

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes of the May 26, 2015 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Maddox the meeting of May 26, 2015 at 7:02 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by House Speaker Shawn Jasper.
3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Rick Maddox, Roger Coutu, Pat Nichols, Marilyn McGrath, Ted Luszey (arrived at 7:24 p.m.)

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer; Dave Yates, Recreation Director; Lori Bowen, Senior Affairs Coordinator; Patt Barry, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Maddox asked if anyone in the audience wish to address the Board on any issue which the Board has control of at this time. If so, your name and address for the record. Seeing none. I will hold off on Mr. Jasper. He's here for the train station. He was under public input but he said he's just here if we had any questions.

5. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a) Resignation of Keith Bowen as a member of the Benson Park Committee

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to accept the resignation of Keith Bowen as a member of the Benson Park Committee with the Board's thanks and appreciation.

Selectman Nichols wanted to say thank you to Keith for the time that he was able to put in. I know his new position has tied him up an awful lot. Maybe later down the road maybe he will come back.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

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

Selectman Coutu removed Consent Items 6. E. 1.

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

A. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the April 7, 2015 Meeting
- 2) Minutes of the April 14, 2015 Meeting

B. Assessing Items

- 1) Current Use Lien Release - Map 195, Lot 6 - R Gibson Road, w/recommendation to approve and sign
- 2) Certificate of Yield Taxes Assessed/Timber Warrants - Map 170, Lot 038 - John Jamer; Map 140, Lot 001 and Map 141, Lot 001 - Brox Industries; Map 126, Lot 035 - Society for the Protection of NH Forests; National Grid - James Wagner, w/recommendation to approve

C. Donations - NONE

D. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Outdoor Gathering Permit - Humane Society for Greater Nashua
- 2) Request to Solicit Funds - Hudson Youth Baseball

E. Water/Sewer Items

- 1) Sewer Abatement - S-UTL-15-12, 6 Coventry Court; S-UTL-15-13, 238 Central Street; S-UTL-15-14, 45 Reflection Drive, w/recommendation to approve

Selectman Coutu was looking at this when I was going through my packet. All three of these items pertain to what appears to me to be accurate reads on the meter as a result of people - based on what I can read - leaving their

faucets on all three of them and we're abating them. What disturbs me is if you recall last year we had a similar case of a businessman in Hudson who had a broken pipe outside underground. That pipe was not co-located with his business. It was located behind my business. I thought that he should have received an abatement and this Board said no he should have found that it was broken. What is the difference here? If somebody doesn't know their outside faucet - it says, "Outside faucet was on resulting in a high water read."

Chairman Maddox noted this is for a sewer abatement. The water didn't go into the sewer. Yes they got charged for the water I would understand but this is an abatement only for the sewer that did not go down the sewer pipe as I understand it.

Selectman Coutu said I just saw sewer. It will teach me to read these better.

Chairman Maddox saw the same thing. Again their faucets were left on. The fact that only the sewer...Mr. Malizia noted they paid their water bills. If it doesn't hit the system, it's been the practice of the (inaudible) not charging that. Selectman Coutu stood corrected.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to approve Consent Item 6. E. 1. as noted and appropriate, carried 4-0.

F. Calendar

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| 5/27 | 7:00 | Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room             |
| 5/28 | 7:30 | Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 6/02 | 7:00 | Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room             |
| 6/03 | 7:00 | Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room             |
| 6/04 | 6:30 | Recreation Cte - BOS Meeting Room                 |
| 6/07 | 7:00 | Benson Park Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room          |
| 6/08 | 7:00 | Conservation Cmsn - Buxton CD Meeting Room        |
| 6/09 | 7:00 | Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room             |
| 6/10 | 7:00 | Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room             |
| 6/11 | 7:30 | Zoning Brd of Adjustment - CD Meeting Room        |
| 6/16 | 7:00 | Cable Utility Cte - HCTV Ctr.                     |
| 6/17 | 5:00 | Municipal Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room          |
| 6/17 | 7:30 | Senior Affairs Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room       |
| 6/18 | 7:00 | Benson Park Cte - BOS Meeting Room                |
| 6/18 | 7:00 | Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room               |
| 6/22 | 7:00 | Sustainability Cte - BOS Meeting Room             |
| 6/23 | 7:00 | Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room             |
| 6/24 | 7:00 | Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room             |
| 6/25 | 3:00 | Trustees of Trust Fund - Buxton CD Meeting Room   |
| 6/25 | 7:30 | Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room |

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on May 12, 2015

- 1) *Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to accept the offer in the amount of \$95,250 for 17 Federal Street submitted by Duane Dionne on May 1, 2015, carried 5-0.*
- 2) *Motion to adjourn at 11:21 p.m. by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Coutu, carried 5-0.*

B. Adoption of Hudson Senior Center Policies and Procedures

Chairman Maddox recognized Recreation Director Dave Yates.

Good evening. Dave Yates indicated we're seeking your approval for the Hudson Senior Service Participant Policy & Procedure Book. We came before you a couple of weeks ago and you had recommended a couple of changes. Lori took notes that night and made all the changes. They're highlighted in red in your policy. Hopefully we made all the changes. I know you had several. Any questions at all?

Selectman McGrath said I have because I went through this. I was the one with some of the questions the last time. I did a comparison of what we had before us before and what you presented tonight. I still have some issues. One of the things you moved some of the information around and it wasn't clear. It took me longer to go through this. They're minor in nature. Some of them are just typos or grammatical things. There's a few others that might be a little bit more detailed. On page 3 at the very bottom instead of "Even though the Center is open..." I think it should say "Even *if* the Center is open please use discretion if traveling in inclement weather."

Selectman McGrath noted on page 4, middle of the page under parking lot. The very last sentence I think it's repeated above in the first paragraph. It starts out "If you are a more abled bodied person..." and then down at the bottom it's repeated again. I don't know if you meant to do that. If you did, that's fine. If you want to keep it in, that's fine by me. I just wanted to point out that it was repetitive. Just before that last sentence "appropriate tags". I thought you should probably insert the word "handicapped" so it's clear what you're talking about.

On page 5, Selectman McGrath stated the first paragraph, last sentence, "Revoking a registration will include all participation in any senior center activities.

Under the "Registration Process", Selectman McGrath said the second sentence, "However, all those who chose..." Just a slight typo there.

Next page - page 6 under "Exercise documents" at the very top. Selectman McGrath changed it to say "to be signed". So changing the word "sign" to "signed".

Page 8. Selectman McGrath noted in red The Hudson Senior Center that's crossed out. Why did you take that out? Is there a reason for that. Lori Bowen said I also had the Finance Director look over it and she offered up her suggestions and I went over it with her. This Board I believe took this out. Steve Malizia noted it's in the first paragraph of the next thing right under the word "Lost & Found". It would have been repetitive.

Again, Selectman McGrath told the Board I went through this. Under Lost & Found - "Please turn all lost and found items to the coordinator" instead of "in to".

Under "Smoking Policy", Selectman McGrath noted in the first sentence "Smoking is *only* allowed in the designated area..."

Page 9, middle of the first paragraph, Selectman McGrath changed "If the behavior still continues, then revoking registration". Take out the word "of".

Selectman McGrath said Under "Conduct commanding exclusions", the second one, "Intentionally causing or threatening harm *to* another individual".

Under all of those, Selectman McGrath said the next paragraph "Upon receiving this letter...may choose to appeal *the revocation of registration and the* exclusion."

The last paragraph, second line, Selectman McGrath said "*by meeting* with the coordinator".

Page 10, Selectman McGrath was not sure about this because I think it was Selectman Luszey that brought it up. I think it's St. Joseph's as opposed to St. Joseph. Is it St. Joseph's? It's just those two.

On the next page, the last line - page 11, Selectman McGrath referred to the "Notes & Activities Registered for ~". Either move that to the next page or I would suggest kind of reformatting the document and you might actually end up with less pages. It's just a suggestion. That's all that I have. I'm sorry that it was so dry and boring.

Before we leave, Chairman Maddox referred to page 10 there was another St. Joseph's.

Selectman Nichols had a question on page 4 "Parking at the North Barn". It says, "The HCTV lower lot is not to be used by the Senior Center Patrons unless there is a Senior Center sponsored activity in the lower level." What do we do if we cannot walk to the patio? What do we do? We can't park there if we use the patio and there's no toilet facility down there. That's my question on that one. I don't know what we'd do if we can't park there. That was one thing.

Chairman Maddox asked to clear that up. Selectman Nichols you're saying you want to be able to park there. Selectman Nichols said where they want to put the patio. It's going to be down there. I can maybe walk down but I can't get back up and there's a lot of other seniors that are with walkers that can't get down there. They'd have to take a car and we cannot park there.

Lori Bowen guessed that if there was an activity going down to the or a group of people going down to play cards or sit and have lunch, that would be an acceptable form of an activity located at the lower level so therefore you could park in the lower level. I think it was just more as a kind of precaution not to park down there if you're going to walk up and around the hill to come around to something else.

Selectman Nichols said if you just want to go and sit and use the patio because that's what it's for. You don't have to have lunch there. You can just sit and enjoy. We can't drive. That's not an activity. That's just sitting. I can sit at home. That's one of my questions.

Selectman Coutu wanted to stay on this. This is a serious concern inasmuch as HCTV wants to expand their programming. How many parking spaces are at the lower level? Lori Bowen indicated 9. Selectman Coutu said if he has a staff there, a production crew, and people who are going to do a show and they need it for the show are they going to be thrown out of HCTV because we might have 8 or 10 people who want to go down and sit at the patio and drive their cars down. We designed this facility to allocate X number of parking spaces for the HCTV facility and they could on any occasion have the bus out for whatever reason. Their mobile studio could be out taking up one or two spaces. You might have Mike O'Keefe down there, a couple of producers, Jim McIntosh, his aide on any given day for a production. We're going to have a fight over parking spaces and I can understand if HCTV said look this is our parking lot. I knew when I saw the plan presented, and I know he's in the audience, for the patio. It's a great design. The whole logistics of the thing, how he's going to do his fundraising with the bricks and all of that, not only did I read it but I watched the presentation on television and now we're going to have a controversy over parking. If we don't resolve this now, it's going to broil over into something more serious than well we need 5 parking spots because we need to go down there and sit on the patio. That's our patio and it's going to cause some problems.

Chairman Maddox asked Lori Bowen if she had a thought on the subject. Lori Bowen said it was in our original location of the patio. We could revisit the site. I think the size of the patio is very accommodating to what we're looking to have. Maybe we could myself, and Mr. Yates, and the Road Agent, and Noah go back out to the site and maybe walk around and find a different location for it so that all of his hard work doesn't go to waste and I think a lot of people the buzz has sort of come out because it was televised last week. So a lot of people are very excited about having an outside space to go and use and sit at. Maybe making it more accessible to the top lot. Chairman Maddox said it made more sense to the Chair. To have to get out of the senior center, get into your car to drive down doesn't seem to make good sense logistically but now you've lost your parking space. Once you find a parking space in the morning, you don't want to give it up. Again I think that maybe, and I know that's going to be an imposition to the young man who's doing the project but I think that we best resolve it now rather than have a great patio that very few people are going to be able to use.

Selectman McGrath said when I looked at the patio location in the packet it didn't make sense to me the location of it. Like I've told you before, I've only been out to the senior center once but it really didn't make sense. I think it would be appropriate to look at another area that you could utilize so that the parking at the lower level isn't an issue. Is that something we can defer until after we hear the presentation from Noah Tardiff? Chairman Maddox was sure we can. Board members? Leave it as it sits. Selectman McGrath said if necessary we can go back and change it. Chairman Maddox said change it if that is the will of the Board to utilize that space. I agree with Selectman Coutu. If they are 50 percent of the building, I think they should at least be able to get 8 or 9 parking spaces out of it compared to the rest of the parking lot. If there were stairs to be able to go down but I guess there's quite a steep slope there so there would be a challenge.

Lori Bowen wanted to add that after Mr. Yates and I had met with the Road Agent, I did take a walk with Mr. McIntosh and Mr. O'Keefe and per Mr. Burns' suggestion we determined the exact location with both of them. We had lots of conversation about where to put it. They actually had a say in the final location. I don't know if that changes this Board's or adds to this Board's decision at all. Chairman Maddox asked they're picking where it is right now, right? Ms. Bowen said yes. Again, Chairman Maddox thought that's probably the best location for it but we're going to have a problem downstream that I would rather avoid tonight than have people saying we're having a conflict with two entities in the same building unfortunately.

Selectman Coutu had a question. What concerns me is that Mrs. Bowen you made a statement that that was not your choice location. If that's the case, then why not revisit your choice location. If you determined that that wasn't the best location which is what I think that I heard, then are you saying you were overruled? Lori Bowen deferred to Mr. Yates. Dave Yates said when we met with the Road Agent at the initial site he had recommended it was right when you come in the driveway right to the right. It would be sandwiched between the driveway of the senior center and Kimball Hill Road. We thought that it was way too busy there and the road noise would be an issue. So he had recommended a quiet area. Selectman Coutu said that location if I might - I don't mean to interrupt Dave - that location I have a recollection of the meeting, he was also concerned about the potential of an accident on Kimball Hill Road as well as the noise. I get it.

Chairman Maddox let the record reflect that Selectman Luszey arrived at 7:24 p.m. I guess this is going to be tied to a later presentation.

Selectman Nichols said I can wait on that one. I did have one other question on page 11 - donations. Any donation over \$100 in value must be approved by the Board of Selectmen. Is that so or I thought it was more than that? Steve Malizia said you still have to approve it - over 100. Selectman Coutu commented \$100 or more. Selectman Nichols thanked them and said those are the only two things that I had.

Chairman Maddox asked where does the Board want to go with this. Do you want to defer this? Do you want to approve it with the corrections which are all grammatical for the most part? There is no policy other than...

Selectman Luszey apologized for coming in late but I had a previous engagement I had to get to. On page 3 it talks about "and the surrounding area". This is under the Mission Statement on who we provide services to. I would strike "and surrounding area".

Selectman McGrath asked didn't we have a discussion about that at the last meeting that all seniors - because it was a question that I had about having people from other communities come to the senior center. If I recall correctly, you said that - or maybe it was Selectman Coutu that said it - that all senior centers in other communities allow members from Hudson or other areas to attend their functions. So it's reciprocal. Am I correct in saying that? Selectman Coutu said yes.

Dave Yates said if we are going to strike that, does that mean that we're only going to let Hudson residents into the senior center? That's not the case right now.

Selectman Nichols wanted to say that to leave in the surrounding area because most places, I'm not saying every one, but most places allow people to come in because some of our people like to go to Nashua. Some like to go to Salem. Some of those people like to come here. Some from Litchfield like to come here. They have a choice, and they're seniors, and they're allowed. So I can't see squishing us into one little lump. I can't do it.

Selectman Luszey indicated what we're talking about here is what the mission of the Hudson Senior Center is. It is not to provide services for every community. It is to provide services to Hudson residents and not and the surrounding areas. So for me and surrounding areas is not applicable. Other people from other towns can come and visit as guests. There's nothing that stops us according to your policies but this here says that we will provide this service to surrounding area people. As a taxpayer, no.

Selectman Nichols saw nothing wrong with the "center is a social environment which provides support, education, nutrition, and entertainment for senior persons in Hudson and surrounding..." It's seniors period. That's the name. That's the thing. You can't say okay like even going to school. Some children come from out of State to go to our schools and you say well they can't have the same as our children because they come from out of State. Wrong. You can't do that. I'm going by seniors. That's my thing is seniors.

Selectman Luszey noted come to the schools, they pay for it. They pay dearly for it just like we pay dearly to put our children in other surrounding communities' services. Having that line in there, it would be like having the mission of the police and fire departments say they will be providing services to other communities on the taxpayers of Hudson's dime. That's what I have an issue with. This is a taxpayer funded activity to and for the Hudson residents.

Selectman Nichols still cannot agree with that. I can't do it because it's for older adults. It's for adults period. They are not visitors. They come in and they are members of our seniors. They are members no matter how you look at it. They're members Sir.

Selectman Luszey asked to go to page 5 where you talk about membership. There is no members. There is no membership. There's a registration fee. You just used the word "members". The very first paragraph says, "Since we are a public entity and not a private club, no one is a 'Member' or 'joins' the Center."

Chairman Maddox asked the Board members where do we want to go with this. I think that...

Selectman Coutu had a question and I kept putting it off because I wanted to hear the debate and/or discussion. The question I was going to ask is to Lori Bowen who was instrumental in putting this together and it was just answered. It was answered on page 5 the very first sentence. I concur with Selectman Luszey that a Mission Statement is exactly that a mission statement. The intent and purpose of our senior center is to service the senior population of the Town of Hudson. We've facilitated the process of convincing the voters of Hudson to allocate those portions of money which were not raised or available through the HCTV portion of the building. By throwing out that number 4,000, our senior population is 4,000 people. Whatever the language was or whatever we said, I don't want to take anything out of context except to say but the intent was that we were going to have a facility that was going to service our population. I was looking to see if there was an out and the out would be - you found the registration process. Because we say that we're providing a service to our Hudson seniors only, and it doesn't say only it says to senior persons in Hudson period, there is an opportunity for people from everywhere to come in and register. We may find that later on down the road I think there was some general discussion about limiting the number of out of towners should the influx of that population increase significantly and is hindering us from providing a service to our Hudson residents. Our Hudson residents will take priority as long as I'm sitting here. This changes nothing to change the language.

Selectman Coutu agreed with Selectman Luszey. I think his most compelling argument for me is that it's not just police it's fire. We provide a service. They're paid for. The citizens, the taxpayers pay for these services for our town. It doesn't prohibit us from entering into a contract as we do with Litchfield for ambulance and backup police departments because our mission is for the Town of Hudson and I think Dave if you reflect on your mission statement for the Recreation Department, we don't talk about other communities but yet we now have a limit of 75 or will take 75

from other communities in the summer program. Because the mission statement is for the youth, it doesn't restrict us from servicing others. If you felt the number should be 100 because we can't meet expenses because our numbers went down, you could revisit that. I agree with Selectman Luszey. The mission is exactly that. It's a mission. We have an obligation to serve the seniors of the Town of Hudson. The policy of registering people from out of town could change at any time depending on the numbers and the volume of people going to the center.

Chairman Maddox guessed by nose counting, there's two to strike.

Lori Bowen wanted to offer an olive branch. I can understand where Selectman Luszey is coming from and I can also understand where Selectman Nichols is coming from. I personally consider the word "senior" an elderly swear word because I just don't fear that when you get to a certain age you're automatically considered a senior. A senior is a person in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade in high school to me. I would like to offer this Board is maybe to change that entire sentence. After the word "entertainment", make it "entertainment for older adults in the Hudson community" and then also to remove the last word "senior" after vitality so it says "vitality for older adults in the Hudson community" and make it consistent throughout the document. It uses older adults and it uses seniors so maybe to make it completely consistent to do that.

Chairman Maddox indicated you're dancing around the surrounding area. Lori Bowen said true but I think the Hudson community if I may what Selectman Nichols is talking about is there are a lot of people that have lived in Hudson for many years and have not been able to find senior housing or affordable housing here in town and have had to go elsewhere. Their zip code might from out of town at this town but their hearts still are here.

Selectman Luszey said they're non-taxpayers and that's the issue. This is a town taxpayer funded thing - building, activities, everything and if someone from out of town wants to use it, there are two ways you can do it based on this document - through the registration process and through the guest policy found on page 6. I'm not saying they can't come but our mission is not to service nonresidents.

Chairman Maddox asked how many participants are from outside of Hudson. Lori Bowen said the number is under 100 out of 709.

Selectman McGrath wanted to throw my two cents in. I didn't have a problem with that reading it but I think that Selectman Luszey brings up a good point. If it weren't provided for throughout the document that visitors from other communities can use the center, then I would agree with Selectman Nichols. I think that this is a subtle change to your mission statement and it doesn't change the overall practice of what's going to happen. Other seniors from other communities are still going to be able to utilize this facility provided it doesn't get to a point where Hudson residents aren't being able to utilize it because of the growing number of people from other communities. I think it's an okay change.

Chairman Maddox thought that at this point the Chair is probably going to say that you're going to be back for a third time. Just to reword what you kind of set out loud but to put it in writing so we can all see the mission statement change.

Selectman Coutu said we haven't agreed to her language. I'm in accord with putting a period at the end of the word "Hudson". This isn't the older center or elder center. It's a senior center. You change the word "senior" to "elder" or "older" all of a sudden - what are we going to change the name of the center as well? I don't take umbrage. I'm a senior and I don't take umbrage in using the word "senior" and define it as someone who's a senior in high school. It's a moot point. A senior is a senior. If you're in high school, then you're a senior in high school. If you're my age, you're a senior citizen and I don't take umbrage in being called a senior citizens. I don't care if people call me an old man. I could care less. I know who I am.

Chairman Maddox said very rarely do you see the sign saying "older person's discount" at the restaurant. I think we've beaten this horse to a bloody pulp but are there enough changes in this to warrant coming back or is the Board comfortable with removing from the Mission Statement those last few words and the changes that we have made tonight?

Selectman McGrath asked have we finalized the change about the lower lot parking.

Chairman Maddox thought that was another reason why I thought this wasn't going to fly at the present time.

Selectman McGrath said that to me is the sticking point. All of the other changes I think are just minor and I'd be...Chairman Maddox said why don't we put this off at the very least for now and go through the presentation for the lower lot area. You don't need to stay if you don't want to. Again if we can wrap it up with however that works out and just the changes that were made tonight, we're all set as amended. That's the consensus for right now. All right thank you very much.

C. Benson Park Train Station Relocation Project

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Engineer Elvis Dhima.

Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Elvis Dhima hoped this item goes a little bit smoother than the other one. We can only hope. I was in here two weeks ago. The members of this Board had some questions. I hope I have some of the answers so we can make a decision moving forward. I provided a memo to the Board recently regarding some correspondence with the State to kind of do a quick summary of some of the questions you had and hopefully some of the answers. The federal funds are available if the town considers to pursue this. That was one of the questions. The other question was will we be able to do one of the alternatives if we decide to do that. Unfortunately Mr. Chairman we cannot do alternative 4 without doing 1 and 2. We have to do those before we do the electrical. Unfortunately based on information we have, we will only be able to do the base bid.

Mr. Dhima said the other question was from Selectman Luszey regarding additional damages on top of the \$53,000. The answer to that would be no. It's at the very end. It was just a straight no. There isn't any additional information. With that said, it leaves us with only one question. Can we move the building ourselves? I did not get an answer. It wasn't a no or a yes to add enough information not to provide it now which typically the easy way out of it but they didn't provide a yes either. Their suggestion was go back and read the deed. Based on that, I would say that we probably can as long as it's outside of their historical easement. What we can do it's something else but we cannot do anything within the easement. Anything outside of the easements, historical conservation easement will be a maybe I guess because they did not suggest yes or nay.

With that said, Elvis Dhima wanted to do a quick summary of the finance we have in front of us. Basically based on a deadline that the State has provided to the town a while ago, June 26<sup>th</sup> is pretty much the deadline if we needed additional funds. Because it's so close and if this project goes through by the time we start construction and if there's any changes at all, we will not be able to get 75 percent of that. I changed the format a little bit by going from 10 percent contingency to 5 but it will be 100 percent of the time. What you see in front of you is a total amount of \$101,000. Out of that we have \$62,205 available as of 3/31/2015. Based on 2003 memos provided to the Board by previous Town Engineers, we were committing to \$97,000 at the time. Due to the changes and due to the change of scope, the Board at the time was looking at a \$97,000 worth of funding for this project. So that number in relation to 101 is really a \$4,000 difference if that money was put aside back then two years ago when the discussion was happening.

Chairman Maddox noted if it was put in. Mr. Dhima said obviously it wasn't Mr. Chairman because we only have \$62,000 available but as the discussion was progressing, this project was moving forward to the final phase. That's a number that was provided to this Board.

Chairman Maddox told Mr. Dhima you've got a memo here dated May 26<sup>th</sup>. You're good. You had it in my packet over the weekend and it's dated today. Could you please not do that because you have two of them in my packet. Elvis Dhima said point taken. I've changed it. I think I changed it for the other one for the next item. I was under the impression that day was for the meeting and not the actual day it was prepared. Chairman Maddox said I got a second copy here and I didn't know if that was an older version or what you were doing. If you would Sir.

Selectman Coutu told Mr. Dhima refresh my memory because for a project that we had a couple of questions you've overwhelmed us with paperwork. There's too much junk in here to put it bluntly. What is alternative 1 for \$10,606? Elvis Dhima remembered is that alternative 1 and 2 is water and sewer. Selectman Coutu wanted to know what alternative 1 is. Mr. Dhima said I did not bring that information with me. Selectman Coutu asked you don't know if the electricity is \$24,000 or \$10,000. Mr. Dhima said the electricity is the last item which is item #4. Number 3 is gas which we're not going to pursue. We have to do water and sewer before we get to electricity and they will not pursue that. They just stated that they will not be able to do that. If we had electricity as alternative 1, we could have done that but because the way it's set up we will not be able to do that right now. The only thing left to do is just do the base. So move the building, everything associated with moving it.

Selectman Coutu said I want to pursue this. So what you're saying to us is that DOT is telling us how we're going to build this, and what we're going to put in and we have no control. Elvis Dhima said it's not DOT it's the feds. It's just the rules and that's how the...Selectman Coutu indicated the rules that we can't put electricity in first. Does it say that somewhere in the federal grant? Mr. Dhima said not under this setup no. If alternative 1 was electricity and then the rest of them, yes we would have done it but we did not. So the way it was set up during the design phase, it was considered that the water and sewer were the most important things, and then the gas, and then electricity. Based on that particular range or setup, it was...

Chairman Maddox asked to bring in the historical perspective. Mr. Jasper if you would please. Mr. Dhima is working from a disadvantage. He was not here for the last few years. So he's trying to patch this together so if you would Sir.

Shawn Jasper explained we have to go back to when I was a very young man when this started and Roger wasn't a senior citizen yet. We thought this was going to be a very simple project and that for the total amount of the grant we

were going to be able to do the whole package. Obviously time has progressed and the estimates have changed. In the direct answer to your question under this grant, that was how it was laid out. Once we moved this building and do this phase put it on the foundation, the Town is then on its own going to be able to bring in water, sewer, electric and whatever order it wants with its own funding. Under the funding that is available through this ICTE grant. This is the way it has to be done and we don't have enough money probably the feds may or may not have enough money but the reality is that this is the way it was laid out under the grant. So yes they're telling you you can't do it in that order but I don't think it really matters due to the funding because we got to come up with another \$47,000 or whatever it comes out to just to do the first phase.

Chairman Maddox believed that the way the thing was written, the water and sewer we're going to dig up the road to put in the other two items. We're going to be short money after that. It's not \$5,000 to dig that up and put down electric. After I looked at it, I said now I see why it was only \$5,000 because they had already dug it up for one and two which were water and sewer. Again I think this is a case where no good deed goes unpunished. No one thought about what this was going to take when we were finally done. Again I think it's an obligation that at some point we're going to have to deal with so before we go and wait any longer, at least it will get moved and the outside will be done to the standards that the State wants and then if we want to run electricity later on then we will probably go from the caretakers house over. As I understand it, there's a pipe half way there. At least we'll get electricity to the building. That probably doesn't answer your question Selectman Coutu.

Selectman Coutu said I'm as confused if not more confused than I was. Mr. Dhima says that we cannot bring in electricity until we have sewer and water and what I heard...Representative Jasper what I interpreted - and maybe I misunderstood - what I interpreted you to say was somewhat contrary to what Mr. Dhima says is that we can move it under these funds and we'll decide later if we want to bring in electricity first after it's been moved.

Shawn Jasper thought we're saying essentially the same thing. There's a grant. If you want to use the matching funds in the grant, then you do a, b, and c. If your goal is to bring in the electricity, you do that outside of the grant process. We do that on our own dime. So you close out the ICTE grant by moving the station, doing all the exterior work, then we're done with this. Then our obligation is any work that is done on the inside of the station has to be done to the Department of Interior Standards but if you're bringing in electricity, sewer and water, we can do that on our own dime and the State is only involved to the degree that we're in the historic district and have to be careful that we don't dig up any bubble gum wrappers and not get...

Selectman Coutu asked to get down to the dollars and cents. If we move it with the intent of strictly building the foundation and moving the station onto that foundation -we're not going to bring any water, or any sewer, or any electricity it will be excluded. How much money do we have and how much do we have...Elvis Dhima said we have \$62,205 and we need \$101,272.25. Selectman Coutu asked without any of the alternatives. Mr. Dhima said without any of the alternatives, without any possible...Selectman Coutu said it's a possible \$39,056. Mr. Dhima wanted to break that number real quick for you. So the number we're looking for 25 percent is \$101,272.25. Out of that, we have \$62,205. So what we need is \$101,000 minus \$62,000 is \$39,000. Now I'm building in a 5 percent contingency in case something happens. If we start construction after June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we won't be able to go back to the State or the feds and ask for a change order because after June 26, 2015, the funds are gone. I assume worst case scenario. The Town starts this project after that date and we find something and we need 5 percent contingency. I didn't want to come in front of the Board and ask for more money. I'm asking for it up front. We might not use it. We might just need 39 but I'm giving you worst case scenario. If something ever happens, I don't want to come in front of the Board during construction waiting 2 or 3 weeks to get an approval for \$2,000, \$3,000, \$5,000, \$6,000. So I'm building a little bit of buffer to allow construction to go through and giving you a worst case scenario. You're looking at \$39,000 and another \$17,500 if something happens.

Selectman Coutu said 5 percent of 101,000 is \$5,000. Mr. Dhima said no 5 percent of the total - \$350,000. I'm looking at the base bid. The 5 percent of what the contract is submitted which is \$350,000 and it's the second item. I'm saying 5 percent of that will be 1750 and that creates a little bit of buffer and a little bit of contingency for me. Selectman Coutu asked so you're saying we're going to need \$17,000. Mr. Dhima said if we need it 175. Selectman Coutu said they're proposing a 10 percent contingency. You're cutting it in half. Mr. Dhima said that was me again - 10 percent contingency. When I was hoping that the State is going to cover 75 percent of that. When they say Elvis you cannot ask for that after June 22, 2015, then I cut that down to 5 percent because I knew it was going to be - I could not justify coming in front of this Board asking for \$35,000 for a 10 percent contingency. I feel comfortable with a 5 percent which is \$17,500.

Selectman Coutu stated you're asking the taxpayers of Hudson to foot an additional \$56,000. Elvis Dhima said yes based on the current funds that are available which is \$62,205. Selectman Coutu said I know you can't answer the question but maybe Steve can or maybe he can't. I don't know that we kept track. How much time do you think our Engineers have spent on this project in the past - how many years Representative Jasper since this started - when we got the engineers involved? Mr. Jasper said we took ownership of the park 6 years ago in January. Things began in earnest. Selectman Coutu said we have countless number of hours.

Steve Malizia said we have a pretty good amount - Mr. Webster, Mr. Dhima. My apologies for forgetting Pat.



Chairman Maddox didn't disagree with you but again the clock is ticking. We can try to find a way to get \$16,000 out of the State but if it goes past the deadline, then we're back against the wall. This is another one of those - that gift horse looks so, so good right up until we had to feed them.

Selectman Luszey asked for this evening do we need to authorize the full amount of 56 or the 39? Chairman Maddox indicated the motions that are before us is actually to do 25 from this year's unexpended funds and the balance and it did not give me a number from next year's. Selectman Luszey asked do we have to move the contingency funds into this or can we leave them in the unexpended fund balance. Chairman Maddox said we could as I understand it. All we have to do is commit to the monies necessary for our portion of the base price and the engineering. Is that correct? Elvis Dhima said that was correct. Chairman Maddox said we could go with only committing the \$39,000 and change. If he has to come back for any extras, it will be a painful ordeal. Mr. Dhima said it will delay the construction too as well. Technically we cannot do without any change orders being through and I just don't want to delay the construction if that happens. That's why the contingency is in there. Chairman Maddox said that money again may not be spent. Mr. Dhima said it was just a buffer for us to allow any changes if any.

Speaker Jasper said obviously this is a project that I think most of us had wished we probably hadn't gone with the grant. However, we need to take the longer view too. When we took that property, we took that building. We tried to get rid of the Haselton Barn and we couldn't get rid of the Haselton Barn. We bought the property for \$188,000. We knew what our obligation was on the three buildings - the Haselton Barn, the office building, and the train station that they could be stabilized but at some point you're going to have to do something because buildings just sitting there deteriorate. There was never any thought that we'd be able to own those building forever and ever do any money. That building is sitting on somebody else's steel beams. My understanding is they'd like to have them back. We're going to end up in trouble there. With this project, we end up with a building that on the exterior is finished to the standards. That's the good news because if the Board and the town never wants to do anything with the interior, the interior is not going to deteriorate as long as the building is sealed. Not to do this will require us to pay back the \$53,000 and we will still have a building sitting on somebody else's rail ruining the looks of the public part of that park. You drive by there - the Friends of Benson's is doing a great job with the elephant barn but it's obstructing the view. It looks like hell. We can't landscape around there. It's stopping everything. As painful as this is and everybody should be probably angry at the federal government about how stupid this whole process is, we need to recognize that we just have to move forward. We've got to get over the anger. We have to say time to get over the past. Let's get it done so that we can really finish the entrance to that park because that's an incredible park inside but it looks like hell right now from the road.

Chairman Maddox read the following motion:

*Motion to award the contract to the lowest bidder, BMR Contracting, Inc. for the amount of \$350,000 for the base bid only, pending state and federal approval and to commit an additional amount of \$56,567.25 for the town portion of the project.*

Elvis Dhima said we can break the \$56,567.25 to two: \$39,067.25 which provides 100 percent coverage for the town portion and leave the contingency fund now on the side. We can do that if that helps. Chairman Maddox amended the motion to read:

*Motion to award the contract to the lowest bidder, BMR Contracting, Inc. for the amount of \$350,000 for the base bid only, pending state and federal approval and to commit an additional amount of \$56,567.25 for the town portion of the project which includes the five (5) percent contingency.*

Selectman Luszey asked to read the motion again. The State part I see is almost \$96,000. (inaudible) is 56 if I look under the BMR. Elvis Dhima said additional funds need to be approved. That's the total. So the State has approved 254, the bid is 350, the State or the feds are going to give us an additional \$96,000 if we commit tonight.

*Motion to award the contract to the lowest bidder, BMR Contracting, Inc. for the amount of \$350,000 for the base bid only.*

Chairman Maddox indicated that's not true either because you got to add in that engineering. Right? The total amount is 405. Elvis Dhima said that's already included and approved already by the State the 55 and change.

*Motion to award the contract to the lowest bidder, BMR Contracting, Inc. for the amount of \$350,000 for the base bid only, pending state and federal approval and to commit an additional amount of \$56,567.25 for the town portion of the project which includes the five (5) percent contingency.*

Selectman Luszey asked for clarification on the wording because it sounds like the State is going to give us \$56,000. I see the number here as \$96,000. Chairman Maddox said we already have 42 something already committed to this. Elvis Dhima stated it's the third item. That is for the State and the feds. That's what they would give to us in additional to whatever they've committee which is the 254 and the 55089. Chairman Maddox noted that brings it to

350. Mr. Dhima said the 350 is the base plus the 55089 is 409. So what you're looking at is the 350. Out of that 350, the State or the feds need to commit an additional \$96,000. Then we have the engineering services that have already been approved 55 and change. That brings the total to 405. So out of that 405, 303 is the feds; 101 is us. Selectman Luszey agreed with that but the motion says that the State is going to give us another 56. Chairman Maddox said no. Mr. Dhima said pending State and federal approval. Chairman Maddox reread the motion.

*Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, BMR Contracting, Inc. for the amount of \$350,000 for the base bid only, pending state and federal approval, and Hudson to commit an additional amount of \$56,567.25 for the town portion of the project which includes the five (5) percent contingency.*

Chairman Maddox thought that this is a case of free money isn't free and we knew when we got Benson's for \$188,000 for 180 acres that there was going to be monies costing us downstream. This is part of that ongoing expense to have a great piece of property in the center of our town.

Selectman McGrath said this is one of those issues that really irks me because we're committing whether it comes from the federal government, it comes from the State, or it comes from the town. It's almost a half a million dollars for one building and we're not done yet because there's no sewer, there's no water, and there's no electricity. I can't support this. I just can't. There may be a lot of people that want to preserve that building and I value history but this just doesn't make sense to me. It doesn't make sense that we're going to spend that kind of money for one small little train station that will probably never be utilized.

Selectman Luszey said I'm actually on the same page as the previous speaker, however, Mr. Jasper would you explain how much it's going to cost us if we don't do this because we have to give money back.

Shawn Jasper said you have to give back the \$53,000. So you're committing money that the taxpayers - the \$62,000 the taxpayers already approved for these projects. So then you would be taking of that \$62,000, \$53,000 of that giving it back. That doesn't relieve us from the obligation because at some point the State is going to come in and say the building is deteriorating and the only way to stabilize it is to do the restoration. This was something we knew when we took the property. The other option in this whole thing is give them \$53,000 and give them Benson Park back. That's the option because we're going to have to spend a hell of a lot more money someday on the Haselton Barn, and on the office building. We need to accept the fact that we got that park for almost nothing - \$1,000 an acre and that we're going to have to commit to that. This is the cheapest way out of this because when the gentleman or the company that owns those steel beams says you're giving us the steel beams, you now are going to have to put that building on a foundation that just taking it off the beams and putting it on the ground - the State is not going to say that's stabilization. The State will require you under the terms of the deed to do the foundation at least. When that happens, when the owner of those beams says give them back, you're still going to have to do that foundation you've designed.

Elvis Dhima said and they have by the way, a party has actually come forward and claimed the beams. We have been contacted already by their lawyer. I just wanted to throw that out there.

Shawn Jasper said you will spend more money to put that building on the foundation of your own than what you're being asked to commit tonight in reality. Like it or not, the time to think about these things was to say no we didn't want Benson Park. I don't think you could get a lot of people in this town to say you know we're a municipal corporation that spends almost probably 90 to 100 million dollars a year with school and the town and that people would say now we don't want to put the necessary funds into those buildings to keep that park. It's a small price to pay and it can be spread out over many years to do what we need to do and this is the first step. We do have that obligation and we're not going to get out from underneath it without giving the park back.

Selectman Coutu questioned and said we spend 90 to 100 million a year. Selectman Luszey said between the two of us yeah.

Chairman Maddox asked if everyone understood this better than the Chair. Your memo just makes it a little confusing because you have adds here and subtracts in the same column. Ultimately we are committing monies to complete this. Where we're getting them from is another whole avenue of discussion but at the very least we're making this motion to award the contract.

Selectman Coutu said if it's another whole discussion on where the money is coming from, we should have that discussion before we commit to a contract. I'm not comfortable voting for this. I'm not fully understanding it. I understand where Representative Jasper is coming from. We committed to buying that property for \$180,000 and our obligation is to maintain the buildings in at a minimum the condition we found them in. We didn't find them in a healthy condition and we've done a lot of work to everything - well the other two except the Haselton Barn. We won't even count the elephant barn because that is not of historical significance. The office is being worked on as slow as that may be but there's I guess some new windows in and they're doing other work there. Selectman Nichols hasn't seen any. Selectman Coutu said they're supposed to be working on getting bids out for the windows. The Haselton

Barn to redo that, you're looking at millions of dollars if we were ever to do it. Hopefully somebody will adopt that on their own.

Selectman Coutu said the train station we've done it justice. Do I disagree with what Representative Jasper said? No I don't disagree. It's an eyesore. I was there the other night. I don't know if I told you or not but I was doing a commercial for the Friends of Benson's. I felt good so that I could walk around and take a real good look. You can't help not necessarily from the road even though I don't disagree with you that it's an eyesore from the road. You can't help but when you get beyond the corner of the red barn heading towards the refurbished ticket booth that if you have any peripheral vision at all, that is an eyesore. It glares at you. It's an eyesore. I agree. It's gray. It needs to be isolated somewhere else. The problem I'm having is what I've resolved in my mind if nothing else is that \$56,000 versus \$53,000 we have to give back we get to move it. Now you're saying is where's the money going to come from. I would rather know where the money is coming from before I vote to approve the project because you can vote to approve the project without knowing where the money is coming from. That's certainly putting the cart before the horse. You don't go out and buy a car and have no money to buy it. You figure out how you're going to pay for it before you go buy and determine how expensive a car you want to buy. I know some people do it the other way around and then they're broke in a couple of years. I don't want to commit this town to doing something without knowing where the money is coming from.

Chairman Maddox said there is an option to take \$25,000 out of unexpended funds for 2015 and the balance out of the 2016 budget. That is what is before us on our options. Selectman Coutu said it's showing there's a surplus in the budget and we don't have an emergency need to deplete the budget. Again, Chairman Maddox said we just have to make some assumptions here that we're down a few people on staff. Hopefully we'll get money back from FEMA and that the monies will be there.

Selectman Nichols said you're saying we need \$56,500 something. Where will we get the \$53,000 just to pay back if we didn't...Selectman Coutu said we have 62.

Elvis Dhima commented correct me if I'm wrong but I was under the impression that we will not be able to use the \$62,000 to be pay back the feds because it was - I think and this was from a previous memo prepared by a previous Town Engineer that the conclusion was because the way the current funds are set up that we cannot use that money. Either way the taxpayers will have to come back.

Chairman Maddox heard that somewhere.

Selectman Coutu said if that's true, do we or do we not have \$62,000? Mr. Dhima said we have \$62,000 but it cannot be used. Selectman Coutu asked what difference does it make what pot of money it comes from.

Shawn Jasper indicated under the Municipal Finance Act, I think what you'll find is monies were appropriated for a specific purpose and paying back money as part of a grant would be disallowed by DRA. You have to spend that money to improve Benson Park. You're paying money back because you chose not to take a grant would not be allowed by the Department of Revenue Administration. You only have essentially a couple days here to make your decision. You can figure out where to get \$57,000 or where to get \$53,000.

Selectman Luszey said we can roll the dice and only go for \$39,067.25. Mr. Dhima said that is an option. It's not preferred because it puts a lot of stress on the people that will be running the project than a contractor. It is an option. It's not the preferred option. Selectman Luszey said that is really what we're talking about given if everything goes right.

Chairman Maddox stated this has a history of not doing that. I think that again if we're going to be in we might as well be all in. To be able to sit here and say he's going to have to come in the day after our meeting, wait two weeks to get approval, those people pull of the site and now...Selectman Luszey said that's why I ask. Do we have to commit to the whole thing or do we just have to commit to what is the absolute minimum.

Elvis Dhima recommended the Board to commit t it right now. The one thing the Board needs to keep in mind is if we want to go in, we want to be out of there as soon as possible so it can allow other people there visiting.

Chairman Maddox thought we all know that this is not a pleasant operation but it's a necessary one.

Vote: Motion carried 3-2. Selectman McGrath and Selectman Coutu in opposition.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bid Recommendation - Library Park Lights

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Engineer Elvis Dhima.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Elvis Dhima said as you all well know, this project has been in the works for quite some time. Essentially this project involves adding another lane from Derry Street southbound to Ferry Street. So pretty much another lane going to Nashua. Right now we have two lanes and a big island. What they're proposing is to reduce that island to a much smaller one, about a quarter size, and add a third lane. One would be going towards Chase Street versus the other two will be going towards Nashua.

Selectman Coutu said it would be nice for them to explain to me why we're talking about Library Park lights and now all of a sudden we're talking about roadway work. Chairman Maddox said it's together. It's part of the whole package. Elvis Dhima said it was a combination. I can go over the work and the description. There's a few things associated with his project is one lane going southbound to Nashua. There is alignment work associated with...

Point of order Mr. Chairman. Selectman Coutu noted this is not ready for prime time. For him to sit here and start telling me about lanes. I have no maps, nothing of reference. This is not ready. I object to the presentation and I'm not interested in hearing it until it's ready for prime time.

Chairman Maddox asked Mr. Dhima to make copies and we'll defer this. (Chairman Maddox moved on to the next agenda item.)

(Discussion resumed at 8:49 p.m.)

Chairman Maddox gave Mr. Dhima this - again, he's another one of those ones where he's inheriting this. I was the one that suggested that they shrink down that island so that we could get two lanes going to Nashua. In the morning if you're sitting there on 102, everybody is trying to weave in and out to try to get the one that's moving. Hopefully this will alleviate some of the problem backing up onto 102. While we were doing all the lights, they figured they might as well take care of that and I think there's some sidewalk issues that needed to be repaired. Let's see if we can get through it this time Sir.

Elvis Dhima stated what you have in front of you is the schematics of what I call the "base" which is pretty much our primary goal to get this project done. Then you have an alternative 1 and alternative 2. So I'll just go back to the base and describe what this project is about. As what you said Mr. Chairman, it includes adding another lane heading to Nashua and that would be under proposed southbound lane base on the right-hand side the lower. It's coming from Derry heading to Ferry Street. In addition to that, there is actually handicapped ramp, pedestrian pole, a new traffic box work at the Library and Ferry Street which is on the lower right hand side. It's 111 and Library Street. So there'll be handicapped ramps built over there, pedestrian poles, and then a new traffic box.

In addition to that under the base bid, Mr. Dhima said we'll also include a removal of right hand turn on Library Street heading to Highland Street. That's going to involve realigning the road. You're probably familiar with this more than I am but there is a little pocket that kind of goes to the left a little bit to create enough room to make a right hand turn on Highland as you're sitting on Library Street. We're going to remove that right turn and we're going to straighten out the center of that road so it creates a little bit more room from traffic that's coming from Derry heading to Library Street. Right now you have to go in and then out a little bit into the traffic to get in. We're going to eliminate that under this project.

Selectman Luszey asked you're going to remove - there will be no right hand turn onto Highland Street from Library Street? Elvis Dhima said a lane just right hand turn. You'll still have a main lane that you can take a right turn but it won't be a special or a lane on its own for a right hand turn. Right now there is so there's a straight line on the right and it's very tight. It's too close to the utility pole. The geometry of the road it's just not that great. They're going to eliminate that. They're going to make one lane and they're going to take a little bit of that double yellow lane and move it a little bit to the right to create a little bit more room for people coming from Derry heading to Library Street.

Chairman Maddox asked Mr. Dhima help out the Selectmen. Remember we're not engineers.

Selectman Coutu asked if Hannaford Supermarket correct on this schematic. Mr. Dhima said no. Chairman Maddox noted there's a number of those things there. If you're on where it says "Library Street" and if you're going to the top of the page, he's saying that right now there's a turn to go right on Highland that will be eliminated. Is that what you're telling us? Mr. Dhima said that is correct. Chairman Maddox asked if you U-turn right there and you're coming down Derry Road...

Selectman Luszey said don't go off that yet. What I also heard is are you going to have two lanes going onto Derry Road. Elvis Dhima said no one lane. Selectman Luszey said you're taking away a half a lane is what you're doing. Mr. Dhima said we're taking away the right hand turn yes. Selectman Luszey asked so you're going to make Library Street all single right so you're going to back up traffic even more back towards the fire station. Mr. Dhima indicated it will be straight/they can go left or right. It just won't be a lane just for a right hand turn. Selectman Luszey explained if I go past here tonight and I go onto Library Street and I come to that light, you're going to have one lane of traffic and if anybody wanted to turn right, they're still going to be in that one lane. So we're taking up two or three car spaces that could have been over in that right hand turn and we're going to push traffic further back. Elvis Dhima

wouldn't say that because obviously there was a countdown to it and there's got to be some justification why we're moving the right hand. I don't have that data. This design was already approved by the State and I'm assuming there was data done with this. There is justification why they're removing that and they're working on the geometry. I understand your point. Mr. Luszey said we are going to back traffic up. Mr. Dhima wouldn't say that. I would say that overall probably there's not a need for a right hand turn there if there's not enough traffic. If there's 2 or 3 people that use that in a period of one hour, you can make that intersection better by just making one straight lane.

Chairman Maddox said the only problem I see Selectman Luszey is for those people who have lived there long enough to know it's there and that's their right turn to go to Highland. There's probably more slow down and traffic with people weaving to get out of that lane now because they can't go straight which is where they want to go. Again we're not engineers but we certainly are trying to play them tonight.

Selectman McGrath wanted to make a point. If that were during peak hours, the people would be taking a right hand turn onto Highland then I could see your concern. I can't imagine that people are traveling Library Street going to Derry and trying to turn right onto Highland. There's no businesses there. It's a residential area so they wouldn't be turning at peak hours. Chairman Maddox said they're going to take the shortcut to get to Greeley and go out all that way but again, they can also go up to the next intersection and catch that right also.

Selectman Nichols had a point on that. I've gone up Library Street and come to that to want to go straight onto Derry Road. You leave the spot where they take a right onto Highland. People will get in that lane and then zing in front of you. They want to get in front of all the traffic so they go there and then get in front of you. You've come this close to hitting cars. Maybe if there is no land there they can't do that.

Chairman Maddox indicated the way that particular intersection is laid out if even a short truck tried to make that turn it becomes a nightmare because there's people sitting on Highland trying to get out and now it backs up traffic. Again I guess we're going to have to believe the Engineer. The next improvement is now let's come down Derry Road towards what says on our map Hannaford Supermarket. Elvis Dhima stated the alternative 1 would be the handicapped ramp hand signal at Highland, Library and Derry Road intersection. That will be on the left hand side upper left hand side. That will include building 2 handicapped ramps crossing and signals associated with the pedestrian pole that you can push and you can allow the pedestrians to go through. It's again Highland and Derry.

Selectman Coutu questioned handicapped ramps. Elvis Dhima said it's called "alternate 1 handicapped ramp and signal" the location. It's on the right hand side. Selectman Coutu saw where it is. The handicapped ramp meets the sidewalk...Steve Malizia said it dips down and has those little bumps in it so that you - you see it's pretty standard.

Chairman Maddox said we're coming down Derry Road where going to Nashua. That's where the south bound lane...Elvis Dhima said correct. That's the current existing island is going to be removed. It's going to be replaced by a smaller, narrow, shorter island to create room for another lane. So what you will see is two lanes will be going to Nashua versus one lane will be going towards Chase Street which is towards Hudson Town Clerk's office shown on the plan which is us. Right now you only have one heading towards Chase Street versus Town Hall and another one towards Nashua. That will be replaced with two lanes going towards Nashua and one continues to go towards Town Hall.

Chairman Maddox said again during morning traffic if two cars want to go to Chase Street, they stop all the traffic that wants to go to Nashua. This will give them almost a dedicated lane to cross over and get to Town Hall because this is an exciting place to visit. The majority of the traffic during peak hours is going to Nashua. So this will give two dedicated lanes to be able to turn into Nashua. Elvis Dhima said hopefully we won't see the backup all the way down to 3A which is all the way back which happens all the time because that's the route I used to take when I first started working here until I changed it because I couldn't deal with the traffic.

Chairman Maddox noted that's the other thing that this project will do as I understand it. It will coordinate all these lights so that they're all talking to each other so that hopefully with the computer software there will be a change during the morning commute as opposed to the evening commute which will make the traffic through here a little faster. Mr. Dhima said that will incorporate the additional traffic lane that we're putting in yes.

Selectman Luszey asked does that include all the lights in Nashua side. So when you get over the bridge you're done. Chairman Maddox said we can only control what we can control. Selectman Luszey said you sound like we're going to make a great huge improvement. Chairman Maddox thought you are. I think you're going to see more traffic getting across over the bridge faster. Now how it ends up over on the other side of the bridge but then they're going to put that roundabout in. Selectman Coutu commented that was going to solve everything.

Chairman Maddox said then if we go to Ferry and Library where the two arrows are aimed alternate 2 and handicapped ramps. Elvis Dhima said handicapped ramps, pedestrian poles, and new traffic boxes are part of the base. It's part of the contract that includes adding a lane, doing the work on Library Road. In the alternative 2, it's pretty much a backup system that we're proposing to go with every single box in case there is a power shortage. This

backup system will allow the traffic lights to be operational for at least six hours. It will either be a generator or this and this was the cheaper alternative.

Chairman Maddox asked when they had the public input and I was the public why can't you put them all in one box so that we could put one generator. Well you should see the engineers all making funny faces going what, what, what? This is the compromise. I think that as we saw, this area doesn't lose power often but when it does, we have to station police officers here to control the traffic because there is so much of it. This will give us six hours worth of battery backup to be able to keep these lights operational hopefully reducing accidents and getting traffic through there. This is the engineer's compromise to the crazy citizen comments. I still would have liked one box with one meter so we didn't have to pay for 3 meters but you take what you can get. Selectman Luszey just for your edification, the other thing I asked for is a coordination with the trains so they would show up in Hudson. Oh man you would have thought I had asked to go to Mars tomorrow. That would take a railroad engineer. I think again this is another case of once government starts putting regulations in it becomes so problematic. This project has been - Sean Sullivan started this...Steve Malizia noted it's a CMAQ grant. It's a condition mitigation. Chairman Maddox noted this has got to be 8 years old.

Mr. Dhima said it's been in the works for a while yes. We had it and then it fell off the - again, we're trying to take advantage of how much in federal...Mr. Dhima said it's actually a State project which is much better. We get more money out of the State versus the feds believe it or not. So it's an 80/20 and to add good news to the whole thing, we already have the money and it comes out of the corridor. It's already identified. The money is already available. The Town Planner is looking forward to the town using this money because it's been there. John is all over it and looking forward to getting this done.

Chairman Maddox stated just so that before I make this motion because I can see...

Selectman Luszey asked we can't save this money to build the Maddox highway. Chairman Maddox said no. We're a few decimal points short. Selectman Luszey understood the decimal point issue but it's a quarter of a million dollars. Chairman Maddox said the other thing we have to look at is these units are all old and they are tired. I think some of them Kevin's holding together with paperclips. Mr. Dhima noted one of them is going to be replaced entirely.

Selectman Luszey asked make these improvements what can the travelers expect to see in terms of time improvement. Elvis Dhima said a shorter time to get from let's just say the intersection of...Selectman Luszey asked how much shorter time is it 3 seconds shorter? Mr. Dhima said that is a very good question. Selectman Luszey asked is it worth the effort. Mr. Dhima guessed we'll have to see it when it gets built to see what it really...Selectman Luszey asked how long is it going to take to get built. Mr. Dhima said if this Board approves it tonight, we can go out to construction and it will be done probably by October. I don't have the schedule right now but it's not going to take that long. I know we're just looking at one lane. Once we get the contractor and I can have the schedule, I can give this Board an update on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Chairman Maddox did have a question. You're asking for the monies with the alternatives but then you have a request for \$35,000 in anticipated engineering fees. Elvis Dhima said that's engineering and testing. It goes with CLD doing the testing that's required for concrete and their oversight of the project. It's part of it. Take comfort in that it's not going to be \$35,000 going to CLD. It's going to be a small portion of that because most of it is testing and that's required by the State. It's just that simple.

*Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to award the bid for the Library Park Lights project in the amount of \$287,684 and include both alternates in the amount of \$34,606 to Electric Light Company, Inc., the only bidder, as recommended by the Town Engineer and the Finance Director.*

Selectman Luszey indicated I won't be voting in favor of this because I truly don't see the benefits for the time that we're going to be disrupting the users of that corridor right now and there are much greater needs to fix other places and I think it's ludicrous that we can't apply that money to a much greater need.

As Selectman Coutu understood it, please correct me you, or the Town Administrator, or perhaps Selectman McGrath are more familiar with the corridor account and the significance of corridor accounts. I understand that corridors are identified and these monies have been identified for these particular corridors. We can't spend them elsewhere as I understand it. It has to be specifically the monies that are there are for this corridor. We can't go spend the money down by the old Stop N Shop. If we don't spend it here, we're going to return it. Mr. Dhima said we'll lose it I think. You can only keep it for so many years the Town Planner...Steve Malizia explained you committed this 10 years ago. You've committed in theory for this money. Selectman Coutu watched this progress and stall, and progress and stall for 10 years. I personally feel that it is going to be an enhancement to the corridor. Though I might not agree with all of it, I certainly agree with most of it and I might agree with all of it once I see it finalized. I had a lot of reservations about - I always get confused down the street here where they put the lights and the turn wasn't significant - Ferry and - I'm going home from here where they built the new set of lights. Steve Malizia noted down that end of Library Street. Selectman Coutu said when they were done, the Highway Department couldn't make the turn with a plow it was such a mess the engineers had that so well designed. I think you caught that one. Chairman Maddox said you couldn't get

the ladder truck around the corner. It was not a good day. Selectman Coutu thought that was a significant improvement and I had my reservations about that. I think initially it was the - he's deceased now the Mayor of Hudson who kept writing about it in the Hudson/Litchfield News and he wanted those lights there. I think it will be a significant improvement to the whole congestion that people from 102 call and complain to me about every now and then. I think it's going to improve matters heading towards Nashua.

Selectman McGrath agreed. I think it will be a vast improvement. Is it going to create traffic that flows freely at all times? Certainly not. Any improvement for people that are traveling that roadway at peak hours particularly in the morning and trying to get over to Nashua; I used to do it. From Hudson I'd have to come up here and drive across the bridge and get stuck in traffic. So any improvement I think the citizens will appreciate and the funding comes from cap fees that were collected by the Planning Board for projects specifically for this area. This corridor. So it's not coming out of the taxpayer's pocket which I think is a terrific thing.

Selectman Luszey state we keep using the words "improving" the traveling for the users. I don't see anything here that tells me what the current conditions are, how long it takes to get from point a to point b and with these improvements what that expected improvement is. It's just we're spending money because we have to spend money because it's there and if we don't spend it, we lose it. Until there's another bridge there or something that truly alleviates the traffic issue from this side of the river, I just think we're throwing money down the drain.

Chairman Maddox said there was a traffic study that was prepared for this. Why don't you get a copy of that to Selectman Luszey. Elvis Dhima said I can provide that. That's not a problem.

Selectman McGrath wanted to say that from my perspective I'm not authorizing this or voting in favor of this just to spend money. I really believe that this is going to be an improvement for the traveling public that uses that roadway network particularly in the mornings. It may not be a substantial improvement but I think any improvement is a benefit and I think that they would greatly appreciate it. It's certainly not just for the sake of spending money. I really take exception to that.

Chairman Maddox said that we are going to have to spend money on those lights and controllers anyway. This ties in even if it's only a small increase in capacity or a through put. We were going to have to spend significant money on those three traffic lights and their controllers anyways. Money was going to be spent.

Again Selectman Coutu was going to agree with Selectman McGrath. I'm sure that Selectman Luszey didn't intend to mean that our vote is simply just to spend money for the sake of spending it and not losing it. I certainly qualified my commitment to this project this evening on the basis of to be what I believe will be an improvement for people coming down Ferry Street and 111 and crossing over into Nashua. I think having the two lanes controlled lighting to be able to expedite the flow of traffic is an improvement and I will state now as I would at any other time, I will never vote to spend money just for the sake of spending money. I think we did that once already this evening. I was not part of that action. You talk about spending money for the sake of spending money. You've done it once this evening. I wasn't part or parcel of that neither was Selectman McGrath. Now I think this merits our consideration for the sake of the people who have had to deal with this for countless number of years especially people coming down 102 and 111 to get to Nashua. Some of the people like Selectman McGrath who occasionally live in the south end of town and find it more expedient to have to come up here to cross over to go into Nashua to go to work. I take exception and I'm voting to spend money wisely. I firmly believe that.

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

Motion to include \$35,000 of anticipated engineering fees for construction and testing for the Library Parks Project to be paid to our engineering consultants CLD.

Selectman Coutu asked come from where. Chairman Maddox indicated that's all going to come from the corridor accounts. Elvis Dhima said the corridor accounts and the State 80/20 again.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to include \$35,000 of anticipated engineering fees for construction and testing for the Library Parks Project to be paid to our engineering consultants CLD, carried 4-0-1. Selectman Luszey abstained.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to fund the Town portion of the Library Park Lights project with 75% of the funds coming from the Route 111 Corridor Account and 25% from the Route 102 Corridor Account, carried 4-0-1. Selectman Luszey abstained.

B. Proposed Eagle Scout Project by Noah Tardif

Chairman Maddox recognized Noah Tardif. You're going to earn your merit badge in government tonight. Welcome Sir.

Noah Tardif and I live at Watersedge Drive. I'm with Troop 252 of Hudson. We're based out of St. Kathryn's. I am tonight seeking approval to build a patio for the Hudson Senior Center. I understand that the exact location of the patio is still not final but I would like to get approval tonight to be able to start fundraising and to be able to start engraving the bricks. I'm excited about the opportunity to be able to build a beautiful patio for the Town. I've already been approved by the Troop, the Council District Eagle Board, and Senior Affairs Committee. I've helped with several patio and brick walkway projects in the past. Some of the ones we've done are Benson. Dan Teague did the walkway for the gorilla cage. I helped at that one. There's several projects at St. Kathryn's that the Troop has done.

Chairman Maddox noted you were sitting there so you understand the consternation that we're going through. It has nothing to do with your project or the desire to have this. It is, again, a function of so many parking spaces. So there is no reflection on what you're trying to do, it is simply a function of putting all this stuff in that little space I have a feeling.

Selectman McGrath had a couple of questions. If there's a new location found for the patio as opposed to what's proposed now and it had to be reduced in size, would that affect your fundraising efforts or would you have to try to calculate that into...Mr. Tardif said I had plans originally for a small one and then we blew it up and moved it to a different location so now it's bigger. If I have to reduce the size, I can. It won't reduce the fundraising efforts because no matter what I'll still need the same amount of bricks to raise the amount of funds that I need. It will just be a matter of how many engraved to unengraved.

Selectman McGrath asked to explain to me what you mean by engraved. Noah demonstrated on the brick this will be one of the bricks that will be used. You can have up to three lines of engraving. You pay \$25 for one line and you get so many characters that you're allowed to go across. You're allowed 14 characters across for each line. So they'll be engraved. Examples of that are Dan Teague's.

Selectman McGrath asked for an example of what an engraving would be. Steve Malizia explained "In memory of", "in recognition of". It would be people's names. They want to maybe have a legacy to their family or what not. Chairman Maddox said they've done this at the library. Their walkway has this. Selectman McGrath didn't know and that's why I'm asking the question. I didn't know. I certainly don't have a problem with it. I just wanted clarification.

Selectman Nichols asked how big did you say this was going to be the original one. Noah said the original footprint is a 16 x 14. Selectman Nichols didn't know why he'd have to make it smaller but it would depend I suppose on where it's moved.

Chairman Maddox said he wants to start the fundraising. That's his real drive right now. I think a site to be determined later can be fine. He just wants to get approval and he can go there and start his fundraising.

Selectman Coutu understood what Noah is looking for. I certainly have no objection to allowing him to go ahead and do this fundraising and solicit people to buy bricks. Noah what was your timeframe for starting construction because I remember two of them at St. Kathryn's. I mean these things had to be well timed weather wise and putting the kids together. During school periods it's tough. You'd have to do it on weekends. What was your timeline? Noah said with the original timeline without the - it was fundraise in June, so my cutoff day would be the 20<sup>th</sup> and I'll accept orders until the end of June. I would begin construction towards the end of July early August. Selectman Coutu heard Noah say in your presentation that if you received an order on July 1<sup>st</sup>...Noah noted I'd say thank you for your thought but I'd have to send it back. Selectman Coutu applauded Noah. At least you're going to hold to your timeline.

Selectman Coutu thought that at the latest you would expect that by the end of June we should have selected a location, correct? At the very latest we would have to pick a location by the end of June in order for you to maintain your timeline. Also I understand by watching your presentation that there's a little bit of work that needs to be done in that area. Correct me if I'm wrong but Mr. Burns said that he would go in there and...Mr. Tardif said it overlooks a meadow but there's two small trees that are obstructing the view. I was going to talk to him. He was just going to remove those two small trees. Selectman Coutu commented that you still haven't talked to him about going in and pulling those out and grading it. That was my understanding and I think he would be willing to accommodate you.

Selectman Coutu asked have you yourself come up with any idea other than the original location which was proposed near Kimball Hill Road. I'm sure you walked around the property because I know this has been your project. Have you looked anywhere else and come up with another idea as an alternate to this in Kimball Hill Road? Noah said I have looked around and since the senior center sits on such a small plot, there's only so many flat spaces. There was one up near Kimball Hill and the one where it is now. Both spots can use the other one. There's another spot but that's the emergency grass where nothing can be put in case of an emergency at the senior center they have access to that. They can't even have a fence there because of the emergency.

Selectman Coutu asked another question relative to this site. This site, and I looked at it the other day, abuts the dog park. If you were to measure the distance from the chain link fence to where the patio was going to begin - as I'm looking down at your map the right hand side abutting the fence, what's the distance between the fence and where your patio construction is going to begin? Noah said I have not measured that. Selectman Coutu noted we don't



have a scale to work from here. If I were to guess and that patio was to scale - first of all let me see if I got this straight. This is not the proposed patio, correct? That is it. So you're not immediately abutting - I just realized. I kept looking at the big square. That's the carriage house.

Chairman Maddox said it was 150 feet using my pen here as a guide.

Selectman Coutu asked Mrs. Bowen if you could help me. With regards to the parking area - the main parking lot, what is the grade here? Is it so much so that he couldn't cut out a 14 or a 16 foot into it without putting in an abutting wall? Does it come down that much? Lori Bowen said it does. Selectman Luszey said those are either 5 or 10 foot gradients. Ms. Bowen said it goes down fairly steep because it's the water and mitigation area for the parking lot. So the watershed travels right off the parking lot at a pretty steady pace on that hill. Just after the guardrail, it starts to drop very quickly. I believe on your map there are little lines which actually call for it to either - they're probably 3 foot drops in grade that go down the embankment. So it drops off very quickly.

*Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to approve Noah Tardif's Eagle Scout project of the installation of a patio at the Senior Center.*

Selectman Nichols had one question. I had gone into the seniors today. Coming in the gate on the right hand side there's a tree set back and there's a little shade. There's kind of an area but I don't know how big that is. Could the patio be put there? It's not that far from the front door yet it's near the entrance to the park. It looked like bushes and trees. It's near Kimball Hill Road but the tree was back and there was a good portion of land but I couldn't tell you how much there was. I don't know.

Chairman Maddox suggested a few trees to block it from the roadway might be the solution.

Selectman Luszey's question is wherever you put it do we need to meet the ADA requirements for access. Selectman Nichols said you could there because it's level. Selectman Luszey asked do we have to. Like if you put it in a hill, you'd have an issue. I know we had a lot of issues making this building ADA compliant because of the land.

Elvis Dhima said no. Unless it's federally funded which is required. It's up to the town to make it ADA. It is recommended but as long as there's no federal funding. Selectman Coutu said federally or State subsidized funding requires ADA compliance not a project that you're doing on your own. Chairman Maddox thought it would probably make sense if we could accommodate as much as possible because that is the clientele.

*Vote: Motion carried 5-0.*

Selectman Coutu said if we can put this to bed - if I might Mr. Chairman. Let's put this thing to bed if we can. If we can't reach an accord, we can't. Lori, Noah is going to build this patio somewhere on the property. Let's look at the proposed location now which is to the rear of the building but more towards the front of the HCTV facility. What are the plans - Noah builds the patio. Now we have a patio. We have a foundation. We have no furniture. What are the plans? Lori deferred to Mr. Tardif to answer that question. Selectman Coutu didn't expect him to buy furniture. He offered to build the patio. Ms. Bowen indicated he has a semi-solution and then I will add to it.

Noah Tardif said for the construction of the patio, I expect a surplus of funds. With the surplus, I would donate it back to the senior center. Selectman Coutu said it didn't solve anything. Lori Bowen stated then we would use those donated funds to purchase some benches or tables and chairs to place out there that are of heavy consistency so they cannot grow legs.

Selectman Coutu said of the senior population that we have at the senior center, how many do you think - roughly, a percentage - 10 percent, 20 percent couldn't get down there. I'm not going to hold you to it. Ms. Bowen thought maybe 12 people could not physically get down there. Selectman Coutu noted for 12 people on any given day how many of those 12 are in the building at the same time out of 4 days. Ms. Bowen said 10 at the very most would be in the building at the same time. Selectman Coutu asked do you think there are enough kind souls in the building that if somebody - 1 or 2 of these people who are handicapped and could not make it down would be willing to drive them down, be allowed to park their car there, occupy at best 1 or 2 parking spaces to accommodate 2 to 4 or 6 people? For 12 people I don't see that putting it there would be prohibitive as long as we don't have people who are capable of walking down easily - not with any serious effort. I know I could walk it down. Like Pat, I could never make it back up the hill. My nerves react to pressure on elevation. Going downhill is a very easy thing for me. So when I lose a golf ball if I'm playing, I hope to lose it downhill and then have somebody carry me back up with the golf cart. Occupying one or two of those parking spaces I don't think is going to be a problem. It's having everybody just deciding to go in their car and going down there. We could tweak that language a little bit as an assist to people who are handicapped who can't get to the park. I don't see a problem with constructing it where he proposed it.

Selectman Nichols felt that right now if they remove those trees and you open up that area, there's also a path along there and people will use it for lunches, for whatever from the park people. That is a path to go along the side and it will be open. If there's benches and tables, they will bring their lunches and sit. What are you going to do? Are the

seniors going to go down and say get out? I can count 12 on my own friends that I know can't make it. I'm not even counting the rest that I don't see. I can see 12 that can't make it. I can pretty much give you their names that couldn't go down there right now.

Selectman Coutu noted you brought up an interesting point. You're saying that its physical location is going to be open to the public. So in essence you just made a good argument against it. Selectman Nichols didn't understand. Selectman Coutu said if it's going to be open to the public, it's not really for seniors. Selectman Nichols said there is a path along there and they said they'll remove the trees. When they remove the trees, that's going to open up that vista but people walking they have a backpack, a lunch, they're going to sit there and have lunch. They're going to sit on the chairs or benches whatever you have. If a senior goes down there to take their lunch because they don't want to eat at the senior center but they want to go out and they go down there with their lunch, there's no place for them. You're not going to throw somebody out. You're not going to do that. They would not anyhow. I know they wouldn't. They'd be embarrassed to do that.

Chairman Maddox indicated I'm totally confused. Before it was we were worried about parking spaces. Now we're not worried about parking spaces, we're worried about accessibility. I think this is another case of needs to go back. We've given them permission to start his fundraising. Let's work out these details because I don't think tonight with this drawing I'm going to be able to say yea or nay to a location. I'm going to rely on the people that do that. You've got approval. Start raising those funds and we will get you a determination where it can go in the very near future.

Selectman Nichols said he's also going to start that fundraising. I like the paper he did to get those out to as many people as possible to sign up for the bricks. I think it's great. It's a great fundraiser and it's well done. All you have to do is put your check in and fold it up and you're done. It's already addressed and everything.

Chairman Maddox thanked Noah very much. Good luck with your project and we will nail down a final location for this great thing to go.

Chairman Maddox asked for a 5 minute break and exercise our legs and then we'll come back to the Library Park at 8:42 p.m. We are back at 8:49 p.m. The fun continues.

(The rest of the discussion for Library Park starts on page 12.)

### C. Impact Fee Accounts

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia said I prepared a spreadsheet similar to the ones that I've prepared in previous years. We just tried to look at accounts that we collect money for various subdivisions, developments just to give us an idea of what's out there, what the expirations may be. The majority of these were in pretty good shape. You've either committed the money or we have a bit of a timeframe to collect the money.

Selectman Coutu made some notes when I was reviewing my packet. So the reason why the - and number 2 and 3 Stop N Shop future road improvements, the town sponsored elderly activities are still there is because we've committed those monies. Steve Malizia indicated the Board of Selectmen took a vote and committed those monies. Since 2012, Selectman Coutu asked the elderly activities is \$332. Mr. Malizia said that's what's currently in there. Money has come in and money has gone out. That's what's in there right now. Selectman Coutu asked if it was gone. Mr. Malizia said when you say gone, money has come in and collected. We've spent it. That's the balance right now. You committed that pool of money to elderly activities. Selectman Coutu asked if there was an expiration date. Mr. Malizia said not since you've committed it. Selectman Coutu said the Stop N Shop monies were committed and that project is going to be in soon, correct? That was Mr. Malizia's understanding.

Selectman Coutu asked if there were any hang ups there that we know of right now. Steve Malizia said I am not aware of any but I'm not..Selectman Coutu asked is there any idea when that construction is going to begin. Chairman Maddox said it came preliminarily to the Planning Board but they have not come in with a final. Selectman Coutu said we're another year away but the monies are committed. Chairman Maddox indicated as long as the votes have been taken.

Selectman Coutu asked what are the expiration dates on Walgreens 102 offsite and Reeds Ferry 102. Steve Malizia believed they're this year. Selectman Coutu said there was no date on here that's why I was asking. Mr. Malizia believed it was December of this year. Selectman Coutu commented if we don't spend it by that time what happens to the money. Mr. Malizia indicated we have to return it to whoever paid it. Selectman Coutu asked is this the monies that supposedly for the new lighting plan up there. Mr. Malizia said to install school zone lights. That is correct. Selectman Coutu said could this be a situation where even if we don't like it we have to just bite the apple and spend the money. Mr. Malizia said you don't have to. You could give the money back.

Chairman Maddox noted the Planning Board has seen it twice; rejected it twice. Selectman Coutu said somebody recently thought it was a great idea. Steve Malizia said no doubt - the Police Chief, our Highway Road Agent. Chairman Maddox said the Planning Board had issue with the fact that the payback on the solar lights was like 40 years. Selectman Coutu agreed. Steve Malizia said it wasn't intended just for the solar lights though. That's just a technology that's used. It is not the whole...Selectman Coutu said every time they mention lights, they talked about payback. Don't bring up payback I'm not interested in 40 years to pay. Steve Malizia stated go look at the signal there and tell me if you think it's adequate for a school zone.

Chairman Maddox said it's a terrible setup for a school zone. I think that the lights, the electricity is already there. This is not an application for solar. I bet you the \$14,000 comes down to \$6,000 if you just use what's already there. That's a discussion. Selectman Coutu said we're going to be talking about that anyway. Chairman Maddox noted that is for a future discussion but I think this form is here so that we do not let things slide through the cracks which has happened in the past. We got monies to do various projects and then I know in years gone by Kevin did the work but we never took the money out of the account to replenish his budget. This is really a reminder every last meeting in May to make sure that this is being looked at.

Selectman Coutu didn't want to belabor the point but please help me out. That project on 102, the lights up by the schools that we just talked about, this has nothing to do with it. It has to do with the Planning Board exclusively? Chairman Maddox said no. It goes to the Planning Board first and then they submit a recommendation to this Board. Selectman Coutu noted okay I know where the money is. I'm happy with it.

Steve Malizia indicated the other big one is Sagamore Park which I believe during the budget process you committed that \$50,000 or \$50,000 something plus to augment the paving this year if you recall. Just so you know that that was a pretty good size amount spent this year. It has a 20/20 expiration. We're looking at it this year.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman McGrath - Okay I have a couple of things. On Thursday of last week I visited with Chief Lavoie and Captain Avery and Captain Tousignant and took a tour of the Police Department. Very impressive. I think if the citizens could see what's out there and do the tour that I did, they'd be very impressed and very proud of their police department. They've done a good job.

Also on Friday when Selectman McGrath was here, I was leaving Town Hall and the Fire Department was doing some training. So I turned around and I went back and talked with them for a little while. That was very impressive. They were hoisting - for lack of the right term a dummy in a basket as if they were taking it up a cliff and up and over. I didn't stay for the entire demonstration but I stayed for quite a while. I thought that was something to mention.

Also when Selectman McGrath was at the Police Department last week one of the things that I learned was that they have a drop off box inside the lobby for prescription drugs that people no longer need nor want. I thought that was a fabulous idea and I was telling them that when my father was diagnosed as terminal, we had hospice care for him. They were delivering bucket loads - of course I'm exaggerating a little bit - but it certainly seemed like that. When he passed, we had to have the hospice nurse come down and she collected up all the medicine. She threw some of it down the toilet, some in the trash and emptied everything out. I found other containers much later. He went to the VA and they just gave him all kinds of medications all the time. I spent literally hours peeling labels off the bottles, trying to dispose of the medication. If I had know that that drop off box was there, I could have just taken it, thrown it in without having to remove the labels, without having to remove the medication. So for people that don't know that that's there like I didn't know; I just think that's a wonderful thing. It's a good thing for people that don't want to keep old medications around that others may get to that really shouldn't get to. I was going to suggest for HCTV that they scroll that message at some point in their programming so that people know that there's a drop box for old medications at the Police Department. Also scrolling the new law concerning cell phone usage. I thought that that might be something that would be appropriate for HCTV. That's all that I have.

Chairman Maddox asked Selectman Nichols if you could maybe have that mentioned the drop box at the senior center and letting them know that is up at the police station. Selectman Nichols said I would be more than happy to. I'm sure if I mentioned it to Lori, she'll put up a poster. You know she's very good at that.

Selectman Nichols - I only went to the Senior Affairs meeting and they had a discussion on the senior center strategic planning. This went on for a little while. The policy and procedure book which of course they've redone. They'll have to do it again. They now have a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Clerk. Steve Porter was voted in as Chair again because it's a new year. Vice-Chair is Joanne Snook, and Clerk is Gwen Bujnowski. That's all about all I had. I enjoyed it and I'm learning more and more how they run the meetings and what they're looking for. It was very good and insightful.

Chairman Maddox asked Selectman Nichols the delicate issue of port-o-potties been resolved at Benson Park. Selectman Nichols said not yet. That has to be brought up at I think at one of the next Benson's meeting. I think that's next week. It has to be discussed with the whole group and I think they may - I had two different things. They wanted either two more port-o-potties which would be less money and clean them all twice a week or if they went for

just the regular three port-o-potties and had them cleaned three times a week, it would be quite a bit of money. That goes way up to \$200 something dollars. The extra two port-o-potties is only at \$150 added to which is less. I don't know how much money they have. So they're going to look at the budget and that will be up at the next meeting. It should be interesting. I'm so tired of port-o-potties. Chairman Maddox was looking forward to that report.

Selectman Luszey - Just a couple of things. One is there was no sustainability meeting this month due to the Memorial Day weekend. On that I did not attend the Hudson Memorial Day Parade because I was in the Nashua parade. My wife was the President of the parade. So it was a good turnout over there.

This month Selectman Luszey indicated the Budget Committee went over the school's technology plan which I had forwarded to all you folks. It's actually a very good plan for a starter. There are some issues that I brought up. One I think there's some opportunities, again. I'll get back on this platform and that is we need to partner up with the school. The use of the fiber ring to reduce the costs to the school, they're looking to put in a phone system. I know we're looking to update ours. There's no reason why we don't have one phone system for the entire town. It's a single taxpayers pocket. I think there's some opportunities there. The Budget Committee also will be in recess until the August meeting.

Selectman Luszey indicated a couple of us met with the Nashua Mayor to talk about our sewer allocation. Basically I'll summarize that meeting as we need to look at how to maximize our current sewer allocation because I don't see any increase in the foreseeable future. That's how I took it. We probably should be looking at alternatives on how to handle our growth projections. That's about it Sir.

Selectman Coutu - I have nothing personally but I would like to ask Selectman Nichols I thought that when I watched the Senior Affairs Committee meeting there was something you were supposed to bring back to us a question or something. I can't remember what it was. I had asked you to bring it back to us. You don't remember and know anything like that. Selectman Nichols didn't know of. I'll have to watch it too to find out what I was supposed to bring back. Sorry Sir.

Selectman Maddox - A couple of things. First ladies and gentlemen in the audience who are watching television. Again it's not always pretty what we do here but you can at least see how we got there. Again the poor Eagle Scout project kind of got spun in different circles but again, that's how this all works. There's no clear cut answer at any given time. I want to say that most of us don't have a discussion beforehand. You see everything that we see and you know sometime they see the warts as well. Again it is interesting.

Selectman Maddox said you all missed an interesting time yesterday at the parade. They were going to do that song on a cell phone or a DVD and they had technical difficulties. So if you watch the tape, you're going to see and I don't know his name. He's a member of the American Legion Band stepped up and took the microphone and sang God Bless America. We all joined in and it was quite inspiring. Again I think that Hudson overcame a technical difficulty and made it happen. Again kudos to all those people that put this together and for all those people that lined the streets. It was starting to sprinkle a little bit but it was still a very nice day and it's the start of the summer.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to enter Nonpublic Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; 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 Nonpublic Session at 9:32 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. Good evening and enjoy the 90 degree temperatures.

Chairman Maddox opened public session at 11:15 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to approve the Non-union Employee Salary Increase Proposal submitted by the Town Administrator by Memo dated May 20, 2015 with the exception of the IT Director and Finance Director with a 4 percent increase, carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox in opposition.

11. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn at 11:16 p.m. by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, carried 5-0.*

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