

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes of the July 8, 2014 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Coutu the meeting of July 8, 2014 at 7:01 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Selectman Nichols.

3. ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Ben Nadeau

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Fire Chief Rob Buxton; Laurie Stevens, Town Engineer; Attorney Morgan Hollis

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Coutu asked does anyone in the audience wish to address the Board on any issue which the Board has control of at this time. If you do, please step forward and state your name and address for the record. Seeing none.

5. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - NONE

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Coutu asked does any member of the Board wish to remove any item for separate consideration.

Selectman Nichols asked to remove Consent Items C. 1, C. 2, C. 3, and C. 4.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to approve consent items A, B, D and E, as noted or appropriate, carried 4-0.

A. Assessing Items - NONE

B. Water/Sewer Items - NONE

C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Request to Solicit Funds - The Front Door Agency
- 2) Request to Solicit Funds - Dunstable/Tyngsboro Lions Club
- 3) The Salvation Army
- 4) Redemption Christian Academy

Selectman Nichols thanked the Chairman. The Front Door Agency are they in our town? Steve Malizia noted they're in Nashua. Have we let them in before? Mr. Malizia stated yes they are on the NH Charitable Organization list. We also gave them a community grant every year because they provide service to a lot of the homeless or down on their luck population. Selectman Nichols thanked the Chairman. I didn't know this.

Selectman Nichols questioned the Dunstable/Tyngsboro Lions Club. Is that another that we let in? Steve Malizia stated it's on the NH Charitable Organizational list. So they are, again, a repeat customer.

Chairman Coutu indicated if you'll notice Mrs. Nichols if you look on the flip side of the front page - I'm just going to use this one as an example. Look on the third page at the bottom right hand corner, there's a note there "on NH Charitable Organization List". If you look at each one, I questioned one a couple of weeks ago and we denied it because it was not on the charitable list. They are on the national list but we asked them to provide us documentation and they never did. On each of these, we had set a policy because we did have - what brought this to our attention was I believe there was a situation where a young girl from Tewksbury was raising money to go on vacation to Florida. We said no. We asked the Town Administrator if he would verify that they are on the New Hampshire Charitable Organization list. That is at the Secretary of State's Office I believe. He verifies them and every time he finds one that is, he'll list it. If it's not on the list, he will tell us "Not on NH Charitable List". Those that are not on the list, we set a policy that they had to be on the list or we wouldn't accept them. If they are not on the NH Charitable List and they are a national organization such as the Naval Academy one we had, they need to still provide documentation that they are a legitimate charitable organization. We can't have the Town Administrator chasing all over the country to ascertain that. All of these did meet that criteria.

Selectman Nichols questioned even the Redemption Christian Academy because I see nothing on that one. Chairman Coutu noted this is not the first time they've been here. Steve Malizia said they're on the New York list. They've provided us with the certification. Selectman Nichols thanked Mr. Malizia for clearing that up. Steve Malizia explained many years ago we had someone running a raffle out of their home. It was highly suspect because their Mom was going to be pulling the winning

ticket. We just decided that this would be a better way to do it. The actual law articulates that you approve these permits. As a safeguard, the Board has put in a policy so either myself or Ms. Graham will actually look at the list and seek that verification. They don't necessarily have to be in town but they have to have permission from the property owner, i.e. Market Basket, Sam's Club, Walmart and they have to show up basically on the charitable organization list. Selectman Nichols thanked Mr. Malizia.

Selectman Maddox had a follow up to this Redemption one. They're coming in for 3 dates from Northfield, Massachusetts. Chairman Coutu noted this is not their first time. Mr. Malizia said it's probably about their 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> time they've come in. Chairman Coutu said they usually try to book as many dates as they can possibly get with either Sam's Club, or Market Basket, or whatever. Selectman Maddox thought that it seems like they should probably be more local than Northfield, Massachusetts.

Chairman Coutu didn't disagree. We can entertain at any given time having a policy. Selectman Maddox asked to wait until all five are here. I think at some point a 50 mile radius of Hudson should be something we look at. Chairman Coutu agreed. It's been a thorn in my side. I agree with you Selectman Maddox. Why don't we hold that in abeyance? That will be a topic for perhaps the next meeting. Why don't we put that on the agenda for the next meeting for sure.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to approve Consent Items 6. C. 1-4 as noted and appropriate, carried 4-0.

D. Acceptance of Minutes - NONE

E. Calendar

7/09 7:00 Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
7/10 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
7/14 7:00 Conservation Cmsn - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
7/15 7:00 Cable Utility Cte - HCTV Access Center  
7/16 5:00 Municipal Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room  
7/16 7:00 Senior Affairs Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
7/17 7:30 Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
7/17 7:00 Benson Park Cte - BOS Meeting Room  
7/22 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room  
7/23 7:00 Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
7/24 2:30 Trustees of Trust Fund - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
7/24 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
7/28 7:00 Recycling/Energy Cte - BOS Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on June 24, 2014

1) Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to hire Roger Ordway, Jr., as the Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector at the rate of \$14.77 per hour effective July 1, 2014 in accordance to the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 93 and Local #1801 Hudson Administrative and Support Staff Contract, carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox in opposition.

2) Motion to adjourn at 10:11 p.m. by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, carried 5-0.

B. Public Hearing - Amendment to Town Code 317-30 "Vehicles and Traffic"

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

As you recall, Steve Malizia indicated we had a discussion. I can't remember if it was at the last meeting but very recently where the Board determined that they wanted to take the recommendation of the Highway Safety Committee for the elimination of a couple of stop signs down by Executive Drive to facilitate a better traffic flow particularly from the end of Executive/Friars Drive and for the installation of I believe another stop sign up in the park closer to Lowell Road somewhere off of I believe it was Hampshire Drive. In order to amend the Town Code which will allow you to remove signs or add signs, you need to have two public hearings. This is the first of those two scheduled hearings. If the public has any comment, they can come in and either express their support or express their opposition.

Chairman Coutu opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this item? Seeing none, I'll close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. and I'll open it up for discussion. Does anyone wish to make any comments? Seeing none I'll just state for the record that I spent a good portion of my morning on Executive Drive and in the Industrial Park. I spoke to several business people who expressed to me that they were very grateful for the job that is being done with the repaving. I think it's welcoming. I've noticed of late a lot of the businesses in Industrial Park are beginning to spruce up their

properties in light of CNM Metals the outstanding job they did with the front of their building. It's given an incentive to spruce them up. I've had a lot of people said to me that they welcome the new format as recommended by our Road Agent Mr. Burns trying to get the flow of traffic as far away as the busiest section of Lowell Road and bring it as close to the Sagamore Bridge as possible. The only request I had I told them we had no control over was if you remember Selectman Maddox one of the plans that was bandied about at the Planning Board many years ago when we were talking about the casino was the potential ramp to come off the highway to alleviate the truck traffic. A lot of them would like us to do that but I told them 1) we don't have the money; 2) we still don't have control of that roadway. It still belongs to the State. Please express to Mr. Burns my pleasure on the work that's being done down there. The crews were all there all day in the hot sun. None of them were smiling. I wish we had better attitudes out there but we don't hire them on attitudes. We hire them for the job that they do and they're doing an outstanding job.

Chairman Coutu stated we will have a second public hearing at the next meeting I believe. Steve Malizia said on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pelham Road Bridge/Dam Bid Rejection

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Engineer Laurie Stevens.

Laurie Stevens explained that we sent this project out to bid. The bids were due on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We only received one bid. That bid was higher than we had anticipated. This went out to bid this late spring. We think that the prices could have come in a little better if we had a jump on the construction season. Most of the contractors already have their schedule booked for the whole season. This is one project that has to be done in the later summer months due to the wetlands permit. Internally we've been discussing it and we recommend that the Board put this on hold and go out to bid in the winter so we can lock in a spring or summer construction schedule with the contractor and probably fair a little better with our prices.

Chairman Coutu had one question on the second page of your Memorandum relative to the projected summary. Is that the money that's available \$786,566? Laurie Stevens stated that is the anticipated project total. This is an 80/20 – 80 percent State aide grant, 20 percent fund. So the funding summary down the bottom is the 80 percent shows the 20 percent. We've allocated \$180,285. So the funds available would be \$22,959 which that would mean that if the project bids come in at \$110,000 over this estimate here we could still cover it with our 20 percent cost being made with the \$22,000. Chairman Coutu stated so we're projecting a need of \$786,566 at present. Ms. Stevens said correct. Chairman Coutu indicated we have a contingency. The question I had here is there a contingency plan – well I'll get to that. That's another contingency but I noticed the 22 would allow us \$110,000 additional. This one here came in at \$100,000 over. We probably could do better. My question is this. Do we have a contingency plan in the event that we go back out to bid and the bids come in let's say higher than whatever it is the 885? Let's say it comes in even higher than that. I know we have a contingency for an additional \$110,000. Is the State going to put in that \$110,000? Ms. Stevens indicated the State would put in their 80 percent portion of \$110,000. Chairman Coutu asked there are funds available for them to do that for that project. Ms. Stevens said yes. Chairman Coutu said let's say we decided to agree with you to put this off and we go out to bid again and I would assume you'd want to go out early August, mid August? Ms. Stevens thought probably more November/December. That's when you want to bid for summer construction. Chairman Coutu state we would be bidding for the project to start somewhere prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> of next year. Ms. Stevens indicated actually about that time we have to start after that. It has to be in the low flow season which brings you into June/July.

Steve Malizia stated there's two factors. There's the school factor of the buses but another important factor is the lowest flow period when the water flows under that particular structure which is going to be your July/August time frame. Bottom line what the Town Engineer is recommending is because this price was much higher than anticipated or costed out at because it was one bidder, it is probably prudent to at least put it back out come later in the fall so that folks can sit there and perhaps sharpen their pencils and schedule it into their work for July/August. To answer your question if the bid comes in as higher if not higher, we do not have sufficient funds to do it. So we would probably have to go back out to the voters and say we need to raise money to do this project. That's really our only choice. We do not have this kind of money lying around.

Chairman Coutu remarked we do have a slight cushion but not a lot. Steve Malizia said there is some room but...

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to reject the bid from Northeast Earth Mechanics, Inc. in the amount of \$885,902 for the Pelham Road Bridge/Dam project.

Selectman Maddox asked the Town Engineer we paid our consulting engineers to give us an estimate and they said \$583,000. It came in at \$885,000. Wouldn't you think that they might have said as part of their consulting you might want to put this out to bid in November or December? I'm just having a tough time. They give us an estimate and it's off by \$300,000.

Laurie Stevens said that's a good point. A couple of things happened here. One is I came on board April 1<sup>st</sup> so it took me a little bit to get this out. If it went out sooner, maybe the prices would have been a little better. That's a good point. You can't put it out to bid until you have all your easements in place and those weren't all in place. At that time they probably could have advised us do you want to hold until the next season or this season. We didn't. We went out to bid this season. Another thing

it's a good point is that the prices came up higher. So what we did through our consultant is we called contractors who requested plans but didn't bid and said what did you think? What are some of the issues? What are some of the challenges with this job and that helped us to see if the \$885,000 where that sat, was that a reasonable number. There is some aspects of this project that will be difficult. You're going to have to hammer some of the rock and not blast it all. You have to build coffer dams because you have to divert the stream. We do think that the engineer's estimate was a little bit lower than it should have been. We do anticipate that the bids will come in higher than what the engineer's estimate was last time but we still think the \$885,000 was a real lot.

Selectman Maddox had a follow up question. They did this nice breakdown of what they thought it would be and what the actual bid was. Can we get a letter from them saying why it was so far off? Laurie Stevens said yes. That should be bids received and there's a bid evaluation. There's a lot of information in there but I can tell you that the heavy hitters – the 3 items that really caused the problem were trench rock, and rock removal for concrete, and mobilization. Really rock removal under 2 items and mobilization. Mobilization is the coffer dams to divert the stream and such. Then the blasting. One reason the blasting gets high is because if your contractor already has his schedule filled, he puts a higher price on it because we're so close to summer but these are subcontractors doing the trench rock. You're getting both the contractor and his subcontractor bidding on it so they might mark it up a little if their schedule is already full.

Selectman Maddox asked to rephrase his question. That's a great breakdown of why this bid is so high. I'm asking why their estimate was so low. Are they going to stick to that as the bid that it should be at? Laurie Stevens said no. After calling those contractors, the assessment would go up a little bit. Selectman Maddox asked why didn't we get that information from our consulting engineer in advance. I'm just sitting here Mr. Chairman saying we're going to delay this another year. This project has been going on for 8 years. We thought we were there based on our consulting engineers telling us this is what we should be looking at and it's \$300,000 higher. I'm having a tough time with our consulting engineers. How do they justify so far off? They can give this whole little breakdown. Why \$300,000 higher than what the bid came in? Maybe ask them that maybe a letter to the Selectmen explaining in more layman's terms how far off they were and why. Maybe I'm just being a little rough tonight.

Laurie Stevens thought that they did learn something from this too.

Chairman Coutu indicated I know you're not blaming it on her but I agree. You can't be that far off. That's what we pay them. We pay them good money to come up with these estimates. Maybe we overestimated what we should be paying them. I agree with you wholeheartedly. It's time after time with this company. We need to get some answers. Could you follow up on that? Ms. Stevens said absolutely. Chairman Coutu noted if you have to have one of them come in here at their expense and not ours, I think we'd all would like to hear from them an explanation of how can you be that far off – 33 percent off on the bid. That's outrageous. With that any further discussion? Seeing none.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

B. Public Hearing - Donation from Sam's Club of a leather sofa recliner valued at \$700

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia explained because it's an item or a good and service over a certain number, you have to have a public hearing to accept it. Obviously you just want to open that public hearing.

Chairman Coutu opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this item? Seeing none, I'll close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. Any comments?

Selectman Nichols asked has anyone seen this sofa. Is it nice? Steve Malizia stated yes. It's sitting in the senior center. Mr. Malizia stated we like to try it before we accept it.

Selectman Brucker thought it was a very nice, very generous donation. I'm looking forward to trying it out.

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to accept a leather sofa recliner valued at \$700 from Sam's Club for the Senior Center with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 4-0.

C. Acceptance of a \$300 donation from Dawn Andrews of Love Your Dog Spa & Boutique to the animal control donation account

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia stated the Chief asked that I cover this. It's basically a donation from Lover Your Dog Spa & Boutique in the amount of \$300.00. It's going to the animal control donation account and I would recommend that you accept it with the Board's thanks and appreciation.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to accept a \$300 donation from Dawn Andrews of Love your Dog Spa & Boutique to be put into the animal control donation account with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 4-0.

D. Involuntarily Merged Lot Pursuant to RSA 674:39-aa, Map 156, Lot 60, 110 Derry Street

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia stated you have in front of you a rather large package. Basically its application for the restoration of Map 156, Lot 60 – two separate lots of record. That action would be taken pursuant to NH RSA 674:30-aa. Extensive research of the records indicates that there was no voluntary merger of these lots. More than likely it occurred during one of our tax map updates probably somewhere in the early '90s. The proponent's attorney is here, Attorney Hollis, and he has provided a lot of information to us. Again, we found no evidence, staff found no evidence in our records and Attorney Hollis has found no records in the Registry of Deeds that there was any voluntary merger. So basically our attorney says that it was in proper form to ask for the restoration. So the recommendation is to restore the lot to previously two lots of record.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Board my name is Morgan Hollis. I'm an attorney at Gottesman & Hollis Professional Association, 39 East Pearl Street in Nashua. I represent the applicant for the purpose of this evening. The principal of the applicant is here this evening and happy to answer any questions as am I. I think my letters are fairly self explanatory.

Chairman Coutu stated you've provided us with a considerable amount of material as well as to the best of your ability based on records that are available, data that was available in terms of trying to justify the request on the basis that the lots were not voluntarily merged. Just for my own, I went down in that area. I would assume that this is the property that's just before Hudson Hardware. Attorney Hollis stated its two houses before Hudson Hardware. On Essex Street, the back side actually abuts the back yard of Hudson Hardware because the property in between Hudson Hardware and the subject premises does not have a backyard. So that even adds a little more credence if you actually go on site and look at it. You'll see that there are very distinct lots. It's not like a front yard/back yard. They are angled and they're separated.

Chairman Coutu stated in my research of this item, your maps list Grand Avenue. My research shows it at Grand Street. Which is actually correct or have you come across...? Attorney Hollis stated the maps of record I see as Grand Avenue. Chairman Coutu said I know when I moved into my neighborhood, it was called a street and the record is avenue. I had them change it because there would have been a conflict with 911 calls. My research shows it as Grand Street. You show it as Grand Avenue. I just wanted to make sure that the record is correct that the map of record indicates avenue. That's what's recorded at the Registry? Attorney Hollis said yes to two old plans reflect Grand Avenue. Chairman Coutu noted if that's what's recorded at the Registry, then you're instead, I just want to make sure that we dot our I's and cross our T's on this one. Any questions or comments before I entertain a motion?

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to approve the application for the restoration of Map 156, Lot 60 as two separate lots of record. This action is taken pursuant to NH RSA 674:30-aa, carried 4-0.

E. NHMA 2015-2016 Legislative Policy

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia stated for those who've been here for a few years, this is I believe a biennial effort that NHMA goes through. They have various subcommittees that look at the towns, cities, communities, municipalities interest and they try to put together some sort of list of policies that have either been suggested to them or areas that they feel are in the best interests of municipalities. What you have in front of you is a pretty voluminous list of policies. Again, it's this Board's opportunity to take a look at if you want to take a contrary position or if you have I suppose a question. Again these things are debated and they're discussed at a NHMA Policy Conference where after that conference NHMA, the New Hampshire Municipal Association, tries to advocate on behalf of the position that the Policy Committee basically comes up with. It also gives you an opportunity if you so choose to perhaps submit what they call a floor proposal. If there's something else you may want to do as a Board, I believe it has to have the majority of the Board. Individually I don't think you can put things in. You have an opportunity to put things on there.

Chairman Coutu asked didn't I do it without the majority of the Board. Steve Malizia said you went through the Policy Committee. You didn't do it the other way. Again, I put this in front of you. It's a lot to look at. If you haven't had an opportunity, you don't have to act tonight. You can certainly look at it. We can bring it back up. I just wanted to get it out to you because again NHMA is asking municipalities to start looking at this material to see if there are questions. If you want to take a contrary position, again, their interest is our interest. In other words, they're trying to represent our interest. However, they're not going to take a – if the majority of this committee says yeah we want to go with this position, we could take a different position but they're not going to argue two positions. They're going to take the majority. Just so we're clear on that.

Chairman Coutu thought that one of the things I would like the Board because I've given this thought, I've submitted one before to them. There's a tally sheet in the back. It tells you the synopsis of what it is. You could put in favor, opposed, or no position. I think we had done that once or twice and we submitted it to you and you just tallied it up. I believe you were our

delegate. Steve Malizia stated I was appointed as your delegate. Chairman Coutu reiterated you were appointed as a delegate to the meeting to represent our interest. One of the things I would like the Board to consider, we don't have to discuss it tonight as the Town Administrator stated, we can discuss this at a future meeting. I've been reading them. It's quite voluminous as he's said. There's an awful lot to digest. There's a lot of material here that I wouldn't take a position and I was writing along as I was going on. Yes I support it. A lot of it really doesn't affect us. It affects individuals, municipalities, and their interests. I can read into it what they're trying to accomplish but there's a lot of this that has to do with land use. I respect Selectman Maddox's vast knowledge on land use to give us guidance in the future if we have any questions. If you have any questions on any of these, I would make a note of it if you don't understand it. We can set aside an hour just to discuss this.

One of the things that Chairman Coutu would like this Board to consider proposing is something that's been brought up. If we had a healthy discussion on it we can either come to a consensus to agree to submit it for consideration because it's going to affect a lot of municipalities or the majority may not want to support it. That would be this year for the first time we've been able to have the voters identify pretty much what we spend in revenue for our town budgeting. We've taken out water and we've taken out sewer as separate warrant articles. The legislature allowed us to do this. I think that there is still that – as Selectman Luszey this was one of his pet projects and I would support it that because we have virtually no control over the library budget. This is not a put down on the library. This is just bringing to the floor the fact that our budget is inflated by \$1 million that we have no control over. It's always been my objective since I became a member of the Board of Selectmen to want to present to the voters exactly what this Board has control over. I would like to have the NHMA consider going to the legislature and ask that the library budget be a separate warrant article unto itself. We as a Board have no control over their funds. If they're into a default budget say – this is an example. I'm not saying this is going on. If they're into a default budget and they have a line item that they budgeted several years ago that they really don't need, they can just give raises out to their employees. I can remember 8, 9 years ago – I believe the year or two years prior to my becoming a member of the Board of Selectmen, I believe the Library Trustees had a warrant article requesting to replace all of their computers. The voters said no. They found the money in their budget and they did it anyway. That irked me and it's left a sour taste in my mouth and said that just isn't going to happen again.

Chairman Coutu stated I'm going to propose that we support legislation which will allow communities to take any item, or items, or a whole department that are not under their control as separate warrant articles. I can articulate the reasons why and I'm sure the Town Administrator could articulate our position if we have a healthy discussion. So we don't have to discuss that tonight. That's something that we'll bring up and at the same time if you have any ideas that you feel affects the governance of municipalities or our municipality in particular, bring it forward. We can have a healthy discussion. We can get through the weeds and we can try to figure out some sort of legislation that we could submit. If we could support it, we will submit it. Any comments or questions relative to...I will have some questions for you probably as an aside Selectman Maddox because of the land use because some of them I don't understand. I would suggest that if you have any questions or anything on land use, Selectman Maddox is definitely the expert on that. There's nothing in here on food, so Selectman Nadeau is out on this one.

Selectman Maddox said as well as sending it to the NHMA maybe we send it to our legislators. Chairman Coutu said yeah we could do that as well. Selectman Maddox noted to say where this Board stands on some of these items. We've tried to have a dialog with them. I think this is one way to have a continuing dialog. Chairman Coutu agreed. They're going to have to vote on a lot of these measures. Some of them may not filter through. They probably get killed in committee but for those that do if we have a position, there's quite a few here that do affect us. Some of the land use doesn't affect us. It's geared towards a specific municipality. You can almost see by reference who the authors are of some of these things. It's a selectman in like North Woodstock or somewhere else in Derry and Portsmouth. The seashore has different problems than we have. All in all, it's quite a lengthy document that presents an awful lot of some pretty good ideas. Some of them I don't think that are going to pass muster but they're not there to make judgment they're there to support local municipalities and specifically what they would like to see like cross border liabilities and things like that which I found interesting and what surprised that we don't have cross border liability in this State. It's a nice item to read when you're sitting out by the water Nancy enjoying your summer. It's a good document to read. Mrs. Nichols when you're up checking out Benson Park and all of the things, bring this document with you and sit on one of the park benches.

Selectman Maddox asked is this something we should –is the August workshop filled. Chairman Coutu said we can do it in the August workshop. This is a fall conference isn't it? Steve Malizia believed the conference is September 26 but your floor proposal so if you say for example you wanted to support it...Chairman Coutu said they're due August 15<sup>th</sup>. Steve Malizia said if you wanted to make a proposal to ask that the library budgets be raised on separate warrant articles, you'd have to submit that by August 15<sup>th</sup> for consideration. Chairman Coutu said let's do the August workshop then.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Nichols - I don't really have a whole lot to report at this moment. I did show you pictures I took of the Benson old shoe with the new roof and the door. There's a meeting this week so maybe there will be more to that. I'm not sure. Nothing from Finance and I have nothing to report from IT. We've decided that if you had questions for IT or anything you could either send them to me or send them to Lisa and she would be more than happy to answer you that way. That way nothing will get mixed up and everybody will be happy hopefully.

Chairman Coutu stated I know that you went last week to the Budget meeting. KC was there to present the Town's portion. Selectman Nichols said everyone seemed to be happy with it. That was good. It went very well. Chairman Coutu mentioned as Chairman Jasper said, you got off easy that night. Selectman Nichols agreed. It was a piece of cake. I don't think that's going to happen again but it was good. Chairman Coutu noted we're going to start looking at budgets so there will be things coming up. Unless there's an emergency, you won't have a meeting now until September I believe which is good.

Selectman Maddox - Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to let the Board keeping them in the loop. Zach field is still trying to be that little engine that could. We are hopefully having a meeting of all of the alphabet soup to put them in one room and see if we can resolve some of the issues that are still languishing I guess is the word I'm going to use. I'd really like to get this thing accomplished but there's always you forgot to check box 627. So we're still struggling to hopefully resolve in a nice and civil manner. Chairman Coutu mentioned and that's why you don't want me in the room. Selectman Maddox thought maybe we do. Chairman Coutu said I'm at your beck and call. I told you at the last meeting what we should do. Selectman Maddox said when I'm being rational, you should be worried. That's all I have. Chairman Coutu said his heart goes out to Len Lathrop. He has put an awful lot into this project. We've seen the anguish. I told him I had an easy solution. Let's put them all in a room, close the door, and let me sit with them. We'll have this resolved in about 10 minutes. Heads would roll.

Selectman Brucker - Well I certainly enjoyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Because of the rain I watched 3 television presentations of music for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July - the Pops, Macy's and Washington, DC. They were all beautiful. Then I went to the Ashland fireworks on Saturday. They do a beautiful job. That was a lot of fun.

Selectman Brucker indicate I did attend the Chamber of Commerce had their after 4 gathering at the Roger's Library this last time. It was very enjoyable. I got to meet some people from out of the area, a representative from PSNH, Margarita's, and everybody had such complimentary things to say about our town government. I was very, very impressed and pleased. They had a speaker there from the State's Speaker's Bureau which if we ever have a topic that we want to explore a little deeper, we can invite somebody from there as well. They come from the University of New Hampshire. It was very enjoyable. Chairman Coutu saw your picture posted on the Chambers web page for that event. They take a bunch of pictures. I knew that you had gone. I had a prior commitment with family. So I'm glad we were represented. Thank you for bringing us that news. I hear that all the time about people from other communities tell me how envious they are about our tax rate compared to other people. So thank you for that.

Selectman Coutu - All I have this evening is I want to do something for the Energy Committee. The next household hazardous waste and electronic collection is Saturday, August 2. So that's hazardous waste and electronic collection is Saturday, August 2, at 8 a.m. to noon at the Nashua Public Works garage at 9 Stadium Drive in Nashua. Residents of Hudson can go. The cost is a \$10 user fee per vehicle and it covers up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds and there's an additional charge for electronics recycling. For more information as I gave you the last time, a complete list of what the accepted items are available on [www.nashuarpc.org/hhw](http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw) or you can call the Highway Department in Nashua at 603-424-2240.

Chairman Coutu wanted to give a shout out to this young man who graduated from Alvirne High School this year who was outstanding not just a good scholar but an outstanding athlete. He was selected as first team this year in baseball. He's going to Northeastern University. He was accepted at Northeastern University - Tyler Brown. Those of you who are familiar with athletics at Alvirne High School will know the name "Tyler Brown". Tyler was an outstanding baseball player those of you who know anything about baseball, his ERA was 1.28 which is outstanding. I don't think the Red Sox are anywhere near 999 right now let alone 128. He was an outstanding basketball player. I followed this kid through high school and knew that he was going to go on to bigger and better things. Outstanding young man - 6 foot 5, 180 pounds, a good looking man. I'm very proud of him and Hudson should be proud. I think he's going to do well at Northeastern University. Again it speaks volumes of our educational system.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to enter Nonpublic Session pursuant to: RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; and (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; and (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant, carried 4-0 by roll call.

Chairman Coutu stated Nonpublic Session is being entered at 7:48 p.m., thus ending the televised portion of the meeting. Any votes taken upon entering open session will be listed on the Board's next agenda. The public is asked to leave the room. Open session was being entered into at 9:20 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to hire Shara McIntosh as an HCTV Camera Operator - Regular Special Shift Employee - effective July 9, 2014 at \$11.00 per hour, carried 4-0. (Selectman Maddox voted in favor as Shara doesn't report directly to her father, Jim McIntosh.)

Motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to promote Scott Tice to the position of Deputy Fire Chief, effective July 13, 2014. This assignment will be an exempt position and in accordance with the Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association, with an annual salary of \$87,965 (Step 5) and then to Step 6 at the completion of probation," as recommended by the Fire Chief, carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nichols, to authorize the Fire Chief to transfer Kevin Grebinar to the position of Suppression Captain, effective July 17, 2014. This assignment will be a non-exempt position and in accordance with the Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association, with an annual salary of \$78,166 with a required 6 (six) month probationary period as recommended by the Fire Chief, carried 4-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. by Selectman Maddox, seconded by selectman Brucker, carried 4-0.

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