

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the August 14, 2012 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Coutu the meeting of August 14, 2012 at 7:04 p.m. in the BOS Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Boy Scout Matthew Gagnon.
3. ATTENDANCE
Board of Selectmen: Roger Coutu, Rick Maddox, Ben Nadeau, Ted Luszey, Nancy Brucker
Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant
4. PUBLIC INPUT

Norman Martin - Good evening Mr. Chairman. Norman Martin, 3 Edgar Court. I've been watching the Selectmen's meetings on TV and I've been seeing a lot going on with the Electrical Inspector. I know that the budget we just passed, the voters just passed in March, there was \$83,000 expense in the Selectmen's budget for the Assistant Town Administrator. While I was watching these meetings, I said to myself why don't they transfer some money over to the Community Development Department because we know transfers can happen and hire a full time Building/Electrical Inspector to solve the problem of losing the one person that you had that was part time, adding 40 hours plus, and letting your contract electrical inspector retire for once since he wants to retire. So you have 1 person with two fields full time and I don't think it's an exorbitant amount of money to pay somebody to fill two roles. Right now, you have 1 person in the office who's the Zoning Administrator, the Building Inspector, hopefully he's not going to be the electrical inspector pretty soon, and he's your health officer. That's a big burden for one person to take on I feel from a voter's perspective for one person to take on for a daily job. He's always doing something different but never tied to a desk and can't get anything done because he has too much work to do. As an observation, I wanted to come down and give you some input and say transfer some money and hire somebody full time. Thank you.

Chairman Coutu asked if there was anyone else who wished to come forward. Seeing none, I will because Mr. Martin raised a matter which we have jurisdiction. I'm just going to say for the record, we've had a healthy and open discussion relative to appointing a person on a full time basis in the inspectional services division. It was decided, I was in the minority, but it was decided and majority rules that we would hire a part time person and we will review this again after that person has had a certain amount of time served. We'll look at the work load and whether or not it warrants having a full time person. The only thing you said Mr. Martin that I have a little bit of concern about and I always have consternation when this comes up is that our electrical inspector has been servicing us well for many, many years. It seems a lot of people are trying to force him to retire. He's informed me that he'll retire when he's ready to retire and while he's doing the job, he's doing an outstanding job and we're very happy with the job.

Selectman Maddox indicated that he told us he would give us 6 months notice. I'm shocked to hear that you know that he wants to leave. I think maybe the liaison, Selectman Brucker, should verify but he told us he'd give us 6 months notice. Chairman Coutu said he made it very clear to me that I would be one of the first to know if and when he ever should decide to retire. With that, we will move to nominations and appointments.

5. NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

a) Committee Interviews

a) Acceptance of resignation from Michael Blau from the Cable Utility Committee

Chairman Coutu wanted everyone to know that Michael Blau from the Cable Utility Committee has submitted his letter of resignation. He has done so as a result of work and or school commitments and he won't be able to make the Cable Utility meetings. In his letter, he indicated that he felt it wasn't fair to the Committee if he wasn't able to put full attention.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to accept the resignation of Michael Blau as a member of the Cable Utility Committee with the Board's thanks and appreciation for serving on the Committee, carried 5-0.

- b) Cable Utility Committee (2 vacancies; 1 member term to expire 4/30/15; 1 member term to expire 4/30/14)

Susan Limpert - 27 Alvirne Drive, Hudson. Chairman Coutu asked Ms. Limpert to tell the Board a little bit about yourself and why you're interested in the position on the Cable Committee. Ms. Limpert does volunteer work for the art program. During the tax season, I do taxes. That runs for 4 ½ months. There was nothing else that I was interested in. I saw this in the paper and I thought I'd come and apply for it. Chairman Coutu asked if she was a subscriber to cable television in the Town of Hudson. Ms. Limpert was but is not at the moment.

Selectman Brucker asked if she had any experience with cable TV such as audio video work. Ms. Limpert said yes. She worked for Circuit City for 10 years. She's aware of how everything works.

Chairman Coutu asked if Ms. Limpert was ready to commit yourself to monthly meetings - once a month to come to a meeting. Ms. Limpert said yes.

Selectman Luszey asked if Ms. Limpert has ever attended one of the meetings to see how they're run and what they do. Ms. Limpert indicated no.

Not being a subscriber, Chairman Coutu didn't think she's seen any of the meetings on television as well. Selectman Luszey said she could stream them on line.

Chairman Coutu thanked Ms. Limpert for applying. The normal order of procedure is that we will sit on this until the next meeting and then the Board will make a decision on the appointment. Thank you very much for applying. We welcome your input. I don't see any problem but we'll see where it goes. Since Ms. Limpert is the only applicant, do we want to suspend the rules or move on? Selectman Nadeau said he tried that last week, it didn't work.

- c) Hudson Senior Affairs Committee (7 vacancies; 2 member terms to expire 4/30/13; 2 member terms to expire 4/30/14; 1 member term to expire 4/30/15; 1 alternate to expire 4/30/13; 1 alternate to expire 4/30/14)

Chairman Coutu indicated that most of you know that I did a public community announcement on Hudson Cable Television to try to lure more people to apply for the position on the new Hudson Senior Affairs Committee. We were successful in that we received 7 more applications but one of them has since withdrawn. So I want to thank those who recently applied as well as those who have previous applied. That will be the next item for consideration.

Lucille Boucher - 5 Jackson Drive in Hudson. Chairman Coutu asked Lucille to tell the Board a little bit about yourself and the reasons why you would like to serve on the Senior Affairs Committee. Ms. Boucher said she's lived in Hudson all her life for one thing. This is something that I started way back in 1992. We put together the 501 and this has been our goal for 20 years to have a senior center. I've been on a couple of the building committees and I am now still on one of the building committees. We do have some things at the center. We call it "The Center". We have aerobics, line dancing, St. Joe's food, foot clinics, and so on. Hudson needs so much more than just that. It needs other things. There's health programs out there. Speakers we need. I get information from Concord. This is things that should be passed on. I would like to see this through to the end and see the building built.

Chairman Coutu had a couple of questions. I think I can combine both questions in one. You had indicated to me and you had made a public announcement at Town Meeting last year that you had hoped this would get built because it was time for you to retire. You had said to me that you had no interest in serving this committee. As a matter of fact, you had solicited support for another candidate. What made you change your mind?

When Ms. Boucher sent Chairman Coutu the letter stating that I wasn't going to apply, I had just gotten out of the hospital. My health was down but now every day I am gaining. I came to the meeting last night and saw only 4 people applied; I said this is ridiculous with all of the 4,600 people in the Town of Hudson. I said I was going to come back and apply because I would like now to see it finished. After being in the hospital and being sick, I really want to see this finished.

Chairman Coutu has said this before and I'm going to say it again. With a community of over 4,000 seniors, I'm somewhat surprised myself that we don't have more applicants. Are there any further questions or comments?

Selectman Luszey thanked Ms. Boucher for applying. Given that you are a current member of the seniors group, this is a new organization that will be basically a representative at large representing all of Hudson. How do you see yourself managing the conflicting interests of each of those groups? Ms. Boucher didn't think it will be conflicting because I hope as we have discussed and everyone has discussed, we had this OPAC that we need someone to run the center whether it's part time, 20 hours a week, and then use volunteers to finish it. That person that would run it would set up all the programs. She could sign a lot more than what we have right now.

Chairman Coutu asked if there were further questions. Seeing none, I want to thank you Lucille for applying. I appreciate your coming in.

Therese Coughlin - 31 Beechwood Road. I've lived in Hudson for 35 years. I work for a large defense contractor in Massachusetts for 43 years. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business. Years ago I was a Co-Vice President of the Big Brother Big Sister Board of Directors. I've done projects for my employment. For the United Way, I was Treasurer one year. The management committee where I work I was Treasurer also. I'm in my 60s and I'll be retiring in a couple of years. I'm looking to get involved. I figured I'd start now and probably become an alternate and see what the committee is looking for - not necessarily the hands on right now because I am full time employee. Looking like from the committee standpoint, the management right now, a volunteer.

Chairman Coutu asked if Ms. Coughlin was saying that in our consideration if your name should come up you would be more interested in an alternate position as opposed to a full voting member initially. Ms. Coughlin said yes so she can get exposure to it. Chairman Coutu could see by what you told us and by the short application that we asked you to fill out that you do have and extensive record of volunteering and obviously commitment to various organizations. You said Big Brother Big Sister and United Way and you see this as another method of contributing to your community by volunteering. Thank you very impressive. Any other questions or comments? Thank you very much Therese. I appreciate your applying.

Chairman Coutu said he knows he promised everybody on television I was going to make this easy. I'm hoping we're making it easy for you. Feel relaxed.

Sue Hovling - 60 Lawrence Road, Hudson. Chairman Coutu stated that we received your application accompanied by a letter. Would you tell us publicly why you've applied and what is your interest in the Hudson Senior Affairs? Ms. Hovling felt she had a lot of experience in things to do with seniors and senior center. I worked for the Town of Pelham for 36 years. I've just retired. I have been a state delegate to the National Council on Aging and in that position for 4 years I saw senior centers all over the country. I've seen senior centers run in many different innovative ways. The most wonderful senior center I saw was in Redwood City, California where the veterans, the seniors and the City got together and they pooled their money and bought the training ground from the San Francisco 49ers. So they had a total theater, workout gymnasium, commissary, everything. That was done by pooling money together. I have testified in Washington, DC on Hill Day for senior affairs. I know how to follow a budget. I've overseen 3 renovations to the Pelham Senior Center, worked with the architects. When we were in danger of going over budget, we paired things down so things fit the budget. We started with a little farm house and now it's a big beautiful senior center. The new addition is just beautiful. I don't know if you've been over there to see it. It's worth a visit. I just feel like I'd like to do something for my own town. I've done everything for Pelham for all these years and I live in Hudson so I would be nice to do something in Hudson. I'd like to see a senior center for myself during my lifetime.

Chairman Coutu asked if she was fully retired. Ms. Hovling said yes. Chairman Coutu asked for questions or comments.

Selectman Maddox said selectman education. I've seen all of the things that you have on your letter except for Elder Wrap. What is that? Ms. Hovling is run by a mental health facility. They treat a senior that has a mental problem. They call it "Elder Wrap" because they wrap all the services together. It's like a total holistic view of this person. Chairman Coutu indicated that it takes the emotional, financial and all of those needs to see what is affecting their emotional state. Selectman Maddox asked if Ms. Hovling had ever done any grant writing. Ms. Hovling said yes.

Selectman Luszey said there's one program and only one program that could be offered in the senior center. What in your mind do you think that would be? Ms. Hovling said that was a good question. I really think one of the most important things is having a place to gather. In Pelham it was people liked the camaraderie and the socialization. That has nothing to do with who has money and who doesn't. It's just that they have a place to go and talk things over. I think socialization is the biggest and it doesn't cost any money.

Selectman Brucker had a comment. You seemed to have a wonderful background but I don't understand what is CART Transportation? Ms. Hovling said Rockingham County provides transportation and Pelham was included in that. So I was on that committee. They never bought into it but it's a senior transportation program. I just applied to be on the Mayor's transportation program in Nashua for Hillsborough County, this area. I'm interested in seeing the rail travel come back and transportation for seniors because if they don't drive, they're really stuck when they're in a rural area but that's what that is. It's a transportation program.

Chairman Coutu asked if there was further questions or comments. Seeing none, Sue thank you very much for applying. Thanks for coming. It's nice to see we have people of your talent and skills in our community.

Lynne Ober - I live at 3 Heritage Circle. I applied after the Chairman made his appeal on cable television. So it pays to advertise Mr. Chairman. I have a background in finance. I've written grants. As you know I've been your State Rep. for 8 years so I have contacts at the State level if we need some assistance. I thought I could make a positive impact with this committee so I applied. I would like to say I think Sue Hovling, because my District has been Hudson, Litchfield and Pelham, Sue Hovling did a marvelous job with the senior program in Pelham and with the way it grew. I would be extremely disappointed as a Hudson citizen if she weren't appointed, which is odd since I'm applying for the same committee. I'll just give her a reference while I'm here. I saw her work first hand. To answer Selectman Luszey's question, many of you know

my Mom lived with me for more than 2 decades, died last year at the age of 95. One of the things she always said to me is as you age you and your friends die and you are less able to go around having social contacts is very important. So for the time she lived with me, we always worked on social activities she could go do. She did senior aerobics almost up until the time she died. She did book clubs, played cards with friends. So I would agree with Sue Hovling that providing social activities not all of which costs a lot of money is one of the most important things you can do. The CART transportation center that Selectman Brucker asked about, selectmen in Rockingham County towns were asked to contribute. Seniors or people who did not have a car could call to get a ride to a doctor's appointment, to the grocery store, to work if your car broke down and you had no other way of getting there. So it was transportation to people who did not have a way of getting around. Hillsborough County is now looking at a similar thing.

Chairman Coutu asked if there were questions or comments from the Board. Lynne thank you very much for applying as a result of the promo on television. I want you to know that relative to the candidate that you co-sponsored because I'm sure you're sponsoring yourself, I did my homework. I have the former Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Pelham who is now just a member of the Board of Selectmen is a very close friend of mine Mr. Gleason. I've done my homework. I'm well aware of her qualifications. I'm sure the Board heard them all this evening. I thank you for that and it's very unselfish of you and we appreciate it. I certainly appreciate your application.

Ms. Ober thanked Chairman Coutu and said she probably should have done this during public forum when I was here last week. Selectman Maddox asked me if all the asbestos had been removed from the elephant barn. If you recall, I asked Rich Tassi who is the project manager behind this and he said yes. I repeated that. It turns out that is not the case. What they removed was what they had to do in order to do the next plan. I wanted to correct them. I'm sorry I didn't do it during public forum. Chairman Coutu appreciated that and said we will be discussing that later. I'm well aware of it. Thank you.

Edith Paradis - 21 Amanda Drive in Hudson. Education wise, I am a retired school teacher from the City of Nashua for over 20 years. I have a Master's Degree in early childhood education. From retiring dealing with primary school children, I went into being President of the seniors over at Village at Reeds Brook. I've been there for 5 years and I have been their President every year. I've been to different groups here. I've been to groups in Chelmsford and reading the paper of what's been going on in Nashua trying to entice...and I'm going to say the new seniors, I feel that we have to offer a lot more. I was surprised when you said in speech that there were 4,000 seniors out there. Amazed. I think we have a lot to offer but I think we need to get out to these people. Seniors are not old people any more. They want to know about computers. They want to know about cell phones. They want to be active. They want to be involved. They want to be involved in their community. They want to know about health things. I think this is very, very important to get there. So I'm hoping with this new center, we'll be offering more and more to seniors. That's why I'd like to be on this committee.

The reason why Chairman Coutu placed emphasis on the number of seniors we have in our community is that we have a limited number who are participating. That's shocking to me. I think that one of the things that was presented, and I have to agree with and I don't think there's going to be any dissent on this Board relative to that fact, we've never had a stable home for the seniors. So number one hopefully we'll resolve this through the next election process if we can come up with a creative way of financing whatever the final dollar amount is going to be without overburdening the taxpayers.

Number two, Chairman Coutu said we think that one of the things that will attract new people is for us to become a little diverse in our selection of people who are going to serve on the Committee who are willing to reach out to be a little more creative on programming and to do an assessment of needs within the community. I think that's the goal we all want to achieve and I think that was where Selectman Luszey was fishing just to see what is it that people think. I think that I would have said first thing on my mind, and I'm a senior myself - I'm 69 this week, I think that socialization at that age level is something that's absolutely critical to survival. If there's no interaction within your own neighborhood or your own community, you're left to be alone and life does not go well for you. I think it's very necessary for us to have programs that are quite diverse and far reaching in order to be able to broaden the scope of the programming that we're offering so that we can attract more people. We're looking for people who are on that same wave length I think. Any further questions or comments? Seeing none, Edith thank you very much. I appreciate it.

Joanne Snook - Chairman Coutu indicated that Joanne we had a chance encounter in the hallway. Nice to have met you. For the record, please state your name and address. My name is Joanne Snook and I live at 63 Lawrence Road in Hudson. Chairman Coutu said we have your application and certainly appreciate your applying. Could you give us your reasoning for applying. Unlike the people that came before me, Ms. Snook said she's a new resident of Hudson. I had lived in Massachusetts and saw the light and finally moved to New Hampshire in October this past year. I live with my daughter and my family. During my tenure in Massachusetts, I actually worked in Human Resources for the hospital for over 20 years and was particularly interested in benefits and compensation. When I retired from that job, I actually became a SHINE Counselor which in New Hampshire is SHIP and in Massachusetts its SHINE serving the health insurance needs of elders. I volunteered at the Lowell senior center for about 4 years and loved it. I've been thinking about getting involved in the SHIP program in New Hampshire. One of my feelings is that a senior center really is a combination of people and it's also a combination of multi-interest groups and facets of life. I think that the socialization is extremely important. I also think service oriented things like a SHINE program or a SHIP program where we can counsel people and help people with the complexities of health insurance. When I became a SHINE Counselor in Lowell, Medicare D was brand new. Medicare D put people in a real tizzy as to what they were going to be doing with the pharmacy plans. What on earth are they going to do? So we were very, very busy with that. It was very rewarding. I think it was very important.

The other thing Ms. Snook had to mention is my own feeling about a senior center is somewhat biased because I know that the socialization is very important. It really is more than that. I think our seniors as they become seniors are much more interested in learning and kind of doing things that kind of promote their mental health benefit as being actively involved in the learning process and to help one another through situations. I think it's a very unique experience to be able to have a senior center that is multi-faceted that incorporate most of the styles of the people in the community.

Chairman Coutu thought they were on the same wave length. Any comments? Questions?

Selectman Luszey had a comment. If you were to go and look at RSA 202, which is our library legislation that founded public libraries. It is the whole premise based on the continuation of learning after one leaves school. So I guess my question would be did you see a partnership between the library programs and a senior center? Ms. Snook said she does. One of the things when I came to Hudson I said I needed to get to know a few people. How am I going to do that? I went on the Town of Hudson website and I came up with Rodger's Library and noticed that they had a group to knit on Friday mornings. So I've been going to that group. Then I noticed what the library has for programs of learning too. I think that it is similar.

Chairman Coutu asked if Ms. Snook found the website easy to navigate. Ms. Snook said yes she did. Another area Chairman Coutu said they could co-mingle with is Mission Point. They have a lot of free health care services being provided down there that our community just is not aware of and I don't understand that. Thank you Joanne very, very much. We appreciate it.

Rita Wahl - withdrew application

Chairman Coutu indicated that the last person that applied sent an e-mail stating that she had reconsidered over the weekend. Those are the candidates. We have a total of 6 here and 5 from the other evening.

Selectman Luszey asked if it would be the appropriate time to make a motion that we all have our packets on all of these, mull through them on our own, and then come back either at our next meeting or the first workshop to make the actual selections. Chairman Coutu said that would be appropriate. Consensus of the Board. The Board said yes. Chairman Coutu said we can do it the next meeting which would be a week from Tuesday. So that's 2 weeks away. It gives us ample opportunity to look. So that would be the meeting of the 28th. That will be an item which will be the appointment to the Senior Affairs Committee.

On that same note, Selectman Luszey said that we should be scheduled to do a full review of all of the architectural building plans and budget for that senior center on that evening. Chairman Coutu said that would be fine. We'll do the plan first and then we'll do the appointments later unless somebody wants to argue otherwise.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

If there is no objection before we entertain a motion, Chairman Coutu indicated that Mr. Malizia was not here for the past couple of weeks. You were on vacation. I'm going to pass this one on to you. To me it seems to pose a question of nonprofit or charitable. Are you familiar with...Mr. Malizia said it could also be social. On a raffle permit, it's not just nonprofit. If you read the Statute for raffle permits, it's much broader fraternal organizations, social organizations. Chairman Coutu said he's never had the pleasure of reading that Statute. I trust your judgment.

Chairman Coutu asked if anyone on the Board wished to remove any item for separate consideration. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion.

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

- A. Assessing Items - NONE
- B. Water/Sewer Items - NONE
- C. Licenses & Permits
 - 1) Raffle Permit - 3Moms1Mission
 - 2) Raffle Permit - Hannah Dustin Quilt Guild
 - 3) Raffle Permit - Hudson Democratic Committee
 - 4) Raffle Permit - Hudson Knights of Columbus, Council 5162
 - 5) Request to Solicit Funds - Teen Challenge New England
 - 6) Request to Solicit Funds - Boy Scout Troop 7, Lowell, MA
- D. Acceptance of Minutes
 - 1) Minutes of the July 24, 2012 meeting

E. Calendar

08/15 5:00 Water Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
08/15 7:00 Council on Aging - Buxton CD Meeting Room
08/16 7:00 Benson Park Cte - BOS Meeting Room
08/16 7:30 Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
08/20 7:00 Energy Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
08/21 7:00 Cable Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
08/22 7:00 Planning Board - Buxton CD Meeting Room
08/22 7:00 Benson Park - Landscape Cte - BOS Meeting Room - CANCELLED
08/23 2:45 Trustees of the Trust Fund - Buxton CD Meeting Room - CANCELLED
08/23 7:30 Zoning Board of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room - CANCELLED
08/27 7:00 Recycling Cte - BOS Meeting Room - CANCELLED
08/28 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on July 24, 2012

1) Motion to adjourn at 12:00 a.m. by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Luszey, carried 5-0.

B. Public Hearing - Amendment to Town Code Chapter 205 - Fees, Section 205-9 - animal control fees

If you recall, Chairman Coutu said there was a request, I believe it was by you Selectman Maddox, to modify some of the language in order to make it more clear and make separate and distinct reference to each of the violations and the fines. I noticed that on the copy that we have, that has been done. Do you have anything Mr. Malizia relative to this? Mr. Malizia said the Board looked at this twice before this came to its final form. Basically it aligns our animal control fees with State Statutes so that we don't have to keep changing our Code to reflect Statute. This does that for it.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to accept the amendments to Town Code Chapter 205-9 Animal Control Fees, carried 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Donation of an Eagle Scout Project from Matthew Gagnon - wildlife blind at Benson Park

Chairman Coutu recognized Matthew Gagnon.

I'm Matthew Gagnon and I'm at 4 Redwood Road. I'm here tonight to officially donate my Eagle Scout Project, the wildlife blind, at Benson Park. The total value of \$595.01 to the Town of Hudson as well as a surplus in my fundraiser that I raised \$32.87 for the use of Benson Park trails.

Chairman Coutu asked if Mr. Gagnon could tell us a little bit about your project, and what you went through, and how you achieved your goal of getting the blind constructed. We saw all the pictures you provided us.

Matthew Gagnon said it started a year ago. I had a meeting with Mr. Empey and Mr. Undercoffler at Benson Park. We did some brainstorming and we came up with the wildlife blind. I did a little research on them and I put a presentation together for the Benson Park Committee last September. Since then, I've completed my Eagle Scout work there, got approval by the Eagle Board, and constructed the project, and now I'm here donating it.

Selectman Brucker asked where is it at Benson's. Mr. Gagnon said the best way to find it is it's on the map. It's a 5 to 10 minute walk from the main parking lot and kiosk. It's marked very clearly on the map. Unidentified male indicated it was right near post 18. Selectman Brucker thought people are going to enjoy using it. That's great.

Chairman Coutu spoke on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and tell you that we're truly appreciative of the work that you did at Benson Park. It's another enhancement to what has become the gem of Hudson. We're very appreciative. I think that your donation, your time, and your effort was I hope a rewarding experience for you. You appear to be a very intelligent young man and you're going to go on. I hope you're going on for your Eagle Scout and I hope to see you there at the presentation.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to accept Matthew Gagnon's Eagle Scout project donation of the wildlife blind at Benson Park in the amount of \$595.01 with the remaining surplus of \$32.87 to be accepted for the Benson Park Trails Donation Account, carried 5-0.

- B. Public Hearing - Acceptance of a subgrant from New Hampshire's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RFL) in the amount of \$150,000 (remediation of environmental contamination at 9 Industrial Drive (aka Zach's Field))

Chairman Coutu recognized Selectman Rick Maddox.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. As part of the process which has been long and involved, Selectman Maddox said one of the things we need to do is have a public hearing for this project. I have two gentlemen from Weston & Sampson who have been the design engineers. If you would please step up to the microphone. Mr. Malizia indicated that Selectman Maddox was jumping the gun. This is to accept the grant. Selectman Maddox was trying to get a history for it. Chairman Coutu asked Selectman Maddox to speak on the grant.

As most people know, Selectman Maddox said the Town of Hudson owns the land on Industrial Drive. At some point, it was thought to be a good home for the Zach Tompkins Memorial Football Field. There is asbestos on the site. This is the remediation of that asbestos. We have been working diligently with the foundation with so many alphabet letters I can't even get started with EPA, DES, and all kinds of good people that have been willing to come to Hudson. They have met here a number of times to push this forward. The amount that REDC had available to them was \$500,000. Because this looks like it will go over that amount, the State DES stepped forward and we have this grant that is coming forward tonight. Again, to make this field free of asbestos so that the Zach Tompkins Football Field can be realized is what this is all about.

Chairman Coutu opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m. and I'll ask if there is anyone in the audience who wishes to speak on this item. Please step forward to the center table.

Leonard Lathrop - My name is Leonard Lathrop, 31 Winslow Farm Road. I've been the spearhead of this project with the Foundation in joining me is Mike Tompkins, Zach's Dad. The support of our Town has been phenomenal. The support of the Selectmen and various department heads has been exceptional. Over the time since we've visited you shortly after Zach's death, we've done three studies of the asbestos. Weston & Sampson shortly will give you the WRAP plan, which is the remedial action plan of what we're going to do with the asbestos on that site. This final grant helps secure enough money based on Weston & Sampson's estimates of the work to be completed to take the whole hill out of there, bury it in a container - a vat, a whole, whatever we want to call it, 400 feet long, 125 wide, and 8 feet deep to cover it and then to pave a parking lot onto of it to prevent anybody from getting near that asbestos hopefully in our lifetime.

Mike Tompkins - First of all while I'm on TV, I don't always get to publicly thank everybody, including the Board. I would just like to say thank you to everybody for your continued support. It's just amazing and I'm really looking forward to moving forward to getting the stadium built so we can have a nice field for our children to play at. Thank you guys. Chairman Coutu said you're welcome. You know this Board is with you.

Chairman Coutu thanked Mr. Lathrop and Mike as always. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this item? If so, please step forward. Seeing none, Chairman Coutu closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to enter into and approve a Subgrant Agreement with the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$150,000 to Hudson and to authorize the Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, to sign paperwork associated with such grant on behalf of the Town, carried 5-0.

- C. Public Hearing - Community Relations Plan (CRP) and the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) and Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the work proposed to remediate soils prior to the construction of Zach's Memorial Field located at 9-17 Industrial Drive in Hudson, NH

Chairman Coutu welcomed the presenters and asked them to state their names and associations.

My name is George Naslas. I'm with Weston & Sampson Engineers. My name is Duane Hines and I'm with Weston & Sampson Engineers.

George stated that what we're presenting today is the formal presentation of the community relations plan and the analysis of brown fields cleanup alternatives for the work over on Industrial Drive. What I'd like to focus on is the remedial action plan which is to address the contamination that exists at the site. What I want to do is walk through the process that we went through to evaluate the various alternatives and then at the end, you can see how this ties into the development of the proposed field.

George Naslas said the site conditions that we have here, and this shows the outline of the property parcel on Industrial Drive. The brown area here is the area of residual asbestos that remains at the site. As was said earlier,

there was a number of iterations of previous studies that identified the extent of this contamination. Just before we get into it, I'd just like to explain our various roles. Weston & Sampson is hired by REDC through EPA's funding to initially provide technical input and now we're working with part of the design team for this project. We're involved with the remediation side working with Maynard & Paquette who are the design engineers for the overall field. Also in the audience just recognize Allan Peterson from EPA, Judith Houston, Rebecca Lawrence from NH DES. These folks were very intricate to how this project moves forward because whatever technical issue to address we have asbestos. We also have a regulatory issue to address as well. The regulatory overlay is fairly complicated. There's been many players involved with the site. EPA graciously threw that brown fields assessment, utilized their resources to save the project money and evaluate the area for contamination. We know now how much asbestos is out there on this slope. We now move forward the evaluation of cleanup alternatives.

Mr. Naslas said they evaluated 4 alternatives. No action, which isn't really an alternative but it's out there. We evaluated capping in place which does not accomplish what we want to do for the field. We evaluated offsite disposal, removal of all of that material and transporting it to a landfill which is not a very green approach and is the most expensive by far. We evaluated the fourth alternative was the one that was selected was to relocate the waste that's spread out over this hilly area and dig a cell here and relocate the waste into this and create a new asbestos cell. The cell will be engineered, it will be capped, and the parking lot will serve as the cap for this new asbestos cell. We work very closely with DES on how this fits into the regulatory framework. We've obtained a waiver from the solid waste regs. It's going to be relocation of asbestos waste and creation of a new ADS site or relocation of the ADS asbestos disposal site to this area here.

Part of the process is we developed the analysis of brown fields cleanup alternative report. It's a draft report and it's available for public comment. Mr. Naslas said it's at the library and it's been at the library for 3 weeks or so. This presentation today is part of that process. We want to solicit public opinion. We want to address any concerns that may come up that the public may have as we move forward into construction. Right on the back of this is the design report for moving forward and getting the plans and specifications for actually doing the work. The work really consists of 3 components - excavation of the new cell, relocation of the waste, and then final cap of the waste. So those are the 3 main components.

So we're in the middle of the public comment period now. The public comment period closes next Monday. From a procedural point of view if there are comments, Mr. Naslas said we would like them directed in writing please to the Town Administrator. We also have a sign in sheet here if anyone has questions, we'd love to get your name and contact information so that we can respond appropriately. That's really the project. The funding as I mentioned as you heard earlier, NH DES is providing a portion of the funding. The remainder is coming from REDC sub grant to the Town. That's pretty much all I have and I'd love to answer any questions that anybody may have on this project.

Allan Peterson asked George to go over what's going to happen with the hole that's left once the waste is taken away from the hillside. How is that going to be handled? George said this area here is where the new field is going to go. We work closely with the field design engineer to look at grades and how that will all work. So the idea is we create an area here that can accept the waste and we've done some preliminary test pits and what not to see how much room we have and where the grades end up. We have come up with a preliminary design that can accommodate all our material. Once this area is clear, we'll obviously confirm that all the asbestos has been removed based on visual and then maybe some confirmatory sampling as well. Then this area will become the football field. Then we're into the actual site design. By then, all the asbestos will have been removed from that area.

Allan Peterson said basically that whole hill will come out and will be spread out to make the field. An unidentified male speaker asked if it would require a reinforcing wall. Mr. Peterson said he wasn't sure what is planned either that or a sheer rock wall. I'm sure they're going to hit bedrock there. Unidentified male speaker said it's going to be a sheer rock wall most likely as we cut down into the hill. There are no retaining walls of any nature really expected to construct the Zach field facility.

Selectman Brucker indicated she's familiar with asbestos in the air and the problems with that. Now you're burying it in the ground and then you'll cover it with the parking lot. Does it need to have any side walls around the area? Mr. Naslas said they're creating basically a containment cell. Duane Hines said there won't be a line if that's what you're thinking of along the sides and the bottom but there will be as a geotech style and that is basically to act as a warning if anyone is digging in that area if they hit that, they know they better stop because what's on the other side is soil that contains asbestos. I think asbestos by it in nature is pretty much breathe it. If it's in the ground, it's covered up. As long as you don't come in contact with it, it's pretty much going to stay there and not go anywhere. Selectman Brucker asked if there was any problem with water. Duane indicated they're staying above the water table. If the water ran through it, it wouldn't make a difference but part of putting the cap on top is I think to help keep the water off of it as well as to make sure that people don't dig in there.

Unidentified male speaker said one of the things you didn't mention was the activity and use restriction. To follow on from your point about we have this cell contained, George said how do people a generation from now know it's there? The final closeout will require an activity and use restriction which basically documents what it's in and where it is. So it will be surveyed in and it will go in the deed for this property so there's always some reference to it so folks know in the future that it's there. We talked about where utilities go. So we're working with the final design and design layout to make sure that where we put the materials we don't need to have utility trenches or anything like that going through that area. That is actually a very critical point to how we get to regulatory closure for this site. So again, there's the 2 issues. There's the technical issue of relocating this waste, making sure that all the environmental control is during the construction phase which is critical obviously making sure that we're doing it appropriately, and monitoring and making sure that the soil and the asbestos material are adequately wetted so we don't generate dust - very critical pieces, then the regulatory piece as well. It's not just the documentation of how it was done but the fact that there's activity and use restriction at the end which documents where this cell remains.

Unidentified male speaker believed the plans and documents are also recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry so they become available to the public if anybody wants to research the property.

Unidentified male speaker asked if it was actually safer that the asbestos be buried and where it is now. George said absolutely. Right now it's at the surface. Right now if there's trespassers out there, they have they're literally to be in contact with this. This will be done under an engineer. It's an engineered solution. It will be effectively in tune with a significant cap. Actually the pavement thickness is thicker than what's typically required. Yes effectively the idea is no exposure, no risk. That's what we will end up with this.

Just to alleviate some fears that might be out there because Chairman Coutu had read pretty much everything that's been made available to us relative to what is going to be done with the brown field grant and the additional monies. I want to alleviate any fears that might be out there. It is my understanding, and in the process of moving the contamination from one area to another into the cell which will be capsulated, weather is a factor and that is looked at very closely so that air currents they try to do it at low air current or no air current so that the contaminate doesn't get spread and its well covered even though it's only going a few yards, it's well covered and protected until its dumped.

George said a critical piece of this is first of all the contract is a certified (ADS) Asbestos Disposal Site contract. That's a critical piece. There will be independent monitoring throughout the program. So we'll devise a perimeter monitoring program. We're fortunate in that this area is fairly well sheltered. What we'll also look at is putting some sort of dust screen or something like that to limit also. Then they'll be wetting throughout. So we'll have all the environmental controls for this site. That's a critical piece. We can't have any exposure to anybody.

Unidentified female speaker told George he might want to mention the DES Solid Waste Management Bureau as this project falls under the asbestos disposal site program. Because of the quantity of material waste that they're moving or disturbing falls under what's called a major non emergency asbestos disposal site project. The owner of the property, the Town, through their retained consultants and contractors are required to which is part of this process to prepare and submit to our department an ADS work plan. Basically, it's going to spell out in detail how the asbestos is going to get from one location to the other and the completion of the cap and how the excavated area where it's being removed is going to be left with a non ADS certified contractor to onto the field. It encompasses everything that we're talking about here and the Chairman's comments about safety and things like that, there are requirements and DES rules that there's parts it will fall under.

Just to piggyback on that, George said the ADS work plan is also a design report. It's kind of one in the same. So the ADS work plan is currently in progress. We're working on that. Again, that's why we want to hear any concerns that may be up. So your point is well taken. As we finalize that document and get that into DES, we want to make sure that we address all those concerns. Obviously meeting all the regulatory requirements is a critical part of the project.

Chairman Coutu asked if George and Duane had anything they wanted to add to close. George said it's a fabulous project. I've worked on many, many brown fields projects in my career. This is an exciting project and a very valuable project. We feel privileged to be part of the team. Thank you very much.

Mr. Lathrop felt that we just really have to recognize all the support that we've gotten from the State through DES, Keith Dubois, and his associates here in the corner and from EPA. While it's a lot of regulation and it scares you as a lay person like you wouldn't believe, we've weighted through it, we've had many meetings here, and it's really very exciting to see us on the verge of what I call "the men in the little white suits out there". Chairman Coutu said long and coming. I think it's imperative that we have this so that people are aware that there are going to be many eyes on this project and they're going to make sure that it's done in the proper way. With all of the government restrictions that are out there, they'll be watching. That should satisfy any interrogatories anybody may have with regard to public safety.

Selectman Maddox would like to also read - you know you hear the horror stories about trying to get something done. I do have to compliment Mr. Dubois in the back. He's been with us from the beginning. Everybody sat in a room and there was no posturing. There was not this has got to be...they all worked together. I was really impressed with how a Selectman would ask a question that probably they've heard a million times and they took the time to explain it. It is something that they all want this to happen. They've all worked toward that goal. Again Mr. Chairman it's been an arduous journey but it's been a pleasant one. I want to thank all of the people involved.

Chairman Coutu said it's one of the few things as long as I've known you Selectman Maddox that you haven't had too much consternation over. It's just the length of time that it took for the process. If we're all set, I'm going to open this up for a public hearing. Thank you George and Duane very much.

Chairman Coutu opened the public hearing at 8:11 p.m. Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this item? If so, please step forward state your name and address for the record.

Selectman Maddox indicated he had a phone in I guess question. Someone wanted to know if businesses will have to close in that area and will the removal take place during the week during business hours.

George said yes it will. I think we are intending that we'll be working during the regular business hours. A critical piece I think the question really is if I'm working next door, what's my risk of exposure? A critical piece of this is establishing a good monitoring network to ensure that none of the asbestos as it's relocated from here to there belongs off the site. I've worked on a number of projects in a lot, lot tighter environment than this. So I'm very confident that the measures in place will not result in any risk to any of the neighborhood properties. To try and do it off hours, just on the weekends, isn't practical. So it will be during regular work hours.

Just to make sure that the first part of a person's question was answered, Duane said they didn't see any reason why any of the abutting businesses would need to close. You might see increased activity but you shouldn't see traffic issues because nothing is leaving the site. So there should be no reason to close businesses.

Just to add, George said one of the reasons why this solution works and one of the other alternatives was to truck all this material off site. So you can imagine the risk of exposure with having truck, after truck, after truck coming in and moving off site and moving through this industrial park. I think there's a much, much higher risk of exposure with that operation rather than the one that's proposed.

Chairman Coutu was aware of what it costs to remove a contaminate even if it's just oil or gas. It's very expensive. Can you imagine this piece of property? George this is a question that's submitted in writing and you said you'd like to have things in writing. Would you take that with you please and relieve Selectman Maddox of that heavy piece of paper. Is there anyone else who has a question or comment and address this project? Seeing none, Chairman Coutu closed the public hearing at 8:13 p.m.

Chairman Coutu didn't see any need to take any further action on this matter. We are hear primarily to afford people in our community an opportunity to come before the Board and to come before all of the people who are working on this project so that they can hear your questions and your comments. I trust that this will progress forward not necessarily rapidly but forward. We're making slow but steady progress and we're looking forward to the completion of this project. Again, I echo what Lenny Lathrop, Selectman Maddox, and Mike Tompkins stated. There's been a tremendous outpouring from this community and it's evident every day. Hopefully this was the dream and this dream will soon be realized for all to enjoy. With that, I thank you all for coming this evening and taking the time once again to help us move this project forward. Thank you all.

If there's no objection, Chairman Coutu called for a 5 minute recess. We have quite a few people who will be leaving the hall. No objection, it is now 8:14 p.m. and we'll be going into recess for approximately 6 minutes.

Good evening again ladies and gentlemen. Chairman Coutu indicated that we are back in session at 8:27 p.m.

D. Discussion relative to Circumferential Highway

Chairman Coutu recognized Selectman Maddox though we have nothing in front of us to even consider.

Selectman Maddox said he just realized that there is a faux pas. Mr. Cashell was asked to draft this together and get it to Donna. I guess he didn't transmit that it needed to go to all of you. I'm the only one with the draft copy. We can put this off Mr. Chairman. It's really just to say that it has been suggested that we now start a dialog with the State DOT in obtaining the use of that land which was the circumferential. If you would indulge me Mr. Chairman, if we can put this off until the next meeting and I'll make sure that everybody gets a copy of this.

Selectman Luszey said if we're going to indulge in that type of conversation, could we also ask DOT whether or not all of the necessary EPA permits that are needed are still valid and if not, how long it would take to get new permitting to go through the wetlands which have expanded to go through that area if that area was to be the area designated for the highway and whether or not that would happen in our lifetime.

Selectman Maddox asked to try and answer Selectman Luszey's question. The permits if they were issued have expired because that was years and years ago. The issue is this is not going to be a four lane highway to federal standards. This is going to be a town road which gives us great latitude within the 400 foot wide buffer that they purchased to be able to meander as opposed to a straight highway. So there is still concerns but they are not as great as if you're building a federal design highway.

Selectman Luszey said he understood all that but my question is since there is no valid permits even given our great latitude we can have, would we run into some significant roadblocks should be attempt this and would we expect any level of confidence to be able to get the necessary permitting to do that on that property. That's my question. Selectman Maddox indicated that's a question we can ask once we have the dialog with them Sir. The request is to have the Chairman sign a letter requesting a meeting between the Town of Hudson and the State DOT to start the conversation of what we can or cannot do. That's really what we're looking for. Then at that point, we'll find out what it will a) cost, and b) if it is doable through the permitting process.

Selectman Luszey asked to follow up. If that is not a real viable alternative, I think we need to start looking at other alternatives besides a circumferential highway and what that might be - additional bridges, or widening of Wason Road, or something. I don't know. I think we need to have those conversations.

Chairman Coutu totally agreed with Selectman Luszey. The easy fix is the circumferential highway. We all know that. We all realize that. Its cost prohibitive at this time but what we need to do is we need to engage the State in a conversation with us to let them know of our interest. Then we will ascertain, I would hope, in that discourse what the roadblocks are, if any, what's the feasibility of our being able to acquire that land to do what we want to do, and they could based on past experiences and present experiences on road construction give us a pretty good estimate of what a 2 lane would cost. I think if it's viable, it's important for us as Selectman Maddox has been promoting with the Planning Board and now bringing to the fore with us, we need to have our ducks in a row. If we feel that at the time that we enter into a serious discussion with DOT, and I would hope you would accompany me when we go in to do that so that you'd have first-hand knowledge to bring back to the Planning Board because that may come up in their plan next year if it becomes feasible for us to do this. We can ascertain at that point its feasibility or we may just walk away feeling that this is not a rational or a sane approach at this time. We're talking another 20-25 years out. We need to explore the alternatives. We need even though people have said it's impossible to widen Lowell Road, we need to explore all of the possibilities. I don't want to take traffic from this juncture and just widen that problem even further. Maybe a bridge or two and then we need to talk to DOT about where they are on those plans and what other communities are involved in wanting to achieve that.

Chairman Coutu thought what Selectman Maddox wants to do is he wants to bring it to the floor, have us discuss it, and agree whether or not we seriously want to pursue that as a viable approach to solving the traffic congestion we have on Lowell Road. I think when we all get a copy of that, I believe I got an e-mail on that. Ms. Graham said she didn't believe so. Chairman Coutu thought he saw something today. So we will move this to the...

Selectman Nadeau thought this is one of those things that we should have on our next workshop. I think this is one of those things that we know that government is glacial. As Selectman Maddox always says, I think it's something we should get before the State DOT because my son Logan is 3 and Bailey is 18 months. They'll be getting their licenses relative soon before this gets built. I just want to make sure they have a good road to get from one end of Hudson to the other because Lowell Road is becoming a horrible parking lot. I think it's something that we should get on the workshop for the next workshop. We've always been talking about is not the 4 lane road that they had. What I've always been thinking of ever since its been brought up to me - early years on the Budget Committee and when I went to some of the hearings before is what Litchfield did Albuquerque Road is what I see that road to be and Albuquerque is not a straight shot from one end of Litchfield to the other. There's a lot of turns and it does cut through some wetlands. With the road of that size with the turning lane, it's just a lot easier to get permits for a road like that versus a highway. I think that would definitely alleviate a lot of the problems from the Lowell Road sector to 111 to 102. If the State at least knows that we're interested in working with them on this piece of property, they might be interested in paying for it, which I highly doubt. There's that you never know. They're paying for bridges and different things, so this could help with a lot of things. At least if we get this on the table with DOT and something does happen down the road with expansion either in the north end of Hudson or the south end of Hudson, at least this will be on the table and people know that we want to do it so that it's all out there. Selectman Nadeau said the sooner we get a letter to DOT the better. As you can see, it took us a long time to get Benson's. We might as well start sooner than later on this project.

Chairman Coutu said they will plan that for the workshop. Ms. Graham indicated that the document was a draft copy for your signature to DOT to request a meeting, do you want to wait until you get a reply from them first. Selectman Maddox said no. This is for us to discuss.

Selectman Luszey's understanding is if we go down this road, this journey, this is going to be a town funded project. Is that a true statement? Chairman Coutu said not necessarily. We don't know. We don't know who the players are going to be next year. Hopefully a friend of mine will be elected Governor and I suspect that with the momentum he's gaining, he will be our next Governor and he will be a good friend of Hudson. I can guarantee you that. I think that's one of the avenues that Selectman Maddox wants us to explore. Is the State willing to relinquish the land to us? Or let us have it for \$1? Or whatever because we're going to make constructive use of it and then they can sell it back - most of the homes that they own and recoup some of their money that way. This would be long-range planning because it wouldn't happen overnight anyway because of the hoops we're going to have to through. Things can happen anywhere in the south end and it may provide some funds for this.

Selectman Luszey understood. The only thing I'm suggesting is there has been some numbers bantered around at the Planning Board around what - \$38 million. What I would suggest is that we put in an advisory warrant article or question on the ballot to see if the voters of Hudson would be even willing to entertain that level of bonding. If they're not, then we really need to think of something different.

Selectman Maddox said anything we do to alleviate traffic is going to cost millions. To widen Lowell Road, you're going to have to take some properties. That's going to cost millions. I think maybe the question is do you still want to sit in traffic or should we spend money. I think until we have a legitimate price and what players may be involved, I think it's premature but I guess we could certainly put it on there to say are you interested in funding part or all of a roadway. I just don't know how you...

Selectman Luszey didn't think we've asked the residents of Hudson if they want to spend money versus sitting in traffic for 20 minutes. We've always made the assumption that they don't want to sit in traffic. That they're willing to spend money. I'm not necessarily sure of the outcome of that question right now. Chairman Coutu didn't like putting that kind of a question on the ballot only because 2,000 people or 2,300 people show up to vote for a population of 25,000 and that 10 percent dictates what direction this Town is going to go in. I think there are other ways that we could rather than go to a ballot questions, we can do some sort of a survey. The appropriate way to do it would be to hire a telemarketing firm. If you're going to do it appropriately, that would be the way to do it and have them do a certain percentage of the population based on geographics as they relate to where the highway is going to go or whether or not they're even involved with the traffic jam. People who come down 102 and cross over into Nashua may seldom go to Lowell Road unless they're going to Market Basket or Wal-Mart or something and it might not affect them because they're coming in off peak travel times. People from the south end are more apt to...it's a hard way...

All Selectman Luszey knows is the feedback that I get around our tax bills, they're too high. To bond this type of project...Chairman Coutu indicated taxes are too high if they're over \$1 for everybody. The fact is that in the State of New Hampshire, we have the best tax rate in the State. I don't understand why people don't understand that. We have the best tax rate in the State of New Hampshire.

As part of the equation, Selectman Brucker said the developers are going to be considered. They will probably be contributing to this. So we don't really know what our cost is going to be. Chairman Coutu said in developers you mean potential future developers. Selectman Brucker said yes.

Selectman Maddox didn't think a poll on the phone. I think that good or bad it's the people that vote are going to be the same people that vote. I think it should be a warrant question. I think we just need to have more information before we put it on there. Chairman Coutu agreed. Selectman Maddox said maybe Mr. Chairman the compromise is to say in 2 or 3 years if this is even doable to put a warrant article on for half a million dollars for engineering, survey, and whatever and that will give us an answer. Just to ask the question, I think it really comes down to having to say spend money. I think we're a while away from that. I do agree that, again, something is going to happen and a couple of major parcels on the south end. You and I talked briefly about traffic on Lowell Road. It's just amazing how it backs up where it turns to 2 lanes from 4. The answer is to continue it to wherever. I think that this is an option that we at least ought to look at. That's all we're going to do but I think that maybe the compromise is to at some point put a warrant article so that if someone came along and wanted to develop a large parcel, we had a lot of this leg work done. Who knows where stimulus might happen depending upon things that happen in November. So there's a lot of options that we might want to take advantage of. September it is.

Chairman Coutu said it doesn't hurt to explore and people want an answer. Let's do the workshop and we'll proceed. Any further discussion on the subject? We'll hold it off until the workshop.

E. LGC Municipal Volunteer of the Year Award

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

At the Chairman's request, Mr. Malizia put this item on the agenda. This is to nominate Mr. Bernie Manor for a Local Government Center Volunteer of the Year Award. There can be more than one recipient. As we all know, Mr. Manor contributes greatly to this community in various roles and things that he's done. The Chairman has asked if we could put an item on this agenda for the Board's consideration to nominate Mr. Manor for this year's Local Government Center Volunteer of the Year Award.

Again to reiterate what our Town Administrator has told us, when Chairman Coutu saw this in the LGC, I see this every year and not many of us I don't think partake in much that goes on at LGC other than read the material that's provided us. I felt its time that we take advantage of this. Mr. Manor in my opinion on the basis of my observation has spent countless number of hours in this building working with our engineer, working with the train station, on the senior center on the design and what not, and the library. I've talked to Bernie many, many times. I'm surprised his wife hasn't packed his bags a long time ago. He spends more time here than he does at home. She's also very, very patient. Like all of our wives, you have to be when you're serving the public. I think Mr. Manor is very deserving of this nomination and I would hope that if you agree with me and I will ask the Town Administrator to submit his name with a brief biography and a history of the work that he's done of our town. Hopefully the LGC will recognize as we do his spirit and intent as a volunteer for our community. If not, then we're sending out a message that we certainly appreciate what he's done for our community.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to nominate Bernie Manor for the Local Government Center 2012 Municipal Volunteer of the Year Award.

Selectman Luszey would put a condition on that. We only send it if the senior center review goes through. Chairman Coutu said he was only kidding. I can see where Selectman Nadeau is rolling his eyes. I was running myself. Selectman Luszey indicated Mr. Manor did a fantastic job working that site on the senior center. So absolutely. Chairman Coutu said the guy knows how to roll that magic pen within 24 hours and move offices and buildings around. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

F. Amendment to Board of Selectmen's Meeting Calendar

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to change the Board of Selectmen's meeting of September 11, 2012 to Monday, September 10, 2012, due to the NH Primary which will be held on September 11th.

Selectman Maddox asked how this was going to affect our 9-11. Chairman Coutu said that he and Patti Barry went to Mr. Hamilton's wake at the same time. I talked about this. They can appoint. We're only talking a half an hour. They can appoint 5 people for that half hour period. Now we do a lot of the absentee ballots earlier in the day. So we can do that and we'll all be working there. You take 5 people and at the election we'll ask Paul to appoint them if the 5 of us want to attend the 9-11 ceremony. I'm sure we all will. We can even carpool and get up there and then we'll head right back. We'll be back before 7 p.m. because it's only going to take 15 to 20 minutes. It's just to pay our respects. I think that will be fine. I would hope Selectman Maddox that between now and September 11th you'll have conferred with the Police Department and you'll give us a full report on what we're going to expect for traffic. How you're going to coordinate the traffic.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Nadeau - First for those who don't know it, Benson's was the number one park in New Hampshire. Today on Facebook I saw a cup from the 1993 cleanup. It was Benson's Park. It was a plastic cup like a red Solo cup. It had Benson's with the apostrophe in it. So I thought that was kind of nice. It was the number one park in New Hampshire. That tells you a lot about the volunteers that do all the work in there. Today they completed some work on a couple of our major trails. There's a crew that goes in on Tuesdays and Fridays that just work on patching and repairing the trails. It just shows you all the hard work is really paying off for that park. It's really a gem and a lot of people voted to say that it was the number one park in New Hampshire. That tells you what's going on down there.

One of the things Selectman Nadeau wanted to ask about, and Selectman Maddox will talk about it a little later, is the parking and the traffic patterns at the polls. People have been trained and if we change it, I think they'll get a little excited. That was one of the questions that was asked of me this week. That's all I have at the moment.

Selectman Brucker - The Conservation Commission met last evening and reported that the Highway Department had gone and mowed and repaired some of the parking areas outside of the Musquash Pond area - the trails. Also that there will be a

meeting for the Friends of Musquash on August 23rd at 7 p.m. in this meeting room. That's a group that we hope will want to continue volunteering with working on the trails and doing some of the things that need to be done.

Also the DASH. If you're familiar with the DASH program out on Robinson. Selectman Brucker said they've been getting so much of the milfoil and the other invasive species that they've had to go and buy extra bags to bag it up. So that program is going well but there is a lot of growth there. That's it.

Selectman Maddox - A couple of things. Number one. With the Board's indulgence, I will work with the Highway and Police Departments to come up with and the only change to the traffic at the polls will be to drive the traffic around the building in a counterclockwise motion so that people that park as you're facing the building on the right hand side will go around the back of the building and exit. That's the one-way traffic is now going down Lions Avenue just so that there's not cars butting heads if you would behind the building. The other pinch point we had was right at the corner where the police car was parked saying it's one way, there were cars trying to turn in or cars were trying to take a left in front of the building. So to alleviate that, we're going to try to drive everybody to the back of the building, around the building, and then out.

Selectman Nadeau said one of the things I've noticed, and I don't know what we need to do about it, but when I was over at the Community Center this week the people from the apartments over at 3 Lions and 5 Lions, or whatever those numbers are, think that that parking lot belongs to them. If you look at those cars, I've been thinking about this. Some of those cars are there during the elections. It might only be 3, 4 or 5 cars but those 3, 4 or 5 cars are taking up 1 parking spot for the people coming in to vote and 2) where some of them are parked now on the tree line, it's a problem when we do the exiting of the traffic and stuff. I don't know if we need to send a letter to the people that own the property at Lions Ave. to tell them this is not their parking lot and to move their cars. It's been a problem in the past and I noticed it the other night when I went by there. There was about 5 cars from over there. At 3 a.m., I know they're not playing basketball at the Community Center. I know that the cars don't belong there but I don't know the proper way to fix that problem is. I'm sure the Police Chief...When Selectman Maddox talks with the Police, we will deal with that.

Chairman Coutu said they often times got here real early on Election Day. They can go down there and pull the plates or start calling people and say get the car out of here. Selectman Nadeau didn't know if they needed to post it or at least give them fair warning that this isn't their parking lot. Chairman Coutu thought they could work that out. Good point Selectman Nadeau.

Next thing Mr. Chairman as part of the discussion we had here this evening, Selectman Maddox said there is a cap being placed at the federal level for DES and some of this mitigation. I would ask that the Town Administrator contact Mr. Dubois and find out the exact wording. They would like a letter from the Selectmen to basically make Senator Shaheen aware that projects like Zach's field could be adversely affected with some of the things that are going on in Washington. So if we could coordinate it so if nobody has any objection, we'll put the 2 of them together...Senator Shaheen's office to be able to at least let them know...Chairman Coutu asked what was wrong with Senator Ayotte. Selectman Maddox said okay both of them. Again, we had great cooperation. It would be a shame to see these programs hurt by some things at the federal level.

Next thing Assessing. Selectman Maddox said on Friday he got his notification of what my property is now worth according to the Town. So all those people that are writing to the Thumbs that their price was too high, it's been adjusted. Selectman Luszey said he replied back and told them mine was too high. Selectman Maddox said it's a function Mr. Chairman as we are the Assessors but Mr. Michaud does a much better job of understanding and dealing with all of this that the property values have gone down. We're going to be raising the tax rate to get in the money. It is reflective of what the property values are but it's still a function of government. We need X amount of dollars. So it is what it is. I just wanted to make people aware that you should have gotten a letter in the mail and that's the value.

Last thing Mr. Chairman is the elephant barn. Selectman Maddox said it wouldn't be a meeting without Benson Park. As those of you know, I asked a question specifically about whether the asbestos had been abated from that building. We were told that it had been. Then we received an e-mail saying there's this great product that we can use to seal the asbestos that's still at Benson's in the elephant barn. Mr. Chairman I would ask that we direct the Community Development Department to issue no further permits for work in there until the asbestos has been delineated and a report reflective of what they're going to do in there.

As you know Selectman Maddox, Chairman Coutu spent some time at Community Development. Let's go back to the original statement that was made. We had a couple of serious discussions about this last week you and me. The comment that was made, and I certainly do not disagree, is that we were lied to. If you remember correctly, Mr. Matthews sat in that chair and said to us that there was still hazardous material in the building. Selectman Nadeau said the same thing and came from a member in the audience disputed that and said there was no more. Mr. Matthews clearly stated, and I heard him say, you've just been lied to. Apparently he was correct because Mr. Oleksak went down and took a sample of the contaminate and showed it to me. I said I'm well aware of what that is. I saw it in the building and if I'm not mistaken, I believe it's exactly what Selectman Nadeau saw and we know that it was part of the material that was used to cover the walls. If you read through a Memorandum which was provided to all of us today - I believe it was today from Mr. Oleksak - on a report relative to that. You will notice a communication dated August 8, the day after the meeting from the environmental company they were using saying are you telling us that there is still contamination in that building. We can do this and we can do that. Apparently we were misled. I think Mr. Oleksak had said in his Memo and if that's what you want is for us to confirm that or

make it a motion so that we can clearly support his decision, no permits will be issued without our consent in the future. I will entertain a motion. Is that your motion? Selectman Maddox said that's his motion.

Motion by Selectman Maddox that no permits will be issued without our consent in the future.

Selectman Maddox wants is a report of what asbestos still remains and what the plan is for sealing or whatever type of mitigation they want to do. We have an obligation for the safety of those volunteers and the Town to not have this confusion lingering on. Chairman Coutu asked did we not make it very clear to them last week that nothing was going to be done in that barn unless they bring it before us. Selectman Maddox was trying to solidify that the Town side, our people, are told not to issue any permits. That it's clear in what we're expecting before we will do any further. Chairman Coutu said is it not then proper to have a motion that we notify those in position of authority at Community Development that no permits are to be issued without authorization from the Board of Selectmen.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, that we notify those in position of authority at Community Development that no permits are to be issued without authorization from the Board of Selectmen.

Again, Selectman Maddox said he wants to be able to look people in the eye and say that there is no asbestos in there. I thought that's where we were but now there is obviously some issues in there and I want to be able to be definitive on what we've got in there and how it's going to be dealt with.

Selectman Luszey wasn't sure he was going to vote for this. Here's the reason why. We have a building inspector who sent us a letter of memorandum saying he would not issue any further building permits or any type of permit dealing with that specific building unless we approve it. If we go down this road, then we're going to be setting up, I think, a precedent that we're going to have to start approving all permits for all kinds of things because we want to make sure the electrical is done correctly, or the water wasn't done correctly. I'm not sure we want to get in that business. That's what we have a Code Enforcement Officer for. We agreed that a plan and a scope of work would come to this Board of approval and that they would go through the proper permitting process, which is a dual notification of the work that's going to be performed and we have the proper people in place to inspect it to make sure that work is done and complies to all regulatory standards both our local State and federal. I'm not sure why we're adding this other level of micromanagement of this particular property.

If Chairman Coutu is wrong Selectman Maddox, please correct me. I think he's on the same page with you. It's just being somewhat misinterpreted and I think we can change the wording of the motion. I think Selectman Maddox what you want to do, I can only base it on conversations we've had, is we don't want any more work done until we know that the contaminates have been taken care of in that building. At that point, then we can tell Mr. Oleksak from there on out all permits will go through him and he'll decide or if he thinks it's questionable, he'll bring it before us. I think that what you want to do and I certainly do I don't want anything more done in that building until we've rectified the problem with asbestos. Selectman Maddox just wants to delineate it. At this point we've been told at this meeting that it was all abated. So I think as the owners of the building, as the people who are responsible to the State for that whole piece of it, I didn't want any questions. I don't disagree that there is a whole thing but I'm saying that we're making it clear to both the staff and to the Friends of Benson where this stands.

Chairman Coutu asked if Selectman Maddox would be averse to rewording your motion. What is the motion we have on the floor?

Motion by Selectman Maddox that no permits are to be issued by the Community Development Department until all of the asbestos has been mitigated.

Mr. Malizia said that could be a long time. Selectman Maddox indicated that's not what he said. I asked for it to be delineated. Again is there asbestos in there? I think this Board knows there is but we were told in a public meeting that it was gone. Delineate what is in there and what is necessary to do to encapsulate, remove whatever they're going to do. That's all I'm trying to do.

Selectman Luszey said it is the mitigation plan. We know that asbestos exists. So we're looking for the mitigation plan, the scope of work to accomplish that. Selectman Maddox said yes. To Selectman Luszey, that's the motion. Chairman Coutu said that's what they're changing it to. Do you have any objection? Selectman Brucker do you have any objection to changing the motion to delineation of the asbestos and the plan to however they're going to take care of the problem? Selectman Brucker said no.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker to delineate the asbestos that's in there and what is necessary to do to encapsulate, remove whatever they're going to do.

In reading through the papers that were provided by the company that went in there and did it, Selectman Brucker said it looked to her from the outset that they only thought they were taking asbestos out of where the animal area was. Chairman Coutu said that's all they were contracted to do. Selectman Brucker said the other area is the area that still has the asbestos is that correct? Chairman Coutu said the entrance area has the asbestos yes. It's very evident as you walk in. Selectman Brucker said they did what they thought they were supposed to do. Chairman Coutu said they did what they were contracted to do. Selectman Nadeau can you shed further light?

Selectman Nadeau said yes. They completed their RFP of what they were supposed to do. Was the asbestos removed from what they were supposed to do? Yes. Is there asbestos remaining in the building? Yes. Is there asbestos remaining in the area that they cleaned? No. But we never asked or it was never posed is the elephant barn all cleaned of asbestos. The way that he answered the question what was proposed and what was done is complete. I believe that's the way the person in the audience answered the question. Yes there is still asbestos there. Yes if there's a mitigation plan I think that's what we need. A lot of people don't know what types of asbestos are out there. So if we delineate it, I think that would be...some of it is not hazardous unless you're scratching at it and making it air born. As you heard tonight the way that they're going to take care of the asbestos at Zach's field is to wet it down. As long as that's done and done with a company that is licensed to do removal, at least knowing is half the battle in the elephant barn. I think that as long as it's clear to the Friends of Benson's that they're to do no more work there and no other permits will be issued until we have a mitigation plan, I think that's a good road to go down at this point.

To this point, Chairman Coutu knows that Selectman Maddox he did as I did. We rewatched the tape of that meeting. To me, it was very clear that you asked is there any asbestos remaining in the building and the answer was no. Selectman Maddox said it was actually in reverse of that Mr. Chairman. I asked if all asbestos had been abated from that building. It says in their paperwork it says building name, front barn and elephant area. So I believe that to mean the entire structure. Selectman Nadeau said no. Not as I know the barn, that to me is one section. The answer is yes on that but no to the rest. So it just depends on how you read it or how you word it.

Selectman Luszey's only question is, and correct me if I'm wrong, I believe that Benson approves the volunteers to keep equipment in that barn. Is that right? Selectman Nadeau said not any more. There might be stuff that they had stored in there but they were in the process of removing all of their stuff. Selectman Luszey said what it sounds like is if we approve this, then no town employee should be going in this building or any volunteer should be going into this building until such time as this problem has been mitigated and it's got the seal of approval that is now safe. Chairman Coutu said he would agree with Selectman Luszey but in a memo that I read today or yesterday, there's filing cabinets in there now to store papers. They were told to feel free to go in and start filing things. He gave them a permit to start constructing cabinets to store tools and things like that. I'd like to know where these are going to be built. Mr. Oleksak told him...it's all in that report. Selectman Nadeau said he hasn't seen this report that you're talking about. The areas that they're looking to build this stuff from what I've been told is the areas that they've mitigated. Chairman Coutu thought when you start banging into walls in any part of that building; you're going to shake up asbestos in other parts of the building. There may be separate chambers, but one is not mutually exclusive from the other. There could be movement of the contamination. I share the same sentiments as expressed by Selectman Maddox last week that here we are working on a better than a half a million dollar plan on asbestos and I certainly wouldn't want the State to think that we're not conscience about how we're going to contain that and we certainly don't want people traipsing through an area that may be contaminated. If everything in the back side is clean, they still have to walk through the front side to get to it. I'm concerned about that. We share the same concerns I would think. Selectman Maddox said yes. Selectman Luszey do you understand where we're coming from? Selectman Luszey said yes.

Chairman Coutu asked if the Board wanted to add to that motion not allowing people in the building. Selectman Luszey said he would. Selectman Maddox said you have to allow people in to do the work that needs to be done as far as doing the assessment. I think as long as there's no permits to do any work, I think that serves the purpose of what we're trying to do Mr. Chairman. They still need to be able to get in there and do some things as far as what they need to do for their assessment.

Chairman Coutu asked Selectman Nadeau if at any time have meetings been conducted inside that building. I understood there were some meetings being held inside the barn. Selectman Nadeau said not the Benson Park Committee. He's not in the know of what goes on at the Friends of Benson Park. I'm quite content with the Benson Park Committee assignment. The 501(c) 3 I'm not interested in being assigned to. I guess as long as the building is posted and they know that they're going into a building that has asbestos. Chairman Coutu indicated it's not posted that there's asbestos in the building. We were told there wasn't any. I think that maybe we should confer with Mr. Oleksak relative to the fact that we know that there's a contaminate in there and what we should do. Should we post the building? We still own the building. We have a responsibility to the people who go into the building.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Luszey - A few things. The kick off meeting for the town-wide infrastructure meeting is scheduled for Monday the 20th. Mr. Maddox will be attending with me. We'll be meeting with the Fire and Police Chiefs, the IT Director, and a few others to begin taking a look at the communications infrastructure and what's going on with all of that and putting together the plans for what's needed to upgrade that over the next 3 to 5 years.

Selectman Luszey will be meeting with the Town Administrator and the department heads to talk about my work with the org. charts - Wednesday, tomorrow, at the department head meeting to kick that off. To put them all at rest that I'm not out witch hunting. This is more of part of an education on my part and also to really give the department heads and the different organizations a little benefit of some 37 years of management experience that I have around what I call TBR - thinking, behavior, results. Apparently a few of our employees heard the word "behavior" and got a little excited about that. It's not to be taken in terms of the behavior in the traditional context of you're a bad person. It's about how you think about doing your

work and how you get different results when you think about things different. Chairman Coutu stated it's a great human resource terminology. Selectman Luszey said they'd be talking a little bit about that tomorrow.

Selectman Luszey spoke with Chairman Coutu about the possibility of setting up a joint workshop with the School Board. Last year or even the year before I undertook an initiative to try to do a joint planning session with the School Department and the Town to see if there was any synergies that could be had if we were to look at, again, how we do our work and what infrastructures we have in place, and is there opportunities from a taxpayer's perspective to consolidate and maybe reduce the overall tax burden to the taxpayer. I'd like to see if we couldn't do that in the next couple of months whether it be our September/October workshop to invite the School Board here to have that conversation to see if they're willing to go down that path with the decision makers. One of the things I found when I did it is some of the people that were assigned to that project really weren't decision makers. They would kind of sit there and take information in but we really couldn't have a productive conversation when we talked about possibilities of where we could combine. A lot of it dealt with the IT infrastructure - the networks, the fiber optics, the servers, the finance systems, and things like that. I think if they're willing to have that conversation, I'd like to be able to have them here and have that conversation.

Another item is the Senior Affairs charter which Chairman Coutu wrote. Selectman Luszey reviewed it and talked with Ben. He didn't see any reason to make any changes to it. Thank you for doing our work. Chairman Coutu said he had a boring Saturday at the store. My wife said go find something to do and get out of my hair. So I said I think I'm going to write a charter. I've done several of these. I wanted you to look at it if you wanted to modify it. I was fine with it. Selectman Nadeau indicated they had a meeting and we thought it was very good. Chairman Coutu asked if he changed the number of people on the board I recommended for greater diversity. We increased the number to 8 with 1 Selectman voting member to bring it to a full of 9. Selectman Luszey thought it was 7. Chairman Coutu said we have 2 alternates. Five and 2 is what we're proposing. We're obviously going to have a Selectman Liaison. I'll have to appoint somebody to that. Would you recommend that would be a nonvoting member? Selectman Nadeau said nonvoting.

Selectman Luszey also suggested if we could review that here with everyone at our next meeting and given the great number of applicants we had, maybe we can adjust that. Maybe a couple of alternates or something like that in terms of membership wide. Other than that, I would love to stay here and adopt it. Chairman Coutu's personal preference would be 7 and 2. That's what Selectman Luszey was saying. Chairman Coutu indicated that could be a subject for discussion that night. If both of you are satisfied with what I prepared, do you want to bring that also on the 28th to also discuss the draft proposal for the Senior Affairs Charter. We will put that on that agenda as well. So that will be Senior Affairs meeting.

The last item Selectman Luszey has is in last week's general read there was a letter from our Attorney from the Town Clerk's Office that dealt with the deeding process. I've actually started and I took that memo, and I marked it all up, and I'm converting it into a process. Not for our next meeting but maybe the meeting after or our first workshop in September I can present that as a procedure in policy. Mr. Malizia asked if they could work together just to take a look at it. Selectman Luszey indicated he wanted to sit with Mr. Malizia on it and Patti too. There's very specific RSAs that need to outline and all that. Chairman Coutu said he's had that discussion with Patti and there's some gray areas where you need to down and work those gray areas and define it. We need to set a policy from here on out on how we're going to handle these. Selectman Luszey said he started writing that up based on that memo. So I'll take it and work with Steve. Chairman Coutu said each one onto themselves has complexities that we need to sync it all. There's the mission statement and the by-laws.

Selectman Coutu - I want to remind everybody the Zach Tompkins people were in here in tonight. We have 2 fundraisers upcoming. Saturday, August 18th at the Community Center there's a motorcycle run. The motorcycles will arrive I believe at around 11 a.m. Zach's Grandmother is running the event. Mike will be there and Zach's brother will be there. They're going to have a cookout, a beer tent. All properly licensed. You're welcome to come to the Community Center. They're going to have food and music. The bikes should arrive around 11 a.m. but I think the facility will be open from 10 a.m. to approximately 8 p.m. You're welcome to go there. Of course, the person who comes in first place this year will be Selectman Nadeau at the 5K walk that is being held for the Tompkins Foundation on August 26. It's a Saturday. Registration is at Alvirne High School and it will be at 5:30 p.m. and the race kicks off at 6 or 6:30 p.m. and it's going to be the property behind Alvirne High School those streets down there. If you want to participate and help the Tompkins Foundation realize it's goal constructing and having a facility available for our youth football players both in Hudson and Litchfield, you're welcome to participate.

Chairman Coutu believed there is a Budget meeting this Thursday evening. Selectman Brucker and I have exchanged some e-mails. I reread them and my responses to you. In light of that, I will appear before the Budget Committee. I will be there Mrs. Brucker in the event that you need to defer on any particular subject matter that I can speak to. Specifically I want to talk about an item which the Chair of the Budget Committee spoke to which is the combined dispatch. I am in a position after reviewing all of our notes to give her a very brief overview of where we are and let them know as soon as we have something more concrete we'll be prepared to present it to them. I'll also be there if there's any confusion over any question I'll be able to assist you and if I can, I will. I will be at the Budget Committee meeting this Thursday. I'll see you there Norman. I'm sure you'll be there Thursday.

Selectman Nadeau indicated that Thursday also there is a Benson Park meeting on Thursday. Chairman Coutu asked if they're definitely going to have one because he said in today's memo there were no agenda items. Selectman Nadeau was pretty sure they're going to have one. Unfortunately I won't be there. It's the kick off to Old Home Days. I have a few other commitments on Thursday evening this week. One of the things that is the topic of discussion if they do have a meeting is

what their role is going to be as far as Friends of Benson's. I'd like to get a clear understanding of this Board what they need to be the guiding light, or what they need to do for this Friends of Benson's, and the elephant barn so that they know. Unfortunately I won't be at the meeting but I will forward them whatever you guys would like me to forward them.

Chairman Coutu understood where Selectman Nadeau was going. The very last message that I received was they would more than likely wouldn't be a meeting. Number two, they wanted to hold that discussion for a workshop. In the event that they have a meeting and even for the workshop if you want us to discuss that now, it's up to the Board.

Selectman Luszey indicated that this is the same discussion that I believe we need to have for the Senior Affairs Committee and the Hudson Council on Aging. It's the same relationship. What I think we need to do is come up with a unified position if you will on how those relationships will occur in the future. The Senior Affairs is a Town committee which will be a liaison if you will into a 501(c) 3. The same as the Benson Committee and the Friends of Benson's. So I think we need to have that discussion now.

Chairman Coutu said it's a little different only because we have the same relationship with the soccer. We rent them a piece of land. Mr. Malizia said we have an agreement with the Friends of Benson's. Chairman Coutu said we also have the same relationship now with the Zach Tompkins Foundation. There's 4 of them we're dealing with 501(c) 3. Selectman Luszey said right but you don't have a committee managing the 501 group if you will. Right now today as far as I know there's only 2 organizations that have liaisons or want liaisons somehow participating in them. Chairman Coutu said indirectly we do. In the soccer and the Zach Tompkins for example, the Recreation Director does get involved in both of those. He certainly will with the Zach Tompkins because we're going to have off periods that we can rent it. There may be a football field there and other recreational things that are available. They just want to manage the football stadium. They're willing to build other ancillary things in the facility that people can use for recreational purposes in order to make it more inviting to the community. That will come under the purview of the Recreation Director or us. We still own the land. The soccer field, we can use it and the Recreation Director has control over that. He has to communicate with that 501(c) 3. This situation is a little different I think. I'm not talking about the Friends of Benson. I'm talking about the seniors. That's a little different. I was always under the impression that that organization was formed for the purpose of raising money to build a building. We're ready to build a building and it appears to me they may not be ready to fold that organization and accept the fact that we want to make this part of the Town government. Selectman Luszey said we may them to...Chairman Coutu said we want them to continue to raise funds to fit the building, or buy things for the building. That's why Selectman Luszey was thinking. We need to have a conversation that sets up the general guidelines if you will on how that all plays out.

Chairman Coutu thought where Selectman Nadeau is coming from is that we had a vote, and I think you were the descending vote, that we wanted things for that barn to be filtered through the Benson Park Committee. I think he wants to know do we draw a line somewhere. How extensive is that overview of Benson Park over the Friends of Benson activity going to be. They certainly can't tell them how to run their nonprofit. What we're concerned about is the building.

Selectman Maddox said that was exactly right. I think that the way I envisioned it when I made the motion was it would be some public record of what they're requesting to do in our building. So they would go to the Benson Park Committee and say we're going to take off all the siding and replace it as an example. What are you going to use for material? We'd have some record of people asking questions of what's going to happen. As far as inside the building, that I think is really what we gave them the use of. So as long as it has had proper permits, I don't care if they paint it pink with yellow stripes. It's really a function of how this building which fits into the entire park is being managed. If they came and said they wanted to something to the exterior, or they wanted to...really the outside structure of it but inside, again, I think that's just a building permit issue. Again, there would be some record. There's no public television recording of or minutes of the Friends of Benson's that reflect to us what they were proposing to do. That's where I'm seeing it. I think the Benson Park Committee would say this is what we're looking for that have some questions as to what materials are you going to use, is there going to be a contractor, those type of questions. I don't think we're going to get into the nuances inside is truly the structure and the exterior of the building.

Chairman Coutu asked if Selectman Maddox wanted the message to be for us to tell the Friends of Benson should they want to do any exterior renovation to the building that they have to bring it before Benson Park Committee to make sure that it adheres to the aesthetic quality of the park as it exists. They don't just paint pink flamingos all over the outside walls.

Again Mr. Chairman, Selectman Maddox thought that we have an obligation to the State as far as the historic district and the look of that park. That's all the Benson Park Committee is really good at. They've done a great job of looking at the playground. They've looked at 9-11 Memorial. They've looked at a number o different issues and they've just recorded it and given them some guidance. You know like they won't interfere with something else that they're doing in the park. That's all I'm looking for is just having some method by which there is a record of what's being done. That's what I thought we told them that they had to do. Internally, again, if they want to paint it pink, so be it.

Selectman Luszey thought they needed to have a meeting because I thought we were asking that the Benson Committee to actually oversee what they did with that building which is a little broader than just the outside. Selectman Maddox said it was another discussion that we have. Selectman Nadeau indicated it was a good thing that I'm not going to the meeting Thursday night. Chairman Coutu thought it was going to be a workshop on that one. My opinion would be this. I think we could agree on this. Let Benson Park Committee and you have that discussion. Have a serious discussion about how you feel you can or don't want to deal, the committee does or does not want to deal with Friends of Benson as it relates to that

building and then report back to us what they're telling us. What they want us to hear from them. Is that fair? Selectman Nadeau said yes. Chairman Coutu wanted to hear back from them. We're not changing our ruling in any way.

Selectman Luszey said the only thing is we did say that the Benson Park Committee would be the organization that would be the interface for the Friends of Benson back here. Chairman Coutu didn't see a problem with that. Selectman Luszey said it's a much broader discussion. Chairman Coutu wanted to hear what they're going to give back to us and then we can set a time and date to have that discussion. Fair enough? Selectman Luszey said fair enough.

Selectman Nadeau had one other thing. You do see the advertisements and stuff but this weekend is the start of Old Home Days on Thursday night. Many fund events Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If there's any questions on it, they can feel free to get a hold of me or they can call Brenda at the Chamber office, or other people that are on the committee. There's Tim Malley. It's going to be a fun weekend. It looks like the weather is going to be fairly good most of the weekend. There is always one good rain day. There's a lot of events scheduled and last week in the Hudson-Litchfield News there was a schedule of events. If you have any questions, look at last week's Hudson-Litchfield News if it's not in your blue recycling bin. That's where the schedule of events are. It is on cable as well.

Chairman Coutu said this was the first year he didn't have a sign at the store. Selectman Maddox asked if there were still discount tickets available. Chairman Coutu said he did have some. Selectman Nadeau did see some at True Value and a couple of the local pizza places have them on their counter too. I look forward to seeing people there this weekend. I will be there all weekend.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Maddox, 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 (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; (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.

Selectman Maddox wished Chairman Coutu a Happy Birthday.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0 by roll call.

Chairman Coutu indicated that Nonpublic Session is being entered at 9:36 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 is being entered at 11:29 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 p.m. by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, carried 5-0.

Recorded by HGTV and transcribed by Donna Graham, Recorder.

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