

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the March 12, 2012 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Jasper the meeting of March 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the BOS Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Selectman Nadeau.
3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Shawn Jasper, Roger Coutu, Rick Maddox, Ben Nadeau, Ted Luszey

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Kevin Burns, Road Agent; Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Erica Crawford - 18 Connell Street, Hudson. I'm here because I wanted clarification or to appeal to the Board on permission for the sign to be erected in town. I was at the Community Development office today. The Code Enforcer, Bill Oleksak, blatantly denied my request for permission to erect my sign.

Chairman Jasper indicated that the Town Ordinances are such that in fact we do not allow signs generally to be erected on town property. You can, of course, put those on private property if you have permission.

Ms. Crawford indicated his grounds were that it was an off premise event even though it was advertising for the recreational event. It is off premise and therefore was not allowed in town.

Chairman Jasper said any person can put any sign they want to on their front lawn. If you have permission of property owners, you can place it on the property.

Ms. Crawford said she did have permission from Julia at the hardware store. That was verbally authorized from me. I was looking for permission for something such as Hammond Park or another. I had one at the Veterans Bridge. It was removed. I called the Department of Public Works and they were not the ones that removed it. I don't know how that went missing.

In terms of being on town property, Chairman Jasper said there should be no signs on town property around the Veteran's Bridge, even political signs. I know that those have been up. I don't know if they've been taken down. This is as I understand a for profit event. I don't even see this really as being up to the Board.

The way that it was explained to Ms. Crawford from the Code Enforcer was that it was not even permissible on private property. I just wanted to get clarification that if I got permission from businesses or landowners...Selectman Coutu said you can't put it on businesses. Those are zoned. Chairman Jasper said private houses. Ms. Crawford asked if Derry at Elm? Selectman Nadeau said no. Ms. Crawford asked if it was a residential zone would I have to come back to the Board then again. Chairman Jasper's understanding, this is the second amendment, people can put any sign they want on their home property. So if you have yard signs and you want to put them up on...I believe that our ordinance does say that the signs must be registered with the zoning administrator. Frankly, I think that's a section of the Code that we can't enforce. Selectman Maddox said political signs you're supposed to tell them where they go. Chairman Jasper indicated this says "temporary signs advertising special events for charitable, religious or other nonprofit organizations". This is for profit. My feeling is there's no way we can tell residents what they can put on their front lawn unless it's blocking the view. Selectman Maddox said or it's in the town right of way and everybody assumes that's their property. That was one we got a little deal with once before.

Ms. Crawford said if there's a residence that authorizes me to place my sign and it's a residential zone, there's no restrictions on me putting my sign? Selectman Luszey said it's no different than a yard sale type sign. Ms. Crawford said it would be longer for 3 days. The yard sale signs are only allowed to be put up for 3 days according to the Town Ordinances. It would be up for the 19 days.

Chairman Jasper indicated that she did get a ruling from Mr. Oleksak so anything you do is in contrary to that at risk. My personal opinion is that we cannot tell people what they can and can't put on their property when it's private residential. This is different because they come under the site plan regulations. Selectman Maddox stated that we're not the Board that would do this anyway. It would actually go to the ZBA. I know you're in a hurry.

Ms. Crawford said Mr. Oleksak told me that it would ultimately be appealed by the Board of Selectmen. He referred me to the Board of Selectmen's office after I left his office, which is what I did. So there's nothing wrong with me putting them on somebody's residence?

Selectman Coutu thought there is. Does that mean that I can put up my signs to advertise my business on private property? That's contrary to the regulations. Chairman Jasper thought under the freedom of speech, you do have the right to put signs at your residence. Selectman Coutu stated or anyone who wanted to put one up. There's a Pandora's Box.

Ms. Crawford said to Selectman Coutu that she thought the issue is that it was an off premise sign. That was what I was told. So that's why I'm concerned about the fact that it is still an off premise sign whether or not I have permission from the landowner or not. I've spent \$100 on Vistaprint for my signs. I would rather place them in places that I had permission to do so than to have somebody take them down and dispose of it.

Selectman Coutu wanted to say I can appreciate the fact that you're trying to follow the rules. You just didn't go out and put these out. You spoke to Mr. Oleksak. You're to be certainly commended for that. There are certain rules and restrictions. If based on the decision that you were given and Mr. Oleksak clearly denied your request - if it's an off premise sign in essence I see it as telling businesses such as mine that we want to put off premise signs up. I can go out and buy 500 signs and get every homeowner who wants to advertise my business and put it in front of their house - for whatever a 3 day period is that what it is? Selectman Nadeau said it used to be 7. Ms. Crawford said its 30 days for special events, which is what the difference with this is that it is for a special event. It's not advertising a business. It's advertising for the event. We're not affiliated with any organization. There's individuals that have rented booth space at the hall and are going to be gathering for a ladies night out. There's no admission charge and it is open for the public.

Chairman Jasper asked what the Board's pleasure was. Selectman Coutu said to take no action. Again, Selectman Maddox said it's not our bailey wick to really do it Mr. Chairman. Selectman Luszey said it falls under the same category of all these snow plowing, I buy houses, and all these other signs I see around.

Ms. Crawford indicated those are the commercial and industrial signs. They're a little different. I just don't want to place my sign with the disapproval of the Board. I don't want it to be taken down is what I'm concerned about.

Selectman Coutu said it's not a nonprofit. It's a for profit business. I can't agree here.

Selectman Maddox indicated that there's a ruling from the Zoning Administrator. If she wants to go to the ZBA if there's going to be something that you're going to do routinely, you might want to get a ruling from them. Again, this Board really shouldn't be getting into this. Selectman Coutu agreed. I don't think we should take any action. I think we should leave it to the Zoning Administrator and he can refer her to the ZBA.

Chairman Jasper indicated that's the consensus of the Board that you should not be placing them without permission.

5. NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

- A. Resignation of Dereck Chaisson as a member on the Recycling Committee and an alternate on the Water Utility Committee

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to accept the resignation of Dereck Chaisson as a member of the Recycling Committee and an alternate to the Water Utility Committee with the Board's thanks and regret, carried 5-0.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Jasper asked if any member of the Board wished to remove any item from the Consent Item separate consideration.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve consent items A, B, C, D and E, as noted or appropriate.

In case you don't have it, Chairman Jasper indicated that there is a last minute Raffle Permit for Hudson Heat 16U. Selectman Nadeau said he was going to bring that up under Other Business, but we're going to put it in. Chairman Jasper indicated that it was in here.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Veteran Tax Credit - Map 147, Lot 022, Sub 041, w/recommendation to rescind credit
- 2) Veteran Tax Credit - Map 253, Lot 007; Map 216, Lot 014, Sub 099; Map 216, Lot 018, Sub 042, w/recommendation to approve
- 3) Elderly Exemption - Map 117, Lot 023; Map 216, Lot 018, Sub 042, w/recommendation to approve
- 4) Charitable Exemption - Map 182, Lot 178, w/recommendation to deny
- 5) 2011 Tax Abatement - Map 246, Lot 78, w/recommendation to approve adjustment
- 6) 2011 Tax Abatement - Map 170, Lot 28, w/recommendation to approve adjustment
- 7) 2011 Tax Abatement - Map 175, Lot 55, w/recommendation to approve adjustment
- 8) 2011 Tax Abatement - Map 151, Lot 2, w/recommendation to approve adjustment
- 9) 2011 Tax Abatement - Map 156, Lot 63-75, w/recommendation to approve
- 10) 2011 Tax Abatement - Map 111, Lot 11, w/recommendation to approve
- 11) 2011 Tax Abatement - Map 158, Lot 8, w/recommendation to deny

B. Water/Sewer Items

- 1) Water Abatement, W-UTL-12-02, 61 Lowell Road, w/recommendation to deny

C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Request to Solicit Funds by Campbell High School Friends of Music
- 2) Request to Solicit Funds by Nashua Crusaders Football and Spirit Program
- 3) Request to Solicit Funds by Arsenal Baseball Club
- 4) Raffle Permit by Friends of Benson Park, Inc.
- 5) Raffle Permit by St. Kathryn Church
- 6) Use of Community Center and waiving fee - Jeanie Barkley Memorial Organization's annual blood drive
- 7) Raffle Permit by Hudson Heat 16U

D. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the February 14, 2012 meeting
- 2) Minutes of the February 28, 2012 meeting
- 3) Minutes of the March 6, 2012 workshop meeting

E. Calendar

03/13	TOWN MEETING
03/14 7:00	Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
03/14 7:00	Benson Park - Landscape Cte - BOS Meeting Room
03/15 7:00	Benson Park Cte - BOS Meeting Room
03/15 7:30	Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
03/19 7:00	Energy Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
03/20 7:00	Cable Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
03/21 5:00	Water Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
03/21 7:00	Council on Aging - Buxton CD Meeting Room
03/22 2:45	Trustees of Trust Fund - Buxton CD Meeting Room
03/22 7:30	Zoning Board of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room
03/26 6:00	Recycling Committee - BOS Meeting Room
03/27 7:00	Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
03/28 7:00	Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
03/28 7:00	Benson Park - Landscape Cte - BOS Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on February 28, 2012

- 1) *Motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Maddox, carried 4-0.*

B. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on March 6, 2012

- 1) *Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to hire Kimberly Moore as the new Administrative Aide in the Engineering Department at the starting rate of \$16.04 per hour in accordance with the Support Staff Union contract effective March 26, 2012, carried 5-0.*
- 2) *Meeting adjourned by Chairman Jasper at 8:20 p.m.*

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Application for the continuation of a NH Fish and Game Department Grant in the amount of \$1,125 for the purpose of enforcing Off Highway Recreation Vehicle Laws

Chairman Jasper recognized Lieutenant Kevin DiNapoli, Hudson PD. I'm simply here to ask for permission to apply for continuation of a current grant that's in place, which is due to expire on June 30th of this year. That grant was through New Hampshire Fish & Game Department for \$1,125. The continuation grant, which would be to June 30th of 2013 would be from the same rate of the current grant up to \$3,150 depending on how it concludes through the application process. We're simply just asking for permission to apply for that extension.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to authorize the Hudson Police Department to apply for the extended agreement to enforce Off Highway Recreational Vehicle Laws with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department beginning July 1, 2011 and continuing through June 30, 2013, carried 5-0.

- B. Posting for Seasonal Laborer - Highway Department

Chairman Jasper recognized Road Agent Kevin Burns.

Good evening. Kevin Burns was looking for permission to advertise to fill a position for a seasonal laborer. The last two years we've done two seasonal laborers for 3 months each. I would like to do one seasonal laborer for 6 months. That way I have the added help for the spring clean up and fall clean up. No additional costs.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve Road Agent Kevin Burns' request to post the position of Seasonal Laborer at \$12.00 per hour for 40 hours a week for 24 weeks.

Selectman Maddox thought 6 months was the trigger point for...Mr. Malizia said 24 weeks is not 6 months. It's just 2 weeks short. Close. Selectman Maddox was just making sure.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Chairman Jasper recognized Finance Director Kathy Carpentier.

Ms. Carpentier indicated that she hoped she goes as quickly as those two do. I come before you for a couple different items. I did break them out separately. I was previously here asking you to increase the mileage reimbursement rate in October as you suggested I come back after January. It is my recommendation based on the IRS' recommendation to increase the current mileage reimbursement from \$.505 to \$.555.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to amend the Personnel Policies, Section VIII, Training, subsection B. Travel, to increase the mileage reimbursement rate from \$.505 per mile to \$.555 per mile, effective March 1, 2012.

Since Selectman Luszey was the one that got it to come back and give them the recent action and volatility of the gas prices, it's probably too low but that's what's being recommended, I think it's needed.

Just to put it in perspective, Ms. Carpentier said we have about a \$4,000 budget this year in Fiscal 2012 and \$4,900 in Fiscal 2013. So it's not a big ticket item for the town.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Update Personnel Policies - Expense Report Form

Chairman Jasper recognized Finance Director Kathy Carpentier.

Ms. Carpentier said she took a look at the expense report for, which is part of the Personnel Policy, which is why I'm in front of you with a form recommendation, and try to take two documents and combine it into one still giving you all the information that was required - the who, what, where, when and why in order for it to be a business expense that's reimbursable. I did send a sample out to department heads and got feedback from a couple. This is the form. I am also going to be able to hand it out electronically for those that want to fill it out electronically but they'll still need to manually sign it and attach receipts.

Selectman Coutu said it saves paper. Good idea.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to update the Personnel Policies, appendix A Expense Report Form and delete appendix B Trip Report Form as recommended by the Finance Director, carried 5-0.

E. Update Personnel Policies - Training

The third thing Ms. Carpentier took a look at was in the Personnel Policies, Section 8 is entitled "Training". Part of it is the form we just discussed. I believe a good policy is when you say what you do and do what you say. Upon reading it, it was created back in 1997. Some of the things in there specifically say the Finance Department does this or the Finance Director does that. It is not the current practice and hasn't been the practice. I cleaned it up to do what we currently are doing. I could go through each change if you'd like or no.

Selectman Luszey asked if this was part of the document control system that we put in place about 6 months ago now and will it be when these changes are made. Ms. Carpentier wasn't quite sure how to answer your question. It is my plan is once this is done to do exactly like we did with the IT piece of the Personnel Policy. Distribute it to those that need to and get the electronic sign off.

Selectman Maddox asked to look at page 3, "Procedures", 2. You've lined out the entire paragraph in regards to coming back and making a report. Within the 48 hours I don't disagree lining out but I think as we send fewer and fewer people for training Mr. Chairman that when we do send people away, we want to get as much distribution of that knowledge as possible. I think this being lined out is probably something we want to take a look at.

Ms. Carpentier's reasoning for taking it out at least one department head felt that you're already taking the person away from the job to learn about IT or accounting. That's not a global thing to come back and share with the whole town. Within 48 hours, I'm sure the dialog in my staff if they go to a training course come back and have a dialog with me. I understand what they learned. We might implement some more policies. I do not look for a written report on it. Numbers 2, 5, and 7 as he's referring to is not something we have been doing. I respect you wanting to discuss it.

Chairman Jasper said that he didn't find the reports to be terribly meaningful. I know they're supposed to be done here. I've never been aware of anybody actually really looking at them. They're supposed to be done in the State House when Representatives go on trips. Again, nobody ever looks at them. We're sending somebody away as KC said, and then we're bringing them back and then they're suppose to write report that nobody looks at. Selectman Maddox said shame on somebody. Chairman Jasper said that would be us. If I wanted to learn, I would have asked to go to the conference.

Selectman Luszey said the only exception to that would be and I'll take IT as an example. We may send one person to an IT conference. It would be up to the Director's decision as to whether or not the information is pertinent to the rest of the employees. I'm sure they would make time to have that information shared. I don't see that as being a need in a policy. That's just good management practice. To waste someone's time, and to your point, every time you send somebody to a conference to write reports it's not useful.

Considering the number of times that we rotate police and fire in and out of training, Selectman Coutu said we're going to have police officers and fire personnel sitting down and writing reports every time they come back. Sometimes some of these reports depending on the intensity of the training could be 4, 5 or 6 pages. They're going to assume that this is going to be read. They're going to be careful about the literacy of whatever they're writing. I agree with you Selectman Luszey. I think it's a department head policy. I think its good management practice. If it is something that needs to be shared, they will require a written report. To mandate it for something that isn't being done anyway just doesn't seem to make sense. I appreciate where you were going with that Selectman Maddox. There is some value at some times. I think it should be an administrative policy. If we want to revisit it later in terms of department heads, I would welcome that.

So that Selectman Maddox can vote in favor of this, can we change 2. to "If required by the department head". If they came back from weeks of training and got X amount of information and they shared that in a written report, does that not benefit the taxpayer? Take out the 48 hours.

Chairman Jasper stated, "If required by the department head, the employee shall..." I'm fine.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to update the Personnel Policies, Section VIII (eight) Training as recommended by the Finance Director with the amendment by the Board of Selectmen on Procedures 2. and the appropriate renumbering of all sections, carried 5-0.

F. Ambulance Billing Rates

Kathy Carpentier's next agenda item is ambulance billing rates. With the approval of the Fire Chief, I'm here to ask for no change. In March 2010, the Board approved using 2010 Medicare rates plus 30 percent. That is what we are currently doing. It's my recommendation to leave it at that.

Selectman Luszey said it's what our budget is based on. I'd make a motion we leave it.

Chairman Jasper didn't know that we really need to have a motion. Selectman Coutu said it was status quo. Chairman Jasper said if we don't make a change, then we don't need a motion not to change it.

Selectman Maddox said that it wouldn't reflect when the last time we reviewed this.

Ms. Carpentier said the Fire Chief also thought that I could just sign this and send it on. Because it's been my practice to come here and ask for change, I thought it was also a good practice to come for not change.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to certify that we have reviewed the ambulance billing rates and find no change to the Ambulance Billing Rates to be necessary at this time, carried 5-0.

G. Budget to Actuals

Chairman Jasper recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

As you can see, Mr. Malizia said we are 67 percent of the way through the year. So basically two-thirds. Legal is the one item that was over expending. However, there was a recent decision in our favor that we will have some money that will be coming to the town that we could compensate some of that legal because that legal was driven up by that particular matter. There will be an ability to put money back into that account so that we will not overrun that and need to take money from any other account such as contingency. Other than that, I think the rest of the accounts look pretty reasonable. It's been a pretty mild year as far as the winter went. Knock on wood. In general, things look pretty reasonable on the expenditure side. On the revenue - motor vehicles, it's about 64 percent of our budget. Not falling off the cliff. Not going ahead of where we're projecting, so we'll see where that ends up. Hopefully maybe pick up a little bit in the spring. Interest remains nonexistent. There just isn't any.

The emergency management line item, Selectman Luszey said that's 102. Will that be offset by the FEMA funds? Mr. Malizia said more than likely not. I do believe we updated the emergency management manual this year. I thought that was the predominance of what we did. The majority of Kevin Burns' accounts are going to get replenished by the FEMA grant.

Chairman Jasper asked Selectman Luszey if he's suspend. I think the Finance Director can answer your question. Ms. Carpentier said there is about \$25,000 in there that is coming back for the grant for the communication project that the Fire Department was doing. That will get some favorability. The grant money just came in. Selectman Luszey said he was good.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Maddox - I have a couple Mr. Chairman. First Planning Board. I don't know if you all caught that riveting Planning Board meeting last week - the workshop. We did have correspondence that we talked about in regards to - I know that the Planning Board is reactionary that we've been hearing lately. There's a developer who has been in contact with another developer that we're talking about 750 acres in the south end of town. They would like to come in and talk about a joint review of traffic and how a number of scenarios might play out. I will ask Mr. Cashell to make sure that all of the Board members get a copy of the letter. It's just something, again, to bring to your attention. I will give you more details when they become available.

Next. A number of people Selectman Maddox talked to over the weekend were confused I guess would be the word I would use. The warrant article for the road paving, the \$500,000. Just so that everybody understands what the article is its putting it into the budget. If it passes this year, it will be in this year, and next year, and the year after until such time it is voted to be removed. A lot of people thought it was a one-time stimulus type of deal. I just said just so that we're clear, we've explained that that is what's going to happen.

Next. Selectman Maddox indicated that Donna got me a list of volunteer locations and I have 20 applications. So if you see me coming at you, you know what I'm after tomorrow at Election Day. We need a number of people to help out on various boards and committees. Hopefully we can get some new people to put on the boards. I know everybody else is going to cover elections. I will just say that I don't know why I get The Telegraph. I was disappointed to see that they did not even cover the candidates this year. Chairman Jasper said they did some place because I found...Selectman Coutu said the Lowell Sun did an awesome job. Selectman Maddox said they didn't do the interviews that they have in the past. Selectman

Nadeau said he filled it out. Chairman Jasper did a Google search because he'd gone on The Telegraph, tried to find it, he couldn't. He Googled himself and found it. It was on last Wednesday. Unfortunately all I could find was just the questionnaire that I answered. It didn't link me to the whole...it was either Wednesday the 29th or when it was but it was in there. I could never find it and I never saw it in the paper. Selectman Maddox left it as I think incumbent is not a bad word. I think that unfortunately you don't know what those people stand for unless you've watched the program that Selectman Coutu put on or the Candidate's Night. Even though change is good, you just want to make sure what that change might be. We'll see you tomorrow. It's going to be a beautiful day so weather will not be an excuse. I am envious of those of you who are going to get to stand out in 70° weather. Thank you.

Selectman Luszey - A couple of quick items. We have all the RFQs back for the senior center. I did make a mistake when I quoted you the size. It's 48 and not 68. I don't know where the 68 came from. Just for the record, we are looking to have that come in or around \$1.5 million. I don't know where these other numbers that are being quoted in the paper are coming from. I never made a statement other than \$1.5 million. The selection team is reviewing the candidates as we speak. We expect to be meeting on the 20th as a group to go over their recommendation and come back here on the 27th to tell you who we'd like to proceed with.

Selectman Luszey received an e-mail from Kevin Burns about dogs at the Benson Park, which I think we need to talk about maybe not tonight but maybe at our next meeting. It seems to be becoming a problem. Think about what we may want to do there. Chairman Jasper asked if they saw his response. Selectman Luszey said he did and wished Chairman Jasper good luck.

Selectman Coutu - First thing I want to do is especially where KC is here, and I'm not stealing any of your thunder because I heard you were out campaigning at the Verizon this weekend. Good for you. I had a phone call from one of my friends sitting there saying you mustn't be running Selectman Coutu because Selectman Nadeau is out here campaigning. I know why you went. You're an ardent fan as I am. I have not been able to make many games this year because of my condition and my working hours. KC I hope that you will impart upon your son, and I'm sure I speak on behalf of the Board how proud we are of our hockey team this year. I know he's a graduating senior. He played exceptionally well. I had people at the game calling me, keeping me abreast of what was going on. I was at the store. It was a heartbreaker to go into overtime with a minute and 27 seconds left I guess and to lose it. It was a phenomenal year for these kids. They had their heart set on bringing the banner. As far as I'm concerned, they did bring home a banner. That's the pride that they've exuded all season long and the team spirit. Those kids did an awesome job. I'm glad to see that your son is graduating from high school this year and going out with an awesome season, a winning season, undefeated except for that game unfortunately. We're also very proud of the boys' basketball who also took a defeat on Friday evening. Again, these are the kind of things. This year has been a great year as far as Hudson's been concerned in terms of the youngsters in our community and putting us on the map. Steve it started with your son's baseball team and then we had the cheerleaders that went down to Florida from the Bears. It's been a great year for us.

Also I want to tell you gentlemen that I was pleased and honored to represent the Board of Selectmen at the Eagle Scout for Phil Christopher this past Sunday. He's a unique kid. He's very funny. It was a little different than the last one you and I went to. He's quite the character but full of spirit and just a joy to be around. His family is the nicest people. It was an honor to represent you and I enjoy doing it.

Lastly Mr. Chairman, Selectman Coutu stated that tomorrow is Election Day. I want to remind everybody that it's important that they do get out and vote. There are 6 candidates for the Board of Selectmen. There are a lot of very important questions on the ballot. Some of those questions are on the ballot because we wanted them on the ballot because we want the voters to give us guidance on what to do with their money. The \$500,000 that you mentioned Selectman Maddox is important. Some of us feel that it's a necessity but whether or not people feel that it's something they want to do every single year, they'll give us that answer tomorrow. That's why we have it on the ballot. I wish you (Chairman Jasper) and Selectman Nadeau the best of luck. I expect to be seeing you here at the next Selectmen's meeting. I think that this Board has been very proactive. We've been very mindful of the monies that we have spent and how we've spent the taxpayer's money. If it ain't broke, you don't fix it. I wish you both the very best of luck and I look forward to continuing working with you in the coming years. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Nadeau - I have a couple of things. The first one is the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year is coming up and the Business of the Year large and small. The Citizen of the Year this year is Dave Morin. We also have Junior Citizens of the Year. Theirs are usually given out at the award banquet. The Hudson/Litchfield News is the small business of the year. Enterprise Bank is the large business of the year. The Chamber will be having the dinner. Their guest speaker this year is T-Bones, Cactus Jack's - the CEO.

Selectman Coutu touched on it, but Selectman Nadeau said the Alvirne hockey game was amazing at the Verizon Center. It was great to see kids that I've seen all 4 years play all the way up from their freshman year to their senior year. This was a very big second place win for them. I'd also like to thank Mike and Jim from Hudson Cable. They were up there videotaping the event, which you'll see on HCTV.

(Selectman Nadeau) For tomorrow, you'll see on HCTV tonight. There was a press release on the traffic pattern. We're using the same traffic pattern that we used at the last election. Lions Avenue will be a one way in one way out. It's a one way in off of Adelaide and you'll be exiting out onto Hurley. You'll see the map on the cable channels. If you could be

mindful of that. That's the same traffic pattern we'll be using for the Presidential Election coming up. That's all I have this evening.

Selectman Jasper - Just to tag onto that one way pattern and for the Board's edification. There was a discussion. I think most of you were involved in it one way or another about whether to do it or not. Ultimately I spoke with Selectman Nadeau and the Chief of Police. While it may not be necessary to do it at an election like this, we form habits. The best thing to do is to maintain the same habits in my opinion. So I did say to the Chief that my feeling was that we should continue this because otherwise we go back and forth. Years ago we used to close the polls at 7 p.m. on Town Elections and we'd keep them open until 8 p.m. That created a great deal of confusion because people would say we were open until 8 p.m. last time. Even though sometimes there isn't a lot of activity, we try to have some standard procedures with elections. I think the traffic pattern is one of those that will be helpful if we get people in the habit of doing that each and every time they voted. It is after all, fairly infrequently. Trying to remember which is which becomes a problem. People come in the wrong way, they're going to get ticked off.

Chairman Jasper did speak with the Road Agent. The gate at Kimball Hill Road into Benson Park will be removed very shortly. That will assist with the flow there. They've cut the brush along Kimball Hill so that they police will have a much better view of the parking area. I've spoken with the Chief and let him know that we do expect the cruisers to go in there and keep an eye on things and make sure that after hours there aren't people parking down there, especially now that we will shortly have the L shaped parking area which hopefully will provide enough parking for the park for the foreseeable future. The Highway Department has done a good job with that. I know they have to put some sort of a top dressing on that area. I haven't spoken with the Road Agent about that.

Chairman Jasper has been speaking once or twice a week with the Town Engineer relative to the train station and where we are at on that. They are very, very close to having an agreement on the contract. We're hoping to have that finalized last Friday. It didn't quite happen. It should be done this week and we can hopefully proceed and start on the foundation for that building in the very near future so we can get that moved now that spring is really upon us.

Whatever happens tomorrow, Chairman Jasper said it certainly has been my pleasure to serve on this Board with all of you. I think that we have done a good job for the taxpayers of Hudson. I certainly hope to be back here and see us continuing to do the same job that we have done.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION - NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jasper declared that there being no further business, we will stand adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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