

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Coutu the meeting of September 8, 2014 at 7:04 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Boy Scouts Michael Gagnon and Dylan Quinn.
3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Roger Coutu, Ben Nadeau, Rick Maddox, Pat Nichols, Nancy Brucker (arrived at 7:09)

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Captain Bill Avery; Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director; Fire Chief Rob Buxton; Len Lathrop

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Coutu asked does anyone in the audience have anything they wish to bring before the Board of Selectmen on any matter which we may have control. If so, please step forward now and state your name and address for the record. Seeing none.

5. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Interviews

- 1) Planning Board - (1 vacancy, 1 member term to expire 12/31/16)

Marilyn E. McGrath - 81 River Road.

Chairman Coutu said Marilyn you've applied for the vacancy for the member term to expire 12/31/16. For those who are not as familiar with you as most of us are on the Board, tell us a little bit about yourself and why you wish to serve as a permanent member.

Marilyn McGrath stated I served on the Planning Board for a number of years. I'm not quite sure how many now. It seems forever and I served as a full member for a number of years. I also served as the Chairperson of the Planning Board back in the 80s. Then I took a sabbatical and I came to the board as an alternate member and I serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an alternate member. There are openings now and I thought that it was appropriate that I apply for a full membership.

Chairman Coutu thanked Ms. McGrath and asked if there were any questions from any member of the Board. Seeing none. Other than to say Marilyn you know I say it many times over and over for people such as yourself who get absolutely no money, no pay whatsoever from our government or from the municipality and you continue to serve on various boards whichever it was. In your case, you've served on two or served I believed presently on both boards as alternate. It's greatly appreciated. What is the wish of the Board?

Selectman Maddox wanted to say that Ms. McGrath exacerbates the Pope some nights but she is a great member of the Planning Board for the fact that she's not afraid to ask the questions that everybody is trying to kick under the table. I appreciate her willingness to step up and I'm sure I'll get kicked in the chins for that later. Again, experience, the history, again, there's stuff that unfortunately gets lost sometimes in town government Mr. Chairman. Having Ms. McGrath on the ZBA, she sees something that might have been submitted to them and make sure it's the same at the Planning Board. We've tried to tighten that up but there's always little things that slip through and again the service to our community is well appreciated.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to suspend the rules and nominate and appoint Marilyn E. McGrath as a member to the Planning Board with a term to expire 12/31/2016.

Chairman Coutu indicated before we vote, Ms. McGrath and I had a conversation recently and to reiterate some of what Selectman Maddox said, I said to you that I would have no reservation about appointing you because I think that even though the questions are tough, most often they're the right questions and I certainly appreciate that because I don't like people sitting on boards and commissions that are just going to sit there and not partake in the proceedings and you do all of that. We may not always agree but I appreciate your service and I appreciate that ultimately it doesn't benefit you, it benefits the community and that's why you ask those kinds of questions. So we appreciate that.

Vote: Motion carried 3-1-0. Selectman Nadeau abstained.

- 2) Senior Affairs Committee - (2 vacancies - 1 alternate term to expire 4/30/2016; 1 alternate term to expire 4/30/17)

Patrick Geary - did not attend

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Coutu asked are there any consent items that you wish to have withheld for further consideration.

Selectman Maddox asked about 6. b. 1. I just want clarification. The Finance Director - the \$32,000 abatement. I'm just wondering how our software doesn't catch that kind of before a bill is printed. Chairman Coutu stated the previous reading was 48 and the new reading was 46 so it rolls over the full thousand. The bill came out to \$32,993 when it's normally just 4 units that they use per month. Kathy Carpentier said we're estimating and then we get an actual read and it happens to be less. Yes it gives you the whole...the bills don't go out but unfortunately they're generated in the edit report. So that's why we have to. Like this person did not get this bill. We do get them and we stop them however it's in the edit process when we roll the bills that this is discovered because nobody would notice the 46 and 48 anomalies. They look close enough, they're just reversed. Selectman Maddox asked but is there no way to not have to - why wouldn't the software kick it out and say question before you print a bill? Ms. Carpentier indicated it doesn't.

Chairman Coutu asked if the bill was printed just not sent. Kathy Carpentier said correct. Chairman Coutu said that's why it has to be abated because it's in the system. I was wondering if they didn't get the bill why are we dealing with it but if it's already printed...Kathy Carpentier indicated it's part of the warrant.

Chairman Coutu asked Selectman Maddox if he was happy. Selectman Maddox said I'm not happy but I'm satisfied with the answer.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to approve consent items A, B, C, D and E, as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

- A. Assessing Items - NONE
- B. Water/Sewer Items
 - 1) Water Abatement - W-UTL-14-03, 613 Elmwood Drive, w/recommendation to approve
 - 2) Water Abatement - W-UTL-14-04, 22 Greeley Street, w/recommendation to approve
- C. Licenses & Permits
 - 1) Raffle Permit - Hudson Historical Society
- D. Acceptance of Minutes
 - 1) Minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting
- E. Calendar
 - 9/09 ELECTION DAY
 - ~~9/10 7:00 Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room CANCELLED~~
 - 9/11 6:30 Recreation Cte - BOS Meeting Room
 - 9/11 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 9/16 7:00 Cable Utility Cte - HCTV
 - 9/17 5:00 Municipal Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
 - 9/17 7:00 Senior Affairs Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 9/18 7:00 Benson Park Cte - BOS Meeting Room
 - 9/18 7:30 Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 9/22 7:00 Sustainability Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 9/23 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
 - 9/24 7:00 Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 9/25 3:00 Trustees of Trust Fund - Buxton CD Meeting Room
 - 9/25 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on August 26, 2014
 - 1) Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to hire Samantha McGregor as the Part Time Office Assistant in the Highway Department effective on or after August 31, 2014 with a starting salary of \$15.00 per hour. This position is not governed by a union contract, carried 5-0.

- 2) Motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Brucker, carried 5-0.

- B. Acceptance of Amendment to Chapter 317-30 Stop Intersections; installation of a stop sign on Friars Drive, west bound, at the intersection of Executive Drive

Chairman Coutu said as you know we've had two public hearings. Mr. Malizia I'll turn it over to you for an overview.

Steve Malizia indicated you are correct. This was the stop sign that's proposed to go at the intersection of Friars Drive and Executive. There were two public hearings held I believe August 12 and August 26 so you held those properly advertised hearings and should you wish to adopt the motion, that is what you're doing this evening. You'd actually adopt this into the Ordinance. So that stop sign would be an official listed stop sign in our ordinances.

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to adopt the amendment to Chapter 317 "Vehicles and Traffic, Section 317-30 "Schedule III, Stop Intersections" by adding a stop sign on Friars Drive, west, at the intersection of Executive Drive, carried 5-0.

Selectman Maddox asked did you recognize Selectman Brucker's arrival. Chairman Coutu indicated she's arrived.

- C. Weston & Sampson On-Call Services Agreement

Chairman Coutu indicated that this item was deferred at the request of Selectman Maddox.

Steve Malizia stated last week when you had your workshop, we were discussing water items. You've had an opportunity to speak to Mr. Webster the Acting Town Engineer to get his input on this. You also received a sheet that showed, which is what you requested, the amounts paid. Weston & Sampson and specifically for on call water services. During the discussion everybody seemed to assent that that was a reasonable thing to do however there was no motion made to actually approve an on call services contract not to exceed \$15,000. I'm just trying to close that loop.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to approve the annual contract with Weston & Sampson for on-call services for the Fiscal Year 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per year.

Selectman Maddox thought we just wanted clarification for the years 2010 through 2013. Those 4 years had averaged about \$5,000. Because we did not have a Town Engineer last year and we don't right now, I think that it's prudent at this point to please put the \$15,000 in. I guess we'll review it when it becomes budget season. Again, just double checking our numbers.

Selectman Brucker said our Acting Town Engineer did mention at the meeting of the Utilities Committee that they really depend on Weston & Sampson. A vote of confidence for them.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Issuance of parking tickets on Hudson Speedway race days

Chairman Coutu indicated I did not ask for this item to be put on the agenda. I didn't expect it to be on the agenda. I am going to assume it is you Selectman Nadeau. The floor is yours.

Selectman Nadeau stated with the problems that we've had up there with the parking, I think we need to sit down with the Police Department and the tracks owner and come up with either no parking on one side of the road or we have to come up with a solution for the parking or no parking on the pavement signs, or something to that affect. I've talked to Captain Avery since then and he's willing to sit down and see if we can work something out and maybe change it to parking on one side of the street only. That might eliminate some of the problems. That's all I just wanted to do was just...

Chairman Coutu asked so Chapter 264 is not relevant to this discussion. We have an ordinance in place that clearly spells out what the parking ordinances are. It specifically spells out the area where the race tract is located. We've applied this every single year without problem. Now we're going to have to change this ordinance?

Selectman Nadeau said yes. It's becoming a problem. Chairman Coutu didn't understand the problem. It's a no parking area and people are parking there. The police officers are enforcing the no parking ordinance so what is the problem? The problem is we're going to make parking spaces for a business. Selectman Nadeau said no. I think that maybe we should look at and Selectman Maddox I talked to him about it making parking on one side of the road so that it would be a little bit better for the fire trucks if they had to get through.

Chairman Coutu asked why are we allowing parking on one side of the road if it's prohibited. What is the purpose of the parking on one side of the road? For one business? Selectman Nadeau said no not for one business. There's businesses that operate down the street. Robinson Road is twice as wide as this road and we have no parking on Robinson Road too. If we made parking on one side of Robinson Road, that could alleviate some of the problems on this side of the road.

Selectman Maddox stated this is one of those ones where no good deed will go unpunished. The Board of Selectmen at some point had a problem. They put this ordinance in place. I think the real problem is the race track owner lost a good amount of parking when the Nadeau farm land was sold. It's not our problem Sir. I think we can try to help them but I think that the owner of the track needs to come to the table and see how we can correct this issue. I think he needs to meet with his neighbors. I don't disagree that there are probably areas on Robinson Road that is wide enough. We just need to have a plan but it's not our problem. I think we should try to assist where we can to make it business friendly and all of that. Again, they need to step up, come in and meet with the Police Department, meet with their neighbors and see if there's parking that they can utilize on race days.

Chairman Coutu asked if there was any other discussion. What is your wish?

Selectman Nadeau said I will try to set up an appointment with them and see what we can do.

Chairman Coutu indicated it's up to the Board. What is the wish of the Board and if you're going to allow Selectman Nadeau to have a meeting relative to the race track, I'd like it in the form of a motion so it's on record.

Selectman Maddox thought there should be a subcommittee of Selectman Nadeau to meet with the public safety officials and the owner of the race track to see if there is a resolution that he can bring them back to the Board of Selectmen for whatever action they decide to take.

Motion by Selectman Maddox for a subcommittee of Selectman Nadeau to meet with the public safety officials and the owner of the race track to see if there is a resolution that he can bring them back to the Board of Selectmen for whatever action they decide to take.

Chairman Coutu asked so we're going to have a subcommittee of Selectman Nadeau or he's going to serve as a legit from this Board. Selectman Maddox asked however the Board would like to do it. If somebody else wants to volunteer...Chairman Coutu indicated it's your motion. I want to understand...Selectman Maddox said I'm trying to accommodate Selectman Nadeau and trying to see if there is a resolution. Again, I don't want to see something bad happen out there that we could have avoided by doing something. No parking is what we've done to this point but I don't think that the Police Department can always allocate resources to be able to deal with it every hour of every day. So is there a better solution that we can work out?

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, for a subcommittee of Selectman Nadeau to meet with the public safety officials and the owner of the race track to see if there is a resolution that he can bring them back to the Board of Selectmen for whatever action they decide to take.

Selectman Brucker didn't see any issues with trying to accommodate the speedway parking if there's room. I know that when towns have fairs and other things, they allow extra parking. I don't know how many weekends it is in the summer. I don't think it's a lot is it? Selectman Nadeau wanted to say 12, 10. Selectman Brucker thought that as long as the police are involved and they don't see any issues, I would like to see it discussed.

Vote: Motion carried 4-1. Chairman Coutu in opposition.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Acceptance of a second blind at Benson Park and a donation of \$24.12 to be placed in the Benson Park Donation Account from Michael Gagnon relative to an Eagle Scout Project

Chairman Coutu recognized Michael Gagnon. Welcome.

Thank you for having me. Michael Gagnon, 4 Redwood Road.

Chairman Coutu commended Michael for this project. If you would, would you please explain to the Board how you conceptualize this idea and a little bit about how you went about developing, and building the project, and what you did for a fundraiser and whether or not you were successful. We know you were successful in building it. We're accepting it and we certainly know you were successful in your fundraiser because we're getting some extra money. Why don't you give us a little background.

So a background on Benson's Park, Michael said this is the second wildlife blind in Benson's Park. The other was actually created by my brother. Mr. Empey from Benson's wanted another one and I was the best person for the job. From there through scouting and leadership ability, I went about doing a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Grange in Hudson. I raised \$632.25 total. From there I went to Lowe's and Home Depot bought the supplies that I needed. I build the frame for the wildlife blind in my garage and then put wheels on it and wheeled it out the mile or so to the spot. From there built on the siding boards, did the cedar shingles for the roof, and stained the project.

Chairman Coutu asked how is it anchored. Michael Gagnon indicated in cement.

Chairman Coutu told the audience you have before you some photos, a packet that he provided. There are two packets. The one he did was the one of the blind and in your packet that you received in the black and white, you have some pictures of Mike and some of the scouts that helped him posing alongside the blind that he erected. Any questions or comments?

Selectman Brucker wanted to make a comment. I just think that you scouts do a wonderful job. I love the way - I'm a real nature lover and bird lover - and I love the way that you built it and made it very natural looking. It fits right in with everything there at Benson Park. I couldn't be more grateful. I don't know do we get word when they're having spaghetti dinners? Chairman Coutu noted usually Selectman Nadeau or Selectman Nichols let it be known. I usually hear about it either through the Scout Masters or once in a great while and I wish they'd take more advantage of it, it will show up on Hudson Cable because that service is available to all of the scouts and Joe. I hope that you remind the kids that that's available. You just make a little sign - 8 1/2 x 11. Its better if it's in landscape as opposed to up and down and you send it on to Jim or bring it over the HCTV now that it's easily accessible and they will put it up for free up until the date of the spaghetti dinner or whatever the fundraiser might be. Gladly do that for the scouts. That's what that channel is for those kinds of public service announcements. I think that usually we have a lot of things on our agenda and we forget. A lot of times I'll go home and say I forgot to mention a dinner or something that comes up. Usually Ben and I and Pat where the social butterflies. We usually get word of it. We should make that information more available to you. A lot of times it's in the Hudson/Litchfield News. They usually publish when they're going to have a dinner. We'll try to be more mindful of that because I enjoy going to them. Any further comments?

Selectman Nichols wanted to say that I think the job he did was spectacular. I said it looks so professional. It really, really does. It doesn't look haphazard. Everything looks like it was thought out first and then put together. Thank you very much for the park.

Chairman Coutu told Mike you did a great job. I'm very proud of you. You know how I feel about the scouts. I'm very proud of you.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to accept from Michael Gagnon a second blind at Benson Park and a donation of \$24.12 to be placed in the Benson Park Donation Account relative to an Eagle Scout Project with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 5-0.

- B. Acceptance of a kiosk at Musquash Pond and a donation of \$79.85 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Donation Account from Dylan Quinn relative to an Eagle Scout Project

Chairman Coutu recognized Dylan Quinn.

Dylan Quinn, 22 Roosevelt Ave.

Chairman Coutu indicated we have pictures of your kiosk that you worked on over at Musquash Road. It's beautiful by the way. I know it's quite visible. You did an outstanding job. Why don't you tell me a little about your project, how you conceptualize the idea, what you did to put the kiosk together, and how you raised money to do it?

Dylan Quinn said at the time - it's been a little while - everyone was really into the whole reconstruction Benson's because of the history it has. My thing was that Musquash Pond has a lot of history to offer too. I figured doing something there would promote Musquash Pond. I figured what better way to do it than reconstructing the first thing you see when you walk in there. Someone came up to me, I think it was Mr. Undercofler, and told me about the kiosk. That was where I decided that's a doable project. As far as coming up with the money for it, I decided to go the way of the car wash. We did outside 7/11 on Central Street where I raised about \$452. For the construction of the project - well there was a lot of days spent on it. A lot of the beginning half was spent at Mr. Undercofler's garage putting together the small pieces. The latter half was going in, digging up holes to cement it in, and putting the whole thing together. All together it took about roughly a year but hard work, it went a long way - rain, sunshine, we did it - snow.

Chairman Coutu knows you spent a lot of time over in the Musquash area Joe. I know that you've worked on trails over there. I know that this is a project - not just this the Musquash Pond area, the conservation trails and everything are near and dear to your heart. This is at the main focal point coming in off of Musquash Road to go to Musquash Pond if you want to call it that and the trails. I think it's very attractive. Has the grading held up where the kiosk is? That was a huge dip in there and asked that it all be graded so it stays level. Joe Undercofler said it's working out

fine. Occasionally the parking lot gets a little washed out but the Town has done a good job in there. Chairman Coutu knows some of the passes and the trails get washed out too. That's an ongoing thing. I know you're out there quite a bit. Again outstanding job. I'm not surprised by you because I know your wit and your determination. I know you have the stamina to do it and you have a couple of guys that keep pushing you all the way. I'm proud of you. I've watched you grow in scouts for a while now. So I'm proud of you and have been waiting for you to come before us. Any further comments?

Selectman Maddox was going to say if Dylan has some spare time and he was able to raise the money and do this in a year, maybe he'd like to do a train station for us. Chairman Coutu said not to involve him in politics yet. I'll groom him in a little while. Not quite yet.

Selectman Brucker stated I'm the liaison for the Conservation Commission to the Board. At the very first meeting that I went to of the Conservation Commission, it was talk of Musquash, and the trails, and getting the trails identified with signs and that sort of thing. I know how important this is to completing that whole project of the trails for people to hike on and everything. It's a beautiful job. You did a really great job. We all appreciate it.

Selectman Nichols said I haven't been there to see your kiosk but I will get there to see it. You did a beautiful job. It looks great.

Chairman Coutu sincerely, sincerely thank you as we did Michael. These are the little things that seem so simple and so innocuous but mean so much to a community because it enhances the quality of life for everybody who sees it. The same thing with the blind. There are going to be a lot of people who are going to use it. A lot of people didn't know what a blind was until you started coming and explaining what blinds were. A lot of people who aren't into hunting had no idea what the purpose of a blind was. Now they're beginning to realize it's an opportunity for them to go into the wild and be able to observe the wild. Some people might find that boring until they get up and they start doing it. The same thing here with the kiosk. A kiosk serves a lot of purposes. One it's an opportunity for people to make available to themselves the trails and an opportunity to pick up flyers. It's also a mini rain shelter for a lot of people on their way in or on their way out just duck in until the big storm blows over. I think that has hurricane force capacity of what 160 mph winds. Thank you Dylan.

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to accept from Dylan Quinn a kiosk at Musquash Pond and a donation of \$79.85 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Donation Account relative to an Eagle Scout Project with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 5-0.

C. Fiscal Year 2015 Estimated Revenues

Chairman Coutu recognized Finance Director Kathy Carpentier. Good evening thank you for being here. We have a lot to digest this evening but it's simple.

Good evening. Kathy Carpentier said I come before you to ask for your approval with the revised estimated revenues for FY15. About 20 months ago we started budgeting for FY15 and at that point the only thing you'd know is the Fiscal 13 revenues. At this point we know 14. Some of the revenues are trending up. Some are trending down. We're taking an opportunity to give you a revised estimated revenues. Also because of the default budget, some of the items that weren't approved because of default - for example the revaluation. There was an offsetting revenue of \$90,000 so because we didn't get the expense; it's in our best interest to remove that \$90,000 revenue also. I have reviewed the revenues. I've give you two copies. One is the original and what was approved and what is proposed in front of you today. On the right hand column, there's only a few numbers but those are the State code numbers. That's the level of detail that is submitted to the Department of Revenue. I've given you the breakdown of details. I also have reviewed this with the Town Administrator. So I'm here to ask you for your approval. It's a form that is done MS434. It's due on September 1st. I did inquire and get an extension knowing that I'd be meeting with you this evening to revise the revenues. With the default, it's moving the revenues down by \$303,865 and then with the additional estimated revenues that we saw for example motor vehicle registrations, we thought we could move up a little. I'd like to increase 308,000. So pretty much a flat even run.

Chairman Coutu asked was it a flat even or approximately a \$4,500 gain in revenue. Kathy Carpentier said when I was saying flat, it was \$.12 impact on the tax rate. So that's what I was referring to.

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 estimated revenues as recommended by the Finance Director and the Town Administrator, carried 5-0.

D. Expenditures and Revenues

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia indicated this is for the first two months of the fiscal year. I believe this has been adjusted for the default budget and all the subsequent transfers that the Board made including moving Zoning over to the Fire

Department. So when you look, you'll see that things have been moved around. In essence, we're about 17 percent of the way through the year. Again, we don't always spend things in a 1/12 fashion. We commit things such as the trash contract for example so you'll see a large number there but that's basically the commitment when we do the purchase order. That's just our practice is to book that whole contract and then expense against it. It's fairly early in the process so there's really not a lot of exciting comments I'm going to make about it other than it will be another challenging year. We're on another default budget. I'm confident that we're used to is and we can work with what we have.

Revenues. Steve Malizia said the car registrations, again, trending a little bit higher than we budgeted. If you think of things as 17 percent, we're at 18 something. The previous discussion that the Finance Director moved up some of the revenue in the automobiles. It's really reflective of what's happening and what's been happening for the last year or two. Folks are registering cars. The value is greater. So we're just making sure we capture that which ultimately helps keep the tax rate stable and/or even lower in some cases. Again, it's pretty in the year but at least we're starting and we're looking at it as we do every month. Again, there's really not a lot of trends you're going to see after the first two months of the year.

Chairman Coutu said the one that jumped out at me when I was going through expenses was the Highway Department. Then I thought about the rubbish. Mr. Malizia said we do paving and trash. Again we make commitments but they're not necessarily all expended yet.

E. Donation of physical equipment for the Fire Department by Planet Fitness valued at \$250

Chairman Coutu recognize Fire Chief Rob Buxton.

Chief Buxton noted I'm basically coming before the Board tonight to request permission to accept a donation of an elliptical device that was donated by Planet Fitness out of Nashua, New Hampshire. This is a program that they have with their used equipment as they phase it out to donate to public safety agencies in the area. We're just looking forward to move that \$250 donation forward.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, Maddox, to authorize the Fire Chief to accept a used elliptical machine being donated by Planet Fitness with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 5-0.

F. Request to apply for a CPR Manikin Grant Program

Chairman Coutu recognized Fire Chief Rob Buxton.

Good evening. Chief Buxton stated the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation is accepting applications for their grant program for community training and CPR. As you realize in 2012, we became a heart safety community. That means that we provide so many opportunities for community base CPR classes. This is a program that's run through the EMS Division. Lt. Michelle Rudolph heads that up for us. We're basically looking to apply for a new trainer with a value of \$800. There's no match. It's fully funded so we move forward for this request.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to authorize the Fire Chief to apply for the CPR Manikin Grant offered by the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation.

Selectman Maddox wanted to say that the Planning Board one night did this training. It was quite well done by the staff but until you've actually pushed down on that manikin and see how hard it is to do those compressions, it was great training. I think that updating the manikin would certainly help a little bit. I still can't get that BG's song out of my head - Staying Alive. That's the beat they want - 100 beats per minute. It was worthwhile and I hope that we'll get this and we can utilize it more. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Nadeau thought that it's great that you're looking for these grants and stuff. I hope that we do get this because our manikin definitely needs a little updating and it does get used quite a bit. It's good to see that these are out there that we're applying for them. Thank you.

Just as an aside, Selectman Brucker said I used a used manikin when I was teaching. I taught an Egyptian unit. I used it to perform a mummification ceremony and it was perfect. It was a complete. Is this a complete? Chief Buxton said this is the trainer. It's only half. Selectman Brucker stated back in the day when they have complete ones, it was possible.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

G. New Hampshire Emergency Notification System

Chairman Coutu recognize Fire Chief Rob Buxton.

Tonight before you Chief Buxton indicated there's a recommendation to authorize Chief Lavoie and myself to represent this community as the reverse 911 agents - very similar to the 911 program for addressing and the liaison assignments. The State allows two slots. I talked with Chief Lavoie and our emergency management roles we felt that this would be a good avenue for us to go down. You have an application and looking for authorization to appoint Chief Lavoie and myself to have access to that program.

Chairman Coutu said obviously being the two people in our community who are immediately responsible for public safety, it obviously makes sense that both of you should partake and be involved totally immersed in the emergency notification system.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to appoint Fire Chief Robert Buxton and Police Chief Jason Lavoie to serve as the Designated Authorized Officials for the New Hampshire Emergency Notification System for the Town of Hudson, carried 5-0.

H. Electricity Supply Purchasing

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia stated for the past three years, the Town of Hudson has been in a group effort, an aggregation sort to speak of communities and some small school districts to purchase the supply portion of our electricity. The effort was coordinated by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. Originally three years ago, we entered into a contract with Hess Energy. We had a fix for our electrical supply purchase part. We renewed for a year, went out to competitive bid at the beginning of 14, we're in contract now through the end of November. That contract will be expiring. The consortium or the NRPC has put together or negotiated a one year - it's not even a full year - an 8 month renewal for electrical supply purchase which is actually going down from .0785 to .0735. We have an opportunity to sign up for that and save some additional money on electricity for that 8 month period. Why is it 8 months? Markets have really changed in the last few years for the winter months. Winter months there's quite a spike if you've noticed natural gas, electricity, and all those things are costly. The rate is pretty much the same for all of the supply providers out there. So either Integrys, PSNH there's not going to be any competitive difference there but we can save coming out of the winter if we enter into this 8 month renewal contract.

Mr. Malizia indicated the benefit of this is, I spoke to them today, we'll be able to also put the school on it should the school want to get on it when their contract expires in December. So they'll be able to join up and get into this aggregation. There are other school districts in the area. I think Pelham, Windham, Wilton/Lyndeborough, as well as some other communities. It's been a real effort to kind of pool our resources and get a bigger bang for our buck. It's my recommendation we sign up for another 8 month period.

Chairman Coutu asked do you know when this 8 month period would begin. Steve Malizia said March of next year. This contract ends at the end of November. We're going to go back on the PSNH rate for December, January, February, and this will kick in in March. Chairman Coutu said nobody is going to offer us any electricity in those 3 months. Mr. Malizia said no we're going to go back to PSNH correct. We're not under any contract with them though. We're just going to float through that. From what the analysis indicates because people such as this have to buy basically that winter power, you're not going to save any money. It might even be a little bit more. They're recommending, and this have been researched by the NRPC folks, was to go with the PSNH rate for the winter months basically because it's pretty much the same as what you're going to see on the open market and then lock in come next March. That's just been the trends. As a matter of fact, I think this past year we floated a couple of months too because we didn't sign this contract until the end of February. So there was a couple months of floating. The markets have changed if you noticed particularly for those who notice natural gas and things like that. Those energy numbers have really changed in the winter time. At this point, that's their best recommendation.

Selectman Maddox asked Mr. Malizia in the next to the last page, you might want to let them know that we're not an 03049. All the buildings have...and what's 4 Gemini Drive? Steve Malizia indicated it's the former name of Constitution Drive. As long as they get the accounts right is all I'm worried about. We've got the correct accounts on it. I didn't notice the 03049. Thank you. They have all of our accounts. We've done an analysis to make sure - for example we've picked up the Library - the two buildings there and all of our other buildings - water, sewer, pump stations, and what not.

Chairman Coutu said that's why we should use seriously consider having someone come in to look at the landfill and put up a solar panel system. Steve Malizia noted I've got the oar in the water with GZA who is our person. So we're working on that. They've actually contacted I think one of the solar panel companies. Chairman Coutu said if we can generate our own for our own buildings, we're going to save a considerable amount of money. Other municipalities are doing it. I think it's a great idea.

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the 2015 Integrys Energy Services, Inc. renewal contract for the eight (8) month electricity supply contract for the Town of Hudson, carried 5-0.

I. Discussion regarding signs

Chairman Coutu recognized Selectman Benjamin Nadeau.

Selectman Nadeau said seeing that we didn't have a Code Enforcement Officer and the signs were getting very bad throughout town, we were having a lot of complaints about the signs for advertising - not the political signs...Chairman Coutu indicated and not the nonprofits either. Selectman Nadeau said we were starting to get overrun by them in the middle of the islands. They got to the point where they were bolting them up to the markers on the side of the road, chaining them to the light posts. I asked that the Highway Department go out through the Chairman and clean up the signage. They went out and took care of them. They did it for about 2 hours on Thursday. They got a lot of the signs down. There's still a lot of them out there and if the Board would allow, I'd like to ask the Highway Department again on their next free day, rainy day, or whatever day it is to go have them do the same thing to get rid of the rest of the signs.

Chairman Coutu certainly didn't have a problem with it. It's just that at some point when we have a Code Enforcement Officer I don't want this to be their responsibility. Selectman Nadeau I rode around today and there's a noticeable difference. It will look better when the campaigns are over. We still have until November. Those are going to be up but people who are trying to advertise business are not sticking them in between political signs. They're trying to put them out where everybody can see them. The proliferation, I don't want it to look like Nashua. During non election times, there's signs all over the ground and I thank you for that. It was great that you did that. I'd like to see it done one or two more times between now and then we'll see what happens after the election. By then, we'll have a Code Enforcement on and maybe stay on top of this thing.

Selectman Brucker asked is there any appropriate place that - I mean sometimes the seasonal signs like gutter cleaning, snow removal...Chairman Coutu said they're not prohibited from putting that on your property. If they go and clean your gutters, I believe there's a time limit...Selectman Nadeau noted 7 days...Chairman Coutu said they can put a sign out in front of your building saying that they did your storm windows. They did your siding. They did your roofing, gutter, or whatever. There's a limited time but they can do it but to throw them all over town. Selectman Brucker said I was just asking is there some appropriate way to do that. Chairman Coutu said yes. They can put it in front of your home. You said it was 7 days. I thought it was longer than that. If you want to put them in the window of another business who wants to advertise for you, that's great. There are other ways. We have newspapers. You can buy your ads in. There are other ways to advertise except littering our town with signs all over the place. What bothers me so much is that most of those signs are not from businesses in our town, they're from Nashua and all over.

Selectman Maddox indicated I see that one about buy a hot tub like it's the only one they have all over New England. I drive all over. He spent more money on signs that he did on the hot tub. No one is really held to the 10 days because I see like there's one company in town here that does garage doors. He put signs up and I see them up for a month or two. Nobody really bothers them. It's when they're out on Lowell Road and all over. It's just a pain.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Nadeau - First I'd like to state that this weekend with the storm that we had was really bad here in town. The Highway, Police, and Fire Departments did an outstanding job during the storm. We had 4 structure fires called in. One of them was up on Gibson Road and one was on Clearview. Both of those were pretty bad fires. The guys did a great job. The mutual aid that came in. Getting here was a little troublesome because there was a lot of the roads that were closed with trees down. Our Highway guys did a great job clearing the trees. I'd just like to say thank you to them again. That's all I have this evening.

Selectman Brucker - Just that again schools are in session and people should be aware of the children out on the road. I think that's it.

Selectman Maddox - Thank you Mr. Chairman. A couple of Planning Board questions. I don't know if any of you watched the last Planning Board meeting but there was a discussion in regards to the Dairy Queen. One of the issues is the road and I think it's Ridge that's to the left of Dairy Queen. When they came in with the plan, they found that the right of way and their parking lot are on in the same. They were going to try to work with the Planning Board but I said that's an existing road falls to us. So I'm just looking to see what the Board would like us to do with that. I think that Selectman Brucker you were there. I think that the smart thing to do now is have them rededicate the other side of the road which luckily the people that own Dairy Queen own so that we can get the right of way situation cleared up rather than it being on their property. At some point downstream it will become a problem.

Chairman Coutu said I saw the meeting and I certainly agree that that would be the most appropriate method of handling that right now is for them to come back to give access to the right away on the opposite side of the road so we have the easement in case we have to do something. What are we going to do tell them no we're going to widen the road on that side and...no. It's an existing business. He's been good to the community. That's my opinion. I don't know if anyone has something...Selectman Nadeau agreed. Chairman Coutu said I'm not dictating. It's a consensus.

Selectman Maddox said this is one of those no good deed goes unpunished. Years ago Nadeau Farms and now it's Senter Farm whatever it is, a gentleman that had a vision for that property came into the Planning Board and it is quite the unique property. I think there's what 160 acres with 30 something houses on it. Unfortunately the gentleman died. The person who bought it doesn't have the same vision or the same experience I guess. The concern I have Mr. Chairman is again the Planning Board wanted to buy into this and the private driveways which is what they are, the town road - Senter Farm Road - Mr. Burns is comfortable with. It is not a standard size town road. We undersized it to keep the look of the program that they were providing. If you go up and take a look at the private driveway that runs the first right off of Senter Farm Road, it is narrow. I think that we need to have public safety and Highway go up and really take a look at these. Again, what was on paper and what's there probably correct but nobody conceived that if you're coming up this driveway and the UPS truck is coming the other way, one of you has to get off the road. It's that narrow. I think it's 10, 12 feet at most. The turnaround at the end of it is minute. I don't know where they're going to put the snow and that's their problem but we do need to be able to potentially get an ambulance or heaven forbid the ladder truck up there. I think we need to have a discussion between the public safety, the Town Planner, Engineer to say although it looks nice, I think there's going to be problems downstream Mr. Chairman. I think that we should act before they get too many built because the end of this complex one of those private driveways is 1,500 feet long with I think 7 houses off of it. It will be a challenge. Again as I understand it with talking with the Road Agent, Pinard has agreed to go down and pick up the trash curbside. If they don't keep the contract or something bad happens, I think we need to make these people aware of the situation out there. So before it gets too built out, I think we need to do our due diligence because they're going to be sitting in their seats saying blah, blah, blah.

Chairman Coutu asked let me see if I get this straight. I'm having a very difficult time with this one. Are you saying this project is under construction or partially constructed and these roads are that narrow? Who approved them? Selectman Maddox stated the damn Planning Board. They're private driveways. They're not town roads. The town road is that Senter Farm one that comes off of Old Derry. Chairman Coutu understood that if they're going to - are people going to be bringing the rubbish up to Senter Farm Road? Selectman Maddox said no. At this point I said Pinard...Chairman Coutu said they're going to go down each and every one of those driveways. Selectman Maddox said they are. Selectman Nadeau said no way. Good luck to them. Selectman Maddox indicated if they lose the contract and they decide they don't want to do it, I think these are going to be concerns that go downstream Mr. Chairman. Chairman Coutu thought it's going to be a concern regardless. I'm sure Pinard is going to factor that in the next time he does a contract. I have an extra 5 miles of road I got to go in in this 300 foot section because it's all private driveways.

Again, Selectman Maddox thought we should have those groups that look at it now before it gets too built out and becomes more problematic. Chairman Coutu said but if the plans were already approved. Selectman Maddox said yes but if we don't...Chairman Coutu said we're going to go to court with this guy now over this if he's not willing to agree to...Selectman Nadeau thought it may be in his best interests to widen these driveways. Again, Selectman Maddox said there's just a little bit of gravel on either side and maybe 2 feet.

Chairman Coutu agreed that we should do something about it. I mean involve the Public Safety Committee and Mr. Cashell...Steve Malizia noted the Road Agent, Mr. Hall, the Fire Chief and perhaps the Town Engineer I think is also on it. Again Selectman Maddox said the Planning Board bought into this utopia.

Chairman Coutu asked now Senter Farm Road meets all the requirements. Selectman Maddox said it is acceptable to the Road Agent. Again, there's not closed drainage. Chairman Coutu asked if Senter Farm was a cul-de-sac. Selectman Maddox indicated yes. Chairman Coutu asked with an easement. We'll take about that. Selectman Maddox thought it's something Mr. Chairman that if we don't deal with it today, some poor Board of Selectmen in a number of years when they get further built out will have to deal with it.

Chairman Coutu asked if you're looking for a consensus. My opinion is let's get somebody to look at that before this becomes problematic. Selectmen Nadeau, Brucker and Nichols agreed.

Selectman Maddox had a question of the Town Administrator. I just wanted an update. I haven't been able to get into Town Hall during the day. Where are we with the \$100,000 request for Zach Field in Nashua? Steve Malizia indicated I believe the Executive Assistant corresponded last Friday. Donna Graham indicated with Attorney Leonard and I have not received any response at all. Chairman Coutu said the Mayor called me at the beginning of last week and assured me that it was going to get done. She's working on it. It's in the Director of Community Development is in charge of putting this all together. It will get done. She promised me it would get done. Selectman Maddox was just looking for a follow up Sir. Chairman Coutu wanted to stay on top of it. I'm strung out this week. I'm going on vacation next week. Donna tell them you're calling on my behalf that I would like to know. It might ease the pressure a little bit. Specifically what I said to her I would be remiss to our community if I wasn't nudging you all the way through this. She said Roger I understand what you're trying to do. You have my full support. We will get this done. It's in Community Development. Like anything else, she leaves it to other people to do it and I just told her it was imperative that we get it done sooner rather than later. She said we're working on it. Just nudge her some more. As a matter of fact, you might use that term "Selectman Coutu asked me to nudge you some more and see what she says".

Finally Mr. Chairman, Selectman Maddox said I too was impressed with the public safety and the response to the storms over Saturday. I think we've come a little complacent. It's been a quiet summer for weather issues and all of a sudden it was quite busy. So all of the departments that I heard worked well together. Highway had to clear trees so that they could get into some locations. The mutual aid between the communities - I certainly hope and I'm sure the Fire Chief will send a letter off to those communities that we're willing to come in and help us during the chaos of lightning coming through Hudson. Again folks if you wonder why we need to have a Fire Department of the size we do just look at the calls for Saturday. That's all I have Sir.

Selectman Nichols - I just want to remind everybody that Primary Election is tomorrow. If you come in and mark your ballot, you'll be part of what happens in our State. If you don't, you have no complaints. You can't say a word. Get out there and vote. We really, really need people to show up. That's one thing I'd like.

The other thing Selectman Nichols stated is Benson's is going to have a cleanup this coming Saturday so anybody who would like to volunteer, come on down. We'll feed you. We'll give you water and we'll find you a job. That's it. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Coutu - During the storm this weekend, I was in Pelham all weekend. Now that I have weekends off, it's always family. We have a Coutu Mountain Estates I think it's called. It's actually listed on Facebook the Coutu Mountain Estates. It's up on top of a mountain in Pelham. When the storm started, I have some pictures of the rainbows after the storm over the Coutu Mountain Estates. My son-in-law pulled up Hudson. He was telling me this is going on on that street. I said where are you getting this Joe. He said I'm your aide. I have to keep you current what's going on. I had my cell phone on because I know either of you would have called me or either Chiefs would have called me. Apparently they did an outstanding job but I was hibernating up in the mountains in Pelham.

Selectman Coutu thought we were going to get by this evening with nobody mentioning the Primary Election tomorrow. Obviously tomorrow is Primary Day and as Selectman Nichols stated, you don't want to be part of the problem. You want to be a part of the process. If you don't make your voice heard, you end up with candidates that you don't like and you have no right to complain about it because you helped elected them. By not showing up, you're giving those people who do get nominated -not that they're not deserving but they're getting nominated because whether it's a small minority of people who go out and show up and they vote for you or I'd like to think that it's a large number and it's a plurality of people that go out and vote and nominate. I know it's a little time out of everyone's day to go to the polls. It's not mandatory that you vote though I certainly strongly believe that it should be. I've always been proud of the fact that as an American citizen I'm given the opportunity to go to the polls and vote. I think about those people who serve overseas and those people who serve in wait in our country for us that allows us to have the privilege to go out and vote for candidates who seek public office. In many countries they don't have candidates, they have dictators. We don't have dictators in our country though some of them act as though they're dictators. We have an opportunity to choose. We have a long list of candidates. It's a state-wide election this year for United States Senator. We have one seat. For Congress each District will have one seat and for the House of Representatives representing out local districts. I believe we're going to be nominating 11 on each party - 11 Republicans and 11 Democrats if there are that many candidates. I know the Republicans do. There are other smaller or less significant officers like Governor's Council, although those are significant positions but we're asking that you take a half an hour of your day to go out and do what every American citizen should do which is partake in the electoral process and be involved. I will be working the better part of the day. I will be leaving my office a little early so I'm hoping to be at the polls no later than 4:30. It's the first time I don't - November I will be there all day. I have a commitment this week. I'm hosting an event Saturday for my employer and I have to be there. Santa Claus has to be there Saturday. So I will be there.

Selectman Coutu also wanted to remind everybody that Thursday is the anniversary of 9/11. We will be holding our annual 9/11 Memorial commemoration at the memorial at Benson Park. Everyone is invited. It's a short service. We will not forget and we will continue to have this service. I hope every single year at least through my living days and I will remember it forever. It was a sad day for this country that our land was attacked and we will remember those lives that were lost - 6:30 Thursday evening at the park. Any further discussion or any other item anybody wants to comment?

Chief Buxton had a point of clarification. It wasn't on the agenda last week. We came to the workshop and talked about the fire stations. We're certainly in budget preparation mode. We were supposed to bring it up for discussion tonight to see where we were going with the renovation and the building of a second station. I was looking for some direction from the Board.

Selectman Maddox believed that all of the selectmen have now seen both stations. I will make a motion.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Nichols, that we authorize the Chief to obtain numbers for upgrading the Central Lenny Smith Fire Station and to put together a package to put before the Board for the March ballot for replacing the Burns Hill Station with a new station most likely on Lowell Road.

Chairman Coutu had one question. It was brought to my attention have we done any assessment on Lowell Road of asbestos on that property because some was found just down the street. Chief Buxton stated Gary Webster had done some preliminary review. That's certainly part of this process as we put the package together. It will be a full assessment of the site. That will be part of the construction and all those other things. If it comes up as a bad site, you'll certainly hear from me. Chairman Coutu said we just want to make sure. You know there was some discovered just down the street. I want to make sure.

To that end Mr. Chairman, we're not digging a foundation for this building. Chief Buxton said there will be a foundation but there will be no cellar. Selectman Maddox said there will be no deep hole dug so hopefully if there is we can mitigate and make it work. Chairman Coutu commented just like we did up the street not like we're doing down at 111. That's good. I just wanted to make sure that we're aware that we don't overlook that possibility. We know we were a dumping ground.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to enter Nonpublic Session pursuant to: RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; (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; and (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph, carried 5-0 by roll call.

Chairman Coutu indicated that Nonpublic Session is being entered at 8:17 p.m., thus ending the televised portion of the meeting. Any votes taken upon entering open session will be listed on the Board's next agenda. The public is asked to leave the room. Chairman Coutu said open session is being entered at 9:32 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to terminate Cynthia Sharp as a Part Time Dispatcher at the Police Department, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to allow the Police Department to advertise for two (2) part time and one (1) full time Dispatchers, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to hire Bill Oleksak for up to 24 hours per week through 10/31/2014 at his previous rate of pay, carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox in opposition.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, carried 5-0.

Recorded by HGTV and transcribed by Donna Graham, Recorder.

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