

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the September 27, 2011 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Jasper the meeting of September 27, 2011 at 7:03 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Firefighter Tom Sullivan.
3. ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Roger Coutu

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Jason Lavoie, Police Chief; Animal Control Officer Jana McMillan; Fire Chief Murray; Deputy Chief Rob Buxton; Len Lathrop

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Jasper asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board on any issue at this time. There were none.

5. NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

- a) Recognition of Firefighter/Paramedic Tom Sullivan - 20 years of service

Chairman Jasper called Tom Sullivan and his family forward. Firefighter Tom Sullivan was hired as a Call Firefighter on October 3, 1989 and subsequently hired full time on October 2, 1991. During his 20 plus years of service to the Town of Hudson, Firefighter Sullivan has obtained certification as an EMT Paramedic, Level 3 Firefighter, Fire Officer 1 and 2, Hazmat Operations Technician, and Fire Instructor. Firefighter Sullivan has also received training in Incident Command in the National Incident Management System.

Tom lives in Hudson with his wife Giovanni and his son Caleb with who he enjoys spending time on outdoor activities and at his cabin up north.

The Town of Hudson appreciates the service and dedication that Tom has provided the Town over these past 22 years. The Town would like to congratulate Tom on reaching this milestone in his career and wish him the best in the future years. Thank you very much Tom.

- b) Presentation of 9-11 plaque - deferred until October 11, 2011 meeting per Selectman Coutu - deferred until the October 11th meeting per the request of Selectman Coutu.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Jasper asked if any Board member wished to remove any item for separate consideration. Seeing none...

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

- A. Assessing Items - NONE

- B. Water/Sewer Items

- 1) Sewer Abatement, S-UTL-12-03, 4 Sousa Blvd., M/L 140-005-000; S-UTL-12-04, 8 Raymond St., M/L 182-195-000, w/recommendation to approve
- 2) Water Abatement, W-UTL-10-25, 112 Derry Rd., w/recommendation to approve

- C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Request to Solicit Funds by Knights of Columbus
- 2) Request to Solicit Funds by Boy Scouts, Pack 46, Tyngsboro, MA
- 3) Request to Solicit Funds by Boy Scouts, Troop 7, Lowell, MA
- 4) Raffle Permit by Give Strong - Chris Dufour

- 5) Raffle Permit by On Stage Board (Alvirne High School Drama Club)
- 6) Outdoor Gathering Permit - Walmart Parking Lot Hunting Event

D. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the September 6, 2011 Workshop Meeting

E. Calendar

09/28	7:00	Benson Park Cte - Landscape Subcte - BOS Meeting Room
09/28	7:00	Planning Board - Community Development Meeting Room
09/29	3:30	Trustees of the Trust Fund - Community Development Meeting Room
10/04	7:00	Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
10/05	7:00	Planning Board - Paul W. Buxton Mtg Room
10/06	6:30	Recreation Committee - BOS Mtg Room
10/06	7:00	Benson Park Cte - Paul W. Buxton Mtg Room
10/10		TOWN HALL CLOSED - COLUMBUS DAY
10/11	7:00	Board of Selectmen - BOS Mtg Room
10/12	7:00	Benson Park Cte - Landscape Subcte - BOS Mtg Room
10/12	7:00	Planning Board - Paul W. Buxton Mtg Room
10/13	6:00	Sewer Utility Cte - BOS Mtg Room
10/13	7:30	Zoning Board of Adjustment - CANCELLED

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Second Public Hearing - Proposed Changes to Code of the Town of Hudson Chapter 188, "Dogs and Other Animals", and amending Section 188-1, "Dogs to be Controlled by Owners"

Chairman Jasper recognized Chief Lavoie and Animal Control Officer Jana McMillan.

Good evening. Thank you for having us. Chief Lavoie said he'd be short with this because this is the second time I believe it's come before the Board of Selectmen. It's probably the third time that we've talked about it. In short, we were tasked with trying to improve our ordinance in regards to proper leashing of animals as well as some defecation issues that were occurring at Benson Park. We expanded upon that to include all town properties and what we did to research it in order to provide enough information or the Board to help them make a decision as to what exactly they wanted. The cities of Keene, Nashua, and Portsmouth were used as references in order to put together our ordinance as well as various training information that our Animal Control Officer Jana McMillan has been to. The product before you is a result of all that information. Again, it's provided for the Board to help them make a decision as to what they feel is the best ordinance for everyone in the community.

Chairman Jasper assumed that what they're seeing underlined are changes that were made as a result of the first public hearing. Just to explain to the people at home, under 188-1 at-large prohibited under one prohibition added was "private or public to include town owned or school district property" as we discussed at the last meeting. Under "Dog Waste (1) Duty to dispose. We've added "remove any feces left by his/her dog on any sidewalk". That part was there. In the final sentence at the end, "Disposal of such feces shall be in a manner consistent with all applicable laws." On the first page "At-large", "by a leash" was added. We did have some inconsistency in the language and this makes it consistent.

With that unless there are questions from the Board before we start the public hearing.

Chairman Jasper called the public hearing to order at 7:10 p.m. Is there anyone present who would like to speak to the proposed ordinance? If so, come forward, state your name, and address.

Kiarash Taraz, 33 Flying Rock Road. I kind of felt like last time I was a bit all over the place. I wanted to clear up what I said last time. I am against the leash law and am for the dog waste removal with some exceptions. I wanted to clarify that stuff. My reasoning being the intention is to find and discipline the bad apples. I feel that has potential to cause unfair practice under the officer's discretion. So my proposal is basically to remove 188-1 entirely. The current law that we have seems competent. It says, "all dogs must be kept under direct control of the owner at all times either by the use of a leash, fenced in yard, or other suitable means of restraint intended to keep the dog on the owner's property". It does not address public. One thing I've referred to is actually the New Hampshire State law under RSA 466:30 where they define "at large", which means "off the premise of the owner or keeper not under control of any person by means of personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog". I believe if the owner is responsible enough and the dog is under control by any means, I think that is sufficient.

Mr. Taraz wasn't sure if imposing any restrictions is going to solve any problems, which I'm not in all honesty have been clarified. One thing I wanted to mention is the 6 foot leash. If the dog is under control, the proper leash management is basically just a bit of slack. If you have your hand loose, it should be under a foot. If you think about 6 feet and your arm is about 2 feet, and if the dog is 30 to 40 pounds and if he's not under control and you take another step which is another foot, so now you have about 9 feet. Imposing 6 feet I'm not sure if it will reduce any problems. I think it's basically the responsibility of the owner much like a parent is to a kid. If a kid runs into the street, I think it would be silly to impose a leash law on children. That was my thinking.

[Kiarash Taraz] In regards to dog waste removal, what I was thinking in B. (1) change "immediate removal and dispose" to "reasonably remove or dispose as able". Basically get rid of B. (2) and (3). My objection to B. (2) was basically its fining people for something that has not happened. An example I can give you is let's say someone is out under property and the dog does its business and they want to go check the mail. They walk across the street to the mailbox and at the same time a police officer goes by and that's something that could potentially be fined because they did not have the means to remove the dog waste. That's basically it in summary - just removing 188-1 and then B. (2) and (3).

Mark Nadeau I own some property on Central Street for about the last 40 years as rental property. I just wanted to share with the Board of Selectmen. Over that time, it just seems like the dog complaints are increasing dramatically. More recently, we had an event with a dog problem that we've been working with. I spoke with Steve, the Police Chief, Jana and they've been very supportive trying to resolve it. Without getting into particular details, they informed me that there was an ordinance night of hearings, which I thought it would be good to at least come share my concerns. I read the ordinance.

A couple of the concerns I have is a health hazard with the dog feces, which seems to be a continuous thing. The fees I feel are insignificant - \$25. I realize it's hard to enforce. Speaking with Jana and the Police Chief, they're under staffed. Its cat and mouse. Certainly we're not anti dog but the dogs don't know any better. It's the owners that need to really own up to some of this. It's tough to enforce I understand that.

The other thing is some of the verbiage. The ordinance speaks about how a dog can bark for 30 minutes basically and there's really nothing that will be done. Currently I think the way it is written I could take my dog, bring him along side your property, and let them bark for 25 minutes, leave, come back 15 minutes later and let them bark again for 25 minutes. I understand it's hard to enforce but I think what we need is some type of verbiage in there that allows the Animal Control Officer or the police with their discretion to evaluate some of that. I have a situation right now where as I've said they've been real supportive. It's very hard. The person seems to be walking very brazen and putting their toes on the line. They're not breaking the law, however, I think if there was some verbiage in there where they could use their discretion and get a little more involved I think would be helpful. I don't know if that's something we do off line, or get involved with the Chief and the Animal Control Officer.

Chairman Jasper said it sounds certainly in terms of the barking issue that's not part of what's before us this evening. Certainly that's something that we could look at. If the Chief wants to bring that back for further amendment or any of the other issues that you have tonight where it's specifically dealing with...Mr. Nadeau said the leash, feces, and dog droppings. Mr. Nadeau didn't have a problem with the leash but the feces are a health concern for me. I have a tenant that babysits their granddaughter and the kid is picking it up. I stepped in it when I was cutting the American Legion's lawn the other night. I had to pick it up. It's prevalent throughout the town.

Chairman Jasper said we are dealing with it here. This is new. It's \$25 for a first offense, \$50 for a second offense, and court action for a third. It is progressive and certainly much more severe. Are you generally in support of the direction we're moving in with this? Mr. Nadeau said yes. I just would like to see the fines a little stiffer.

Dave Briand - Belknap Road. Chairman of the Hudson Dog Park Committee. I was asked by the Committee to come forward tonight as the Chairman to show our support for the Police Chief and the Animal Control Officer for the ordinance. Short and sweet.

Chairman Jasper closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to adopt Ordinance 11-05 which would amend Chapter 188 "Dogs and Other Animals", Section 188-1 "Dogs to be Controlled by Owners" and would incorporate any modifications made and incorporated by the Board of Selectmen after the public hearings.

Selectman Luszey fully supports this. Being a dog owner and walking around Benson's and other places and having to see the remains of other dog owners not taking care of their animals, I fully support this. I think it would lead to a much nicer environment overall for the general public to enjoy not only Benson's but all of our parks and sidewalks.

Selectman Maddox thought that they were headed in the right direction but I have a couple of comments. Under "At-large prohibited" (2) d. "In any designated off-leash dog area managed and regulated by the Town of Hudson". I do not believe that we are going to manage any off site. That would be done by the dog park committee people. Do we really want to have that verbiage in there?

Chairman Jasper said that was a good question. I would say your motion would be to amend by striking the words "managed and" in (2) d. Selectman Maddox said that would be his motion to amend.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to adopt Ordinance 11-05 which would amend Chapter 188 "Dogs and Other Animals", Section 188-1 "Dogs to be Controlled by Owners" and would incorporate any modifications made and incorporated by the Board of Selectmen after the public hearings and further to amend Section 188-1 A. (2) d. by striking the words "managed and" in the first sentence, carried 4-0.

Selectman Maddox indicated that yesterday he spent a couple three hours at Benson's and did a survey. I walked around and asked people walking around with a copy of this ordinance. I asked people that had dogs and people that didn't have dogs. They said they really don't see a huge problem. I guess my premise to all this Mr. Chairman is I think that the 6 foot number was a number that I think we should really take a good look at. If you're going to bring your dog down there to run, I understand we want to control the dog but if it's on a leash whether that leash is 6 foot, 9 foot, 12 foot or one of those extended ones. It's on a leash. I think that this 6 foot is too restrictive and we're going to make good people violating our ordinances. I don't think we want to do that. I think the intent was to make sure that the dog was under control and it was being picked up after. I think that the 6 foot is something I think we really ought to hash out a little bit more. I'm just not sure that that's the thing we want to do Sir.

Selectman Luszey asked what would you prefer. Selectman Maddox would just say under control. I would not give a length at this time. If that becomes a problem, then we'll have to deal with it. As long as they're on some sort of chain, rope, strap as defined in "Leash" without the 6 foot length, they're under control but not with a leash length that we'd have to get into measuring and everything else. The intent was to keep the dog under control. Mr. Chairman if there's one of those that are reeling out and somebody got tripped up, the owner is still responsible for that action. I think we were looking to keep the animal under control as much as possible. Again depending upon the size of the dog that 6 foot becomes challenging. The people that I talked to, and I only talked to probably 30 people, they saw that as the area of contention that they said what is the problem. I saw no one without a leash on their dog. They were all different lengths. No one in the time that I was there was without a leash.

Chairman Jasper said Selectman Maddox was lucky then. I'll tell you virtually every single time I've been in there I've had to speak to somebody about their dog needing to be on a leash. Perhaps you were never bitten as a child riding your bicycle, but I was. There are few things more terrifying than having a dog have a hold of your leg as you're riding your bicycle. This park is built for people and children. I am much less concerned about the comfort of the dogs. If the leash is too short, find another place to take care of your dog. I'll also tell you the other thing that I have seen on a very regular basis when I've been in the park is dogs fighting. As they're passing by suddenly you hear the dogs barking, biting and growling. That's also very upsetting to a lot of the people who are around that when it's happening. Where we have defined paths in there, it's not like it's this open expansion of grass. It's an area where most people are walking on the paths and people with dogs. You go by with a dog, you're passing people. I think that 6 feet is very important. Otherwise I think that if the dog has some slack walking next to you, it can lunge pretty quickly. Six feet probably gives you enough room to be able to step back and control and keep it from another person but 10 feet does not.

Selectman Luszey had two points. One is I agree. The 6 foot, I believe, is probably the right length. This is not just about Benson's. It's about all town property, sidewalks and all that. The other point too is that hopefully we'll have a dog park where the dogs will have a space dedicated where they can romp and all that. I think what we're trying to do here, this is probably an acceptable or right based on the information brought forth by the animal officer.

Vote: Motion carried 3-1. Selectman Maddox in opposition. (Ordinance is adopted).

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion relative to Old Home Days

Chairman Jasper recognized Len Lathrop.

Good evening Gentlemen. I'm Len Lathrop from 31 Winslow Farm Road. I'm here tonight on behalf of the Historical Society, its Board of Directors, and all the Society officers. The Society has become aware that Old Home Days needs to be redefined relative to how it is organized. The Society has planned a journey and is looking at our events and its makeup. To begin with, the community is invited to an open meeting at the Hills House on October 20th at

6:30. The hope is that everyone interested can attend and develop a core that will become the Hudson Old Home Days Committee. A self standing, nonprofit committee from a cross section of our community to manage Old Home Days. We are not asking the Selectmen to take over the event but to continue to be our partners as they have in the past and offer some financial support and guidance to this new group. The Clegg family, a long term organizer of Old Home Days and members of historical societies and our communities have agreed to remain as part of this transition to help define the new organization. Other members of the Historical Society, with their arms twisted, have offered to operate the 2012 event to show new members of the committee how things have been done in the past years. Then with the event in 2013 being run by the new committee with the Society and its members standing by to help when if necessary.

Over the past 3 years, the Society has been advised by the Finance Director that there was \$1,600 in the budget that we did not request to be used by the Society. My understanding of that money was it was parade money. I guess it's pretty broadly defined right now. With this Board's approval, we're asking that that money be set aside or in June given to the Society to fund this new group to give it some seed money to start with some advertising and some promotion to establish an Old Home Days Committee that really is town wide. That really can be all of our organization, churches and anybody in the old world. I'm sure Shawn you've been involved with the organization and Old Home Days for when it was the Society's Old Home Days and then it went to Kiwanis and when Kiwanis couldn't handle it, it went back to the Society. Now we're saying it's time to look at the community and as in many of the communities make it a committee unto itself. File for 501C3 and do all the important things that that committee can do.

Just in closing, Mr. Lathrop said Old Home Days has been part of the New Hampshire landscape since 1899. Governor Rawlings proposed it then and it was a time for residents to celebrate their beginning and their future through Old Home days. It's been 100 years. He was a one-term officer. It is time that we ask in Hudson is it all that it can be and can we make it better. I'm here for questions, concerns, observations, and input. We would invite you all to be at the October 20th meeting. It's at the Hills House. We invite all the community to come out. If we get more people than we can handle, we'll move it someplace. I would love to have to call you and say Shawn can we use the Buxton room. That's where we stand at the Society with Old Home Days at this point in time.

Chairman Jasper appreciated Mr. Lathrop being here. I certainly will do whatever I can to facilitate this. I'm glad that you want it to be stand alone. The first thing I heard was that it would be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. That would have lead to some real issues. Any of the income or profit would have belonged to the Town. I think that this is a much better way as far as the \$1,600. Didn't we have money in there for the fireworks as well? Mr. Lathrop said the fireworks we've requested every year. When we stopped the parade because we didn't have enough people to support the parade on top of Old Home Days, we felt that we shouldn't ask for the money any more. Maybe foolish us, but that's the way we did it. It was just brought to our attention that it's still in the budget. We felt that if the Selectmen could find come the end of the year - we're not even going to ask for the money if this doesn't happen. I know that the Kiwanis tried this when they gave it up to the Historical Society. A couple Kiwanis members said to me, "We hope you get people at your meeting. We didn't." So we're going to reach out a little bit harder. During Old Home Days, about 10 people of the community signed up that they'd like to be involved. This is kind of like get everybody together, see who's there, have a couple of meetings, let them make their own Chair - make their own person, and the Society will make sure that 2012 runs as it has run. By 2013, it should be totally into the committee.

Chairman Jasper didn't see any reason why we couldn't transfer that money for other purposes. Of course, we risk getting a lot of thumbs down in the paper. Mr. Lathrop said he won't write any of them I'll tell you.

Selectman Luszey asked if we know if there are any towns or communities within New Hampshire that have their Rec. Department run their Old Home Days type event. Mr. Lathrop didn't know. I have never researched that. When we look at some of the larger fairs in communities, Strafford Fair is run by the Strafford Volunteer Fire Department. A lot of them have an organization. We're down to not that many Old Home Days per name any more. I don't know of any that's run by the town.

As Chairman Jasper said, one of the risks of doing that is there is the potential for a decent amount of profit. The event could be split up so that that could be shared amongst the participating organizations where if the town officially ran it, that takes that away from the organizations and then it would go into the town coffer. If we can possibly keep it hands off except the donation that's been approved for the various purposes, then I think it's much better for the community and our organizations out there.

Selectman Maddox indicated that \$1,600 I think that we should take a look at that. I don't think we want to be giving money for seed money. We paid for the details for the traffic control and those types of things. I think that would be a better use of town funds for that use. Otherwise, we're going to have rightly so everybody else coming and saying or doing something. Chairman Jasper said it's been many years or transferring the \$1,600 to add to the fireworks to offset the fireworks. For the record just so you gentlemen know, Mr. Lathrop said we spend \$6,000 a year for the

fireworks that you see - 14 ½ minutes. Selectman Maddox said we put \$2,500 towards that. Mr. Lathrop said \$2,000. Chairman Jasper said that's something the committee could decide. Mr. Lathrop said we're just looking to give this group a leg up by using that \$1,600. If it pays for detail officers or something like that, we certainly have spent that money for Old Home Days, which occurred in this fiscal year. The Society really wants this to continue. I know that there were rumors out there that this was going to be the last one. We're trying to avoid that scenario. The Society is getting older. Membership is not what it was before. It's very hard. We have a core group of about 8 people that run Old Home Days. You really need 25 to make it really functional and to make it the best that it can be and not just a carnival. I'd like to see the churches and more of the fraternal groups and even the VFW Band and those types of groups coming to play because it would be a real Old Home Days type of deal. We're having groups that are spinning off events on the same weekend that are just down the street or around the corner. That would be nice if they could get back into the organization. It becomes a group/committee unto itself. It's not the Historical's event. It's everybody's event.

Selectman Nadeau asked about the \$1,600 that was left is that for the Memorial Day Parade. Chairman Jasper said no. This was Old Home Days. Mr. Malizia indicated that there's a line item called Patriotic Purposes which we have that pays for the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Lathrop thanked the Board. Chairman Jasper hoped he had good attendance. It is an important event for the community and certainly urges anyone who's able to participate to do so.

B. Public Hearing - acceptance of U.S. Department of Justice- 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant

Chairman Jasper recognized Chief Lavoie.

Thank you for having me back up. Chief Lavoie came before the Board some time ago and we talked about this grant for \$11,625 that had already been designated to the Town of Hudson Police Department to be used to purchase new equipment. Calls that we've had over the years, obviously it would be nice to have this, to have that. However, due to budget constraints we don't have those opportunities to go out and purchase those items. This grant opportunity came along and we thought this would be a perfect opportunity for us to make the purchase of basically some infrared cameras as well as helmet mounts and a buildable storage box for the back of one of our vehicles so that we can use it as a command post during times if we have an event that's going to take some time to resolve. Again, this grant came along and we thought that this would be a good way to spend those monies towards that so that there's no cost to the taxpayer that awarded the grant. The Board had approved us to continue looking into this matter and trying to obtain the monies. We've been awarded the grant and we're asking the Board to close the deal by signing off on or allowing the acceptance of it.

Chairman Jasper opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. and asked if there's anyone here to speak to that? State your name and address for the record please.

Richard Kahn - 147 Robinson Road, Hudson. I object to this on several issue points. Number one, the very point that this is coming from the federal government, which is undoubtedly an unconstitutional function of the federal government. The fact that we even have it is a concern for me. Also related to that is the issue that federal government never gives anything to anybody. They first have to take the money from all of us in taxes and then they always have strings attached. That's my first point that I'm concerned with.

Number two is at the local level. I have some very real concerns that our local law enforcement will use the proper restraint in the use of this equipment and not use it for anything that might violate any civil rights. I'm not just a landscaper in town but I also have an undergraduate degree in computer systems. I have a little bit of an understanding how different things can be used for things other than its stated intended purpose. For example, one of the things I plan to do this winter is to experiment with having a vegetable garden in my house in the basement. See if I can grow vegetables all winter. Not for just for personal interest, I happen to be growing things for a living. Not only do I not want to be raided by law enforcement because they're checking the heat signature of my house, or noticing that Mr. Kahn is using a lot of electricity, or something that might send up a red flag. Maybe he's growing illegal substances in his basement. Not only do I not want to have to face a raid, I don't even want to have to explain what I am doing. Before I would support this, I would need some assurance that under no circumstances would this equipment be used for drug interdiction effort because there's too many ways that it could be mistaken. If it is going to be aimed at somebody's house for the purposes of law enforcement, that it would require the same search warrant as if someone is going to physically come into my house and inspect it. Those are my concerns. Thank you for your time.

Chairman Jasper closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. Chief would you like to address any concerns heard at the public hearing since they were relative to the possible actions of the Police Department?

Chief Lavoie said the intent of this equipment is for when we have occasions where people will flee, we're looking for lost children. We're usually out there pretty quick. The Fire Department already has this capability to take a look at walls, look for heat temperatures, and look for fires that may be smoldering in walls or whatever the case may be. The Fire Department could speak about that. We're looking for heat sources and bodies that have taken off into the woods to help us narrow down the scope as to which direction so we can get a quicker start, capturing criminals, as well as if we're looking for a lost child or something along that line there. That's really the nature of this product.

Thank you Chief. Chief does this particular grant come with any strings attached? Chief Lavoie stated just reporting. The normal strings that come with it. Chairman Jasper said that it is then a one-time reporting as to what you've done with the grant money. Comments from other members of the Board? I just wanted to address a couple of things. Relative to the constitutionality, that's certainly something that's well above our pay grade. If someone would like to challenge the authority of congress, we have a court system for that. I feel personally since the State of New Hampshire has more money taken from it than has given back to it, I have no problem with accepting these types of grants from the feds to try to get much money that was taken through the income tax - the State of New Hampshire as possible. We're certainly not going to be out there snooping on people. That's not something the Town of Hudson does. We have an accredited police department that operates under very strict guidelines as to how they behave. I have no problem in this case that there would be any possibility of any abuse for the use of this equipment by the Hudson Police Department.

Selectman Maddox said that there are 26 items on this sheet. Of course there's going to be (inaudible), it's the federal government. That just comes with it. Most of them are formalities - filling out the right form and all of that. There's nothing in here that I've read. There's nothing in here that would be Hudson specific. This is actually done through Manchester, correct? They're actually streaming this grant. They're doing a lot of this paperwork.

Chief Lavoie stated Manchester is given the bulk of the money. Then they're told you're going to delve it out this way. Hudson is getting theirs - Nashua, Pelham, Windham, Salem are all getting this money. You're the overseers of it. We are all required to report back to the City of Manchester.

Selectman Maddox agreed with the Chairman. We have a nationally accredited police department. This is just a tool to be able to better serve the citizens of Hudson.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to authorize the Hudson Police Department to accept Award #2011-DJ-BX-2871 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant which was awarded through the U.S. Department of Justice and will be administered through the Manchester Police Department. The purpose is for the purchase of a thermal imaging device, 5 helmet mounts, and a secure vehicle storage unit equipped with a trailer hitch, carried 4-0.

C. Request to use Community Center - annual Fright Night event

Chairman Jasper recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Mr. Malizia stated that this is a simple request that C.H.I.P.S is ready to do FRIGHT NIGHT on October 21st at the Community Center. They're asking permission to hold that event. Chief Lavoie indicated to reserve it on Thursday the 20th for setup and Friday night.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to grant C.H.I.P.S.' request to use the Community Center for the annual FRIGHT NIGHT event to be held on Friday, October 21, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. which will include Thursday night for set up time, carried 4-0.

D. Request to use Community Center - District 13 Alkathon Committee

Chairman Jasper recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Mr. Malizia indicated that this is the third year where a request to use the Community Center over the Christmas holiday the 24th and 25th from the District 13 Alkathon Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous to hold a stay sober Christmas festive atmosphere. It has been very successful. They've been very clean and neat. They've left the hall in just as good if not better condition when they started. We had no reported problems and no issues. I would recommend that the Board approve the request. They do pay the fee and they do provide insurance. It's a win/win for us.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to authorize the District 13 Alkathon Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous to use the Hudson Community Center on December 24 and 25, 2011 for a fee of \$400.00.

Selectman Maddox had a chance this past year to swing by. I was impressed with the program and the amount of people that were there. Obviously it's a good program to have for those people that need some place to go in a setting that they can be comfortable in. Steve is right. This is one of those win/wins.

Selectman Nadeau would like to share with the Board that this is my third year of swinging by there at all hours of the night when I was out doing something else. Again, I'd like to say that they were very thoughtful. People did go outside to smoke cigarettes but they closed the doors and none of the neighbors complained that there was loud noise or anything from there. They're a very, very good group of people. They did a very nice job of decorating the hall. You would have walked in and you wouldn't have thought it was the community center at all. I'm glad that they're doing it here in Hudson when they lost their place in Nashua.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

E. Water Connection Fees

Chairman Jasper recognized Selectman Maddox.

Selectman Maddox indicated that because it was simply a function of as the price of copper and brass go up, the cost to the Town of Hudson from Pennichuck has gone up. All this is doing is covering the increases that we have seen over the last year. It's going from \$350 to \$400. It's basically going up \$50 on all the meter sizes.

Mr. Malizia indicated that the last time this water fee was amended was back in 2002. I see prices have gone up for both labor and as Selectman Maddox said material, copper in particular. What we're just trying to do is make sure the account covers the cost for a new meter or a new water utility installation. So new customers pay this. What we're looking to do is if you approve this, we'll schedule it for a public hearing. We'd have one public hearing at a subsequent meeting. So we just want to get your blessing to go forward with that. This has also received the endorsement of the Water Utility Committee. They've looked at it. We're looking to move it forward to a public hearing for the fee increase.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to forward the recommended increases in Town Code 205-15 (D3) Residential Water Connection Fees and (E3) Nonresidential Water Connection Fees to a public hearing on October 11, 2011, carried 4-0.

F. Benson Park - Gorilla Cage Mural

Chairman Jasper didn't know how much any of you know about what's happened there. There was a comedy of errors but it hasn't been very funny as far as I'm concerned. I have tried to get to the bottom of it. There doesn't seem to be any clear telling of how an individual came to believe that he had permission to draw a mural in the gorilla cage. He proceeded to start drawing a mural of gorillas and wildlife scenes in the back side of the cage. Once I realized what was going on, I spoke to the gentleman and told him that he needed to cease and desist until such time as he had permission. He did believe he had permission, however, I'm not clear as to whom because the people that he believe he had gotten permission from had no authority to give him permission and tell me that they did not tell him to proceed. It's about as clear as mud.

It was something that had been talked about by the Benson Committee at one time of going and seeing if Alvirne through the art class was interested in having a contest whereby the Board of Selectmen would be the final judge of what mural would be chosen. They didn't have any interest in that so it went no further. This idea that there was an approval for a mural was out there. That was sort of the genesis of it. My hope was to deal with it 2 weeks ago but given the events of 2 weeks ago, I was not able to focus my thoughts very well to talk about this. Here we are relative to what the Board would like to do.

Going forward and if we do authorize its completion, Chairman Jasper has a couple of concerns and I'll just be up front about them. One is that if the mural is there and it becomes vandalized, the artist would need to come back and make repairs to it within a set period of time weather permitting or it would be painted over. If that happened several times, we would need to paint it over and be done with it. My other concern, which may or may not have any validity to it at all, is that once this is done other people may say that this is a great idea and start doing murals on that building. If that were to happen, we would paint over it. My personal preference would have been that none of this had started. I think that over the years it is likely that there may well be some vandalism to the mural and a clean wall in this particular case is better.

The artist did start a petition on line to save the mural. Interestingly enough, and it was through Facebook, the petition went to Steve and all the State Reps. It didn't go to the Board. There was something like 87 signatures on it. To the best of my recollection, and I went through and deleted everything from out of state and out of town, there were

only 11 from Hudson out of the 80 some odd that signed the petition. I'll leave it to the Board as to whether you want to have the artist proceed with this. He has it pretty well sketched in. I think he still has the coloring to do. He was essentially sketching it. I don't know if any of you have seen it or not. It's up to the Board as to what you would like to do.

Selectman Luszey thought they ought to give it a shot. I think having a couple of murals and I think after this one we see how it goes, there could be a possibility we have some of the other buildings dressed up a little bit. The condition of the park now I think will hopefully draw less vandalism than it would have a couple of years ago. I'm cautiously optimistic that something like this wouldn't be vandalized and it would add to the viewing pleasure I guess of people strolling down through that area. I would be in favor of letting this one be completed and we step back and see how it goes for a year or so to see what happens.

Because obviously he still has a lot of time to go, Chairman Jasper said he has a lot of effort left to put into this? I would like if he decides to do that to put on those restrictions so he understands clearly that he has to be responsible. We're not going to pay somebody to come in and fix the mural should there be vandalism. I agree with you. It's been remarkable how well people have behaved in there relative to that. It probably won't be a problem but I want him to go in there with his eyes wide open. If you'd like, I would offer a motion.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to allow the artist Michael Campofredano to complete the mural in the gorilla cage with the understanding that if there is graffiti or damage to the mural that he will be responsible for repairing it in a timely manner, weather permitting, and that if there is multiple times that this mural is vandalized, the Board may at its discretion order it to be painted over. If it is found that this leads to other graffiti or unauthorized murals, the mural may at the Board's discretion be painted over.

Selectman Nadeau indicated that he goes to the park quite often. People have been commenting on how this is looking and everybody seems to be talking very favorable of it. Again like Selectman Luszey said, there's a lot of people in the park at this time and there's a lot of people walking around there. I think as far soon as the cool weather comes we should probably chain and close the gorilla cage. We can open it up again in the spring when there's more people walking around the park. I think the chance when this is going to get vandalized will be in the winter.

The other thing, Selectman Nadeau said the Friends of Bensons or the artists might want to look into is they have a sealer that can go over these. If they do get graffiti on them, it washes right off with soap and water. It's a very, very expensive sealer that they use on some of these murals. If this mural is as attractive now when it is colored in, I think it would be worth investing and sealing it up and making sure that the vandals don't destroy it. As soon as the cold weather comes, the snow, and when the park stops being used as much as it is now even though when the snow is there are a lot of people in the park snowshoeing. I think that's when the vandalism is more apt to occur. I think it would be a good time to chain the gorilla cage closed. As much as all the kids like to go play in it when they do go to the park, I think to secure the mural for the winter would be an advisable thing.

The concern Selectman Luszey had is if we go forward with this, there needs to be a time frame for completion. It can't be an ongoing project. Given where we are in the season, I'm not sure how much more the artist thinks they have for a need for time. Do we put a time frame as to when this needs to be completed?

Chairman Jasper thought without talking with him, I would probably be unfair to do that.

My name is Ken Matthews. I live at 12 Lindsay Drive, Hudson. I'm the reason the mural is there. I talked to the artist and he started before I had gotten clearance. I'll tell you for a fact I didn't expect him to start so quickly. I asked him to think about it. His thinking about it was 2 days. I figured it might take him a week or two weeks at least. He tells me that he had been wanting to do this for quite a long time. As for Mr. Nadeau's concern about having a sealer put on it, we already discussed that. There would be a sealant put on and it would be life like. One of the problems is the weather. If it gets too cold, it's hard to do a painting on a wall like that. That's one of the reasons I guess he started so quickly. He wanted to get it done. I was willing to pay for the mural out of my pocket. I thought it would add to the park so much. My only concern was that it came up so quickly I did not have time to take it to the Benson Park Committee or to the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Maddox said that raises a couple of questions. Has this been before the Benson's Committee?

Chairman Jasper indicated that because the Benson Committee is not meeting until Thursday night and I had intended to bring this up two weeks ago, I said to the Benson Park Committee because the artist was in the middle of doing it, I said it would be more expedient to bring it here, which it still will be rather than bring it to the Benson Park Committee and then bring it back to the Board of Selectmen. I don't think there's a problem with the Benson Park Committee saying yes its okay. If you want to approve this subject to the approval of the Benson Park Committee, that's okay. I don't want to delay it any further. It's unfortunate it was delayed the two weeks that it was.

Selectman Maddox's concern is maybe the same as you have Mr. Chairman. Somebody needs to be in charge out there. It seems like with the best of intentions, the Friends of Benson's said go do this and didn't have the approvals to do it. Mr. Matthews indicated he did NOT say go do this. Selectman Maddox stated he went and it. He must have gotten that from somewhere.

Chairman Jasper has had a conversation with Mr. Matthews and made it clear to him that in the future anybody says anything like that to him, you need to tell them that they need to go talk to Harry Schibanoff or whoever the Chairman is. I don't have anything to do that with. This is the person and not say think about and not say anything. Go talk to the Chairman.

That's all Selectman Maddox was trying to get to. We spend an inordinate amount of time on Benson's and here we are again. There needs to be a clear chain of command. It seems like it keeps on getting diverted. With that said Mr. Chairman, I cannot support the motion as you read it because it makes this gentleman responsible. I think the gift is coming from the Friends of Benson's. I don't think we can hold this gentleman responsible for any damage.

Chairman Jasper said the Friends of Benson's didn't vote on it either. Ken said he would pay for it from his own pocket. It has nothing to do with the Friends of Benson's. This gentleman wanted to do it. I don't want to obligate the taxpayers to this. If we had gone about this right way, we would have had discussions about that up front before dime one was spent as to what the responsibilities were. If that had come that way, my vote tonight would be no particularly because how do you hold somebody responsible. Then you have something there. My only thing is to say you will be responsible or it will be painted over. That's the only issue here.

As far as the idea of chaining the gorilla cage closed, Chairman Jasper was opposed to that. That's a really fun place for the kids no matter what time of year it is. Again, my vote would have been if we have to chain the cage closed to protect the mural, then it wasn't the right place for the mural. The kids love going in there and climbing, having their picture taken, and I don't care if that's November, December or wherever. By doing that, we're putting a wrong perspective on things. That wasn't what the park was about to make it into a museum for murals. I don't like that idea. I think we already unfortunately had to close the two individual cages off because of activities that were going on there. That had to be done. I'd hate to have to close off the whole cage just because of the mural. It's a really fun thing for people to visit there.

Selectman Maddox asked to have the motion read back.

Chairman Jasper said the motion in a nutshell was that we allow it proceed with the artist to understand that if there is vandalism to it, he will need to repair that. If that is not done in a timely fashion to be determined by the Board, the mural would be painted over. If it happens multiple times, the Board at its discretion may say that the mural will be painted over. If the Board finds that this has become - and I don't want to call it an attractive nuisance because it's certainly not a nuisance, if it leads to somebody starts drawing on other walls - we've had no vandalism in there. We've had no drawings in there. If suddenly this is there and now we start to have drawings all over the wall, the Board can say we have to paint it over. This is not something we can deal with a constant maintenance issue of this. That's in a nutshell the motion.

Selectman Maddox thought the first time he thought Chairman Jasper said something about he'd be responsible. He would be notified that it will be painted over if he doesn't repair it.

Chairman Jasper said that he didn't have to paint it over. The only thing he would have to do because he's the artist is if there are repairs. Painting over that would be ours. That's the motion and it's certainly open to amendments. That's the motion on the floor.

Ms. Graham asked who was responsible for paying for the sealant. Chairman Jasper said the artist is responsible for the completion of it to whatever degree. Mr. Matthews said he was responsible.

Again, Selectman Maddox said it has no beginning and has no end here. Chairman Jasper said, again, the cart when before the horse. That's the huge problem here. It never should have happened this way. It's not the gentleman's fault. It was a misunderstanding between Mr. Matthews and him. It was very unfortunate and that's why I've said I've spoken with Mr. Matthews. He needs to make it clear that if anybody says anything to him about doing anything in the park, he needs to say I can't tell you anything about it. You need to go talk to the Benson's Committee. I think we have that clear understanding don't we. Mr. Matthews said it's a very clear understanding. I have no problem with it.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Jasper assumed that Mr. Matthews will be notifying the artist since I don't have his contact information. If he wants the specifics of the motion, he can contact Donna to get the specifics if you're not clear on them. Mr. Matthews said he was fairly clear on them. I will tell you this, if you come to the conclusion that you needed painted over, I will paint it over. Thank you.

G. Discussion relative to State Liaison Assignment

Chairman Jasper deferred this item to the next meeting.

H. Update on Senior Center

Without objection, Chairman Jasper wanted to bring up the issue - I forgot to put it on the agenda - of the senior center and where we stand with the State. I'll give you an update to what's going on there. As you probably know, it successfully went through the Long-Range Planning and Utilization Committee. It was on the agenda for the Governor's Council and then the snafu arose. I'll take the hit for it but as it turns out, nobody really seemed to understand that this would have been a problem including our Executive Councilor. We had the proposal that instead of paying cash we pay in-kind. Everybody was good with that concept but what was discovered in looking at that is that's not something the Govern and Council had ever done before. They assumed they could. They could not. Even the Long Range Planning Committee Chairman didn't understand that that was an issue when I spoke to him. He didn't see any reason why they couldn't.

What is going on now is DOT is in the process of writing up an agreement. What they're countering with is that the \$75,000 would not necessarily be just for the mitigation of the landfill. There may be a culvert on a State road or some work on a State road that they may want us to do. The proposal is going to come back that we would for any project within the Town of Hudson we would provide in-kind labor to the tune of \$75,000 over a period of years. I think they're going to put an end date in that. I have not seen the proposal. Again, we're in the waiting mode from DOT. I know from the Governor's legal counsel, he was going to try to get that back ASAP. Obviously DOT has been very tied up legitimately so now with what's been going on. It is amazing to note how quickly they got the Kancamagus Highway reopened and how long it takes us to get some things done down here. They deserve a lot of credit for the work that they've done up north in restoring the damage to the roads up there. I have no doubt that that work has somewhat interfered with making this happen quite as fast. I'm still hoping to get it all tied up in October. Unfortunately that's what happened. That's where we are at.

Chairman Jasper asked if anyone had any questions. Ted if you think I ought to come to a senior meeting and talk about it, I'd be glad to. Selectman Luszey said that they were not far off. That's about what I told them. I didn't know the specifics of what didn't make it but I figured by the end of October we'd have it back. Chairman Jasper said he would be in touch with the Governor's office this coming week to see where we are at. I wanted to give him a little bit of time.

I. Boiler Estimates - Central Fire Station

Chairman Jasper asked Chief Murray to come forward. We all did get the information via e-mail. Whether you've seen it all or not. You should have a copy of it in front of you.

Chief Murray thanked the Chairman and members of the Board. You may recall two weeks ago Selectman Coutu informed the Board that the two boilers at Central Fire Station had failed and that they needed replacement. In order to do that from an emergency repair standpoint, we had a temporary hot water heater put in at Central Station and went out and sought proposals from 3 vendors. Two vendors submitted a bid - Harry Wells & Son and Ray Prue Heating and Air Conditioning. The third party was Smith Plumbing and Heating. They respectfully declined because of the workload they have. They didn't feel they could service us quicker than we needed to have done.

In your packet I have a letter and a breakdown from Deputy Chief Buxton relative to the process that we followed on that. Subsequent to that, we received two bids. One bid from Harry Wells was for the amount of \$10,726.00. Also recommending a circulating pump for a total cost of \$11,176.00. The second bid was from Ray Prue which came in at \$16,810.00. After we compared the two bids, our recommendation to the Board is that we award replacement of the boiler to Harry Wells and Son. In addition, for a contract price of \$11,726.00 but I would ask the Board's consideration to put the motion not to exceed cost of \$12,000.00 for any contingencies we may run into over there. As you know, that piping and boiler system over there is pretty complicated.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to award the bid for the replacement of the boiler at the Lenny Smith Fire Station to Harry Wells and Sons for a price not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Selectman Maddox asked if the funds were coming out of the fire department budget. Chairman Jasper said yes. Right now we have the Deputy vacancy. Selectman Nadeau said that was his only concern. Chairman Jasper said we have it there even though we have issues relative to the retirement system.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Luszey - Just a follow up a little bit on the seniors. At my last meeting with them last week, they asked about the status, which I was not too far off on giving them where we were. Thanks for the update. They also asked about if there was any way we can collect impact fees like we do for recreation. My answer was I thought we needed to have something in existence before we did that.

Chairman Jasper said impact fees - there's statutory things that you can collect them for. On the recreation side, those have been donations - voluntary contributions. I think probably to try to get to get the Planning Board to - I'm going to leave that to Selectman Maddox.

Selectman Maddox said by the time we did the study because you have to do a study to justify what you don't have, it would be a year and a half before you could start collecting money. I just don't see the expenditures of money on what you're going to get back because we are so far behind in that need that it wouldn't be financially effective.

Selectman Luszey said a statement was made that they took umbrage to the Chairman's comment about "building a box" during one of our meetings. I don't recall you saying that but my statement back to them were that if you made that statement I believe you were referring to the structure of the barn and not a different structure. I'm not sure if you recall making that statement. Chairman Jasper didn't have any recollection of saying anything like that at all. I say a lot of things. I didn't but if I did, it would have been in the context that it's a building. If there was anything like that, I think what I would have been referring to is I said if we're building the cable facility, we'd have to have a cellar, a foundation. That can be charged to cable. You would have to have a roof so that you could pay for the roof. The whole roof structure can be paid for potentially through the cable funds. So that leaves you, and I don't remember saying it, but it would leave you with simply a box in between. If I said it, that would have been the context. We don't need to be the foundation and we don't need to be doing the roof. That can be paid for through the cable fees because you would have to do those things if we were building a cable facility. They're essentially just paying for the floor and the walls.

Selectman Luszey assured the seniors that they'll be working toward our goal that we have this artist rendition of a building but we still need to have the architectural plans. That's really what we're trying to get going as soon as we get the DOT approval and all that. Just wanted to make sure that we were all on the same page.

Chairman Jasper said it was very difficult to say something without getting somewhat upset about how you say it or how I say it.

Selectman Luszey has one other item. That's regarding the Joint Planning Committee. Thumbs down. There was a thumbs down about the Joint Planning Committee. Basically it stated two things. One it's a waste of time and we shouldn't be looking to fix something that's not broken. My comment is that in relationship to wasting everyone's time, I've been very careful not to have meetings when information from all these people requested is not available. Two - having meetings when not all the people that need to be there are going to be there. We kicked this thing off in the late June time frame, which meant I had our first meeting in July. Unfortunately that's a summer vacation month. Quite frankly without the school participation, we don't have a lot of areas that we can look at for potential savings. They did make reference that this Joint Planning group was tried once before. It was about 7 years ago. The Board of Selectmen at that time really didn't pursue it. I was actually a participant at the one and only meeting we had. I have the Hudson/Litchfield News article if the person would like to call me. I'd be more than happy to share with them the outcome of that meeting.

If we're looking to fix something that's broken, we're not. I'm not looking to fix anything. We're looking for improvements on how the town, the school and the library resources can be utilized better to help further reduce the tax impact to our community. If we don't it will be the same old same old, day in and day out. Quite frankly, our federal government is caught up in that quagmire. We keep doing the same thing as we did 30, 40 years ago. If we don't take a look at doing things differently, we'll never do things differently. That's the end of my comments. Thank you.

Chairman Jasper wanted to tag on to that. I agree with you. It's not an issue of fixing something that isn't broken but looking to save the taxpayers' money. That's probably the other thing that we get the most thumbs down. Of course we're always blamed for the school side of the tax increase. We need to look at efficiencies. Too often, and it's all over the country, everybody has their own little empire. We duplicate services all over the place. My understanding in what you're trying to do is figure out how instead of duplicating the services, we can make them more efficient by doing them together as a community instead of a Town of Hudson and a school district. It's unfortunate that people apparently are still very territorial about that. That's why we can't look at that because my ox might get gored.

Selectman Luszey wanted to add a comment. The Town and the School Board are working together. The school is waiting for the Town to finish the fiber optics loop. We had a problem with Public Service of NH this past summer with relocating poles that kind of threw us a curve. I just talked with the Chief tonight and I talked with him last week. He was able to put a little pressure on Public Service of NH. They're actually moving those pole lines this week. Kudos to him. That is an example of where once that project is done, there will be real savings - reoccurring charges for bandwidth from Comcast that will be eliminated from the school budget. Thank you.

Selectman Maddox - To keep on that note, the inspectional services between the fire and Community Development Department is moving forward. There's been a couple of meetings between the various parties and we are going to have for January 1st it all in place. They're going to do some beta testing before then but that is the goal at this point. There have been some Munismart issues that they are trying to work out. So we're going to have to do some talking about that. There may be some expenditures of dollars at some point. At this point, there is nothing that is going to stop it. It's just a matter of a few bumps along the way.

Secondly, combined dispatch. Another thing that was started many times many years ago and I think this time it may actually go. I think that the police and fire are moving forward. They are looking for grant monies to augment what we're going to have to put in for additional radios. There should be another meeting I think in the next week. I just wanted to let everybody know that those are moving forward. They are not forgotten about and they are, again, part of that whole looking for efficiencies, looking for synergies that can make things better for our taxpayers, not having to go to three different places to pull a permit. You'd have one location. Working out how all that will work is again challenging because there are different needs for different customers.

Selectman Maddox had a chance to walk through Benson's. It is just staggering how that park expands as far as different projects within it. Just nice to walk through there. I was walking around doing my dog survey, but again - father and son were fishing at the pond. There were people all over the park in various areas walking around, sitting at the benches in the area that was landscaped by the stream. I'm just amazed at the number of vehicles that are in that park. To that end, I think that at some point we need to take a look at doing something to smooth out some of that and talk about putting some handicapped parking spaces in the lower parking lot for people who just want to go in that far. It's something we need to look at some juncture. That's all I have this evening.

Selectman Nadeau - A couple of things tonight. The first one is, of course, Benson's. The playground area if any of you haven't seen or heard, the Recreation Committee members and the members of the place that we bought the playground from, and members of the Highway Department today were assembling the play structure yesterday and today. They're right on schedule or a little ahead of schedule. They're hoping that it will be done and ready to be used for the weekend. There's a chance that it might not be open until Monday of next week. Please abide by the caution tape that's wrapped everything and do not go on the other side of it. It's a safety hazard. There's no wood chips down there now. It's not a safe playground and not all the stuff is installed completely. If you could be mindful of that while you're at the park for the next few days until it is open.

The other thing is people have been asking about the adopt a spots. Kind of like the mural. The person that you need to talk to is Natalie Undercofler and Crista from the Benson's Committee. They will help get you into a spot. If you'd like to adopt a spot, there are still spots available. People have asked why is the park getting all these flowers and where are they coming from? It's from people doing the adopt a spots. You look at the big one, Serenity area that was done by George Boyer, he adopted that spot. Everything was paid for by him or through donations for that area. If people are interested, there are still spots available.

The other thing is when you come down the driveway to go into the parking lot, on the right hand side you'll notice that there's a spot that's been cleared out. There's a big sign saying "future home of the Hudson Dog Park". The still need volunteers and they still need people to help them with that. If you're interested, you can get a hold of Dave on the Dog Park Committee and he will be glad to give you some ways to help him out to get the dog park open.

Another item is the blood drive that the Police Department just did. It was another successful blood drive. I do not have the numbers on the blood drive, but I'm sure that it will be in the paper with the press release. Selectman Maddox said 237. Chairman Jasper said they fell short of the goal, but it was still a good turnout. Selectman Nadeau thought their goal was 250 and they had 237 for usable pints. Again, thank you for all the business and for all the community support for the blood drive put on by the Police Department. That's all I have this evening.

Selectman Luszey had one item from real old, old business. I got a note from the IT Director today about the GIS. We had talked some time ago about making the GIS available to folks in the living room. We came back and said the cost of that was way out of whack. I believe recently a second kiosk which I was fine with but she also said you mentioned getting GIS again available out to the public. I wanted to make sure we're a no on that. Selectman Maddox said because of the cost, we're going to try to provide it to the land use board members at a kiosk in the Buxton room. It would be just for their use before or after meetings to see how much it's getting used before we go and expend any monies beyond that.

Selectman Jasper - I have a couple of quick things. The first is that we don't have anything scheduled for the October 4th workshop. Given that we will get quite busy into budgets unless somebody has something pressing, would you like to cancel that and we'll be in the budgets before we know it. Is that fine unless there's something that comes up.

The other thing is just a follow up relative to the Paul Buxton Community Development Meeting Room. I have been in communication with a couple members of the family trying to get them to see what meeting night would be most convenient for them. Right now, I'm thinking that probably by the time we get all the information together, and I've been working with Donna to do that for the plaque, that probably the first meeting in November might be the one that works best. Deputy Buxton is checking with his family if that would work for everyone. It's quite a large family actually. If everybody shows up, they'll fill up the room pretty quickly. That's where we are at on that one. That's all I have this evening.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Jasper indicated that following a 5 minute recess, we will enter nonpublic session.

Motion by Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph, carried by roll call.

Nonpublic Session is being entered at 8:40 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.

Chairman Jasper opened the public session at 8:47 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jasper declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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