

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the November 8, 2011 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Jasper the meeting of November 8, 2011 at 7:01 p.m. in the soon to be dedicated Paul W. Buxton Community Development Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Representative Michael Buxton.
3. ATTENDANCE
Board of Selectmen: Shawn Jasper, Roger Coutu, Rick Maddox, Ben Nadeau, Ted Luszey (excused absence)
Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Mark Pearson, Assistant Town Administrator; Buxton family; Steve Dube, Fire Prevention
4. DEDICATION OF THE PAUL W. BUXTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING ROOM

Chairman Jasper had a few brief remarks.

Good evening.

We are gathered here tonight to dedicate the Community Development Meeting Room in memory of Paul W. Buxton. Mr. Buxton wore many hats throughout his life and the Town of Hudson is most grateful for his service to the community.

After returning from World War I, Mr. Buxton joined the Hudson Hose Company, a private fire brigade. In 1924 when the Hudson Fire Department was created, Mr. Buxton joined the department and served for over 60 years. He also served as a State Fire Warden.

Like many members of that generation, community service was something that came as second nature.

Mr. Buxton served for many years as the Chairman of the Hudson Planning Board and was instrumental in the creation and adoption of the Town of Hudson's first Zoning Ordinance in 1942. He also served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Building Board of Appeals.

Mr. Buxton was the founder and driving force behind the creation of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission in 1958. He was one of the founding members of the Hudson Historical Society as well.

The Buxton and Jasper families have been friends for several generations and I was fortunate to know both Paul and his wife Hazel who also served the community in many ways. They were both kind and generous people and Hudson is a far better place because they chose to make Hudson their home. As we can see by the presence of so many of their descendents here, they were also loving parents, grandparents, and great grandparents who passed on their commitment to community. The public service of the Buxton family continues to grow both here in Hudson and Nashua as well as on the State level.

It is with great honor that the Community Development Meeting Room be officially named "Paul W. Buxton Community Development Meeting Room".

I'd like to bring this plaque forward and if members of the family would gather and have a picture taken.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Howard Dilworth who's not here tonight who brought this to our attention. I understand that Donna Staffier-Sommers actually mentioned it to him first but Howard wrote the letter to us. I'm grateful for that because I think it is very appropriate that we do this. Paul was a great man and served the community very well for many, many years. I appreciate you all being here tonight. With that, we'll move on with the meeting. I'll give you folks a minute to leave before we continue.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Jasper asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to address the Board on any matter. I guess no.

6. NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS - NONE

7. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Jasper asked if any Board member wished to remove any item for separate consideration. Selectman Maddox said C.1.

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

A. Assessing Items

- 1) 2011 Tax Abatement - Map 148, Lot 17, w/recommendation to approve
- 2) 2011 Tax Abatement - Map 230, Lot 22-3, w/recommendation to approve the abatement and approve the issuance of a supplemental tax bill for 2011
- 3) 2011 Tax Abatement - Map 177, Lot 5 - #126, w/recommendation to approve

B. Water/Sewer Items

- 1) Water Abatement, W-UTL-10-29, 23 Scottsdale Drive, w/recommendation to approve

C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Hawker/Peddler/Itinerant Vendor's License by William Lenehan - The Big Bow Wow, LLC

Selectman Maddox indicated that the item he pulled out was the Hawker/Peddler for the The Big Bow Wow. If you read your packet, it's to go before the Planning Board. It has a place to be at. Again, one says 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and I think the other one says 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. I cannot vote for this as it sits Mr. Chairman. I think it is not the intent of a Hawkers and Peddlers to sit at the same place 5 days a week when we have restaurants that pay a lot of taxes to have customers. This doesn't seem like my idea of a Hawker and Peddler.

Chairman Jasper asked if there was anything further. Is there a motion to approve or a motion to deny?

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to deny the Hawker/Peddler/Itinerant Vendor's License by William Lenehan - The Big Bow Wow, LLC.

Mr. Lenehan asked the Chairman if he could address this. Without objection from the Board, Chairman Jasper certainly allowed it. You may have a seat at the table. State your name and your address for the record please.

My name is Bill Lenehan. I'm the owner of The Big Bow Wow - 13 1/2 Cushing Avenue, Nashua, New Hampshire. Regarding the concern as far as the hours, I had that changed in Planning. When I first made out the application, I really wasn't sure what hours to put down. It's 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's the lunch hour. It's not all day. It will be in my trailer and take it home. I think everyone has seen the package I think. One thing I must say is that I'm delivering to Hudson. Everything I'm putting into is Hudson. I'd say between 90 and 95 percent of everything that I do is purchased through Hudson like food, produce, paper products, everything. I was living in Hudson up to 2 years ago. I'll be back here towards the end of March as long as I get my business up and running. I'm looking for an opportunity here. I got laid off after a 30 year stint with Teredyne and Amphenol. I'm looking for a chance.

Chairman Jasper asked if there were any questions. Thank you.

Mr. Lenehan thanked the Board for hearing me.

Chairman Jasper asked if there was any further discussion on the part of the Board.

Selectman Nadeau had a couple of questions. The first one is this is a trailer not equivalent to one of the mobile ones that go around to the industrial park which we have. I've seen the picture. It's a hot dog cart basically. We had this problem before where somebody wanted to set up at one particular site without a site plan. This would just be consistent to what we've done in the past not allowing Hawkers and Peddlers License for one particular place.

Vote: Motion to deny carried 4-0.

D. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the October 18, 2011 Meeting

E. Calendar

11/09 7:00 Benson Park - Landscape Cte - BOS Meeting Room
11/09 7:00 Planning Board - Buxton Mtg Room
11/10 3:30 Trustees of the Trust Fund - Buxton Mtg Room
11/10 6:00 Sewer Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
11/10 7:00 Zoning Board of Adjustment - Buxton Mtg Room
11/11 TOWN HALL CLOSED - VETERAN'S DAY
11/14 7:00 Conservation Commission - Buxton Mtg Room
11/15 7:00 Cable Utility Committee - BOS Mtg Room
11/16 5:00 Water Utility Cte - BOS Mtg Room
11/16 7:00 Council on Aging - Buxton Mtg Room
11/17 7:00 Benson Park Committee - BOS Meeting Room
11/17 7:30 Budget Cte - Buxton Mtg Room
11/21 7:00 Energy Cte - Buxton Mtg Room
11/22 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
11/23 7:00 Benson Park Committee - Landscape Subcte - BOS Mtg Room
11/24 THANKSGIVING - TOWN HALL CLOSED
11/25 FLOATING HOLIDAY - TOWN HALL CLOSED
11/28 7:00 Recycling Cte - BOS Mtg Room
11/28 7:00 Budget Cte - Buxton Mtg Room
11/30 7:00 Budget Cte - Buxton Mtg Room

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on October 25, 2011

1. Chairman Jasper declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

B. Inspection(s) and Inspectional Process

Chairman Jasper recognized Assistant Town Administrator Mark Pearson.

Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Mr. Pearson indicated that back in April the Board set in motion for the inspectional process to be reviewed. There were several meetings including one with the Fire Chief and inspectors from Merrimack and Bedford, New Hampshire respectively. In May, there was an organizational and procedural change within the department to help improve overall efficiency. In June, we went over a matrix of the inspectors for full time versus part time, and also Selectman Luszey submitted his analysis and wanted me to look into different options to see what the Community Development staff is doing - looking at cost effective options for inspectors and to work with the Fire Chief. I did do that and successfully with the Fire Chief, the Fire Department, the Deputy Fire Chief, and the Zoning Administrator and after a series of meetings, we were able to combine portions of the inspectional process. That is to move the mechanical and gas portion of the inspectional process exclusively to the Fire Department but the one stop shopping at Community Development where you come in to get your permits. That was put into affect back in September.

So we've had some success with that. Its working fine. We also went out to Munismart and had them come in to look at the Munismart code enforcement and building permit modules to see what they could do for upgrading to make that system used to its maximum potential. We've found some improvements that can be made and we're seeking to do that through the 2013 budget through IT. It's an expenditure that we'll have to make in order to get an improvement to the building permit and the code enforcement module.

Tonight Mr. Pearson is here to just report to the Board as I was asked to by Selectman Maddox and Selectman Luszey about comparing our inspectional process with other communities both larger and smaller and to also look at the hours worked and the number of inspections and so forth. I provided you with copies of a matrix chart that names a bunch of communities at random. Some bigger some smaller. It tells you how many full time inspectors there are. It tells you how many hours. There's some things in the chart here that I had to plug in because they were unknown like the average number of days worked per year. I had to keep that consistent. There were some communities that actually didn't know how many inspections that they performed in a course of a year. What we could do is ask them on the average how many inspections do you do a day and try to factor that out. There's a footnote there indicating that. If you follow that chart across the first one attached to my memo, it also comes up with an approximate cost of salaries and benefits based on the number of inspectors. It also gives you an average cost per inspection. The significance of the first memo is that Hudson is the lease expensive cost to the taxpayer for the amount of money that we spend to employ inspectors to do the inspections in town as compared to the other communities.

Moving on to the next page, Mr. Pearson indicated that it shows you a bar graph to basically show you that cost comparison again with the number of hours per day that an inspector in those respective communities are working and the number of daily inspections that they're doing. That basically shows you those two dimensions so that you can look across the page and see, again, that Hudson is doing quite a bit more inspections and with less hours.

The next sheet was just simply a follow up to the details of assuming that a full time inspector with benefits would be approximately \$75,000 a year and part time inspectors would be in the range of \$25,000 a year. Again, it shows you the approximate salaries in those communities to show that Hudson spends approximately \$135,000 a year in salaries and benefits for the one full time inspector and the two part time inspectors.

The next chart just graphs the average hours per day and the average cost per inspection. Again, it shows that Hudson is to the far right of the chart. Its cost for inspections are very low and the average hours per day. Again, you can just look across. If you look to the far left and you look at Portsmouth for instance, they have a very high cost for inspection and they have a little bit more in hours per day work but they're very expensive. For the consumer or for the taxpayer that chooses to locate in Hudson, the permit fees are very reasonable as compared to other communities. With that, I'd be glad to answer any questions if there are any.

Chairman Jasper thought that this was very helpful information to have. Once again, it shows that Hudson does an economical job of providing services to the people of the town. Any questions or comments?

Selectman Maddox indicated that he asked that this be put on so that, again, the citizens can see that we're not just sitting around waiting for inspections. We've cut this department down to where it's covering the responsibilities but we don't have the staff that as you can see some of these other communities have. The other thing I was going to ask the Assistant Town Administrator is do you have this up on the web page for your department to show that one stop come to Community Development to pull out all of these various permits. Has that been listed yet? Mr. Pearson said no it has not. I could make sure that is done. Again, Selectman Maddox said so that if somebody is looking they don't wonder around Hudson trying to figure out where to get their permits. There's one place to get them and what can be picked up so that they know that they can get a fire permit and all the permits that are Community Development. Again, one of the things that the Chairman brought up in April we've pushed this one almost through Sir.

Chairman Jasper asked if there was anything else. Seeing nothing, thank you very much.

Selectman Coutu thanked Selectman Maddox and Mr. Pearson to all the meetings. I didn't know that there was a whole bunch of meetings. I got invited to one.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Acceptance of a \$500.00 donation from Margery F. Harris

Chairman Jasper recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Mr. Malizia indicated that this donation would be deposited into the ponds maintenance basically for the milfoil, fanwort, and exotic species. I recommend the Board accept this with the Board's appreciation and thanks.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to accept the \$500.00 donation from Margery F. Harris to be placed in the Robinson Pond Donation Account with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 4-0

- B. Acceptance of a \$250 donation from Vectron International

Chairman Jasper recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Mr. Malizia believed this is a semi-regular donation that Vectron makes. Again, I would recommend that the Board accept it with the Board's thanks and appreciation.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to accept the \$250.00 donation from Vectron International to be placed in the Fire Department donation account with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 4-0.

- C. Public Hearing - Acceptance of a \$45,914 donation from the 9-11 Committee

Chairman Jasper recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Mr. Malizia met with Captain Morin. We were trying to determine the value of the donation, the generous donation of the 9-11 Memorial at Benson's that we had dedicated back on 9-11. When I met with Captain Morin, we've come up with a value of the donation. I must amend this slightly because Captain Morin did bring one more thing to my attention. The actual number that we should accept is \$47,114. After meeting with Captain Morin, we went through all the hardscape and all the materials, and all the things that are physically there. Because of the amount of the donation, you're required to have a public hearing to accept it. I would recommend you accept it with the Board's thanks and appreciation.

Chairman Jasper opened the public hearing on the acceptance at 7:23 p.m.

Chairman Jasper asked if there was anyone who would like to address the Board on the Memorial at this time. If not, I will close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to accept the donation of the Benson Park 9-11 Memorial valued at \$47,114 from the 9-11 Committee with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 4-0.

Again, Chairman Jasper thanked Captain Morin.

D. Acceptance of a \$3,079.65 donation for LED Pistol Lights

Chairman Jasper recognized Captain Tousignant.

Good evening. Thank you. Captain Tousignant indicated that resident David Franco made this offer to purchase the LED lights mounted on officer's pistols. He has been participating in several functions that we do in the citizens' police academy and he made a gesture of good will. He wanted to supply the department with that. It would be beneficial to the officers. It's a trend that police departments are going to - State Police and departments around the country to have the LED lights mounted on the pistols. The cost is \$3,079.65. He's offered to foot the bill for the cost of the lights.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to accept a \$3,079.65 LED Pistol Light Donation from Mr. David Franco for the Southern, New Hampshire Special Operations Unit.

Just one comment Mr. Chairman. Selectman Coutu agreed with Captain Tousignant that this is the mode of operation for most police departments around the country. It's not a very expensive proposition but in some communities it is because of the number of weapons they have. I think this is a very generous donation on the part of a citizen of our community and, again, speaks well of our community and the people and how they get involved. They give so much of their time and of their financial resources to help our community. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

E. Acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$4,500 for the "Hudson Operation Safe Patrols" project with the NH Highway Safety Agency

Chairman Jasper recognized Captain Tousignant relative to the Hudson Operation Safe Patrols.

Captain Tousignant indicated that this is a grant that we received permission to apply for from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency. We were approved for \$4,500 for the program Operation Safe Commute. It has patrols designated at certain dates and times at peak traffic, morning and afternoon, and the officers are solely to patrol the town in the most congested traffic areas looking for distracted drivers and violations that cause most of our accidents in the congested areas of town at peak traffic times. We're just requesting permission to accept this grant that we've applied for.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to authorize the Hudson Police Department to accept into the "Hudson Operation Safe Patrols" project with the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$4,500.00 beginning October 28, 2011 through September 15, 2012, carried 4-0.

F. Request for a public hearing for street name corrections to Chagnon Drive, Harwood Drive, and Watts Drive, and removal of Cottage Avenue from Town Code

Chairman Jasper recognized Deputy Chief Rob Buxton relative to some street issues that we've been having.

Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. If you remember last year, Deputy Chief Buxton said we went down the path of having the State of New Hampshire Bureau of Communications come in and work on some

mapping of our community. That project was brought to completion and we're in what they call maintenance phase. We've highlighted three streets in particular this evening that Town Code doesn't necessarily match what common knowledge has been on the name of the street. We have two kinds of roads we can go down. We can either change the name of the street for every resident that lives there which they've known for the last 20 to 25 years, or we can change the Town Code. The suggestion was that the Chairman had asked that we look at this and said let's change the Town Code and correct the name. It's the first issue that I bring to you tonight is that you hold a public hearing and you change the name of the streets for Chagnon Drive, Harwood Drive, and Watts Drive to Chagnon Lane, Harwood Road, and Watts Circle. That would take care of that issue.

The second issue that we have tonight is we also have a resident that lives on Cottage Avenue. He actually has a Summer Avenue address that's a very short piece of street off of Summer. Cottage Avenue has no addresses off of it. Will not have any addresses off of it. The thought process is that we eliminate Cottage Avenue and that all becomes Summer Avenue. That was the second piece to the Memo that Steve put together for tonight.

Chairman Jasper asked if anyone had any questions before I entertain the motion.

Selectman Maddox indicated that occasionally Mr. Chairman you and I think alike. When I saw this, they were going to change all those people's addresses I was like and I guess you had called them right after or right before. This makes no sense. The only question I have is on the other one, Summer Drive. Are we discontinuing this? Is this just a paper street? There's no drawing. Chairman Jasper said there was not a drawing. I was wondering the same thing.

Deputy Buxton indicated that if you actually go to the GIS, there is a drawing. Where there's no address on the street, if you put it in by street name, it doesn't come up because there's no address attached to it. So you need to go in and put it in as Summer Avenue street and it's off of Grand Avenue. You'd basically be naming Summer would be the whole loop that would go from Grand to Grand. That would take care of the issue that we're having there. So Cottage Avenue would go away.

Without seeing a map Mr. Chairman, Selectman Maddox said if you've looked at it. Again, I don't want to have somebody come in 5 years and say that they had a right to pass and repass. Chairman Jasper indicated that all we're doing is removing it from the Town Code anyhow. That's all Selectman Maddox wanted to see.

Motion to hold public hearings on December 13, 2011 and December 27, 2011 for street name corrections to Chagnon Drive, Harwood Drive, and Watts Drive, and removal of Cottage Avenue from Town Code, carried 4-0.

G. Derry Road Water System Extension

Chairman Jasper recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Back in late June, Mr. Malizia said there was a proposal or a discussion regarding the extension of water up Derry Road from where it terminates right now up into Londonderry. Pennichuck Water desires to provide service to a proposed development that's on the Londonderry side. In order to get the water up there, there's a development agreement that's been prepared. The Board directed that the engineer work with both Pennichuck, the firm doing the work for Londonderry, and our Town Attorney to prepare an agreement for the Board's consideration. What you have in front of you is an agreement between the Town and Pennichuck Water Works. It was written this way specifically because the Town of Hudson provides water to Hudson customers and does not want to get into crossing town lines and therefore triggering possible PUC regulation. Attorney Buckley who has written this Agreement and put it forward to the other parties, this is the way he is recommending doing it. This has been reviewed by Attorney Buckley, by I believe the parties on the other side being Pennichuck, and the developer who ultimately wants the water, as well as Gary Webster. Again, based on the discussion the Board had in June, this is the Agreement that's come forward for that. One of the benefits of extending the water as we talked about before is it provides water to that area of town that is basically zoned business or industrial. It might provide some economic development in that area down the road because of the water going up that area. Again, the Agreement is for us to bring it to the Londonderry line with Pennichuck.

As part of the project, Mr. Malizia indicated there will be a booster station put in probably most likely in the vicinity of White Hen Pantry where we have an easement. That cost will be borne by Pennichuck. In a nutshell, our costs basically would be reimbursement for some period of time for anybody who hooks onto this line specifically. I know that's identified in the Agreement. Bottom line, you're getting an extension of the water system up to the Londonderry border along with a booster station. It will be metered leaving town so we'll know how much is going out so we can do the appropriate billing as it comes through Hudson and goes into Londonderry. You want to make sure you capture that billing. Again, it has the blessing of the Town Attorney.

As the liaison to Engineering, Selectman Maddox got involved a little bit. There are a couple of things Mr. Chairman that I want to bring to your attention. I did ask the Town Engineer and he was already working on it to see what the costs would be to upsize that pipe from a 12 inch from where it taps off on your map right now down to the four corners there so that we might be able to also go down towards the dump at some point for short money while they're putting it in. That would be an up cost to us but that will be coming in later. Just so everybody is aware of it.

The other thing was as you saw probably in a couple of places about a meter pit. Selectman Maddox said that will be put into that building as opposed to digging a pit at Page Road. We're going to move it into that building so that no sense in doing a meter pit and spending \$30,000 to dig a hole to put a meter in when we're going to put a building right at White Hen Pantry anyway.

If Mr. Malizia could help you with that. Right now currently the water is coming from Litchfield back into Hudson at that location with White Hen Pantry - where that plaza is. There is no meter there so when the water leaves the Litchfield system to come into Hudson what we've been doing as far as reconciling with Pennichuck is basically taking all the meters that are at Hudson, tallying them up, and then reconciling the billing to Pennichuck. Basically those are our customers. We're not getting any revenue. So we're paying them back for that water. The meter pit, which has been in discussion with Pennichuck for a couple of years, was to put a meter pit somewhere where that pipe comes into Hudson. At \$30,000 to \$40,000, it doesn't make sense when you have 3 or 4 customers. Now that we're looking to put this structure there, it's pretty easy if you're putting in a booster station to sink a meter pit right there and then truly capture what's coming back into Hudson from Litchfield and then further up at their expense they'll put a meter that what's leaving Hudson to go to Londonderry.

Bottom line, Mr. Malizia said when we throw water back and forth from Pennichuck; we have meters going to all of our other locations where they cross town lines - Pelham, Litchfield coming from the wells, Nashua coming over the bridge. This just completes our metering so that we can reconcile and account properly for who's getting what water because water is flowing in every direction. Simply put, this is a way to also meter that at a very short cost.

The only other cost that Chairman Jasper sees is actually police detail that will be necessary. Mr. Malizia said when the Board discussed this at the time that was something that the Board was willing to do. It most likely will be borne by the Water Utility. Obviously it benefits the Water Utility. So the detail as I envision it would be paid out of the Water Utility. Chairman Jasper said any fees and inspection costs...Mr. Malizia said they'd pretty much be ours. Again, it has Attorney Buckley's blessing. He's been back and forth and I believe as a representative from the ultimate customer, the developer Mesiti Development. I believe they're in agreement with it.

Again just to clarify, Mr. Malizia said the Agreement is with Pennichuck. We want to be very careful as to not get into agreements with people outside of our borders. That's why the Agreement is written this way.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve the Derry Road Water System Extension between the Town of Hudson and Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. as recommended by the Town Attorney and the Town Engineer.

Selectman Maddox said this is again a case where the Town of Hudson and its Water Utility is keeping an eye out on the dollars. Originally I know the developer would have loved if we had paid some money towards this, but this is a great deal for both sides. That's why I am not going to raise objection to the 10 year as opposed to the 5 that were done everywhere else as this is going to be a significant amount of money expended on their part to bring water into Londonderry. Again, this is a case where working with Mr. Webster, the Town has made out very well on the Water Utility. Again, it gets some money Steve for wheeling the water through. Mr. Malizia said most certainly yes. Selectman Maddox said it's really a function of we've now brought water down to West Road for a number of places that I'm sure will be contacting this group to hook up to. I'm sure they want to be able to put in sprinklers or tie into the water rather than the cisterns that are presently there.

Chairman Jasper didn't know if it would be necessary to upgrade all the way up to Tracey Lane and Rebel Road. The way it was explained to Selectman Maddox by the Town Engineer, he's going to check with Weston & Sampson. If we bring 16 to West Road, we can run 12 to them without a problem because of the booster station and then be able to run an 8 inch down West Road for any of those businesses.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

H. Senior Building Committee

Chairman Jasper recognized Selectman Maddox.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Selectman Maddox said there has been some ying and yang about who's on this committee. Just to finalize it, Mr. Tassi was added by the Seniors. Since Cable is going to be footing some money into this, I thought it would be appropriate that they be on the Committee. Mr. O'Keefe and Mr. McIntosh were put on the list. Again, I wouldn't know Mr. Tassi if he was sitting in the audience but if someone else knows him or maybe we should have them come in. Whatever the Board feels...Chairman Jasper knows him. He has been a valuable volunteer at the Benson Park project. So whatever the Board's pleasure is. I assume what you're looking for is the Board's blessing.

Selectman Maddox wanted to bring the Board up to date and to make it official. The names that are on there, the bottom 3, are not presently technically on the Committee. As this Committee is going to start moving forward hopefully, it would be to our advantage to make it up to date.

Chairman Jasper asked if Selectman Maddox would like to put some expiration. I think it would be appropriate for everyone to expire at the same time but probably to either do a 1 or 2 year appointment and then revisit it if it's necessary at the end of that time. Selectman Maddox was going to make it a three year and hopefully it's built. Chairman Jasper indicated however you'd like to do it. I was hoping 3 years would go beyond where we needed to be. Selectman Coutu said he'd be safe Mr. Chairman if you went 12/31/2013. Our expirations are at the end of the calendar year. I think 2013 gives us sufficient time.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to appoint Senior Building Committee consisting of Selectmen's Representative Rick Maddox, former Selectman Ken Massey, Town Engineer Gary Webster, Senior Representative Lucille Boucher, Pat Nichols, Richard Tassi, Cable Representative Michael O'Keefe and Jim McIntosh all with terms to expire 12/31/2013.

Selectman Maddox noticed that originally we had 2 Selectmen on there, Selectman Massey and myself. What's the Board's pleasure? Chairman Jasper was fine with that. Selectman Maddox didn't know if the Senior Representative Selectman Luszey since he's not here, it's best to appoint him. Chairman Jasper indicated that it wouldn't hurt to do that. Without objection, we'll add Selectman Luszey to the list as Selectmen's Representative.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to appoint Senior Building Committee consisting of Selectmen Representatives Rick Maddox and Ted Luszey, former Selectman Ken Massey, Town Engineer Gary Webster, Senior Representative Lucille Boucher, Pat Nichols, Richard Tassi, Cable Representative Michael O'Keefe and Jim McIntosh all with terms to expire 12/31/2013, carried 4-0.

I. Amendment to 2012 Meeting Schedule for the Board of Selectmen

Chairman Jasper indicated that we have an amendment to our 2012 Meeting Schedule. That was due to...Steve Malizia believe the Secretary of State has announced that the New Hampshire Primary will be January 10th, which is a regular meeting night for the Board. So in keeping with your practice, I'm recommending you change that meeting to Monday, January 9th.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to amend the 2012 Meeting Schedule of the Board of Selectmen by changing the January 10, 2012 meeting to January 9, 2012 due to the Primary Election, carried 4-0.

Selectman Coutu noticed that July 3rd Workshop is still on the calendar. Could we have that removed please? I thought we had agreed to remove that. Mr. Malizia said you did the January one for sure. I don't recall you doing July. Selectman Maddox thought we did too. Selectman Coutu thought we did and you said customarily we always did. It's the day before the 4th. Chairman Jasper didn't recall. Let's just formalize it.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to remove the July 3, 2012 Workshop, carried 4-0.

J. Budget to Actual

Chairman Jasper recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Mr. Malizia indicated that we're working on next year's budget, and trying to look at this year's budget, and some years I don't even know what year we're looking at anymore. However, these results are through October 31st, which we're a third of the way through the year (inaudible). There really isn't any interest out there right now. Again, you're one third of the way through the year. I don't see any big surprises at this point in time.

Chairman Jasper asked if there were any questions or comments. Seeing nothing, we'll move on to Other Business and Remarks by the Selectmen.

10. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Nadeau - I have quite a few things this evening. The first one is we had a Tag Day Sale that came in late. It's for The Salvation Army to do their bell ringing. This one will be at Sam's Club - there's a whole list of them in here, Wal-Mart. I'm asking if the Board will approve the Tag Day Sale for The Salvation Army for their bell ringing for the Christmas season - starting Thanksgiving so that we can get this approved.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to approve the Tag Day Sale Permit for The Salvation Army from 11/11/11 through 12/24/11 at multiple locations.

Selectman Maddox asked if this was the first time they've done this Mr. Chairman. Chairman Jasper said no. Selectman Maddox was curious why Selectman Nadeau is carrying it in. Selectman Nadeau said it came in late and it was in the office today when I came in. I figured instead of waiting until next week's meeting, we can at least get it out there. Selectman Coutu said Selectman Nadeau is going to be their first official volunteer bell ringer. Selectman Nadeau said he has gone with the Police Department last year to do it for a little while.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

Just so everybody knows, Selectman Nadeau said that Thanksgiving Day is coming up and the Hudson Fish and Game will be doing their Fish and Game Thanksgiving dinner that they do at the Fish and Game Club. If anybody would like to make any donations or would like to help with that, they can call the Hudson Fish and Game or they can get a hold of me and I can get them in contact with the person that they need to talk to.

The next thing is unfortunately last week with the weather the Turkey Shoot was postponed at Alvirne. It will be held this Saturday for the Alvirne Bronco Booster Club from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Alvirne High School. Also, comedy night which is scheduled for this week will be at the Hudson Community Center. Tickets are still available at the Town Clerk's Office and also at the Recreation Center on Oakwood Avenue.

Selectman Nadeau stated that the dump will be open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. this week for brush and leaves only. Any Hudson resident wishing to bring leaves or brush, they will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the landfill. Being out there during the storm, there was a lot of branches and trees down. The only ones that the Town will be taking care of are the ones that came down in the road. We will not be doing any brush cleanups. The City of Nashua is doing one, but they are the only one around here doing it. That is why the landfill will be open on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Town Hall is closed on Friday and for Veteran's Day. The Legion will be doing a couple firings around town. One of them at the bridge. One of them in front of their building and at some of the cemeteries for Veteran's Day just so that people are aware that there are a few services going on. If they're interested in them, they can call the Legion or the VFW for more information on those.

Selectman Coutu - I only have one thing and it was something that Selectman Nadeau just touched upon. I had received a call from the American Legion. The person who does the planning for the services for Veteran's Day had asked me if I would remind the citizens that this Friday is Veteran's Day and at 7 p.m. they will have an in house ceremony. It's open to all of the public and they especially would like to see some of us Legioners there. It's an open invitation. They expect to have one and perhaps two guest speakers. The person or persons will be people who just came home from the Middle East and will speak about their war time experiences. There will also be a special award or presentation made to a citizen of the Town of Hudson who know very well, but it is a surprise so we're not going to say what his name is. There will be a special presentation that evening to a citizen who's been very active in supporting and encouraging people to be aware of veterans and how much they've contributed in war time as well as peace time service to our nation. With that, I thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Maddox - I guess I'll touch on the event of the last week. A couple of things. Number one, it doesn't do you any good to be a Selectman because my power came on at 5:45 p.m. on Friday. Again, a lot of damage to trees. I rode around looking at some of the damage. Some areas of town were absolutely you'd think a tornado had gone through with the amount of damage to the wires. What Public Service did, again, bringing up I think 1.87 percent of the Town was without power. Could they have been faster? I'm sure they could have. Did they get it done? Yes. Again, I know a number of people called Town Hall looking for information. Because we didn't know much more than what the paper was telling us, we couldn't tell anybody when they were going to be to a specific neighborhood. I do want to thank the Fire Chief. Again, he coordinated with PSNH and they had 25 crews in the Town of Hudson. Again, we don't control the power utility and if they do provide a report of an after action as we're going to do for our big departments as to what costs were, what was done, what could be done better. We will certainly probably post it on our website so that everybody can get a copy of that.

To that end, a number of people said where do we go for warming? Mr. Chairman I was wondering if one of the things we might look at in our after action report is to put together an insert to the HLN that has Town of Hudson information like the trash pickup, numbers to call, where the warming station is. I know it's in Nashua. I think it's the high school but I think they have two high schools. That kind of information. Maybe we look as part of emergency management to put together something that tells people some of that basic Hudson information and put it out to all of our citizens.

The next item is the water. On Sunday the water pressure went down and I have asked the Town Engineer to pull together a report of what went wrong. It sounds like one computer system didn't talk nicely to another computer system and shut down the pumps that fill the tanks. That's why the water pressure was down substantially at least in the north end of town on Sunday. Again, things that we can learn. Hopefully we can get better at. Take a look at stand by generators or whatever it may be. I know that Police and Fire will be pulling those together along with probably Highway. Maybe we need to bring in IT as some way of getting out information. Could we use a better use of Facebook and those types of social networking so that people could get on the cell phones and get what roads were closed, school information, or whatever we can provide to our citizens? I think the biggest frustration, and Steve I know that your office handled a substantial number of phone calls, what we could do better to get that information out to them. I think people were just frustrated because they didn't know. Quite honestly, most of the time we didn't either but whatever information we do have hopefully we'd pass out. When Trick or Treat was going to be. You must have gotten multiple hundreds of those calls. Mr. Malizia said until the Board decided, we couldn't really tell them much other than the Board was going to decide Tuesday night. The minute we knew, we put it on the web page and I know we tried to put it on the cable TV scroll. We notified the schools so they could do the telephone call for the school notification. So we figured if you go to school you're probably going to Trick or Treating. So that was another way we approached it.

Finally Mr. Chairman, It was 70 today. Welcome to New England. You just never know. Thank you Sir.

Selectman Jasper - I only have a few things. The most important is to thank the employees of the Town of Hudson, Police, Fire, Highway Department, and our IT staff for working so hard to take care of the community. I know there were a lot of frustrated people out there and some of the frustration was taken out on some of our employees and certainly on some of the Selectmen. It's understandable. To the best of my knowledge, it's certainly in our end of Town it was the longest period of time power has literally ever been out since there's been power on Old Derry Road. The ice storm in '97 I think we lost it for 4 days, and that was the longest period up to them. As the town has grown and the trees have grown, I guess it's been more of a problem than it was decades and decades ago. It is certainly a challenge for everyone when you don't have that power. It is certainly something that everyone ought to think about is making sure they get a generator. It doesn't have to be a whole house generator. It doesn't have to be one that is terribly expensive. You can get a pretty reasonable generator for around \$800 or \$500. It depends on what you want. It's not necessarily an expensive proposition to get something up there that will run you heat and water if you're on a well and keep you sane. It appears to be a problem that we're facing more and more of. Don't really know why except the change in weather seems to be a factor in that we didn't used to get as much ice as we used to. Once it started snowing in the winter, it would snow and now we seem to get the ice and then snow and that really builds up the weight. I know there are some people from the e-mails who would like to see us clear cut everything so that no tree could ever fall on a power line. That's obviously not going to happen. We need to be better prepared. Our town forces did a great job as they always do. I want to thank them for that.

I assume Steve you probably got the e-mail from Randy Bell today. I don't know if you saw or not. I think you were on that distribution list. I know that the school district was very grateful for the cooperation of the Town. If we do have an after action session, the schools would like to be part of that. Of course they were also very helpful to us in our number one problem that we which was Trick or Treating and making sure that we got that information out through their phone system so that people knew it was postponed. That was certainly helpful because there are many little ghost and goblins who were very concerned about that around town.

Selectman Nadeau had one other thing. There's something we need to think about and we talked about it after the ice storm was a place in Hudson that we can have for a warming shelter. It came up many times while I was out on the road this time. I was out throughout the storm whether it was 2 a.m. or 3 p.m. People asked do we have buildings in Hudson that have generators? Yes we do. We have a library with a generator. It's not big enough to do some things but maybe it's something that we need to look at to use a warming facility. Some people just needed a place to charge their cell phones and they didn't want to go Nashua. They needed a place to sit down and stay warm. The library was closed. It was very bothersome to some people. We couldn't open the Community Center because there was no power there. Again, I've lived in the center of town for almost 8 years and never lost power for more than 45 minutes I think in the total of 8 years. It's something that we need to talk about in the after action report or we need to have the appropriate people talk about setting up something in Hudson. It's great to send them over to Nashua. We don't have to do anything but it is very inconvenient for a lot of the residents to go over to Nashua. We have a brand new library that is handicapped accessible. People can go in there. Maybe something we have to do is rewire it so that the right things are on. It's something we can talk to the library about.

The other thing when you were talking about Trick or Treat, the Hudson Fire Department Relief Association was giving out glow necklaces throughout the town. I ran into them in a couple of locations. I wasn't out Trick or Treating just in case you guys were all wondering. I went out with my son for an hour or so. I know you guys were all thinking it. I did see the firemen with the glow necklaces in a couple different locations. I thought that was very nice. You could see the kids walking up and down the streets that had come in contact with him. Again, I think that is very nice of the Fire Department to do that.

With that, Chairman Jasper thought Selectman Nadeau made an excellent point. Not only do we have the library which we should have a plan for, we also have this building which is on generator. There's one shower in the building

but there are places for people to come and warm. We also have the Ann Seabury Community Development Room at the Police Station. That's on generator. Another e-mail that was just sent to me was as we're planning for the senior center and cable TV, we should probably plan for a generator for that building. So that will be another one. That should be something that we should have a contingency plan to make sure that we have personnel available to open up all those places to allow that to happen if we get into another situation. So that should be part of the after action plan. I think your idea of an insert at some point is probably appropriate and have the three locations that we do control listed.

That's what Selectman Maddox was going to say. Mr. Chairman as much as the library is nice, we don't control that. I think that would be a logistical issue whereas the Community Center we control. I know that the Police Chief several years ago got a price to have a generator hook up so that we could get a good size portable generator to be able to hook into their power. That's has bathrooms. I think there's showers also in there. No. Okay. That's a good size building. Putting them in the Ann Seabury room...Chairman Jasper indicated that if you're just looking for a place for people to warm and the library I'm sure would be more than willing to cooperate with us in coming up with a plan for opening that. That's one of the reasons the generator is there. Not the only reason but we just need to coordinate. I don't think there will be any issue with them doing that. Certainly if they have power, it's a great place to sit and read a book if there's nothing else to do.

Selectman Nadeau said one of the other things, we didn't have power in certain sections of towns at certain times. The businesses that have the scrolling signs, it would be nice to put Trick or Treating delayed or cancelled. When they're not open, that could be something that could be up on these signs at a reasonable hour. Haffners is open 24 hours and their sign is on 24 hours but Country Brook Farms, Dairy Queen, and there's a couple other ones that are coming in for these electronic signs. I think this is something that we need to look at in our town ordinance that we allow these signs to be on during an emergency situation like this if the place has power. Certain sections of the south end were up before the north end. If somebody is driving by and sees the sign on 102 and says Trick or Treat is cancelled or postponed - hey the Community Center is open. I can go there and warm up or a phone number to call over there and talk to somebody that could give them some help. I think that's something that we need to look at when we're redoing the sign ordinance that we allow this to be in there. At least try to be proactive and letting them use them for that type of community announcement. These things are becoming more and more. Like you said with this global warming, we're getting more and more of these different incidents. We had the hurricane this summer and we had this just now. Who knows what the winter is going to bring us. Using these signs might be a good thing. That's it.

11. NONPUBLIC SESSION

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

Chairman Jasper stated that Nonpublic Session is being entered into at 8:12 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 8:49 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to hire Joshua Keller and Zachary Keller as Alvirne High School Student Maintenance Assistants with the Hudson Police Department at a rate of \$10.00 per hour for 15 hours total per week, carried 3-1. Selectman Maddox in opposition.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jasper declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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