

HUDSON, NH, BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the September 6, 2011 Workshop Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Jasper the meeting of September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Bernie Manor.
3. ATTENDANCE – Shawn Jasper, Roger Coutu, Rick Maddox, Ben Nadeau, and Ted Luszey

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Mark Pearson, Assistant Town Administrator; Gary Webster, Town Engineer

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Train Station

Chairman Jasper asked that Gary Webster, Bernie Manor, and Jonathan Holly would come forward for discussion. I have a maya copa to the Board. I think we may have acted on my recommendation perhaps a little bit hastily at the last meeting, although the meeting with the State of New Hampshire seemed to lead in one clear direction. We had a meeting last Friday with Mr. Holly, Mr. Manor, and the Town Engineer which lead me to believe that perhaps things weren't quite as clear cut as they first appeared. I wanted to have a discussion with the Board and Mr. Holly who is from Warren Street, the architect firm that we had hired to move the train station forward.

It seems fairly clear and even from the meeting that we had with DOT, the DOT really wants a very complete package before they'll release money for the grant. That would lead us to probably \$110,000 worth of engineering before we got anything done. Before I go any further, I'll turn to Mr. Jonathan Halle to give us an update.

Jonathan Halle said he'd give the Board a very brief history. I was hired in October of last year. It took 3 months to negotiate a scope of work both with the Town and with the State. I was hired for roughly \$25,000, which was later increased to about \$33,000 for the phase I they call the "feasibility or engineering study". That's how the State does it. They do a study portion first. We did test pits in the line where all the utilities were going to go. We had to hire an archeologist to dig on a 20 foot grid. We found nothing. They later told us it was an absolute waste of his time. We did civil engineering. We started that package. We did a number of concepts that showed different locations of where the train station would be located. I think we're at the point of having consensus where it should go. We did existing drawings on the shell of the building as it sits. There are a couple of other little miscellaneous things.

My contract was signed for phase I in January. Our scope of work was delivered in March. Done. From March until this day today, I don't have a contract with the Town of Hudson or the DOT. They have asked us for several proposals, which I have given them. They range anywhere from \$15,000 to \$110,000. Their scope of work, in my opinion where we are and where we have been, is this Mexican standoff. The initial grant that you all applied for is roughly \$282,000. That's with your match. When I first interviewed for the job what Bernie lead me to believe and Gary lead me to believe is that this was going to be a common sense kind of approach. We were going to relocate the building onto a foundation; we're going to put a roof on it, and basically moth ball it with the money that we've had. We've gone back and reassessed the preservationist estimate that was done back 10 years ago. Our estimate for the same scope of work is a little shy of half of a million dollars plus \$110,000 in engineering. That's a \$600,000 bill. Beyond what you've already committed and matched, the State is looking for you to additionally match what it's going to cost down the road. That's been the standoff.

Mr. Halle said he's been put sort of the middle here that what we want to do is common sense. Move it, place it on a foundation, and put a new roof on it and call it a day with the money that we have. The State wants us to do full civil engineering. They want us to design the full build out for what the potential use is. They want us to hire an historic archeologist to go in and steam off the wallpaper on the inside of the building so that we can see what was there and replace in kind. That's the level of the preservation that they want to have take place. That's been going on now for 9 months. Gary has been reluctant to sign an agreement for \$110,000 of engineering. He's asked me to come back a second time with a more reasonable common sense approach, move the foundation, put it on the foundation, and put a new roof on it. The State is unwilling to sign that. So we're caught in the middle on what to do. When Gary called me on a Friday, you were meeting on that Tuesday and I could not attend.

[Jonathan Halle] If you move forward with letting me go, you're going to find down the road that I'm not the problem here. The problem is they want you to spend more money than you have. Gary has been reluctant to commit to that. I don't know where to go. So everything that they've asked for is in the next phase of work and they haven't signed the amendment to the first contract, which has been sitting on their desk since April. That's it in a nutshell.

Chairman Jasper asked if anyone had any questions before I make additional comments. That seems to be the problem. As we were discussing last Friday, we have a building that is deteriorating rather rapidly. The roofing is off again in a couple of places and it just continues to get worse. It's also preventing us really from moving forward with making the entrance to that park presentable. If you just drive by Benson Park on Kimball Hill Road, you'd think what are these people doing. That looks awful in there. We need to get that impediment out of the way and start to make the park look more presentable from the road. Everybody who has taken the time to go into the parking lot and actually go into the park realizes what a gem we have there. It's not readily obvious.

It seems to us because we have agreement on the site, as you may recall we went back and forth for quite a period of time for no particular good reason. The State didn't really like where we wanted to locate the building so we compromised and said okay we'll put it at a different angle where you want it and put in the walkout basement differently than what we were going to do. Fine. It seems like since we have agreement on that, the common sense approach here is we have \$68,000 of our match money. The building can be roofed and placed. The only issue is that there will be some slight movement to the chimney as that has moved and the chimney is probably going to have to be rebuilt. That's not a big deal to just take off a couple of layers of shingles around the chimney when that happens. So we can do this in 3 phases. One is to reroof it and get that done as soon as possible. Then to put the foundation in before winter, put it on the foundation so we would actually would have 3 separate contracts. No general contractor. Roofing contract, foundation and a moving contract. We believe we can accomplish that with the funds that we have available and then we argue with the State moving forward about what else we need to do.

To be up front is there a possibility that the State won't play ball down the road and we move the grant, yes there is. However at that point, we fall back to the situation we do with the Haselton Barn and the office building – our obligation is to maintain them in no worse condition than we found them. Anything we do, we do to the department of interior standards. We're always free to apply for more grants in the future. It seems like by the time we get done here, we're going to have a building that's not worth anything if we don't do something quickly. That's my recommendation and that's the recommendation of the 3 gentlemen sitting in front of you. There will be some additional engineering. Chairman Jasper asked Mr. Halle if he had worked up an estimate since we met on Friday. Mr. Halle said they can probably accomplish this with something less than \$10,000. Chairman Jasper said that would be the deal in the park to do the final design on the foundation.

Mr. Chairman in light of the communication that was presented to us at our meeting with DOT relative to the four things that they want accomplished, it seemed to Selectman Coutu that they were quite adamant that they wanted to see a build out of that building. Is this process going to allow for that to respond to that communication or are we going to try to circumvent that?

Chairman Jasper indicated that it doesn't circumvent it. It allows us to do it. It puts us in a situation where we're in less of a hurry to do that. Once we get the building on the foundation and tightened the roof, it puts us in a better situation to try to negotiate the reality of the financial situation. The Town of Hudson is not going to commit an additional \$300,000 to that train station. So that's the reality of it. Unless somebody wants to say okay lets appropriate \$300,000 to go beyond what we've already got, then I think this puts us in a better situation to continue to seek out grants. We can start to do work on the exterior with volunteers. We can start to do things that would not be a problem but are practical with this building sitting on blocks.

If you recollect a conversation I had with you about a month ago on the phone, Selectman Coutu had said that it would be a hard sell to try to get more money than we have presently. I don't think that we would get the support of this Board to do that. However, I'm having the difficult time in light of the meeting that we had understanding the logistics of just taking the building, putting a new roof on it, then moving it on a foundation. Don't we still need to have DOT approve it in order to be able to even begin the construction of the foundation and move it?

No. Chairman Jasper said all we have to do is we have to have the archeologist on site and we have to have the roofing materials approved by historic resources. DOT is only involved when we're requesting money from the grant. If we use the money to do this that we have set aside for our match, then DOT doesn't have any financial control over it because it's our money. We're doing things that are already approved. The foundation is approved, correct? They've approve the location and there really isn't any dispute over the foundation at this point except they were questioning well do you really need that foundation and do you need the utilities coming in. Well obviously if you don't have utilities coming in, what are you going to do with the building? You can't turn it into a classroom. You have to have heat in there. You have to have water and sewerage to put a classroom in there. To have any use, you have to have a bathroom in the building. There's nothing that is going to be right there. You can't very well say there's a port-a-potty 300 feet down the road and you can go use that.

Selectman Maddox indicated that Chairman Jasper did give us a heads up. Today I've been thinking about it. As much as we all would like to resolve this, are we going to short circuit ourselves in the long run? We're going to have to deal with DOT on Benson's Park forever. Are we better off putting together a plan that somewhat satisfies. We don't spend \$110,000 engineering something we don't know we're going to do. If we plainly put we're not doing anything on the interior until the Benson's train station committee 2050 is organized and do some temporaries that solve and do this somewhat by the rules. All I'm saying Mr. Chairman is we might get the train station moved and in place but everything else we want to do there could be in jeopardy of them even slowing down more because of this. I'm just concerned.

Chairman Jasper said they don't have the ability to slow anything down at Benson Park because we have a specific time line within the deed that if there's anything we do, they have to respond within X amount of days. If you'll recall, that was an issue with the dog park. We finally said okay. You haven't responded. We consider it a condition of the deed. This is a grant. We don't have to go the whole boat tonight. I think the first thing we can clearly do and clearly should do is get going on a roofing contract. We can have more conversations. It may not be a bad idea to set up a meeting with DOT down here this time and go right out to the location with them. I requested the meeting last time to be here. They didn't want to come down. This next time I think they need to come down and go through it.

Really what Chairman Jasper thought we ought to do tonight is first of all, although we don't technically have a contract with you at this time, so the termination of the contract probably really was not anything that was legally binding. If you don't have a contract, it's hard to terminate it. I think we certainly can go forward on going out to get the approval of the roofing material. They had indicated they would approve a 3-tab asphalt shingle earlier. I know Gary has made preliminary contact. Did you hear anything back today to try to get on their next agenda with material of a specific shingle to go up and see? We really need to get a roof on that building before winter. I really would like to us move that. We can have the meetings and see what DOT says. Obviously anything we do tonight is not going to make anything happen because it's all a long process. It may not be a bad idea, however, to get at least the foundation design work under way. That's something that's going to have to be done anyhow. If the Board is amendable to asking

Warren Street for a proposal to finish the design work on the foundation on the location that's been approved, we'd have something else to go to DOT and say if we do this with our money is there a problem?

Selectman Coutu was concerned about the financial aspects of it. Specifically, how much money do we have in reserve that's ours? Chairman Jasper said \$68,000. Selectman Coutu said of that we're going to use approximately \$10,000 for the engineering for the foundation. We have a rough estimate of what it would cost to replace the roof. Is it going to be determined by the shingles? Chairman Jasper said we did have based on the 3-tab shingle, we did have a price. Do you remember what that was? There may be a lot of decking that needs to be replaced on that. That's really unknown. We'd have to do that probably like we did on the other buildings on a per square foot basis for replacement.

Mr. Webster said that we have to document the gutters that are there. That was one of the understandings we had and we had them in April. We'll take pictures and do everything according to oil here to make sure everything is ripe under there what they want from us. We're going to actually bring that shingle up there and say this is the shingle we're going to use. They've always talked about the 3-tab shingle, but we actually have to come up and show them what type of shingle we're going to use. WE have to show it to them physically and hopefully they'll give us the okay and approve it.

Mr. Halle said \$25,000. Selectman Coutu asked if the \$68,000 was the match for the existing grant and what is the total grant. Chairman Jasper said with the match it was \$282,000. Selectman Coutu said we have \$212,000 available in the grant and ours is \$282,000. Chairman Jasper said the \$30,000 that's already been paid of the \$33,000, where's that? Mr. Webster said we've only paid Warren Street \$15,600. That came out of our \$68,000 and we already got reimbursed for it. Every time he gives me a bill, we pay him, and I send it to the State. We get it right back. We only have 75 percent of that \$15,300 back.

Selectman Coutu asked Mr. Halle if we were paid in full with your firm. Mr. Halle said yes. Going down the road, Selectman Coutu said we're going to have to look at this financially in a reasonable manner. However, I agree with you that to do nothing at this point the building is only going to deteriorate and the deed is quite specific in terms of maintaining that building in at least the condition that we acquired it in. To let it go another winter, we had to tarp it last year. If we every had a good gust of wind, that would have been torn off and we'd have been spending hundreds of dollars in tarps and labor to do it. If you have a motion on the roof Sir...

Mr. Halle wanted to point out that you have been paid \$15,000 out of the grant. In some ways we're tied contractually. I don't know. You started to take money for it. I don't know how we back off at this point. Chairman Jasper said if we do the roof there that may be totally reimbursable as well because if we get approval, there's nothing to do that – designing the foundation may be reimbursable. The only thing they may have a problem with at that point would actually be pouring the foundation and moving the building. So if we move forward at this point with going out to bid for the roof and the design of the foundation, we haven't endangered anything and it moves us forward and we can have the meetings. Selectman Coutu wanted to deal with those two.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to authorize the Town Engineer to put together a bid package for the roofing of the train station.

Again Selectman Coutu reiterates we have an obligation to maintain the building in the condition that we found it. To let it go any further obviously will deteriorate even more and we're going to have further problems and we'd be in violation of our agreement with the State on the acquisition of the land. I want to make it very clear to the taxpayers; this is not coming out of the general tax fund. These are monies that we have presently in house that were reserved specifically for train station renovation.

Selectman Maddox indicated that when we got it, it was covered with a blue tarp. I'm more concerned about getting it moved. Are we putting the cart before the horse inputting the whole roof on and not going through the whole...it could take him three months to approve that roof design based on their history. Are we better off getting the foundation designed, the utilities, and all of that and then put it in place before we roof it? My question is Mr. Chairman it had a tarp on it when we got it. Would another year of a tarp do

that much damage that putting a roof on it for \$25,000...first of all, Chairman Jasper said it did not have a tarp on it when we got it. It had rolled roofing paper on it, which we put on at this point 7 or 8 years ago before we took possession of it. When we formally took possession of it, it had a rolled roof on it. We now have no rolled roofing on the peak. We have one edge towards Kimball Hill road which is blown off. There will be more paper. We've already spent probably \$1,000 on putting rolled roofing on there. Frankly, the problem is on some of the edges, there's nothing to attach anything to. It does absolutely no harm to roof that building where it sits except as I said, the issue around the chimney that that will have to be reflashed. That doesn't cause any problems at all. This doesn't endanger anything. It needs to be done and things are just deteriorating. If you look at the edges, it's just a total disaster. That needs to be done. It would be ill advised to go through another winter without roofing that and getting the soffits taken care of.

Selectman Luszey thought this is the right thing to do. It will stop putting the band-aids on it. It will put a permanent fix on it and stop the deterioration of it. Eventually, we will get it down there. I don't believe its wasted money. It's putting this back to where it should be.

Chairman Jasper stated that all we have to do is get the shingles approved by the historic people. Gary is going to get a feel of how they are feeling about the three tabs. We thought they were approved at one time. Then they said they hadn't. The other option is to look at the fake slate that they put on. I don't know what the difference is on that but that maybe three times the cost.

Selectman Luszey wasn't sure if it was another year of a blue tarp if we don't do this. It could be two or three years. That's my concern. Chairman Jasper said it did not have a tarp on it when we got it. That's not really an option.

Mr. Webster said with all the discussions we had with DHR, they're the ones that brought the three tabs because that was on the roof originally was a three tab shingle. That's what they said. Like I said, we just have to bring the type of shingle, the brand and show it to them physically and hopefully give us a letter. They meet at the beginning of the month so I was hoping I'd get an answer today but I didn't. Once I do, we'll go up there. We'll get the shingle – give me the color and I'll show it to you. A lot of folks say they'd approve it because they do a lot of verbal things up there. We talked about putting shingles on that station before as it lay right where it is right now. We talked about that because of the condition it was in.

Vote: Motion carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox in opposition.

In conjunction with this, Selectman Coutu said you and I at the behest of a citizen or someone at the park suggested we look at the A-frame. I was wondering if we can't fold something into this contract to rectify that problem – if you remember the contractor who did the A-frame was the contractor that we removed from the site. Chairman Jasper and I went down and looked at the shingles and they're starting to come off the roof. It's the lower end. It would appear that based on our observation that they just weren't nailed in and they're just sliding out. On one side, the deterioration is a little more because it looks like those shingles on one side may have been destroyed. We're talking very few. On the other side, it looks like they slid down. They just need to be replaced.

Chairman Jasper said two problems. On the east side, it appears that on the lower portion they didn't nail the lower shingles at all. There's two shingles at this point only that have come down. On the west side, it appears that the problem is with a – Selectman Coutu said there is some up on the top too. Chairman Jasper said you saw what appeared to be nails. On the west side the problem is on an architectural shingle, there's actually two pieces and they're tied together. So you need to nail so the nail goes through both pieces. It looks like they nailed above the seam and they have just simply come unglued if you will. The part of the shingle is sliding down along the whole lower part. My plan was since we have a work weekend this Saturday, I'll bring a ladder with me and get up there and actually take a closer look at what's going on.

Selectman Coutu figured if we're going to go out to bid if somebody might just say look I'll fix those. I'll throw it in. We'd like to have somebody look at that. Why don't you give it a close observation? I don't want to have that start falling on us because they've begun to fall and a good wind gust can tear the rest up.

For the purpose of what we're doing there, Chairman Jasper indicated that would sort of have to be an addendum to the contract. We can deal with that.

On the contract with Jonathan, Selectman Coutu wanted to know for the \$10,000 you just estimated you would require if we were to enter into a contract specifically, what are going to provide for that money? Mr. Halle said structural engineering for the foundation, structural for the reroofing of the roof, bid specs on both that so that we can put them under separate contracts – I'm not talking about doing that lump sum. I would work it out with Gary. My contract is for \$33,000 and I've billed \$15,000. I will go the engineers, get those proposals, and pass those along to the Town. Selectman Coutu asked if any of that would include cost estimates on the construction. Mr. Halle said we've done a detailed cost estimate which I can share with you. Selectman Coutu remembered seeing it. So we won't need that.

Motion to authorize Warrenstreet Architects to present a contract for the structural engineering for the roof and foundation.

Selectman Coutu said there are no monies attached to this. It will be a continuation? Chairman Jasper said at this point they would be coming back with a proposal. We would not be approving. Selectman Coutu said this would not cost us anything. He just brings us back a proposal.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to authorize Warrenstreet Architects to present a contract for the structural engineering for the roof and foundation.

Selectman Luszey asked when would we get it back. Mr. Halle said in about 10 days. Chairman Jasper said we'd put it on the last meeting of the month.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Halle said he, Bernie and Gary have gone up and attended 3 meetings with DOT. Quite frankly, I think it would take one or two members of this Board to go up and witness that conversation. It's the definition of insanity. We're going to go up and ask them to do exactly what we've been doing for 9 months. Chairman Jasper stated that this time I want to have the meeting here. I want to physically go in the train station and have them look at this and say this is what we want to do, and here's where we physically want to move it to. We'd only do this if we had an on-site meeting with them.

Selectman Coutu couldn't agree more. We will make ourselves readily available for that meeting. You and I know the players. The best we can do is give it a shot.

At that point, Chairman Jasper we'd lay out to them what our plan is and find out what the consequences are. For no other reason for the Town, we need to know the consequences. If we just say we're going to take the money we have and we're going to build the foundation and we're going to move it. We want to find out what those consequences are. We have an obligation to find that out.

Mr. Halle said if Gary goes ahead and tries to schedule this meeting – I can have a verbal amount to you in a couple of days. It's just getting the proposals from each of the consultants together and packaged for you.

Chairman Jasper said if we could have a rough scope of work with a dollar amount attached to that, we could discuss that at our next meeting. Selectman Maddox said with a not to exceed. Mr. Halle indicated that was what he was proposing – not to exceed \$10,000. Chairman Jasper would like to see something with a scope of work and not the detail but if we get into the contract language that I would sign later. Mr. Halle's only concern is that it's the end of September. Then you tell me to do the work. It's the end of October, you bid it, it's the end of November...Chairman Jasper stated if you get us the information, we can give you an answer next Tuesday. Mr. Halle thought we should move forward with trying to get them

down here. Mr. Webster is trying to get the meeting to approve the shingles anyways. Mr. Jasper should be the one who takes them down and not me.

Chairman Jasper said he will make the calls to try to get them down here. I know they're tied up with all the wash outs out there. The reality is that we need to design the foundation anyhow. That needs to be done; the roof work needs to be done. We can move up to the point without having the meeting of pouring the foundation or digging the hole in the ground. That we can all get done. WE don't delay anything if we do this in the right steps, things will take place. If I call tomorrow and say we need to have a meeting down here and they say we can't do that until the first of October, that's probably not going to present a huge problem if you're working on the design work on the interim. If we approve a contract next Tuesday, how long is it going to take you to get everything ready to go to bid on the foundation? Mr. Halle said two to three weeks. Chairman Jasper indicated we're talking the first of October.

Selectman Luszey said we should be able to get the shingles approved. Chairman Jasper said we're good on all of this up until Thanksgiving before we really have a problem.

Speaking of the turkey, Selectman Maddox said if they don't approve the shingles, how do you know what to bid to go out to bid too. They can say you want 3 tab shingles but until they've approved it, how do you go out to bid not knowing what you're bidding. Chairman Jasper said that's not that difficult because later is the unknown on a bid like this. If we say the shingles to be determined or whatever, that's a price. You can get a quote from Harvey and you know what it's going to cost. That's not a big deal. Mr. Halle indicated it was the easier component to deal with. There are some other issues around the foundation and at what elevation do you establish. It's an endless conversation about how are you going to get handicapped into the building; what level is the platform put at. Those are all things that they want to study to the endth degree before they make a commitment. We are not going to do any civil engineering. We're going to place the building. Civil will happen later. If you have to bring up the site of 18 inches, you deal with it later.

Chairman Jasper said that's the good thing about that. As long as you don't put it in too low, you can raise the surrounding area. We know what the terrain is. We can deal with just a few inches one way or another. I think 18 inches is a real exaggeration of what the differential would be. The building itself the way it was just barely off the ground. If we do it that way, that gives you a very gentle handicapped ramp to get into the building.

Selectman Coutu said was not the office building part of the historical preservation – one of the buildings we must preserve. Chairman Jasper said yes. Selectman Coutu said did we not have a problem with approving shingles for that building. Chairman Jasper said we went with cedar shingles there. That's cedar shingles. That's a different thing. That wasn't part of a grant. That was 100 percent on our nickel. This is 75 percent on their nickel. Selectman Coutu was lead to believe that in conversation relative to shingles for the train station, and I wish I could nail it down but I'd like to say Nancy Mayville, that they have agreed in other areas to allow and alternate shingle and not the real slate. I thought that 3 tab was an acceptable. I don't think that we're going to have the problem – the biggest problem we're going to have is on your end getting them down here. Although again refreshing my mind as to the conversation we had with Nancy Mayville at our last meeting a couple of weeks ago, she felt an obligation that she should come down here. In light of the fact that the Deputy Commissioner may like to be Commissioner, maybe he would want to rub elbows with us.

Mr. Webster indicated that what they mentioned about the 3 tab shingle, that's not a high quality shingle compared to the architectural and so forth because that was on there. They agreed on the 3 tab. We just have to show them what it looks like physically and say that's the one. Pick out a color and say this is the color.

Chairman Jasper thought we should put a 30 year shingle on it. Are we clear on where we're going now and what we're doing? Moving forward and we'll see somebody next week.

B. 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Chairman Jasper recognized Chief Murray.

Chief Murray thanked the Board for accommodating me at the workshop. Due to a deadline extension, I wanted to come before you and ask the Board to support applying for the 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. As the Board is aware, we've been a recipient of 2 grants in the past – generators in the diesel system. This year what I would like to do is apply for approximately \$300,000 but when we went back and looked at the figures, I'm looking at requesting \$250,000. If you recalled conversations we've had with combined dispatch, in the current we're working to get automatic voting receivers. In the future, there's going to be a need to replace our radio towers and build a redundant system with microwaves. This year I would like to apply for that as part of the overall digital interoperability so that down the road by the time the grant goes through, we may be successful in getting a grant and saving some money.

If you recall too, this is a 90/10 grant program. The federal government pays 90 percent and we contribute 10 percent. So our contribution would be \$25,000.

Selectman Luszey asked if there was 10 percent budgeted in this budget cycle anywhere. Fortunately and typically, Chief Murray has found the funding in the past in the communications budget. We keep that in mind when we're going through the budget process if we have a grant that we've applied for.

Considering the conversations that we've had, Selectman Coutu said certainly not on Selectman Maddox's part, as you Selectman Maddox and I were delegated by this Board to work with you and the Police Chief relevant to combining the dispatch. I had raised a point about the total cost of the communication that, if you remember Selectman Maddox, we had a difference of opinion. I think you were correct and I was wrong in that whatever we were talking about in terms of grant would cover everything that was transitional in equipment. You said no it wasn't going to cover it all. In light of this request Chief, would all of this money be used in essence to defray a majority of the cost of the communications, antennae, networking that will be necessary in order to make the unification of the communications department more financial feasible?

Financially feasible. Chief Murray stated certainly it's going to reduce our costs in the future. We have to be very careful when we apply for grants too. There's a term called "supplanting". So if you recall, we have a fire alarm piece we have to worry about. This grant wouldn't cover that.

Selectman Coutu wasn't concerned about supplanting here because we have nothing in the budget presently to accomplish this. The term "supplanting" is used by federal definition is if you budgeted something and then you apply for a grant and you're going to pocket that money for something else, that's supplanting. It has to do with a budgeted item. We don't have this budgeted. I'm not concerned about the government finding fault with us supplanting the money. Do you agree with me the definition the term? It's replacing a budgeted item. It's like having 10 police and they'll say we'll give you 2 more. So we hire 2 more but we don't fill 2 of our positions in the process. It's in addition to. This is not in addition to anything that we've budgeted.

In that context and if you're looking towards the overall large goal of combining the two departments, Chief Murray said the funding we're looking for in the future would help and do the majority of the costs. That's what Selectman Coutu was looking for whether it was going to cover a considerable amount of the costs. If you remember the different phases we talked about, Chief Murray said this is one of the outer phases.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to authorize the Fire Chief to apply for the 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Office of Domestic Preparedness for the purpose of obtaining funding for the improvement of the digital radio system and equipment related to a combined dispatch center.

Selectman Luszey said every budget cycle when we go through it, having been on the Budget Committee for a number of years, we go through the school budgets and they're always asking for radios. Is there any opportunity to include them in future upgrades like this so that we can reduce the overall taxpayers' expense for communication equipment?

Chief Murray indicated they did. Back when we first got the mobile and the portable radios, we gave the school district our portable radios. We have worked with them in the past few years to purchase them additional radios. Again, too, that's part of our subgroup too is continuing as they move along upgrade their radios to digital so that...Selectman Luszey said you see this as an enhancement to be able to help them move toward that then. Chief Murray thought this would.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

C. Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Parameters

Chairman Jasper said where we had left it, we had asked our departments to come in separate of the budget with a proposed 10 percent reduction for the larger departments and personnel. That should be coming to us at some point. Now as we move forward for the 2013 budget, we need to give them direction.

Selectman Maddox said it was already September, scary as that may be. I'm hoping we're not going to be doing that 10 percent discussion during the budget cycle. So we need to get hopping on that. That's going to set the tone for...Mr. Malizia didn't think they had a specific date meeting but you could certainly do it at the October workshop.

Selectman Maddox asked if they could do police, fire, highway, community development at 10 percent all in one night. Mr. Malizia said you've hit the big 3 which is police, fire and highway. Selectman Maddox and Selectman Luszey though he said all.

Chairman Jasper wasn't sure that we need to have a big discussion. It was a proposal. They were supposed to simply provide us with that information. I don't know that we need to go beyond that but we need to get that information in and perhaps by the first of October is the appropriate time. I thought we had said the first of September but I don't really don't remember.

Selectman Maddox thought they were going to do it at the workshops. Selectman Luszey thought they'd want it probably the end of this month because if we were to take action on it and we started talking about that action, October doesn't give the department heads a whole lot of time to rework stuff. To me, it has to be a two-way dialog.

Since it was my proposal, Chairman Jasper's intent was that separate of the budget document, they would give us based on the 2012 budget, the budget we're in, if they had to give us a 10 percent reduction, what positions would they eliminate for the larger departments. The others just a 10 percent reduction. Then they come in with their 2013 budget. If we say we have to make some other reductions, we now have those ranges that go from zero to 10 percent of where we can find additional monies. That was the purpose of that. I didn't see it as a discussion item per say. It was a tool for us when we were doing the budget. If we looked at the total numbers looking at health insurance and everything else that happened and went this is not acceptable. We now can go back to those documents and say here's police. If we take out one patrol officer, it gives us X amount of dollars and here's the impact. If we take out one firefighter, here's the impact so that we have options to look at. That was the purpose in my mind. I didn't understand that it was to be a discussion at all. It was simply a proposal from them that if they had to do that, here's what they would do. Here would be the impact. You take out one patrol officer and this is the impact. You cut down response time or whatever. There would be a cause and an effect.

In Selectman Luszey's mind, it goes a little beyond a tool. It is to have those discussions to what will each department's budget look like if we were to do this and then go forward. That wasn't Chairman Jasper's intent because it was based on...Selectman Luszey said that was okay. You made it clear now. I've been thinking about this over the last few months since we said that back in April. Chairman Jasper was sure

that if we get to the point where we feel the need to utilize any of those, we would have a discussion with the department head. It would be written down as to what the impacts were. We get to 2013, we go through the budget and at the end of that cycle we go we can't support this budget, we've got to do these. Now we have options all laid out to us. We could say all right here are the things that we find acceptable. Say we're trying to find a quarter of a million dollars; we can have a discussion and say all right here's our top choices that get to a quarter of a million dollars. Then bring in those department heads who that would affect and say this is what we're going to do would you have any additional comments at this time. I don't want to get into a discussion about all these theoretical cuts. They were never intended to be cuts that were on the table.

Selectman Luszey thought he said it the night when you first brought it up that for me it's asking the department heads to look at the work that's taking place within the town and do we have the right people in the right spots doing that work and adjusting the organizations based on that versus just doing a slice and dice. Otherwise, we're going to keep going down this road status quo and really not take a hard look. Combined dispatch is like baby step towards that where we're looking at how to do work differently that can have some savings to the taxpayers. I think we really need to start having...

Chairman Jasper said a department head could certainly do what you're proposing if they felt I can't simply take out position X but in order to reduce a position, I have to change the responsibilities and redo my whole organization of the department and here's the result. Again, that's part of the decision that they present to us and the decision that we would make. That's why we asked for it. I don't know if anybody has been working on it, but it needs to be done. Mr. Malizia said he had given the direction back in May.

Right now, Chairman Jasper said we need to look at what do we want as a budget parameter. We have been going for a number of years on asking the department heads to come in at zero. At that point, we were excluding insurance and all contractual raises and things like that and their operating budget comes in at zero.

Selectman Coutu thought in the final analysis the approach you recommended is reasonable in that we need to deal with the "what ifs". That's what we never dealt with in the past. We came in with a zero budget and then we found out what the insurance costs were going to be and if it compounded, so be it. We just added it to the budget. The first year I served, we ended up with a default budget because the budget with all the add ons exceeded. The voters went to the default budget. I think that your approach is reasonable in that it's a contingency plan. I think we have to look at it in that respect. These are my needs based on what I have. This is what my budget will be if I have to cut 10 percent. When they come in and explain it, they can give us the however.

In terms of restructuring and reorganizing the uniqueness of municipal government as you're dealing with unions, Selectman Coutu said you can't just shove people around and say we're abolishing this position because we're doing this. There's those complexities. Internally, we can look at the internal structure where you don't have unions and such. We've all individually had some thoughts that we have put on the table. We've talked about where we could save. I know back in April Mr. Chairman you and I have had a couple of discussions of what some of the possibilities might be if we need to make some drastic cuts. We all have a fairly good feel. We know what the mood of the voter is. I think we need to have those what ifs. Obviously any department head who comes in here and says here's a 10 percent cut, I can live with it. I don't expect that. I expect that they're going to come in and they're going to tell us what the adversities are going to be relative to making those cuts. It's important that John Q taxpayer understands that. If we have to take these routes, if the plows get there 2 hours later than usual they have to deal with the realities. Some services are going to have to be cut. We need to still maintain our concern for public safety. You can't get their fast enough when there's a fire, or somebody has a heart attack, or there's a shooting, or someone's life is in danger in our community. So we need to be mindful of those things. Selectman Coutu thought that with what Chairman Jasper has proposed, I think we're going to be better prepared to make the tough decisions if it comes down to that. Thank you.

Chairman Jasper indicated that we now need to say what we are going to tell them to come in with as their...Selectman Coutu said zero.

Selectman Luszey wanted to add to that. Literally zero, including all increases and take that into consideration. Not zero plus increases.

Selectman Coutu said it would be zero except where a union contract exists.

Selectman Luszey said that's what he's saying. I know there are union contracts that exist that says this year and factor that in and say come in at zero.

Selectman Coutu never assume that the voters are going to approve a pay raise. We don't factor that into the budget.

Going forward, Chairman Jasper said the only contract that we have is Highway and that's relatively small. Selectman Luszey said that's in effect. I would be zero with that effect and not zero and then add that effect. Do you know what I'm saying? Chairman Jasper does but...Selectman Coutu asked how many more roads do you not want to have repaved this year.

Ted, here's the issued Chairman Jasper has with that. All the other departments we're going to negotiate contracts. We're going to put those out there for the voters as a separate warrant article. If you tell the Fire Chief and the Police Chief you have to come in at zero and they're ultimately going to be zero plus the contract, you're punishing the Highway Department for having a contract because you're saying its zero including the contract. It's not a level playing field for the departments.

Selectman Luszey said somehow we need to get a handle on that because that is the issue. It's the contracts that keep going forward that goes on top. It's always current plus. In business, that's been gone for years now. They've been saying reduce, reduce, and reduce. People's paychecks have gotten smaller. We need to figure out how to contain the cost of this town. Chairman Jasper asks to let him know how we can outsource our police, fire and highway to China I might agree with you on that.

Selectman Maddox said maybe a compromise. Again I'm confused but that happens. I thought the 10 percent was going to be more of a show to tell people what this was going to have an effect on. Why don't we tell the department head to come in with a 3 percent under today's budget and tell us where we need to put more monies back in and then we make the decision from there. If there is an increase of insurance, benefits, retirement, we'll then be able to factor those in. That partially gets to where you want to be.

Chairman Jasper's issue with that is that we're making this assumption that things are that much worse that we have to decrease the tax rate. Yet the voters keep voting the budget. They approved the warrant articles. So they're saying we're holding the ship steady. They're not saying cut, cut, cut we're not approving anything. That's not happening. We had the defibrillators on there - \$.03 on the tax rate. It was approved. I don't have a problem going forward saying we're going to hold it steady. We're going to hold it at zero with this idea that now we have to start cutting what's always been, and Hudson has always been a lean government. I just don't buy it. There are 6 people over the course of the year who complains but they're really blaming us for the school district increases. Nobody actually who gets it right ever complains the town side. My takes are going up hundreds of dollars. That hundreds of dollars is always on the other side and the voters are approving all of this stuff. The budget is a result of what the voters approve. I don't think the voters are saying we want taxes to go up.

Selectman Luszey asked if we could send out two tax bills - one for the town and one for the school. Chairman Jasper said you can't do that. Actually if you're going to suggest that, then they get all the money up front. We lose a lot of interest. Chairman Jasper indicated that's why we get the interest because we have to collect it. Mr. Malizia said we don't get any interest. It's not even worth it to be blunt. Chairman Jasper thought that may change again. It has in the past.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Coutu that the budgets come in at a zero increase.

For clarification, Chairman Jasper asked if that included the highway labor or not. Selectman Nadeau said yes. Chairman Jasper wanted to know when we get the numbers from...Mr. Malizia said we don't get a health insurance number, for example, until sometime in late October. We can estimate. Realistically speaking for small departments, and when Mr. Malizia says small he means everybody underneath highway, police and fire because they're the big ones. Everybody else if you have to build in a 16 percent or whatever the number is historically for a health increase, effectively we're either going to cut back on people – and we'll have to do that right away to get to that zero, or cut back hours. Most people don't have the budget to absorb all that. Small departments have 2 people and can't do that without getting rid of someone.

Chairman Jasper's suggestion would be that it not include the health benefits. That's part of what the 10 percent is going to be for. When we see what that number is, we make that decision. We say health is going up by 16 percent to hold the zero. We now have to make the decision about how to keep the budget at zero on a town-wide basis not department by department. That's how Selectman Nadeau interpreted it the first time.

Selectman Maddox is going to vote in opposition. I believe that if we're going to do this, we need to be fair and consistent. I think that saying to highway you have a contract that gives you X amount more dollars, to punish him to say you still have to be at zero when the voters said give them \$30,000.

If I could digress for a minute because you're on to a very important point, Mr. Malizia said that's going to be in the default budget – the contract. The voters have approved it. They approved a multiple year appropriation. So let's say everything was exactly zero. That number is going to be in the budget whether they vote the default or not because you've given it. The voters have approved.

Selectman Coutu asked if there was a misunderstanding here. I thought we made it clear, Selectman Nadeau made it clear, that it includes the contract. Chairman Jasper said its zero including the contract. So highway has to come back. If his zero budget is half a million dollars and the contract asks for another \$20,000 next year, Selectman Coutu said it would be half a million, \$20,000. Chairman Jasper said no. I think he was going the other way. That's why Selectman Maddox is not voting in favor. Chairman Jasper agreed with you because that was the statement I made. Highway is the only one with a contract. It should be zero plus the cost of the approved contract. Selectman Maddox said the voters said yes to that.

Selectman Luszey asked if we were asking them to come in with what their default budget would be. That would take out any one time expenses that wouldn't be there next year. That would give them free money. Not free money but money that there would be no reason for budgeting next year.

Chairman Jasper indicated that Selectman Luszey you totally lost me. Selectman Luszey said the default budget takes out one time expenses from the current year – takes out those one time expenditures like if you bought a truck. Mr. Malizia said if you run out of the lease payments, (inaudible) the bond payment differential on the water are just for that. You are correct. Chairman Jasper said we're asking for this year's budget not to come in any higher than this year's budget except in the case of the Highway Department. They have this year's budget plus the cost of the contract because they're the only ones with a contract. If we negotiated any other contracts for every other department, it will be whether the voters approve it or not. The voters have already approved that.

If I may just for my own personal understanding, Selectman Luszey said we bought a new ambulance or a tanker this year. Is that in the fire budget? Mr. Malizia indicated that was a warrant article. Selectman Luszey said that's outside of the budget. Mr. Malizia said the defibrillators are outside of the budget. [Selectman Luszey] so anything that was on a warrant is outside of the budget. Mr. Malizia said it's a contract which then gets put into the budget or say if you hired a new employee and the voters approved that, that would then go into your budget. It goes into your default budget and your regular budget theoretically. Selectman Coutu stated that most of the vehicles we have the money aside for that anyway. Chairman Jasper said the ambulance you can continue with the capital reserve account. When we bought the fire truck, Mr. Malizia said it does not get to his budget. So he or any department that would do a purchase like that does not add to their budget connection.

Selectman Luszey asked about that police department – the cruiser replacement. Is that budgeted? Mr. Malizia said since the time I've been here, it's been revolving since day one. We've always had that budget in there. Selectman Luszey was okay with that wording with the Highway Department's increase.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

D. Water Utility Source of Supply

Selectman Maddox said the Water Utility kind of falls a little because I'm the liaison to the Engineering Department. I know we've talked about in the past; all three of our wells are in the same close proximity. We need to make sure that we have a good reliable source of water. Secondly, we buy water from Pennichuck, which makes no sense to me. It's great that we have an agreement that we can wheel water through our pipes and we can buy it if we need to, but the price is tremendously higher than what we get it for out of the ground. To spend some money to find an alternate source of water certainly makes sense in the long term. Mr. Webster has been out with his divining rod and I hope that we can move something forward to start looking at other sources as well as doing some work at the existing wells. Thank you.

Mr. Malizia told the Board that we've looked at at least two spots with Hydro geologic Review surveyed the town. One of them is over by Alvirne High School and Hills Garrison – that area over there. I don't think the yield was very productive for the area that would be most likely...the other area which I think they're still exploring and I'm not sure if they're done with it was over at the Nash property at this point in time. So there are two in town locations that have been considered. One, it appears based on the data that we got this is the Alvirne one that it doesn't make sense to keep going. If you think about the wells we have right now, the Weinstein Well which is in Litchfield so all three of these are in Litchfield. That produces somewhere around 800 gallons a minute or something like that. The Dame/Ducharme I think are around 500 to 600 gallons per minute. Alvirne was I think 20 to 40 gallons a minute. So you can see the relatively inefficiency of trying to develop something like that. Over at Nash, I'm not sure whether they're still analyzing that data. There's been some discussion if you drill multiple points maybe you'll get more water yield. Obviously if you're not producing at least 250 to 300 gallons a minute, it's really not worth it. The average home gets 10 or 20 gallons a minute out of their well.

For the immediate situation, and Mr. Malizia said this data is in there, the Weinstein Well needs to be redeveloped and probably located slightly different than where it is right now. A few years ago during the cleaning process, the yield of that well I think shrunk. It's not getting the same water production out of it. There was a recommendation by our water engineer, Weston & Sampson, to look into redrilling another well head basically using the existing infrastructure and moving it somewhere to get that back up and actually greater than its already produced. That's relatively short money to secure and hopefully improve what we're getting out of our own resource already. In other words, originally to give us a number of about 120 to 150, we saw another number that was 240. Obviously if we did anything, we'd go out to bid. If you think about it, you've already got everything permitted. You've already got the location. You're already in a known aquifer you're producing. You want to keep that yield. You want to make sure we do that. So that's pretty much has to be priority one. Keep what you already have because you don't want to lose that.

[Steve Malizia] Priority two, obviously, would be to look for other hydro geological or other areas of town because it makes sense to look in town as to where else you could produce water. As you recall though, we did negotiate a contract with Pennichuck for I think up to 2,000,000 gallons a day. Some of the growth that we see, like we're buying more water from them, we're wheeling more water for them. It's going to Pelham and Windham as they develop those infrastructures and those systems. We're sending that through Hudson at a 20 percent premium. I recognize we're buying this but we're also on a chunk of it, we're selling it. Is it cheaper to sell water coming out of the ground, of course it is. No doubt. It certainly is prudent to continue to look for additional sources. You don't want anybody out there thinking we're going to run out of water next week or next year. We have a steady yield I think out of the wells we have, though we need to protect our Weinstein Wells. We have a contract to assist us with those demand periods particularly in the summertime and certain hot weather. Mr. Malizia knows that Mr. Webster has a couple more spots that he's been looking at in town.

Given all the houses that have been built in the town and wells drilled, Selectman Luszey knows they record how much water they produce. Is that data available on the GIS so that we can take a look at private wells and what they're producing to be able to go out and say there's a good potential pocket over there? Mr. Webster thought what happens when a well driller goes, I'm not sure if Bill Oleksak gets that information. The only thing he makes sure of it is palatable water. I've never seen anything. I'm not sure if they say this well yields ...there's an understanding you have to have with a well. Three gallons is the least you can have. It's say 3 to 40 gallons a minute is a good well. I'm not sure if the well guy does that or if it's DES. That's one thing I'd have to look. I'd have to ask Bill. I don't know if they send it to the State how much yield the well is. If it's palatable and drinkable is the most important thing for drinking water. I'm not sure if they give that information. I haven't seen it. It's possible.

If I could digress. Mr. Malizia said when we the town bought the utility in 1998, there was about 4,041 customers. The last count, I think it was about 6,000. So a lot of the building activity that you saw in the last decade, the boom, kind of came onto town water. I know there's pockets that didn't but there was a lot that did. We've kept up with that demand coming through our own wells or again importing it from Pennichuck. Just the utility itself has grown from a customer base when we took it over. I don't know about the outlining areas and how much other folks are using it. We certainly know there are other developments that are not on the town water. The town itself I think added somewhere between 1,500 and 2,000 customers in the 13 years we've owned it.

Selectman Maddox stated that the Planning Board is seeing more and more plans where they're trying to get town water. Mr. Malizia said those extensions pretty much, the piping and what not I believe, has been paid for on pretty much the develop community's nickel. We the town have not been randomly extending nor doing piping all over the place just to chase a development. It's pretty much been the developer's nickel.

Selectman Coutu asked that the Engineer go to page 25 etched in on the bottom and discussed the recommendations relative to Nash. It seems like that is one of the viable options at this time based on their recommendations. I'm sure you're familiar with all of this.

One thing Mr. Webster would like to say is we didn't spend much money. We went into DES and found all the records and so forth. What I want to do for small money is actually go in there and take the existing pump out and actually pump the well and find out exactly what the yield is. If you go further with what Weston & Sampson said if you can 200 gallons a minute, if it's under that, it's not worth us going any further. We can buy the water cheaper from Pennichuck. Now in today's standards you almost need a treatment plant. That's the next thing that's coming up. So if we find a great source of water, we might have to put a treatment plant in. We do have money in the budget this year, which Mr. Webster is going to try to do something this fall. I have a couple of areas around Old Derry Road. There's a big parcel of land. I talked to my farmer on Sunday. I have a map made up and he's going to bring me out there and show me. I have all the maps in my office. Just like Alvirne, I had the map and it looks like the middle of the aquifer. It's just not good there. Maybe if we went north further but it was not good. I'm surprised it wasn't a good yield out there. We're still looking around and we have tried two already. Last year is the first time I had any money in the budget. This year we put the same amount in the water. We're going to keep on going and hopefully we'll can find some water. There are other areas in town.

Selectman Coutu asked if Mr. Webster was suggesting that you are going to explore the Nash property even further to see if the yield is worth going after. Mr. Webster said treating the arsenic is not a big thing to do. The idea is to get the yield. Like you said, they broke it down. When you get an actual amount on what you can get out of the well is the key. If you get over 200 gallons, then it's probably worth it. It's something to keep in our minds. Even if it is less, maybe you have two wells that can produce 500 and 500. That's a million gallons a day. Maybe there's multiple sources that we have to look at. We're definitely going to take care of that one. I have another location. It's in a gravel packet area and it's not developed. I have enough room for the radius. That's the next one we're going to look into in the next few weeks. As soon as I get a few of these monkeys on my back, I'll get back into it again.

Historically Mr. Webster, Selectman Coutu asked if we every have a problem with land owners allowing us to go on the property. Mr. Webster said he's done two already and not a problem with either one of them. I have permission from the one on Alvirne and Mr. Nash. I wrote the agreement with him to sign. Making sure that the have insurance is all they care about. You have to look at down the road on their end. If it's a good well, it's valuable to them also. So far we've been very fortunate with the people who've let us in. You need the 400 foot radius. That's the key. That's big.

The other thing Selectman Maddox brought to Chairman Jasper's attention is the Weinstein Well is due to be relined. It may be worth us going out to bid to get a price not simply to reline but to drill a new well. That way there we could keep the capacity. When we reline, it makes it thinner on the inside of that pipe which reduces the amount of flow. It may be worth going out to bid. I know we had a price of X and its gone 4X. We need to go out to bid maybe? Chairman Jasper's only question there is we're not pumping those wells at their capacity now.

Mr. Malizia said Dame and Ducharme we have voluntarily cut that because there were "issues" between us and Litchfield as to the amount that we were withdrawing was causing a problem in the Darrah Pond watershed. We have a voluntary withdrawal I think out of their 790,000 gallons a day and seasonally can adjust. We can go up a little bit. Those wells aren't an issue from the perspective of that they're yielding about what we thing. If we were to take the relining option, we would lose some yield over there – about 30 percent. The cheapest way instead of looking for new wells is to make that well head bigger. The yield can support it. So you are correct but you obviously need to bid that out because now we're in a range where it's a couple hundred thousand. We're not in the \$100,000 range. Again the bang for your buck – you already have it permitted; it's already there and you have the well; you know the water's coming out; just make the head bigger and you'd get more water.

Mr. Webster said the Weinstein Well produces 1.5 and that's what it is rated for. So like I said, we know that's the work horse. All those suggestions we came up with, like you say, it's easy because all the equipment is there. We'll do some upgrades to the station but you put the well right next door and go down with that new type. That well was done in 1983. It's the casing that's going on it. Once you lose the casing, then we're definitely going to depend on Pennichuck. We're just trying to think ahead about getting that Weinstein Well in. When it goes, we have the water. It's just a matter of a switch over or we just put the new well on line and don't worry about the other one. We have to get ironed out the price and like Steve said, there's other well people out there. We'll go out for bids. That's the way to do it.

Mr. Malizia stated that the last page of this gives you an idea of some of the capital reserve monies we have. We have almost a million and a half dollars in the improvement one which is like an expansion and what not and even the repair one has 373. The point is we've been patient. Years have gone by. We've managed to accumulate some capital, some reserve funds. So it's not a rate shock to anybody. You can actually mitigate or minimize hopefully some of that as we move forward. It's a good thing that's been steady. It's available.

One thing Mr. Webster is working on is a CIP project for water only. So some of this is entailed in what Steve has covered. We're planning a whole water system in town on what we have to do. We need some work at those well sites with the tanks. Those are things that we have to kind of look in and improve. Like you said, we have plenty of money to take care of it without making any changes. We're looking at everything now. They've asked me to do that. I think its much easier dealing with water than sewer right now.

5. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Maddox – I certainly don't want to steal Selectman Coutu's thunder but next Sunday we will all be together. I stopped in yesterday and saw the 9-11 memorial. It is looking very nice. I'm hoping to see a lot of our citizens there and to the committee a great job. That's all I have.

Selectman Coutu – I want to begin with I had a conversation with Mike Tompkins Saturday or Sunday. If you remember, I asked the Board to allow him to run the Zachfest fundraiser in September at the

Community Center. Some technical problems arose and rather than having to put together something that Mike would not be satisfied with carrying the Tompkins, he has asked that that request be rescinded at the present time. I have communicated that to the Recreation Director. Fortunately for the rent of the community center, nobody had sought the community center on that day. So it is available. They will be moving on with other kinds of fundraisers at the present time.

Finally, 9-11. This is a tough week for a lot of us. It's winding down. It's been a long journey. We're very proud of what we've achieved. There's much more to come. The elements are a slight factor yet we have not had any need for contingency because Deputy Chief Buxton has been maintaining the timeline for us. He had built in a couple of safety days. The most serious problem we had came to my attention today. As you know, we're erecting a second tower which will be the glass tower. It requires a special material which is coming in out of Chicago. It is not glass. It is not plexiglass but it is a compilation of both. The material did not arrive when we thought it would arrive. We thought we would have that tower up this morning. The plans call for the second tower to be installed Friday. In the meantime, tomorrow all of Dave Cote raincoat and all asked to meet us there at 8 a.m. We will put in the stones that he's built for the memorial. When we laid the sod on the internal perimeter of the pyramid, the company that had donated the sod was there. He was so impressed that he said that tomorrow (Wednesday) he will deliver whatever sod was necessary in order for us to the exterior perimeter. We had expected that we would grade that and people would stand on that. We would get to that next spring. Beyond that, Selectman Coutu had expressed some concern if you remember about the area that abuts the soon to be playground that I felt that we needed a barrier. Countrybrook Farms came in and brought us several Arborvitae. He donated them to allow us to put a barrier wall. I hope to be able to procure some Rhododendrons to offset the front and give us some nice spring color on that corner.

Other than that, Selectman Coutu said they're going to do a run through on the ceremonial proceedings Thursday night. We expect a good crowd. We just found out today that there was somewhat of a miscommunication between our office and Representative Bass. Representative Bass' office has confirmed he will be here. Again we'll have the Governor, two United State Senators, Representative Bass – I had heard that Representative Frank Guinta was going to come. I'm going to have to look at that one more time. It's going to be somewhat of a formal presentation. It's going to be given the dignity to which it deserves. I think that when the citizens come when this is complete and they look at it Sunday, they're going to be favorably impressed. It's going to evocate a lot of memories of 10 years ago. That's what we're trying to do and we want this to be a teaching tool for the next generations. We don't want anyone to forget. I know that you will all be there. There will be special seating section for you. Thank you for the introduction Selectman Maddox to 9-11 this Sunday. Thank you.

Selectman Nadeau – I have two things this evening. The first one is we were talking about not forgetting. The monument on Library Park has been engraved with the help of Hudson Monuments. They were out there last week on either Thursday or Friday. So that is all taken care of. I'd like to thank Hudson Monuments for that.

The other thing is this weekend at Benson's on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Selectman Jasper said he would be there to check out the shingles. Unfortunately I will not be there. The cleanup is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can meet at the elephant barn. There's plenty of things to be done there this weekend. If you'd like to volunteer, it would be very nice to have everybody that would like to volunteer. Everybody has asked when the next clean up is. The sign is out front today telling everybody that the cleanup is this Saturday. I hope that everybody has a great time and we'll see them hopefully on Sunday. That's all I have this evening.

Selectman Luszey – I just want to let Selectman Coutu know what a great job. I know I said you needed all kinds of contingency plans but if I didn't see it for myself, I wouldn't have believed you were able to get all that done in such a short period of time. It's fantastic. I was there for the steel raising and a lot of people came through. Remarkable.

I will not be at Benson's cleanup Saturday because I will be with Moore-Mart. It's such a busy weekend this weekend. We will be shipping over 1,800 boxes to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. I just want to

say thank you to not only everybody here in town but also to our town employees which have contributed items. One of the things just so folks know, we did get kind of a strange request this round. There is a nursing unit that's in a remote station in Afghanistan that asks us to collect sheets to be used for bandages because they can't get enough. I wanted to thank everybody for all they've done. Thanks.

Selectman Jasper – I want to comment, again, on the 9-11 project. I also want to issue a personal apology. When I was there a week or so ago, there's been some crews in there for a long day. They were down to some detail work and I just had a conversation with someone. I made an attempt at humor. After a long hot day, the humor didn't come across the way it was intended. It was probably a poor attempt at humor to begin with. For those who are out there and who I offended with my attempted humor and didn't perhaps hear the qualification that I made was not appropriate. I know how hard all the volunteers and the people that I'm referring to were all members of the Hudson Fire Department either full time members, call firefighters, or retired firefighters who have put a tremendous amount of time in there. That was done by many. It took hours and hours of hard physical labor to accomplish what they did. There's been a lot of machine work out there by the Highway Department, but there has been just a tremendous amount of grunt work. Guys who have been volunteering from first thing in the morning until late into the night. They've done a tremendous job and it has been hard, physical labor. We've had some really hot days. I apologize for my comments. Please know that I know how hard everyone out there has worked. I appreciate on behalf of the Town the effort that people have put in. There have been countless volunteer hours. There have been volunteer hours from Highway personnel as well who have been off duty who have come in to see that this got done as well. It speaks very well of our community, of our town employees, and it is going to be a monument that will be there as long as there's a Town of Hudson I'm sure. It's going to be a day for remembrance but for us I think it should be a day of great pride as well for how much it means for the people of this town to remember those who were taken from us 10 years ago this Sunday.

Selectman Coutu said that this is the second time now that you've made an apology. You've done it in writing. Thank you for the courtesy copy and you just did it again. We've had this conversation and on behalf of the Committee, I want you to know that especially in this past couple of weeks that I fully appreciate your support. You know how difficult this week has been and how difficult it's going to be. This has been a long journey and it's coming to an end. Today was a very trying day for me. From our first conversation to other conversations I had this day and you've certainly proven to me beyond any reasonable doubt that we have your full support and commitment. Your apology is accepted Sir. Again, I've said it many times and I'll continue to say it – there have been bumps in the road and we've been able to overcome all of them. This was just a minor bump in the road Sir. I appreciate your support as I appreciate all of the support of the members of this Board of Selectmen. There's never been any doubt in my mind with that minor infraction that we had 100 percent support from this Board. It meant an awful lot to the Committee. Again, I appreciate and accept your apology on behalf of the Committee and those people who were offended. Thank you.

6. NONPUBLIC SESSION - NONE

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jasper declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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