

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the May 25, 2010 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Massey the meeting of May 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Selectman Jasper.

3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Rick Maddox, Shawn Jasper, Ken Massey, Roger Coutu, Ben Nadeau (arrived late)

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Fire Chief Shawn Murray; Police Chief Jason Lavoie; Road Agent Kevin Burns; William Cole; Kenneth Matthews; Gregory Rich; member of Conservation Commission

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Massey asked if anyone in the audience wish to address the Board on any issue at this time. Seeing none, public input is closed.

5. NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

A. Planning Board - (6 members, 1 alternate to expire 12/31/12)

Ed van der Veen

Chairman Massey asked Mr. van der Veen to introduce himself, name and address for the record and a little biography of why he wants to be on the Planning Board.

Ed van der Veen, 9 Newton Street, Hudson, New Hampshire. He's lived in Hudson for 5 years. He plans to live here for quite some time. He's interested in guiding the growth and development of the community. He's never done anything like this before. He brings a financial background into play. He's a purchasing manager for Blue Seal Feeds in Londonderry, New Hampshire. His group coordinates all the material that all 9 of their mills across the Northeast bring in to manufacture pet food, horse feed, live stock feed, and things like that. He has a lot of business and logistical background.

Most of the Board doesn't know Mr. van der Veen, so he thought he'd kind of run off a list of things that he's for just so they had an idea of where he's coming from. Some of those would apply to the Planning Board, and some of them don't. He's in favor of light industry. He's in favor of retail businesses. He's in favor of neighborhoods. He thought that's what Hudson represents. He's also in favor of sidewalks, bike lanes, bike paths, and rail trails where appropriate. He also likes parks and he's in favor of conservation land as needed. He's pro sewer, pro natural gas, and he also believes in planting trees. As somebody in the audience will attest, Mr. van der Veen likes parking lots that can handle full-size pickup trucks. That's what he's about. He has the time and the interest to provide to volunteer his efforts to the Planning Board, and he'd like to be approved for it.

Chairman Massey asked if any member had any questions. He said the most obvious one which Selectman Maddox has not raised, but they know the answer to, has he been to any meetings of the Board? Mr. van der Veen said yes he has. He's been to quite a few. Chairman Massey said he would attest that he's been there to the bitter end. The most recent one at 11 p.m. He certainly understood what the Board was all about.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to appoint Ed van der Veen to the Planning Board as an alternate with a term to expire on 12/31/12.

Selectman Coutu wanted to make one comment. He thanked Ed for his presentation. He did it quite fluidly. It's probably one of the best presentations he's seen as a member of the Board of Selectmen somebody coming and being prepared to tell them where they stand on various aspects of planning that will affect their town. He appreciated it. With that, Selectman Coutu had no hesitation to vote for him to be a member of the Planning Board as an alternate.

Selectman Jasper echoed Selectman Coutu's remarks.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Massey welcomed Mr. van der Veen. Selectman Maddox said he could swear him in tomorrow night.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

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

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve Consent Items 6. A. 1-8, 6. B., 6. C., 6. D., and 6. E., carried 4-0.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Abatement Application - Map 170, Lot 31, w/recommendation to deny.
- 2) Abatement Application - Map 209, Lot 8, w/recommendation to deny.
- 3) Abatement Application - Map 234, Lot 35, w/recommendation to deny.
- 4) Abatement Application - Map 248, Lot 19, w/recommendation to deny.
- 5) Abatement Application - Map 156, Lot 63-23; Map 182, Lot 213, w/recommendation to deny.
- 6) Abatement Application - Map 139, Lot 8-2, w/recommendation to approve.
- 7) Abatement Application - Map 114, Lot 1; Map 251, Lot 1, w/recommendation to deny.
- 8) Multiple Exemption Applications - Elderly Exemption - Map 174, Lot 052; Elderly and Disabled Exemptions - Map 228, Lot 036; Map 177, Lot 005, Sub 129; Map 148, Lot 040, Sub 066; Map 178, Lot 028; Map 241, Lot 006; Map 184, Lot 005; Map 191, Lot 133; Map 147, Lot 022, Sub 007; Map 175, Lot 034, Sub 029; Map 165, Lot 141, Sub 225; Map 178, Lot 013, Sub 011; Map 197, Lot 077; Map 203, Lot 105; Map 223, Lot 019; Map 254, Lot 040; Map 190, Lot 109; Map 217, Lot 002; Map 222, Lot 053; Map 174, Lot 108; Map 148, Lot 040, Sub 002; Map 176, Lot 043; Map 191, Lot 107; Map 197, Lot 088, w/recommendation to approve.

B. Water/Sewer Items

- 1) Water Abatement, W-UTL-10-12 Hannaford Food - 77 Derry Street, Acct. #3506537702, w/recommendation to approve

C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Outdoor Gathering Permit - Alvirne High School Friends of Music - Bronco "Belly Bustin" chili Fiesta at Hills House Field
- 2) Raffle Permit by Alvirne High School Friends of Music

D. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2010
- 2) Board of Selectmen Workshop Minutes of May 4, 2010

E. Calendar

05/26 7:00 Planning Board - Community Development Meeting Room
05/27 3:00 Trustees of the Trust Funds - Community Development Meeting Room
05/27 7:00 Benson Park Committee - BOS Meeting Room
05/27 7:30 Zoning Board of Adjustment - Community Development Meeting Room
06/01 7:00 Board of Selectmen Workshop - BOS Meeting Room
06/02 7:00 Planning Board Workshop - Community Development Meeting Room
06/03 6:30 Recreation Committee - BOS Meeting Room
06/03 7:00 Benson Park Committee - Community Development Meeting Room
06/07 6:30 Hudson School Board - BOS Meeting Room
06/08 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
06/09 7:00 Planning Board - Community Development Meeting Room
06/10 5:30 Sewer Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
06/10 7:30 Zoning Board of Adjustment - Community Development Meeting Room

06/14 7:00 Conservation Commission - Community Development Meeting Room
06/15 7:00 Cable Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
06/16 5:00 Water Utility Committee - Community Development Meeting Room
06/16 7:00 Seniors - Community Development Meeting Room
06/16 7:00 Library Board of Trustees - BOS Meeting Room
06/17 7:30 Budget Committee - Community Development Meeting Room
06/21 6:30 Hudson School Board - BOS Meeting Room
06/21 7:00 Energy Committee - Community Development Meeting Room
06/22 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
06/23 7:00 Planning Board - Community Development Meeting Room
06/24 3:00 Trustees of the Trust Funds - Community Development Meeting Room
06/24 7:00 Benson Park Committee - BOS Meeting Room
06/24 7:30 Zoning Board of Adjustment - Community Development Meeting Room
06/28 6:00 Recycling Committee - BOS Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Vote taken after Nonpublic Session on May 11, 2010

- 1) Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to accept the donation of ice cream for the Volunteer Ice Cream Social (valued at \$229.00) from Country Brook Farms with the Boards thanks and sincere appreciation, carried 5-0.

Chairman Massey echoed again, it was really great to see over 120 people there. Thanks to Country Brook, it really made a difference.

- 2) Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to approve the hiring of Anthony Coculo as Appraisal Technician (part time) within the Assessing Department at \$18.24 per hour, effective May 24, 2010, in accordance with Step 1 of that position classification within the AFSCME Local #1801 Contract. The new Appraisal Technician shall obtain approval through the State of NH-DRA as a Certified Property Assessor Assistant by the end of the 6-month probationary period, carried 5-0.
- 3) Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper to allow posting of the Chili Fest at the bridge, carried 5-0.
- 4) Motion to adjourn at 10:55 p.m. by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Maddox, carried 5-0.

For the record before they go into New Business, Chairman Massey wanted to reflect that all the Selectmen were present except Selectman Nadeau who was going to be there shortly. The Town Administrator, and the Executive Assistant.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to apply for 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Chairman Massey recognized Fire Chief Shawn Murray. Good evening Chief.

Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Chief Murray was there tonight to ask the Board's consideration to apply for the 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the US Department of Homeland Security. He also had some good news for the Board. That was this year they will not be applying for a tanker thanks to the citizens who voted to allow them to purchase one this year.

This year Mr. Chairman, Chief Murray was looking to apply for a grant for \$150,000 towards radio communications. They applied for the same grant last year. As the Board was aware, they have upgraded to a digital radio system. A lot of that was obtained through Federal grant funding. The system is up and operating. However, such as the FCC, many of them may have heard that in 2013 there's going to be some licensing changes. The FCC was starting to lower the power output of transmitters. Right now at about 190 megahertz down to 50, which in a Town like Hudson where its topography provides them with challenges. The grant their seeking was to purchase some equipment that will allow the 3 towers that they have to automatically search out for the strongest signal and switch over to it. Currently what they do is they have to manually switch their antennas and that is if the dispatcher was able to watch the output of the radio system and realize that it's not getting out or someone asks them to do it. So as in years past, there is a 10 percent

match, which would be \$15,000 to the Town of Hudson. He thought this was one of those viable projects that will continue to build upon their digital radio system.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to authorize the Fire Chief to apply for the 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$150,000 with a 10% match by the Town if approved, through the Federal Office of Domestic Preparedness for the purpose of obtaining funding for the improvement of the digital radio system.

Selectman Maddox said as this was going to be a problem for all of the communities, was there any chance that they can partner with some of the other departments to make it more of a regional set up? It seems like this group tends to want to do things that are regional. Where Litchfield comes off a part of theirs and when we have our ambulance in Litchfield, would that be something that maybe they partner with them to say to have continued communications through Londonderry because we go to Parkland and all those things, was there a way to maybe partner and utilize more than one town?

Chief Murray said it was certainly part of the grant narrative that they do. They mentioned that they do provide services to Litchfield. They also mentioned that they're part of the Souhegan mutual aide, which were the 30 communities towards their west. So they do mention that as part of the grant program.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

B. Bid Recommendation - town-wide Paving Project

Chairman Massey recognized Road Agent Kevin Burns. Good evening Kevin.

For the record, Selectman Nadeau has just joined the meeting.

As always at this time of year, Mr. Burns said they advertised and prepared a bid package to the advertising. They had 3 bidders for their contract - Continental Paving, Brox Industries, and GMI. GMI was the bidder that was in there last year under the name of CLD. Brox Industries was the low bidder at \$365,686 as the low bidder and a contractor he's very familiar with who has worked them many, many times and a local company. He would recommend they accept the low bid.

Chairman Massey said they have an additional \$240,000 that's been made available. Would they have to go out to bid on that? Mr. Burns said no. He didn't believe so. He was going to use the bid prices as they are lower than previous years bid prices. Just do a separate purchase order.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to award the town-wide paving project to Brox Industries, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$340,000, as they are the lowest bidder in compliance with the supplied specifications as recommended by the Road Agent and the Finance Director.

Selectman Jasper was going to say that obviously the low bid here and in his conversations with the Road Agent, he understood that they have agreed that they would add the \$240,000 on it at the same price per ton. So we will actually be getting \$580,000 worth of paving done in the coming fiscal year.

Chairman Massey said wouldn't the motion then have to reflect that as opposed to the...Selectman Jasper said the way the bid went out, the Road Agent has the ability. They've done this year after year. He didn't believe he needed a separate motion based on the action they took several weeks ago, which was to authorize it. He believed they were doing it the correct way and it certainly was consistent with what they've done every year when they have added additional money on. Some years it has gone on. They may have done it in June because the previous year's price went up so they added it on at the end. This year the price has gone down, so they're adding it on at the beginning.

Point of clarification Mr. Chairman. Selectman Coutu said for \$340,000 does not include the other monies that...Selectman Jasper said that was correct. The question Selectman Coutu raised was it possible that a bidder may have bid lower had he thought that the project would have been greater. Mr. Burns said it was general knowledge before the bid. It's televised. It's public information. The people knew that there was an additional \$240,000 available for it. Selectman Coutu said the executive or the bidders at Continental Paving or GMI would have known that? Mr. Burns said he couldn't speak to that. If we've done it historically, Selectman Coutu guessed they've done it. He's questioning the propriety of doing it this way without having the bidder - if he were a contractor, how he would bid he would suspect would be on the basis of the size and scope of the project. If he found out later than it's a couple of hundred thousand more and

that wasn't made clear to him, it might raise to a level where he would certainly question the bidding process. He just wanted to make sure that they covered all bases here. Thank you.

Selectman Maddox thought the motion was to do the town-wide paving which was sent out to bid. They can certainly look at that other option at a later time. This was awarding the bid. It wasn't like they were close. You're talking \$65,000 difference. He didn't see how they're going to come down significantly even with that additional \$240,000. We're right now just awarding the contract on the town-wide paving as it was specced. He knows that in the past they've said well they have other monies and just said it goes under the town-wide paving price. That's a price per ton per reclaimed ton or whatever it may be. If there was any type of question, they could certainly look into it. The bid here was what they were making the motion on.

Selectman Jasper thought there was probably another problem that would come into play here. The \$240,000 they're talking about was fiscal year 2010, which ends in a month. The bid was for fiscal year 2011. In order to carry the money forward, they have to encumber it before the end. That was hard to do by then lumping it into a future year bid. He thought they run into some financial technicalities. He knows on the surface that may seem to be counter intuitive because the money was all going to be spent in 2011. When you're saying this money isn't available until 2011, now Kevin has a price. It's a separate job that he's going forward with now. That's why it's not in here. Now he's going to the bidder and saying I have \$240,000 in fiscal 2010, which they can start in fiscal 2010. It's available now. They could start this tomorrow technically whereas if they did it as the bid as part of 2011, he wasn't sure it would work out quite that way. He doubted they would come down that much, but he thought they had some technical issues with their budgeting. He didn't know if Steve had a different view of that.

Mr. Malizia was thinking about - they're awarding a bid next year obviously. Based on next year's budget. You're trying to do something this year with the \$240,000. You have 2 possibilities. You can pay more with the guy you already had, or if this guy will honor this price what he's willing to do. You'll have to spend it either this year or encumber it somehow. Selectman Jasper said right. So it's actually a separate job order. Mr. Malizia said in reality, all these bids were greater than the amount budgeted so they have to know that they're going to probably get less work than they've actually bid. If you look at Brox's bid, it's even greater than his budget. When they bid, you give them an estimate. They came out higher; we're going to do less. They don't adjust their price because it's less he's assuming.

Mr. Burns said there is a section of the contract that says the Town reserves the right to add or subtract work as funds become available.

Selectman Coutu said he just wasn't going to support it. He thought that it rises to a level where they could get themselves in trouble here with the bidders. That's just his opinion.

If that were true Selectman Coutu, Selectman Jasper said then that would have happened every other year that they have done this. To his knowledge, he can remember they've added probably a minimal of 2 possible 3 times it's come at the end of the year. It's under the same contract and the same principle would apply.

Mr. Burns said they've added up to almost \$400,000 via the first year of the solid waste contract when they had all that savings. They added almost \$400,000 to the contract. Chairman Massey said he remembered that.

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

Chairman Massey thanked Kevin and said good luck.

C. Economic Development

Chairman Massey recognized Selectman Coutu and William Cole.

As you and other members of the Board were aware, Selectman Coutu has had conversations with all of them individually. He and Mr. Cole had an exchange of e-mails. Mr. Cole indicated to him that he was very interested in working with the Town of Hudson and specifically with the Community Development Department to look at designing an economic development plan for our community. One thing that they came to a mutual agreement on, and he was sure that they would have to agree with him, was that 1) as individual members or collectively as a body they neither have the time nor the expertise to design and have implemented an economic development plan. He and Mr. Cole have sat, met, and discussed the possibility of him coming before the Board. Selectman Coutu suggested to him that he felt that he would be welcomed.

They would certainly listen to him. He was very impressed by the presentation that he made to him. With that, he'll leave the subject matter to Mr. Cole to present to the Board for their consideration. Bill, thank you for coming. He looked forward to his presentation.

Thank you. Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, Bill Cole, 12 Fairway Drive. It's been a while since he's been in the Chamber. He was a bit apprehensive when he looked at the agenda and saw that he was being perceived by the Fire Chief and a grant for firefighters and the Road Agent and paving. He thought he would not be up before 9 p.m. Obviously, you're doing something right. You got those 2 gentlemen in and out in record time.

Mr. Cole was there as Roger indicated to discuss and hopefully get the Board's approval for a proposal in support of economic development for our community. The proposal was outlined if you will to the Board in his memo to the Board dated the 19th of May, which was part of their packet this evening. In fairness or benefit to the audience both through the viewers this evening who are also a TV, he'd like to briefly mention the format if you will of the proposals so as they talk they'll have a general idea of where they are in the process.

Mr. Cole opens with a Problem and Challenge Statement, which he will get to shortly, followed by Factors Bearing on the Problem broken down by Facts and Assumptions. Assumptions were key to any study or any assessment of any issue whatsoever. It shows a great deal of time we make some assumptions. Obviously they can't be proven 100 percent at this time or they wouldn't be assumptions, they'd be facts.

The next item on his proposal was a brief Discussion, followed by his Conclusion, and last Actions Recommended from his perspective to the Board. At the Board's 8th December meeting he believed it was, the Board charged by his term, the Assistant Town Administrator Mr. Pearson to focus on plans for encouraging economic development in Hudson. He inferred from this that the Board was realizing the importance of economic development. Possibly a shortfall in that particular area at that particular time in our community, and was asking Mr. Pearson to represent the Board in moving it to the front burner if you will. The resolution of any problem, issue, or situation or whatever term you'd like to use has 3 elements. Three and only three.

Mr. Cole said the first was an assessment of where you are with regard to the problem or the issue you've identified. Where as you are today. The second rule is a designation if you will of where you want to be at some time in the future. You can call that your goal. You can call it your mission. It has two elements inherent in it. One it's attainable, and two it's quantifiable. Attainability is a subjective but you do have to at least have a reasonable expectation that it could be attained. Quantifiable. If something is not quantifiable, there's no way that any of them will know if they've accomplished it. So goals, admission statements, at least terms like he has a vision, they're going to do the best they can. They're going to try and enhance. Those are all very well meaning and they probably serve a purpose in the organization. If they're not quantifiable, they are not going to give them any benefit at the end of the expectation.

The third element that goes into the resolution of any problem or issue was obviously the development of an action plan or action plans that will take you from where you are today to where you want to be at some time in the future. Mr. Cole said that those were basically the 3 elements. As Selectman Coutu mentioned, he contacted him back in January and had asked if he'd be interested in helping - he thought his term was "willing to head up" but he thought it was to assist a fact finding mission or committee in conjunction with Mr. Pearson in the area of enhancing our economic development potential here in town.

He and Roger agreed as he hoped the rest of the Board would agree that his premise the issue was between the word react and the word respond. Mr. Cole thought from his experience in town that they have not only on this Board but in many instances on other committees, they've spent too much time and allowed themselves unfortunately to be put into a position of simply reacting to a situation. Reaction was nothing more than an aimless out of focus response if you will. It does not allow for any thoughtful consideration. At best, it puts you into a state of inertia. People who are constantly reacting, organizations that are constantly reacting invariably lose or get short changed. The key was to respond. Respond by definition was a thoughtful considerate approach of planning, of assessment, of moving forward. Having a plan so that you are control. People who respond are in control. Not to put too fine a point on it, but there was a reason why firefighters, emergency technicians if you will, members of the police department who plan and study, rehearse and train to deal with emergency situations are called "first responders". They're not called first reactors. They're called first responders. There's a very good reason for it. It's a thought out plan/approach to solving a problem.

That's what lead to his conclusion which was if Hudson was serious about moving into a moving forward posture if you will and being responsive as opposed to reactive, that they need a vehicle to do the first element that Mr. Cole mentioned with regard to a problem resolution. That being an assessment of where they are today. Such a vehicle from his perspective he thought the best vehicle would be what he's called "an ad hoc working group". Its ad hoc not as a random designation, but because an ad hoc by definition was an organization that was structured for a specific purpose. Structured for a specific time. It would be working at the behest, in the case with the Board of Selectmen at their will. There aren't terms of position. There aren't terms of office. This Board will decide when and where that committee or that ad hoc working group would cease to exist if need be. It would be for a specific reason for a specific period of time.

Mr. Cole said the Mission Statement for the proposed ad hoc working group he may be allowed Mr. Chairman, was in their memo, and was to: "Develop a draft Economic Development Action Plan for consideration by the Board of Selectmen. Subject plan will address goals, objectives, and action items supporting enhanced economic development within the Town of Hudson in 5-year phased increments covering the next 20 years. Draft plan is to be present4d to the Board of Selectmen not later than 30 September 2010." This was a very basic mission or goal statement. He thought it was attainable and it's obviously quantifiable with regard to when the plan would be submitted to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Cole said the composition for the working group would be 3 individuals - the Assistant Town Administrator Mr. Mark Pearson, the Town Assessor Jim Michaud, and himself.

The last item on Mr. Cole's proposal was the action recommended. If he may be allowed Mr. Chairman, he's like to read this into the record. Chairman Massey said to please do so. Mr. Cole said at the end if any Selectmen were so inclined or so moved and bring this up for discussion as a motion, he would appreciate it.

That the Hudson Board of Selectmen hereby establishes an Economic Development ad hoc Working Group (WG) for the express purpose of developing a draft Economic Development Action Plan for consideration by the Board of Selectmen. Subject plan will address goals, objectives and action items supporting enhanced economic development within the Town of Hudson in 5-year phased increments covering the next 20 years. Draft plan to be presented to the Board of Selectmen not later than 30 September 2010; final plan to be submitted as directed by the Board of Selectmen. In support of the establishment of the Economic Development ad hoc Working Group (WG) the Board of Selectmen hereby appoints the following individuals as members: Mark Pearson (Assistant Town Administrator), James Michaud (Assistant Town Assessor); and William Cole (citizen).

That concluded Mr. Cole's formal presentation Gentlemen. At this time, he'd be happy to address any questions or comments. He would hope possibly that that motion could be brought before the Board as this time as a discussion item.

Chairman Massey said he like to see if there were any questions available. Are there any questions on the basic outlines of what Bill was recommending that the Board go forward with? Seeing none, Chairman Massey did have a couple of questions. The first one was on one of his assumptions, assumption #9. Given over the next 20 years, that seemed like - an assumption for those out in the audience and on the television, its "Neither a "mega-lifestyle center" nor a "destination resort gambling casino" will be located in Hudson." Chairman Massey thought it sounded like there would be a different plan that would be forthcoming if they thought one of those things could happen in the next 20 years as opposed to not.

Mr. Cole said he was of a couple minds. First of all he could say, "The devil made him do that one", but here's the reality. If they are to sit there - and by "we" he means anyone in this Town - and to pin all of their hopes on that particular solution to the economic problems of Hudson, then there's really no reason for him to be there this evening. It's an assumption. Can he prove that it's not going to happen? Of course not, that's why it's an assumption. It is an assumption, he thought, that was valid given the current environment that they're in with regard to expanded gambling, etc., etc. It was just 1 of 9 assumptions.

Chairman Massey's other question was you indicate at the end of the composition of the work group it says, "The ad hoc work group as proposed must have a degree of autonomy and trust from the Board of Selectmen." You [Mr. Cole] go on to say, "it is imperative if it is to effectively represent the town with other governmental agencies at all levels as well as non-governmental organizations." What did you mean by a degree of autonomy?

Quite honestly, Mr. Cole said that was basically just a filler to put in there. He would assume that an ad hoc committee given a charge by the Board of Selectmen would have a degree of autonomy with regard to who they go out and talk to, who they licit information from - as an example State agencies, possible Federal

agencies, possible non-governmental such as the Chamber of Commerce. By autonomy he supposed he's suggesting that they don't want to have to come back and ask permission every time they go out and talk to someone that they feel can provide information that will assist their assessment and thus their recommendation to the Board.

Chairman Massey thought what he would derive from that was the same thing. We don't want to micromanage if that was to be successful. On the other hand, it would be clear from any conversations that this work group was not speaking for the Town.

Mr. Cole said that this working group was not setting any policy whatsoever. The charge for this ad hoc group was to come back to this Board as currently structured and not later than the end of September with a plan, the proposal for the Board's consideration with regard to how we move forward on economic development. They don't speak for the Town with regard to setting policy. They're not speaking for the Board, etc., etc. They're simply, as Roger indicated a long time ago when he and Mr. Cole talked, in the fact finding assessment. That's the first step. Until they determine where Hudson is today, honestly and realistically Gentlemen, they go no further. He says that with all sincerity.

Selectman Maddox asked Mr. Cole thought the estimated amount of time that this was going to require of town staff on a weekly basis. Mr. Cole said he couldn't possibly answer that question. Assuming this was approved by the Board, he would have to sit down with Mr. Pearson and Mr. Michaud and scope out if you will exactly what it was they thought they wanted to accomplish, come up with a realistic time schedule that takes it through the end of September. He could get that information back to the Board at some time in the future. He couldn't tell them that answer right now. Again, Selectman Maddox was just trying to see if it was 20 hours a week, 5 hours a week, or 40 hours. If Mr. Cole might, he has a full-time job and he travels quite a bit. Trust him; it's not going to be 20 or 40 hours a week. He thought with the individuals involved Mr. Pearson and Mr. Michaud, their experience and their capabilities, their contacts, and their understanding of how government works both the local and State level that he thought they would be in a good position to be lean and mean if you will and not waste time.

Selectman Maddox said that Mr. Cole does travel a lot and he's not going to be in Hudson. Does that mean that these 2 gentlemen were going to be doing a good portion of the interviewing and whatever it was that the ad hoc committee was going to perform? Mr. Cole said no. That wasn't what he was implying if you will. He was simply trying to point out that he does have a full-time job. It does require travel occasionally. Therefore he couldn't put 20 and 40 hours a week into this project, which was why he was looking to have people of the caliber of Mr. Michaud and Mr. Pearson involved.

Again, Selectman Maddox thought he was going with the Chairman, the number 9. Assumption was one that he thought there's 400 acres there. Something was going to be developed. Whether it's a mega life center or a destination resort, gambling casino something was going to be developed there of a good size. Again, it's an assumption that he just didn't know where that was going to take that group. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Jasper said he had not really questions, they're probably more appropriate as comments.

Selectman Coutu wanted to go back to Assumption #9. Can you assure this Board Sir that though the devil made you do it, and he wrote that down because he was good at saving things for him, so he wrote that down, that this was not going to permeate the thought process in developing this plan. That was not his intent of putting that in there. Mr. Cole said absolutely not. Now Gentlemen let's be perfectly honest. He could have left #9 off okay. Number 9 was not going to taint any of the recommendations made to this Board nor is #4, #6, or #7. They're just assumptions. They have to be in here. Without assumptions, you can never complete any study and never move forward. That's the fact of life.

In conclusion, Selectman Coutu just wanted to make it clear Bill seeing the question was raised, that it was on the record that that's not foremost in his mind in terms of developing a plan that's going to affect the entire community in terms of where they're going to go with economic development. He's satisfied with that answer.

Absolutely not. Mr. Cole must say again. He'll repeat himself. They can't use that as a crutch. He agreed with Selectman Maddox. There is 400 acres out there. Something will go in there at some time. He didn't know what it was nor did he. For anyone to use the lifestyle center, which has come and gone, and a destination resort/casino as a crutch that's going to solve all of our problems, it's not going to happen Gentlemen. It's just not going to happen not in the (inaudible) term, possible the long term, but who knows. He thought for right now if they wanted to sit around and wait and see what happens in those 400 acres 5 to

10 years from now, we can but nothing will get down in this Town. No jobs will be created. The tax base won't be expanded. We will be mired down in inertia where we are right now. He's talking about moving forward. What happens 5 or 10 years from now we will deal with that then.

Chairman Massey said Selectman Coutu still had the floor. Selectman Coutu said he was fine. Thank you. He just wanted that on the record.

Selectman Maddox was just trying to by the end of the assessment would he be talking about zoning changes or was he looking at just within the existing...he was just trying to figure out where the scope ends and where he could be.

With all due respect Gentlemen, Mr. Cole asked that the Board please take this in the right vain. He has no idea. If this is approved and a 3 member ad hoc working group is established, our charter based on what he presented tonight was to answer those questions as best possible and come back to this Board. He can't him. It's impossible. He's not putting him off and not waffling. He didn't come in there with any preconceived notions on what it was going to be. He's going to sit down with the 2 professionals that work for this Board and determine what's the best way to go forward so that they can support this Board in its future decisions. That's the best he could do.

Selectman Jasper said he had a bit of a quandary before they even get into this. Something was said tonight which contradicts something which he believed, and he supposed it was possible his memory has failed him, but Selectman Coutu gave him a heads up a couple of weeks ago and told him that Mr. Cole would be coming in here and they discussed the framework. His recollection of what he said to him was that Mr. Cole had approached him and expressed an interest in heading this up and doing this. Mr. Cole tonight has said that Sel4ectman Coutu approached him. He has a real problem because there's a fundamental difference in what's going on here. So you are confirming that in fact you did tell him that Mr. Cole approached him and Mr. Cole told us all tonight...Selectman Coutu said he heard what he said. Selectman Jasper thanked him.

Selectman Coutu asked Mr. Cole his recollection. Mr. Cole said he had Selectman Coutu's e-mail here if they wanted to wait a second he could find it. If he might with all due respect Selectman Jasper, where are we going with this particular thought of his? Selectman Jasper thought it was a matter of voracity. When you go and this would be a highly unusual situation where out of the blue the Board of Selectmen would be appointing a committee of 3 - 2 being town employees and 1 citizen, without advertising, without a Selectman's representative, and while at this point there's no clear person delineated as chairman which concerned him, he needed to know that when somebody was appointed to a board such as this that what they tell him he can take to the bank. So he thought it was important. There's a big difference between saying Selectman Coutu decided you would be a wonderful person to do this and out of the 25,000 in Town, he approached Mr. Cole versus Mr. Cole going to Selectman Coutu. There is a huge difference in his mind and that statement which was important as an element of trust moving forward.

Selectman Coutu if Chairman Massey could, maybe if he could refresh his memory. His recollection was that he was having some conversations with various people. It was on the basis of having had those conversations was what could happen that you then sent an e-mail to Mr. Cole asking him if would he be willing to head this effort up. He had conversations with at least 2 individuals about doing this work. Selectman Coutu said right. He and Mr. Cole were going to meet with another gentleman. He certainly didn't participate. Mr. Cole did meet with Mr. McInerney and they both indicated an interest. He thought that his recollection was that if he remembered in the campaign, he had said several times that he felt that they needed to take a very good look at where they were going to go with their economic development plan because they didn't have one. That was going to be one of the areas that he was going to concentrate on. Mr. Cole was looking up e-mails. Selectman Coutu didn't remember ever e-mail that goes back and forth. If he wanted to defer to him, if he needed to be corrected, then he needed to be corrected. It was his impression that they engaged in conversation about economic development. They had a lot of e-mails go back and froth, and they've had conversation.

Chairman Massey thought without having to go through a whole bunch of e-mails, his recollections were that - and to him it was immaterial whether a citizen would have come to a member of the Board of Selectmen and said I have this idea, what do you think and you started banding it around. At some point in time after those conversations had gone down the roads, a Board of Selectmen member would have then said, "Gee this was such a great idea. Would you be willing to do something on that?" That's kind of what he thought was the way it all happened. It wasn't that out of the blue Selectman Coutu sent an e-mail to Mr. Cole and said, "Would you be willing to do this?" It was the result of a lot of conversations between the two of them and also with Mr. McInerney. He didn't think that what he was looking at Selectman Jasper was quite as stark as it was.

If he might Mr. Chairman, Mr. Cole was looking at this and he had no idea what any conversation between Selectman Jasper and Selectman Coutu was. Looking at an 8 January e-mail exchange with himself and Roger, this is Roger speaking, "I would hope that you would be willing to volunteer your time and expertise should the need arise." No where in any of these e-mails prior to that did he volunteer, suggested it, etc., etc. On 11 January was where Selectman Coutu asked him "if he would be willing to head up a fact finding mission or committee in conjunction with their Assistant Administrator Mark Pearson with revitalizing a sincere effort to market our community with its industrial marketing potential." That's the fact. He can't change the facts. He knows that sometimes they're uncomfortable to deal with, but those were the facts. With that said, how he got there this evening was somewhat irrelevant. Whether he volunteered his time as a private citizen and his expertise to assist or he was asked to assist and was invited here, he found totally irrelevant. They're getting off of the proposal. He didn't know why they were getting off the proposal, but they appear to be getting off of the proposal.

Mr. Cole said the Board had many things to do tonight. Their time was valuable and so was his. He brought a proposal in good faith as someone who was qualified and has the experience to assist the Town. He's not the savior, but he can provide some assistance to the professionals that they have already on staff. That's the proposal he would like this Board to consider and either approve or disapprove. Chairman Massey thought that was really what they needed to go forward with was whether or not what's being proposed; the Board should go forward with.

Selectman Jasper thought that cleared it up to some degree. He did resent the fact of having someone sit there and tell this Board what was relevant or isn't relevant. This is the Board that gets to make a decision. This Board gets to determine what was relevant to the decisions that it makes or not. He appreciated the e-mails that have been read off. He appreciated there may have been some level of e-mail that went on for a while, and that can cloud people's memories. That's what was important for him. He had in his mind two polar opposite statements that were made. He thought it was incumbent on all of them to find out when you have two polar opposite statements what the facts were. Selectman Jasper thought they have determined that fact at this point. He didn't think there was any harm or foul to either party here. He accepted that if that started in January, there were a lot of conversations - here we are at the end of May. He will not be told what was relevant to him in making his decision as a member of this Board.

Chairman Massey said they were at that point Board where he thought its time to either fish or cut bait. The question before the Board was that something that the Board believed was important. If it was, the will of the body to move forward with it. If its not, then they should go forward with it that way.

Selectman Maddox thought it was important. He thought he was pushing this a while ago, and they've moved somewhere. He didn't disagree with Mr. Cole that an assessment of where they were and where they're going to go. He thought 20 years was a little further than he would prefer to go. Ten years was about as far out as he thought he wanted to see them look at. Those were the details that he was sure that they could work out. His concern was truly Mr. Cole he just didn't think that he could work for the jesters. In his many thoughts that he has put out to the e-mails of the world, he thought that this Board can't shoot straight on any given night. He just didn't see how 2 town staff are going to get all of this done without a lot of consternation Sir. Plain and simple.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Maddox, that the Hudson Board of Selectmen hereby establishes an Economic Development ad hoc Working Group (WG) for the express purpose of developing a draft Economic Development Action Plan for consideration by the Board of Selectmen. Subject plan will address goals, objectives and action items supporting enhanced economic development within the Town of Hudson in 5-year phased increments covering the next 20 years. Draft plan to be presented to the Board of Selectmen no later than the 30 September 2010; final plan to be submitted as directed by the Board of Selectmen. In support of the establishment of the Economic Development ad hoc Working Group (WG) the Board of Selectmen hereby appoints the following individuals as members: Mark Pearson, Assistant Town Administrator; James Michaud, Assistant Town Assessor; and William Cole (citizen).

Selectman Coutu said to the Chairman and members of the Board, he referred to his opening remarks which were simply that we neither have the time as individual members of the Board of Selectmen nor the expertise to design or implement or enact an economic development plan for our community. He felt very strongly during the campaign as he felt now that they needed to look at where they wanted to go and how they were going to get there. He thought what they needed to do was to rely on the staff that they have in house, which is their Assistant Town Administrator who also happens to be the head of Community Development, and they had said many times to Mr. Pearson and Mr. Maddox was one who was quite vocal in that direction, that they needed to start looking at what they could do to better market their community to

wit the signage, getting the designations that they received, as well as looking at their web page and making it more inviting for people to want to look at Hudson. He thought this was a step in the right direction. He may or may not agree that Mr. Cole was the person for the job. Regardless, Selectman Coutu thought they needed to take action. He and Mr. Cole have had serious exchanges of e-mails and a conversation. They are of the same mind that they need to design and implement a plan. He is willing to step forward and do it. He's had experience with the Town as a former member and a former Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. He's worked on economic development in the past. Selectman Coutu felt he was well suited for the position. He thought that he's laid out several of the things that some of them have posed to him as concerns of theirs which would be not only the design and implementation of a plan on a long-range planning phase, but a time frame in which he's going to do it. What they're going to do with that plan was something that they will have to deal with once the plan is submitted to them to take action. He thought that to sit there and do nothing and hope that these vacant buildings are going to be rented by themselves or without any marketing with the support of the Board of Selectmen; they're going to be in this state of inertia that they're in was going to continue and they're just not going to get anywhere. They needed to be proactive rather than reactive. He thought they needed to take the bull by the horns, and they needed to lead the charge, and they need to show their business community and their industrial base that they're sincere about marketing our community and they're going to take whatever steps are necessary regardless who's willing to take charge or volunteer to want to provide that service. Selectman Coutu whole heartedly endorsed the concept. He has never had to work with Mr. Cole. They've had a few conversations personally. They've met in church. They've exchanged several number of e-mails. He's been victimized by some of his letters, but you are all victimized by his Robin of the Hood columns and he sits there today, and he considers them all his friends. Again, Selectman Coutu whole heartedly endorse and hoped he would support him, and they'll support his motion so that they can move forward with an economic development plan that they would all be proud of. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Maddox didn't disagree with most of what Selectman Coutu just said. He would like to see them have a plan rather than reacting. Something that he's been pushing for a while. He just didn't know what he was going to get out at the end of this. He understood Mr. Cole's basic premise that he's going to start from scratch and go wherever. He just sees it as being nebulous at best. He thought maybe within 2 weeks some sort of overview, guideline, where you're going to go. He just sees that absorbing a great amount of staff time and he wasn't quite sure what they're going to get at the end. He supported this because he thought it was important to do. He just wasn't sure if this was the vehicle he wanted to take.

Selectman Jasper would agree with Selectman Maddox and state further that he thought this was the right idea with the wrong vehicle. He'll now go into why he thought it was the wrong vehicle. Government cannot solve economic problems. We've just seen an economic stimulus plan in the trillions of dollars that by all accounts really created very little economic stimulus. He has stated in the past that for them to promote the Town and to sell what they have here, which he thought a great value, they needed to include the business community. They need to have on any committee that they appoint a representative from the Chamber of Commerce. This was government in a vacuum. With all due respect to Mr. Cole, Town Council, Selectmen, head core - this isn't the business community. This is the Town Administrator and the Town Assessor. He's not sure they even have the right staff here. They haven't talked to their town staff. He knows that individuals have, however, this entire Board needs to have the courtesy of having those members here so that they can talk to them so that they can all understand how much time they are willing or have available to put into this project, what their expectations are of this, and how they move forward. It would be highly unusual, and he would say unprecedented, to appoint on a committee such as this without advertising, without speaking to 2 of the 3 members, and without having a member of the Board of Selectmen there to find out what was going on. If we're going to do this, we need to appoint the Chairman. We need to know who's responsible.

Selectman Jasper said he didn't know - you must have been on the Board Selectman Massey they put on something at Alvirne High School which was economic development. They never got a final report. Mr. Cole was involved in that and if you remember at the end of that, there was finger pointing about who was supposed to draft the report. Who was supposed to write the report? They never got that report. It's not clearly defined whose going to be here. The first thing he looks at this was why isn't our Town Planner a member of this? That's the thing that jumps right out at him would be beyond not having a Chamber representative, our Town Assessor is here and he knows the properties. Maybe he knows what's vacant. Maybe he doesn't. To rush this in on this night, Hudson is not going to create an economic revival area in New Hampshire or the United States. We can do a lot of things that are going to make them more attractive. Let's go into this right. There is not the rush to do this tonight this way. He supported economic development and it's important. They should do it. This doesn't really get them any place. Twenty years was just way to long. He would say to Selectman Maddox that 10 years was way too long. He's been around here a long time. He's yet to find anybody in any report that they've paid for who has accurately been able to

predict what's going to happen in 5 years. Technology changes, the job markets change, and we just don't know what's going to happen. This is not the 1800s where you can pretty much count on things being stagnant for a long period of time. There's going to be people making buggy whips who don't know what's going to happen. It's just a waste of staff time and a fool's errand to think you can predict with this 3 member committee what our society is going to look like in 20 years. We'd be lucky to go out 3 and have any degree of accuracy. Five is certainly the outside. Beyond that, it's proven time and time again nobody can do that.

Selectman Nadeau thought this was a good idea. The committee makeup was a little too small for him. He would like to see either a 5 or a 7 member committee with the Town Planner, Chamber member and maybe a couple citizens that we interview and put on this board. He just didn't think they could get there with 3 members and 2 of them being town staff. He did think that this was going down the right track even though he disagreed with #9 on here. He thought that they didn't need to rush into this tonight, but he thought they were going down the right path with this proposal if they could just add some members and check with the town staff and see where they go.

Chairman Massey said they've all had their disagreements with Mr. Cole. They all know and he thinks he's mindful of what Selectman Coutu said. They all thought that Selectman Coutu when he was Robin of the Hood was first of all he was spot on, but secondly it kind of hurt. He didn't think any of them today look at Selectman Coutu and think him as Robin of the Hood. He didn't for a minute think that Mr. Cole has any idea of getting into this and having it be a failure. That's not his makeup. That's not the way he operates. He would sincerely think that he would put every effort into this. He only had one concern at the moment and that concern would really be that he thought he really believed that at the very beginning they would want to see at the front end of the process and estimate of how much town resources were going to be required. They do have a town to run. He would be of a mind that they should bifurcate this motion and at the moment create it and come back in 2 weeks with a recommendation on its makeup of the group. He certainly at this point would have no objections if Mr. Cole were on that group even knowing they know how dedicated he is. Chairman Massey thought if the Board was interested and the maker of the motion would be amenable to that, they could either defer this motion until the next meeting in order to get a clearer understanding of what the group would be comprised of so that they could get a consensus on having the group get started, or they could create the group tonight and come back 2 weeks from now and have the members of that group identified by the Board.

Selectman Jasper was wondering what they had on their June 1st workshop. Mr. Malizia said Assessing and Fire. Chairman Massey said that was only a week away. They'd have to get the materials in on Thursday of this week. What Selectman Jasper was thinking and maybe they can still do it, was just have a little bit more discussion about where they'd like to go, the makeup of the committee, and just have a little bit more input as to what this was going to accomplish. They've been down this road before in good economic times. It really didn't accomplish anything. He didn't know if that was because it wasn't clear goals or objectives or what the issue was. As they all know, they had that money that was sitting around and they did nothing with it for years. Now they don't have any money because they put it into surplus or whatever they did with it. Selectman Coutu said they still have \$16,000 left of the...Mr. Malizia said they had money in the donation account. Selectman Jasper thought they needed to talk to the Chamber and see if they would be willing to participate. If you don't have the owners of the property that your talking about or at least representatives of the owners of the proper on board, what are they doing here as government? Government doesn't own the property. Government doesn't own the problem. Chairman Massey to the issue. To the issue, Selectman Jasper was saying that this motion needed more time.

Chairman Massey asked if it should be deferred until the June 8th meeting.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to table the matter of economic development until the June 8th meeting.

Selectman Jasper said that tabling was a non debatable motion. Chairman Massey thought that there may be an issue relative to the schedule.

If Mr. Cole might, he would like to address first of all...Chairman Massey said no. Mr. Cole said to the Board that there was a motion and he came here. He was invited by the Board. Chairman Massey said that was correct. The motion is on the floor. The motion at the moment is to table until the June 8th meeting and its non debatable.

Vote: Motion failed 2-3. Selectmen Maddox, Coutu and Massey opposed.

Selectman Maddox would like to recognize Mr. Cole. He would like to hear if there was an issue that they can solve this evening.

First of all, Mr. Cole would like to apologize to everybody behind him that's on the agenda. He didn't think that this was going to take quite so long. If he might, to Selectman Maddox's point with regard to his statements about the Board. Somebody said, and he was sure many people have said, the true test of a free society is the ability to say things that other people don't want to hear. He's been accused of being derogatory in his e-mails and writings with regard to this Board and previous Boards. He's never been derogatory Gentlemen. He's been critical. He's been highly critical and he thought with good cause. He would continue to be critical. When he sat in all of the Board's chairs, people were critical of him. They were highly critical of him. He might even say they were derogatory. Gentlemen if they are going to move this Town forward, here's a painful proposition for all of us, myself included. We have got to put past hurts aside. They have to put past slights aside. They have to put their egos up on a shelf, and they have to work together. Mr. Cole has worked with each and every one of them over the years. They know him; he knows them. So let's not play to an audience other than ourselves.

Mr. Cole did the counting when he was in their chair. It takes 3 votes. This vote tonight he was pretty sure 2 of them were going to go against him. No him but the Town actually. He thought he could count 2 votes in favor of the Town. If he may be perfectly frank, Selectman Nadeau you hold the future in your hands with your vote. Thank you very much.

Selectman Jasper thought what they just witnessed was what the basic problem was. He has not said anything tonight to indicate that he didn't want to have Mr. Cole on the committee. That he wasn't willing to appoint Mr. Cole. Mr. Cole has just demonstrated very well that he does not play well with others. He thought that was the problem. Instead of trying to address the problems and the concerns that he's raised, Mr. Cole brought it to a personal level which shouldn't happen. This was not a personal level. His first question was a reasonable question. He had 2 conflicting stories, straightened them out, moved on, and addressed the issues. They were in the voting mode and Mr. Cole made it very clear that he felt he had the right to interrupt this Board during this meeting. That's been a problem in the past. Selectman Jasper invites people to participate, but you have to play by the rules. So now it's very clear to him that Mr. Cole does not belong on this committee and that we should move forward with one. He has made no mention that they shouldn't. Again if Mr. Cole doesn't get his way and things don't go the way...Chairman Massey said to keep it on point Selectman Jasper. Selectman Jasper thought he was to the point. They need a committee that's willing to work together and to work with others including this Board. He thought they've had a very clear demonstration that Mr. Cole was not a person who can do that. Thank you.

Again, Selectman Maddox wasn't going about whether they were whatever as a Board of Selectmen. He was talking more about the Green Meadow issue. For a while, he wanted to have a complex for performing arts. He just didn't know where this thing was taking them based on what they've written in the past Mr. Cole. All he was asking, and he thought again 10 years was some sort of guideline, of where this was going to go and how much time it was going to take. He thought until they've worked out those details, he wasn't ready to vote for this.

Selectman Coutu asked to move the question please.

Again, Selectman Maddox was going to look at the maker and say he would withdraw his second for a time to revamp this to answer some of the questions that the Board has brought up tonight. Maybe expanding the size, shortening the length. Some of the issues that were brought up and come back with a revised plan if you would for this maneuver. Again, he's looking to the maker. Selectman Coutu said he was going to let his motion stand.

Vote: Motion failed 3-2. In opposition Selectman Nadeau, Selectman Maddox, and Selectman Jasper.

[Mr. Cole] Gentlemen, thank you very much for your time. Selectman Coutu thanked Mr. Cole. Chairman Massey said to the Board, they should not let it drop here. He thought they should look at the proposal and determine whether or not they should go forward with it and under what conditions. He looked to Selectman Coutu to guide them in that direction. Selectman Jasper said he would be more than willing to work with Selectman Coutu to come up with a proposal for consideration.

D. Friends of Benson Park, Inc.

Chairman Massey recognized Kenneth Matthews.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Board of Selectmen. His name is Ken Matthews. He lives at 12 Lindsay Drive in Hudson. He's been involved with the Benson Park Committee since 2003. He was asked by Harry Schibanoff to organize a nonprofit organization, Friends of Benson Park, this year. It would be an additional avenue for raising funds for Benson Park. Last month 5 Hudson residents and himself included filed the incorporation papers for the Friends of Benson Park, Inc. with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State Corporate Division issued their corporate papers which they have filed with the Hudson Town Clerk. They are requesting to be granted access to Benson Park on its official opening day, May 29, 2010 to publicize their organization's fundraising effort to assist the Benson Park Committee.

To explain the purpose of this access request and to answer your questions about our organization, he is pleased as President of the Friends of Benson Park, Inc., to introduce Elaine Brody who has graciously agreed to speak on their behalf.

Elaine Brody, 148 Webster Street, Hudson. Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, thank you for taking time for the Friends of Benson Park this evening. They're there to ask permission to have an information table at the opening of Benson Park on May 29th. First she wanted to tell them what the Friends of Benson Park is and what it is not. The Friends of Benson Park is an organization of people interested in raising funds to assist the Town with the ongoing development and maintenance of Benson Park. They plan to solicit donations in a variety of ways, including membership. Although membership and the Friends of Benson Park will not confer any special status on any individual or business in regard to access or use of the park, members will receive buttons, pens, bumper stickers, and other items to show that they are financial supporters of the park. They're confident that there are people in far flung places who have memories of good times in the past and will want to show their support through membership.

She can tell the Board that her first visit to Benson's was in 1970. She lived in Concord at the time and Benson Animal Farm was on the list of to do things in the summer. She knows that there are people all over who had that on their list. All funds raised through membership or other fund raising events will be disbursed at the specific request of the Benson Park Committee after any event related expenses have been covered. The Friends of Benson Park may at different times forward suggestions or requests to the Benson Park Committee for consideration and approval. They will promote the plans, projects, and activities of the Benson Park Committee. They are not a planning or approval organization regarding current or future use of the park. Neither do they represent themselves as a branch of the government or as an official committee of the Town of Hudson. They do not represent their organization as able to obligate the Committee, Benson Park Committee, or the Town to a specific project or course of action, and they cannot and will not provide information to the general public that has not either been approved by the Benson Park Committee for them to disseminate or already release to the public by the committee or the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Brody said It's their intention on May 29th to have the following at their table: a sign with membership information and information on how the funds raised will be used, brochures about the Friends of Benson Park, membership forms, pins, buttons, bumper stickers, or some combination thereof, a jar for donations, coolers of tap water with 4 oz. paper cups that say "please drink your water here and dispose of your cups in their trash can". Hopefully this will provide water for their staff and other people coming through. It might be an attraction for people who might not otherwise stop at their table. There will be Friends of Benson Park members at the table at all times during the opening day. They hope to generate more interest in this organization. If you have questions, she'll try to answer them.

Chairman Massey asked if any member had any questions. Selectman Jasper wanted to thank the members for forming and working on this project. He has spoken with some members of the committee. He didn't think the committee had a formal vote, although he wasn't there last Thursday. The only concern would be that there actually not be any solicitation. That it just be there. You have a table there, you have a sign there and if people want to approach you - he thought there was a concern on the part of the committee that people not approach people and try to solicit them to join.

Ms. Brody said no. They'll have the information there and if people ask what it's about, they'll tell them what it's about. She would say they would encourage them to join, but she didn't think that counted as solicitation. Selectman Jasper thought what the concern was that no one from the committee be out handing out brochures to people or saying, "hey I want you to come over to the table. We want you to join." The people just be allowed to...Ms. Brody said they'd keep their activities at the table. Selectman Jasper said that way the park is supposed to be a place where people go in and enjoy themselves and they don't want anyone to feel that they're being pressured to do something.

If Chairman Massey might just for clarity Selectman Jasper, as a matter of fact, the park rules that they just approved for bid solicitations in the park. Selectman Jasper said that's where that came from. He knew he'd

seen that some place and he couldn't remember where. Did you want to potentially go in another day or just the 29th right now? Ms. Brody thought just on the 29th on opening day. Then they will see where that takes them. Their plan was to work closely with the Benson Park Committee to find out what they see as the needs, what the plan was going to be, and how they can help and raise the funds to do some of the things that the committee thought were needed in the park.

Chairman Massey thought they might want to make sure that they have any questions that needed to be answered on the committee itself and its charter. Does any other member have any questions on this organization? The questions that come to Chairman Massey's mind were in several parts. The first one was it would be his expectation that the Friends of Bensons would operate similar to the way the Friends of the Library operate. That is that anything they chose to go do fund raising for, there was a conversation with the Benson's Park Committee that that was something that the Benson's Park Committee believed was important and should be done. Ms. Brody said she thought she said that in her presentation Mr. Chairman. They will not raise funds to any purpose to a purpose that they have of their own. They will not say well we think we ought to have a, b, c and we'll raise funds for that. We want to work with the Benson Park Committee to find out what it is that they feel needs to be done and then raise funds to that end.

Chairman Massey said the only slight difference between the Friends of the Library and the Friends of Benson's are that in the case of the Friends of the Library, the Trustees were the authority to expend. So when the Friends of the Library decided to do a project...excuse me Sir, Ms. Brody said the Trustees are not the authority to expend the funds of the Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Library vote on how to expend their own funds. They're a separate 501C3 as is the Friends of Benson Park. In this case, Chairman Massey believed that the Board of Selectmen has to approve all donations of monies. So anything you chose to fundraise for, he thought they would at least have to have some expectation that the Board of Selectmen was going to approve the donation. Ms. Brody thought she said that. Mr. Matthews said they would. That is part of the corporation. Ms. Brody said, "All funds raised through membership or fundraising events will be disbursed at the specific request of the Benson Park Committee. She was making the assumption that the Committee would not make that request without the knowledge of the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Massey said they can't expend the monies. You would have to come to the Board of Selectmen to get approval to donate the money to the park. That's the key. His only concern would be was at least speaking only as one Selectman now, he would expect that the Benson Park Committee would be making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen that they do, in fact, accept that grant. They're the ones that they've given the responsibility to provide the oversight for the park. In his mind, it's going to be a two-step process. You get a conversation going with the Benson Park Committee that says yes that's a great idea. Now we're going to raise the money for it. At the point in time that the money was going to be donated to the project, that they then come to the Board with the approval to expend. Are they going to say no? That's the process. Ms. Brody said they certain understood the process. So the process would be that the Benson Park Committee will suggest something that needs to be funded. Chairman Massey said or they may suggest something to them. Ms. Brody said they would attempt to raise the funds. Once the funds are raised, the committee will come back to the Selectmen to accept the donation from the Friends of Benson Park.

Selectman Jasper thought that would probably be a bad process at that point because he thought what should happen was between the Friends and the Park Committee, they would come up with an idea agreed upon. Then before any money was raised, you would come to the Board to say, "We're going to be raising funds for this, do you approve?" You may have to come back to the Board when its done so that they can formally accept, but the problem he sees is if two entities agree, and you wait, and you've raised \$50,000, and you come back and say we just raised \$50,000 for this purposed and the Board says they don't want anything to do with that. Now they have a problem. Chairman Massey said right. That's kind of where he thought they would go. Selectman Jasper said it may be a three-step process...

Mr. Matthews said it didn't matter to him what the process was. The thing is if you set up the process, they'll try to make sure that they follow it. This organization was only here to help. Chairman Massey said his comments should be construed as not wanting that to happen. He just wanted to make sure that he didn't wind up raising funds and then you can't spend them for whatever reason. A classic example he would give was somebody donates software to the Town not telling them that in accepting that software, they were committee to a 5-year maintenance contract. Oops. Would they have accepted the software as a donation had they known? Maybe or maybe not. Not knowing what the ongoing costs are may or may not impact etc., etc. He suspected the things that they were going to do the Board would be more than happy to have done with the park. There's certainly a lot of things that can be done. He didn't see that as an obstacle.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to give permission to the Friends of Benson Park to have a table on May 29, 2010 at the Benson Park opening with the understanding that they will comply with the spirit of the no solicitation regulation, meaning that they will not approach individuals. They will only speak to the individuals who choose to approach them.

To his second, Selectman Coutu said that Mr. Matthews had indicated to him quite some time ago that he was very interested in doing this. He had indicated to him that he was also interested in doing this. He has a lot of things on his plate. Mr. Matthews apparently had more time than he did, so he went and he spearheaded and put this together. He applauded him for his effort. He's certainly aware of his commitment and his dedication, and his interest in Benson's as he's a member of the original Benson's Committee. As Selectman Coutu understood the process, and he appeared in the Secretary of State's Office in Massachusetts on nonprofit agencies as an original incorporator. His understanding of the process was that now that they've been recognized by the Secretary of State's office as a nonprofit organization that they may begin immediately to raise funds, accept them, and place them in their coffers. They could amass thousands of dollars over a long period of time over a short period of time. It will sit in their treasury and they will raise those funds by having some sort of fundraisers, which if they're going to do in town would need the Board's approval, or through membership drives, or through a person who might want to donate a considerable amount of money to an organization that was willing to provide funds for the benefit of the refurbishment of the Benson's property, and in some sort of an endowment manner, and they would give them the money. It has always been his understanding that if a committee or an organization which would be the beneficiary had an interest in doing something that has monetary significance to it, that they would approach the nonprofit agency or in this case the Friends of Bensons, and suggest to them that they really would like to do this, and this is going to cost X number of dollars. We as a committee have approved it. The Board of Selectmen has agreed to the concept because it's a governmental agency so they have a 3-step process. They would then go to the Friends of the Committee. The Friends of the Committee could then approve or reject the proposal. They are the ones ultimately who are responsible for the disbursement of the funds.

Selectman Coutu said he would expect that everybody understood that that was how he understood the process, and he would expect it to be handled in that fashion. They're going to trust that they're going to be the guardians of the funds. He knows that their intent was to provide a funding process for things that are going to come up in the future that they will no longer have any funds to do.

To give Selectman Coutu some level of comfort, Chairman Massey said all nonprofit groups are required to file an annual report with the Department of Justice, Charitable Trust Division, he believed, in which they have to indicate their sources of revenues and what they've done with the money. Equally important if they raise money for a specific purpose, it may only be used for that purpose. If it's not used for that purpose, they have to actually go to Court and file a probate request to have the monies either returned to the original donors, which in this case is never viable, or to change the purpose. The court has to agree to change that purpose. Selectman Coutu said he would support obviously the creation of the Friends of Benson for the purpose that they have indicated. He would suggest to Mr. Matthews that he should find an accountant to maintain his books and keep them in order so that he'll have all the information available when they have to file on an annual basis and he doesn't have to do this at the last minute. It's an ongoing process. You feed him the paperwork so that he would have it readily available at the end of the year. That's just a suggestion to you. Thank you again Mr. Matthews for taking the bull by the horns, and he applauded him for his effort, and he wished him the best of luck. He knows his intentions are pure.

Ms. Brody just wanted to say that the purpose of the fundraising will always be to support the Town's efforts for the development and maintenance of Benson Park. The organization does not have to have a specific fundraising goal to hang its hat on in order to start raising funds. She thought that was the important piece. They can amass millions. Chairman Massey said when they go to expend them, that you then...Ms. Brody said when they go to expend them, that will be at the direction of the Benson Park Committee and the approval of the Selectmen.

Selectman Maddox said if you look at the list of names that are on this Board, how you manage to get Glen on he was surprised. You only see him at election days. Bringing Elaine Brody on as far as your expertise with the library, he thought that this group can do nothing but succeed. They can hopefully get large amounts of money to do many different things available to the Benson's Park. Let's move it forward.

Chairman Massey wanted to add just one addendum to Selectman Coutu. He thought it was important that they wind up being able to have their books audited. That will be a requirement with the filings with the State.

Selectman Jasper wanted to say that none of them have spoken to his motion at all and he did have a statement to make when they're voting on his motion. He will comport with the requirement to speak only to the motion.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Jasper does have a question just in terms of the fact that they're set up as a nonprofit, which is entirely different than being a charitable, which would allow people to write off any donations. Is there an intention at some point to be a 501C3 and have people be able to make tax deductible donations? Ms. Brody said yes. Selectman Jasper wanted to make it clear at this point.

Mr. Matthews said basically when you set up a nonprofit corporation, the corporation has to have a track record before it can file for a 501C3. In reading the tax code for our 501C3 and if you have read the incorporation papers of this organization, you will find that within that incorporation paper, they fit so closely into a 501C because of the way they're structured and the fact that they have the disillusionment of the corporation all assets go directly to the Town. There are no shares. There are no ownership of the corporation at all. As for the accounting, Mr. Matthews has been treasurer of 2 nonprofit corporations. He has always kept his books in a way that all he has to do is give them to an accountant and he can put them together like that. When he sets up a corporation, he starts with a one-write system. He didn't know if any of them know what a one-write system is. In accounting a one-write system says that if you write a check, that check automatically goes in a ledger, and all he has to do is take it and move it over to the column.

Selectman Jasper wanted to make you folks aware that in the kiosk that is being built, there will be a place for the Town brochure and there will be a place for you to leave your brochures so when no one is on site, that kiosk will have a place for him to have brochures there.

E. Request to Waive Community Center Fee

Selectman Coutu said that he thought the Board was aware of the fact of what this was about.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve Robert Haefner's request to use the Hudson Community Center for his grandson's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, June 20, 2010, and to waive the rental fee.

As the Chairman and all the members of the Board are aware, Selectman Coutu said they have many candidates that come through our town who are going for their Eagle Scout badge. In doing so, they provide a service to our community for the most part in order to earn that badge. Mr. Haefner is a member of the House of Representatives, has served our community well, and his grandson has served as a student representative on the School Committee and is heading off to college next year. He's very proud of him. He thought he's deserving of the use of the Community Center without having to pay a fee.

Selectman Jasper asked if the maker and the seconder agree to add as stated in the memo that Mr. Haefner will take responsibility for both set up and clean up of the Community Center for this event. Selectmen Coutu and Selectman Nadeau said no problem.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve Robert Haefner's request to use the Hudson Community Center for his grandson's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, June 20, 2010, and to waive the rental fee. Mr. Haefner will take responsibility for both set up and clean up of the Community Center for this event.

Selectman Jasper said he does that not that he knows they wouldn't but in searching minutes for things that they often think are part of the motions, they're part of memos that then become impossible to find. It's just easier to have these things in the minutes. To speak to that, Chairman Massey asked the Town Administrator if it was customary that even if they waive the fee that they still - or does that fee cover the janitor. Mr. Malizia said there's a fee that covers the janitor. If they're responsible for their own clean up and set up, we do not need the janitor.

Chairman Massey said he did have a conversation with the Town Administrator today. Originally he was looking at this as a private citizen requesting the use of the hall. It was made apparent to him that we currently at no charge to the Boy Scouts waived the fee for them to use this facility. So an Eagle Scout Court is an extension of those activities. On that basis, he thought it fell within, in his thought process, a group using the facility and not an individual requesting it.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

F. MDA Boot Drive
Chairman Massey recognized Firefighter Rich.

Gregory Rich, 20 Holly Lane. Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. It's that time of the year again where the professional firefighters of Hudson puts on 3 annual boot drives right here at the intersections of Ferry Street, Derry Street, and Chase Street. Again as always, the Local is going to make sure that the safety of those people participating in the forefront they will have their signs as you come from Nashua into Hudson up there will be firefighters in the roadway. They'll have their reflective vests on as always. They will not be going into traffic while the lights are turning green and things like that. They'll be trying to stay as safe as humanly possible. Their 3 dates this year are going to be June 19th, July 17th, and August 28th. If he can add, President Weeks sends his regrets. He's actually out of the country right now.

Selectman Coutu asked about the hours. Mr. Rich said from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Selectman Jasper said the memo says no later than 3 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to approve the MDA Boot Drives on June 19, July 17, and August 28, 2010, as outlined in the letter from Erich Weeks dated May 19, 2010. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Selectman Maddox said the President won't be happy unless you tell us that you raised the top money last year and you're trying to do it again. They raised over \$15,000. Firefighter Rich said they've been one of the top earners for the past several years.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

G. Acceptance of NH Lake Host Grants - Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond

Chairman Massey recognized Jim Kegley and Ed Mercer.

Jim Kegley, 5 Griffin Road in Hudson. Ed Mercer, 93 Highland Street.

Chairman Massey asked them what they were there for. Mr. Mercer said they were both there respectively for their ponds. He's here on behalf of the advocates of Ottarnic Pond for acceptance for a Lake Host grant for \$750 for this year again to continue their water management plan for the pond. Great news - even though they lost one season last year due to their closure for treatment, they have been officially notified that they are about 95 percent clean at this point after their treatment for last year for Fanwort. They still have some problem areas that they will be addressing through continuous programs and so forth. It magnifies the requirement to continue with their Lake Host Program and opening up the ramp this year.

For the audience then for people that are listening, Chairman Massey asked what the Lake Host Program do. Mr. Mercer said the Lake Host was sponsored by the New Hampshire Lakes Association. Through special grant funding, they offer paid stipends for volunteers to monitor boat ramps throughout the State. For Ottarnic Pond its Claveau Landing and they have one paid Lake Host which is reinstated and supported by several volunteers to make up as part of the match of the full grant. The Lake Host would come in, voluntary information as the boaters come into the ramps, and they talk to the boaters where was the last time the boat was in the water, they look at the vehicles, they look at the trailers, they look at the type of boats and motors that they want to put into the water body. They do a general inspection for invasive weeds or any other foreign objects that would contaminate the water sources. It's strictly voluntary. If a boater or a recreation person says no they want no part of it, stay away from us, then the Lake Host is instructed properly to just back off. It is their responsibility and they have the right to write down the boat registration numbers for record keeping and so forth as a tally for keeping track of the numbers of folks that come to the ramps.

Mr. Mercer said upon their great enjoyable fishing day, boating day, and a combination on the pond when they come out, they again go over and talk to them again. It might be a different person - Jim might be covering a morning. He might be covering the afternoon. He didn't know what time they came in. So they have dates and times that they're there and they talk to them about what they saw, how the conditions were, how they enjoyed the water body, and so forth. Then they ask again if they can inspect their boat and trailer upon coming out of the water. If they find any type of evasive species or water plants and so forth that are coming out with the trailers, the boat especially on the bunkers and so forth, then they ask permission to remove them and explain to them why they're doing this. Based on their knowledge from their training, if they are suspect of one type of evasive weed, they would take a proper sample, package it, and get it up to

DES for confirmation. That goes on our registry as being a save for our particular boat launch. The more that they do this, the more experience that they get. Of course they're getting better at identifying the native versus the evasive types of species. It's also fun because the younger folks that are with their families are out and they're interested. A person revisiting Ottarnic Pond or any other source - he's heard it up at Lake Sunapee when he's been boating himself, its kind of fun to see the kids come over and say, "oh Dad or Mom look there's the Lake Host. We know what you're all about." They probably go and display their little sticker that they often hand out to them. The program is gaining tremendous success. It's creating astronomical support throughout the State and throughout the fishermen, the general boaters, and population.

Jim said he would just summarize what Ed had said. The program controls an environmental problem that has existed for the last 10 years in our area. Both of our ponds were first infested with these exotic weeds in the late 1990s. At this point, there's no eradication of these weeds. So the only thing that you can do once a water body is contaminated with the weeds is to control it - to control the growth within the pond itself and to control the spreading of the weeds to other water bodies. There's about 1,000 water bodies in the State of New Hampshire. Seventy-three of those are currently contaminated with about 7 or 9 different species of exotic weeds. They're doing a service to the local community to help prevent other plant species from being introduced to the water body and a service to the community in the State by preventing the spreading of these weeds to other water bodies. For example in Robinson Pond over the course of a summer, transient boaters who may be using the pond are also using about 100 different other water bodies. They know that from tracking from season to season. So it's a point source that can potentially be a problem for many places where there isn't an exotic weed problem. So the other service of the program is prevention. They can only prevent new infestations in their water body - new species, but they can also prevent them from going other places.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to accept the New Hampshire Lakes Association 2010 Lake Host grant for Robinson Pond in the amount of \$1,500 and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign the award letter, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to accept the New Hampshire Lakes Association 2010 Lake Host grant for Ottarnic Pond in the amount of \$750.00 and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign the award letter, carried 5-0.

Chairman Massey asked Jim and Ed to please convey the Board's thanks to all of your volunteers on both of your ponds. That is definitely something that they are doing a very worthwhile service to our community in. He said they can't thank them enough for what they do. On behalf of the Board, thank you.

H. Public Hearing - NH Lakes - DASH Unit Grant Application

Chairman Massey recognized Jim Kegley and asked him to describe what the DASH Unit was.

Mr. Kegley asked the Chairman if he could just explain the context of the information and he's going to present to them in terms of the work that he's done to learn about this. He's been a volunteer Lake Host Coordinator as you just heard for the past 5 years at Robinson Pond. He's been involved in getting grant funding for an herbicide treatment of Robinson Pond for this season, and he's been working closely with the Conservation Commission. He's been involved in getting a petition at the last Town Meeting for the capital reserve fund, which will support ongoing financial support for endeavors to control exotic weed growth at both of our ponds. Since January, Mr. Kegley's been involved in doing research, and talking with people, and working with NH Lakes Association to be able to talk to the Board tonight about the Diver Assisted Suction Harvester. They appeared before the Board on February 23rd as you may recall.

[Jim Kegley] A Diver Assisted Suction Harvester in its simplest form is a small raft. It has an engine on top of the raft which has a pump, and there's a long hose connected to the engine so that a diver can go under water and maneuver the hose to bring up the plants that they're looking for. In our cases, variable Milfoil and Fanwort, and have them be disposed in a net in the water from the pond and goes back into the pond. The plant fragments get bagged and then removed from the water body. There's been an evolution of ways to control these plants over the last 10 years. As we were explaining before, they were starting with prevention and control just by advocating people and limiting the transportation of these plants from water body to water body.

[Jim Kegley] The herbicide treatments in Hudson have been used at Robinson Pond. The first year of use was 2002. This season is the second at Robinson Pond. The treatments at Ottarnic Pond were used in 2005 and 2009. Those have been the primary measures of controlling these plants up to this point. The Diver

Assisted Suction Harvester is the latest innovative measure to be able to control plants selectively, to be able to control plant growth proactively where he would characterize using an herbicide as reactively. You wait until there's so much growth and then you do something about it; then you wait for another period. The Diver Assisted Suction Harvester the strategy is to nip it in the bud, go to the root of the problem literally, get down to the bottom of the water and pull things up by the roots. That is a more effective way to control these plants instead of herbicides because they're actually removing the whole plant fragments. Over the course of a period of time, hopefully being able to get as close to eradication of the plants that have already been infected in the ponds that you can get. It's a new technology. The State has had Diver Assisted Suction Harvesters for about 5 years. They've been operated commercially only for the past year or two. Big Island Pond to our east started using one just last year. There's an organization called "AB Aquatics" which they've been working most closely with out of several that they contacted across the State and outside of the State to get some guidance and education about what these are.

Chairman Massey opened the public hearing at 8:55 p.m.

Chairman Massey asked if there was anyone in the audience who would wish to address the Board on the acceptance of this grant.

Jane Bowles, 57 Hazelwood Road. She is in favor of the Board accepting this grant. She hoped that they would agree that it is the most logical thing to do. For one thing, it follows the long-term management plan that has been developed by the DES for both of their ponds. It recommends that after the herbicide treatment that you have this follow up mechanical harvester with the diver suction unit. It's also mechanical versus chemical control, which she thought a lot of them would prefer to see the mechanical aspect rather than putting the chemicals in. As has been previously mentioned, it is a proactive control rather than waiting and doing nothing for 5 or 8 years and then reacting to the problem and having to clean it up. It can be a potentially long term versus a short term solution whereas the chemicals last for a length of time. This could potentially, if it works like they say (inaudible) beginning stages, if it's really going to be productive it could be something that they could manage long term over the longer term instead of just a short term. It has a community involvement component in it. As you're aware, the grant is for \$5,000. There's been a lot of volunteer effort and commitment on the pond people coming forth. We have all been active stewards of the pond for many years. They're doing it for everybody out there so that everybody in town can enjoy this pond and can remain a place that they can all enjoy whether your children or senior citizens, you can use it year round. It's a great recreational source - ice skating, ice fishing, swimming, boating and everything. They think it is important for the town that they manage this pond. They've already put a significant investment into it, and she thought that they should maintain their investment. They've put that money in, so let's keep it. It's also a one-time grant for this unit. It's logical to take advantage of that at this time. The voters have indicated a support for this pond improvement by establishing the capital reserve fund last year. Ms. Bowles thought they'll never know if it works if they don't give it a try. She hoped they'll give them a chance to at least try it and she hoped the Board would accept the grant.

Jim Garvey, 74 Robinson Road, Hudson. He won't repeat all of the reasons that were just given. He agreed with all of that. He also wanted to lend his support to this. He's just been involved more recently, but it seemed like it was an opportunity for them to accept the grant and try this method of controlling the weeds in the pond without having to use chemicals. It just seemed to make a lot of sense to try to do that. It will keep their ponds cleaner over a long period of time constantly as opposed to just 5 or 8 years. Hopefully down the line they will be able to come up with methodologies and ways to make it more and more cost effective as they go forward. He thought it was a good idea himself.

Ed Mercer, 93 Highland Street, Hudson. Twofold he guessed as an advocate of Ottarnic Pond. For a number of years an alternate member of the Conservation Committee for the general public and the Board. The Conservation Committee has been fully supportive of their application for this grant process, as well as for matching funds. They're in a great position right now to jump on board to this new program. It's an exciting program with the possibility of additional training for them, additional use in growing and the community expansion through volunteerism. Getting their young folks involved down the road as they expand on the program and the initial help by this new grant is quite substantial to get the initial equipment. They're in a really great position to start this Ottarnic Pond as they mentioned earlier, they're 95 percent clean right now. They do have some small spots that they have to take care of and this was the least costly effect to go after those problem areas. Robinson Pond will be treated again this year so they too are going to be in a perfect position to do some follow up work late summer or early fall with the new equipment as they all learn with it with their proposal going forward. It's a tremendous opportunity to have some substantial financial backing again from the great efforts of the Conservation Committee as well as certainly the NH Lakes Association Grant Program. By purchasing this unit and owning it town wide, it also opens up avenues with the acceptance and working closely again with the Conservation Committee to look at other

resources for additional funding to help them with the problem as well as their grass root efforts to start the warrant initiative this year and to continue to expand on it.

Jim Kegley again. He wanted to add and finalize to what people are saying and to acknowledge that they're sort of proposing a pretty significant undertaking. They're asking for approval for a grant for this year to take advantage of an opportunity. Beyond that as you can see, this is a long-term project to get into. He felt the reason they should go forward with this was that they took some of the Board's in February and went back to the community and asked people for commitments to be involved. As you can see from the list of volunteer job descriptions, they've tried to organize themselves and to get people to be serious in the undertaking so that people knew what they were getting into. One of the things that they came up against was realizing that with the amount of time that they're actually talking about having somebody operate this unit, which the recommendation about how much work it would take, it amounts to something like 210 hours for a diver to work down below and have a tender work 210 hours above so they're working together. That's a lot of time that they felt they couldn't get a reasonable commitment from a volunteer to do that. It's hard work, so they felt that to do something like this and to be consistent with it, they had to really look at hiring somebody to do that. They took the Board's advice about looking at having a professional do it so that you're working with somebody at the onset who has a skill set that you can make comparisons in the future and see if it is working or not, is it effective or not effective. So they wanted to go that road instead of trying to sort of come up with volunteer divers or volunteer tenders. Then you had issues about liability issues, which they thought were best to steer away from. Those things come at a cost and they realize that. They're looking at this as a beginning of a project, and they need a spark to get going, and they're not going to be able to predict for sure 5 or 10 years from now if it is successful unless they try to get started with it now. The timing was good in terms of the grant that's available. The financial commitment that they had from people in the community. The balance of that adds up to \$9,000. The Conservation Commission had pledged \$7,000. So they felt it was an ideal partnership between the town and other resources to see if this experiment could take off.

The other thing that Mr. Kegley would explain if the Board had a question about it would be that in terms of does it make sense to experiment and buy a unit like this and see whether or not it works versus let's just try and hire somebody with their own equipment for a few years and see if that works. The way that the grant is available to them now and some other discounts and the opportunities that have rise, they could recover the purchase price of this unit in a few years. As experiments goes, purchasing it now sort of gives them more freedom to operate it. As he said before, there's 73 water bodies in the State that are looking for solutions. Right now there's only 3 water bodies that own their own DASH Unit. The grant program is creating an opportunity for 6 more DASH Units to be manufactured and sold. There's still going to be a lot of competition. Fortunately one of the companies that they look most closely at, AB Aquatics, is in Atkinson. They're nearby. It's a very practical proximity to our ponds. They could easily provide us with services that we would need. If it weren't for that, then they'd be in much more stiffer competition to be able to try to use this, which is the argument about having their own. It makes it easier. He thought that's going to be one of the initiatives in the next few years from the State. They're going to be looking for training more and more from more of a labor pool for people to provide this kind of service. Because it's innovative, they're just at the very beginning of it. They're going to have to kind of see the pieces of the puzzle come together.

Chairman Massey closed the public hearing at 9:07p.m.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to accept the New Hampshire Lakes Association 2010 Exotic Weed Control Program grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the purchase of a diver assisted suction harvesting unit (DASH) for the management of exotic aquatic plants in Robinson and Ottarnic Ponds.

Selectman Jasper said that was probably the longest public hearing they've had on anything in several years, but certainly the longest they've had on a motion to accept a grant.

Selectman Nadeau thought this was definitely an innovative way to go. Instead of using herbicides all the time, that's why he's in support of this motion.

Selectman Maddox thought it was important to note that there's \$107,650 as the 5 year total for this. He was not going to vote for this. As he said earlier, he's not in favor of buying a beta max until more people have figured out if it works, if it's the right size, and finally having a town own a piece of equipment that diver was going to rely on, he didn't think was a good idea. He thought that they come in with their own equipment. They maintain it. He thought this was not a good policy but they'll see where it goes.

Selectman Coutu said he hadn't made up his mind simply because this is just an experiment. When you say you're going to recoup the cost, they don't even know if it's going to work. He knows they've been doing this

in Massachusetts. Matter of fact, there was a portion of Channel 4 new this evening at 5 p.m. that showed exactly this whole system and operation on one of the ponds. They're having a hard time controlling the Milfoil growth. He'd like the Chairman to refresh his memory about one thing. If it has nothing to do with this particular proposal or its application, then just say so and he'll set it aside. As he understood and he tried to remember some of the conversations that took place with regard to, and he's going to deal strictly with Robinson Pond. There was a recommendation that they tried to get the residents of Robinson Pond to agree to remove their boats from the water for one year. What was the purpose of that?

Chairman Massey said they're going to be applying herbicide on 3 separate occasions. When they apply the herbicide, its effectiveness can be diminished if motorized water craft stir up the water and cause the disbursal of the plants. Selectman Coutu said the herbicide is a proven method of curtailing the growth of the plants. Chairman Massey said it controls it. It does not eliminate it and you have to continue to apply the herbicide. As Selectman Coutu understood it, the majority of the people at Robinson Pond were against it. Chairman Massey said no. They were all for applying the herbicide. Some of the people said yes they'd love to do it. Some people said no. Selectman Coutu was under the impression that a majority of the people were against it and that's why...Chairman Massey said no. The majority of the people were not against curtailing the water craft. He asked Mr. Mercer to come forward for clarification only.

Mr. Mercer said the clarification on the herbicide treatment. The herbicide treatment only goes down about 10 to 12 inches at best when it seeps into the soil or the sediment of the ponds. The DASH Unit itself, because it's a diver assisted suction harvester, they're under water and part of the process is trained, certified through DES Diver, it would go down and its actually like weeding your garden. Taking the full root of the dandelion out if you will in your garden or lawn. This particular unit does that. They go in and they hand harvest the weed itself right at the root ball and find the full mass of the root and the suction is right there. It goes up onto the (inaudible). The treatment is broad base immediate short-term coverage. The seeds of the Milfoil and the Fanwort can be viable for over 10 years just waiting for the proper time to be disturbed or germinated and to start again. A little clarification for the 2 systems if you would.

Other than to say that they're committing - if they're going to look at the long-term as Selectman Maddox stated they have it before them, Selectman Coutu said that the 5 year cost, the total cost, would be \$107,650 for something that hasn't proven that it will work. He's reluctant to support it. He'll listen to further debate before he makes a final decision.

Selectman Jasper said he didn't see anything in the document that commits them to anything beyond this year. If it does, he couldn't find it. It also says that there will be DASH divers and tenders who could be volunteers in the future but that won't be until 2011. So that \$107,000 maybe reduced based on people becoming certified from this document. If he's incorrect, somebody can correct him. The basic thing was he didn't see anything that commits them in the document that they would be agreeing to sign that commits them to anything beyond this year. Chairman Massey said that was correct. Selectman Jasper said they will have the opportunity to discuss out year costs. Selectman Coutu said and the unit. Selectman Jasper said they'll own the unit. Chairman Massey said they'll have to balance that against the fact that this year the total cost to Robinson Pond, he believed, was \$60,000 some odd dollars of which the Town's matching grant was \$47,000. Ottarnic Pond last year, he believed, was about \$37,000. If this works out, it ultimately becomes cost effective. You're right Selectman Jasper; we're not committed to anything beyond this year.

Selectman Nadeau said that the unit that they're going to be purchasing what this does is it just cuts down the amount of herbicide that they're going to end up using over the long term, which is better for the environment, better for the water quality, and this gets down to if you want to call it the root of the problem. This is getting rid of where the problem is. He thought that going with this type of unit was definitely a start in going the right way to getting away from the herbicides. He thought that from what he's read, going down and ripping up the roots was the right thing to do. If you're doing the herbicide and this - and with the Lake Host he runs into them all the time whether its here, Lake Winnepesaukee, or any of the other lakes that he travels to, its helping people being more aware of the weeds and what they're doing to our water bodies. Selectman Nadeau thought having this diver aided suction unit if they didn't use it in 2 or 3 years out, there's other ponds or something that they might be able to sell this unit to another town. He didn't think they're bound to keep the unit if they don't use it. He thought this was the way to go, and he hoped that the other Board members supported this.

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

Selectman Jasper asked if they would consider declaring a 10 minute recess.

Chairman Massey declared a 10 minute recess. They'll be back at 9:30 p.m.

I. Senior Center/Summer Program

Chairman Kenneth Massey asked the Board to indicate yes or no to a concept. He's recommending to the Board was that they create a Building Committee consisting of 5 people - 2 Selectmen, Town Engineer, and 2 members of the Senior Committee. They would use as the starting point the work that was done on the Town's behalf 2 years ago that they submitted the Warrant Article and that they look at updating it to be reminiscent of a red barn. His recommendation was that they use the existing architect because they have all of the institutional memory for what they did. He's talked to them. He did not ask them for a price because he did not want to presume what the Board would want to do at that point. They were available to do it. They've actually worked on something like 8 senior centers since they've last seen them. They've come up with a lot of new ideas about what senior centers ought to be about. He felt that it would be very easy to modify this plan. He also understood that they would do it in 2 steps. Step 1 would be to do the renderings for the building itself, get DOT approval to move forward, and the next step then would be to have the architectural firm update the cost estimates. So they would get the ability to go to the warrant with the total amount it would cost to do the design, engineering, and construction work on the project.

Chairman Massey said he met with the Council on Aging last Wednesday night, which is the organization that holds all their building fund money. They unanimously agreed to authorize up to \$15,000 to spend on this first phase. They asked him what the risk was of spending the money. He told them that they had no guarantees of where they're going to go. He asked Ms. Nichols to come up on this one because the Board may or may not want to talk to her on this. Ms. Nichols is one of the representatives from the seniors that if they create this committee would be there. At any rate, they voted to authorize up to \$15,000 and that if they needed more, they would have to go back to the seniors. The only thing he explained to them the other night was the risk that they take is that they don't wind up being able to push this forward. They haven't risked the loss of the money because they will have an updated set of plans and they would be able to at the next point to do it.

Chairman Massey was asking the Board that they create the committee; that they engage the Berard Martel Architectural Company and that they work towards coming back to the Board no later than October with the plan that could be used to draft a warrant article. Depending on the Board's decision on the warrant article, they would move forward. If you have any questions, he'd ask them. Otherwise, he'll put the motions on the table and they can take them one at a time.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to create a Senior Building Committee consisting of five (5) members: Selectman Maddox, Selectman Massey, Town Engineer Gary Webster, Lucille Boucher, and Pat Nichols.

Chairman Massey would simply indicate that the reason he picked the 2 Selectmen that he did Selectman Maddox is the Planning Board representative. He will provide the Planning Board expertise. He has indicated to him that he can come for the meetings, and Chairman Massey being the liaison to the seniors. As Chairman Massey said, the seniors voted to appoint Lucille Boucher and Pat Nichols to be the senior representatives. Lucille was on the original committee. She brings the original senior process into it. Pat is new to it. On the last committee, it was Tom Summers. He felt it was important to have the Engineer on it.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to hold a public hearing at the Selectmen's meeting on June 8, 2010 to accept a donation of up to \$15,000 from the seniors building fund.

Chairman Massey wanted to clarify this so it was clear. It's the Hudson Council on Aging Building Fund as opposed to seniors. They have a senior capital reserve fund.

Selectman Jasper said obviously they needed to have a public hearing. By that time, did he expect to have an exact dollar figure? Chairman Massey said he would talk with Berard and he'll have a cost estimate of what they think its going to cost. Selectman Jasper said it would be highly unusual if not. Chairman Massey said he'll get a cost estimate. They'll probably do it in 2 phases. They'll get the first cost for doing the renderings and come back for the second cost rather than have him trying to do it all at once. Again, the seniors would be concerned that if they do the first piece and the Department of Transportation for whatever reason says no, they don't want to sink any money in an engineering project. They haven't lost any money if they do the renderings.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to engage the firm of Berard Martel Architecture, Inc. to develop a building plan based upon a 2008 senior center plan at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

Selectman Coutu would have thought that the language of this motion should have changed to authorize the Chairman to negotiate with Berard Martel Architecture to develop the building plan based on the 2008 senior center plan. What if he comes in and says this is going to cost \$18,000? Chairman Massey said they first of all would have to come back here. Secondly, he'd have to go to the...Selectman Coutu said they're just delaying the process. Chairman Massey said he had a good point. Would you care to change the motion?

Selectman Jasper said he would. Chairman Massey said if he did, they could come back on June 8th and they could have the motion to actually hire them. Selectman Jasper said he thought that would be more appropriate and he agreed whole heartedly with Selectman Coutu. Chairman Massey said he didn't think he needed a motion other than for the Board's consensus for him to discuss with Mr. Berard. Selectman Jasper said he didn't think he actually needed a motion at all. Selectman Coutu said just a consensus.

Selectman Jasper withdrew his motion.

Chairman Massey said he looked forward to having Pat Nichols on the committee. He'll call the committee to order. Just for planning purposes Board, they will keep the Board - he's not going to come back in October with what they've done. It will be a monthly progress report. Before they actually sit down and talk to Berard about doing the work, the committee would meet and just have an agreement on what they wanted him to do for them.

On the summer program for the seniors. Chairman Massey and Selectman Coutu met with Dave Yates and 3 members of the Hudson seniors. He thought it was a very frank and open discussion. They got a lot of things out on the table. If you read any of their letters, you can kind of see where their thoughts are. It turns out that the Oakwood facility was okay for the Wednesday programs if they do the modifications that he's suggesting in the presentation, which was to have the 2 tables set up near where the bathrooms are so that the people that want to go in there and socialize. Apparently they're not many in the morning that do. They play cards, talk, or read the newspaper. They could do with no table set up the aerobics and line dancing. The problem with doing aerobics and line dancing in the Community Center was it was hard for them to hear what was being done because kids being kids, they were running through the building having a good time, which is what they're supposed to have. If you're trying at the same time to listen to an instructor calling out dance steps, it made it very difficult for them to do that. That's what they did 2 years ago. They had their aerobics and line dancing and took the curtains up in the Community Center and they separated. Because the rest of the facility was being used by the children, it created problems.

Chairman Massey said the other option that they talked about was Memorial. The problem was its not air conditioned. It creates a problem for the seniors. They are okay with being able to use the Oakwood facility for the Wednesday program. The problem with the Oakwood facility on Thursdays was that if you set it up with all the tables that were necessary, access for folks in either wheelchairs, walkers, or canes became a very problematic. It also became very problematic to exit the facility especially in a hurry with all the tables set up. Also because the way the acoustics was sitting in there, to do things like Bingo just was very uncomfortable to them. He thought most of the letters that talked about it referred to the problems with the access for people who had the need to use either wheelchairs, canes or walkers. They looked at some alternatives and the first alternative that came to mind was the VFW. Chairman Massey talked with them over the weekend. They're supposed to get back to him within the next week to let him know for certain that they can use the facility for the 9 Thursdays. They have 2 alternative locations that they talked about that would be okay but they're not certain that a) they could be used, and b) whether they could get the approval for them. It would appear to him that they're probably going to be paying somewhere over \$50 a day to use the facility. He's anticipating maybe about \$1,000 that they'd incur to use the VFW facility. That primarily was to pay for the custodian and to pay for the incidentals like air conditioning, etc. He won't know until they meet on June 8th whether that venue was a viable one. The Wednesday date was definitely okay. Mr. Yates has agreed to do all the necessary logistics to make the space available the way it needed to be set up on Wednesdays. So he'll come in at the beginning and make sure that there's just 2 tables there. At 11:30 a.m., he'll come back and he'll set all the tables up so that they can have their lunches and do their socializing, which they do in the afternoon.

Just to a lay any fears any members of the Board might have, Selectman Coutu said that they brought to the Board's attention that as you know they carry a liability policy year round for the seniors. What they do is they will notify their insurance agent of where they will be housed in the summer time so that the clauses

within the insurance policy will cover them regardless of where they're going to be. If they're at Oakwood they'll say they'll be there every Wednesday. If they're at the VFW or whether we finally house them, he may end up having to find the housing because the Chairman doesn't have the courage to go in one area that he's willing to go. He'll take care of it Mr. Chairman. He wanted to let the Board that they are covered as far as liability. That takes them off the hook as a municipality.

Selectman Maddox said he was confused. This was probably the 6th year they've been doing this. They're racing up against the clock again. Again, he thought that an agenda item for the second meeting in February of 2011 should come back with a report from the Rec. Director as to how he's going to take care of utilizing the Community Center for the summer program. He didn't see why they're scrambling here at the end hoping that someone will help them out here. This should be resolved months ago. He understood that there were different concerns or whatever, but this should have been ironed out way before this. So if he'd like a motion, he'd be happy to make one to say that the second meeting in February the Rec. Department Director will come back with a report on where the seniors will be going for next year's summer program. This in his mind they're putting the Chairman in a position of having to go out and challenge to chase locations. Obviously Selectman Coutu was going to a place that he won't go. It just seems that they shouldn't be doing this on the last meeting in May when this thing starts in 3 weeks.

First of all, Chairman Massey said he takes full responsibility for it being so late coming. He should have as the liaison brought this to the attention of the seniors earlier than this. However, he did think Selectman Maddox was right. Next year in February was when they should determine. He also, by the way, has told the seniors and they understood that the best case scenario that they can look for going forward was at least this summer and next summer temporary summer housing. Even if they put a warrant article on and it passed, the earliest the building could be constructed and completed was probably early 2012. They understood that they're talking about a 2 year minimum process. He thought on that basis Selectman Maddox, the motion would be in order.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Jasper, that the second meeting in February the Recreation Director will come back with a plan for the 2011 summer program's use of the Community Center which will be displaced and how that will be handled, carried 5-0.

Chairman Massey asked if he had left anything out on the summer program. Selectman Coutu said no and in all fairness to the Chairman, he certainly thought that everything was in place. They were just going to do what they did last year. This came to them last minute that there were problems. They were unaware that there were any problems. He may take the responsibility, but this all came to his attention about a month to a month and a half ago. We quickly resolved it with an open and frank discussion.

J. Traffic Access Review - Lowell Road between Wason and Hardy Roads

Chairman Massey recognized Selectman Maddox as the Board's Planning Board representative.

Selectman Maddox said the Planning Board would like to engage the services of VHB who has done of the Town's corridor traffic evaluations to look at that section of Lowell Road between Wason and Hardy to see if there was any safety improvements, and improvements to the roadway period that could be made in that stretch. There have been numerous accidents. He knows everybody was wound up about barriers going down the center of the road. That was not the intent. It was to look to see if there was better stripping, signage, small articles that will, again, if you've every watched the traffic as people trying to get from Market Basket into Haefner's, they're crossing 5 lanes of traffic. Sometimes they can't see. Some people are trying to turn. It is a challenge. In an effort to a) make that area safer and b) there are monies available from when Stop N Shop was built. There are monies there to be able to do this engineering and some of the work. The Planning Board felt that it was now time to take a look at that as that intersection has been there in practice for a couple of years.

Selectman Nadeau's first question was on that section of road, isn't there a light that is supposed to be going in just right before that at Fairview Nursing Home? Selectman Maddox said it was already there. Selectman Nadeau asked if they were supposed to put the roadway extension in. Selectman Maddox said there was going to be a roadway next to Fairview across from...Chairman Massey said the answer was Gary Webster was working with the developer to put that in this summer. Selectman Nadeau asked if that roadway study take place after that was put in or before then. Selectman Maddox said with knowledge that it was going to happen. Chairman Massey said the plans basically have already been drawn up for that intersection in terms of what they're going to do. That was part of the site plan approval for Mission Point. The reason Selectman Nadeau asked will that have any affect on the traffic? Selectman Maddox said that was beyond

the Hardy Road. Chairman Massey said he didn't think it would have that much of an impact. Selectman Maddox said it would give another access into the Industrial Park with that road.

Selectman Coutu asked where Hardy Road was. He couldn't find it. Chairman Massey said if you go just beyond Market Basket on the right, it's a dirt road. Selectman Coutu asked if it was an unmarked road. Selectman Jasper said there were 3 houses on it. Personally, Selectman Coutu believed he had a conversation with the Chief of Police who seemed to think that the amount of accidents and the seriousness of the accidents in that area have been exaggerated. He followed a series of e-mails, which Selectman Coutu partook in, with regards to some of the proposed improvements to that area which consisted of jersey barriers as alluded to by Selectman Maddox, which he was unutterably opposed to. He's in that area every single day. With the exception of Massachusetts drivers and some New Hampshire drivers as well going through red lights like they don't exist between Dracut Road all the way up to the nursing home consistently, he didn't see any real problems with access to Haefners, Dunkin Donuts, Stop N Shop, Market Basket. He didn't see this need to spend \$1,800 to study something that he didn't see as a serious problem. There are other areas in this town that have a lot more serious problems than that particular intersection. He thought it was a waste of money in his opinion.

Selectman Jasper agreed with Selectman Coutu. He looked at this and said what a total waste of \$1,800. It's not our money so it doesn't matter. They designed that road. There's really nothing you can do. He thought they have enough expertise between the police, highway, and engineering that if there's something that can be done with stripping, they could come up with it. In this proposal, coordinate with the Town Planner to gain understanding of the background and issues related to the request. They've looked at the traffic data here, the accidents, there aren't any. They could probably find two dozen places with more accidents. Review available previous studies or reports conducted within the study area. What does that mean? If the studies were any good, they would have implemented them or they've already been implemented. They're going to just read stuff that they've already paid to do and didn't do anything with it. That's great. Then we're going to conduct a field visit. He thought that was supposed to be field - to observe traffic operations. No traffic counts or other field data would be collected at this time. What the hell does that mean? We're going out there for 5 minutes, 10 minutes, or a half an hour. We're going to go out and have a visit. How long are you going to visit? For \$1,800 shouldn't they at least tell us they're going to be out there at different times for 5 days for a half an hour? Have a field visit. That's really going to be helpful. Prepare a brief memo. Okay we have a brief memo. Summarizing the issues. The field observation from our brief visit, and potential solutions to identify deficiencies, and attend 1 Planning Board meeting to discuss observation and potential solutions. We write them a check for \$1,800. Let's give them \$500 and just forget the rest of it.

Selectman Maddox said it was one of those ones where you can't win. Hire the professionals to take a look at it, or tie up town staff to go...again, if they didn't think there's any accidents there that deserve them reviewing that, that's fine. He can live with that. Again, the Planning Board was looking to not utilize town staff but to utilize somebody that's already done this work. He didn't disagree that this was a poor scope of work, but that's what they prepared.

Selectman Jasper asked who designed the intersection down at Library and Central. Selectman Maddox said CLD. Selectman Jasper said they're engineers. They all go to the same school. They had re-engineered that. It was town staff and the Board of Selectmen. He thought town staff and the Board of Selectmen did a pretty good job there when the professional engineers put a traffic island in that the fire trucks couldn't go around and had the curbing come way out. Now you can see that the stripping where the curbing would have been is all worn off because everybody makes that. Selectman Coutu said the road was smaller than the plow.

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,800 from the Stop & Shop/Lowell Road Improvement Account, and for said funds to be used exclusively to remit VHB, Inc. relative to the firm conducting and completing a preliminary review of access issues along Lowell Road, from Wason Road to Hardy Road, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached new contract by VHB, Inc. which was voted favorably by the Planning Board at its meeting on May 5, 2010.

Selectman Maddox said he was not going to be foolhardy enough to make that motion because he can see that there were concerns with this. He thought that Mr. Cashell needs to go back to VHB and get better delineation of what they're going to provide. He was not going to make that motion.

For the record, Chairman Massey said he would abstain on this if it has anything to do with VHB/Martin Kennedy. He's on public record as being dissatisfied with the work that was done on behalf of the town for the lifestyle center he believed. He thought it would be inappropriate for him to vote on this motion.

K. Retail Site Plan, 1 Bockes Road, Map 145, Lot 001

Seeing that the representative was not here, Chairman Massey moved to defer action on this until the next available meeting.

Selectman Coutu knew where he was going with this, but he needed one question answered. It's going to save him a lot of time with engineering staff. At that proposal, he knows what's going in it - a retail site, there's no proposal to put lights there correct. Selectman Maddox said no. Selectman Coutu said just the additional lanes. Selectman Maddox said there's a deceleration lane and then some improvements to Lawrence Road.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to defer 8. K. to the June 8th Board of Selectmen meeting, carried 5-0.

L. Sale of 47 Ferry Street

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to extend the contract with Harmony Real Estate, Inc. for the sale of 47 Ferry Street to August 19, 2010, carried 4-1-1. Selectman Nadeau abstained. Selectman Maddox in opposition.

Chairman Massey said that it would become self evident when they discuss it during nonpublic.

M. U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) reapplication grant

Chairman Massey recognize Police Chief Jason Lavoie. However, the Chief has informed him that they have been notified that the Town does not qualify for this grant. Therefore, he asked to withdraw it. No action will be taken on this item.

N. Acceptance of a New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency project "Hudson Statewide DWI Hunter Patrols" in the amount of \$2,250

Chairman Massey recognize Police Chief Jason Lavoie.

Thank you very much. A while back, Chief Lavoie came before the Board. This year, just to refresh their memory real brief, this was the grant that the New Hampshire Highway Safety actually called them and said that they were looking over their numbers and was surprised to see what they are. Can they come down and just verify that through your computer system. So he told them to come down. They said Hudson was if not number 1 but 2 in the State for DWI arrests amongst all the police organizations. Because they are proactive in the grants that they've given Hudson in the past, they'd like to give them an additional \$2,250. For example in 2008 they made 269 arrests. In 2009 they made 257 DWI arrests. With that, Chief Lavoie asked that the Board approve the acceptance which would allow them to set up more DWI patrols where they'd be putting officers and cruisers and sending them out. That would be their sole function for the night.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to authorize the Hudson Police Department to enter into the "Hudson Statewide DWI Hunter Patrols" with the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$2,250 which will cover the cost of overtime during the June 11-12, July 23-24, and August 20-21, 2010 time period according to the Chief's memo dated May 11, 2010, carried 5-0.

As Selectman Coutu understood it, there's a DWI patrol out this weekend. IS that correct? In our town there will be DWI patrols this weekend. Chief Lavoie said there's a sobriety checkpoint this weekend yes.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Coutu - First thing he wanted to bring to their attention, he passed out a memo to all of them. It's actually a copy of an e-mail that was sent to him by James Loshbaugh. It's self explanatory. He's an Eagle Scout candidate. He had selected a 5-acre parcel which will be the site of the butterfly park, which was approved by the Benson's Committee to clear up invasive plants so that they can proceed to set up the butterfly park. He needs the Board's approve to present to the Scout Council that the authorizing agency, which in this case would be the Board of Selectmen, has approved the concept of his project so that he can move on. Time is of the essence. He's bringing it in because it was brought to his attention. He would like to get that this week. He spoke to the Chairman and asked him if it would be possible if they were to

approve this evening authorizing the Chairman to provide a letter saying that the governing agency grant him permission to proceed with his project. If Donna could get the letter ready for tomorrow or Thursday for the Chairman's signature, James will get a hold of Donna and come in and pick up the letter himself so he can bring it to his troop council.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to James Loshbaugh approving his Eagle Scout Project at Benson Park, carried 5-0.

The only other thing Selectman Coutu wanted to say was that there's a promotional piece that's appearing on Hudson Cable right now primarily on Channel 20, which was hosted by School Committee member Lee Lavoie. The guests at that were the Tompkins family, himself, Len Lathrop and Mike Roberts. Most of them he thought were on the committee for the Tompkins memorial. In the process of that television show, Necole like him doesn't like to run, challenged him to run in a race. He's going to do it against the will of his mentor and his Chairman. It's only 5K, which is 3 ½ miles. He's going to run in a race with her to raise funds for the stadium in Zach's memory. He's seeking people to make it worth his while to donate money to sponsor him. He has never run a race in his life. He's run. He got punished many times by his coaches that they made him run because they know he hated to run, but he's never officially participated in a race. He's had several people come to him to the store and have given him money and checks. He appreciated that. The more the merrier. Selectman Nadeau he thought set a goal of raising \$1 million in the next 30 days. He'd like to beat that. It's not quite that high, he and Selectman Nadeau have a little contest going of who can raise the most money. It doesn't matter whether they raise a \$1 or \$1 million. It's the idea of getting the stadium built and having it done without any taxpayer money being involved. That's a small part that he wanted to do. He wants to run this race. He's been assured that there will be ambulances and EMTs there to revive him if necessary. Necole said to him, "Roger if I have to walk, crawl, whatever it takes to get you across that line, that's what they'll do." Anything you can do to help him raise some funds to help with this park, he'd appreciate it. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Jasper - He wanted to give the Board an update on where they are for our opening on Saturday. To go down the list of things that are done, are still in progress - the electronic gate is installed and working just fantastically. There is about 3 acres now that has been loamed and hydro seeded. One thing they hadn't give a lot of thought to in that process was watering. So the Fire Department now has gotten involved in this program. The police will be involved in patrolling, opening and closing. Of course the Highway Department he'll get to it a little bit more about their phenomenal work, but they have been using the Fire Department tanker as a big watering can. They don't have any ability on site. When it hasn't been raining, they've been in there using up to 4,500 gallons at a time water down that 3 acre site. They've had a lot of volunteers working on that. Selectman Nadeau has been one of them. Last night they had a hole in one of the forestry hoses. He was directing the leak that was coming out of the hose. It was quite amusing. He was doing a great job, and he has helped out a number of times and he appreciated his help on the project.

The trash bin for the carry in carry out dumpster is in place. The trail kiosk is in place. They'll have the map and all the materials on that by Saturday. Dick Empey did most of the work on that. He built that at his house. He's had crews helping him. He's done a fantastic job. He's been out there almost every day working on the trails. There are people out there mowing tonight in the heat just about dead from the 90 degree weather; getting all the trails in shape, putting up the trail sign posts. Those will all be done by the weekend. Dick worked on a fantastic park trail mail. He's really done a fantastic job with that. That will be part of the brochure that will be available. The town web site is not quite up to date. It doesn't have the opening date on there. It needs some more information there. The spring

The spring cleanups that they've had every Saturday have been well attended. A lot of people there every single weekend. The same people, but a lot of new people. They've had around 35 or so people every weekend in there just doing a great job.

Last Friday Bill Tate brought a crew in from Tate Brothers Paving. He brought his paving machine in, his roller in, himself, a volunteer to run the roller whose name escaped him at the moment, and then a couple of his paid people to work on the project as well. They did 2/10ths of a mile of road in there. They put down over 400 tons of material. The town supplied the trucking from Brox, and that really came out well. Now the town's been back in there regarding the edges and seeding that. He can't thank Mr. Tate enough for that. It was a very, very generous and really has been probably the most generous donation that they have received to date. He will have more information so that they can thank him appropriately. That really puts everything together.

The handicapped parking area was patched and has been painted. It's a nice bright blue. He thought tomorrow they'll stripe that. There are 5 signs up, so there will be 5 delineated spaces up there. The

Highway Department got to that culvert between the 2 ponds, which they didn't think they were going to be able to. They finished that project up today. The park entry signs are a work in progress. There will be some temporary ones up there. The rules and regulation signs won't be in until next week. Again there are some temporary ones that will be posted. They're working on a number of things for further security. Things have been going well out there. The committee is recommending that the formal park dedication take place on September 25th.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to endorse September 25, 2010 for the formal Benson Park dedication with a rain of September 26, 2010, carried 5-0.

Chairman Massey thought they should also have an action item to notify the Governor that that's when it is and sometime in late August to have a follow up to verify his schedule. Selectman Jasper said the subcommittee on the opening will be working up plans for the event and who else to invite, etc. The Old Woman in the Shoe is pretty much done. It was painted last night. The final red coat was put on except for a couple of areas that is still being patched. The deck is on there. The inside is painted and they have plans to set some things on the inside. It's really nice to see that brought back. The Committee is looking for a flag pole at the entrance. They had one there, but unfortunately a tree fell over it during a storm. All those years sitting there waiting for a flag and just when we're ready for it, it gets taken out. That will be looked out. Everything has really come together very nicely. He wished they had a little bit more time for the grass to get going. The Highway Department will be putting up some signs reminding people not to walk on the grass. They've had people while they've been watering going right across the seeded area.

If you haven't been in there in the last 20 years, you may go in and say it's looking nice. If you've been in there any time in the last 10 or 15 years, he thought there was a real wow factor in that park now. You can stand at the top of the hill now by where the old red barn was and you can see the pond. You can see things, and it's really nice to see things coming back to life in there. He knows that the Highway Department people will say they're doing their job, but they've really gone above and beyond in there and really have cared about the work that they're doing, and doing it right, and saying, "Can we do this? We want to make it look right and if we do this, it will look that much better." It's really been a great community project. Selectman Jasper said he looked forward to being there on Saturday. Hopefully they won't get overwhelmed. The boulders have been moved so that the Maddox Madness Parking Lot will be open for overflow traffic on the weekend.

Selectman Nadeau - He had a few things tonight. The first one was the Highway Department as they heard tonight from the Road Agent was starting their paving. They're working on some roadway projects. They've put some sewer in at Abbott Street and now they'll be working on the water lines on Abbott Street. Then they'll be repaving that. They're working up on Barretts Hill Road. Selectman Nadeau believed he said next week or the week after they'll be reclaiming sections of that and getting that ready for pavement.

The next thing was last week the Chamber had their annual fair at Alvirne. It was open to the public and the businesses in town. It was the Business Expo. Very nice attendance. They were able to take tours of the school, the vocational center and the farm. Not a lot of people took advantage of going out to the farm, but they did take advantage of going to Checkers Restaurant. The food was good.

The other thing coming up on June 5th at the Alvirne Hills House. They will be having the Chili Fest, which tonight they did a raffle permit and an Outdoor Gathering Permit for the Friends of Music. The hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 5th.

The item on his list this evening was on Saturday they had the first fundraiser for Zach Tompkins. That was a meat raffle which held at the Legion. He'd like to thank the members of the Legion and the people who participated in the meat raffle. It raised just a little over \$1,800 for the Zach Tompkins Foundation towards the stadium. Selectman Nadeau wanted to thank everybody who helped him out with that project, and he looked forward to working with them in other projects to come. Thank you.

Selectman Maddox - A couple of things. Tomorrow night the Planning Board will hopefully have all of its paperwork in line for the discussion they had about the funding of the Tompkins field engineering as a swap for the work that had been done at Robinson Pond for the Rec. and the liaison as Selectman Coutu has said that that has been approved by the Rec. Committee, get to the Planning Board tomorrow night, and hopefully it will be back to them at their next meeting so that its basically a swap for the engineering.

The next item is Benson's Park. He was there a couple of times and he didn't have the fond memories that many people did but having seen it over the last year from this very overgrown, dilapidated challenging project to where it is today. Selectman Jasper last Friday it so happened that they bumped into each other.

He was taking a look through the fence and he brought him through the magic gate. Just the trails have opened up. There are clear areas. There is a sense that this is a park are now showing. To all the people that spend their Saturdays and Sunday's clipping out invasive weeds, taking out trash, and pulling up old fence. Again, you just can't imagine. Hopefully there's been photos taken and those will get onto the website so people can see the difference. The other thing as he's said, if you go to Google Earth, they have a timeline on there. You can see some of the old buildings on there. In 1998 he thought, it's a black and white photo, but you can see the pictures from satellite that was there. Just to look at it today when they took the tour around, again it's a great tribute to the people who want to help the Town of Hudson with making this a park. Again he knows they say 15 years, he doesn't know where it's going to be, but it is at least a place where families can go and sit at the picnic tables - he thought Dick has cleared miles of trails that people can explore. Again, he thought over the next X amount of years, it was only going to get better. He too hoped to see a nice number so that it's not unmanageable but be able to see what has gone on in there. It is amazing when you look at it over the last year. Even though they may not have agreed with Selectman Jasper, he thought what he's done to push that through has been appreciated.

Next item. He knows that people are racing for this, so he's going to get in early. We had a resignation of a member at the NRPC. Presently your liaison from the Board of Selectmen is an alternate. He would like to see if he can be appointed as the sitting member of the NRPC, and we'll advertise for an alternate.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to appoint Selectman Maddox to the voting membership on the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) and to advertise for the alternate position, carried 4-0-1. Selectman Maddox abstained.

Selectman Maddox's last item - Selectman Coutu this might be good practice for him for his 5K, on Monday its Memorial Day. Fascinating how time flies and they'll be walking. They won't be running, but they will be walking. He's sure that the Chairman has put together a great speech for the ceremonies at Library Park. If you have time in your day to stand along the route and waive to the 5 of them they'd appreciate it, but also to partake in the activities that are done at Library Park. He thought they forget sometimes it's not just the unofficial beginning of summer; it is a day to remember those who have served and have paid the ultimate sacrifice. So he hoped to see many along the route.

Selectman Jasper said that it will then be appropriate for him to wear his white suit.

Selectman Massey - He only has one thing tonight. What he'd like to say to everybody, next Monday is truly a significant day for them. It's a time for us to sit back and reflect on what it means to be a free democratic society and the cost that we've paid over the last 200 some odd years. Chairman Massey thought that it was important for people to come and to participate, especially with the Memorial ceremony after the parade happens. The parade is a lot of fun, but it's at the ceremony that you really get a chance to reflect and thank all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country free and democratic. He joined Selectman Maddox in saying, "truly it's a day that they should all take pride and be honored to participate in."

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 or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (b) the hiring of any person as a public employee and d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community, carried 5-0.

Nonpublic Session is being entered at 10:25 p.m., thus ending the televised portion of the meeting. Any votes taken upon entering open session will be listed on the Board's next agenda.

The public is asked to leave the room.

Open session is being entered at 12:07 a.m.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to accept the offer to purchase 47 Ferry Street from John H. Harding IV and Sunne E. Harding in the amount of \$170,000 under the terms and conditions of their offer dated May 22, 2010, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to accept Chief Lavoie's recommendation by promoting Robert Tousignant to Captain, Charles Dvac to Lieutenant, and Jason Lucontoni to Sergeant effective May 30, 2010, carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox in opposition.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to hire William J. Kew and Brian D. Morgan effective July 6, 2010 with a starting salary of \$20.98 per hour according to Police Union Local #3657 as patrol officers, carried 5-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 12:11 a.m. by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Jasper, carried 5-0.

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