

Chairman Maddox asked to finish the cuts if anybody else has any. Selectman McGrath indicated I don't have any cuts but I have a question about what we were just talking about - the Front Door. Is it for single women only with children or is it single parents with children? Ms. Wilson noted single women. Selectman McGrath asked is there any process in place if it's just a single father that has children and needs assistance? Ms. Wilson was able to put a single father in the Anne Marie House this year. They can't go through the Front Door Agency. That's a women's program. The one in Hudson is a family shelter. So it could be a single man, a single woman as long as they have children.

Selectman Luszey said the Southern NH HIV Aids Task Force have you used that. Kathy Wilson said once. Someone from that agency came to me. Selectman Luszey asked if it was recently. Ms. Wilson said no. Six years ago maybe. Selectman Luszey said if you take a look at the write up on this particular one, it talks about what Selectman Coutu was talking about. It's really duplication of services of what we're doing here that talks about housing and things like that.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to cut \$767 from Southern New Hampshire HIV/AIDS Task Force to zero.

Selectman Luszey said if we haven't used it in a number of years. Kathy Wilson stated sometimes I'm now always aware. The agency doesn't come to me. They just assist them themselves if they come to their doorstep. They don't have them come through me for the referral. They'll just assist them right there on the spot. I'm not aware except for what they wrote that there was two Hudson families that they helped this year.

Ergo the problem Mr. Chairman. Selectman Coutu noted year, after year, after year we have voted on these things. We've given them a cart blanche. I don't like people who are presumptuous or an organization that's presumptuous. We have one maybe two at best that write us letters. One of them we just brought on two years ago which is the food pantry. They're not assuming that they're just going to get the money. They tell us what their services. They outline everything that they served in Hudson and kudos to them for doing that. I would think these agencies would do the same thing. You know we're doing this thing year after year. These people never provide us with any information. I understand the rights of privacy but it's not private if you're a nonprofit agency, you should spill out what you're doing and who you're servicing and we should know all the time. That's my problem with NRPC. I go through their list of what they do over, and over, and over again. I never see Hudson on the list for anything. That's why I have a problem with NRPC. I'm having the same problem with nonprofits. This is the second time I devote this much time to researching this. This was one that I was on the fence. It's a duplication but where? I started going through and I said well I guess I could get it here. I could get it there. I could get it here. I just left it alone. I figured three cuts were enough but I'm going to support the cut.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Nichols put a question mark next to the Nashua Transit. I don't know exactly what that is and it seems like an awful lot of money. I would like to know more about that if someone could tell me please.

Selectman Coutu said I really researched. It's hard to find it because when you look up Nashua Transit, there's very little about the service because Nashua Transit is a large transit agency. It's the bus service for the City of Nashua. However there are some very, very outstanding programs one of them right here in the Town of Hudson at the high school. How I got to know about the program is that one of my wife's dearest friends was housing her cousin who was severely disabled. The bus would pick her up every single day as they would - they have a route - several others of these people who have various disabilities. They would transport them to Alvirne High School where they have a program where they work with these people. They're not patients. They're taught how to exist and live on their own. This woman came home and though she needed a lot of assistance was able to function in an in-law apartment downstairs on how to take care of herself, and got to the bathroom, and how to cook but more microwave than stovetop and things like that. The Nashua Transit charges a minimal rate for these people to be able to get a ride to and from on a daily basis - Monday through Friday. They're also available if a senior citizen has to go to a doctor's appointment and doesn't have any transportation. They can call them but you can't do it an hour ahead of your appointment. You call the week before or a few days before and they can fit it into their route and pick the person up. They have not the typical bus drivers you find.

Steve Malizia indicated they're trained drivers that can help with the handicapped and disabilities.

Selectman Coutu agreed. They're not your typical bus drivers you find like at a big city. These are trained to deal with these people, to work with these people, to make sure they're secure in the bus to provide a comfortable ride. You'll find that if you're behind them they go a little slower than normal in the traffic for obvious reasons. I am very, very impressed with this program. I didn't know it existed until 8, 9 years ago. Until my wife's girlfriend was explaining to me all about the program. I said oh we give to that organization. Matter of fact, I think it's come up in discussions before here about the cost versus what we put into it doesn't come close to what the services providing our community.

Selectman Luszey said when we built the senior center one of the things we actually talked about was having a conversation with them to begin having that as a stop or a pickup for going to the malls. There is a pickup somewhere in town that I believe that does that. We talked about seeing if we could get them to add that. I don't know where it is.

Selectman Coutu said I read it whenever I found the page. They will pick up people and bring them to the Rockingham Mall, or the supermarket.

Selectman Luszey thought it was well worth the money.

Selectman Nichols said no question there now.

Chairman Maddox asked are there any other discussions on reductions. Okay now we're going to go the other way.

Selectman Coutu read, and again these are not cast in stone. If there's an overriding objection, I say fine I'm good with it. I'm going to make three proposals. The first one is they're not on our list and obviously people who are not on our lists are not because they're being shunned in any way but to me there are three organizations that have tremendous value to our community. The first one I'm going to propose is the Salvation Army. I'm going to propose that we give the Salvation Army \$1,000. I should be recommending a lot more than that. If there is, and I spent a lot of time this week and last Friday and I don't know if the gentleman has approached you KC but he's from the United Way. He's going to come talk to you and say is it all right if I use your name and I said yeah. I'm not endorsing you in any way. You can go talk to her. It's about getting town employees to donate to the United Way. We used to do it years ago in the City of Lowell. The Salvation Army when I look at charities, one of the first questions I ask is how much of the money do you collect stays in the community and I want to know how much is administration. If there's an organization that has absolute minimum administrative costs, it's the Salvation Army. It's over 90 percent of all the funds they collect stay in the area that they serve. I know that the Salvation Army serves an awful lot of people in the Town of Hudson in terms of clothing, food, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter packages to anyone who applies, they try to fit them into whatever the demand is or the asking is about. That's besides having pastoral counseling that's available at the Salvation Army. I don't know if you use them or not or have used them. I know we use the Red Cross because I know at the Red Cross. He comes here with the Red Cross truck a lot and he helps out in the community. Do you use the Salvation Army?

Kathy Wilson said I have in the past especially if someone doesn't have furniture or clothes. I'll send them there.

Selectman Coutu indicated they have that resource where they collect clothing and collect furniture for that purpose as opposed to Good Will who now refuses to collect furniture or hardly anything. If you don't drop it off, they don't want it. They've done an about face. I'll make a motion.

Selectman Luszey asked could you make all your proposals so we kind of know what you're dealing with instead one at a time.

Selectman Coutu noted you may have to abstain. Another one that I feel very comfortable with is, and I've had no consultation with anybody on this Board. I've never called you; I've never called you or either of you about any of this. I did my homework. Every year we hear - and I know that there have been years. Let me just say this. The Hudson Fish & Game. The Hudson Fish & Game because of my volunteering there every Thanksgiving which I will not give up. I will do it to the day I die or until God says I can't do it anymore. I will go down there because I get tremendous joy being there Thanksgiving Day and watching people pick up food and watching the Scouts deliver the food. There have been many years that have not been as good as some of the others. At the end of the day if it weren't for loyal Hudson Fish & Game members digging deep into their pockets and on one occasion one gentleman over \$1,000 to help bail out the cost of what they do on Thanksgiving Day in terms of delivering food to - it's not the needy. They deliver food to elderly food who are not going to sit down and cook a big Thanksgiving dinner to have it already prepared and come to your home and have somebody visit you - a Boy Scout, a Girl Scout, or just one of the members of the Fish and Game, or the general public like me who's willing to volunteer. I spend most of my time dishing foods and Ben's washing pots and pans. I just want to be able to help them a little bit with that program because they buy a lot of turkeys every year and a lot of other food and pastries with providing them with \$500. Once a year just \$500. I'm happy with \$500. That would be my second recommendation.

Selectman Coutu's third and I gave this a lot of thought and I said you know I wasn't looking. I wasn't reaching out. These are agencies that came to me saying you know I know they service our community. The other one is Operation Troop Care. That's why I said you may have to recuse yourself. Operation Troop Care was another one. I had a difficult time finding it on line but I went to MooreMart and then everything fell into place and I was able to research it. I know firsthand what they do. What they do is they provide gift packages to military personnel in our environs. It's Nashua. It's Hudson. It's Litchfield, Merrimack. I don't know how wide, or how broad, or what the expanse is for this service. I do know you send thousands, upon thousands, upon thousands of packages throughout the year to our military personnel. What brought it to mind is this was not even on my list. The Salvation Army and the Hudson Fish and Game were. The Red Cross was and then I said well how did I miss the Red Cross. It's the first one on the list.

Selectman Coutu said I was watching something on CNN. Like you Selectman McGrath I like news programming rather than some of the idiocy that's on television. Selectman McGrath noted although that's becoming kind of idiotic too. Selectman Coutu was listening to some of the intelligent discussion relative to where is our country going to be a year from now in terms of Syria, the Middle East, and Libya plays a part. I'm very, very concerned that sooner probably rather than later there's going to be another major commitment of troops. They keep saying no boots on the ground and now I'm only going to put 50 and the Generals are asking for more. This need is going to continue. I think that it should be properly funded for that and for no other reason other than not because Selectman Luszey sits her, or he's part of that organization but because I know how many packages go out and how involved a lot of our community has become with providing this service. I realize how costly it is because I see some of the bills. I'm proposing \$2,000 be given to Operation Troop Care. That would be all that I would propose Mr. Chairman at this time.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to give the Salvation Army \$1,000, Hudson Fish & Game \$500, and Operation Troop Care \$2,000.

Selectman Luszey had a follow up. I am actually now the President of Operation Care for Troops which was formally MooreMart. To his former point, a little over 18 months ago our number that we had on our list was about 500 names that we were shipping to. As of last night, we had 1,502 names that we're shipping out. We will ship out approximately 3,500 Christmas stockings next Saturday. You brought up a concern on a previous one about the administrative costs. We are a true volunteer organization. No one that is on the Board of Directors or that's part of the day to operations of this organization receives a penny. All monies that we receive goes to directly support either the postage or the purchase of products. Not only do we support troops that are deployed in harm's way but we also support returning Veterans. There's a couple of Veteran programs that deal with families that their troop is coming home. We're going to build about 250 to 300 Christmas stockings to make sure that the children of these families that are coming home have a Christmas this year. We've actually expanded the role of what we do and not just the troops that are deployed but also trying to help troops that are coming back get off on a good step. I appreciate the support and I will recuse myself from that vote.

Selectman McGrath commented on my second. Not the Hudson Fish and Game Club because I don't know them. I'm fine with what you're proposing but I can't speak to that organization but I can to the Salvation Army and what was formally MooreMart. Those were two charities that I've always supported. When I worked at BAE because we were a defense company that was one of the charities that I was happy to support and I'm happy that it's added to our list. I think it's a wonderful organization and I think it's the least that we can do for the sacrifices that the soldiers make for us. I'd like to see some others. If we were a very prosperous town and not facing real

budget problems, it would be nice to add Fischer House and a couple of the others too. I'm satisfied with those. The Salvation Army has always been - my Father served in WWII. He always spoke highly of the Salvation Army and not so much the other one at the top of the list. Selectman Coutu commented my Dad the same thing. Selectman Coutu said he wouldn't give a dime to the...selectman Coutu mentioned my Father said the same thing. I had to pay 10¢ for a cup of coffee when I came home from the first one on the list. Don't you ever, every let me find out that you've given them money. Again Selectman McGrath said working for a defense company for a lot of years I worked with a lot of people that had served in Vietnam and they had the same complaints. I'm happy with the Salvation Army. As a matter of fact, I have an envelope on my kitchen table that I'll be sending out. Where we've made cuts to the other agencies, I think that it's certainly appropriate too.

Selectman Coutu said I was trying to find a balance but bring the bottom line down a little bit.

Selectman Luszey stated we started all this off last week with the St. John's Food Pantry. I was going to request and add to that. We kind of left it as you wanted to check a few things. Selectman Coutu said I couldn't get a phone number. There's a couple of other things that I want to check. I have nothing to do with this. That was neglect on my part. I didn't try hard to get a phone number. Selectman Luszey knows these guys do great work. I can't recall whether it was last Christmas or the Christmas before they got an abundance of bread. They called me because I do a lot of work with some food pantries in Nashua and they shared it with them. I would like to add at least \$1,000 because we have about \$5,867 left over.

Chairman Maddox asked can we just do these first three just so that the motion is. I see hands wiggling over here. Just so we can keep this one because I have one also I think that we'd like to mention.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0-1. Selectman Luszey abstained.

Chairman Maddox asked Ms. Wilson is there anything on here that you would suggest to us of the remaining. Kathy Wilson said no. I'm happy with what I see.

Selectman Luszey asked to add \$1,000 to St. John's Food Pantry. I've witnessed the good work that they do. Selectman Coutu seconded it. My wife and I have done a lot with them. I know it's not going wasted. That's why we don't mind doing it.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to add \$1,000 to St. John XXIII Food Pantry (\$6,000 total).

Selectman McGrath had a question. Are any of the other religious organizations in town do they do something similar or is this just with St. John? Selectman Coutu indicated this came under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. St. John's as I understand it and I could be wrong and I'm sure the Knights of Columbus are still doing their part but if you were to go to St. John's Church on any given Wednesday night, you will see a large number of cars parked in the front and in the back. These are all volunteers. I would say 95 percent of them are Hudson residents and a lot of them to my amazement and my surprise come from the south end of town. An awful lot of them. I was very impressed when people started coming to me and said oh I understand you go to the pantry. I sneak in on a Saturday or I'll call somebody and say here I got something for you and I've raised some money for them. They are a group of private citizens working together cohesively under the leadership of one or two women who are organizing all of this and gathering the names of people in this town that are indigent. I know that former Selectman Nadeau is very involved. When he's healthy, he's at the Food Pantry on Wednesday nights and probably taking a snack here and there for himself, doling out food, and helping people. If he does, then it's well deserved for him.

Selectman Coutu said it is amazing. Our Fire Department - I know that Captain Morin has once or twice a year they get together and they helped them I believe with Easter baskets, Thanksgiving, and especially Christmas. Our Fire Department collects coats, food. There's a large network out there that the in-town food pantry work with in order to amass sufficient food and clothing. That's their primary care - food and clothing. By the way ladies and gentlemen rather than give it to good will or these other agencies that sell it for profit, you can bring it to the pantry and they will gladly accept your clothing. They have racks of clothing down there and people go in on Wednesday nights and pick up clothing and food. This year because of funding they were able to supply some nice new freezers. Ben took me down to show me the new freezers. The new freezers are in. This year I was able to get them some additional money so hopefully that will help. Giving another \$1,000 is painless for me to do. As much as I'm trying to keep this a little below and I think we're going to achieve what we were spending. It's not a religious organization any more as I see it. It's a community organization serving food to the needy.

Selectman McGrath was not questioning that. What I'm questioning is whether or not there are other religious organizations in town like the Baptist Church and the other church groups that might be doing the same thing and we're not apt to assist them.

Steve Malizia noted they haven't made that known to us. If they are, they're probably doing it privately amongst

their parishioners. To my knowledge, we don't have first-hand knowledge at least I don't. I don't know if you do.

Selectman Coutu knew some of them work with toys for tots and things like that but I don't know about food.

Selectman Luszey indicated Hudson First Baptist has a food pantry. I think you just call the Pastor up and they let you in. The parishioners collect that. It's physical food.

Selectman McGrath said they're not looking for assistance from the town.

Selectman Coutu said no. I know that the Post Office does the collection every year. They go around because Doris hangs a bag out near the mailbox and they pick the bag up one Saturday a year. My next door neighbor does that. He runs that one. Steve Malizia said the Boy Scouts do it and I think that one is coming up. Selectman Coutu noted the Boy Scouts bring all their food to the pantry. I think the Post Office delivers theirs to our food pantry as well at St. John's. I don't know of any other private. I didn't know that the Baptist Church had one. If they do, they do. Good for them.

Selectman McGrath said we're not being asked by any other agency.

Selectman Coutu noted this one here this is only our second year funding them I believe. Am I correct?

Kathy Wilson said I wanted to answer Selectman McGrath's question. The Baptist Church does have a food pantry. You were right. Everything that you said is through the parishioners. They take clothing also. Again it's their organization. I normally refer the person right to St. John's Church here because they can just walk over but I have referred them to the Baptist Church also.

Selectman McGrath said I was just questioning whether or not there were other churches within the town that did something similar but weren't asking for assistance from us. Thank you.

Chairman Maddox advocated for an agency that hopefully none of us will ever need and that is the Child Advocacy Center. They do some remarkable things for this town that no one wants to know about. I know as the Police liaison I'm sure that the Chief has told you they have special rooms set up. They do a lot of the interviewing of children that have been abused. I just think that the money that we could give them a few more dollars there to help in any way possible. I know this is probably noting in your bailey wick Ms. Wilson but again I think that we have received our value here in services with specialized people capable of doing interviews with children about some very dark things. I was thinking \$2,000. Again I'm open to whatever. I think this is a group that there's nobody really there cheerleading for lack of a better term.

Selectman Coutu said I'm not trying to get to a point where we're going to balance this that we spend as much as we did last year. However having first-hand knowledge and also the community should be aware what they do because they did a television program. It was not as specific as I would like it to do but with all due respect knowing full well that they have to be very careful what is said. They had a child advocate there as well as the person in our Police Department who would be the link to get the wheels in motion. Knowing full well that - I'm going to echo what you said. What they do people really don't know because a lot of our young people in our community are in need of the service that's being provided there. I will certainly support raising that amount from \$3,000 to \$5,000. We can include that as part of the motion when we get to it. Are you keeping track of what we're raising? Now we're into what we're raising so that we can incorporate the new ones that we're just talking about now.

Selectman McGrath asked CASA I know what they do. I was actually approved for that program a number of years ago and I had a flare up of my arthritis and that kind of ended that. I'm familiar with CASA of New Hampshire. I understand without going into detail what the Child Advocacy Center does, is there a correlation between the two? Is it something different?

Chairman Maddox hoped that you get a chance to take the citizens police academy. All of us should take it at some point and I want to tell you that the night that the person from the Child Advocacy comes in is gut wrenching. It's terrifying I think is the word I used. They're not the same no.

Selectman McGrath said with CASA you're dealing with something very similar. You become and advocate for a child or a number of children through the court systems.

Chairman Maddox noted this came in through Selectman Massey. Selectman McGrath indicated I know that he got approved for that program and participates. I don't know if he still does but I know that he did. In my case, I wanted to do it and I was vetted through the process. I was interviewed, had background checks done, and was approved and was going to start the training process. Because of my condition, it just wasn't meant to be I guess. I know what CASA does and I have some understanding I think of what the Advocacy Center does. I just wanted to know if there was a...Chairman Maddox said not that I see. Do you?

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to add \$1,000 to St. John XXIII Food Pantry and \$2,000 to the Child Advocacy Center, carried 5-0.

Steve Malizia said the net effect is a minus \$2,867.

Kathy Carpentier said yes so when I change seats after the fire, you'll have to make a motion to forward to the warrant the General Fund Operating budget again by decreasing it by \$2,867.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to forward to the Warrant the General Fund Operating budget by decreasing it by \$2,867, carried 5-0.

Fire Warrant Article F - construction of a new fire station

Chairman Maddox recognized Chief Rob Buxton.

Good evening Mr. Chairman. Chief Buxton thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet with you again this evening regarding the construction of a new south end fire station. The information that I had provided you this evening - I apologize for not getting that to you earlier. We've been putting it together since your request last week and trying to regurgitate some of the information we've provided to you in the past with some deeper detail and see if we can bring some answers to either the questions that were posed during wrap up last week.

Chief Buxton noted the current location is 88 Burns Hill Road. It's a 2,800 square foot building, approximately 700 square feet of living space. Originally staffed in '81 by the Call Department. In 2001, the facility was opened on a 24 hour basis with no major upgrades to the facility. Currently the facility operates on private sewer and well and an oil heating system. We filter the water in there for arsenic and radon. Currently we have a filtration system within the building to take care of some water quality issues that we have there. The next slide that I provided you was a snapshot of the location that we're talking about. You see a very narrow finger of property there located on Burns Hill Road. The station itself does not lend itself to renovation at this point without adding space to provide support for the full-time staff that works down there. Expansion of the current location would be difficult and the implementation of the location will not continue to support our current response matrix.

Chief Buxton said one of the questions that was asked the other evening was why not renovate. Why shouldn't we renovate that facility? We met with the Capital Improvements Group last year and we actually proposed a renovation to add on 2,000 square feet to that building. That came in and I updated that figure this year for \$891,021. The question was posed the other night is there a possibility for us to bring sewer to that facility and public water to that facility. The closest sewer is 3,500 feet away up by Glenn Drive. From speaking with the Town Engineer and the Road Agent, we also would have to be looking at some sort of pumping situation to get over the hill. We're looking at a sewer pumping station in excess of \$1 million and construction fees and maintenance that would take care of that sewerage issue.

The next thing that we looked at, Chief Buxton said was the potential for a water main extension. So the water main extension would be to grab and bring the water from down by the Empire Circle area which would be a 12 inch feed from talking with the Town Engineer. Today we came to a conclusion that that would really be the best way to get the volume into that area. That's a 2,700 foot run and the cost of that is almost \$340,000 or \$337,500. The total cost for a renovation down in that area on the existing site is \$2.3 million. The cost of this project comes in at \$2.2 million this year. What doesn't it do for us? I guess it's really the question at hand is what doesn't it do? I provided you with some pictures that I've provided you in the past to really talk about the firematic support and really the support that we need for the infrastructure itself. You see a snapshot of protective clothing storage in the current fire station. That's a shot from the mezzanine in the current Burns Hill Station down along the ambulance. You can see how tight it is trying to get around the equipment and get in the equipment. For maintenance, we would move to a storage facility within the new facility for our protective clothing. That's a controlled environment. When we come in from a structural fire, you'll go in the back of the station, go to a decontamination area that you'd be able to change out of your dirty clothing and not spread that contamination round the facility. You'd come into a dedicated area; get into a spot where you can get cleaned out. There's an extractor there to take care of the equipment.

Chief Buxton showed another picture of the apparatus floor between the two and the office space. Currently the office space is a shared space. What I mean by shared space is there's a dormitory that is adjacent to the office space. A little separation. So in 2015 we have an office that is joined with a sleeping area dormitory. That's a concern for us. We didn't really think that a renovation on that site was supported and we started looking around and looking at a proposal. Last year as you know we proposed a Warrant Article. We came up with a conceptual design of a building which you see to the right behind me which is a 7,500 square foot facility. One of the challenges, and I really want to emphasize this a little bit tonight, one of the challenges to building a station is you're really talking about master planning for the community and where your call volume is today but projecting for the future on where we're going to look at. To the right of me, you'll see a copy of the Town of Hudson Zoning Map and you can see that we have a big section to the right side of town that is undeveloped. Several of you

know this past year there was development that was pushed forward for the Hawkview area that runs from Bush Hill Road over to Hawkview. There's a connection point that runs by Kara's Crossing. We have several homes that are going to go in there. That section of town is very difficult to build on. I believe they had 7 different wetland exceptions within that area for the road structure that went in. If you look at the development potential that is in there, I think you're going to see some spot development but that's our futuristic growth that we really need to plan for as we look down the road and not our service area today.

Where we're relocating the station, Chief Buxton indicated we're looking at a 25 to 50 year realm coming out onto Lowell Road and what's the development potential coming down Lowell Road grabbing a hundred more emergency calls last year. One of the things that I would caution you on is call volume is dictated by density. That call volume could change from one area to the other depending on where the masses are that year. We feel that moving to Lowell Road gives us the opportunity to provide a better service. So we looked at the new facility and found a piece of town-owned property that was going to provide us with town sewer, town water, and natural gas, and provide us with on site pieces/parts to be able to get through there. There's been some question regards to the traffic on Lowell Road. A little later in the presentation we're going to talk about some response time stuff. Selectman Luszey had mentioned to me yesterday maybe we look at some sort of an experiment to check real time data, check our opticom to see how fast they're clearing the intersection. When they originally were installed, they were supposed to activate and start clearing the intersection within 30 seconds. Are we still meeting that delta today? I don't have that answer. How do we set those experiments up? Not only look at the experience for travel time at 1 o'clock in the morning but look at 9 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Chief Buxton noted one of the things that I emphasized and we talked about planning is we all recognize in town that come 3 o'clock in the afternoon you try not to travel from the Sagamore Bridge area up through Lowell Road to come to Town Hall. I think that that's a very congested area. The traffic starts to back up as you hit that peak commuter time. What is the potential for relief down there? I've talked to Chairman Maddox and we said futuristically how are we going to relieve the pressure down there? The State of New Hampshire kind of pulled the carpet out from underneath us when they abandoned the circumferential highway design and getting over from the Sagamore Bridge over to 111. Is that a relief mechanism that is still on the target for somebody down the road? I don't know. At some point we're going to have to come up with a way to have some sort of a bypass that's going to allow us that opportunity. That is the secondary reason why the Lowell Road access point is key for us. Coming out onto Lowell Road being able to get on some sort of a by-pass that futuristically is built would allow us to get over to the north end of town. One of the things that I talked about with Selectman Luszey the other day was the impact of having the third station open and each station built on each other. When we talked about moving the station one mile from its current location out onto Lowell Road, we know have the station in the north end of town that is fully staffed and the question was posed what is the response time to 152 Kimball Hill Road. It was really what is the response time out of the Burns Hill Station to 152 Kimball Hill Road? I think from 88 Burns Hill Road it was 4.1 miles. So you add the miles now 5.2 miles. I said to him remember that that's not the primary response mechanism for that area any more. I say its 2.7 miles from the Robinson Road Station to get over to that area now. Now that that station is fully opened, each station builds off another to provide a 6 minute response time is what we averaged last year within the Town of Hudson. That's why bringing us out to where it's going to allow us to get into the lower south end of town over the Chaulifoux Road area down to River Road and Dracut Road on better infrastructure. It's going to provide us that service delivery that we're looking to get to and a better piece of the puzzle.

Chief Buxton indicated I gave you a couple of snapshots 8 ½ x 11 of the design of the building. We'll look at the Lowell Road site versus the 88 Burns Hill site. The Nashua Regional Planning Commission ran some numbers and started doing some response data for us. Currently households if you look at 88 Burns Hill Road, we service 3,126 households out of there within a 5 minute response time. At the 204 Lowell Road area, we service 3,433 households, an increase of 307. That's about a 10 percent increase give or take a few. One of the things that I said to them was - and I needed to more deal with parcels because that's really where the numbers are. You're not looking and saying okay I have Fox Hollow that might have a few hundred units or something like that. Let's not jumble it up. Let's talk about the parcels of property. They said okay Chief you run to 2,348 parcels out of the Burns Hill Road area within 5 minutes from Lowell Road. We increase that by 191 to 2,539. An increase of 7 percent. Where the numbers are starting to average out to where we've seen an increase in our service deliverables and we're getting to people quicker and we're providing a service to them in a more efficient manner. I gave you some data and one of the things that I would caution you on the data is the 35 to 30 mile an hour areas doesn't take into affect. Musquash Road that goes up and down and around over the wetlands. Bush Hill Road we know how difficult that infrastructure can be from time to time. It takes it as a normal roadway.

Chief Buxton stated one of the key points to going out to Lowell Road is the infrastructure. We're on a main thoroughfare. We're able to traverse to and from getting in and out of the site. We have the ability to set the building so after we come out of the building and into traffic we don't again need to stop the traffic to get back into the building. The site would support us having a turnaround to be able to pull into the site and back into the facility without having to stop the traffic. I think one of the first conversations we had about this was the reminder that we all have every time we go to the top of Library Hill and the Amherst Street Station has come up. Every time they pull out or need to get in, they have to stop the traffic. We won't have to do that here. It is a departure coming out

and then we get back on to the site and the site will support us being able to back into the building which I think is a key.

Last year, Chief Buxton said we gave you a bond overview for the building. We talked about how much is it going to cost. This year the price went up approximately 5 percent. So we're at \$2,206,000. The interest rate actually came down so the cost for the average single family home in town is \$28 annually or \$280 over a 10 year lifespan. I worked with Kathy Carpentier developing those numbers. Really one of the things that was advised to me was we really start breaking down the numbers and start talking about the costing and how we get that across to folks to support the number. One of the biggest challenges and I've read probably more documentation than I should have but one of the biggest challenges is you try to plan the infrastructure for the fire department is this is one of the only municipal complexes that is location sensitive. If we move the Road Agent out to Constitution Drive, they get to where they need to and from. This is response time driven. We talked about the difference in public safety between law enforcement and fire service. Law enforcement is out in their vehicle but they stay within their area of patrolling and doing what they need to do. Our infrastructure where we cross man our apparatus or cross staff our apparatus, the crews within each building support the other buildings in town but they also cross staff the trucks that are within the building. The on duty crew doesn't just ride the engine. They cross staff either the ambulance or the engine being the fire truck or at Central Station they actually bounce between three different pieces of apparatus - the squad vehicle, the ambulance, or the ladder truck is their primary pieces. So we cover a lot of different equipment for a lot of different types of responses so it's important for us to be on that infrastructure to be able to provide the service that we're looking for within that 5 to 6 minute realm.

Fire growth - Chief Buxton indicated is in the science of fire development and how that's changed over the years and the more plastics we've brought in. We used to say that you know fire grew twice in size every minute that it was burning. That dynamic has now even changed more based on the amount of plastics that we're putting into our houses and the amount of chemical reaction that takes place when things burn. We're trying to get in there and stop that fire growth at the 5 to 6 minute period and interrupt those things. So we're dealing more with a smoke condition versus an actual fire growth.

On the EMS side of the house, Chief Buxton said we also have changed the way we're deploying our emergency medical services. In dispatch there's a CAD that hangs above the dispatchers screen and the CAD goes off and you pick up the phone and call 911 and Concord actually picks it up. They transfer the call down here as soon as they have an inkling as to what type of medical call is coming in and they activate us immediately. The second the CAD goes off and it's got a little siren that activates when you're getting the call coming down from Concord, they immediately key the mike and pre-alert the entire town. The guys are required to know their streets and they know who's got to get ready to go on the call. They get the truck started and they're ready to respond. That happens 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Some things are within our control. Some things are not. The location of the station where said a location, it's a location that we're looking to be able to get out on the main roads so we have the support so we basically we're in a time clock game and how do we accomplish that. I'm certainly open to questions. I feel like I spoke way too fast but I'm trying to get a message across and answer as much information as you're looking for. The renovation piece alone - I think we talked about increasing the size of that building. Can it be done? I don't know. I can't sit here and say a lot of things can be done for the right amount of money. At \$2.3 million to put into that piece of property versus the construction of a new piece of property on town-owned land, I think that kind of makes sense to me.

Selectman Luszey had a comment than a question. I did meet with the Chief yesterday and went over a lot of this. I've been doing some other work. Why not renovate? I would caution us that I think that the \$891,000, his number is extremely conservative. I'm doing a project over in Nashua which is a renovation and I'm doing 2,300 square feet and it's about \$1.7 million. I've talked with Mr. Burns and to get up to Glenn Drive, there could be some blasting involved in we hit ledge. This is I think and extremely conservative number. I think the issues and the questions that I had I have resolved in my mind. I think as a town we need to begin to work on a long-range plan for all of that undeveloped area. To the Chief's point, infrastructure is the key here. There is no supporting infrastructure really in the southern tier where these apparatuses have to go. When you start talking Musquash, Burns Hill, Wason Road, today at 3:55 there was a backup of traffic from the corner of Burns Hill and Wason to Pasture Drive. They were coming up. I was going south and they were headed north. It was a constant flow of traffic. What we're witnessing is that has become the circumferential highway. To the Chief's point, we need to put into place and into play a plan that's going to address that. The only piece that's really missing for me is the times we see here and we did speak about it are the theoretical times. Then there's the applied science part of this is what is the expected actual time for responses if the opticorns are all working correctly. We still don't know that.

Selectman Luszey said I don't have a problem voting for a new station right now. I would just caution us that we need that one piece of data left for me that is the right spot or do we sell it and buy on the other side of Wal-Mart? I don't know. I am there. We can talk about funding later.

Selectman McGrath stated one of the things that we talked about the last time you were in was the access that you're counting on from Market Basket and the Haffners gas station and the assisted living - Fairview. You were

going to look into that. Chief Buxton had discussion with the Town Planner John Cashell. Haffners has changed ownership. We were 100 percent correct that Market Basket is redeveloping their plans based on where their business model is going. The Fairview had put off their development of the second piece of property because their piece to that intersection stemmed from a need for support for a three-story building that they were going to put on the old farm next door to the existing property. The plan is still on the table. It has been put on the back burner. The expectation is from talking to the engineering firm that deals with Fairview, they have started having those conversations because believe it or their addition is already full. They were not sure what they were going to do with the development of that second parcel. They are putting plans in to come in and talk to John to revitalize that plan which means that they are trying to get all the parties back to the table inclusive of Haffners.

However Selectman McGrath indicated the key component to that is not Haffners and it's not the nursing home, it's Market Basket. Because of the reorganization that they just underwent which is what I talked about when you were here last, it looks like that's not going to be done any time soon any type of development. They're the key to that access point that you're looking to use. I'll support this going on the warrant because I believe that the voters ought to have an opportunity to vote on it. That's the limit of my support. I have the concern about the traffic congestion and it's not just 3 to 5 to 6:30 even earlier in the day. I've come up here and gotten stuck in traffic. I've gotten stuck in traffic coming home from Boston which isn't enjoyable either and its staggering. I really think that it's staggering the amount of traffic and just the volume of it. There's a bottleneck primarily at Country Brook Farm where the light is. That gets congested there and trying to get through that. I'm really concerned about putting a fire station and you mentioned Amherst Street. Well that springs to mind because if you're driving on Amherst Street and they need to get into that station or they need to come out, traffic comes to a complete standstill. If the traffic on Lowell Road is already at a standstill, it's going to be difficult for emergency vehicles to get onto the roadway. It's going to be difficult for you and your timing to get to these emergency situations is going to be adversely impacted. The people that are sitting in the traffic trying to get home, or to work, or wherever they're going, that's going to be even worse. I'm not convinced and until Market Basket and the other two businesses come together and say it's a go and we're going to come in with our plans but I'm still not there. The traffic is just a huge problem and I'm not willing to support this and cause more anxiety for our residents then they already have. I will be willing to vote to put this on the warrant because they ought to be given the opportunity to vote on this.

Selectman Maddox had a couple of things. First I believe that we've got an answer as to your concerns Selectman Luszey as far as insurance and homeowners. We more than meet the requirement. Chief if you could just kind of go over that for us.

Chief Buxton indicated the original location of the station and back the way they were selected was Frank Nutting sat down with a big map of town and when they started talking about the substations, they actually looked to the density of town and took a 3 mile radius and made some circles. They talked about a 3 mile radius around the stations. Central Station had been built and then they built the Robinson Road Station and the Burns Hill Road Station within a couple 2, 3 years of each other. That was the ISO rating at that point in time in the late '70s. That has now been expanded to not as the crow flies but road miles. They've increased that to 5 miles. Our response times in any of the areas that we started looking at the other day were within that 5 mile range. Are there sections in town that are just that far? Yes from one station to the other but when you start talking about a 24 hour service now out of all 3 buildings, there's not a big populous any more. We used to deal with that road mileage significantly in the north end of town before we opened that building getting out to the Kienna Road, Breakneck Road area, out past Sullivan Road on the 111 side. We've now reduced that time because of the 24 hour staffing within that building when we did the reorganization 2 years ago. We've met those requirements.

The next thing Selectman Maddox had is that we are building on a design that has been put in, worked, readjusted so we are not inventing the wheel here. I think that's one thing the price that we got people kind of say you're getting a fire station built. It's pretty basic but it's already a proven design. We will not hopefully incur much contingency costs because we've got a design that has been proven in other locations. To the travel on Lowell Road, it backs up because it goes from 2 lanes to 1 and sometimes that's not pretty as you just get to Country Brook. I don't see us doing anything to increase the width of Lowell Road in the near future. I think one of the things we should look at is if Market Basket and those are not going to do anything, we had monies that we had collected through the Planning Board to - we committed them but they had to do something with the monies. We could probably put up temporary traffic lights at the other side of that station to be able to stop the traffic going that way. That's an option that we could take a look at. I understand it's not the be all end all but again if you've ever sat in that fire truck with the air horns going, people do get out of the way. They'll do what they have to do to get where they need to go. Finally to that end, most of that traffic is going northbound. This station going south down to Dracut, Sherburne, River Road, wherever is going south bound. I have not seen a lot of backups going south. I know you're making faces but I can just tell you that I work in the area and the traffic backup primarily is going northbound on Lowell Road where it goes from 2 lanes to 1. Physics. You can't put 2 cars in one lane. Again I think it's something we should take a look at though. I think, again, we need to get some more answers before we put this before the voters at Deliberative Session but at least if we can get it to the warrant. Thank you.

Selectman Luszey noted if we're all set on the building stuff can we talk about the financing a little bit. I know

we're looking at sending it as a bond. I don't think we've really discussed all the different options we have on how to possibly finance this thing should we move forward. If I could ask the Finance Director in terms of the unassigned fund balance, how much are we using today? How much in the current fiscal budget? Kathy Carpentier said \$950,900 is for the renovation of Central. \$50,000 is for ambulance and you just authorized \$600,000 for taxes which leaves you a little over \$5 million which is about 7.7 percent. Selectman Luszey said 900 for the renovations. Ms. Carpentier said Central Station reno.; \$50,000 to offset the ambulance that the voters approved last year. Selectman Luszey said that was a one-time. Ms. Carpentier agreed. They're both one-time things. You just authorized to use \$600,000 to offset the tax rate. Selectman Luszey assumed we're going to do that again right. We've got \$950,000 of one-time expense that for lack of better word becomes available again next year. Steve Malizia said assuming your fund replenishes to that. There's no guarantee of that happening. Selectman Luszey said you're right but based on the current run rate, what would our projections for revenues be? Would we be replenishing that amount? No. How much will we be off? Kathy Carpentier said the only thing you're planning on is using another \$600,000. You're also using \$285,000 for capital reserve funds. You designated to 3 capital reserve funds that you're going to put \$95,000 in each. Selectman Luszey said those are the ones from the sale of the properties and how much are those? Ms. Carpentier stated \$285,000. Right now you currently have \$5 million today. You've already targeted if it was to be approved, \$285,000 to be used, and then you've also targeted to use \$600,000 to offset next year's tax rate. So you're already going down \$885,000. So you would hope that our revenues increase by at least that amount so you don't lose any of the \$5 million reserve. Steve Malizia indicated we took more revenue into the ambulance which in the budget we also took more into the motor vehicles into the budget. Am I correct? So you wouldn't see as much surplus there or overage because we've capped some of that. Selectman Luszey said we reduced the surplus going forward by increasing those amounts. Mr. Malizia said yes.

Chairman Coutu said we're trying to tailor it to meet what we anticipate would be actuals rather than some of them. Selectman Luszey's whole point of this conversation is how do we reduce that the number that we're requesting based on what we received today. One of my thoughts is we have close to \$1 million and I don't see the Road Agent here so he won't throw anything at me. We have almost \$1 million in asphalt. What would be the impact if we told him that we're going to take one year of \$500,000 of that and apply it toward the new station? I don't think we've explored what it would mean if we told the Library that we believe based on the RSA that we have to fund them an adequate amount of money to run the library that we're going to give them \$500,000 and we're going to take the other 500 of their budget and apply it to a safety need called a new fire station? I don't think we've explored all the different mechanisms that we have to reduce the amount of money that we're asking the taxpayers to borrow versus borrowing anything.

Chairman Coutu said I hear where you're coming from and in an ideal world we just say build it we'll find the money. That's not what's going to happen. Obviously we need voter approval. I think that we've explored in the past alternative funding measures in order to achieve this. The initial proposal as presented by the Fire Chief and Chairman Maddox was that we were going to get a two-for for approximately \$3 million which made a lot of sense. We didn't end up with the two-for, we ended up with the renovation. There are a lot of reasons why we didn't get the approval of this station. I could go on and give you a long list. I relate a lot of it to you and two remarks that were made by Selectman McGrath in the past about this particular project. There were concerns that were not being addressed properly. The Chief and I like you and I'm sure he's probably met with all of us privately have had our discussions about where I think the weakness was in the presentation of the plan last year. Again in an ideal world, there would be money there and we'd be able to do this. However if we start alienating everybody to get it there, like irk all of the people like the users at the Library and say well they are trying to cut our funding. It would be something that we would all have to agree on. We went to the voters I believe it was 3 years ago when we said our road replacement is at rate where we're going to get everything done within 100 years and we wanted to taper that back down to the idea which is a 20 year cycle.

Steve Malizia indicated we're not there. We're at 40 or 50. We were trying to get it down but it got to 40 or 50 at best.

Chairman Coutu said we asked the voters and we convinced them to allow us to raise and appropriate \$500,000 or put in our budget \$500,000 a year in order to achieve that. He's made some headway. \$500,000 doesn't pave hundreds of miles. It paves very little. We're getting there and he's picking at areas where the roads are the weakest and we're getting them done. Not that one year is significant but from a Road Agent's standpoint, I think he would consider that significant decision. We'll we're going to slash that \$500,000 and we're going to use it for something else. When I look at the proposal and I'm as conservative as anybody else. I'm like Selectman McGrath, Selectman Nichols. We're living on pretty much of a fixed income and there's only so much we can afford. I look at two things. Is it a want or a need and is it affordable? I looked at the annual cost to an average single family home will be \$28 a year. I can afford for my taxes to go up \$28 a year. I can fit that into my budget for something that I think is a need. It's a need because when I spoke to the Chief, I thought about long term. I thought about our undeveloped land and I thought about the response time in the vicinity of the center east portion of the town visa-vie the southernmost portion of the town. I look at what is the potential of development one against the other. I find that the two largest parcels of land, and I said this to the Chief the other day, that I think have the greatest potential for development in the near future - not the immediate future and I'm not starting any rumors out

there so I don't want to hear anybody calling me and saying what's going on over at Green Meadow or wherever. The two most valuable parcels of land are the ones that it could be readily developed are the sale of the golf course and a potential development there. The other large track of land is the track of land that abuts my development from Ridgecrest all the way south to behind St. Kathryn's Church and the water tank. That huge development. That huge parcel there. He keeps coming in to see me at the store and saying you know I'm getting there. There's going to be something that's going to come along in the near future. I look at those as the two that are going to be impacted first in terms of a large development as opposed to smaller tracts in the western central eastern portion of the town. Those are going to be smaller tracts picked up by developers like K&M and people like that or Sousa who might want to develop 40 to 60 homes at a time. I'm sold on the idea that the immediate range anyway this could solve a considerable amount of problems. Like our esteemed Chairman, I agree that this station if built most of the responses will be south of that station. I would think south or immediately adjacent to because if you're going into the Industrial Park, you could be slightly north so I don't want to be misquoted. I look at and I reiterate what I said the last time we had this discussion.

Chairman Coutu said in coming to the conclusion that I think this is great idea 1) because its affordable, 2) because I think it's going to impact the call time, and 3) the populous during the day in that immediate call area. The populous includes the crowds at Wal-Mart, the crowds at Market Basket, the crowds at Sam's Club, the crowds in the Industrial Park. Those are all people that are not there for the most part after 5 o'clock at night. There's a huge populous in - it's like living in Woodstock, NH. There's 1,400 residents in town. Until you get to the summer time, we triple because we have the summer residents come in. Well the same thing impacts that immediate neighborhood is that at night time there's nobody there. The stores are closed for the most part. The Industrial Park a lot of them are only open during the day. Sure we have a few that have a 24 hour operation but for the most part, it's a day operation. During the day if you were to count the number of people there, I would dare say the population doubles and sometimes even triples especially during holiday season. I think it makes a lot of sense. The traffic is a major issue. I agree with you. Then I reasoned the fire station remaining where it is not its response time to that immediate environ because that's obvious. It's going to be quick and they're going to get there. The response time back to this neighborhood that I consider a heavily populated daytime neighborhood in the south end of town that immediate industrial and retail complex that we have down there the response time from Burns Hill is further impacted by having to deal with a narrow and winding Wason Road because that is the immediate access route to get to that area. We're not going to go all the way up Musquash, and come down, and come around Sanders, and down Dracut. We're going to take the shortest route point a to point b is Wason Road. Once you hit Lowell Road or even prior to hitting Lowell Road just when you make the last curve and then the intersection becomes visible to you, there's where you know you're going to start having problems. There's two lanes. You could probably make three lanes - one straight across, one left, and one right. You have to get through that intersection to get to where you're responding. That's where your call time is impacted.

In total, Chairman Coutu sees this as a win/win situation for both the service that we're going to provide our community and the cost. It's a bargain especially if we can bond it out, the voters would approve. This year what you're proposing is a 10 year bond. We could make it a 20 year bond if we wanted to. Steve Malizia noted it adds a lot of interest. Chairman Coutu noted that's why we are as a Board of Selectmen last year we recommended if we were to do this - well we weren't recommending anything. I think that if it came back at past at that point we would decide whether it would be a 10 or a 20 year. Selectman Maddox thought we were asked at Deliberative I believe. Chairman Coutu noted a 10 year bond makes more sense because the 20 year bond is another \$600,000 in interest? Kathy Carpentier said the interest rate goes up to 4 ½ percent. We'd be paying a little over \$1 million for interest. It's a \$615,000 increase. Chairman Coutu said as opposed to paying \$428,000, we'd be paying \$500,000 to \$600,000 in additional interest which means that we could do another duplicate renovation at the Lenny Smith. It would be like throwing money away when you're only asking the voters. This is a bargain at \$28 a year to an average household.

Selectman McGrath said on your point of the bargain price of \$28 per household. That's not including the additional tax impact of this year. Didn't we just raise the taxes by \$111? So that \$28 would be added to anything in addition to...Chairman Coutu said we did not raise the taxes \$111. Kathy Carpentier said your tax bill will go up \$111 if you're an average single family home because the County went up, the school went up. Chairman Coutu noted it doesn't have anything to do with our side. Selectman McGrath said the town portion of it was reduced by the overall tax impact to the citizens is going to be on an average home what was it? Ms. Carpentier said \$250,000. Selectman McGrath said a \$250,000 home the additional impact to their taxes this year is going to be \$111. So if we added this \$28, then it would go up that much more. I'm just pointing that out because it's not just \$28. It maybe for the fire station but if there's other things that hit the budget, other costs that we have to endure, then the taxes could go up again. It's not just \$28.

Chairman Coutu understood that. I wanted to make one point. I understand that. the only person I've ever sat down not because I couldn't talk to everybody is that Selectman Maddox and I have talked about this many times in the past 8 years is that we have always sacrificed on the town's side because we felt bad that the tax rate kept going up through no fault of our own and we're hindering progress that could be made in our public service agency and our Highway Department. We are very fortunate that we got the voters to approve that \$500,000 for the paving program because that, again, was we thought was a necessity. We need to look at our infrastructure and

we need to fight for what we think is best for our community on the town side and then let the voters decide where are your priorities? Do you think that the schools need it more or do you think the town needs it more, or do you think we need it equally and if so, then vote for all of it? I know that it impacts especially the elderly on fixed incomes. Sometimes their voice isn't heard. There are different fractions. You've got a family person with several kids. They want the best schools. We have a business community that wants to make sure services are being provided within the business community. Then you have the elderly population who say enough is enough. I'm a little bit of all of that, and so are you Selectman Maddox, and so are you Selectman Luszey. I'm not leaving you out you're certainly part of it and you have to make the decisions like we do. I understand it. I just think that we can sell this. I think that we just need a good marketing plan once we get to that point.

Selectman Maddox thought you covered some of the things I wanted to talk about so that saved me some breath. I think Selectman Luszey's point was is there are other options we can look at. I'm sure that we can certainly look at them but I think by trying to take money out of the library as much as nice as that sounds, it's just counterproductive. I think that by the time we get out of court, the Chief will have had grandchildren. That is just going to go on and on. We have a mechanism to bond it. I think you're right. I think we need to explain why we want another \$28. Can we look at some things maybe to offset this? I don't see us getting below the number that we're going to have to bond. We might be able to do some things with some extra out of the reserves or whatever but I just don't see us being able to kludge enough things together that wouldn't alienate any number of avenues that we would make this work other than a straight bond. Again I applaud your thinking outside the box but I'm just concerned that we could hit so many roadblocks that it kills it. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Luszey indicated the whole point of my conversation is and I told it to the Chief, when I take a look at Burns Hill it's a facility in crisis. It's in failure mode. Should this bond fail, what is the reaction of this Board? Do we continue to tell the Chief that he is to operate out of a failing facility or do we do something else? How many times do we go in front of the voters with a bond and fail? That's the point of my conversation.

Selectman Maddox said well if I'm still sitting here, it's still a need and we still need to do it. That means we fail to educate, to explain our needs adequately. So the need didn't go away. I agree that it's in crisis inasmuch that if that septic system failed today, I don't know if the Chief has looked into a number but I don't think it's going to be cheap to replace the septic system that there's existing. So we would have to deal with it. Selectman Luszey asked well would we replace it or would we connect to...Selectman Maddox noted not for \$1.3 million. Selectman Luszey said well what if you didn't get the EPA permit to replace it? Mr. Malizia said we'd pump it every week. Selectman Luszey said that's the point of the conversation. Because we hamstring ourselves Mr. Chairman inasmuch that yes we don't want taxes to go up, Selectman Maddox said we still need to provide the services. We still need to provide the tools for those services to happen. We need to explain to the voters why we need this additional monies. Yes in a perfect world the taxes would go down. If we could get some big employer to come in or whatever it may be, how do we do a better job of explaining what the conditions are? I know that you've had an open house and not people have shown up. Chief Buxton said about a half a dozen to date. Selectman Maddox said to see what the station looks like. I guess we need to do a better job with our cable facility, with our web pages to show people the paperwork we were given on this tonight. I think as soon as we start getting into the creative, I just think we're going to make ourselves even more confusing.

Selectman Luszey's closing thought is we asked for a new Central Fire Station at least twice. I think it was three times. We never got it. We had proposals for new fire stations to build a new fire station. It is the same thing. I saw drawings of new fire stations. All right. Proposals for new fire stations on new land yes. We can dig them up. Do we still exist?

Chairman Coutu indicated we had a study done. Chief Buxton said in 2007 we had a facility's study done to talk about the renovation or the raising of the Central Fire Station. There was some pre-engineering drawings done on the Smith property when we went to the ballot for \$25,000 to invest in engineering and schematic design for that property.

Selectman Luszey said the point is we went to the voters and asked for a new station. They rejected it. What we ended up with is a renovation. You asked for a new station once and they rejected it. If they reject it this year, what do we do?

Chairman Coutu said even I voted against the original plan because the land was not feasible.

Chief Buxton said no he's talking about this one. I think his point was this is the second attempt to get this station funded. Chairman Coutu understood what he's saying about this one. I'm talking about he's saying that we went before the voters on two other occasions to build a new fire station. I voted against it because of the land. We couldn't build a fire station on a hill. The fire station itself - going downhill going into the fire station.

Selectman Nichols felt that it's time that the town spoke up for their needs. We've taken a back seat. We've cut things down. You haven't kept up on a lot of things because the town people wanted other things. I think they have to realize now that we are in a need. We do need a new fire station for their protection alone. Can they

wait? Maybe they don't need another teacher. I don't know. Maybe can they wait maybe they don't need a couple of more books? I don't know. I just know that they need this station. It's for our town. It's for our people. I think we have to be a little bit more forceful and let them know that granted \$28 seems like a lot but I'll pay it if I have to. I can pay it. It's not going to put me - I won't have to move in with you Roger. Chairman Coutu commented you're a great baker and a cook. You're welcome to move in. Selectman Nichols thought the town people really, really need to see that we cannot let our structures go any more. It needs to be done as simple as that. We cannot survive. Like you said, it's going downhill. It's getting a little bit worse. It's lived its life. It's done a great job but it's time now for something new. It really is and we have to be a little bit firmer on trying to get to people and let them know that it's for their protection. It's not just because we have nothing else to do. There is a need. That's how I feel. Thank you.

Chairman Coutu said to get to two things relative to what you raised Selectman Luszey. In my discussion with the Fire Chief, I said to him that I thought we had a great plan last year. The marketing was absolutely horrible. Not that an effort wasn't made. We put a lot of eggs in some baskets that we shouldn't have put them in and we should have spread the wealth a little in terms of marketing. I'm willing to sit down with the Fire Chief and go over. I told him yesterday that I had spent a lot of time thinking about a new way of marketing. I threw at least one idea out there and I hope there are many more. I think that we need to do our homework in terms of marketing. If we're going to bring this to the ballot, I would like to think that it's recommended not just putting it on the ballot but it's recommended by the Board 5 to zero. If it isn't, then it's going to become difficult to sell. If there's one or two Selectpersons who are against it, and I certainly would respect your position, I'm not going to get mad at anybody because they oppose something that I support or vice versa. I would hope that they wouldn't get upset at me. We each have our own opinions. You yourself made the point when we discussed this that you know if we don't go to the voters unanimous, we're more apt to fail than to garner their support.

Chairman Coutu has spoken to a few people since yesterday Chief and heard some other ideas. Again I spoke to a member of the Budget committee who is not the Chairman who is a very close friend of mine and helped him with his campaign or the Vice-Chairman. It's a friend of mine who serves on the Budget Committee who said they weren't sold on the idea and they were opposed to it for various reasons. I'll discuss with you because I listened intently today when that person talked to me about it and said you know what from that perspective, I can understand why even if the Budget Committee member couldn't support it that probably was a perception from the general public as well.

However to get to another point, Chairman Coutu was going to do everything I can possible can to market this. I know I'm going to be involved in my own campaign but I truly, truly am convinced that this is a necessity and I'll forsake my campaign just to make sure this passes. The voters will understand what they're voting for. What do we do if that fails? I'm still convinced this is the right thing to do and I believe that immediately following the budget session once the budget is out of our hands and it's in the hands of the Budget Committee, we have forwarded it, we begin somehow to have a discussion on what would be an alternate financing proposal to build a new fire station and how can we go about it? I think that the \$2,206 that station is the one in Londonderry so they've done all their change orders. We can really fine tune that number a little more if we had to and see if - what's the contingency on this \$2 million? Chief Buxton didn't have that number with me. Ten percent I believe.

Chairman Coutu noted so there's a \$200,000 contingency built in there. Would I be averse to going in and taking some of our surplus? I wish that our former member of the Board who is now the Speaker of the House had submitted a bill that we could borrow from ourselves. We have how many millions of dollars in investments? We had suggested through Selectman Jasper that he propose a bill in the House of Representatives that would allow a municipality like us who are investing millions of dollars every year and that are monies in capital reserve and what not. Why can't we borrow against our own money and we pay ourselves back? He thought that was a great idea and he was going to propose a bill. That was three years ago and I haven't seen the bill in the House yet. It maybe in some committee somewhere who knows. He may have or somebody else may have. We thought that that was an opportunity for us to be able to borrow from ourselves and bond ourselves and we wouldn't have to pay any interest. We would pay back whatever the interest is that they money may have accumulated.

Steve Malizia said if the Trustees are making X percent, I would assume you'd want to pay X percent back which may be better than what you're getting here. I don't know.

Selectman Maddox noted you'd be paying yourself back.

Chairman Coutu thought yes I think we need to look to the future. We need to look to what do we do? Are we going to go back for another bite of the apple? We saw what happened with the Library and that scares me. This is just going to be another one of those we've said no twice how many times do we have to say this? We have fewer and fewer people supporting us as a result of something like that.

Selectman McGrath thought it might be an opportunity if it fails to take a look at the location and try to find another location. The voters may actually be in favor of a new fire station. It's just the location. I can't imagine that I'm the only person that has a concern about the traffic impact that this will have on that stretch of roadway. It goes from

Dracut Road all the way up. It starts getting congested around the Dracut Road, River Road intersection and goes all the way up beyond Country Brook Farms until it starts to thin out some. That's where the traffic log jam is. I can't imagine that other people aren't really concerned about that. Looking at \$28 per household, they might say I can live with that. I can live with paying that extra money to have a fire station that's closer to me but I'm concerned about if I have to travel that roadway to get to work or get home from work and I'm going to be jammed up again. I think that's a bigger impediment to this fire station passing than the monetary issue. That's my opinion.

Chairman Coutu agreed. It's the single, greatest criticism that was said to me. However if you were to go to Derry, Londonderry, any major metropolis every one of them has a fire station in their almost immediate center business section of town like we do. They put it there for a reason. That's where most of the conflagrations are. That's where most of the accidents are. It's the quickest way to get it there is to build it there. I don't know if you've been down Merrimack Street in Lowell in the middle of the afternoon. Lawrence the same thing. Londonderry I'm trying to equate it to locally. You look at Pelham the circle 8 they have up there now and they've got the fire station right there. That's a nightmare to get around there but that's where they put the new fire station because they wanted to have immediate access to Route 38 that business district and they kept it at that end of town. The answer I got was because the land was cheap but then we have quick accessibility. Going around that circle 8 and getting out onto 38 in the middle of the afternoon is not an easy thing in Pelham, NH. I know. I've tried to do it several times. I understand it's just that I don't know. We need to educate the public a little better. I think that some of the statistical data that was lacking tonight in terms of response time and things like that, I think people don't want to see circles and say we can do this, we can do that. We need to talk to them like we're talking to our neighbors and explaining this, more down to earth, and a little less technical but it's nice to have that info. in order to be able to devise or come up with the talking points that are critical to getting this thing passed.

Selectman Luszey's closing thought while listening to everybody talk is part of my concern too and thinking about how we might fund this in a different manner is it failed last year. It's about a 28 month cycle to get it back. Its 12 months to get it back should it get approved, it's the next year. Before any action can take, it's about 28 months. That's a long period of time to start stringing something of this importance out. If we don't get it this round, we're back to the drawing board and it's another 2 years.

Chairman Coutu correct Selectman Luszey and said 18 months. It's a year and a half cycle. Selectman Luszey said this is our second round. We already consumed the 18 and we're now into another one. The cost increases. The viability of the current station is on a very steep slope in failure. If the septic system should fail there, we've got some major problems.

Selectman Maddox said all good talking points. I think these are the questions that people have as they look at it. I think that we need to get our facts. I think you're right. This is Hudson. Very few things pass on the first round. They want to kick those tires. Selectman McGrath I have a question. You say you're concerned about the traffic. So you're saying at 4 o'clock in the afternoon when there's a fire truck going out that that's going to impact traffic going either way? Again I'm trying to figure out where the concern is. How many times does it come out onto Lowell Road is that the concern? Selectman McGrath indicated that's a concern. That's going to continue to be problematic for me to get beyond that. I can understand the need for a new fire station but I'm going to say to you what I think most real estate agents tell people when they're looking to buy or looking to sell. Location, location, location. I don't like the location of this proposal because of the traffic impacts that it's going to have on our citizens. Unless you can convince me otherwise and I think that's going to be a very steep hill for you to climb, I won't be supporting it. I support it to go to the warrant so that the voters can have their say because this is their town. I'm only one person. I have one vote when I go to the voting booth. I think that they should have the opportunity to vote on it. I think it's going to be difficult and I wouldn't be at all surprised if it doesn't pass again.

Selectman Maddox was just trying to wrap my head around the issue. Chief maybe you can help me out here. Of the 1,000 plus calls that that station answers today, how many 60 percent of the time they end up on Lowell Road at some point? Chief Buxton said it's a higher percentage than that. Selectman Maddox said those fire trucks are already there. I guess I'm just having a tough time with - I understand that there's times when they go to Musquash. They go down Burns Hill but if 70 percent of the time the fire equipment is already on Lowell Road, we're now talking about...Chief Buxton said the intersection of Lowell and Wason. Selectman Maddox was just trying to wrap my head around what your question or what your issue is. They're already on Lowell Road for most of the calls. If that building is sitting there or they're at Wason, yes there's a drive Wason but they still primarily end up on Lowell Road. Again maybe we can get some answers to those questions. I'm just having a tough time.

Selectman Luszey said the whole purpose of the simulation that the Chief talked about was to get that answer. With deployment from that area would impact the actual traffic. There is a difference of the truck is already traveling versus interrupting the traffic to come out and make away. It's slightly different and we don't know what that is but I think we know what the theoretical response times are from their out and to do a couple simulations during different peak times would give us data on what the real response times may be and what the impact to deploying out of that area to the traffic on Lowell Road.

Motion by Selectmen Nichols, seconded by Selectman Maddox to forward Warrant Article F to the ballot, carried 5-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, carried 5-0.

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