

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the November 12, 2013 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Maddox the meeting of November 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Selectman Nadeau.

3. ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Ted Luszey

Staff/Others: Stephen Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director; Patrick Colburn, Town Engineer; Pat Nichols

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Maddox asked does anyone in the audience wish to address the Board on any issue which the Board has control of

5. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - NONE

6. CONSENT ITEMS

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

Chairman Maddox asked to remove the October 15, 2013 and October 17, 2013 minutes. Actually all they are is you've promoted Selectman Nadeau to Chairman on both of those.

Selectman Coutu asked to pull Assessing item A. 1.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve consent items D 3. and D. 4 as amended and approve Consent Items A 2-6, B, C, and E, as noted or appropriate, carried 4-0.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Veteran Tax Credit - Map 216, Lot 014, Sub 085, w/recommendation to approve
- 2) Disabled Veteran Tax Credit - Map 118, Lot 057, w/recommendation to approve
- 3) 2013 Supplemental Tax Bill - PILOT Agrmt. - Map 109, Lot 10, w/recommendation to approve
- 4) 2013 Tax Abatement - Map 168, Lot 68-4, w/recommendation to approve
- 5) 2013 Tax Abatements - Map 175, Lot 115; Map 203, Lot 21, w/recommendation to approve

B. Water/Sewer Items - NONE

C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Raffle Permit - Hudson Fish and Game Club, Inc.
- 2) Raffle Permit - Hudson Fish and Game Club, Inc.
- 3) Raffle Permit - GFWC Hudson Junior Woman's Club
- 4) Request to Solicit Funds - Hudson-Litchfield Youth Football & Cheer, Inc.

D. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the October 1, 2013 Meeting
- 2) Minutes of the October 8, 2013 Meeting
- 3) Minutes of the October 15, 2013 Meeting
- 4) Minutes of the October 17, 2013 Meeting
- 5) Minutes of the October 22, 2013 Meeting

E. Calendar

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| 11/13 | 7:00 | Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 11/13 | 7:00 | Benson Park Landscape Cte - BOS Meeting Room |
| 11/14 | 7:30 | Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 11/19 | 7:00 | Cable Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room |
| 11/20 | 5:00 | Municipal Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room |
| 11/20 | 7:00 | Senior Affairs Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room |
| 11/21 | 7:00 | Benson Park Cte - BOS Meeting Room |

11/21 7:00 Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
11/25 7:00 Recycling/Energy Cte - BOS Meeting Room
11/26 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
11/28 THANKSGIVING - TOWN HALL CLOSED
11/29 FLOATING HOLIDAY -- TOWN HALL CLOSED

A.) 1 Veteran Tax Credit - Map 198, Lot 122, w/recommendation to deny

Selectman Coutu indicated I'm going to have a discussion with the Assessor and ask that it be brought back at a future date.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after the meeting of October 22, 2013

- 1) Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to seal the Nonpublic minutes, carried 5-0.
- 2) Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to hire Robert Fay as the HCTV Assistant at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for up to 20 hours per week effective 10/23/2013, carried 5-0.
- 3) Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to hire Karen Lawton to fill the vacant full-time Telecommunications Technician position at a rate of pay of \$16.78 per hour according to Hudson Police Employee Association Contract, carried 5-0.
- 4) Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to transfer Sheri Macpherson to a part-time status at a rate of pay of \$20.22 per hour according to the Hudson Police Association Contract, carried 5-0.
- 5) Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Brucker, carried 5-0.

B. Budget Wrap Up

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia and Finance Director Kathy Carpentier.

Steve Malizia indicated I'll probably defer to the Finance Director but as you are well aware, we did several nights of budget. This is a wrap up just to make sure that we've taken the appropriate motions to forward the budget to the warrant and to forward the default budget to the warrant. The Finance Director has prepared a packet that basically gives you all that's gone on during the budget process. It's a summary of all the actions that you've taken. So if you have any questions or comments, the Finance Director is here to help answer them.

Good evening. Kathy Carpentier indicated on November 5th, your last meeting, you left the tax rate impact for the Town at \$6.46, which is a \$.09 increase. For the average single family home, it would be \$23 on that tax bill. Before you this evening are the summary documents. I'm asking that you take two actions today - a motion to forward the operating budget. We broke it out general fund, water fund, sewer fund to the warrant and to approve the default budgets based on your actions during the deliberation sessions you've previously had.

1) Operating Budget(s)

Selectman Coutu asked the Finance Director or the Town Administrator, in the Recreation budget is there a page dedicated to revenue? Kathy Carpentier indicated that's correct but on the top of each sheet, he has indicated the revenues. If you looked at the lacrosse sheet, on the top of it is the revenue for lacrosse. If you were looking for a summary of all the revenues for Rec., it would be part of the hand out that was given you in your package. Is there a specific one you're looking for or are you looking for all? Selectman Coutu was looking for all but a breakdown in comparison with the previous fiscal year. I think he made an error. We don't usually get a revenue summary...Steve Malizia stated page 13 of the handout that you received in your Selectman's package tonight starts the revenue. If you look at the bottom of the page, account 4761 if you look on the left, that goes from there to the next page. You can see by program the revenues that have been budgeted for Rec. You can look at 2013 actuals. You can look at the 2014 budget and you can look at the 2015 proposed or estimated budget for each of the revenues for the programs that they offer.

Selectman Nadeau asked Selectman Coutu if he thought there were too high or too low. Selectman Coutu thought he had come in less for lacrosse. We didn't have lacrosse in the 2013 budget. Chairman Maddox indicated the actual was \$17,466. In the 2013, Steve Malizia stated the Board made a decision half way through the year to offer lacrosse in lieu of Babe Ruth. So Babe Ruth was removed, lacrosse was put in. Because we didn't have a budget for it, all you'll see is an actual number in 2013. Because of the timing, the 2014 budget was already put to rest. This was done after that. You'll see zero in the budget for 2014 for lacrosse. The \$18,500 which is in fiscal 2015, I believe represents if not all of more than the expense for the lacrosse program. In other words when people sign up to play that program, I believe his budget is \$15,846 for that program. He's pulling in a revenue of \$18,500. So the revenue is a few grand higher for that specific program.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to forward the General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$23,959,448, the Sewer Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,665,684 and the Water Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,871,757 to the warrant, carried 4-0.

2) Default Budget(s)

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to approve the General Fund Default Budget in the amount of \$23,329,646, the Sewer Fund Default Budget in the amount of \$1,649,375 and the Water Fund Default Budget in the amount of \$3,800,846 to the ballot, carried 4-0.

Selectman Coutu thought for the purpose of clarity Mr. Chairman if we could ask the Finance Director because there is a difference of about \$600,000 in the default budget versus our recommended operating budget to explain how much of the difference is being offset by revenue. I know that we have over \$100,000 for the senior activities so it depreciates a little bit.

Kathy Carpentier noted that in just the general fund the increase from the default is \$611,936. There's an offsetting revenue for IT projects of \$86,124. Revaluation offsetting revenue from \$90,000 and senior activities offsetting revenue for \$129,800. So an offset of \$305,924. The general fund default is up almost \$612,000. There's an offsetting revenue of \$306,000. Selectman Coutu asked the tax rate - impact the \$6.46 encumbers all of this mathematics. That would be the net \$6.46. Ms. Carpentier said yes. That is where the Board is at this point. I know you're aware Selectman Coutu that it doesn't include the contracts because the contracts have not been before you.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Agreement for Engineering Services - Weinstein Well Replacement

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Engineer Patrick Colburn.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and Board members. Patrick Colburn brought with him tonight Jeff McClure from Weston & Sampson who are our engineering consultants for the Water Utility. What we're here to discuss this evening is a project that started back in the beginning of 2010. As you folks know, we have three well sites in town that supply all the water for our municipal system. One of those sites, the Weinstein site is in need of replacement due to a failing joint near the bottom of the casing that's allowing gravel to infiltrate into the casing. Back in 2011, Jeff and his group prepared a task list and an associated cost opinion. Since 2011, only task 1 has been complete and that was a series of test drillings to identify the appropriate location on that Weinstein site for the replacement well. That's been identified and in 2012, they provided us a recommendation for moving forward. I'm here tonight to request approval and execution of a contract with Weston & Sampson to complete tasks 2, 3, and 4 which will result in the installation of the well itself and then upon approval of our FY15 budget, tasks 5 and 6 would be completed. That would conclude the replacement well project. If there are any questions, I'm sure Jeff can help answer them.

Chairman Maddox had a couple of questions. In the document, and I'm on 2.1.1 b. A plan for identifying the long-term sustainable yield from the replacement well. Why would we do that after we've spent \$139,000? Has not that been done from the test borings and whatever? Jeff McClure indicated the test borings are a 2 ½ inch test wells that go in and it determines over a short term duration. It's a four hour pump test to see what kind of yield maybe there. It's not until you put in the full size production well that you truly know what you have. The 2 ½ inch wells just don't translate to the larger size to know that beyond a shadow of a doubt. Part of this work is to confirm what you'll actually be receiving. Chairman Maddox indicated we have presently a well that is of the same diameter so why wouldn't we have that information? Mr. McClure stated it doesn't translate like that. In geology you can't translate from point A to point B because you don't know underground exactly what's happening. You don't know if there's an underground stream that's specifically providing water to one well and not to the other. We're fortunate that this area does have relatively uniform gravels but it's not always the case that that translates directly. We found that when we did 3 different test wells. We found that one of them wasn't very usable. The other one was suspect and the location that's being proposed was far better. So this was all within 150 feet from the existing well and we found 3 completely different yields from 3 different holes.

Chairman Maddox said we could at the end of this have a well that does not produce anywhere near what we thought it was going to. Jeff McClure said technically yes that could happen but that's why you do the 2 ½ inch wells with the testing that we've already done. We feel confident that you'll be receiving what we anticipate which is the 750 gallons per minute that matches your existing.

The other question Chairman Maddox had was under 2.1.2. It says that "public project bidding is not included in this scope". We're basically going to take one of the three that you're going to bring before us. This is a \$400,000 project. I'm just kind of making sure we all understand what we're doing here because this is from 2010. Jeff McClure stated that's a good point. The well drilling component represents about \$111,000 within this contract that's in front of you tonight. There's essentially 3 large municipal well production companies out there right now. We're planning on giving our design package to each of those 3 and receive bids for them. As you mentioned, this doesn't do the public bidding process which would incur more costs to the town by having a publicly bid spec. book and having a formalized bidding period, bids open, and so forth, and so on. Since there's only 3 and we're going to give it to the 3 anyway, this is a cost reducing item by doing it direct. It's through Weston & Sampson is the engineers instead of going to public bid process. That was something that was discussed with the Town probably two

years back. Chairman Maddox was just trying to remind people that, again, this is the way this is going to work. That's what we agreed to do. I'm just, again, bringing it forward so that there is no surprises when you come back and say the lowest bidder is \$140,000, which is more than your total contract where we're going to be.

The other item Chairman Maddox - it just jumps out at this guy is 2.1.3 d. It says, "It is assumed that the temporary pump will receive a temporary connection. I don't mostly see contracts that say "assume". It sets us up for discussions we don't want to have. Why would you put that in there? What would stop us from being able to tie into that building? Jeff McClure said it's a valid point. "Assumed" is a poor word have in a contract here you're right with that. It's our intent to be able to run a temporary wire from the existing panel board within the building out to the location of the production well when it gets put in the ground. For that 5 days, we want to be able to pull power out from the existing building. By doing that, you save approximately \$20,000 worth of costs for having to bring in a generator, bring in the diesel fuel, and staff the generator full time for the full 5 days doing this. It's our intent to be able to run that wire either over land or in a very shallow trench over to 150 feet to the new well area. Assumed is probably a bad word. We anticipate and expect that that wire will be put in and that there won't be any concerns by Town departments or Town staff to be able to do that. Chairman Maddox thought maybe that's a word we want to change. Again, assumes sends up red flags.

Selectman Coutu said all you'd have to do is eliminate "it is assumed" and begin it with "the". Jeff McClure said if you want to make that line item and cross it out, I can initial that today. Again, ladies and gentlemen, Chairman Maddox said this is a three-year old project. I think we all - Selectman Brucker you weren't even here at the time. I just want to make sure that everybody understands what we are doing here in regards to basically going out for a sole source if you would bidding process to be able to put in this well.

Chairman Maddox had one last question under Article 3., 3.6. Do we not have all of that information? It's asking for the boundaries and right of way maps. Since you've been our water consultant for the last dozen years, that is something that we don't have. Patrick Colburn thought Gary and I have gathered that information as of late. Chairman Maddox thought it seemed sketchy. Maybe this is from 2010 and you've subsequently been able to pull this together. What you write in a contract is what we have to live up to. So there is no problem providing that information? Patrick Colburn didn't see any problem. I think you have all of that information at this point.

Chairman Maddox asked if the Board agreed that we're going to strike out "assumes". The Board agreed. Chairman Maddox asked if everybody was comfortable with the pricing and the setup. Selectman Coutu said I'm certainly not comfortable with for lack of better terms "single source bidding" on the project. I would think that we're taking him at his word that there's only 3 companies that do this. He's going to send I would assume that he's going to definitely going to send the proposal to all 3. I don't know that advertising or going through that expense is going to bring in additional well drillers if they don't exist. You're saying there's only 3 in New England. Jeff McClure stated there's 3 in the immediate area that do that type of work. It's a certain size rig that's required drilling rig for municipal water supply well work. The ones that would go behind residential home aren't sized for that. So there are very few of them. There is Lane DL Mar which put in your original wells as well as Mar Services. The only reason there's the last two is because the nephew and the Uncle split to do their own business. Instead of there only being two, there's now three. Other than that, that's all that there is.

Selectman Coutu said when you use the term "immediate area" what encompasses "immediate area" from my understanding. Jeff McClure said probably within 200 miles in a radius. Selectman Coutu asked outside of that radius. Mr. McClure said there is one in the middle of Maine area. There is a driller in Connecticut. What you'll find is that since these are multiple day if not week long projects when you get outside of that home base area, they're not cost effective because they're getting put up in hotels then and they don't know the State regulations when you go from State to State. The well drilling business as a whole stays a little closer to home than some of your other construction items. Selectman Coutu indicated I'm a little more comfortable. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Nadeau asked is it possible for you to bring all 3 of them to us so that we can see that there was 3. That would make me feel more comfortable knowing that the reason we're picking this one was a) they were the cheapest out of the three. Or if they're not Chairman Maddox said, the reasons why. Mr. McClure said yes absolutely. Steve Malizia stated like compliance with the specs. You want the lowest cost that's compliant. Assuming all 3 bid, Selectman Coutu indicated they may not bid. We might only get one bid. We don't know. Thank you.

Selectman Brucker said I always need to be educated about how these projects go. They're going to drill down until they hit water. Is that it and then there's going to be a tank that's going to go in there? Jeff McClure indicated we are going to drill down until we hit bedrock and we can't go any farther down then at that time, we're going to put a piece of steel down into the ground and the bottom 10 or 15 feet is going to be a screen. Surrounding that screen will be some additional materials to try to keep the sandy materials away from the water. Then at that point, we put a pump into it and we pump repeatedly out of the well until all of that free sand comes out and it turns into a well producing municipal water supply. No tank though. Selectman Brucker asked it's just going to come up to the surface. Patrick Colburn said and into the distribution system.

Chairman Maddox asked but you are building a new pump house or you're just expanding. Patrick Colburn said no. This is going to operate similar to the Dame/Ducharme scenario where this auxiliary new well is going to pump through the existing pump house. As long as we're up to Article 5.1, Chairman Maddox stated it says "That the compensation shall not exceed

\$139,800 without written authorization from the owner,” which is us. We’d probably be a lot grumpier and more questioning at that point. Hopefully you’ve got all your facts and figures ready to rock and roll.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve and execute the Agreement for engineering services by and between the Town of Hudson and Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$139,800 for the design, permitting, and construction of the Weinstein Well.

Selectman Coutu asked to add to the motion not to exceed. Chairman Maddox said absolutely. I guess we have to go by the contract not to exceed without written authorization from the Board of Selectmen. Do you agree to that the maker of the motion? Selectman Brucker and Selectman Nadeau agreed. Jeff McClure said that language is the last sentence of 5.1. It does state “shall not exceed without prior authorization”. Chairman Maddox said just for the people at home. Again, I think that even though this is not tax dollars but it is water users, they need to know again, because we are going with your package that we have some caps to it. It’s not an open well. We will have some capacity to cap.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Maddox thanked Mr. Colburn and Mr. McClure for their explanation. Again, this is 3 years old. We just wanted to make sure we’re all on the same page. Mr. McClure appreciated the support. Thank you.

B. Acceptance of a State of New Hampshire Highway Grant - “Operation Safe Commute” in the amount of \$4,680

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia indicated this is an annual grant. It’s for overtime for commuting specifically. There will be three hour patrols. Basically one officer. This is the overtime money to do extra patrols to ensure motorist safety on the roads in Hudson. It will run from October 30th through approximately September 19th of 2014. The amount of the grant is \$4,680 and I recommend that you accept it.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to accept the Hudson “Operation Safe Commute” Patrols grant awarded through the New Hampshire Safety Agency in the amount of \$4,680, carried 4-0.

C. Hudson Speedway - Operational Report

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia stated you’ve received correspondence from Captain Avery regarding the closing times of the Hudson Speedway. It was a requirement that you asked that the Police provide basically the stop time for each of the scheduled races. I believe the majority ended either on or before the time. There were a couple. There was one from a serious accident on the August 11th race. I believe there may have been one on the 23rd of June. They didn’t have exact time. Other than that, this is the log of times that the speedway, the last race concluded.

Selectman Coutu had a couple of things. I would like to have a request that we look at the Old Derry Road and Robinson Road to Boyd Road and see what the sign situation is there. From what I understand, the signs are all missing - the no parking signs. Have that looked at and if they need to be replaced to be replaced. I would also recommend on the basis of one citizen complaint, a citizen who came in here, that we limit the hours of operation. We have a discussion with the owner of the park that 10 p.m. is sufficient especially on Sunday nights with people getting up in the morning to go to work. I think 10 p.m. is more than a sufficient hour. We have 9 races that would be affected. They would have to move them back. Anything over 22...

Chairman Maddox indicated it would require public hearings because this is in the Town Code, correct? Steve Malizia said it’s an action item that we have to change the Ordinance. You’d have to change it by Ordinance. So you’d have to have a public hearing, public notice. We have it on our list to do. Mr. Malizia said yes. We will have it come back. Chairman Maddox indicated it’s on the Action Item List. Selectman Coutu stated we’re going to look at the hours of operation and moving it back. As Steve Malizia understood, the Board was interested in having a 10 o’clock cap, so that will be what comes back for your discussion in public input. Chairman Maddox thought we ought to send the owner a letter saying we are discussing this so that they are aware of it because I’m sure they have to set up things in advance for next year even.

Selectman Nadeau indicated that’s what I was going to bring up because we know that Mr. Weber is not here during the winter. He’s usually in Aruba. Every time we’ve tried getting a hold of him in the winter, we could never get a hold of him. I think we need to send him a letter sooner rather than later and find out what dates might be good for him. Chairman Maddox thought he gave me his cell phone number but I’ll have to double check. Again, I don’t want to make this thing in a vacuum and he’s not available to come because he’s away. Again, let’s make notification. Just a quick note saying the Board is considering doing this and what the time frames are to do that. If he’s not going to be here and he’s okay with changing it to 10 o’clock, Selectman Nadeau said we can have the public hearings and stuff but I don’t think that’s the case. Chairman Maddox thought also isn’t it in the Town Code the parking situation. I think it actually lists what sides of the road or whatever. We probably need to do some research. By we, I mean you Steve.

Steve Malizia indicated I can't speak competently about the road signs. I'm sure it's in there. I can tell you that the Town Code articulates the time here. I would imagine that if you called someone and say hey do you care if we knock off 45 minutes. He's probably going to say yeah don't do it. I can tell you that I believe he leaves the country and goes to Aruba and we don't hear from him until April.

Selectman Coutu stated we don't set a time on his start time only his end time. Mr. Malizia said yes you do. Selectman Coutu thought maybe we could move the start time back or whatever an hour. Selectman Nadeau said it might not be what he wants to do. Selectman Coutu said I know it might not be what he wants to do but I think it was a reasonable request on Sunday nights at 10 p.m. is long enough. People want to go to bed. They have to get up and go to work the next morning. I think that's reasonable. It was not an unreasonable request by that citizen. The larger point Steve Malizia was making is he'll probably be the only one that would raise an objection to changing it to 10 p.m. Selectman Coutu said if he in fact does. I don't know that he will.

Chairman Maddox indicated our intent here is to at least notify him that that is an action item before the Board. Selectman Coutu said that's the fair thing to do. If he's leaving sooner rather than later, Chairman Maddox stated we'll probably deal with it sooner rather than later. Mr. Malizia thought he's already gone. We can send him a letter though.

D. Budget to Actuals

Chairman Maddox recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia noted this is one-third of the way through the year. Basically 33 percent. Again as I say every month, this is not a linear 1/3. We don't spend it 1/12 increments. In general, we're in pretty reasonable shape. We spent a little bit more on the Town Poor but I just think some of that is timing. Ms. Wilson does a great job with this and I'm not too worried. As you remember, we took some money out of there I think to put into the value defense but we have money in donation accounts should we get into some difficulty. Again, she'll manage that.

Other than that, Mr. Malizia said some of the numbers get skewed because we encumber for example the entire trash contract which would tend to throw the number off. So when you're looking, you'll see sometimes a skewing upward. When I go to the revenue section, we seem to be going a little bit ahead on the motor vehicles. We're basically at 34 ½ percent which is good. You bump the budget up \$100,000 so it's even better. It's on a higher number to start with. I think we're seeing some positives in the economy and one of them is the car registrations. Of course, that doesn't mean we're getting any more interest because that's non-existent. We've budgeted for basically \$10,000. That's not a major drive on your budget at all. It's just a placeholder. At this point, it's really not a factor. Car registration seems to be doing pretty well. I didn't note anything else of significance. Again ambulance revenue is usually a month off from a billing perspective. That's basically what I have.

Chairman Maddox called the Board's attention to building permits which is 4218. We are already at 79 percent - one-third through the year. I don't believe we've bumped that item up. Steve Malizia said one could also presume that during the warmer months you tend to get more activity. Perhaps during the winter months it might slow down. There's been a couple of projects to Sparkling River I think by name and I think the Oakridge, I'm sure those permits are going out the door pretty quick. I'm sure that contributes to the greater than scheduled percentage.

Chairman Maddox the Room and Meals Tax was going to bump up finally. Steve Malizia said it gets very convoluted. Rooms and Meals Tax is only going to go up if certain factors happen and then if it goes up, we're only going to get a certain percentage of it. It's not in this fiscal year. There was some law that went out there. I believe Rooms and Meals the State was looking at if they got a certain threshold or a certain number, they were going to put some into a, I'll use the term "pool", which they were going to then allocate back out to the community. We certainly didn't budget that. I don't think we've gotten this year's funding yet for that. I think we're still at zero. Yes, we haven't received that yet. We'll get that later in the year. Its \$1,092,000 and it's been the same for the last couple of years. Selectman Coutu thought they had already published those numbers and we were going to get an increase. I could have sworn...Chairman Maddox thought we were going to get some but not a lot but some. Mr. Malizia wasn't aware that it was immediate. I know that there was something out there that they talked about. If it reached a certain threshold, they were going to put something in a pool and then we were going to get allocated out of that pool. Somewhere I thought in the numbers I saw \$50,000 to \$70,000 but I wasn't aware that - it certainly hasn't hit yet. I know that.

Selectman Brucker asked if the Cable Utility listed in here or is that something different. Steve Malizia indicated Cable Utility is on page 7, the second line from the bottom. Right now, they've pulled in the first quarter \$83,249. That's a quarter payment from the cable company. Just from a timing perspective, they've pulled in 83. So you would anticipate that the next 3 payments would be at least that amount unless a lot of people cancel cable. It generally is a number that grows. Selectman Brucker asked that represents how much of the cable fees. Mr. Malizia thought it's at 4 or 5 percent. I can't remember what this Board finally agreed to. Chairman Maddox said it's 4 percent of your cable fee. Selectman Coutu said only cable. Not the cable bill...Mr. Malizia said not the internet fees. It's just cable. Selectman Coutu said it's not renting boxes or any other extras - HBO or any of that stuff. Mr. Malizia thought that's part of it. It's a cable service. Selectman Coutu stated not the internet or the phone because they have the package deal - the phone, the internet. Mr. Malizia believed for example if you buy things on the shopping network, there's money on that too.

Of that 4 percent, Selectman Brucker asked how much of that is going to maintain the cable facility. Steve Malizia said all of it. What the practice I think has been is they've tried to budget as close as they can to the anticipated revenue. There might be a couple of thousand dollar difference but basically what they've done in the past is any money they had left, they stuck it in the cable capital reserve fund to build the building. So they've pretty much used all of this money for cable purposes. I can't say dollar for dollar. There might be a couple of dollars that maybe when we budgeted the appropriations and we budgeted the cable revenue, they might have got a couple more bucks in revenue. It's been pretty close if not right on. So it all goes to cable in essence.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Brucker - It was very quiet last week. There were no meetings that I attended except that I did go to the...Steve Malizia indicated the New Hampshire Municipal Association sponsors an annual two-day conference where they have various seminars and informational sessions for managers, selectmen, and various other town folk. Selectman Brucker said it was very interesting. I attended the one on the health care costs and understanding the new health care bill, which changes from day to day. So what you know today probably will change tomorrow. Also on our 3 cable channels and programming for them. So that was very interesting. It was a very interesting conference and I was glad I went. Thank you for sending me.

Selectman Nadeau - I have a few things today. The first one is over the weekend I had some free time on my hands. I went to the fall fair over at Fairview Nursing Home which we do every year me and Selectman Coutu. We had a great time. They had cupcake judging this year. All the money from the proceeds that they got, they donate to a different charity each year. This year it went to the Hudson seniors for their new building which was really good.

Yesterday was Veteran's Day. I'd like to thank all the Veteran's that are out there.

December 7th, the Hudson Police Department is having a class for the seniors. So you guys can learn about fraud. It will be on the cable channel and you can register at the police station if you're interested in going or find out more information.

The other one is January 1st is coming pretty soon. We haven't heard anything on the skate park. I have only received one e-mail and nobody has really come forward to step up and we have the January 1st deadline that we talked about. So if there's anybody out there that's interested in starting a skate park committee or doing something with the skate park, they should get a hold of the Rec. Director or myself so we can see what we're doing with the skate park.

The next thing is if you've been watching our 3 cable channels, you'll start to see that there's a lot more programming on them. They had some programming from 3 years ago at Old Home Days they were showing. The car accident and Selectman Maddox was filming. You'll see him in there. It shows how much work goes into a scene like that. I thought that was very informative and I'm glad they were replaying it. There were some other new ones that they've been putting on there. Keep an eye on the cable channel. It's been very interesting lately. That's all I have.

Chairman Maddox had a couple of questions on what you just discussed. Is the senior thing at the police station going to be filmed and broadcast? Is that what you're saying? You're saying it was on cable. Selectman Nadeau stated the information will be on the cable channel. The press release just went out. It might be a good thing to have recorded by the Cable Committee and be played. Chairman Maddox indicated it would reach a larger audience than the 25 people they can fit in that room or whatever. Selectman Nadeau thought that's a great idea. I'll ask Master Patrol Officer Cummings to get in contact with the Cable Facilitator and see if that's something they can do for him.

Chairman Maddox said I got a message through our town web site about the skate park and I forwarded it to you. Selectman Nadeau said I replied to that one gentleman today.

Selectman Coutu - I'm going to jump on this on Ben cuz this is one you do all winter. Today the Police Department issues a press release notifying the citizens of the Town of Hudson that effective December 1st vehicles will not be allowed to park on public streets between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. The reason they're doing this is so that the streets are readily available for snow removal and keeping the snow away from private properties as best they can in the event of an overnight snow storm. If you keep your car parked in the street and it prohibits them being able to clear the street, you could be subjected to a \$20 fine.

I want to also seize on this opportunity that Selectman Nadeau presented relative to Veterans. To all of our Veterans nationwide, our sincere appreciation is extended for all that you've done and what you continue to do for your communities, and what you've done in helping to protect our country.

I want to extend - I would think the Board would want to as well - extend our deepest sympathy to our former Fire Chief Shawn Murray on the passing of his father Thomas this past weekend. The wake is this coming Friday. I know that most recently Shawn Murray had posted a picture prior to this, just last week I think, of him and his dad and some family members. I know there was a tremendous bond there and he has our deepest sympathy.

I want to applaud the Alvirne High School boys soccer who lost their bid for State Championship but they have no reason to hold their - they should hold their heads high for the season that they had. They had an outstanding season. They were the

second seed. They were beat out by the first seed. It was a 2 to nothing game but it was tight right to the very end. They had a chance to pull it off and they just were outplayed by a much better team which was undefeated for the year by the way - the team that beat them. Congratulations to Alvirne High School boys' soccer and a shout out to School Committee member Lee Lavoie for keeping me posted these past couple of weeks on how the soccer team was going. If I could travel and stand at these games, I would have definitely have gone to every one of them this year.

I also want to make a mention that Thanksgiving is soon upon us. It's the last Thursday of the month this year which upsets k wife. She thinks it should be the third Thursday of every November. But it is the last Thursday honey, so deal with it. Hudson Fish and Game will be doing their annual Thanksgiving Day dinner and give away. People have been calling in. It seems like it's going to be another record year for delivery of meals to people who are alone or can't afford to have a meal. We do it every year and we also serve meals to those who want to go to the Hudson Fish and Game. Selectman Nadeau last year I was unable to do any of this. It broke my heart because of my surgery. This year I feel well enough that I'm going to be able to do it. I think that we'll have our annual tradition this year - 8:30 a.m. meet some friends, have a little beverage, and head on down to the Hudson Fish and Game Club where I'll be serving food and watching Selectman Nadeau break faucets, plates, and whatever else he breaks while he's in there. We have a great time. We get to serve the food and we enjoy meeting with the people. So please be aware that this annual tradition continue and we look forward to seeing a lot of people on Thanksgiving Day down at the Fish and Game Club. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Nadeau asked to add to that. They are still accepting donations for turkeys, pies, and monetary donations. You can get a hold of Karen Knox at the Hudson Fish and Game. You can leave a message on their answering machine. It's stuff that they still need. There is a great need as Selectman Coutu said. If anyone could please help with that, they would greatly appreciate it. Chairman Maddox noted maybe that's something we want to put on our cable scroll how to get in contact with her. Selectman Coutu stated I will take care of that.

Selectman Maddox - One of our Selectman is missing but he did give us homework. Steve you've gotten a copy of this. You're working on all those items that he had questions on so we will get answers in the next meeting. Steve Malizia stated I'm working on the ones I'm responsible for. I don't know about everybody else's homework. Chairman Maddox said one of the things he wanted to talk about is the DOT and the circumferential. When the legislators were in, we talked with them about getting some assistance and they stepped up and got us a meeting with DOT through our legislators and Senator Carson. Two members of this Board were appointed to go to those meetings and Selectman Coutu and Selectman Luszey went up to the meeting. There is no anything less than the Town is trying to do whatever it can to increase our capacity of our roadway network. Stay tuned. I think it's going to be a long process. It's two Selectmen going to meet with the DOT and nothing more.

Steve Malizia stated in fact this Board authorized a sending of a letter supporting that to the DOT and put on our web page asking the public to help support that. So it's been a very visible project and the two Selectmen were appointed by the Board to go speak to the Commissioner with representation help from the State Reps. that we had up there and that's pretty much what we've done.

Selectman Nadeau had a question. What's the deal with Sherburne Road? Are we ever going to get our stuff from them to fix the problem? In the last two weeks, there's been two serious accidents over there. Chairman Maddox asked the Police Liaison could get copies of that to show that there have been some serious accidents there, send that over to the Highway Safety Committee, and the Chair personally says let's just put the chevron up and let the State catch us in 5 years. Selectman Coutu said this has been - I met with DOT, and when Dick Gendron was the Chief of Police, and we stood at that intersection for 3 hours and made all these recommendations. They agreed to do it and two years later nothing was done. They send us a letter saying they were going to do it. I think the last communication was two years after that which is about two years ago saying they were going to do it. They were making all these improvements. Sent the pictures of what they were going to do and here we are 6 years later nothing's been done. I agree with you. I think we ought to ask the Highway Department to put the chevrons up and let them come after us. Chairman Maddox said to at least take a look at the police reports and see what the cause was. I think that's one of the major things is that road just kind of ends.

Selectman Nadeau indicated if we have the letter stating that they're going to do it, I think what we need to do is do it for them, help them out, and then send them a bill. (The Board and Town Administrator laughed.). Chairman Maddox said it was a waste of postage. I think we have some safety concerns. I think at the very least send them a letter saying if we don't hear from you in 30 days, we will be installing the chevron. Steve Malizia's understanding is we have the chevron. My understanding was it was the property owner that was abutting where the chevron was going to go that raised the objection. My understanding is that property owner is no longer on the property, therefore, it would be my recommendation we tell Highway install the chevron. Just do it.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to have the Highway Department install the chevron before the ground freezes and let's be done with this and to install a larger stop sign at the corner of Sherburne Road and put a sign so many feet in front of it that there's a stop sign ahead.

Selectman Coutu agreed if we have a bigger stop sign and a warning sign. Chairman Maddox thought there's one that says stop ahead. That's what Selectman Nadeau is looking for.

Chairman Maddox asked is there further discussion other than what's a chevron. Steve Malizia indicated it's a white and red reflective almost like a sign that goes at the end of the road so when you see it, you go I better stop or I'm going to hit it. Chairman Maddox stated it's also reflective so it's hopefully going to see it. There's one at the end of Pelham Road on Bush Hill. There's also one at Wason Road at the end.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

As far as the other times Steve, Chairman Maddox asked whatever isn't on your list we'll touch base and get some answers to.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to enter Nonpublic Session pursuant to: RSA 91-A:2 (a) Strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining; and RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; and (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph, carried 4-0 by roll call.

Chairman Maddox indicated that Nonpublic Session is being entered at 7:55 p.m., thus ending the televised portion of the meeting. Any votes taken upon entering open session will be listed on the Board's next agenda. The public is asked to leave the room. Open session was entered at 8:22 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to hire Michael Johnson as an HCTV camera operator - Regular Special Shift employee - at a rate of \$11 per hour effective 11/13/13, carried 4-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, carried 4-0.

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