

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes of the September 2, 2014 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Coutu the meeting of September 2, 2014 at 7:04 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Fire Chief Rob Buxton.
3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Roger Coutu, Ben Nadeau, Rick Maddox, Pat Nichols, Nancy Brucker

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Fire Chief Rob Buxton; Gary Webster, Acting Town Engineer; Bernie Manor

Chairman Coutu indicated that this evening we're going to talk about a couple of items at the workshop and I've given some thought to this. I just want to say one thing as a prelude to our entering into these two discussions. Selectman Maddox made a statement last week that he was sick and tired of sitting on his hands. I think it's more sitting on his laurels and this Board should not as well. I took that to heart. I thought about it several times since you mentioned it Selectman Maddox. I've served with you all but the two years of your reign as a Board of Selectmen. You came in a year or two before I did. I don't think we have had as serious a discussion as we're going to enter into tonight relative to a matter that has to do with infrastructure. We know that we're at the onset of preparing our budget for the next fiscal year. It's important to me, and I know it's important to all of us, that we all get totally involved in the discussion. I know that you're new Selectman Nichols and you're still going through the learning curve and I appreciate that. Your input as well as Selectmen Brucker, Nadeau, Maddox and I is critical in making decisions that are going to affect not just the monies that we're going to have for the next fiscal year to operate our budget but the direction that this town is going to go in.

Chairman Coutu noted one of the important things that we need to address, and this is what Selectman Maddox was bringing to the floor last week, is that we need to look at areas where we have neglected in infrastructure. We haven't neglected because we don't care. We've neglected - and that's a loosely used term. I'm using it loosely "neglected" because we were afraid to commit the monies. We need to make a commitment based on what we hear. I'm not endorsing anything that's being brought forth. We all have to listen to what is being presented to us. These are two critical areas. I know that Selectman Maddox and I have discussed these things at length over the past few years but there was no impetus to really drive these things. Selectman Maddox drove it last week. I think it's critical that we hear the discussions. So with that, I will ask the first matter that we're going to talk about is water and with that I'll ask that the Acting Town Engineer Mr. Webster come forth. You received in your package a pretty good summary prepared by Mr. Webster for a presentation and I'm sure he will elaborate and we can look at what we can and can't do and what direction we should go in in terms of finding alternate water sources in our town as opposed to depending on another municipality for a water resource.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Finding new water sources

Chairman Coutu recognized Acting Town Engineer Gary Webster. It's great seeing you again. I appreciate the fact and I'm sure this Board appreciates the fact that you've assumed this responsibility in the interim. You're here Sir because we know that you're a qualified person to do the work that this Board would like our engineering staff to do. Welcome Gary.

Gary Webster thanked the Chairman and said it's nice to be here. I kind of gave you a little map of everything here. We started our observations and actually trying to find other waters - the Alvirne well back in 2010. We've actually tried 4 wells since I was the Town Engineer up to 2010 to 2012. We had reports on all of them. The aquifer today and this map that you have is actually the aquifer map that we use. This is a correction. We do have 3 wells in Litchfield and not one.

Selectman Maddox noted its one site. Steve Malizia said its 2 sites. They're in 2 different aquifers actually up there. Weinstein is in a different aquifer, a different vein than the Ducharme and the Dame are. Selectman Maddox asked how far apart are they. Mileage wise, Mr. Malizia was not sure a couple of miles. Mr. Webster said yes. Mr. Malizia indicated they're in different hydro geological formation.

In fact, Gary Webster said if you look at this it's pretty close to being - where Alvirne is and there's a circle up there. It's almost where the Weinstein Well is. That's where one of the aquifers and that heads towards Hudson. The other one is near Darrah Pond which I don't have here. I do have it upstairs. There's two different aquifers. We actually volunteered ourselves on the aquifer at Darrah Pond to only draw so much out. Weintstein Well is our major work horse as far as production wise. Much more than the Dame/Ducharme Wells. We're in the process now of redoing the well over again because of the casings. We've come before about this. We lost a few months. Some things weren't done. Since I've taken over, we're going forward again on it. We lost a couple of months because people didn't answer the right questions. We're on the go. We're at DES right now with it. A few weeks ago I found this

information and we moved it right along to the State. That's one of the things that very important to have that Weinstein Well. It's off Cutler Road. Like I said, it's our work horse well. When we put these wells back in the 80s, I actually was working for Maynard at the time and I remember we located these wells.

Just another bit of history too and Gary Webster said I thought about this today. I remember when I worked for Maynard when it was Southern NH Water at the time. They went all over the Town of Hudson doing exploratory wells that we're doing. I remember this distinctly down Chalifoux Road and Par Lane. There was no development down there. The duplexes weren't built. They had a lot of wells and we had to go out there and locate them obviously. That was done by Southern New Hampshire and then they found out there was not good aquifers or well productions so that's why they ended up in Litchfield. They found the Weinstein Well first and then the Dame/Ducharme Wells came after. I wish I had a little more history of it. It's the only history that I remember when I worked for AE Maynard. I don't know how many wells they did. I just remember the wells down the south end that we had to locate and so forth.

Mr. Webster said I don't know what started this back in 2010 but we're looking for another water source. We did start looking for wells and we looked at Alvirne. We own the property and as you can see the blue is really the aquifer and you can see the Alvirne Well. We thought it would have been good there but what happened is we found with gravel wells, there has to be nice gravel material. What happened is very, very fine sand and it's hard to get water out of real fine where rocks and nice stuff it draws. It's much easier to get water so it wouldn't recuperate. The other problem with that well, we had a lot of nitrates which is fertilizer from leach beds. So there's a high content. It's something we could have dealt with but it was just not enough yield out of the well. That was our first attempt with the well and I believe the second one was...

Selectman Nadeau said while we're talking about the Alvirne property for many, many years the high school was fed by a well. The well that I'm thinking of is across the street. It's the big reservoir. Have we thought about looking at that one? We only stopped using that probably 2 years ago to feed the Hills House and the farm. Mr. Webster said the well was never used very much because I went out there when Charlie Chaulk was here and we pumped out that hydrant. It was terrible looking. It was black and no one ever used it. So we pumped it right out. That's what that little bag is. It doesn't look like one of regular hydrants. There's a hydrant out in front of Alvirne. We always put a bag over it and so forth one of these days. We never looked in that section across the street. Technically it was in the aquifer but I'm not sure. Obviously we'd have to get permission to see and actually test the well. Selectman Nadeau said that thing was always overflowing with water during Old Home Days when I was out there back in the early 90s, 2000s. Mr. Webster said if the line is there, there's a way to test it. I don't know how big the reservoir is Ben. I really don't. Selectman Nadeau said it's a huge well. You just go right up that main dirt road and it's all fenced in, barbed wired over the top. Mr. Webster said the biggest thing is the 400 foot radius which obviously you can there because it's all Alvirne's property back there. Selectman Nadeau noted it definitely has the 400 foot radius.

Chairman Coutu asked if it was the old drum well. Selectman Nadeau said no. The casting is bigger than the circle that we're sitting in here and the water was just flowing over the top of that. We used to use it to feed the Hills House up until the lines got congested with rust. Chairman Coutu said were we feeding it at ground level, we weren't dropping a pump into the well were we? Selectman Nadeau said it still feeds the Hills House. Chairman Coutu asked is it pumped from a pump where Hills House or is the pump in the well? Selectman Nadeau said the pump is off to the side. You can see it next to the tree farm. It's not a big pump but that's the pump that they use over on that side of the road.

Chairman Coutu asked we could test that conceivably Gary for pressure and containment. Gary Webster wasn't sure if we - Steve and I worked on this every year as far as trying to encumber money every year to go look for a well. Since I really haven't been the Town Engineer since 2013/2014, we were doing it every week putting money aside. We try to find locations and try to find a new source of water. I'm not sure if we encumbered last year's because I know we didn't do anything last year I believe but 2014 we're in the new budget now. I'm not sure if anybody did any of that. If there's a way to test it - the thing is we'd have to get permission obviously from the School Board. Selectman Nadeau said the School Board would be the ones to give him permission but it's in their best interests to allow us to do that.

Gary Webster said I'm glad you brought that up Mr. Nadeau. Bernie came in my office today and he talked about the irrigation well that they have at the school right by the track. I know that well is there because we put the sewer line in and we never tested it or tried to a flow test on it.

Bernie Manor stated we were thinking about that well that we use for the fields down there. That thing never runs dry. They pump a lot of water out of there. I thought it would be worth our while just to investigate that a little bit. We'd probably get the good 400 foot radius around it but there was some question about the water quality of it. We have a source. We're going to try to look at it and make sure we really don't have a source. If it's good, why not try to use it. Gary Webster said it's on town property too so it's the plus thing. What we could try to do is see what we have for money. We haven't done anything this year. Of course I have to use Weston & Sampson but they're the ones that perform all of this stuff for you. It's another issue that we have to take care of that I need to use them for doing this

stuff. That's something we could put those 2 wells there and we could take a look at it as long as I get permission from the Trustees or the School Board. That would be an easy one to test because we don't have to drill the well.

Chairman Coutu stated we could make a formal request. What you said Mr. Manor is that the potential is there. Because we know there's potential, we should do the exploration. Bernie Manor said to check it out and make sure it is or it isn't good - one or the other. Chairman Coutu said when they do it, you said the 400 foot radius is that the typical dig or a 400 foot? Mr. Manor said that's what we have to have for State regulations.

Selectman Maddox said that these are all good but I think at some point we need to tap into resources other than we think. I think it's time to go out and find a real hydro geologist to look at some of this and point out some areas. Again, we've gone to 4 locations we thought there was going to be water. How much do we keep doing that and elicit the help of a company that that's what they do. Gary Webster said technically we did find one well. The Nash well as I call it. They've looked into this further because of what we're paying for the price of water. It should be in the reports. I just found that report through the winter developing that well. There's a potential between 200 gallons a minute out there and it's a ledge well. It's hard to get gravel wells because the gravel is gone. That is a real potential. Its 600 feet of water line and bill. We have to treat for arsenic out there. All it is is like a filter out in your pool almost. That's how they treat it and they have to dump it out and clean it and have to have a place to put it. That is a potential well considering all the other wells we did do. Like I said, the water line is right there. It's not that far and I've talked to Mr. Nash about it a few times. I haven't called him back. We had a meeting about a month ago with Weston & Sampson. They did a complete hydraulic model of the town and that was one of the things that we talked about is trying to contact him and see where we go with it. There's a potential. If we have a couple half decent wells, that's less water that we have to go across the river to Hudson. If we can get 200 gallons a minute out of one well and find another well to offset it. We're not going to get the mother load of all wells in town because it's not there anymore. I hate to say it. They tried it back in the 80s. Somehow a ledge well has that potential and that is a ledge well. It's just the treating of the radon and arsenic which is not a hard thing to do. One thing about it, the water lines are there.

Chairman Coutu asked Mr. Webster to refresh my memory. Was there any conversation in the past with Mr. Nash relative to him giving us rights for the well if there was a potential for the well. Didn't that conversation occur? So the door has been open. Gary Webster said yes. Chairman Coutu believed he offered us that opportunity to...Mr. Webster said the only stipulation he would have was as long as he could have a right of way to go into the rest of his property. Chairman Coutu said I wouldn't object if we had a viable resource for water. That's what we need. We need to have less reliance on Pennichuck and have a water source that's ours. Mr. Webster said anything we find on our side of the bridge or the river is just a bonus because we produce it a lot cheaper than we can buy it. That's the thing. If you had a couple of wells, it makes a big difference. We probably still would have to buy some water from them and the contract is there if something drastically happened and we lost something it's there. It would also be wheeling water in the summertime across the bridge. It's a very expensive ordeal for us. It really is. That's a potential that the Utility Committee talked to me about. It's just a matter of contacting Peter. I've talked to him a few times. I told him that was not out of the thing but then when Weston & Sampson came up with a better report with the comparisons and the pricing and how much water we're going to get and what we're paying, it is really worth looking at now. It wasn't before but now it is. They give me 165 gallons a minute to 250. Well 250 is a lot of water. It's in the ledge and it's abundant there. We have to do a real test and nothing to it. It's a 6 inch well head right now. We'd make it obviously bigger. It would be an 8 or a 10 right in the same spot. They want to move it a little bit. That would be the way to go plus like I said when you get the 400 foot radius, it does overlap into the circumferential highway which we don't have to worry too much about for a while.

Selectman Maddox asked if the Town Administrator could use his magic calculator. The months of June and July of this year alone we've bought 16 million gallons of water. What does that add up to? I think that again there's a potential here to offset the work that we're doing with the savings that we could realize and we could cut that in half. Steve Malizia said 100 cubic feet is 748 gallons. That number divided by 748 yields how many cubic feet they've already used at \$2.00. However, some of the water we wheeled thru out system for their use. Water goes in all different directions. It goes to Pelham. It goes to Windham. It goes back to Litchfield. It goes to Londonderry. The water when it enters the system doesn't differentiate where it's going to end up. In other words, we have a meter that comes over here. We have a meter that goes into Litchfield. We have a meter that goes into Pelham. We have a meter that goes into Windham. Should they expand their system in those towns, it's going to come through Hudson probably.

Selectman Maddox said I guess my question should have been is how much did we pay Pennichuck last year. Steve Malizia indicated we budget approximately \$250,000 for water from Pennichuck. Gary Webster said we have a contract for up to 2 million gallons a day if needed.

Chairman Coutu asked what was the estimated cost from Weston & Sampson on the exploration on that piece. Do we have a figure from them? Gary Webster said well they had a comparison. Steve Malizia said we've traditionally budgeted about \$15,000 each year for the water exploration. We haven't passed all of that necessarily but we budget for that. Gary said it should be the Nash well 2013 on February. This went to Pat Colburn. I didn't realize he got this. I was just quickly looking at it. It would be another pump test and then the arsenic levels. It's high in aluminum. I didn't think there would be aluminum in water until I read this report tonight before I got here.

Selectman Nadeau questioned the aluminum. That would be from the blasting at Brox. Aluminum nitrate is used a lot in blasting. Steve Malizia asked didn't they blast on their site too way back then? Selectman Nadeau said yes. Mr. Webster said the level of aluminum was detected in the Nash well. I've never seen any testing of aluminum in the water. I was really surprised when I read this tonight. They said some of it is from the micro granite too.

Selectman Brucker asked is arsenic pure in the ground. Gary Webster said usually if you have a ledge well, radon is in there. It's actually rotten ledge and that's what causes the radon. That's why they vent it. Everybody builds a new house today and even the Town does it now - we make sure they have vents in the basements and they vent it out in the air. When people buy a new house and they're on wells, they have to check for radon.

Bernie Manor thought it's pretty clear that we really don't have a source in town that's going to give us a great big well. I think we have to start thinking about putting a lot more of the littler wells together if we're really going to make a system out of it. We have to start doing those.

Gary Webster thought the Nash well if you saw over a period of time, it's going to pay us off. Before it wasn't because of the cost of water from Pennichuck but now it's at that point. They always use like 200 gallons a minute. That's the breakeven point but now I think we're on the other side of that now.

Chairman Coutu asked do you know the study of this hydro geology map. Steve Malizia asked where did the map come from - US Army? Mr. Webster indicated Weston & Sampson did the map. Chairman Coutu asked if it was a current map. Mr. Webster said it's not current, current because some of these aquifers are not there. I found these probably when I was looking for water 4 or 5 years ago. We have other maps also in there about the ledge, where things were buried. We have 5 different maps here but this is the kind of one you try to use. If you see the dark blues on there, that's what you want to look for. Steve Malizia noted green is ledge or bedrock so it's difficult to extract.

Gary Webster said Mr. Malizia came up with a good one the other day there. I didn't realize we owned this parcel of land but little Ottarnic Pond, there's 30 acres there. Mr. Malizia said you also want to be somewhat near where you're already existing because if you're trying to run pipes across country, you'll spend a small fortune hooking up to the system. That's also something you've also considered not exclusively but you have to be mindful of it. The Nash well would work because it's within X amount of feet.

Chairman Coutu asked if we had money in this year's budget. Have we set money aside this year? Steve Malizia said yeah \$15,000 I believe. I always try to put something in for this purpose. Mr. Webster wasn't sure what happened last year. I don't know if we encumbered that. I can't answer that question because I wasn't really involved in it. We could look back and do it. Mr. Malizia reiterated that we definitely put money in for this year. Mr. Webster said we tried to do it every year but that's...

Chairman Coutu said to Mr. Webster based on your expertise and what you presented to us now as well as Mr. Manor, what would you recommend as our Engineer that we go from here? Gary Webster thought the first thing I think we should do really at is the Nash well and do a real good test on it. I know we could get a cost obviously with the filters and so forth and take a look at it. It doesn't mean it has to be done tomorrow but we should take a test on that well. The one at Alvirne at the athletic field we do a water quality test and we do a pump test. So how many gallons a minute we can get out of the well. Chairman Coutu noted the exploration you'll do that on any source or potential water. Mr. Webster said yes and I would suggest doing and it's not going to be real costly is to try to do them if we get permission this year and even what Mr. Nadeau said across the street from Alvirne. I knew that well has been there for a long time.

Chairman Coutu stated we know we have a potential source of Nash. We have no contract but he has stated that he would give us a right of way. I don't disagree with you Selectman Nadeau. It's primary to the Nash well. We know that it is a source. The other one we don't know. I think the first step is for you or somebody on the Board to make a motion for us to request of the School Committee to allow us to explore that well.

*Motion by Selectman Nadeau to send a letter to the School Committee signed by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Board to allow us to explore the well located at the Hills House property.*

Selectman Nadeau said I will make that motion as we check that one before we check the Nash well. That well used to feed the high school primarily. So if that well used to feed the high school primarily, I think that needs to be our first place of exploration before we go to the Nash well. If this well is the one that fed the high school, the farm, we used a ton of water on the farm and it fed the farmhouse and it fed the Hills House. Before we even go looking at the Nash property, we need to explore home ground first. What we're getting out of that hydrant out at the end of the road might not be what we're going to get out of the well if we go pump the well out itself.

Gary Webster thought that's a good idea. I think if we have a little wiggle room here with the money that we have to do the exploratory and do the testing if we can do all 3, I think it's good to know to have that information. Do the other well but it's much easier to get that guy here at one time and let's do all of them at the same time. We have to price

first obviously. See what we have and say how much because the testing and the water quality on those two wells, that well I'm not sure of the hardware how we can test it. I haven't been out there. I know that water because I went to Alvirne and that's where all the water source is from and we didn't have more lines out there. Selectman Nadeau said it's still the same water source just so you know.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to send a letter to the School Committee signed by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Board to allow us to explore the well located at the Hills House property, carried 5-0.

Chairman Coutu noted that we've heard the recommendation of Mr. Manor. Would it be advisable or would the Board like to have Mr. Webster go to Weston & Sampson and get an estimate of the cost of exploration on the three proposed - the Nash well, the Hills House, and the Alvirne High School athletic field. Gary Webster said the Alvirne one; they really pump a lot of water out of that thing. It's good to check. Nash and Hill, we'll do number 1, 2, and 3. We'll do the Hills House, Alvirne, and Nash at the last one. Now we can get some real numbers back. Chairman Coutu said we'll take the two municipal properties first.

Selectman Nadeau said that would be my way of going. I'll make that motion.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectmen Nichols, to have Gary Webster explore the cost of exploring the three well sites, the first well site being Hills House, Alvirne High School, and Nash, carried 5-0.

Chairman Coutu said as soon as you get that, I think that it's imperative we get the cost estimate, ascertain that we have the \$15,000 anyway, and then we'll look at it. Selectman Maddox you wanted to make this a priority item. Gary Webster indicated I'll send an e-mail out tomorrow to them.

Selectman Maddox told the Chairman since the member of the Utility Committee is here, I think that they need to be looking at long term. I know we're all excited we just found 3 places to go look for water but I think we need to have a long term plan. How are we going to get wells in town, and a distribution system, and a storage system, and how we're going to do that over the next X number of years? I know they come to the CIP and we have bits and pieces but I think there needs to be some sort of master plan for the lack of a better title for it but how are we going to get there? Putting 3 wells in, we're going to have to connect it up to the system. Are we going to need to have treatment on some of these? Chairman Coutu told Selectman Maddox it's not a bad idea either. Selectman Maddox indicated we're going to need to deal with the Gordon Street issue sooner rather than later. Again, I'm of the belief that you might as well just take that steel one down and put up a new concrete one because by the time you're done with the lead paint and everything else, it may not be cost effective. We need to know those things before its crisis time or I got a budget for it.

Gary Webster said I just got some more information which I'm working with the guy at the State and we're done a lot of stuff out there. We do have some estimates for the tank. It goes from \$400,000 to \$600,000 to take all the lead paint off and so forth. That's the initial cost. After you get the lead paint off, we can have anybody go paint the thing. The idea is the lead paint has to be encapsulated. You have to take it right down to the metal because it's lead paint and that's the big thing.

Chairman Coutu told Mr. Webster its \$400,000 to \$600,000 with the government watching us so that's going to go to \$800,000 to \$900,000. By the time we get the permit, it's up to \$1.1 million. If we can go the route that Selectman Maddox has explored building a new tank, let that one rot. I know Bernie you were chomping at the bit to say something. Did you want to say something?

Bernie Manor said we had Weston & Sampson kind of give us a blueprint of how to assess our assets and how to decide what we should do to fix what we got and to build out. They had given us an estimate of I think around \$25,000 to start that process. Pat was involved with that but since he's left, it's kind of gone nowhere. That is a start of getting this done. I actually have to have almost 2 different contracts to fill it out. We'd get the start of it with all the assets and what we have and what they think they our needs are for the future. Then we'd have to go into a second process of trying to put costs and all of that.

Chairman Coutu stated that's taken us in the direction that Selectman Maddox is saying. Looking at our assets, protecting the assets, and then looking at the build out for future needs.

Bernie Manor said they had given us a price on doing some of that and I'll tell you, we have put aside \$25,000. I think Pat had put it in a budget. Where that went, I don't know. That is a method of getting us to at least get started.

Gary Webster noted that Mr. Maddox was right. The CIP projects - we talked about this and the Barrett's Hill tank was one of them, the upgrades to the Windham Road Station, and the other one was the connecting line from Greeley Street to Rangers Drive and we have costs and everything associated with that with actually the town forces and so forth. It's a CIP project but the project is there's no money in there to do it. He's absolutely right. We talk about it but there's nothing there to get the money in there so we can do it. That's the problem. We did one tank at the south end

which was very well needed. We had two tanks at the time but because of the cost, it was \$4 million. We did the south tank and the Barretts Hill tank is the next one to think about. We can't take the Gordon Street tank off line. A new tank is like \$2 million. Just as a figure. Another thing we didn't realize was we Google mapped it. We have more land to the right of that tank up there. I thought it was just a small little area but we do have an area. If that ever did come to fruition, it would be to build that new cement tank before you take the metal tank down. That's long term to look at. It's giving us a direction which way we want to go.

Chairman Coutu didn't expect and I don't think Selectman Maddox expects that we're going to do all of this overnight. We need to have a plan in place and that's the direction I think that this Board would like to see it goes is have a plan in place for the future. Not doing anything right now is going to jeopardize this town in the future especially with the continuous build out. More and more people are asking can I get on the water system. We don't have the financial resources to expand but we don't want to endanger what we have for water. So we need to look for alternate sources. We need to have a plan in place to do it and then the cost associated so we can make an intelligent decision on going ahead with the plan.

Selectman Brucker stated we also need to compare that with the savings that we would make of having our own water. I don't know what we're paying out to Pennichuck. It may be worthwhile to do this tank.

Gary Webster thought we have some good potentials here and then we had some potential other wells and Mr. Maddox and I talked about the one near the Executive Drive area. We talked about that one. The one way down the south end near Eayers Pond where we own that land, that was a couple years ago was a potential. We were going to subdivide and sell the property. It's pretty tight there to put a 440 foot radius and I'm not sure it would be a potential...Selectman Nadeau said to sell the property.

Gary Webster said we are looking and it might not be a gravel well. It might be a ledge well. That Nash is going to be a ledge well which there's nothing wrong with it. It's there. It doesn't have the pollutants where sometimes a gravel well will have. Look at Alvirne. You can see what's happened out there.

Chairman Coutu indicated right now we have to live with what we have for now. So that's what's in the budget. Why don't we proceed with getting Weston & Sampson to come back with a proposal cost associated and bring that back to us. We'd appreciate it.

Selectman Maddox thought the utility if they could take a look at where we are financially. Bernie Manor stated we are also right now looking at that. As the Utility, we're looking at where the costs are. There's no way that we're going to continue to run our system and expand it without having to think about a rate increase because essentially somewhere along the line, we've got to pay for this. Selectman Maddox said that's what I'm asking exactly. How much money do we have? What it's going to take and what that will equate to as far as a rate increase? Again, it's been what 12 years since we bought the water. Steve Malizia said 16 - April of 1998. We cut it 10 percent and never touched it since.

Chairman Coutu said other municipalities have gone up 33 percent for water. Gary Webster said our friends across the river have. Steve Malizia indicated we've never raised it.

Chairman Coutu stated it's time to look at that. We need to make an investment in our infrastructure. We need to put all of this together in one solid package. Gary Webster thought we have (inaudible) now. I really do. I feel confident we have some areas that we can look at and hopefully this will offset what we take across the river. Nothing against them over there but there's a difference in the water on this side of the river and what you're paying for on that side. Whatever we can do on this side is just a savings.

Selectman Maddox said that's where I'm trying to get to Mr. Chairman. I understand that we're wheeling, and there's expansion and all that, and they are a valuable tool that if we had a problem we can draw through that pipe. To spend a quarter of a million dollars at that price, we could build our infrastructure up to where we're buying it for the pennies per gallon as opposed to dollars or whatever that number is you're telling me - the cubic yard.

Gary Webster had one credit to the utility company - they came to me and we got some dead end aligns and so forth and they came with some new CIP projects which was really helpful. One was from Greeley Street back to Alvirne again. A big long dead end there. Alvirne has a problem with the pressure. The other one was where the Nashua outlet where the line ends out there all the way back to Christine Drive where we put that. That's another big, big loop there that really makes a big difference. We had that problem down the south end without the tank. The line cut at Flagstone, everybody in the south end was out of water. I think some of the things we have to seriously look at. I did a cost for all these different ones. I got to appreciate that they are looking into this and hopefully they'll get it back to you. Mrs. Brucker is at those meetings and I went to the last meeting there and I had a lot of information for them and probably overwhelmed they a little bit. There's a lot of things happening. Some projects right now happening with line extensions, on Sullivan Road we got the Dunkin Donuts on Robinson Pond. I met with the people out there on Oliver Drive. They got a serious problem out there with water and their water line is right there. There's some things

that we have to look into and hopefully we get Weston & Sampson squared away so I can have them start reviewing this stuff to find out if it's feasible or not.

Steve Malizia asked to take a moment. Mr. Webster wasn't here at the last meeting and I know it's not on your agenda but in case anybody has any questions about the Weston & Sampson on call contract that we didn't approve, this might be an opportune time. I don't want to keep dragging him in here because he works a limited amount of hours. I wanted to throw that out there. I've got the numbers. I don't know if you want to look at them tonight. I've got the numbers of what we spent with Weston & Sampson. Somebody asked me for 5 years worth of numbers. I have 5 years worth of numbers. I only bring this up because Mr. Webster is here tonight. I figured if he had it if you have any questions, I don't want to drag him in here next week. This represents is what you asked me for. There are two columns on this. The first one says "total paid". These are monies paid to Weston & Sampson over the last 5 years. The other column is the on call service. That's very specific to the piece where Gary needs to use them. As you can see, that's a much lower number and that's included in the total paid. Total paid would have the costs for doing some of these exploratory wells and the other projects that they've done for us just so you know what's in there. Again, the on call is when Mr. Webster needs to get to them to consult with them, to get information from them, to have them work on something. I know you had asked for it. If you have any questions, this would be the opportune time to ask Mr. Webster perhaps.

Chairman Coutu asked what is it we did in FY2012 that cost us \$77,000. That was the first thing that jumped out at me as opposed to \$22,000 in 2010. Gary Webster stated its part of the Weinstein Well and probably one of the well cleanings. It was the Dame cleaning which was around \$20,000 - \$25,000 I believe. We do those every 5 years. So that's kind of an automatic. I know we did the 2010/2011 we did the Dame, then the Ducharme, and then the Weinstein. That's when we discovered we had to do some of the Weinstein. So that's probably 3 years ago. That could have been it right there. At that time, we're drawing water out of you know where.

For the record, Chairman Coutu indicated this total paid comes out of the water utility correct? Steve Malizia said yes all of this.

Selectman Maddox said, again, I think this was good to see Mr. Chairman inasmuch that if we had a Town Engineer, you can see that it was \$4,000 to \$6,000. I would have reduced that number down but because Mr. Webster is going to have to utilize them more as kind of his backup. I don't see a problem with the 15. If it wasn't for that, I would drop it back to 10 cuz they haven't used that in 5 years. Gary Webster said when I was here, I know I was using the 15 every year I believe. According to this, Steve Malizia said we haven't been. Again, I pulled this right off the PO system. Mr. Webster said the exploratory wells is a separate line item. That's what it was. The 102 project I used them for. Mr. Malizia wanted to make sure that if you had questions this is an opportune time.

Selectman Brucker had quick question that a resident the other day said to me she thought we had no more capacity sewer capacity. Is that correct? Gary Webster said no. We have sewer capacity. We were trying for more sewer capacity. I've come to the Board a while ago and I did contact them. We're meeting them next Wednesday. Their preliminary report that the sewer utility spent money on to do part of that report that they're doing, it was supposed to be ready. I'm hoping they get it within a week or two so that we can look at it. I'll gladly share it with everybody what's going to happen. It's another thing to look at. Right now our sewer capacity is we're using probably 1.3 million gallons. We have a 2 million gallon cap as an average. We're not using that but we don't have that big high user sewer anymore. It's all these small companies moving in that I use unless sewer which is good. Down the road, there's some big properties still left here that we'll probably want that capacity and I've included that in the master plan here.

Chairman Coutu said it would be nice to get 15 percent or 20 percent instead of the 12.5.

Steve Malizia also wanted to qualify that there is a distinct district so if someone is outside the district, they can't get sewer. So just not to leave an impression if you're out in the hinterlands of Hudson, you're not getting it. Selectman Brucker asked but for new construction...Mr. Malizia said if you're not in the district, you're not getting it. I just want to make sure just qualifying that because somebody may say oh I'm over here getting new. It's not the same.

Chairman Coutu wanted to advise everybody in TV land. You're going to hear some shuffling of papers. I know what it sounds like on the microphone. Please bear with us. Thank you very much Mr. Webster and Mr. Manor. We really appreciate your input. We're looking forward to seeing cost estimates. Let us know when you're ready. Let the Town Administrator know and look at the numbers.

Gary Webster had a quick comment. It's funny that we're talking about aquifers today. All of a sudden I get a phone call from a lady. She's got an artesian well and she wanted to know if it was in the aquifer. People out there are listening. Thank you very much.

B) Replacement of Fire Stations

Chairman Coutu recognized Chief Rob Buxton.

Chief Buxton apologized that I didn't get this to you in your package for the workshop. Tonight you'll find in front of you a brief slide presentation I'd like to go over with you regarding our facilities. From viewing your last meeting, there seemed to be some discussion started in regards to taking a long hard look as to what we would be doing facility wise. Selectman Maddox had brought up a couple of concerns regarding Station 4 or the Burns Hill Station along with Central Station. There was some conversation in regards to feasibility studies, so forth, and so on. I had contacted Selectman Maddox. He is our liaison obviously to the Board. I contacted him and said I think we have the tools that we need today to make some of these decisions. What I wanted to supply the Board was in 2007 we went out and we did an RFP and did a feasibility study or facility study on Central Fire Station along with a location study that was conducted by Pacheco Ross. That was a project that went on from March 2007. A found report was issued to the Board in November 9, 2007. So a very lengthy process. The original Central Fire Station or the Lenny Smith Central Fire Station as is it now known was built in '52. It had a two story bay that was added on in '78 to accompany the ladder truck and a tanker truck that was in that bay. The building is 62 years old. Obviously you know through the budgetary process this year you know we had to come in and you were supportive of encumbering some funds to assist us with the HVAC system. We're not in the process of seeing the HVAC system completed. That was an \$82,000 plus project and now we're faced with other systems that continue to reach the end of their serviceable life. So we continue to move forward.

Chief Buxton said the scope of the study conducted by Pacheco Ross was to give us a look at the serviceability of the facility, our needs, and to accommodate a modern firefighting service, and get all of our plants underneath one roof. That would be inclusive of the Fire Administration at the time fire prevention and then run the emergency services side of the house out of the same facility. Currently we're split. We have a split facility on the campus here at Town Hall. Inspectional Services in the Community Development wing of Town Hall. That was completed last year. The Fire Administration building sits on the corner of Ferry and Library and then obviously the Central Fire Station sits on the corner of School Street.

A couple of the cold standards that Chief Buxton said they use to look at the facility during the study the IBC Code, NRP Standards, ADA, all those nice things that we like to be evaluated by. The building was found to be structural sound but was not compliant with current building codes - American Disabilities Act and those types of things. Obviously we started talking about the infrastructure systems within the building - the heating, the ventilation, the air conditioning. He replaced the heating system this past year in 2014 and in 2012 we replaced the generator that actually services the campus. So the generator that you installed on an emergency PO at that time also feeds the fire station, Town Hall, and fire administration building. So that takes care of that whole site.

What do we need to do to extend our serviceable life? Chief Buxton indicated Pacheco Ross came out at that point in time and told us that picking things off the wish list as they break really wasn't going to help us to extend the serviceable life of the facility and wasn't a plan. We got a single means of egress that comes off the second floor. Any building of that size today we would have two means of egress off the floor. We enforce the life safety code and our own building doesn't meet the current life safety code.

One of the other pieces that you paid for in that facility study Chief Buxton said was to conduct a space needs analysis. That really sat down through a 30 page document at the time. Chief Murray, myself, and Deputy Carter sat down and we went through and looked at what we would need for space to get through a new facility. As you see total, today we're living in about 11,000 square feet. If you flip to the next slide but that does say and you're not misreading on the bottom that it's projected out there that we need approximately 23,000 plus square feet to run the modern facility and have administration, and prevention, and everybody underneath one roof.

Chief Buxton said one of the conversations that I've had with Selectman Maddox and the Chairman have had is regards to what are we trying to achieve? What's the goals we're trying to look at with Central Fire Station. As you know starting last August 3<sup>rd</sup> of this past month, we went to a new deployment model. That puts 3 firefighters in emergency services in that building 24 hours a day along with the other 3 facilities. A couple of questions that I asked them at the time was the goal to try to build a facility that would move inspectional services and fire administration under one roof? That didn't seem to be the goal. During the CIP process, we came before the Planning Board and pushed out three major projects regarding infrastructure with the Fire Department. One was a new Central Fire Station with a rebuild at \$6 million. The second on was an addition to the Burns Hill Fire Station at \$843,000 and then there was a radio infrastructure project that was \$100,000 somewhat dollars. It's my understanding that all three of our projects made the list that CIP is looking at. You heard the Town Engineer a couple of minutes ago talk about the CIP project and the fact that there's no money to fund that. Those are the things that we now start taking a look at.

As we start looking at it, Chief Buxton asked what's a 23,000 square foot property going to do for us. It's going to modernize the building. It's going to provide a better safety environment for our employees, and a more efficient environment for us to deliver services out of and put us all underneath one roof. Four options came out of the study.



One was to repair and maintain the building with minor remodels. The other one was to renovate or add on to the facility. The other was to raze the facility and rebuild on the site. The fourth one was to build a facility on a new location. In 2009 I believe it was, we actually put out a warrant article to look at \$25,000 for engineering on a site for a new central fire station. That failed at the ballot that year. This is the first time since that time that we actually have this aggressive of a conversation regarding the facility. The conversation that has come up is is there a tolerable number of costs for renovating Central Fire to extend its serviceable life? The reason we're looking to extend its serviceable life is because some of the items that we'll talk about next regarding the Burns Hill station. One of the things that Selectman Maddox has brought forward, and please correct me if I'm wrong, but when we talk about infrastructure in the Fire Department and I've said for a long time a new central fire station is just the tip of the ice berg. When we talk about infrastructure grants and those types of things and everybody asks if we meet the 15 year window for age, we meet the 15 year window by a long shot. All of these facilities except for Central Fire were built for the call department type environment that they were in and look forwarded that. We'll examine that in a minute when we look at Burns Hill.

Pacheco Ross has actually estimated at the time if we were going to do a renovation at Central Fire that it would come in at close to \$3 million. Chief Buxton stated the cost for a new fire central fire station came in at I believe it was \$6.6 million. That was the estimated amount that went to the capital improvements group. When I started looking at this and examining this this year if you looked down the bottom, they were carrying approximately \$1.4 million in contingency and design money within the project. That actually brought that down to about roughly \$1.6 million. You just did the HVAC project. If you look at line number 1, they were carrying \$175,000 in there so and you did it for \$83,000. If you look at some of the other requirements in there, we believe that we've identified that there's some wiggle room in there to potentially get the renovation amount down and try to extend the serviceable life for the Central Fire Station and get approximately another 10 years of reasonable life out of the building.

Chief Buxton indicated that the next facility that we'll look at is 88 Burns Hill Road. That was built in 1981. It was constructed as a substation. It was open in 2001, 24/7, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. It's on private water and private sewer. If you have ever driven by the Burns Hill Fire Station, that actually sits on a very narrow lot that is rather long but is very narrow. I would tell you that if I were to come before the Board today and to suggest building on that lot at the Planning Board meeting, I wouldn't meet compliance. The lot is out of compliance as we sit here today in regards to the boundaries. I project that a 1,000 square foot addition to that facility. We have 3 full time members that work there 24 hours a day living in approximately 750 square feet. I know that the liaison and the Chairman have both toured the facility. Basically are 3 rooms to the facility. There is an office/dormitory in the front section. The center section to the building is a lounge/kitchen/ and eating area all in one. The room in the back on the living quarter side is a dormitory that is split up by metal lockers used as separators. There's no private dormitories. There is one full bathroom within the facility in the back section of the building. There's a 3 bay apparatus floor attached to that with one partial bath on that floor.

Chairman Coutu recommended that if you have an opportunity to go to the Burns Hill Fire Station, it is open 24/7. Please stop by and take a good look at it.

Chief Buxton said one of the things that I wanted to have you realize is that there's been a couple of updates since 2001 but then I do want to use a caveat here at the end of that. We have done the kitchen over in that facility. We've done a standby generator. We've added an exhaust system to make sure we're taking the diesel fuel off the apparatus floor and exiting it outside of the structure instead of into the dormitory section of the building. We've done the town wide lighting program within that facility and we added the auxiliary HVAC to that facility. The standby generator, the exhaust system, and the town wide lighting plan were all paid for through grants or some sort of program for pay down. Even the town wide lighting program was paid for through utility bills because the ballast and everything were changed out. So as an organization what have we invested in as the Fire Department budgeted successfully and got completed then a small renovation of the kitchen, and then we've added some auxiliary HVAC/heat because it is a heat pump situation exit - auxiliary heat to the front section of the building.

This past year as Chief Buxton said, we came in at \$848,000, added 1,800 square feet to the building. We will be a nonconforming lot if that is approved by the Planning Board and the Zoning Board or if the money is granted to the Fire Department. We'll actually be impacting a bad problem with an even worse problem in my estimation. That's really the areas that we need to look at is training, protective clothing, cleaning, and storage, EMS decontamination and storage fitness, all the mechanical and electrical plumbing items there, bathroom facilities, and the dormitory living space. It's my understanding that we were having a general conversation this evening. I wanted to provide you some historical information as to where we've been on our facilities over the years and hope to come to some recommendations this evening.

Again Chairman Coutu prefaced whatever remarks and questions we might have by saying that you need to go down and take a look at the Burns Hill Fire Station. I sometimes consider myself very savvy on what's going on in town and what our facilities look like. Until Selectman Maddox suggested to me that I go down there and take a look at it. I was surprised to say the least and it wasn't a pleasant surprise. This was a general presentation. I think we can get into more detail. I think we can explore as we did with how we should handle the infrastructure on water, exactly where this Board would like to go relative to the presentation that was just made. What was made to us generally

says that we have a Central Fire Station. That is the main fire station in town that is not compliant in many ways. I think at one time or another all of us have been in that building. We've seen what it looks like. We have a secondary fire station. It's not really secondary. It's primary now that all 3 are in service full time. We have another fire station which would be Burns Hill that is not in total disrepair. The last one we opened full time is Robinson and that one is in pretty good shape. We've made some repairs over there. I think we filled in the cracks and the facade on the front. We've taken care of that. Steve Malizia noted you've regarded the facility to keep the water (inaudible). Chairman Coutu said the Burns Hill Fire Station is something that you need to see. I was really surprised.

Selectman Nichols indicated I've seen the outside of it but I haven't gone in. It's narrow and it is small. Chairman Coutu stated it's not the size. It's what's inside. Go right in, knock on the door, and they'll let you in. We made some decisions relative to the water infrastructure. We've had a discussion I know that Selectman Maddox is probably going to want to add to it. I'll say that up front Selectman Maddox and I at his behest went to the fire station last Saturday, met with the Fire Chief. We were given a tour, looked at the site, looked at possibilities - what we could or could not do on that site. We had a discussion about alternatives what we could do, what would be the best way to approach it and I think we need to have a healthy discussion on what direction this Board would like to go. I said to Selectman Maddox I do not want to send the Fire Chief on a fool's errand and have him explore all these things only to be told we're not even interested. If we're not interested, let's tell him right now and he'll live with what he has and we'll keep putting band-aids here and there and hope it lasts a few more years, or we're seriously going to look at our infrastructure as Selectman Maddox said. We're not going to keep sitting on our hands. We're going to start taking care of what we have before we think about expanding beyond what we have. If we can't mind the house that we have, we shouldn't be building others.

Selectman Nichols liked the idea of you've got to upgrade. No way can you live with what you have right now. No way. People in town have to understand that. You just cannot function with the building that they have. I'm hesitant about razing the fire station and building new on site or building a new facility at a different location. If they raze the fire station, we also have a new Town Hall? Chief Coutu said no. We're talking about the fire station. It's a separate entity onto itself.

Chairman Coutu asked Chief Buxton one question and I think it's important for people to understand this. We are now fully operational out of 3 fire stations. This is something that we've talked about at length many, many times and you highlighted this past weekend. Where we are presently situated and based on the National Fire Protection Association, there are certain recommendations that are spelled out for all communities in order to provide maximum safety for your community. The way we are presently situated with 24 hours of coverage, and I want you to hear it directly from the Fire Chief, what has historically been our response time and what is it today, and what's the recommendation.

Chief Buxton said Selectman Coutu asked a very important question. Back when I came before you and we talked about reorganizing the Fire Department, it was very critical to me that we look to the services that we're providing to the residents in the north end of town and come up with an efficient and cost effective manner in delivering emergency services to them. We used to experience response times to the north end of time up in the Canna Road, Breakneck Road area in the excess of 14 to 15 minutes coming out of Central Fire Station. The retired Fire Chief lives on Canna Road. I'm sure he's home watching and chuckling as I say this but he was first to a house fire on Breakneck Road and that was 13 minutes of a response time out of Central Fire because the Robinson Road Station was closed. The National Fire Protection Association recommends that we deploy in a community on an NFPA 1710 4 minute response time on a minimum staff piece of apparatus of 4 90 percent of the time in 4 minutes. We weren't meeting that even close. Today with the opening of the 3 facilities and our facilities situated where they are, we're now meeting that 58 percent of the time. We've taken huge leaps and bounds by the reorganization of what we've done. I just ran the numbers for the month.

Chief Buxton stated the Robinson Road Station has been averaging, and whether this is people know we're there watching these meetings or what it is, we've been averaging over 20 calls per week out of that facility between in district alone in Hudson and also providing the Litchfield EMS contract. The average response time in that area is between 5 and 6 minutes. Some of that is down from 12. The reason for that is and you say why can't we hit the 4 minutes? Some of our infrastructure getting around town, we're not dealing with Daniel Webster Highway, Main Street, and those types of things all the time. We have a lot of back, windy, twisty roads that we deal with. We still expect our people to operate safely and operate their vehicles safely. So to shift from a 12 minute response time down to 6 minutes, I'm feeling pretty good about what we're doing.

Chief Buxton noted the question was posed as to what happens if we move any of the facilities. Back when Frank Nutting, Lenny Smith, and those guys sat around this table and started looking at where they were locating, they wanted to make sure that within a 3 miles radius of each fire station the population was being serviced. They wanted 90 percent of town within a 3 mile radius of all the fire stations. We're pretty close but the problem was at that time the stations weren't staffed. The development in the south end of town has actually been more along the Lowell Road corridor. There's a couple of different reasons for that. Some of that becomes of the topographical challenges in the wetlands in regards to Bush Hill and Musquash Road areas. So we've developed down the Lowell Road, River Road, Dracut Road areas. So when we look at overlaying that map now, there may be a need for a shift. We've looked at

some different sites. We've run a couple of different scenarios. I think we've come up with a scenario that could potentially put us at approximately a 70 percent 4 minute response time. That's calculated out on a location study. The location study talks about infrastructure, road infrastructure. It talks about average miles per hour. It talks about time of day and all those things that taken into adjustment. It is imperative when you look in my business in regards to the services that we're providing. Time is time and time is a pretty serious event not only from the time that the call is received but how we process it and how fast we get the crews out the door. We've made several efficiencies internally the way we process incidents and how fast we get the people out the door in a safe and efficient manner and how we're deploying calls. There's not a lot I can do with the infrastructure unless we start taking an honest look about where we want to locate and where we want to live within our bounds.

Before you go any further, Chairman Coutu said you threw that little teaser out there. We'll get into that.

Selectman Nadeau stated I get around to a lot of the different buildings and facilities in town. Over the winter for some unknown reason I ended up at Burns Hill Station. The last time I toured that station was when it was still a volunteer station. When I went in there this winter, I wasn't looking for anything in particular. The gentleman took me in and said hey let me show you around. I said okay let's go. I went in there and I said this was definitely built for a volunteer not a 24 hour, 7 day a week operation. They explained to me that they were updating the kitchen, and they had plans that they were doing, and I thought nothing of it. I went to the bathroom and went wow. This is just if I were to come in from a call run in, take a shower, and head out before I get back into my truck to go back to work. This wasn't a commercial heavy duty bathroom. It wasn't a commercial kitchen. Now I look at Robinson Road and I'm thinking the same thing. I've spent nights at Robinson Road before and we're going to see this 10 years down the road that Robinson Road wasn't built commercially either. It's a little better built than Burns Hill but it's a bigger station. I look at it as we have to do something with our infrastructure in our buildings and that's been my goal right along is to start putting money into our buildings and our infrastructure. I think that maybe finding a better location for this station because as you just said, a lot of our calls are more down that end of town. The other thing I look at is I'm looking at the response times now of what's going on on Robinson Road. It's totally amazing. When you have a call at 300 Derry Road and they're there in 4 minutes versus 8 or 10 before, it's making a real big difference on that end of town. Today we did mutual aide to Londonderry. They requested a paramedic. Less than 6 minutes they had everything they needed. One we figure out how to use the tools we have, we're getting a lot better with it. I just think we need to do some serious infrastructure upgrades as far as our buildings so that we can make them 1) livable and 2) usable. By changing the air conditioning over here, that was a big step for us. It's really getting to where we need to be to get another 10 years out of the building. I think we're going down the right road and I'm hoping that what you have proposed down the road as far as building maintenance and all that type of stuff, I'm hoping that's going to take us into some new stations and better locations.

Chairman Coutu told Chief Buxton he threw the teaser out there. Do you want to take it from here.

Selectman Maddox said first thing Chief. Things that are 62 years old aren't necessarily bad. Number two Mr. Chairman, sometimes when we do studies there is unintended consequences. We spent \$21,000 to do this study and it point out some issues but it also scared the bejesus out of most people when you saw a \$6.6 million bill. Now would we enforce the water pipe was 6 inches closer than it needs to be to the sewer pipe today when it was perfectly legal then, no. Some of that stuff in there was ludicrous and not the singer. We need to look at practicality Mr. Chairman. If we put a \$6 million fire station on the ballot, your children will be still seeing it on the ballot. Mr. Chairman I think we have a chance here to do a couple of things. The Chief has heard me say multiple times that the secret behind the central station was Burns Hill was waiting in the wings. I actually think that station is in worse shape than Lenny Smith for a number of reasons. Number one, it can't really be expanded well. So thought that we had was is to build a new fire station and if anybody has ever driven up 102 into Londonderry off on the left there's a fire station there and they actually built another one right by the airport that is I guess lead certified. It has the solar panels on the roof. Chief Buxton said it has a small solar panel system on the roof that made them lead certified. Selectman Maddox said but for \$1.9 million not \$6.2 million or whatever that Pacheco Ross number was. I think that to put a station, and here's the teaser folks, by some research the Chief found that the Town of Hudson owns some land on Lowell Road. It has been undeveloped for years. Selectman Nadeau mowed the grass in his youth. It is right by Market Basket that shows great potential. We do have to do our due diligence but it has great potential inasmuch that it will shorten our times. That's where we get to the 70 percent and from what everything that we walk the site, the lot is twice the size of Burns Hill now.

Selectman Maddox thought that if we went and looked at that \$2 million station to be put on that site to replace Burns Hill should be our priority along with that would be as a bond in my estimation but as well take a \$1 million from our reserves on the warrant article to repair the Lenny Smith Station. The Chief if we say this is the way we want to go, we'll put together some numbers exactly what needs to be done but we know it needs a new roof. It needs a kitchen to today's standards, the living quarters as the Chief has told me was basically just put up. There was no thought process to it. Deal with some of the electrical infrastructure. All of those items that could be done and \$1 million is not short money but I think it's a lot more doable Mr. Chairman than the \$6 million that we could be waiting for years. I think most people when they see the station, when they see the things we want to fix, I think that that is doable. I think even though we're talking about \$3 million between two stations, that is two stations for 3 as opposed to 1 for 6. I believe Mr. Chairman that is the way this Board should head.

Chairman Coutu thought what's important here is that the Board understands that what was discussed was that we would ask the voters for a \$2 million bond, or \$1.9 million - whatever the number comes in at. We'll take a look at Londonderry. We certainly can get their plans. We just need the land to make sure the building fits on it and we know we found that. So we don't have to buy the land. Clearing - based on what I saw, I went and looked at it after we spoke - the next day. You're right. We can clear it ourselves. It's going to be an easy fix to clear the land and have it ready for build. We would go to the voters on a \$2 million bond or \$1.9 million. We're looking at about 8 cents on the tax rate if that were to pass. The other million dollars we would take out of our reserve. We still need the voters approval but it would have no impact on the tax rate. As Selectman Maddox said, we're getting two for one in that we're going to solve the problem at Burns Hill once and for all. We may be getting a three for. We're going to at least add at a minimum 10 more good years of life to the Lenny Smith Fire Station. I don't want anybody to think that - cuz we talked about that - we're not going to change the name of the fire station. It is the Lenny Smith Fire Station and it will remain so certainly as long as I or Selectman Maddox lives and I'm sure Selectman Nadeau as well.

Chairman Coutu indicated then it opens up some possibilities with the Burns Hill building what we could with that. We've had some discussion but once we come to a conclusion on how we want to address the problem even if we want to address the problem. There may be a mindset that we don't want to spend any money. We're not going to go before the voters and we need to have that discussion or we agree with the approach but you need to do more homework. There's no rush to judgment here this evening. I, and I know because I've only had conversation with Selectman Maddox and the Fire Chief seriously about this, do not want to send this man on a fool's errand because we've been that road before. Go out and study all of this and come back with all kinds of numbers and say it's not palatable; we're not going to do it. He needs to know up front that we're serious about wanting to do something or not that we're not serious, we don't want to tackle it this year. We can put it off until next year. Just want to make sure that he has the direction that the majority of this Board wants us to go into and whatever direction that is just as we do with the budget at the end of the year. We may not agree to all of what's within the budget individually but collectively I would hope we would agree that it's a good budget and we will fight to get that budget approved. The same thing with any individual request made by individual department heads.

Chairman Coutu felt and what we felt were the two areas most critical in town - Selectman Maddox alluded to - was 1) we need to take a serious look at our water infrastructure and 2) we've been talking about the Central Fire Station for a long, long time. Now with the advent of opening Robinson Road and having 3 stations operating on a full time basis 24/7, we need to look at the package and what makes sense to extend the life of that whole part of that complex. Public safety is critical in any municipality. I've said it time and time again; we probably have the best group of firefighters in the State of New Hampshire if not the best in the State of New Hampshire. I would be most pleased if one of our EMTs came to my house and had to work on me because of a heart condition. You've been through that Mrs. Brucker and you realize first hand. So that's where we stand right now. If you have any questions or comments.

Selectman Nichols wanted to understand this. You would still keep the Lenny Smith Fire Station just do upgrades to that right? Chief Buxton indicated \$1 million worth of renovation. Selectman Nichols said to put it into a safety and then you have a new station built where? Chairman Coutu said right next to Market Basket on Lowell Road. Selectman Nadeau said it's a big piece of property actually.

Selectman Nichols asked would that be easy to get in and out of. Chief Buxton indicated we looked at that. One of the things when we talk about infrastructure, there's some things happening in the south end of town. To my understanding, there's a new intersection going in that's being shared between Market Basket, Fairview, Haffners area. So you end up with two and then you have the new light at Hampshire Drive. I know that's a few years old now. When we talk about controlling traffic flow, the ability to do that is there today. Gary Webster and myself briefly and like a 15 minute conversation started pulling some historical documents on the site. You have sewer, water, and natural gas available. There's some positives. Obviously there's more research that needs to be done and those types of things but there's a lot of positives to the site. Selectman Nichols stated a lot of food for thought but that's very good.

Chairman Coutu thought, just for your edification, one of the things that we got into when we had our discussion with the Fire Chief relative to the fix at Lenny Smith is that I was not going to be satisfied with just having, and I'm sure Selectman Maddox would neither and neither would you should be, for \$1 million we just want a few band aids put here and there. We wanted to deal with and we talked not extensively but we had a serious discussion about size of equipment, buying equipment that's manufactured standard as opposed to having to buy equipment that we have to have custom made because our entrance is not high enough. Those are the kinds of things that I was hoping that we would address and not only is it in consideration, that is all part of the plan. Raising the roof, raising the doorways so that the bigger trucks can get in, how you're going to house the equipment, how we gain space, how we give them a better workout facility. If you look at our firefighters, almost every one of them is in outstanding shape. Matter of fact I can't think of any that isn't except for you maybe. You're in great shape Chief. Having that equipment and it's all part of their regime when you become an employee of public safety, you want to maintain an outstanding condition. This \$1 million is not a \$1 million band aid. It's extending the life of the Lenny Smith Fire Station at least 10 more years which gives us the opportunity to build a new fire station and hopefully depending on what the bond is and we can get a 10 or a 20 year bond and if we can pay it off in 10 years, then we can take a more serious look at Lenny Smith. As

Selectman Nadeau spoke about maybe take a look at Robinson Road at that time. That doesn't mean that we're not going to have other things come up in the meantime but we need to address some of the issues today.

Selectman Nichols thanked the Chairman. That really straightened things out for me.

Selectman Nadeau said trust me I've been looking at the Town Report. One of the things that we did this year that passed during the budget cycle was to put a capital reserve together for building funds, building parks, and recreation. We didn't do one for radios. Trust me I didn't do that one. Steve Malizia said fields...Selectman Nadeau indicated buildings - Ted did that one two years ago - recreation. So if we start putting some of this money that we have in our town owned properties and start selling them off, we can use that money towards our renovations towards either a) the Robinson Road station, b) Town Hall, or c) the Lenny Smith station. So we might be looking at a smaller bond than we're really thinking of. We have some prime property that we've said for years that we've wanted to sell. The market is up. Now is the time to start looking at getting rid of some of the land. I think we need to have our Assessor and our Engineer get together and start finding some of the properties, and start getting rid of them, and filling up our capital reserve fund so that we can start doing things to the stations whether it be the police station, the fire station, or the highway department garage. We have the opportunity. The voters were willing to allow us to build these capital reserve funds. I think this is the time that we need to start putting some serious thought as we're going through the winter into what we're looking to sell for the spring so that we can start making these serious renovations to our major buildings. Thank you.

Chairman Coutu said we've been talking about it for two years. Selling this property and to maximize the income potential and put it to use which would be put in capital reserve funds. If we keep waiting, the market is going to go down. We need to take action now.

*Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Brucker, that we have our Engineer and the Assessor take a look at what properties we can put on the market either a) this year, or b) next year, or a list of sell this year and then sell next year of properties that we can dispose of. This should be done as soon as possible with the recommended values.*

Selectman Maddox hoped that the maker would allow for a couple of adjustments. We have piled so much stuff onto the Engineer's plate that I just think that this is going to be the one that gives out. Let's use the Town Planner. Selectman Nadeau was game to go with the Town Planner. He would know where some of this property is. Selectman Brucker indicated that's fine.

Number two Mr. Chairman, Selectman Maddox said while they're doing the research, how did we get this property because that determines how we need to dispose of it. I think that we need to know if it was taken for taxes, then we can only get rid of it in certain methods. Just so we know what we're chasing. Is that agreeable to the maker?

Steve Malizia asked if I could help you. From a tax perspective as we've seen in recent examples if a property if we've had it for more than 3 years, we would get all the proceeds. If we've held it for less than 3 years, we'd get a share. We'd get basically our costs, a penalty, and the previous owner would get the balance. Properties that were not taken by tax deed need to get approved by Town Meeting. You can't just sell them. You'd have to have the Town actually approve those parcels for sale. There may be others, I don't know. They may have had a Planning Board input where they took a lot and they said this is part of the development. Gave it to the Town, I don't want to use the word "scutland" but it's probably not the most developable of all parcels. Some of that.

Selectman Maddox indicated it was recreation land that the Planning Board 20 years ago was taking to be able to...Selectman Nadeau noted the Lenny lots. Selectman Maddox said for recreation. Again we'd have to do our due diligence and all I'm asking is while they're making this list up just so we don't go back and say well how do we take this. We need to know how we can dispose of it based on how we took it.

Selectman Nadeau agreed with that.

*Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to amend to we have our Town Planner and the Assessor take a look at what properties we can put on the market either a) this year, or b) next year, or a list of sell this year and then sell next year of properties that we can dispose of. This should be done as soon as possible with the recommended values. Also while researching the property note how we acquired the property, carried 5-0.*

Selectman Maddox thought that the other Selectmen need to take a look at this. Another week isn't going to make or break. I would hope that you get a chance to coordinate with the Chief or the Lieutenants on duty and stop down and I will make a motion at our next meeting next week to go in a direction. Again I think it's imperative that all 3 of you see what the Chairman and I have seen. Selectman Nadeau said I've seen it. Again, Selectman Maddox said we're looking to commit \$3 million to fix some items but I think it's imperative that we take a look at these as, again, we represent the citizens. We have a duty to not only not spend money we don't need to but sometimes we need to spend money that has to be spent. I will hold off until next meeting Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Coutu said that wasn't a problem. We don't have to rush into judgment. I'd like Selectman Brucker and Selectman Nichols to have an opportunity to take a good look. We didn't enter into any discussion with the firefighters that were down there. I was introduced to one of the new recruits - favorably impressed. They did their thing and we did our thing. We took a tour, and we went out back, and we sat privately and we discussed it. I don't think that they're going to lead you one way or another. If you go by yourself and you go in there, they'll show you around. That's all you want to do is look around. Then you might have some questions. I'm sure they're going to be legitimate - ask them. Then you're going to come back with a whole different mindset. You may discover something that we overlooked. You may something that might change any of our minds whether or not we feel that what we want to do is palatable. We're talking about \$3 million. Two million is going to affect the tax rate because it's a bond but not all in one year. Remember a bond is a mortgage. We'll either get a 10, 15, or 20 year bond. I believe our rating is pretty good.

Steve Malizia stated we'll actually go through the bond bank because the bond bank has the same rating as us and the costs are much lower. In other words, we don't have to pay for the whole bond issue. We'll pay a fractional share based on what they issue. Generally they issue in the springtime after town meetings are over.

Chairman Coutu said if there's a citizen out there who has a couple of million and wants to build it, we can change the name of the Burns Hill Fire Station. We'll take their \$2 million donation and more than willing to do that. We just want you to have a good idea of what we saw and at the same time, the land is right after Market Basket directly across from Fairhaven. There's a little dirt road. As a matter of fact, that opens up to Quail Run in the back. It's gated but we get the gate torn down and then you have immediate access to Quail Run and protects all of that property from there. So you might want to take a look at that property. You don't have to walk the whole thing. You can see there's no trees there are 40 - 50 feet high. It would be easier to grade it and get it done. It's whether or not you think that it's something that we can sell to the voters next year. If we're going to then we need to assert ourselves as municipal leaders that this is in the best interests of our community as well as the budget whatever infrastructure we may propose if we propose any.

Selectman Brucker did like the idea of the fire station on Lowell Road. It sounds like the land is kind of ideal for it. I just have a question to the Fire Chief. Can we work off of this Pacheco Ross study? Chief Buxton said yes. One of the things that - the Chairman actually asked me about the budgeting section in the Pacheco Ross study. They're very talented in what they do. We've been using that as a guidance tool since 2008 for budgeting and has still proven out so their escalator is built into that. We'll take the construction escalators as we look at the project rebid them. One of the things that did happen is the economy came down as it is starting to come back up. For construction costs, it is not where it was when they estimated out. So it is still very valuable and pretty close to spot on to be honest with you. Depending on what we're doing and what we're deciding to design and build and do those types of things.

Selectman Brucker indicated that they noted that you need more egress from the second floor but did they plan it out for you? Chief Buxton said that's some of the things we'll do through design. They did give us some suggestions in the project and I actually have a paper copy here tonight that's unfortunately the last copy I have. The rest went to the building committee. I have it electronically. I'm more than willing to send it to your home for you to read. There's a lot of things in there.

Chief before you leave, Chairman Coutu wasn't doing this to embarrass you in any way and I'm sure you won't be embarrassed. I'm going to preface what I'm about to read by saying that I wish that I would pick up our local weekly newspaper and find more thumbs up rather than thumbs down. We have a great community. There are a lot of good things that can be said about our community. I almost wore my Barack Obama beige suit today because that seems to be the only thing that appears in the paper lately is negatively or positiveness about the President of the United States and the one party versus the other. I'm so fed up with listening to it. There are so many great things that are done in our community. One of the things that I enjoy more than anything else serving in this position - not as Chairman - but serving on the governing body is that when I open up an e-mail and I hear from a resident telling us how pleased they were about certain things being done whether it's a police officer and he went above and beyond, or a firefighter who went above and beyond, or the Highway Department that went above and beyond. I wish our citizens would flood the Hudson/Litchfield News with all of these positives like they do when they flood - we get flooded with them - I wish the general public would see it. The company that presently employs me, one of their standards is above and beyond in service to the public. So I want to read this for the record so because I know the citizens don't get to see something like this. This is a letter and it's from the Barrington Fire and Rescue Department in Barrington, New Hampshire. The Fire Chief who signed the letter is Rick Walker. He's the Chief of the Barrington Fire and Rescue Department. It's dated August 13. It's addressed to the Chief Robert Buxton of the Hudson Fire Department:

"Good morning Chief Buxton. On Friday, August 1, 2014, in the early afternoon Barrington Fire and Rescue was dispatched to a reported motor vehicle crash on Route 125 north. I arrived on scene and found that the patients had self extricated and one of the patients was being assisted by Dennis Haerineck who identified himself as an off duty firefighter from the Town of Hudson. He was able to give me some basic patient information and continued to provide assistance until such time that more help arrived. I would just like to pass along my thanks to him for stopping and helping out. I found Mr. Haerineck to be both professional and

courteous and he represented your community with the utmost professionalism.” Chairman Coutu said this is what’s important. I want everyone to know. “If his action in Barrington embody the spirit for all firefighters and EMTs, I can only say that you have a fire department that the community of Hudson should be very proud of. This letter is something I am proud to write and I ask you to thank him, again, for his help. I would also request that you place a copy of this letter in his personnel file if you feel that would be appropriate. Stay Safe. Chief Rick Walker”

Chairman Coutu said we know from our own experience and from our positions here not just as town leaders but as citizens of the Town of Hudson that what was presented by Mr. Haerineck is representative of the professional and courteous service that has always been provided by our public safety officials not just in the Fire Department but in the Police Department. Chief you have a department you have a right to be proud of. I know that in my most recent conversations with and they haven’t been just reserved the meeting that we had with Selectman Maddox but in our private conversations, you extol the pride that you have in our fire force. From my own personal experience and conversations privately with members of the force, and I’m not talking about the ranks of Captains. I’m talking about firefighters who are lead by people who have served us well and have risen to the rank of Lieutenant and Captain in the Fire Department that their moral is at an all time high. I think you are going to take this department into the future and I think you’re going to find that you’re going to get support along the way to achieve the objectives that you’re setting out to achieve. With that Chief, I thank you for your presentation. You’re welcome to come back next week and hopefully we will have a decision giving you direction on which way to go. We’ll either push the can down the road or we’ll take some action.

Chief Buxton asked for just one minute. Believe it or not we’re in 11 months and 11 months ago almost to the date you folks offered me the position of Fire Chief in this community. One of the things that I never worried about when I was sitting here and contemplating whether I really wanted to be Fire Chief or not was the people that work with me. I say that they work with because they do work with me each day. We’re a very good team. We’ve set a goal. We’ve set a direction and they’re carrying that out every day. I’m very, very fortunate to be the voice box as you might say for that group. So I am very proud and I thank you for that opportunity and thank you for the opportunity tonight and look forward to what we can do.

Chairman Coutu stated Chief Murray told me a long time ago that you were the man for the job and he was not mistaken.

Selectman Nadeau asked when the squad truck was coming in. Chief Buxton was hopeful for the end of October which was the original build date when we signed the contract with them. They haven’t given us any indication that it’s off schedule.

##### 5. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Nichols - Last Thursday I attended the election worker’s meeting. They had an update on the new rule to allow the mail in ballots to be counted earlier in the day. That’s about all that I had. It was kind of a quiet week for a change. That’s it. Thank you.

Selectman Nadeau - First thing is we talked about it last week and I didn’t have the times or the dates but we have a long time to go before it comes up. We have the spaghetti supper for the Friends of Benson’s which is October 25<sup>th</sup>. It’s going to be from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center and tickets are available from 12 to 4 on the weekends weather permitting at the barn at Benson Park. There will be homemade desserts - cupcakes I can guarantee. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$7 for seniors, and kids 6 and under are free.

Just as a reminder, Selectman Nadeau said next Tuesday is Election Day for the primaries. The elections will be at the Community Center from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. I would love to see a very good turnout. It is a primary. There is another election in November but the primary is just as important to pick your slate of officers that you’re looking for for the November election.

Chairman Coutu reminded Selectman Nadeau that you asked for me to consider whether or not we would do a bench. I told you I have no problem with it but I want to make sure that it’s not a one man show that the Board approves it as well. Selectman Nadeau said in the original plans for Benson Park, the 9/11 area, we had 5 benches. We’ve had a request to add a 6<sup>th</sup> bench in that area. The Benson Park Committee has said that they do not want any more benches in the park. They put a moratorium on putting benches in the park. The Friends of Benson has benches that they purchased and they just say bench courtesy of Friends of Benson’s. They’re willing to take one of their benches and move it over to the 9/11 Memorial for somebody who’s requested a spot who was a former firefighter from Hudson to have a bench there. It’s been going on for over a year. I’d like to see it done before 9/11 this year. As we know the crowds that go to the 9/11 Memorial are more of the older type people but there’s always a good crowd there and the benches are always full. With the new hill that’s opened up, I think it would be a nice area to put another bench in. I think that we should allow them to put a bench in.

Just so we have a little bit of history and Chairman Coutu didn't want to have to correct you. I've gone to the park at requests and entertained a lot of kids and given them a tour of the 9/11 and how it was designed and why. We do have a lot of kids that are going as well. Generally you go there on the weekend and it's pretty much an older crowd but you'd be surprised how many classrooms come down there. I've been called out to go and give a tour. I'm always willing to do it. Initially when Captain Morin of our Fire Department approached me to be a liaison between the Committee and the Board of Selectman and help them with some guidance in case we needed some jurisdiction along the way from the Board.

When we met as a committee and we made decisions, Chairman Coutu indicated we decided that we didn't want to overwhelm the park with benches. So we had set a number, and it was an arbitrary number of 5. I guess that stuck in Selectman Nadeau's mind because he called me last night and said do you think we'd have a problem if we wanted to go to 6. In light of whom the bench will be in memory of, who's a former firefighter here in the Town of Hudson and I won't get into the all of the particulars until the decision is made whether or not they're going to purchase the bench and do it. I said to Selectman Nadeau that I certainly had no objection. I'm sure it would not be an insult to the Committee. That was an arbitrary decision we made back then. We will allow one more. Again, I too don't want to have it saturated with a lot of benches. It has its own splendor in the way it's set the setting that it has and overcrowding it with too much takes away from the presence of what the inspirational thinking that was in erecting this thing and I want to try to keep that flavor as I'm sure Captain Morin and the Committee would. I felt that it's not a decision that I should make on my own. It's something that the Board should know the history and agree that we will allow this one additional bench. I have no problem with it in light of the fact that I know who it's in memory of.

Selectman Brucker asked is it going to add and make it a 6<sup>th</sup> bench or is somebody removing a bench so this bench can go in there? Selectman Nadeau indicated it's going to be a 6<sup>th</sup> bench. Chairman Coutu indicated there's plenty of room in the outer oval area that it's going to be hardly noticeable but it will be there in memory of that person. Just so you guys know, Selectman Nadeau said I did talk to Captain Morin and he was in full support of allowing this other bench going in. He did send an e-mail to the Friends of Benson who is selling the benches. They have the check in hand. They will cash it. Chairman Coutu mentioned it's just a matter of redoing the plaque.

*Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to allow a sixth bench at the 9/11 Memorial, carried 5-0.*

Selectman Nadeau thanked Chairman Coutu for reminding me. That's all I have this evening.

Selectman Maddox - Thank you Mr. Chairman. I guess its Fire Department night. I would like to make a comment Sir to a guest editorial in the paper a couple of Sundays ago. I'm not going to get into the details of other parts of this but one of them was - and this is in regards to the panhandling issue. It kept on referencing the fact that the Fire Department is able to collect money. I just want to say for the record that the Fire Department comes in every year and requests permission. We grant them permission with certain stipulations. Those stipulations are that they wear safety vests while into the roadway, no one under age, people trained in working in traffic, signage to tell people that they are entering an area where people are in the roadway, and lastly what the money is being collected for. I think using that scenario against the other part of it was unkind to our decisions and the good work that the firefighters have done over the years for Muscular Dystrophy.

Chairman Coutu said these are the things I wanted to say last week and said I was going to bite my tongue. It was editorial that ticked me off. I thank you for bringing that up. This was not rehearsed. Thank you. I am pleasantly surprised.

Selectman Brucker - I can't say enough about how wonderful our Fire Department is and the emergency services. I think that Joan Rivers would have been happy to have them delivering her from her clinic to the hospital. She would have gotten very good service. Also I hope everybody had a wonderful and relaxing Labor Day weekend and school did start today. So just a reminder to everybody about watching out for children, buses, and being patient, and not rushing around the bus. That's it.

Selectman Coutu - I'm going to reiterate what Selectman Nadeau said relative to next Tuesday. Remember now the meeting next week will be on Monday. We'll be in this room at 7 p.m. The Selectmen's meeting will be on Monday because Tuesday is Primary day. Selectman Nadeau made mention of Tuesday being Election Day and voting is from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. He made mention that he would hope that a lot of people would turn out to vote. It's sad that a country with all of the liberties that we have and the opportunities that we have that we take voting for granted. Whether you're Republican, or Democrat, or unregistered, or any other party, you have an opportunity to select the candidates that you want to serve you. The Primary is a very important part of that process. The Primary weeds out the candidates so that we can select what we hope will be the best to represent our interests regardless of party or party affiliation to represent our interest whether it be in this particular election it would be the State House, Congress, and the United States Senate, the Governor's Council, and all of those other things. You may not be familiar with the candidates. You have a week. I implore you to go on line and read about each candidate and who they are and what they represent and try to discern from what you read who will be the candidate to best represent your values and your interests both State and national positions. I take Primaries and elections very seriously as most of us political



junkies do because I'd like to think that the people that ultimately get selected are the people that will drive our country in the right direction. We haven't been going in the right direction for a while. That's because we have a bunch of people in Congress who just don't want to talk to each other just rather take 8 week vacations and work 4 days, and take another 8 weeks vacation. It's time we take a look at that and it's time for a change.

Chairman Coutu also wanted to remind everybody as Selectman Brucker did that yes school did open today. It looked like I haven't heard I don't know Selectman Nadeau you're more apt to hear things because you have two in the system. I little that heard was that it went relatively smooth and a lot better than a lot of other communities. Not necessarily around geographically here but certainly in Massachusetts and northern Middlesex. Ours went relatively smooth. Last there were a lot of glitches. This year I thought it went a little better. We'll hear more as the week progresses. It was good to hear that but most importantly children are out there early in the morning. Hopefully a lot of parents were - I know in my neighborhood the parents are usually with the kids. You'll be very careful. You'll drive a little slower. Be aware that school buses come to a stop. You are not to go around them and pass them. We can't have police at every intersection. Sometimes I wish we could but be it as it may, it is what it is. Please be careful of the children.

Chairman Coutu also wanted to say that the recruits have graduated from the police academy and they're now out in the field getting the end of their field training. I was there for the swearing in. I believe we had 7 total - one was a transfer from another police department. Outstanding young men and women. I'm looking forward to their providing good public safety service for our community to be there. They're there to protect and serve and I expect nothing less from them. With that if there are no more comments, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

6. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, carried 5-0.*

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