

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the August 10, 2010 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Massey the meeting of August 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Selectman Jasper.

Sadly today, Chairman Massey said they heard that a former resident of Town and a dedicated Fireman up to and including the Fire Chief for approximately 12 years, Frank Nutting, passed away. If we could observe a moment of silence in honor of his memory for all of the contributions that he made to the Town, and also to pray for comfort to his family.

A Moment of silence of the passing of retired Fire Chief Frank Nutting was observed.

Chairman Massey asked if anyone else would like to add anything about Chief Nutting.

Selectman Jasper said Chief Nutting was really an institution in the Town of Hudson. Although he's been gone from the political scene and the Fire Department for some 26 years now, those of them who were there before then will remember him as the person who really built the Hudson Fire Department. Moreover, he was the longest serving Selectman in the history of the Town of Hudson having served 7 consecutive terms for 21 years from 1951 to 1972 at which time Chief Oscar Campbell passed. Selectman Nutting who had been a Call Firefighter since 1942, so 30 years at that time, stepped down from the Board of Selectmen and became Chief. If memory served Selectman Jasper correctly, at that time or shortly thereafter it became the first full time Chief and really began to build the department. He built the two outlying stations planning them very carefully so that all but one house in the Town of Hudson was within the 3 mile radius of a fire station. The Fire Department literally built those stations. He used the ladder truck to fly the trusses onto Burns Hill Station. Not exactly something that a ladder truck was designed to do but he was ever the consummate Yankee finding ways to cut costs and get the job done. So for those of them who worked with him and knew him, he will be sadly missed. For those of you who didn't know him be assured that the Hudson Fire Department is what it is today because he built that foundation along with many other good men on the department. It was his vision that got us to a full time fire department with EMS in 3 stations.

Again, Chairman Massey wished Chief Nutting's family their comfort as they grieve the loss of somebody who he only briefly knew. But he does remember the enthusiasm that he brought. He does remember Burns Hill being built. It was built with all volunteer labor. He thought it was a real tribute to him that he was able to do it. If he remembered correctly Selectman Jasper, it was on time and within the budget that they said. Selectman Jasper said he was sure it was. Chairman Massey said with that, they'll conclude. Thank you.

3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Roger Coutu, Ken Massey, Shawn Jasper, Rick Maddox and Ben Nadeau

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Town Engineer Gary Webster; Deputy Fire Chief Rob Buxton; Assistant Assessor James Michaud; Fire Chief Shawn Murray

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Massey asked if there was any member of the public who would wish to address the Board on any subject at this time.

- a. Doug Robinson - audit of shirts and hats for Benson Park

Doug Robinson, 16 Cardinal Drive. He happened to watch the last Board of Selectmen's meeting and realized there was a need to have the shirts and hats up at the Highway Department counted. So he volunteered his time and called Mr. Jasper and received a phone call back that there was a consensus to go ahead and count them. He proceeded last week to count the Benson hats and Benson shirts because Mr. Maddox wanted an audit count of some type to see what was being transferred over. There are 3 tubs up at the Highway Department - 1 downstairs and 2 upstairs. Each tub has hats and shirts. The shirts vary in sizes from small, large, extra large to 2XX. He also found that there was an audit that was already done and submitted to Town Hall according to the record on July 15th by Ann Desrosiers. With Jason Twardosky looking over his shoulder as an official auditor helping out the Town, they counted the shirts and the hats. He also took photographs so the folks at home could see what the Benson Park hats looked like. They are excellent quality hats, and he has pictures for the Board of what the shirts and tubs look like. The official audited account as of August 5 at 3:20 in the afternoon was 140 shirts, 203 hats. He'd be more than happy to submit the paperwork to the Board for their pleasure. Thank you.

Selectman Jasper thanked Mr. Robinson for his efforts in getting the Board that count. Thank you very much. He appreciated it. Doug Robinson said it was his pleasure.

Before they move on to Nominations and Appointments, Chairman Massey thought it was only right to duly note that we have a birthday boy upcoming on Friday of this week. Selectman Coutu is going to be he thought 39. It is his birthday on the 13th. We all wish you good luck and happy birthday Selectman Coutu.

5. NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

A. Resignation of Terry Stewart as a member of the Planning Board

Chairman Massey thought Selectman Maddox had received the notice from Ms. Stewart. Selectman Maddox said yes he and the Chairman of the Planning Board. He will forward it off to him when he's sitting at his desk at home.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to accept the resignation of Terry Stewart from the Planning Board with the Board's thanks and appreciation.

Chairman Massey added that she has been a welcome addition to the Planning Board. They will miss her. Unfortunately sometimes other priorities show up and people are forced to make decisions. He thought she was an asset to the Board and it is with thanks and appreciation that they accept her resignation.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

B. Cable Utility Committee - (3 members, 2 terms to expire 12/31/12; 1 term to expire 12/31/13)

Claire Keller
Leo C. Bernard

Chairman Massey asked if Ms. Claire Keller was in the audience.

The other individual that they interviewed was Leo Bernard.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to appoint Leo C. Bernard to the Cable Utility Committee as a voting member with a term to expire 12/31/2012.

Selectman Coutu said if the Board remembered at the last meeting, he asked that this be withheld because at least one person approached him with some serious concerns. It raised a red flag. He wanted to have an opportunity to sit down with that person and discuss it at length. Aside from that, Selectman Coutu discussed it with several members of the Cable Committee and they see no problem with Mr. Bernard serving. He has been interactive with Cable for quite some time. He personally felt that having spoken with Leo privately about this that he will be an asset to the Cable Committee and he has allayed any fears that he personally may have had. He wholeheartedly endorsed his nomination to the position, and he hoped the Board would agree with him and vote to appoint Leo to the position on the Cable Utility Committee. Thank you.

Selectman Maddox said after the last meeting he did some research also. He just happened to run into the Chairman at Lowes. He also talked to the Facilitator and some other people. He's of the mind set its time for Mr. Bernard to maybe step back for a while. He just came out of being a paid employee. He thought it would be better and he was not going to vote in favor. He thought its maybe a time to take a breather for a while and let some of that stuff wash away he guessed would be the way he would put it. Unfortunately, he would not support the motion.

Vote: Motion carried 3-2. Selectmen Maddox and Jasper in opposition.

Chairman Massey has assumed that Ms. Keller was supposed to be here and we'll probably have to leave that open.

C. Conservation Commission - (1 alternate member - term to expire 12/31/11)

Claire Keller

Chairman Massey said the only applicant at the moment was Ms. Keller. They'll keep that position open.

D. Planning Board - (2 members - 1 term to expire 12/31/10; 1 term to expire 12/31/11)

Timothy J. Malley
Edward van der Veen

Chairman Massey indicated that Tim Malley was going to be here tonight but he had a personal emergency that he needed to deal with. The Board wished him and his family well. He thought they were doing well based on everything he knew. He thought they'll see a new Malley in the family pretty soon.

Chairman Massey said they also now have Mr. van der Veen who has applied for the position. For the record your name and address and why you want to change from an alternate member to a voting member.

Ed van der Veen, 9 Newton Street, Hudson, New Hampshire. He's relatively new to the Planning Board. He started the end of May roughly. Since that time he found it very rewarding to sit in and help guide the project that went before them and actually see them put into construction even during that short time. It was also rewarding to be part of the process of getting the town interests taken care of but also the developer's interests. There was a solution to a lot of problems. He'd like to continue doing that in a more active role as a full member as opposed to an alternate.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to suspend the policies and to appoint Edward van der Veen to the Planning Board as a voting member with a term to expire 12/31/2010.

At the time Mr. van der Veen first appeared before us and indicated an interest in serving on the Planning Board in an alternate capacity, Selectman Coutu had remarked at that time that he felt that he was one of the most prepared candidates he had seen come before the Board. Mr. van der Veen was well spoken, made his intentions well known, and as an ardent observer of the activities that go on at Town especially the Planning Board and the ZBA, he watched Mr. van der Veen in his alternate capacity dig his heels in, ask some very, very pertinent questions to many of the issues that come before the Board, and was favorably impressed. He whole heartedly endorsed Mr. van der Veen's appointment to the full-time position as he knows on the basis of what he's done; he's going to give it good thought. He has a good thinking process in which he'll make his decisions, and we were looking for that kind of a mind set and a change on these Boards as we appointment them. Selectman Coutu thought he represented a fresh new perspective for all of the plans that come before the Planning Board. With that, that's an endorsement of Mr. van der Veen.

To his second, Selectman Maddox thought they've seen over the years and he knows he's seen at the Planning Board level there's 2 distinct types of people that sign up for the Planning Board. Those that sit for a year and don't say anything and kind of wonder why they did this to themselves and those that come in prepared. Mr. van der Veen is obviously in the second group. He has come in with some interesting questions that, again, that's the whole idea. Sometimes we all get the same questions because that's all they kind of know to ask. He has asked some challenging questions but he's done it in a manner that represents good taste, diplomacy, and professionalism. So he too supports whole heartedly this appointment.

Chairman Massey echoed both Selectman Coutu and Selectman Maddox's comments. He too has observed him sitting on the Planning Board as an alternate. He thought he was going to be an excellent voting member.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Nadeau said he watched the Planning Board meetings quite often and Mr. Malley has also been a...Chairman Massey wanted Selectman Nadeau to hold on to that thought for just a second. He wanted to make sure he got covered with Mr. van der Veen. We're all set. Again, welcome and we look forward to the voting membership.

Selectman Nadeau said that Tim Malley has also been a very important part of the Planning Board. He's seen him at the Chamber events, Planning Board meetings, and he thought that he has stated to Selectman Nadeau in the past that he would like to be a voting member on the Planning Board and not just an alternate. Seeing that he couldn't be here tonight, he has talked to him via e-mail. He would like to place Tim Malley for the term to expire 12/31/11.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to appoint Timothy J. Malley to the Planning Board as a voting member with a term to expire 12/31/2011.

Again as your representative, Selectman Maddox said that Mr. Malley kind of got roped into this. He and Selectman Coutu went to the Chamber and said get some involvement. Get somebody from the Chamber side of the house to come in. He believed Mr. Malley was the President at the time and he stepped up. He again brings another perspective to the Planning Board. The business side of the house. The understanding of some of the nuts and bolts being an electrician helps. Again he's been in Town for a number of years, understands how things are supposed to work in Community Development and has been a good help on that end. He supported this one also. A guy that has spent some time as an alternate, so he was glad to see that he has decided he wanted the full voting membership and Selectman Maddox supported that.

Obviously as a seconder Selectman Jasper supported the motion. He just wanted to clarify that while he thought it was very important that they interview people and put them through the paces as they all so often do when people come before the Board, he said tongue and cheek, Mr. Malley has been before this Board before. They have interviewed him, and he thought they all know him and know how he performs on the Planning Board. He was very comfortable in doing this even though he hasn't come here for the performa interview.

Aside from atoning himself when he was first appointed to the Board of Selectmen prior to him being elected and atoning himself in the presence of Selectman Jasper, Selectman Coutu said one of the first tasks that were assigned to him was from

Selectman Maddox. He kept saying to him that they needed to get a businessman. We need to wake up the Chamber and have them represented on the Board. He can remember some of his first discussions with Tim were somewhat half hearted inasmuch as he didn't think that anybody would jump on board. Reluctantly he did. He has truly impressed him in that for the longest time he did sit aside and just paid attention, and he was taking it all in. He was studying what was taking place at the Board, which was what he guessed the approach you have to take if you don't have full knowledge of what's involved in the process that you committed yourself to. Since then, he too has asked some pertinent questions. He's become more vociferous, he's more involved, and Selectman Coutu knows that in light of the e-mails that we receive today due to the unforeseen circumstances of the medical problem that he's having with a member of the family but everything is going to be fine, that he obviously is very interested because he said he would come at the next meeting in order to present himself to the Board. He's glad that Selectman Nadeau opted to make this motion this evening. He too will be supporting it. Thank you.

Chairman Massey would like to add that it is unusual that we would have a motion to appoint somebody without even having them come before the Board to interview. He too sitting on the Board as an alternate have seen Mr. Malley grow from as Selectman Coutu said sitting there and taking it all in to where when he has been appointed as a voting member when regular members are absent, he does take an active part. Chairman Massey believed he would be an asset. Again, he would have been here tonight except for the unforeseen circumstances. So we wish him and his family well tonight.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Massey congratulated Tim if he was watching.

Before Chairman Massey goes on to the next item, Consent Items, he would like to indicate to the Board that he sent an e-mail to the Hudson Litchfield News today with a plea for citizens who want to make a difference in Town to step forward and asking them if they could contribute their time and talent to the Board in these various vacancies that they have. He listed all of the vacancies that were in the Town. He paid particular attention to the 3 land use boards and commissions - the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Conservation Commission. Hopefully they will get some interested citizens who do have the time and the talent and would contribute to those various vacancies. Hopefully the HLN will print it. It was rather long but that was because of all of the vacancies. We'll see. He thanked Selectman Maddox for calling that to do item to his attention a few days ago.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Massey asked if any Board member wished to remove any item for separate consideration.

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

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Multiple Elderly and Disabled Exemption Applications - Map 178, Lot 013, Sub 077; Map 174, Lot 090; Map 191, Lot 045; Map 174, Lot 090; Map 184, Lot 027; Map 197, Lot 105; Map 211, Lot 056; Map 248, Lot 057; Map 190, Lot 150; Map 203, Lot 119; Map 175, Lot 119, w/recommendation to approve
- 2) Removal of Veterans' Tax Credit - Map 190, Lot 146, w/recommendation to approve

B. Water/Sewer Items

C. Licenses & Permits

D. Acceptance of Minutes

E. Calendar

08/11 7:00 Benson Park - Landscape Subcommittee - BOS Meeting Room
08/11 7:00 Planning Board - Community Development Meeting Room
08/12 5:30 Sewer Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
08/12 7:30 Zoning Board of Adjustment - Community Development Meeting Room
08/16 6:30 Hudson School Board - BOS Meeting Room
08/16 7:00 Energy Committee - Community Development Meeting Room
08/17 7:00 Cable Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
08/18 5:00 Water Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
08/18 7:00 Council on Aging - Community Development Meeting Room
08/18 7:00 Library Trustees - BOS Meeting Room
08/19 7:00 Benson Park Committee - BOS Meeting Room
08/19 7:30 Budget Committee - Community Development Meeting Room
08/23 7:00 Recycling Committee - BOS Meeting Room
08/24 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room

08/25 7:00 Benson Park - Landscape Subcommittee - BOS Meeting Room
08/25 7:00 Planning Board - Community Development Meeting Room
08/26 3:00 Trustees of the Trust Fund - Community Development Meeting Room
08/26 7:30 Zoning Board of Adjustment - Community Development Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Vote taken after Nonpublic Session on August 3, 2010
 - 1) Motion to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Coutu, carried 5-0.
- B. Senior Center Building Update

Chairman Massey recognized the members of the Committee which included in addition to Selectman Maddox and himself, Lucille Boucher, Pat Nichols, and Gary Webster the Town Engineer. Ms. Boucher and Ms. Nichols represented the Seniors. Good evening and good to see you again.

Selectman Maddox wanted to keep the Board apprised. They didn't want to have second-hand information and to hear it from the horses' mouth. They met but they're kind of stymied. There's 2 plans at this point that they've looked at that Mr. Webster has been kind enough to do some drawings and some site evaluations with the interns as far as the 2 locations. One inside the fence where abutting probably the existing parking lot, and one on the other side of the driveway more towards Cahill's if you would up towards the street. They met with the Deputy Fire Chief in regards to issues that the Fire Department has. The Chairman asked the Fire Department to take a look at both sites and what issues there would be. At this point, both sites are stymied by the fact that they just don't know. One of the things they're going to ask this evening was for at some point later in the season when Kevin and his crew slow down but before they start plowing is to get in and do some test pits. Until they know what's there, they can surmise. Everybody has kind of a we think there's ledge there or there could be ledge there. That's the number one thing they need to resolve before they go any further, expend any more money. The architect is on hold until they found out how it's going to be situated. They're coming to the Board to say that they'd like to as time allows to get something in there and get some test pits done so they can answer the questions and start to make some decisions whether it's a sunken foundation, a full basement, a slab, or whatever is going to be the most feasible. That's where they stand.

Chairman Massey would just add based on the conversations that the Committee had with Deputy Buxton, they're also on both sites significant access issues having to do with the slope and the ability for fire trucks with their weight to traverse. So neither site today would be what you would call a "slam dunk". That's part of the reason why the issue with the test pits is critical. It's going to determine whether either one of the sites was going to be capable of being developed because of the slope issues that Deputy Buxton identified for the Committee.

Selectman Coutu was somewhat in a quandary. He has not had a conversation with anybody relative to this. He was going to call Selectman Jasper but lacking any information, they had no prepared document for this evening's meeting. He understood now the reason why. He's at a quandary at this point as to whether or not they should call the Governor's office and inform them to put everything on hold. DOT is operating on the premise that the original site that they showed the Governor is the site that they should be working on. Their attention and focus has been in that direction. He'd hate to have them do all of this work and have to pick up the phone and tell them they've changed their mind. This is going to be put on a slow track to China. They're not going to react favorably to this at all. They have a million projects going around the State. Ours is not necessarily the most important. He would appreciate hearing from Selectman Jasper with regards to those thoughts that maybe they should advise them to put this on hold until such time as they make a final determination. At the rate this is going, this is not going to make the March ballot.

Chairman Massey just wanted to inject one background piece. They're going down the road they went down because the Board back in May made the determination that rather than go to the Department of Transportation with what they thought they would do, that it made more sense to go to them with a plan. That's how they got to where they are.

Selectman Jasper was left with the impression the last time he spoke with the Governor's legal counsel that they were waiting for us. So he wasn't sure that anything has happened or is happening until they back to them. Given that they haven't heard anything from them, it may be best to let sleeping dogs lie at this point. He did think the issue of ledges are important particularly getting the utilities there. You can see the out cropping of ledge towards the Cahill side where the dog park is going and then more ledge down below. Clearly there is ledge there in way of the utilities, which is going to be significant. He was not aware of any ledge on the other side. He thought test pits were important for both sides anyhow. We need to have those done before we can make any determination.

Chairman Massey asked if it was the consensus of the Board that they can ask the Road Agent that when the summer is starting to wind down and he has the time to take the equipment in there that he can go in there and do the test pits. Selectmen Coutu, Nadeau, and Maddox said they were fine with it.

Again, Selectman Maddox said they were just trying to keep everybody apprised so that again there's been kind of hear it here rather than second hand or third hand. Mr. Webster can mark those proposed sites with his interns so that Kevin knows

where he's chasing, and let's see if they can get some answers to those questions. Again, the architect wants to continue but until they have some answers here, they're just not going to spend the money or time.

One last comment to be fair so that it is totally transparent. Chairman Massey said the Building Committee went before Benson's about 3 weeks ago. At the time, the Building Committee had made a recommendation of site too which was on the west side of the entrance as opposed to Site 1, which is on the east side on the inside of the fence. The Benson's Committee voted 5 to 3 to recommend to the Board of Selectmen Site 1 as the site. At the time, they had not had any comments from the Fire Department. Based on that, the decision was made to ask the Fire Department to look at both sites. Again as Chairman Massey said, neither site is a slam dunk for this building. It appears as though both sites are going to require some significant site work to make the entrances and exits up to Town Code for a road. That's the reason why tonight they really don't want to put too much more effort into either one of the sites if the test pits show that it may not be appropriate. He thought they might still be in the ball park for March because they have until basically January to get a Warrant Article before the Budget Committee. Hopefully the real issue would be to try to get it before them in November when they do their first round. We'll just keep going and see how it falls out. Again, he wanted to thank Lucille and Pat for their contributions and definitely Gary Webster our Town Engineer and the comments and observations that Deputy Buxton made. By the way, Deputy Buxton has not and will not make any recommendation as to site. He simply has told them what he feels they need to be concerned about if you put a building on either one of those sites. Thank you and they'll keep them in touch as to when they're going to do the test pits.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. WSE Proposal No. 79210.404 for Groundwater Investigation Map 138-0089

Chairman Massey recognized Town Engineer Gary Webster.

As you know, Mr. Webster said they've been in the active mode of trying to find another source for water. He thinks he came last year when they had a workshop talking about the water. He's been out there with his interns and they've kind of located some areas. Jeff from Weston and Sampson went out there a few weeks ago and they got the...

So for the record so that people out in the audience viewing public know, Chairman Massey said they were talking about a parcel of land behind Hills Garrison School.

Gary Webster said the map number he referred to was actually the old circumferential highway. The Town of Hudson does own that property. The intent was to put the well on that property. They have test wells that are going to be on the abutting property. As you noticed, he has permission to go on their property to put the test wells in and to access. He has a signed document from the abutters. Obviously they've been calling him about what's going on. Hopefully they'll have answers for them within the 2 months. Obviously they're looking to sell the property, but he's asked them to hold off until they've done all the testing and to see if it is feasible to have that well palatable so they can actually use it for their water system in Town. They don't have a well in town that they supply water to. They did give Mr. Webster a proposal, and he did talk to them today. Eventually if you accept the proposal they'll be a contract and it will also be not to exceed that amount in there, the \$20,000. They gave Mr. Webster an estimate a year ago between 15 and 20, so they've been using that. The company that's doing it did the Weinstein Well, the company that Pennichuck uses. So they'll be the ones who will be doing the test wells. There will be 3 test wells out there altogether - one on our property and two on the abutting property. As soon as the proposal is accepted, we'll get a few weeks start up time. There's a description of what they do out there. It's a small machine and they go out there. It's not a big well rig. It's only a 2 ½ inch hole that dig. They also test all the soil too and they bore this thing. They take samples as they're going down. Until they get into the gravel base, that's the key to the well, that's when they start testing the flows. Why the extra wells? It's like a flow test on a hydrant. It's the same thing. What they do is they monitor the well next to it as they pump the water out. Everything has to be tested and palatable to make sure we can drink it. He thought this was the first step to get more water in the Town without exporting it or importing it from across the river. Hopefully it does work that they do get a good well in there.

Selectman Coutu asked Mr. Webster relative to the letter of consent by the property owner to do the borings on his property, he understood the concept and why we're doing it, and we're using his property. Do we render him whole when we're finished with this and the tests are done and we find what the potential capacity is and whether it's sustainable? Do we render him whole? In other words, do we fill the holes and relandscape. Mr. Webster said no. What happens is when they're all done with this, the observation wells in Litchfield, it's a 2 ½ inch piece of PVC with a cap on it. So you won't even see it after they're all done with it. After it is capped, you won't even see it out there so there will be no damage to their property. That's all you're going to see is the 2 ½ inch pipe that will be flush in the ground with a cap on it and probably a lock on it which is what they have on the wells in Litchfield.

Mr. Webster said there were 5 different owners out there. So he explained everything to him and they didn't have a problem with that.

Selectman Maddox thought that this was a great move. We have all of our eggs in one basket and it's not even in our town. It makes sense to put a well here. It's feasible to get the flows that we need to take the pressure off of the existing wells that we're using, and have a backup or a balanced supply utilizing land within Hudson. So this just makes sense. It's been a long-term goal from probably Weston and Sampson. It just makes sense to have a little bit more control and to have it

separated from the existing wells. Heaven forbid anything was to ever happen at least we have another source of water for our citizens. This makes sense.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the proposal with Weston and Sampson WSE Proposal No. 79210.404 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the groundwater investigation.

Selectman Coutu wanted to thank Mr. Webster whose plate just never empties. Chairman Massey would second that. He thought Gary has done a lot of work to identify this location and then to work with all the surrounding property owners to let them know what we planned to do and to get their permission to move forward.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

B. Authorization to advertise for one vacant Dispatch position and two vacant Firefighter positions

Chairman Massey recognized Chief Murray and Deputy Buxton.

Good evening Chairman and members of the Board. If Chief Murray may very quickly take a moment of privilege and the Hudson Fire Department also extends its deepest sympathies to Chief Nutting's family. He has had the privilege over the past couple of years to talk to Chief Nutting and always found him very helpful obviously with historic information when they were doing some fire station studies and looking back. He really had an enthusiasm even in his later years for what was going on with the Fire Department. When he could, he would call him and give him an update. Although the services will most likely be private, the Fire Department will be acknowledging him for his service and dedication in some form or another to the family. Thank you.

Chief Murray is before the Board tonight first they have a vacancy in a dispatcher's position. Dispatcher Dave Morton has submitted his resignation and he's before the Board to request permission to advertise and begin the hiring process for that position.

Selectman Coutu asked Chief Murray the reason for the resignation. Chief Murray said the individual has been hired over in the City of Nashua. Selectman Coutu said he was moving to a bigger and better paying position in another community. Chief Murray said that was correct.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to authorize the Fire Chief to advertise for a Fire Dispatch position within the Hudson Fire Department. This position will be a non-exempt position and all benefits will be in accordance with the agreement between the Town of Hudson and the I.A.F.F. Local #3154, carried 5-0.

Selectman Maddox hoped the Chief would utilize the cable. It's a great avenue. Hopefully you can maybe even take some shots of the dispatch center and what happens selling your department for that position and getting it on cable. Hopefully people will see it and come forward.

Chairman Massey said there's also the firefighter positions. Chief Murray said that was correct. Also Mr. Chairman with the retirement of Firefighter Gerry Carrier recently, who by the way gave over 24 years of service to the Town, and they also have another pending resignation of another Firefighter. He was there to ask the Board for permission to advertise for 2 potential positions and begin the process to fill those.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to authorize the Fire Chief to advertise for two Firefighter (EMT-I or EMT-P) positions within the Hudson Fire Department. These positions will be non-exempt positions and all benefits will be in accordance with the agreement between the Town of Hudson and the I.A.F.F. Local #3154.

Selectman Nadeau said that they were only hiring one position and if we do confirm that the other person is leaving then we will...Chief Murray said correct. He's looking to advertise and begin the hiring process but anticipating a second vacancy that would allow them to at least look towards that. Selectman Nadeau asked if the second vacancy doesn't come. Chief Murray said they were establishing a hiring list.

Selectman Jasper wanted to clarify that this motion wasn't to hire anybody, it's to advertise and at the appropriate time, the Chief would come forward depending on the 1 or 2 vacancies. This really just puts it out there. It's not like he's going to advertise for position A and position B. He will be advertising for firefighters. He'll come in with a hiring list, and they'll pick one or two depending on the circumstances at that time.

Selectman Coutu had one question. Chief Murray obviously they understand why Firefighter Carrier was retiring, so that's why he's leaving. Might he inquire as to why the second position might become vacant? Chief Murray said the other individual could potentially be going over to Nashua Fire. Selectman Coutu asked for a bigger department and more money. Chief Murray said that was correct.

One thing Selectman Maddox would hope though as you go through the process we have a minimum of an EMT-I that that is maintained. Selectman Coutu said it was mandatory. Chief Murray said that was a job requirement. Selectman Jasper said it was part of the motion. Selectman Maddox understood that. He was just reiterating because sometimes it has slipped

through in the past. Chairman Massey wanted to comment a little bit on Selectman Coutu's observations. There is a significant difference between a Firefighter in Hudson and a Firefighter in Nashua. In Hudson when you come to work on any given day, you don't know what your job is going to be. You could be a driver on a truck; you could be a person sitting in the back seat; you could be an ambulance driver; you could be an EMT. It just depends on what the need that day is. So you're a well rounded and well diversified individual. In Nashua you may be a driver for your entire career because it's all based on seniority and what people want to do. There are some pluses to being with Hudson.

The problem Selectman Coutu was having, and he hoped it didn't happen in the Police Department, because they're training some of the best and they're leaving Hudson. They lose and other departments gain. That troubles him. Selectman Jasper said to Selectman Coutu that actually did happen for quite a long while in the Hudson Police Department and to some degree, it still does. We offer a lot of variety in Hudson Police, and he thought that becoming accredited certainly has helped in that and certainly they know right now that the Hudson Fire Department are without a contract and that is not a good thing in the Fire Department. To some degree in their police and fire, they're always going to lose people to bigger departments. That's something that past boards have discussed and they recognized that they were never going to have parity with Nashua. Even if they did, for some people just the level of activity whether it be police or fire is more attractive for some people to have communities where the level of activity is higher. It's just something they have to deal with. He thought they recognized right now the current contractual situation is not helpful.

Selectman Maddox wanted to put his 2 cents in. Sometimes people want to leave because this is America and they can. It's an ability that its greener pasture to go some place else. That's the great thing. We've trained them well obviously. They're attractive to other communities. In the last 7 years he hasn't seen a great outrushing of staff. He thinks that they realize that you do get to do a lot of different things whether it be police or fire. Yes there's a couple here and he's sure that there are good reasons, but there may be somebody from another department wanting to come here when we open up these applications. You never know. Chairman Massey said they've also had people from Nashua come here.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

C. Discussion/Information regarding the Nixle Project

Chairman Massey recognized Chief Murray.

With the Chairman's permission, Chief Murray turned it over to Deputy Buxton as he brought this forward to him and has worked on it. Before he does too, you're going to see the Nixle system is somewhat similar to the emergency notification or reverse 911 systems you've heard of before. Reverse 911 being a trademark. Aside from that, he wanted to inform the Board that this past legislative session the legislature did approve for the State 911 Bureau of Communications to purchase and set up the emergency notification system for all communities throughout the State. They're paying for that through the surcharge on your telephone bill for 911. Hopefully within the next year or so, they're going to have the full reverse notification. This system that Deputy Buxton has researched is going to enhance upon that for non emergency items.

Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Deputy Buxton said before them tonight they see the Nixle program. This is nothing more than a community information piece that is available through the web or texting. One of the things that he had talked with Chief Murray at length about was after the recent ice storms and winter events they've had was getting information out to the members of the community and how do they do that better. When they sat in on public service debriefings and so forth and so on, everybody was how to they get the contact out better. Reverse 911 is a very good tool for everybody to have. This he felt was just a little more immediate. If they noticed something going on or they had a smaller event that they wanted to get some information out, they could do that and they could do it immediately either through their dispatch centers, from their desks and who they authorize to use this. Deputy Buxton believed it to be applicable all the way through the emergency management team. He thought there are applications for the Highway Department and applications for the Police Department. That's pretty much how he approached the Chief with this idea. As you'll see in there, there are 4 different levels of alerts and members from the community can sign up for this program, and they can choose what they want to be alerted to. If all you want to hear is that we have a traffic issue on Derry Road and you want nothing but traffic updates, you can chose to only receive those alerts. If you want to hear that they have a structural fire somewhere else and traffic is being diverted, then that's the emergency of the press release that's going out, they have that ability. There is no cost to the community as the municipality. This is an end user piece. Your texting or you're e-mailing when things are coming in. It is totally user based. If you sign up and you want everything to come in, you may get a text or two a week from them. If you only want to hear certain pieces of information because you have kids involved in Rec. basketball and you want to know if there's Rec. basketball and it's snowing tonight, maybe they'll put an alert out saying there's no Rec. basketball tonight and you get it 15 minutes ahead of time before you left. Chief Buxton said those were the types of scenarios that he thought that this program could be very useful for. He sees it not only being applicable for the Fire Department, but all the way across all the town departments.

Selectman Coutu had a comment. He had the opportunity of speaking with Deputy Buxton just prior to the meeting. He thanked him for the thoroughness in the preparation of his reports this evening. Though this is strictly a 2-page document, it's of no cost to the Town. He found that this is the wave of the future in terms of communication. This is the choice of the majority of the people they want to get messages texted to them and things of that nature. He thought that the possibilities you've only scratched the surface of the possibilities for this Nixle project. Again Deputy Buxton, thank you for this report. He certainly supported the concept and he will be supporting it if a motion is made this evening.

Chief Murray wanted the Board to know they're really not looking for a motion but just consensus from the Board that it should be something they should move forward to the benefit of the community.

Selectman Maddox asked how it was working out with the cable. He knows they have authorization to be able to go on to cable and update. He didn't think he's ever seen one. Chief Murray said they do have that ability. They can tap right into it. That is one means of communication. He believed it was Selectman Maddox who didn't have cable until...Selectman Maddox said he's had it for a year. He's getting rid of it probably soon, but he had it for a year. Chief Murray said they definitely do take advantage of the ability to get on the cable system if they have to. Selectman Maddox was wondering what this was really going to serve. He thought it was going to be very limited. He thought there's going to be 6 of these services and they're all grabbing for a piece of it. It probably won't hurt to do it; he was just not sure you're going to reach a very large population. He didn't see Selectman Jasper opening up his Smartphone can getting his Nixle message in.

Chairman Massey had a couple of questions. When it says there's no direct cost to the Town, who enters this data? Deputy Buxton said they were entering the data. In all intense and purposes, there is time that he would be typing in the message. There was no true software they're buying, no equipment they're bringing into town. Everything was web based. There's no actual hardware being brought in. So the piece of costing would be the labor to put the message in. Chairman Massey said when it says the cost would be different, is that because the people are paying the town a fee for being able to sign up for this? Deputy Buxton said he'd be receiving this through their data package through either your cellular phone or your computer for your internet for your e-mail, and those types of things. That's why depending on the program, not everybody pays on the same scale. So that's where the flux comes in.

The only concern Chairman Massey would have - first of all there's no doubt in this mind that the Amber Alert when it got created and you could do reverse phoning on that type of a thing, it was a tremendous asset for that particular type of thing. There's a nationwide campaign right now for no cell phone usage while you're driving. His only concern at this point was God forbid that one of these messages goes out and somebody picks up their phone while they're driving and they have an accident. The use of cell phones while you're driving is just lethal today. That's the concern he would express.

Chief Murray said it was the individual user who signs up for this service. They're signing into a user agreement. He's sure there are disclaimers in there against liability and everything. They opt into it. It's not something we're just randomly going to call or send out. Before you implement it, Chairman Massey asked the Chief to come back to the Board with an indication as to what it is going to cost the Town to implement this. Selectman Jasper said nothing. Deputy Buxton said there was no cost. Chairman Massey said they were going to have labor costs to keep it up to date, especially if you're going to do this last one - traffic. Once you implement that, you're going to have people clamoring to get 24/7 traffic information. Chief Murray said it's really as quick as sending an e-mail or a text.

Ms. Malizia said it was probably like when you just did the paving project. You have alerts and signs. You'd probably alert for that project. You're not going to say there's a pothole in the road watch out. You're going to do more of the bigger scale stuff if he wasn't mistaken. It's probably the vision where you don't do that all that often. We're not WBZ traffic reporting. We're just basically telling you that there's going to be sidewalk construction from Towhee Drive up to Evergreen. Be cautious in that area. Am I correct? Deputy Buxton said that was correct.

Selectman Maddox said if you sent him that e-mail, he'd be going...again, much like reverse 911, it's a great idea. It just gets sometimes muted by its good intentions. Mr. Malizia said let's say UPS though and they want to know what the traffic maybe over here because of a delay. That may be something a business service may want to do. Selectman Maddox asked if there was anything that we sign with those people as far as some sort of an agreement with them. There must be something. Deputy Buxton said you could opt in opt out as they see fit. They're not tied to any contract. It's a secure network. There's no information that they're providing to them. Selectman Maddox said he signed up for some service that Google was offering and it was free. Then miraculously he received 1 text that said here's the answer to your question, here's the advertising that came - they morph into and have to make money somehow.

Deputy Buxton said the Litchfield Police Department has been using this for a little over a year and a half now and they have not incurred any costs. He called over there and talked with Chief Schofield. They've used it a couple of times during larger weather events and there's been no costs. One of the things he would like to rehighlight is the fact that you sign up for what you want to hear about. If you only want to hear about emergencies, then that's what you sign up for. If you're interested in knowing what's going on at the Rec. Department because their under community information and you've signed up for community information. It's in your control as the user. They're not cart blanche sending you every single text or every single e-mail.

Chairman Massey asked the consensus of the Board to have the Fire Department go down this road. Selectmen Nadeau, Coutu, Jasper and Maddox said yes. Chairman Massey said they should at least have after it is implemented a couple of review meetings just to let the Board know how it's going. Maybe 3 months or 6 months into the program.

D. Discussion/Information regarding the State 911 Mapping Project

Chairman Massey recognized Fire Chief Murray.

Chief Murray said one of the Support Services Division responsibilities is to be the liaison with the State of New Hampshire enhanced 911 system. Deputy Buxton over the last 6 months has been working with 911. They came out a year or two ago, mapped all of our streets, and put them into a computer database to interface with GIS. One of the regulations or rules if you will that they have is we as a community once all this mapping data is done have to identify where some of the problem streets are, duplicate names, names that sound alike, addressing issues, and everything. Back about 5 or 6 years ago what typically would happen is 911 would map the city or town and they would not release the map and data base to you until you went through and corrected all your street problems - similar names and everything. With the evolution of the system and their intent to at least moving forward get a standardized addressing system throughout the State. What they now do is they identify all the problem areas and we as a community sign off that we're aware of a certain number of streets that have issues. They also commit moving forward that they will adopt a standardized addressing system for the future. That takes cooperation not only on their part, which by Town Code they are responsible for the addressing, but it also requires them to work with the Planning Board and educate them in the future too of just the parameters of the system itself.

With that, Chief Murray would like to turn it over to Deputy Buxton. Moving forward, he thought this was a great opportunity for them to make improvements to their addressing system in the future so that they can alleviate some of the prior problems that they've had.

Deputy Buxton said in their packets this evening you'll see 3 pieces of data that he gave them with a couple letters attached that are needed for signature. The Fire Prevention Division, Steve Dube, has been the point person with this project and worked very diligently to get this done. Basically the first piece of information you see tonight is a Data Acceptance Letter. It basically says that the State has come down and captured their data and now we're moving in and they understand the responsibility of maintaining that data. The second piece is a Data Release that they will actually release the data to them, and they understand that that is confidential. It is not public information. It is for the purpose of the police, fire and municipality to service the public and public safety. The third piece, as the Chief described, is a Nonstandard Addressing. He gave the Board a few examples. That document was 27 pages long. If you look at the things that Deputy Buxton gave them, it takes about similar street names, cul-de-sacs that are number not to the current 2009 Bureau Communication Addressing Standard. That doesn't mean at the time that they were addressed they didn't meet any standard. That just means as things go forward and standards change that they today don't meet that standard. Those regulations are set outside of the Town of Hudson. They were set at the State level through the Bureau of Communications. They give you a recommended guide as to how you go forward from this point forward and address your community.

Deputy Buxton said that basically does not mean that they can't address any of those issues that they see if they see a very problematic area. He really didn't see them addressing Derry Street, Derry Road, Derry Lane - those sorts of large issues. He didn't see them going back and readjusting cul-de-sacs that were addressed in the 1980s to make them meet the 2009 standard. He didn't think that would be appropriate at this time. Basically what happens from this point forward is they mesh the new addressing standard into their practices. As the Board's aware, the Fire Prevention Division works with the Planning Board and Community Development in regards to street naming and addressing. Every parcel in town that gets a building built on it has an address assigned prior to the building permit being signed. The new rules would be brought into play and they would start following those things forward.

Deputy Buxton said one of the benefits to that program was that it would go under maintenance. With the State of New Hampshire, they get a new large project that comes into town. One just off the top of his head would be Allyson Landing off of Mark Street. You have a small subdivision going in up there. As those addresses are set, the Bureau of Communications will actually send somebody down, they'll adjust the maps, give them new maps, and give them new database information so the dispatch side of the house can be updated automatically. What they get for support out of the Bureau of Communication is when the CAD system kicks down that they have an emergency in town, there actually will be a mapping program that it is also behind the screens so the dispatcher can pull it up and say, "we have a house here at (pick and address) and you have a fire hydrant 2 houses down". They pick up a lot of efficiencies. That's the biggest benefit. As long as they put their best foot forward to maintain the information, then they're going to get good information out of it. He's talked with Steve and Joe very lengthy at how they're going to go about maintaining this. As projects come in, it should be a seamless effort now with the Bureau and with the Fire Prevention Division to get this moving forward.

Chairman Massey has a question. If they were to sign all of the documents, he wanted to understand in particular on the one Nonstandard Addressing. It says, "Shown below are some examples of roads that have an inconsistent..." but it just says example. The one that's of interest to him is the one that's on page 4 of 27. The following roads have cul-de-sacs. Point of fact, the 3 cul-de-sacs in his neighborhood aren't listed there. The question is was this just intended to be a representative sample or a complete listing? Deputy Buxton said that was a sample that he gave them of the 27 page document. Those cul-de-sacs within your neighborhood may be numbered correctly. That's why they wouldn't show up on this list. Chairman Massey said there were evens on one side and odds on the other side. In one particular street, the odds are on the other side of the street than the others. Deputy Buxton said he didn't know which one...Selectman Coutu asked if Chairman Massey's were lot base numbered. Chairman Massey said no. Selectman Coutu said that was probably why it was correct. It's the lot base numbers that they're concerned with. If you have 7 lots on one side and its consecutive 2 through 14 on even and 1 through 13 on odd, that's based on lot size as opposed to. Chairman Massey said the way he was reading it here it says, "The following roads have cul-de-sacs but are addressed as if it is a straight road with evens on the left and odds on the right." In his neighborhood in particular, that's exactly how the streets are. Deputy Buxton said they could certainly highlight that road and go down and take a look at it. If that's not on this list, that was caught to date. Chairman

Massey said Eagle and Birdie weren't there. Depending on how you look at it, Fairway. Chairman Massey's real question just because he happens to know those roads, this was not intended to be inclusive. Its examples.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign the Data Capture acceptance letter, Data Release Agreement, and a Letter of Acknowledgment of Non Standard Addressing relative to the New Hampshire Bureau of Communication on a mapping and addressing project of the Town of Hudson to enhance the 911 system.

[Selectman Maddox] "Acknowledgement of Non Standard Addressing. The signature below signifies acknowledgement of an understanding of the contents of this document and of receipt." What document? Is it just that one page or is it the entire 27 pages? Deputy Buxton said all 27 pages if you'd like to review all 27 pages. All Selectman Maddox was saying was they were signing something. We can put that upstairs and at least take a look at it. Again, maybe they're in there but not on the ones that he gave the Board. Chairman Massey said they'd leave it upstairs to be signed.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Just for clarification, Selectman Maddox told all the people that heard them, they're not planning on doing anything on existing roadways until Chief Murray goes to the Board at some point. Chief Murray said that was correct. In the future if something comes up and it's something the Board wants to look at to correct something - say a major construction happening in the area or where they would have to change, then they would make that suggestion. There's no requirement to. Just based on 27 pages, Selectman Maddox said it was probably a third of the town would be affected. Deputy Buxton said it was not his game plan to start working on that list.

E. Budget to Actuals

Chairman Massey recognized the Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia said he doesn't have much to say. This is obviously the first month of the new fiscal year. As a result, you can't really determine any trends. One thing he will tell the Board is the audit is ongoing right now. The auditors are looking at the encumbrance list, trying to evaluate what's been already paid and what's coming forward. For example in the prior year encumbered column you'll see no data. It doesn't mean we don't have any encumbrances, it just means it's not ready to be loaded in as the auditors are reviewing that data. It's his understanding that they will be allowing the Pelham Road bridge encumbrance. They got their ruling and discussion from them. That's good news going forward. At some point probably in the next month or two when they're done, that data will be loaded in, i.e. the encumbrances.

Other than that, Mr. Malizia said they have done some purchase orders for things like the trash contract. So you'll see some spikes, but that just indicates that they've committed those funds because they know they'll commit those funds. They do purchase orders at the beginning of the year to encumber and/or recognize those contractual obligations. So it is a little bit early to speculate. Here it is. They look at it every month and this is July.

Selectman Maddox hoped that they would be continuing to do what Mr. Malizia had done in the past in regards to the big ones like the auto registrations. That looks to be down already. Again, maybe it's seasonal and all that. Again, staying on top of these as they did last year was painful, but at least they didn't have any vast surprises at the May time frame and had to make draconian adjustments. As much as this was an exercise, it's one that he thought pays off in the long run Sir.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Coutu - Just one quick thing. He happened to go to it this week for the first time, the town website. He hasn't been into the website for quite some time. He's been preoccupied with trying to save his business. He happened to have the opportunity this week to go into the town website. He was very impressed. It's no longer dull and monotonous. Well you don't like Selectman Maddox unless God himself appears on your screen, you won't be happy. That's not going to happen in your best day. He was favorably impressed with IT.

Selectman Nadeau - He was glad Selectman Coutu reminded him. Old Home Days will be this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There are discount tickets up in the hallway upstairs for anybody that needs ride tickets. There are discount tickets he saw upstairs today. There's some available over at Roger's. That was all he had this evening.

Selectman Maddox - He had a couple of things. He's not expecting to see any deities, by maybe just a little bit more positive on the front page. The Planning Board has continued its discussions with the Conservation Committee in regards to the prime wetlands. They've seen a number of presentations. It's almost ready for a decision at the Planning Board level. He will be looking to all of his fellow Board members to assist him in his vote. He thought there were items on both sides. So it's an item that they'll have an affect on the community. He thought there are good arguments to do this. There's also some items that maybe this was to encompassing. He was looking to the Board's assistance when it comes time for that. There has been a great amount of dialog between the Planning Board and the Conservation Committee. They've utilized an intern, and that person put together a great spreadsheet that shows

the parcels by address and what impacts would be on to those parcels. Again, the citizens can make a decision if it goes to the ballot to be able to say what Chairman Massey that 300 some odd parcels will be affected by it as it sits. The intern gave a breakdown.

Chairman Massey thought there was something like 350 plus or minus parcels that are abutting this proposed wetlands. Only 58 of them would actually be impacted. In other words, they wouldn't be able to do something now that they could have done before if these prime wetlands goes into affect. So a very small percentage of the total is about 20 percent is impacted directly by having the wetland come up against their property line or against their house. Selectman Coutu said as a result of the 50 foot change in the buffer. Chairman Massey said correct. They've identified on the charts no impact, 50 feet, and 100 feet. Again, Selectman Maddox said some of them go through houses. Those are very few. There is a lot of good reasoning to do it. The question about the roadways still really hasn't been answered. They've asked. It's just something that hasn't yet got an answer. He's there with him Sir.

Terry Stewart. Selectman Maddox didn't talk about it in nominations and appointments. Terry sat on the Planning Board as the liaison when he was a member a lot of years. He wanted to thank her for all of the input that she gave to the Planning Board. He hoped that at some point she would come back. Again as you have said Mr. Chairman, everybody has things going on that obviously affect. Hopefully she just needs a break. Some nights it can be a joy but we're having. They have seen a pickup in a number of things that are coming before the Planning Board. Again, they're seeing a couple of proposed items tomorrow night.

Lastly Mr. Chairman, Selectman Maddox was a little surprised. This is a fairly nice meeting room. He thought that it was capable of handling their needs and he was surprised when he heard that the School Committee and the Library decided to reopen the Hills building to make it into a meeting area. We're not hiring a police officer because they're trying to keep those monies in the budget. They're holding off doing some things that they want to do. He was just surprised at this juncture that they didn't go to him and say there was a problem with storage. They needed to store some things here. Should they go in together and maybe they move all of their meetings over there? It just kind of sounds like they're going over there and they're going to have now another meeting room that is going to need to have cameras, cable drops, and all of those expenses at this time. He was surprised maybe somebody else knows something as the liaison to the Library Committee or whatever that why at this time is there something wrong that they could fix here before someone else goes out and spends tens of thousands of dollars to make another camera meeting room. Selectman Jasper said he didn't have anything for him. That was Selectman Maddox's thumbs with a face on it.

Selectman Jasper would echo Selectman Maddox's concern and certain hope that they do not expend any money through the Cable Committee on this venture. Nothing was budgeted to do that and he thought at that point it was somewhat of a waste. He's puzzled by it. It's going to take depending on what goes on extra camera operators perhaps but certainly a whole other set up over there. If the school district wants to do it, he thought they needed to bear that expense. He didn't think that it was an expense that was necessary or prudent for the Cable Committee to do. So looking to the liaison to the Cable Committee, he would wonder what he knows about what the plans were for that.

Selectman Coutu was glad that Selectman Maddox brought this up. He was very concerned about the whole matter. Just for the record, he wanted the Board to know that yes they had indicated through the Chairman and through their facilitator that they were very interested in having a complete camera set up and operation room such as they have here. The cost would be somewhere in the \$25,000 range. He made it very clear that there was no way that he could sell that to this Board because he couldn't support it. What puzzled him most was where did all the money come from that wasn't budgeted for the library to begin with. Where did the school get all the money to suddenly put in new carpeting and elevators? He was on the Budget Committee last year and he didn't remember any of that stuff being proposed. He thought that from our perspective anyway, he didn't think that any of them would support spending \$25,000 of the Cable funds when it wasn't budgeted. Their budget is pretty tight for the year and they hoped to do the same next year as they did this year. If there was anything left over, put it in the general fund. That's been their practice and he thought they were going to continue it. If they come in with a formal proposal, he'll wait and see what the Cable Committee wants to do, and he'll present it to the Board. He didn't think the Cable Committee was going to support it. It didn't appear that way at the last meeting. They've had nothing formally presented to them, but certainly there was an outreach to see if they would support the idea.

Selectman Jasper - We've had the inventory done of the hats and t-shirts. The retail value based on what they've been selling is \$1,715. He's not going to make a motion because he was on the losing side. This is their last opportunity really to get rid of any of these, get them to the public would be this weekend. He'd still like to see them donated to the Friends of Benson Park so that that money could be used and put back into the park.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to donate the Benson Park hats and t-shirts to the Friends of Benson Park Corp.

Selectman Coutu said that Mr. Matthews who has spearheaded the drive for the Friends of Benson's is well intentioned and he thought he would be a good custodian. He has a sincere desire to want to raise some funds in order to expedite financing some projects that might be near and dear to some of the members of the Benson's Committee. If this is going to help that cause as Selectman Jasper stated the last time he had proposed this and we didn't support him, you might as well put them out on the lawn and let the moths eat them. Let's put them to use where they can generate some income for the Benson project. That's why he's going to support it at this time.

Selectman Maddox too will support it. He wanted to move them on but he wanted a dollar value so that they could then say that there was X amount of dollars given to the Friends of Benson's. They have accomplished that through the meticulous counting and verification by our auditor, and he thought that at this point let's put a value to it and say good luck, sell them all at Old Home Days because his screen saver said it was going to be beautiful weather.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Jasper had one last thing. Back some number of months ago, the Board adopted a motion to allow the Benson's Park Committee to expend up to \$5,000. The accounting would have them at about \$4,700. Of that though, \$730 is for Dave's Septic. He knows they budgeted for 1 port-a-potty and 2 were in there because one of them is handicapped. He's not sure where that comes in. Most of the items are relatively small. As a matter of fact, everything on there the highest one he thought was \$590 and then the brochures. They're sort of at a quandary. Selectman Jasper apologized for not getting this done. Kathy Carpentier was gone last Friday and he didn't get the information until he got there. What they hoped to accomplish this month was to make the repairs to the gorilla cage - the woodworking repairs and to get the paint. That project is about \$1,500, which puts them well in excess of what they have available. He didn't know what the Board wanted to do if they'd like to authorized up to \$1,500 for the gorilla cage for the repairs or how the Board would like to handle it. He looked to the Board to see what they'd like to do. If they'd like to go to another \$5,000, but he assumed they'd like to review the list that Selectman Jasper has before they do that.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to add an additional \$2,000 to the Benson's accounting fund.

Selectman Maddox thought that was work well. It gives them the flexibility to move it around and not commit it any one thing. It also gives them an accounting. So if they want to look to see how much was spent on X as one place to go rather than having 31 different little funds. That at least gave them some tracking of what's there. He thought that was a much cleaner method of being able to utilize the monies out there and \$2,000 will get you the \$1,500 and he was sure there's going to be things as they move forward of other items. This in his mind makes it the cleanest and easiest.

Just for clarification, Chairman Massey asked where the money was going to come from on the motion. Mr. Malizia said they have Shepherd's Hill money and donation account money so they have \$28,000 of unencumbered unimpeded funds. Chairman Massey said that the motion should indicate where the monies are coming from.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to add an additional \$2,000 to the Benson's accounting fund from the donation account.

Selectman Coutu supported the motion. He would have supported an additional \$5,000, but he'll support that motion and they can look at that later. Again, he's a fan of most of the TV programs and he watches the Benson's Committee. He can honestly say with pride and pleasure that Selectman Jasper has been very prudent in terms of that \$5,000 account because every time something comes up, he's trying to watch every penny. He's been trying to be conservative when it comes to the printing of brochures and things of that nature. With regard to this particular project but the newest member that they appointed to the Benson's Committee who is now in charge of the Building Committee...Selectman Jasper said John Leone, John has done an outstanding job in recruiting people and volunteers to do this particular project. He listened intently to what the plans were, and he had posed some questions so that he'd get the finite detail of what was going to take place. Then somebody was concerned about going beyond the scope of the front of the building. You delineated that the wall in the back and where the bathrooms will eventually be if that's the plan was not part of that whole process. He guessed he assembled some volunteers to do the work. They've looked at it. This was going to make it structurally sound. They're going to fill in the voids on the top. He thought \$1,500 was a bargain if he can do it for \$1,500. He felt that would be a not to exceed number. It could be less than \$1,500. He applauded the work that he's put into that as he is always grateful for all of the work that all of the volunteers do at Benson's. That's why he seconded the motion and will certainly support it. Thank you.

Selectman Nadeau said he'd support the \$1,500 going into the repairs. Before they put any more money out, he'd like to see an accounting of what they have left in the Shepherd's Hill account and the donation accounts so that they

can go forward and maybe put another \$2,000 to \$5,000 for them to use in painting the buildings and getting them winter ready and that type of stuff. Mr. Malizia said they have \$28,000 as of right now. That is after the money that is allocated for the train station has taken into account. So you had \$96k. You have to hold \$68k in reserve for that train station. So it leaves you \$28,161. It's spread out amongst the Shepherd's Hill account, the donation account, and a capital reserve account that you are agents to expend.

Selectman Jasper said that was the thing that they decided to start with. They'll be seeing proposals over time dealing with the other 2 buildings the exterior part of the windows, etc. on the elephant barn. That's going to be an important thing to tighten that up. Then figuring out what they're doing with the office building and windows and doors there as well. He would anticipate that the \$28,000 would take care of the needs of those 2 buildings. They really didn't see any other expenditures that they're looking at in the park itself. Everything else is maintenance through Highway; the Rec. Committee will be coming forward with playground proposals. So anything they come up with in the future would be warrant articles, which would be the bathrooms at some point. He didn't see that until the economy rebounds. They're not going to be asking to do that in this economic climate. They're going to be trying to work within the funds they have to take care of the 2 buildings.

Chairman Massey asked what the status was on benchmarking the office and the Haselton Barn. One of the things they wanted to do was have a record of what it was on the day they purchased it. That's all the deed required them to do was to maintain it in the condition they found. Do you know what the status of those are? Selectman Jasper said they had signed a contract to do that. They got the information on the exterior. The interior portion they never got anything back, so they didn't actually pay for what was done because they didn't complete the contract. So they have that on the exterior part. The interior of the office building was really irrelevant. Much of that has been gutted out anyhow to clean it up. The Haselton Barn he wasn't sure that was going to change much. The exterior of the barn was what was really important. As you'll recall, the Haselton Barn is not part of the charge of the Benson Park Committee. That was something that the Board had taken away. It's not really part of the park at this point. Chairman Massey asked if that was the understanding of the other members of the Board.

Selectman Coutu wanted to ask a question. It was not his understanding, no. He wanted to ask a question relative to that particular point. The Haselton Barn is within the confines of the deed, correct so it is our charge? Selectman Jasper said it is the Board of Selectmen's charge that \$28,000 that's available is the Board of Selectmen's discretionary fund. In terms of the Benson Park Committee doing anything or making any recommendations on the Haselton, that was something that he asked the Board to take out of the Benson Park Committee purview. The Board agreed to focus on the park. That building was beyond their scope and ability. Selectman Coutu recollected that at the time that they discussed the barn, Selectman Jasper had made them aware of the problem that they were having structurally with that corner. It was such a large undertaking at this time and very costly, and they have a separate account for the barn or they don't have an account for the barn. There's no monies for the barn. They had decided to set that aside to decide later what they were going to do. The most critical thing was to sure up that corner. So that was going to come into a discussion later that they were going to decide on and where they were going to get the monies, he didn't know. That was his understanding.

Selectman Maddox agreed with Selectman Jasper that that's what was done. They've now morphed that \$28,000 onto the park. They are responsible for maintaining the Haselton Barn. They've expended no money out there other than that roofing that he didn't know if it ever got done, but they paid the guy half the money. Selectman Jasper said it got done. Selectman Maddox said that they do have some work to do out there. He thought committing \$28,000 to the elephant barn which was not part of their charge to maintain was a move that is going to cost them down stream. They need to do something with the Haselton Barn to sure up that corner or whatever needs to be done. That's the money he thought they were going to use. They are expending monies out of the Benson account for buildings that's its nice to have, but they're not required. At some point, they Haselton Barn is going to need some money to put into it and they're not going to have any if they keep this same plan.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Not to try and belabor it too much, Selectman Jasper said a long time ago the Haselton Barn is a white elephant. The \$28,000 there isn't anything they can do to that barn that was going to be significant because when they do that project, it's going to be a situation where you're going to do it all at once. You cannot piece meal that building as they learned from Aaron Sturgiss. He's not concerned about that issue with the foundation. That's got to be backed up. That whole roof has to be stripped off, everything has to be jacked up, pulled together, and that's all got to happen at once. You can't do that part. It's all one motion essentially. That's going to be an extremely expensive proposition. At some point, he thought they could leave that barn sit there like it is probably for the next 5 years or better. The roof is tight for now. There's going to be something that's going to have to happen at some point. Tragically, they're going to be looking at several hundred thousands of dollars to do what they need to do on that building at the time that it happens. They need to accept the fact that they got Benson Park for \$188,000 but part of that was a liability of that

barn. There were 2 costs. There was the purchase price and then there was the liability that came with that barn. That's going to run more than the purchase price of the park to do what has to be done to that barn.

Chairman Massey would ask the Board to consider hiring out of the donation account an individual to assess what Selectman Jasper was talking about. Selectman Jasper said they've already done that. They have that from Aaron Sturgiss. Chairman Massey didn't believe he ever completed that document. He certainly didn't complete it to tell them about the problem with the structural problem that Selectman Jasper identified. He would think that they needed to spend that money now to find out what it would cost and then make the determination as to when would be the best time to bring that to the Town for an authorization to spend the money. He didn't think they could afford to wait hoping that it would last 5 years or even 3 years. He thought they needed to know today what it was they had to do on that barn. Otherwise, they're going to be scrambling to fix it at a point in time when they may not be in a position to really do it. The Board's thoughts on that.

Selectman Jasper wanted to talk to the Town Engineer Gary Webster because when they were looking at the train station, they looked at a number of people. There maybe somebody in there with the expertise to do that. He wouldn't look at it in terms of what the cost is right now. He'd look at in terms of what needs to be done. That won't change. The cost is going to change almost day by day. If you want a structural evaluation of the building with recommendations as to what needs to be done...Chairman Massey said that was the line of thinking he was thinking about. Selectman Jasper wanted to talk to Gary and he'll come back and see if he has any ideas. There may be somebody we're dealing with now or we've dealt with in the past because unfortunately they didn't have any luck getting Mr. Sturgiss to do the report or to work with them. So they need to reach out to somebody else. There isn't a lot of expertise on old barns around. If nothing else, Gary would know who to contact at historic resources in the State that would have the connection. He'll take that as an action item.

Again, Selectman Maddox said Benson Park is a great place. He drives through the parking lot and there are a number of people in there using it. They have a responsibility to do something with that barn. He didn't want to spend all \$28,000 and then all of a sudden somebody hands them something that says they have to spend \$50,000 to stabilize or whatever. He just wanted to know what that was going to be and at least have some idea of what they're going to be facing in the future. It isn't going to be easy to sell spending a quarter of a million dollars on a building that has absolutely no use. It's an obligation the Town accepted, but they need to have some idea of what its going to take to do that. Chairman Massey said that was what Selectman Jasper was suggesting. He's going to talk with the Town Engineer and find out somebody who would be able to provide them with a structural report that would identify what needed to be done and their opinion on how quickly it needed to be done or how long you could wait to have it done.

What Selectman Maddox was trying to say in a round about way was he's not going to be in favor of spending much more money out of those accounts until they know what they're going to have to spend at Haselton. There's no other money. Selectman Jasper said the sad thing about that logic was then you end up with 3 buildings and none of them are being taken care of. If they sent the whole \$28,000 on Haselton Barn would be like putting a band aid over a knife wound. It would be a waste of the band aid and it wouldn't do anything for the knife wound. He thought they had to look at it in terms of 3 buildings that they have. They have \$28,000 that will take care of most of the needs of 2 of them, and it will do nothing to the third one. As he said, you're talking hundreds of thousands of dollars to do that right. He's not proposing they spend any money today on any of the other ones but when they get to that point, let's not say well we're not going to spend \$10,000 on this building because we need a quarter of a million on the other. Then they're going to accomplish nothing on all 3 of them and all 3 of them will further deteriorate. That was his concern.

Chairman Massey said he'd close it off by saying he thought it was important that they know structurally what they're dealing through that and that's where he thought they're going to be headed with that. Selectman Jasper agreed. Chairman Massey said they'd deal with the others as they come along. He does share some of Selectman Maddox's concerns that they have a deed obligation to the 3 buildings. They don't have any obligation to the other 3. We'll leave the discussion at that.

Selectman Massey - Had nothing to add tonight.

Chairman Massey called a 5 minute recess.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to enter nonpublic session under 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee; (b) the hiring of an employee; (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property and RSA 91-A:2 (a) Strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, carried 5-0 by roll call.

Nonpublic Session is being entered at 8:52 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.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to exit nonpublic session, carried 5-0.

Open session is being entered at 10:05 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to hire Amanda Roberts and Meghan O'Keefe as HCTV Camera Operators at \$11.00 per hour effective August 11, 2010, carried 5-0

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to temporarily increase the weekly hours for the Part-Time Administrative Aide position occupied by Amy McMullen from 29.5 hours up to 40 hours, and a temporary increase in weekly hours for the Part-Time Appraisal Technician position occupied by Al Marcelle from 29.5 hours up to 40 hours, with no additional benefits, for a period of time through November 27, 2010, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, Selectman Coutu to seal the minutes, carried 5-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:12 p.m. by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Maddox, carried 4-1. Chairman Massey in opposition.

Recorded by HGTV and transcribed by Donna Graham, Recorder.

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