

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the August 11, 2015 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Maddox the meeting of August 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Garrett Frohman.
3. ATTENDANCE
Board of Selectmen: Rick Maddox, Roger Coutu, Pat Nichols, Marilyn McGrath, Ted Luszey
Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Town Engineer Elvis Dhima; Fire Chief Rob Buxton
4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Maddox asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board on any issue which the Board has control of at this time. If so, if you will give us your name and address for the record.

Len Lathrop - As most of you know, I'm Len Lathrop. Tonight I'm from the Zach Foundation. With me tonight is Mike Tompkins Zach's Dad. We're here to talk to you about the most recent work out at the field. We visited with you several months ago to talk about this project where the goal was to build a practice field to finish out and utilize the Nashua grant of about \$70,000. We were mandated to use Weston & Sampson for testing and for plans and the contract went to Mr. Tate. Please none of this reflects on Mr. Tate's work or his help out there at the field. Most of our problems tonight deal with Weston & Sampson's plans and the orchestration of those plans by town staff.

Mr. Lathrop indicated I kind of made bullet points for easy edification. I spoke with Rick Monday morning after some meetings out there Friday with Rip Patten from the Nashua Funding Coalition and the Weston & Sampson Engineer, and Elvis from your staff. I have to caution you that Mike has just told me that somehow today in the rain they put down a second material onto the walkway or driveway that has made it less stones. If I can take it and we can just go down the quick Memo tonight. Out there on Friday, Elvis said to me this project is \$10,000 over budget and the Foundation will have to pay. Of course I came unglued because that seems to be the answer when anything goes wrong, or anybody makes a mistake, or there's any problem with engineering, or somebody didn't figure out something that the Foundation has to pay. I told him absolutely not and I said why is it over budget? He says to me Weston & Sampson estimated 2,300 cubic yards of material being needed and they needed 4,000. There is no reason that someone can't measure something and say this is how much two contractors - Billy Tate and Jim Francour who visited the site said that number wasn't right and that it was closer to 4,000.

So now we're \$10,000 over out there and Weston & Sampson has made another mistake. Just for some of the newer Board members, Len Lathrop indicated if people realized that this project has gone 5 years and cost \$1.2 million because Weston & Sampson couldn't calculate the amount of asbestos in the ground out there telling us there was 53,000 cubic yards and there was over 150 cubic yards. Almost 3 times that amount. What that caused in our project is we have a parking lot that is a 1/3 bigger than it needs to be which takes away game field space. We also have a secondary cell that's buried now underneath this practice field but the slope of that cell comes so far down towards the north side of our project that we're not sure if we have 200 yards left there which we need to slide the field in. We've had to modify almost every time we've turned around because of some type of problem.

Mr. Lathrop indicated the third thing that's left out there is we have this monstrous pile of stones. I showed you a picture and unfortunately I was out there Tuesday night by myself and didn't have somebody to stand next to some of those stones. Some of those stones up on top in front of those white birches are 10 feet tall and 10 feet wide to the point that we've been told that they're going to have to be jack hammered before they can be crushed. Now we've also been told by both contractors that Mike and I spoke with that the only way to use those stones was to have them crushed into 6 inches because if you tried to push them into the holes and pack them, then you'll get voids over time and the dirt will fall through. In the discussion of this project, some of those stones were supposed to be used for a retaining wall that would run along the ledge between the ledge and the parking lot. Well all of a sudden someone - not consulting with the Foundation - decided that wasn't a good idea and we're not going to do it.

If you see by picture 2, it's a swale. Mr. Lathrop indicated now we're up on top of this hill which is now 100 x 120 which will be grass hopefully. They had told us that because the swale comes down from the other property that it had to have drainage. Well I cautioned your Engineer that we have small people - 3rd graders - running up there and warming up for games. We don't know sitting here tonight in all honesty if the material that was put on the walkway was put up there and what it way. We asked for river stone and the engineer said fine. Riverstone. Its smooth; its round; it's small. Yeah somebody is going to get a bruise but they're not going to have a cut from the stone. I showed you a picture of the big stone which is photo 2A and that's what they expect people to fall on or walk on? That's what they put in the walkway to go up to the field. Now we asked that the walkway be on the back part of the lot so that people coming off the parking lot going to the game field didn't have to walk across it. It had to be put in the front. Reasons I don't know why. Here's the roadway; there's the drainage swale. There's a whole mountain of extra material that we're going to have to get a rock crusher to come in. Now this material was left as a project as part of the original abatement project. Unfortunately as you all know when that abatement was going on is when I cardiac

surgery and I wasn't there standing there watching Pat and people. I would have protested that amount of stones. We thought that a lot of those stones would leave and go into this new practice field underneath. That they'd pick them up and put them there, put dirt around them, pick up another one and put them there. They didn't touch them. I don't know why. Plans changed. Ideas change. A lot of dirt was brought in. It was all compressed and I do have to say that we're very appreciative of the work that the town did to get us that material from Continental. If we didn't have that material from Continental, we would have had a lot bigger deficit in material.

Len Lathrop indicated that's where we stand. We're kind of frustrated. We're kind of angry. I told Mike he couldn't talk because he's real angry and we don't know where to turn next. This project has to be completed. We have to figure out how to do it. We're not here tonight to ask you for any more support. The town has been great but we're asking you - I don't know. Are we asking you to sue Weston & Sampson? We might be. We can't sue anybody because the money all came through the town. Where do people have to take responsibilities for their work and how do we make that responsibility important? They say to us that we can't use anything over 6 inches. Here's a picture that I didn't include that shows a rock that's just under that walkway that was three times the size of my #12 shoe. I know this is public input and I don't want to take a lot of time tonight. We're happy to come back and be on the agenda. We're happy to come back when the Town Engineer is here. I will show you the charts that he gave me to get bids. We can show you the design work that Weston & Sampson did and now he's saying is all wrong because nobody knows anything. Mike and I are going out there over the weekend to see if we can 200 yards from the bottom of the slope to the White Birch trees on the north side where they drop off because that's what we need to make this field successful.

Mr. Lathrop said we have found dirt and we will be working with you that we committed that this would be a field for everybody in our town. We're hoping to make it so that soccer and lacrosse and the Bears all have equal usage time out there. To do soccer, a soccer field is 60 yards wide. Football field is 53 yards wide. That's 180 and you put 10 yards on either side, that's where we're coming up with the 200 yards. This football field and soccer field is going to run from the back of the property almost up to the street just to get it in. We will have some space towards the pumping station for some amenities but that field is going to be full because of the size of the parking lot, because of the size of the 3 to 1 slope that was decided that 2 to 1 was too steep and it had to be 3 to 1 for this practice field. The practice field guys and all things are 100 feet wide and 120 feet long. One team of 5th graders might be able to warm up there. We're going to have to try to schedule our teams to warm up before the games to get them up on that practice field. The one nice thing is that we will have a nice slope for families to sit on and watch the game.

Chairman Maddox had a couple of questions for Mr. Lathrop. Photo 3, and I know this is tough for the people at home, but I'm looking at the corner of the parking lot. So you're saying that that riprap rock is the walkway to get up to the practice field? Len Lathrop indicated that is a roadway, walkway, utility way, for lawnmowers, for things. I tried to go up in my SUV last night and didn't get to the first post. Mike explains he was there before he came to this meeting. I haven't been there since yesterday at 5 o'clock that they've put some type of material in there that has...Chairman Maddox said has bounded it better. It's in the front. I guess I'm confused because I was always thinking that this access way was going to be at the far end towards the trees at the back so that if we had to get equipment up there or whatever and not be right here at the front.

Len Lathrop said no. I was on the tree line. It is in the front. I guess we said if we have to we have to but as long as people don't have to cross it, my concern was that everybody coming out of the parking lot was going to have to cross it to get to the game field.

Selectman Luszey asked what's the design say. Mr. Lathrop said there isn't one. It's a line. Ted I'd be happy to bring it over to you tomorrow. I didn't bring it tonight knowing that we were only in public input.

Chairman Maddox noted it is public input. I think that we need to talk to the Town Engineer and invite him to our next meeting and see where we're going to take this. It may be time to bring Weston & Sampson in and ask them the tough questions as to why and how. You know that the Chair has never been happy with a \$200,000 bill to dig a hole. To design a hole and not to put the stuff in it just to design it.

Len Lathrop interrupted. I'm sorry Mr. Chair. For the newer members not only did they tell us to dig the hole and get rid of the material, then it was like now we're bringing back in material.

Chairman Maddox commented there's been a litany of bad decisions here. Good or bad, we need to get to the bottom of this because obviously the Foundation has I guess got to the end of the rope they want to be at. Board members?

Selectman Luszey thought we should have the Engineer come in and talk a little bit about the institutional knowledge that Weston & Sampson brought forward on this particular project.

Chairman Maddox said we'll try to schedule that and we will inform you when that will be.

Len Lathrop thanked the Board for your time tonight. Once again the town has been great over the past 5 years helping us with this project. We certainly appreciate everything that the Selectmen and the town has done, the staff, and everybody else but it seems like every time we do something, the people that make a lot of money - the outside engineering firm - that neither the town or us hired seems to fail us. Thank you.

5. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - None

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Maddox asked if everybody look at 6. B. 3. If everybody looked at that and they're happy.

Selectman Coutu said I had questions outside of the...I would approve it but I still have some questions about it. I'm fine if you want to set it aside.

Chairman Maddox questioned the second year. If you look at the agreement...if the majority of the Board is fine with it, I guess I'll ask off line. Again I just was questioning.

Selectman McGrath read this over. I questioned it as well initially. However, the last section on the first page - last half of the last paragraph, I think convinced me that this might be appropriate.

Chairman Maddox said if you cut my taxes in half, I'd agree to it too. It looks like there's 4 votes for so let's move on.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to approve consent items A, B, C, D, E and F as noted or appropriate.

A. Acceptance of Minutes - None

B. Assessing Items

- 1) Tax Warrant - 3 Village Lane, Map 175, Lot 34-21, w/recommendation to approve
- 2) 2014 Tax Abatement - Map 176, Lot 44, 197 Central Street, w/recommendation to approve
- 3) 2014 Tax Abatement - Map 190, Lot 11, 43 Lowell Road, w/recommendation to approve

C. Donations - None

D. Licenses & Permits - None

E. Water/Sewer Items - None

F. Calendar

Selectman Nichols said I had one on the calendar. On 8/19 Senior Affairs has been cancelled.

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| 8/12 | 7:00 | Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 8/13 | 7:30 | Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 8/18 | 7:00 | Cable Utility Cte - HCTV Center |
| 8/19 | 5:00 | Municipal Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room |
| 8/19 | 7:00 | Senior Affairs Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room - CANCELLED |
| 8/20 | 7:00 | Benson Park Cte - BOS Meeting Room |
| 8/20 | 7:00 | Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 8/24 | 7:00 | Sustainability Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 8/25 | 7:00 | Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room |
| 8/26 | 7:00 | Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 8/27 | 2:30 | Trustees of Trust Fund - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 8/27 | 7:30 | Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room |

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on July 28, 2015

- 1) *Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to terminate Zachary Brower as a Substitute Summer Counselor effective immediately, carried 5-0.*

- 2) *Motion to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman McGrath, carried 5-0.*

B. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on August 4, 2015

- 1) *Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey to seal the nonpublic minutes, carried 5-0.*
- 2) *Motion to adjourn at 10:35 p.m. by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, carried 5-0.*

C. Public Hearing - Amendment to Town Code, Chapter 205, Fees, Water Utility fee

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

As you recall back in the beginning of July we had a discussion about sending this to a public hearing. Steve Malizia said this being water utility temporary meter fees. Quite frequently during the construction season we have folks that come in to do dust control, sight control, and maybe use water for other purposes while they're constructing a site. Right now we do not have a temporary meter charge for them. So basically we don't have a mechanism to charge them for the use of the meter. We would charge them obviously for the water they use but the meter itself which is an expense we don't have a charge for. So what this Board agreed to do was send this to a public hearing to adopt a fee for the use of the temporary meter which is what you're basically doing. You're having a fee hearing this evening.

Chairman Maddox opened the public hearing at 7:20p.m. Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this item? The Chair will close this at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to adopt the amendment to Town Code, Chapter 205, Fees, Water Utility fee, by adding a new Section F for a one time temporary water meter installation and removal fee and back flow preventer device rental, carried 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Eagle Scout Project by Garrett Frohman

Chairman Maddox recognized Garrett Frohman. If you would come up Sir and state your name and address for the record and tell us about the project.

Garrett Frohman and I live at 11 Applewood Drive. I assume you guys all have copies of my project plan. So let's get started. My Eagle Project that I've been working on is going to help do some renovation at Library Park by Showtime Computers. This project will include the painting of the bench where the manager goes in the Christmas season. That will be painted and possibly refurbished. Also the gazebo will be repainted because a lot of the paint has chipped away and it would just make it look a lot better. Also the irrigation house where the Snoopy dog lays every winter, that will also be scraped and painted or just repainted. I have a few pictures.

What really is the project? Garrett Frohman said the project is clearly we're going to be refurbishing the gazebo, bench and irrigation house. We're doing this because obviously we hold events at the park like Memorial Day. It's really important to both me and you guys clearly that we have a really beautiful park. I'd really like that to make my project. I like this town and I like to see the park look really nice.

To continue, Mr. Frohman said I'll start with recruitment and training. Our idea is that we're going to have about 10 to 15 people helping on site at one time. This would most obviously be on a weekend. We're thinking about two weekends or three depending on weather. Also if something happens to go wrong so probably in the mid September area up until early October. We're going to start with scraping if it needs to be. Scraping, sanding, any paint that really needs to be pulled off if it needs to be pulled off. If it doesn't, maybe we'll just be able to repaint it. I'm in contact with someone from my Scout Troop is a carpenter - Mr. Tradiff if any of you guys know him. He's going to be helping me out and figuring out what exactly I'll need to do to make sure that this project is done correctly. Do you guys have any questions so far?

Chairman Maddox asked you've already checked with probably Mr. Burns in regards to there is no lead paint there existing. Garrett Frohman said yes. I've gone through that because I wouldn't be able to do the project if there was lead paint.

Continuing getting to fundraising. Mr. Frohman indicated the two options of fundraising is going to be a car wash and we're thinking either hosted at the 7-11. I'd have to ask them for approval or I talked to Mr. Coutu about possibly holding it here if there's a sufficient water source and the town is okay with me doing it here in the parking lot or wherever you guys would need me to be. Would you like to discuss that at all or what do you guys think?

Selectman Coutu said this has been long in the making. I've been trying to mentor Garrett through this project for over a year. Garrett you have not approached 7-11 is that what you're telling me? Garrett said not yet because I can't do any fundraising or even planning for fundraising whatsoever until I get in contact with the Eagle Scout Board about getting approval from the town. Selectman Coutu understood that but you could still have asked 7-11 in advance. I know you're on an extended vacation. All right. Historically 7-11 has never said no to the kids and it's the best location. Not the best location in town but it's a great location. I don't think you're going to have any problems there. If you do, you've talked to me plenty of times. You know how to get a hold of me. I'll go down there with you and we'll get that squared away. I don't think you're going to need to use our parking lot here. I think we'll do it at 7-11 and you can get it done. Garrett said I'll run down there tomorrow then.

Chairman Maddox noted it has a lot more traffic. Good or bad on the weekends, there's just not a lot of traffic by here.

Selectman Coutu said every previous fundraiser that's been held there has been very successful. As a matter of fact, most of them come in here with excess money.

Chairman Maddox said you can hold us in abeyance as a backup but again I think you're just going to have much more traffic on that road.

Garrett Frohman said publicizing. Also I talked to Roger about possibly making a commercial on the local channel. We'll go through with that as well as that I made a certain flyer. I haven't printed any out yet but we're going to put them around town. Dunkin Donuts if they allow to put flyers there just other public places to see if people want to go to a car wash on a certain date even though most of the people who want a car wash on that day are probably just going to see the signs for it that day and want a car wash. They're probably not going to plan ahead for it. It's good to get it public.

Continuing. Garrett Frohman noted materials and supplies and tools. We don't need many things. We're going to need both gray and white exterior paint. The gray outdoor paint we're going to need 2 quarts of which is going to be \$45 a gallon. We're going to need white outdoor paint which we'll need 3 gallons of and that will be \$45 a gallon also. We'll need primer which we'll also need 3 gallons of that and that will be \$20 a gallon. Also for supplies we're going to need wood putty to fill in the plenty of nails in the gazebo. So we'd like to cover those up. Brushes, tarp or some sort of covering over the grounds so that we don't get paint, sanders, a pressure washer - one of the people from my group has a pressure washer. If you guys are cool with us using a pressure washer at the park then we'll use that.

Selectman Coutu said we're cool with that Garrett.

Chairman Maddox suggested you might want to get a can of bee spray also.

Garrett said I'll definitely have to check that out. We're going to need a ladder to get up onto the top part of the gazebo. Not on the roof but on the inside like right above so we'll need some ladder of some sort. Would you guys need us to set some sort of anything to keep it safer in case somebody falls? I was told by the Eagle Board...

Chairman Maddox told Selectman Coutu you didn't cover marketing did you?

Selectman Coutu said I spoke with the Road Agent and the Road Agent provided Garrett with his cell phone number. I think it behoove Garrett to have a good conversation with the Road Agent prior to even going out to buy the paint. Go over it with him one more time. He'll explain to you what the safety procedures are and what you should do. We're not going to be throwing mattresses all over the inside of the gazebo in case somebody falls. When we're talking about doing heights, we should probably have an adult do it and we should probably have your painter friend who knows what he's doing because he'll be up and down that thing in no time and have it done. If you can't do that, then I'll paint the top. If I fall, I fall. I'm old and I don't care. It behooves you to talk to the Road Agent Mr. Burns and go through the mechanics of how you're going to do this, what you're going to use for supervision. Got it.

Chairman Maddox suggested never put in your presentation in case somebody falls. That's not a phrase you want in that presentation. Again I think that you just need to meet with Mr. Burns. You have the crux of what you were going to do. You have it outlined. You're waiting for us to give you approval so you can take the next step.

Selectman Coutu said your fundraiser is going to be a car wash. I don't think you've mentioned car wash but if you did. I just got a text message from one of my friends - I have paint. He's gone tons of paint - Ben. We have people watching. Thanks Ben. We'll be in touch. We're going to need paint. I want you to know, I want the Board to know that this is obviously we'll see a lot more scouts. Some of us have seen several. He's no more nervous than anybody else who comes before us. They're not into public speaking yet. I think that's something that the Scouts should take up except that the Eagle Scout presentation of their attainment, that's when all of a sudden they open up and they can really say what's on their mind. That's when it gives them a time to dump on everybody else in the audience. So I'll take advantage of that when I'm working on Garrett at his presentation.

Selectman Coutu noted this was well thought out. I will say this. Initially - and Kevin can back me up on this - initially I said to Kevin I thought for sure he was going to come in with a backhoe and dig the whole park up and rebuild the whole thing. It was such a massive - he had all of these plans. He was going to build this big brick walkway. Look you need to cut this back. You just can't accomplish all of this. So he's tailored it and he's an outstanding student in school and you don't do that by sitting on your laurels. He's doing well there and he spent the rest of last summer and all winter I guess studying. By the time he could get before his Council, get the Council to approve the concept of the project which he did in early July. So here he is now before us. He thought he was going to be before us sooner than this and so we worked on how to present this and what kind of a package to put together. I trust that Garrett with the assist of his Dad, and other friends, and other Scout Leaders/Troop Leaders will pull this off. I think it will be something that we'll be proud of.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to approve the project as presented to us by Garrett Frohman in his Library Park renovation presentation this date, August 11, 2015, carried 5-0.

B. Bid Recommendation - Replacement Ambulance

Chairman Maddox recognized Fire Chief Rob Buxton.

Good evening. Chief Buxton stated as you are aware last year when we went through the budget process we brought forward a replacement ambulance. We were awarded that through town votes. We had a budget figure of \$200,000. We went out to bid to seven different vendors which represented 11 different manufacturers with direct mailings. We advertised in the Nashua Telegraph, Hudson/Litchfield News, our website, and then obviously our direct solicitations. We received two bids that were opened by the Town Clerk on the 31st of July. Professional Vehicles which represents AV Ambulance and the second was Sugarloaf Ambulance which represents PL Custom. After reviewing the bid, we're making a recommendation to tonight to award the bid to Professional Vehicle who was not only the lowest bidder but met the closest to our specification for AV Ambulance for \$184,956.

Selectman McGrath had a couple of questions. I went over this again today. The only thing that popped up to me was I know that you only got two bidders. Were those from direct solicitations that we sent out or was that based on advertising?

Chief Buxton indicated Sugarloaf Ambulance was not part of the direct bid list if you look on the second page of the Memo. The bidders that we sent it to originally are on the front under #2 were the direct mails. Profession Vehicle was a direct mailing. They came in low bid.

Selectman McGrath indicated they came in low bid but they also came within the timeframe that you want the ambulance whereas the other one did not.

Chief Buxton said Sugarloaf Ambulance which represents PL Custom was almost 100 days additional built time. We're really concerned about getting this into the fleet as early as possible. Selectman McGrath said I don't have a problem at all with awarding this bid to the lowest bidder based on what I've read. The only other question that I have about the bidding process in this regard because it's a specialized vehicle and the professional vehicle is located in Maine, correct? Where is Sugarloaf located? Chief Buxton said Maine also.

Selectman McGrath said when we're looking at vehicles like that; wouldn't it make more sense to advertise in that general area as opposed to like the Nashua Telegraph and the HLN? Chief Buxton indicated I explained this to I believe it was Selectman Coutu the other day we talked about using maybe using the Lowell Sun or the Union Leader. Our equipment when we talk about our ambulances and the engines are very specialized construction type things. The direct mailings are very successful for us not from the avenue that we just go to people that we work with all the time from the avenue that we touched 11 different vendors and 7 correspondences. Professional Vehicle that represents AEV and once the construction of the ambulance will actually take place in South Carolina. They're a vendor no different than MacMulkin Chevrolet in Nashua. So we try to get a cross section. We visit the fire trade show in Springfield in June. We knew that this was going out. We put out the word to check our website; looked at some different vending type things and really tried to get a good cross section to make sure. It's just a (inaudible). The Nashua Telegraph gives us that spot for them to go and look. There's not a lot of truck manufacturers in this area. That's just part of the thing. There's not a lot in Massachusetts either.

Chairman Maddox asked Chief Buxton what do we have presently. This would be the first AEV that we have? Chief Buxton noted this would be the second one. We had one other before the 2009. We have one currently in service out of the Burns Hill station. They were successful. They did not bid on the Osage ambulance that we purchased in 2009. Right now we're purchasing an ambulance every three years and they're on an eight year life cycle. That's the way that program currently operates. Chairman Maddox reiterated that we do have experience with the manufacturer. Chief Buxton agreed. One of the nice things about AEV and Professional Vehicle, they provide in house warrant work. They actually have a service truck on the road so instead of going to Maine, they actually come to us to do servicing on any of the warranty items that they can do on the road.

Selectman McGrath asked the warranty is one year is that correct. Chief Buxton said it depends on the components. There's a chassis section and it depends on the components and where we're at.

Selectman McGrath had another question that just occurred. On the trade in values of whatever it is that we're trading in, is there any negotiation on that? Chief Buxton stated Selectman Maddox and I had a conversation regarding the trade not necessarily the trade in value but whether we should maintain those or not. At the end of the 8 year life (inaudible), we're looking at a vehicle that we don't want to hold onto. So the negotiation of the value they're really (inaudible) to that. That's part of the bidding process. I don't have the ability to go and negotiate with them. That value that's part of the closed submitting process through the town. Selectman McGrath said the trade in value for Sugarloaf is higher. Of course their cost overall is much higher. That's all.

Chairman Maddox indicated we buy something for \$180,000 and trade it in for 2. Again they do get used a lot so at this point we'll have to go with what the Chief is recommending.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to award the bid for a 2015 Ford F-550 4x4 Type 1 Ambulance to Professional Vehicle Corporation, the lowest bidder, in the net amount of \$184,956 as recommended by the Fire Chief and the Finance Director, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to authorize the Finance Director to apply for reimbursement from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund as authorized by Warrant Article #10 in the amount of \$150,000 from the Trustees of the Trust Funds, carried 5-0.

C. Bid Recommendation - Fire Command Vehicle

Chairman Maddox recognized Fire Chief Rob Buxton.

Chief Buxton said part of the FY16 budget this year was the replacement of a command vehicle. If you remember during the budget process, we talked about looking at a different model trying to break the Tahoe cycle that we had been entrenched in for several years because the size of the vehicle, and trying to go to a smaller vehicle, and how do we accomplish that. We looked at several different options this year. In particular the State of New Hampshire provides a contracts list. Their contracts list is not available until November or December of the year. It's usually open from November until about April or May. That's the way their process works. When we searched out, we also under the bidding process have the ability to look at other bid lists across the country. We looked at the Metropolitan Area Planning Group out of the Boston area. They bid the products and awarded a contract in actually 2013 to MHQ out of Marlboro, Massachusetts. Under that contract price, we had the ability to go to that contract and purchase from them. We are looking to go to a Ford Explorer which would be similar in looks to the new police vehicles that you just purchased. The vehicle price is coming in at buying this vehicle turnkey with the emergency lights and the radio installed in it for less money than we purchased the last 3 Tahoes for. This has been a process. We buy one vehicle at a time and we're not going out for 4 or 5 different vehicles. We've utilized (inaudible) in the bidding list instead of going out to bid on our own because we found that we were actually getting a better price. We utilize this list to purchase an Explorer.

Selectman Luszey had just one question. In the detail of the list, the colors will be red metallic. Chief Buxton said that is what's available on the lot. Selectman Luszey asked do we have to repaint it to the...Chief Buxton indicated I can either have them repaint it to white for extra money or we can keep the red.

Chairman Maddox said you're going to get into color selection now. If it's on the lot, luckily it's not pink.

Selectman McGrath knows the total price is just under \$32,000. Are you asking us to authorize \$8,000 per year over the next four years as the purchase price? Chief Buxton noted there's two motions there. One is to purchase the vehicle and the other is to work out the financing with the Finance Director. Our lease purchasing goes through the Finance Department and we work with the Finance Department directly in regards to finding the best interest rate and the best deal on the market. Basically the last four Chevy Tahoes we purchased we actually leased purchased through Ford Motor Credit Union if you can believe that or not. That was the best deal on the market at the time and we move forward from there. Selectman McGrath indicated this says that you only have \$8,000 available in your budget. Chief Buxton said will be shopping to get underneath that \$8,000 mark.

Chairman Maddox asked and this contract will also have the clause that we put in all municipal contracts. Chief Buxton said yes absolutely.

Selectman Luszey asked to go back to my first question. If we are going to go with the ruby red vehicle now does that mean from this point forward we're not going to care what color a vehicle is when we buy it and it will maintain that same color? Chief Buxton said we have traditionally been white because that's what has been available. We have one red Tahoe in the mix. I can tell you from looking at the purchasing practices the Police Department has several different colored Impalas in the command staff and other areas of the department. This was what was available in the lot when they priced it out and that's what they pushed forward.

Selectman McGrath asked isn't red typically associated with the Fire Department. When you think of fire, you think red.

Chairman Maddox indicated had it been blue, I think you probably would have had more of a case. It has red lights on it. It has a siren. It's going to go. Selectman Coutu said people who take care of us when the ambulance shows up. I don't care if they come in a cab. Just get there quickly.

Selectman Luszey said we don't need to buy vehicles then. We'll just have them...

Chairman Maddox did call the Chief because again command vehicles seems to be one of those items you should be getting a text at any second about. Chief you were going to have some mileage on the existing. Chief Buxton said yes. The two vehicles that we're looking to trade in - the 2006 Crown Victoria was a police trade down to the Building Department that had 104,000 miles on it. Then the 2004 Tahoe that we're trading in, the white one, had 90,000 miles on it. That vehicle has been removed from service because of some transmission issues and I'm not investing any money into it because it was up for replacement this year. We're looking to get rid of those two vehicles.

As much as it pains us, Chairman Maddox said these are one of those things that just they need to have them but we move on.

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to waive the competitive bidding requirements as outlined in Town Code 98-1(C) and to award the purchase of a 2016 Ford Explorer 4WD, a replacement fire command vehicle, to MHQ through the contract with Metropolitan Area Planning Council in the net amount of \$31,269 as recommended by the Fire Chief and the Finance Director, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to authorize the Town of Hudson Fire Chief to enter into a four (4) year lease/purchase agreement for financing of the 2016 Ford Explorer 4WD which shall be reviewed and approved by the Finance Director, carried 5-0.

D. Concerts at Benson Park

Chairman Maddox recognized Selectman Luszey.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Selectman Luszey said a few weeks ago - I volunteer some hours probably twice a month over at Pelham - Pelham on the Green for the VFW over there. They provide free concerts. I was approached this one particular evening by a number of Hudson residents that were traveling to Pelham to see these concerts and asked if I would put on the agenda and have a brief discussion here about how we get something like that at Benson or even at the Hills House. I could not answer the question whether or not that would be considered an active or passive type of activity. I do believe that type of activity I think would be great to add to the menu of activities that the Recreation Department sponsors if you will. They do a lot sports for children. They do sports for adults. There's a group of people that aren't into that type of stuff that this is a recreational type of activity. We've got a great park that we should utilize. It's just something that I think I would like to sponsor and ask the Rec. Director to take a look at what it would take to do that.

Selectman Nichols commented that has been discussed and is being discussed. They just finished the amphitheater - Mal's Pals and they've just about finished it. They're still putting the finishing touches on it. Once that is done, then between the Benson Park Committee and the Rec. Department they're going to set up little concerts and whatever to start to get people interested in that. They've been waiting for this for about three years now. It's coming and it will happen. It just isn't ready yet. They just finished - in fact it's not finished. They're still putting in the names and the disk in the middle of it and everything.

Selectman Luszey said I'm not tying it directly to the structure. It's more of is it an event that we would sponsoring as a town wide activity. If so when I listen to you talk, I'm of the opinion that this is the Benson Committee that's talking about this or is it the Rec. Department that's talking about it? Selectman Nichols indicated it's the Benson Committee makes the suggestion to the town. That's what the job is so this is what they're doing. They're getting ready for this and they'll speak with the Rec. Department and then we will come to the town and that's how it will work. We can't do anything without town approval.

Selectman Coutu was confused. If you recall this is something that we've talked about in the past. Once the gazebo was set up that it was certainly a vision that I had spoken about several years ago that it would be nice to be able to clear the area by Swan Lake. I know that you and I and Ted may have been on the Board at the time. I know that Shawn Jasper was here as was Ben Nadeau. We were very excited about the idea of potentially having concerts down there. It was decided then that we would clear a whole section. I can remember the bon fires that Ben took control of and we cleared that all out, opened it up, and then Mal's Pals came along and wanted to raise the funds. I got involved with their organization and we raised the funds. In agreement with what Selectman Nichols said was that out of respect to Mal's Pals, there's been no rush to do this. Jeremy Griffus is in the process of trying to figure out

sign locations for the dedication and the naming of the gazebo in Malory's honor. I think he received tacit approval from the Benson Committee where to put the signs. We don't need to get involved in that. That was a \$20,000 plus project that eventually it's going to be donated to the town and we'll accept that. There's always been that vision and then we had hoped that we would have electricity so that we could plug in amplifiers. I've maintained all along because like Selectman Luszey, I too have received some requests from some choral groups out of Nashua. We have the men's choral group and then there's a women and women and men's fiddlers. I think it's a woman's group that do fiddling. There are a lot of things like that that would be willing to volunteer to come into town free of charge to put on a concert either a Friday or a Saturday night. So the timing is critical because you want to do it before sunset. You don't want to be doing it in the dark and then we'd have to warn people about spraying themselves when near a still water body for the mosquitoes. I think it takes some pre-planning. I've of a mind if I'm hearing Selectman Luszey right, we don't need to go for this one to talk to this committee, to talk to that committee, then it comes to us. That just prolongs it. We give direction to the Recreation Director and ask him - he's got the whole winter to pre-plan summer events. We'll give him that responsibility. He can set up a different concert every Friday night, set a date, and he can coordinate with the people from Mal's Pals when this is going to be done. It's not that we're trying to cut them out. I think it should be a town run function, sponsored by the town, organized by the town, and most communities who do this it's run through their Recreation Department. I don't know how Pelham does it. They're usually run through a recreation because it's a recreational activity open to the general public. There will be no charge, no fee. People come and bring a blanket, a little bit of a picnic if they want. They get a spot and they sit down and you just listen to it. It's an hour and a half concert because these people are donating the time. They're in. They're out. If Selectman Luszey wants to make the motion, I think that's the best direction for us to go in at this time.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to charter the Recreation Director to put a program together to execute next spring.

Selectman Coutu seconded the motion provided that we clarify that its one night a week concert at Benson Park. Selectman Luszey agreed to that.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to charter the Recreation Director to put a program together to execute next spring and to further clarify that it is a one night a week concert at Benson Park.

Chairman Maddox asked so you're going to at budget season put some money into this endeavor. Selectman Luszey said there may not be any budget required. Most of these...Chairman Maddox was just asking what Pelham does as far as notifications. Selectman Luszey indicated the bands show up at no charge. Chairman Maddox said there has to be some amount of advertising at some point to tell people that these things are happening. We're not going to have electricity down there so are we going to get a generator? Selectman Coutu noted you don't need a generator. These people - you have a choral group, you can hear them. You can hear a band. It's nice to have amplifiers but for the first year if we don't have electricity down there - generator muffles out the quality of the music. I don't see any need for money and as far as advertising if it's done right like I've seen it done in Woodstock, Lincoln. I've seen it done in Plymouth. I've seen it done in Laconia. They go out and they put flyers out in local stores and they have it on their cable TV. This is not something we're going to run ads in the Union Leader and invite thousands of people to come. It's a local type thing that we might have an influx of people from Pelham. Maybe a couple will hear about it from Nashua and they'll come over. Maybe we'll have 1,000 people. I don't know.

Chairman Maddox was hoping for that because I'm looking for the bug spray concession. Again there's a motion on that makes sense. Let's see what he comes up with. I would put the caveat that he needs to go to the Benson Park Committee to at least get input and some sort of guidance - what hours and those types of things.

Selectman Coutu noted he's the Recreation Director. He should be able to do that on his own by calling other towns who do it and get information from them.

Chairman Maddox thought that we should at least run it through the Benson Park Committee and just letting them know what this event is through the liaison. Again we've kind of said everything in Benson Park goes through the Benson Park Committee and now we're kind of doing an end run if you would.

Selectman Luszey didn't think so. If everything goes through the Benson Park Committee, it would be my expectation that he would go and meet with them and work whoever he needs to work with. He's going to need to work with the Highway Department and different things.

Chairman Maddox noted as long as that's kind of stated. I'm fine. Just again we've kind of given them the authorization to work within that footprint.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

E. 9/11 Observance

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

As is our practice, Steve Malizia indicated we have our 9-11 Observance over at Benson Park at the 9-11 Memorial. Traditionally I've given you a draft program. It's on the back of this Memorandum. What I'm looking for is your concurrence and approval to follow the 9-11 Observance on September 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Benson Park. This year it's a Friday evening.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to hold a 9/11 Observance on September 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Benson Park.

Chairman Maddox reiterated it is Friday. Let's put some advertising out there and let people know that it will be there. I think that we're still doing it for a good reason.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

F. Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Parameters

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia noted this is typically the time that the Board starts discussing parameters to give to the department heads for the next fiscal year budget. Our Fiscal Year 2017 we will start probably meeting in earnest in October but in order to give department heads direction as to what the parameters are i.e. do you want to set a percentage, do you want them to do something certain in their budgets this is the time that you traditionally discuss that. So I've put together a packet here with just some basic information for you to kind of give you an overview of what the last few years have been and the minutes from the last couple of years if you've had an opportunity to read sort of to see how these things work, how the parameters were formulated and discussed in the past. This year the voters awarded us our budget so we're not in default for '16 which is great. The two previous years were default budget. Saying that I just tried to get the Board to start talking about so we can provide department heads with guidance as to what you expect come budget season.

Selectman Luszey had a comment. Yes budget season is upon us. Next Thursday is the August Budget Committee meeting and the agenda is to begin touring the facilities of both the Town and the School District. Just on that note if there's any facility major projects that the department/owners of the building see, please make sure they bring them to the awareness of the Budget Committee as we walk through those facilities.

Selectman Nichols thought we did very well last year the way it was handled for all the departments. We gave them kind of not cart blanche because they would have asked for tons of money but they did well with bringing up their concerns and what they needed and kept their money down. I think that was a big help. I don't know if you want to give them a 2 percent or a 1 percent. What did we do last year? I can't remember.

Steve Malizia indicated last year you asked for a needs based budget. Because we had been under some strain for the previous couple of years, i.e. default budget, last year you basically ended up with a directive to have everybody submit a needs based budget which is basically what do you need to run your department. Reporting real critical needs highlighted separately or any major initiatives highlighted separated for the Board's consideration. That's what you did last year. There was not a percentage necessarily prescribed. It was more come to us with a needs based budget. We've been around a long time. The majority of the department heads has been here for a long time. They understand how to put that together. They certainly understand that that doesn't mean cart blanche. That means look at what you need.

Selectman Nichols said they did very well last year. I thought bringing their concerns in and what they needed for each department to us but I don't know if people want it different this year. I thought that worked very well. They didn't go overboard in asking for what they needed. They stated exactly what they had to have in order to run their departments and they did very well. That was my comment anyhow on that.

Chairman Maddox noted we went up \$.27 on the tax rate last year. Steve Malizia stated actually its \$6.35 was the 2015 I believe rate and the estimate rate is \$6.44. That's approximately a 1.4 percent.

Chairman Maddox knows that Selectman Coutu you have said in previous meetings that you wanted to be at zero. Are you still on the bus? Selectman Coutu indicated I'm still there.

Selectman Luszey said negative two.

Selectman McGrath said I like the idea of a needs based presentation from the department heads and then make a decision about whether or not those needs fit in with what the community can afford. I also would like to hold it to either a zero increase overall or a 2 percent. I think that's an appropriate number.

Selectman Luszey asked for clarification. The definition of "needs based". Selectman Coutu explained "needs based" means that obviously they are constrained by the number of employees that they have. So they need excess amount of dollars to cover payroll, taxes, and all of that. Some departments have certain obligations - they have liabilities in terms of leases, vehicle maintenance, and some cases utilities depending on which department you're talking to. So there's a need within the existing structure to maintain that level of finance. However beyond that there may be a department head that might come in and say I need to bring to your attention that my copier, my whatever is not going to make it through the year. I'm going to need a new one this year. We weren't planning on it for two years out. This is going to be an additional \$4,000 in my budget or \$30,000 depending on the piece of equipment or a vehicle. We had one request last year from Assessing at the very last minute and told him you're too late. We're just not going to do it. You have to pre-plan for this. Those would be as need. As need is your existing budget plus anything you feel is of a critical need that we're going to have to address in this budget. It could be and it could mean additional manpower. I heard the Police Chief make a presentation the other evening that he wanted to have a new Lieutenant managing the Detectives Division and a couple of other internal matter. I support the idea but I didn't hear him say it would be an addition. If he did, I didn't quite catch it. I was wondering if he had planned on asking for an additional employee or change his structure. I would be more favorably inclined to support changing the structure and give him that additional position at a higher level but it's going to sacrifice - people are going to move up but I wouldn't bring in an additional person at the lower level.

Selectman Coutu said I talk to people every day now about what we spend and how much we spend. I'm not hearing a lot of criticism out there. I review very carefully the packet that you presented us. I thank you for that. That was very enlightening when I look at the last 8 years I've been here. I think that from beginning to end we've held the line. When you look at the overall, we've done pretty good in 8 years. The voters decided for a couple of years that they weren't going to give us the budget that we requested. The message was loud and clear. I feel very strongly that the voters in this last election were more generous than they've ever been in terms of giving us the monies that we needed to refurb the fire station, every single I believe pay raise request was granted last year. They were very, very generous last year except for the new fire station which wasn't a shocker. I would have liked that it would have passed but it didn't. So they were very generous. That in affect has increased our cost of operation. So I'm very mindful of that. It's easy to say I've heard you throw out a number the last year you were here prior to being re-elected that being elected this time that you wanted to cut the budget 10 percent. That's 6 or 8 people on the payroll we're going to let go. That's what it equates to. We don't have that much equipment. We would have to have layoffs. Six or 8 people a community of our size is significant. How you proportion 6 or 8 people because in order to be fair, we'd have to do it proportionately which means Highway, Police, and Fire. Mr. Burns has operated his department for I don't know how many years. At least since I've been here and I know long before that because I hear you speak about it Selectman Maddox. He's never asked for an additional person. His workload hasn't decreased it's increased. We've had the addition to Benson Park. We've had all this additional paving and he manages. To decrease his staff would be a burden to him.

With what's going on in town and what we heard the presentation, Selectman Coutu said we heard the other evening from the Police Chief we're not in the position to be cutting back on policing and fire is stretched now without having to do any overtime. Pay now or pay later. We can lay people off and we're going to be up our nose with overtime. I have to be careful of my choice of words. I want to be politically correct not like Donald Trump. So I just said it "up your nose". I just feel that we can live with a zero based budget. I would and we're probably going to have department heads come in here and they're going to state a position on one item or another over and above their budget. I'm not averse to hearing it but I'm not inclined to support any major increases in the budget. I'd like to keep it as close to zero as possible in appreciation for what the taxpayers did for us last year. I thought they were very generous.

Chairman Maddox told Selectman Nichols you said 1 percent. Can you expound on that please?

Selectman Nichols was just saying that I thought they had done the same as last year. I thought that was great. I think the town people appreciated it. The departments came in and stated their concerns, what they needed. Some of the things we didn't give them because we felt as though it was just asking a little too much. Other things we said yes you could have. I think the whole department heads all understood what we were looking for and kept it down to help the taxpayer understand that we were not looking for tons of money. We just wanted enough to run our town the way they want it run to help them out. So that's what I thought.

Chairman Maddox told Selectman McGrath you said up to two percent. Selectman McGrath said no greater than two is what I should have said. I'd prefer zero.

Chairman Maddox told Selectman Luszey you said minus two. Selectman Luszey agreed. I'll actually kind of use some of the comments that Selectman Coutu said and that is I'll use the Highway Department as an example. Yes he has not increased any head count yet he's taken on additional work which equates to a productivity increase in his department which means he's doing more for less. That is what I'm asking. Not necessarily laying people off but I believe by doing things differently we can cut the operational costs of departments here and there to give the taxpayers at least a two percent decrease in the operating budget.

Selectman Coutu said two percent of last year's budget is \$586,000 in case anybody wants to know. I'm not in a position to raise the budget. I'm averse to raising the budget by \$586,000 or one percent which is \$293,000.

Chairman Maddox thought we need to take water and sewer out of that equation. I asked Mr. Malizia, its \$23.5 million is our budget that we can control as Selectmen if you would not water and sewer. Steve Malizia indicated approximately \$23.5 million. Chairman Maddox said \$235,000.

Selectman Coutu noted it would be \$235,000 for one percent and \$470,000 for two percent. \$235,000 would have bought both of these pieces of equipment we bought tonight without having to dip into the capital reserve funds. No it doesn't make sense to raise the budget by that much money.

Selectman McGrath asked to elaborate a little bit. When I said up to two percent or no greater than two percent, I'm not thinking of - in my mind it wasn't the total budget it's the department budgets and looking at those individually and determining whether or not increasing their budget for needs that they have that they've identified and that it's no greater than two percent overall. Now that doesn't mean that - as an example, looking at fire and police. If the Fire Department came in and said based on what they've identified as their needs that they need an additional two percent of their total budget for the previous year. The police came in and they said we can live within the budget that we had last year. That's kind of a wash.

Selectman Coutu noted except the fire is \$100,000.

Selectman McGrath stated I'm using those as examples. I don't have numbers in my head. I don't have their budgets in front of me. I haven't seen their budgets. I'm just talking in generality that for each department it may be zero based they don't need an increase. Another department may need a slight increase but no greater than two percent. I think working with the departments and trying to maintain a level where there isn't a huge increase to the taxes for the - I have to pay taxes too. I'm on a fixed income. I'm very aware of what the impacts are for spending. We also have to be realistic. That's what I'm aiming at and that's what I would like to see. I'm one of five so any decision that I make either will fail or it will pass.

Chairman Maddox said we do have quite the gamut. That kind of basically kind of wash out to about half a percent. I'm going to put my two cents in here if I may. What I would ask that we tell the department heads to come in with a zero funded budget. We as Selectmen take one percent of our total budget which is about \$235,000 and let's see them present to us why we should give them part of our \$235,000. We're going to have contracts coming up this year. Steve Malizia said there are three. You have always treated those as warrant articles so if the voters vote independently...Chairman Maddox agreed. All I'm saying is we're going to be asking for monies above and beyond what the budget is. You're all kind of close. I think that, again, we can tell them a needs based which is basically what I'm saying is saying there's \$235,000 in the pot. Let's see what people come in. Selectman McGrath rarely in the years that I've been here has any department other than Highway with the trash pickup been able to say I don't need as much. I need it last year. It's just a function of pricing going up, more needs for various things, but you're not going to see a department giving up \$100,000 so that the other department - that just doesn't happen. I think we need to say we have X amount of dollars and come in at zero. If you feel that there is a need for X, present it to us and we'll see where that goes.

Selectman Coutu said I'm not averse to that - the one percent.

Chairman Maddox said one percent but total out of our budget and don't tell them to put it into their budget. They're coming in at zero and telling us where they're going to need additional monies and we will make the tough decisions as we get paid those big bucks to make the tough decision. If we put it into the budget, everybody is going to be 1.4 and then we have to play cuts and all that. (inaudible) as we kind of forward is it will be at zero. Selectman Luszey if you can find areas within the budget that you feel there can be reductions, I'm sure you will make the motions.

Selectman Luszey said I'll do it at the Budget Committee because I won't get it here. Just kidding.

Chairman Maddox commented you never know. With your award winning presentation, you could win us over. Again I think I'm trying to be mindful of the votes were giving us what we asked for. I think we have to present to them that we are watching out for their nickels and dimes every day.

Selectman Coutu told the Chairman the budget is overt and not covert. The people see what we do. Chairman Maddox said if they agree with us, they see how we got there. There's always a place where you can say well do we really need to do this. Let's see where it takes us.

Selectman Coutu asked is that the directive this Board wants to go.

Selectman Nichols agreed.

Selectman McGrath agreed.

Selectman Luszey was good with that.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman McGrath - The only thing that I have for tonight is I attended the Conservation Commission meeting last night. I didn't hear back from the Chairman until early evening on Sunday. Trying to compose an e-mail and actually get it into the computer, I thought I'll just wait until the meeting to elaborate on what happened. In any event, we had a meeting last night. Mr. Mills came in. He was the last one before the Board and it was in open session. We did not go into Nonpublic. I had a discussion with Mr. Malizia earlier in the day just to make sure that I was knowledgeable about the parameters of going into Nonpublic Session. So I had a discussion with the Chairperson earlier in the evening. So it was strongly advised that they not enter into Nonpublic. Mr. Mills came before the Board, made his pitch, a vote was taken by the Board at the end of the meeting that he is to present that in writing and have a detailed presentation of exactly what it is he's looking for, what's he's presenting to the town, and what he expects of the town. Further the Board also took a vote to seek out appraisers and get a cost of what it would cost to do an actual appraisal of the property once it's been identified in writing. Mr. Collins today I saw by e-mail that I had suggested to him that he perhaps get in touch with Mr. Michaud the Assessor upstairs that he might have some knowledge of appraisers that have expertise in that area. He did that and Jim came through with flying colors and gave him a number of people that they could contact. That will be done in the future at some point. That's all I have about the Conservation Commission last night.

Selectman Nichols - Nothing thank you.

Selectman Luszey - All set.

Selectman Coutu - I just want to remind everybody that this week is Old Home Days - Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. They're going to open up with a big birthday bash for yours truly - 72 years wow! Based on what I'm hearing - I haven't been involved but based on what I'm hearing and the people that are involved, as you know it's been picked up by the people from the Chamber, local business people got together, quite a few citizens that have volunteered. Len Lathrop is gone. He knows what it's like to be involved, totally in meshed in Old Home Days. It's quite an event. I think this year is going to be bigger and better based on what I'm hearing than ever before. Last year you and I Selectman Nichols we were judges for the "Voice of Hudson". I did it 2 or 3 days. I did the finals with you. We had a great time. We listened to some great talent. I heard from a lot of people that they're going to go this year that haven't been in a while. I've heard also from other people. I had one woman come to me at the store and say boy I know to avoid 102 on those days. I said you know it's manageable. We do relatively well. It's not that crowded. The busiest night obviously is Saturday night because we as the town sponsor the fireworks display. It's a very nice display. I'm hoping to be there Saturday, Saturday night. I can't go the whole weekend knowing that there's fried dough being fried in town. I'm going to get a piece of fried dough and my sausage, pepper and onion sandwich by the Hills House. That's my contribution by buying my food from them. I hope everybody will attend.

Selectman Coutu made an inquiry to our Finance Director relative to whether or not we had heard from the School Board regarding any surplus monies they might have had this year. As you know, they didn't have the \$25,000 to assist us with snow removal. However it was interesting - I hear people say to me why aren't your two boards getting along. It's not a question of whether or not we get along. People have to understand that we are autonomous from one another. They do what they do and we do what we do. We don't seek guidance from them and they don't seek guidance from us. Where there is opportunity - the Fields Committee was an opportunity to pull some people from the town, some people on the school side to explore the possibility of fields. I told him that we would be doing our best on the town side to support that effort and we'll do what we have to do with the money that we generate from the sale of real estate.

Selectman Coutu said I am pleased to say, pleased to say that based on their final audit - and KC provided me with the numbers but she was waiting to hear from Karen Burnell who's not only our Treasurer but she is the Chief Financial Officer for the School Department. The School Department had at the end of FY15 monies not spent a total of \$572,478. Of that, two warrant articles passed by the voters. Warrant Article 6 provided them to be able to put in each year \$100,000 to a special education trust fund and also Warrant Article 7 on their ballot and not our ballot allowed them to raise and put in \$100,000 to capital reserve for school renovation funds. With that, \$372,478 will be used to offset the school administration unit - the SAU tax rate which I guess that is the proper place for the money to go. So they'll have \$372,000 which will affect the tax rate at \$25,412 - \$.15 on their side of the ledger - it will decrease by \$.15 per thousand because they were able to return that much. They found ways to save money and I applaud them for that. I think it was a good job. I think that they've got their finger on the pulse. Their voters don't expect them to be wasteful with the taxpayer money and I think they've been pretty frugal and they're getting things done. I applaud them for being able to return that kind of money to the town. It's good to sit here and say something nice about the School Board. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Maddox - Okay I guess I'm not as kind. Again we just asked them to help us out on the town side. Again there's two different budgets. Even though that gets returned to the general fund, we took monies out of places that

we couldn't spend it on other things. We need to put an antenna at the police station. We had to spend \$25,000 or more than that for the Highway Department. Again yes they returned money but some of that was out of our spending. I guess we will move on.

Chairman Maddox said the next thing I had is there's been a number of people that have been poking me about how many people are driving through Benson Park. I understand that there are needs to do that. You're working on your space. You're doing whatever but parking - out and out parking inside the gate if you would - the fences, should be minimal. I would ask that the liaison to the Benson Park Committee kind of go back to them and say we need to curtail some of the drive through in the park whether we put some parking spaces where the handicapped are for unloading for people that need to bring stuff in but just people coming in and parking for the day inside the park is not something that we should be allowing. There's not supposed to be any motor vehicles inside the park per the deed. I know we need to let people in. That's all fine and well but I think everybody in Hudson has the combination to that gate and they use it.

Selectman Nichols said I will go back to the Benson Committee and bring this up again. It has been brought up before but there is a lot of driving through the park. A lot of parking inside the gate. I will try to see what I can do about that or mention it and see if this can be stopped. I know some of them have to go in with tools. I understand that. That doesn't bother me at all. When you see someone go in and they have a little plant and they go down and they stay there for 3 hours, that's a little bit much to me. I don't know if we have any control over the Friends of Benson Park where they park sometimes down there to take care of that building. That's another thing. I don't know how we could handle that. If anybody has any backup on that, I'd like some help.

Chairman Maddox said, again, if they're working on it and they're bringing in equipment, that's one thing. If they're just parking there because they're selling their stuff on the weekends. Again it's supposed to be very limited into where it is cars in that park. If you can go back to the Benson Park Committee and I think the Board agrees that that needs to be reduced at some level.

Selectman Nichols was also thinking on that upper part it's all handicapped parking. Well some of those places are used by the handicapped. I can't say they're not. There should be a few spots there that are open that other people can park if they want to take a little wagon and bring down plants, or bring down whatever they need for their site that they won't get a ticket. If it says handicapped if they don't have the handicapped tags, they will get a ticket. Chairman Maddox asked can you have them take a look at that and see if we can change it. Maybe two parking spaces and two loading spaces.

Selectman Luszey noted the handicapped is dictated by the capacity of the parking lot that we have and offset. You'd need to work with the Highway Department about how...Chairman Maddox said there's a spot next to that gate that goes into where the train station is now. It's very rarely no one's driving through that gate. There's probably a couple of spaces we could find. If you could take a look at that and bring back a report after your next meeting.

Selectman Nichols mentioned Old Home Days. We went buy there today and they've got these most beautiful flags you'd ever want to see all through the whole - from one end to the other. From the trees all the way down to the trees at the other end of the street on Old Derry Road. Absolutely beautiful. They're really bright and it will attract a lot of people. They're gorgeous. Did you?

Selectman Coutu said no I haven't had the pleasure of seeing those flags. I'll look forward to seeing them this weekend.

The last thing Chairman Maddox has is - and the Board unfortunately as one of their many jobs here is to enforce tax payments. We have taken some properties. I would like us to take a look through the Town Administrator at cleaning them up or whatever we need to do and renting them. We have to leave them basically empty for three years. If we could put people I there even at a reduced rental so that...Steve Malizia indicated we do not need to leave them empty for three years. What happens within three years if you sell something within three years, you have to give the person you took it from first opportunity? There's a prescribed procedure. I think its RSA 89. It's basically a 90 day window. If after that point they do not procure or rebuy the property, you can sell the property. All the proceeds above your costs - back taxes, interest, and any costs you have in selling the property you have to give them to them. Pardon me I forgot the 15 percent penalty. You don't have to wait three years.

Selectman Luszey said after the three years we don't have to. Mr. Malizia said you don't have to give anybody the money but you do not have to wait three years to dispose of them.

Chairman Maddox guessed I think we need to have you take a look at it and put them on the market and do what we need to do. Mr. Malizia said once the folks are evicted, that is going to be the recommendation. Selectman Coutu noted the eviction is first. Chairman Maddox understood but there's one that's empty. Selectman Coutu said we should be selling it. Steve Malizia said there's a 90 day process you still have to do.

Selectman Luszey had one last comment. I intentionally waited until the end because this is really not town related but it is town related. Most of the Board knows that MooreMart had to change its name to "Operation Care for Troops". This weekend over at the Nashua Armory will be the first event that we'll be operated under that new name. We've had a tremendous outpouring of support given the publicity of the name change. To that end as of 4 o'clock this afternoon, we will be shipping 1,283 packages and we expect another unit of 35 to come in before that. I just want to thank the community for all their support.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to enter Nonpublic Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; and (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant, carried 5-0 by roll call.

Chairman Maddox entered into Nonpublic Session at 8:38 p.m., thus ending the televised portion of the meeting. Any votes taken upon entering open session will be listed on the Board's next agenda. The public is asked to leave the room. Open session was entered into at 9:43 p.m.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to hire Rosemarie Bracket as a Full-Time Truck Driver/Laborer at a rate of pay of \$17.67 per hour (Grade VII, Step Minimum) as per the Town of Hudson and Hudson Highway Department, Local #1801 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) contract, effective August 16, 2015, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to hire Zachary Whitney for the position of Firefighter/AEMT in the Fire Department at the contracted starting salary rate of \$18.98 per hour (Step 1) effective September 1, 2015. This assigned will be a non-exempt position in accordance with the International Association of Firefighters Local #3154 Contract, carried 5-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman McGrath, carried 5-0.

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