

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the May 26, 2009 Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Roger Coutu at 7:04 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, led by Selectman Rick Maddox.
3. **ATTENDANCE**

Board of Selectmen: Roger Coutu, Ken Massey, Rick Maddox and Ben Nadeau. Selectman Jasper was absent.

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Mark Pearson, Assistant Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Gary Webster, Acting Town Engineer; Mike O'Keefe, Chairman of the Cable Utility Committee; Jerry Desrosiers, Benson's Committee Member

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Jerry Desrosiers, 97 Pelham Road, said he walked the Benson's site today and was pleased with the work being done by the Highway Department. It looks fabulous. He took pictures, which he left with the Board.

5. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve the consent items, A - D, as noted or appropriate, carried 4-0.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Elderly Exemption for 2009 Tax Yr, M/L 152/068, w/recommendation to deny.
- 2) 2006 and 2007 Abatements, M/L 169/20, w/recommendation to approve.

B. Water/Sewer Items

- 1) Water Abatement, W-UTL-09-03, 200 Lowell Road, w/recommendation to approve.
- 2) Water Abatement, W-ULT-09-04, 8 Hampshire Drive, w/recommendation to approve.
- 3) Water Abatement, W-UTL-09-05, 17 Radcliffe Drive, w/recommendation to approve.
- 4) Sewer Abatement, S-UTL-09-20, M/L 160/037/000, w/recommendation to approve.
- 5) Sewer Acceptance, Hills Garrison, 190 Derry Rd, M/L 139/9, w/recommendation to accept.

C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Request by Nashua Elks Crusaders to fundraise at SAM's Club on May 30, 09.
- 2) Request by Nashua Dyslexia Tutoring Center to fundraise at SAM's Club on August 1, 09.
- 3) Request by Alvirne HS Drama Club to fundraise at SAM's Club on June 7, 09.
- 4) Request by Friends of Alvirne Swim Team to fundraise at SAM's Club on May 31, 09.
- 5) Outdoor Gathering Permit by Alvirne Friends of Music to hold a Chili Fiesta on June 6, 09.
- 6) Raffle Permit requested by Alvirne Friends of Music for June 6, 09—Items donated by Local Merchants.
- 7) Raffle Permit requested by St. Kathryn Church for June 21, August 9 and September 20, 2009—Baseball Tickets, Fr. Gary Cook-off, Dinner and Concert.

D. Calendar

- 5/27 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
- 5/28 3:00 Trustees of the Trust Funds in CD Meeting Room
- 5/28 7:00 Benson's Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 5/28 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room
- 6/01 6:30 School Board in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/02 7:00 Board of Selectmen's Workshop in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/03 7:00 Planning Board Workshop in CD Meeting Room
- 6/04 6:30 Recreation Department in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/07 Noon Dedication Ceremony of the Rodgers Memorial Library & Barbeque Picnic
- 6/08 7:00 Conservation Commission in CD Meeting Room
- 6/08 7:00 Republican Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/09 7:00 Board of Selectmen in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/10 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
- 6/11 5:30 Sewer Utility Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/15 6:30 School Board in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/16 7:00 Cable Utility Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/17 5:00 Water Utility Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/17 7:00 Library Board of Trustees in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/17 7:00 Hudson Senior Council on Aging in CD Meeting Room
- 6/18 7:30 Budget Committee in CD Meeting Room
- 6/22 6:00 Recycling Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/22 7:00 The Green Team in CD Meeting Room
- 6/23 7:00 Board of Selectmen in BOS Meeting Room
- 6/24 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
- 6/25 3:00 Trustees of the Trust Funds in CD Meeting Room
- 6/25 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on May 12, 2009:

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to seal the Nonpublic Session minutes, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to hire Kyle Janco as an intern in the Engineering Department at \$13 per hour, from May 26 through August 21, 2009, as recommended by the Acting Town Engineer, carried 5-0.

Motion to adjourn at 11:26 pm by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, carried 5-0.

B. Treatment of Ottarnic Pond

Town Administrator Steve Malizia back in January, the Board accepted a grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services for the Ottarnic Pond chemical treatment program as there are invasive species of weeds, such as fanwort and milfoil in the pond. The grant is being shepherded by the folks at Ottarnic Pond or the Conservation Commission. As part of the discussion, the Board discussed keeping traffic to a minimum in order to not disturb the pelletized treatment. It's more effective if motorized watercraft are not churning it up. He spoke with Attorney Buckley as to the best way to prevent motorized watercraft traffic on that pond. The conclusion Attorney Buckley came to would be to limit the access through Claveau's Landing, which is the only spot anyone is going to put any kind of motorized craft into that pond. To that end, he prepared and advertised and proposed to the Board they hold a public hearing on June 9 to discuss closing Claveau's Landing to vehicular traffic from June 10 through the end of the year to allow the treatment to work against the invasive weed species. There may be another way to do this, but that would take 60-90 days through DES process, but going that route would have wasted time and money treating the weeds. The most effective way for the Board to control this is to prevent motorized vehicles from going down Claveau's Landing. That doesn't mean someone won't be able to take in a canoe or kayak, but that won't churn it up like a boat with a motor would. This area would be posted as no swimming and no boating at certain points. After that, they can go in, as long as they are not churning up all of the treatment because it would just render it ineffective.

Selectman Maddox asked if there were other access points to the pond for motorized vehicles. Mr. Malizia said not unless someone went in via their own back yard, he didn't think there was any other way of putting in a motorized vehicle. Selectman Maddox thought there was an access somewhere by Dairy Queen. Mr. Malizia said not that the town maintains. Selectman Nadeau thought it was a privately maintained access by the Ottarnic Pond Co-op.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to send Proposed Ordinance 09-02 to close all vehicular traffic at Claveau's Landing at Ottarnic Pond to a public hearing on June 9, 2009, carried 4-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Water Extension - Allyson's Landing

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said this was an extension from Empire Circle to a subdivision called Allyson's Landing. He and Acting Town Engineer Gary Webster have looked at the documents and run them by the Town Attorney, who had a couple of suggestions, which have been incorporated into the agreement. The extension has been approved by the Water Utility Committee.

Chairman Coutu asked the Acting Town Engineer if he was satisfied that the town's concerns and interests have all been addressed. Mr. Webster replied yes, he was.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to approve the water line extension and public easement for the Allyson's Landing Subdivision, as recommended by the Water Utility Committee, carried 4-0.

B. Amendment to HCTV Policy and Procedures Manual

Mike O'Keefe, Chairman of the Cable Utility Committee, said with the opening of the access center and growing number of access users, the Cable Committee felt it was time to review some of the sections of their Policy and Procedures Manual. Most of the amendments focus around the borrowing of equipment, using facilities and updating some of the forms used to manage some of that, collecting a little more data than they used to. In the past, they always brought in changes in the policy for the Board's approval.

Chairman Coutu said the changes deal primarily with security. They wanted to make sure that those people who were borrowing the equipment, much of which is quite expensive, were using that specifically to provide the town with some programming that will be able to be televised. People can use the equipment to produce a product for the town. They also have to sign out for the equipment. A lot of this stuff was not in the last version, so they are trying to tighten things up. Some of the information was added, at the request of the Board of Selectmen. There is a new form on the producer liability indemnification agreement, and other updates to primarily tighten up security.

Mr. O'Keefe said there were a couple other areas that needed to be updated and he referred to Page 11, which still referenced Adelphia as the cable provider, which needed to be changed to Comcast. He also referred to Page 15, the Equipment Release Form. All of the equipment will be checked out from the access center at 98 Old Derry Road, not Town Hall, so he asked that that be changed to reflect current practice.

Selectman Massey referred to Page 13, saying the Program Content starts on Page 5, not Page 4, so that correction was noted. Selectman Massey referred to Page 6, saying the adult content programming hours should be changed from 11:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight to 5:00 a.m.

Selectman Maddox referred to Page 3, Mission and Purpose Statement, saying, "for the purpose of non-commercial communications," and asked if that was still the mission on all three channels. People have been telling him there are commercial applications on cable. Mr. O'Keefe said sometimes that's a judgment call, what's commercial and what's not. Selectman Maddox thought there needs to be a definition of what is non-commercial and what is commercial. He then referred to Page 5, "The ideas and opinions expressed in any production do not necessarily reflect those of HCTV, the Town of Hudson, the Hudson School District, the Hudson Board of Selectmen or the Hudson Cable Utility Committee," and asked how that got transmitted to the program, if it was a scroll at the bottom.

Mr. O'Keefe said that was a subject of discussion at the committee level. At one time, they considered requiring that in front of every program put on, but felt that was a little restrictive. An idea the committee came up with and would like to proceed with is to run that announcement on the channels periodically, a certain number of times during the day. That was how they hoped to relay that information.

Selectman Maddox thought there needed to be some written mechanism for that to happen. He thought it should be a scroll because he sees the weather going across the bottom of the channels. This information is important and it has got to go somewhere. It's great that it's in the booklet, but it doesn't get transmitted to the television screen, nobody knows that is the case.

There was a brief discussion of where to put this and some attempts at wordsmithing it. Chairman Coutu asked how difficult it would be for that disclaimer to be put in front of every program. Mr. O'Keefe said scheduling that adds another level of complication. Selectman Massey said it could be a matter of policy that if somebody is producing a program, they are required to put this disclaimer in front of their program, and put the burden on them. If it doesn't have it, it doesn't air. Mr. O'Keefe said the downside to that is, at the present time, they take in a lot of programming from outside the community, so they'd end up having to put it on themselves. He's not aware of any other community that requires this on every program on their cable channels; they may be going a little overboard, but it's up to the Board. Selectman Maddox said then it either needs to come out of the book, or be transmitted to somebody other than the five people who read the book.

Chairman Coutu asked if he thought that entire paragraph should be eliminated and leave it to the discretion of the Cable Facilitator or Cable Committee Chair to put it where they think it's appropriate. Selectman Maddox said they need to make people aware that that is, in fact, the case. It won't be a problem until the day it's a problem, then they will be scrambling backwards. He didn't need an answer today. They could go back and kick it around and see how it can be done technically and efficiently. They put it on all the cooking shows that it's a paid infomercial. This should be dealt with before, rather than later. Selectman Massey agreed, saying it should be up to the Cable Committee how to best implement it—and they are only talking about Channel 20, anyway.

Mr. O'Keefe suggested creating a Bulletin Board slot, so it would be cycled with the other items. Selectman Maddox said yeah, that's a technicality and how they accomplish it... he's just concerned the day it becomes a problem.

Selectman Maddox asked if people really need to put it in writing to come in to get the equipment, which didn't seem practical, and it also says to go to 12 School Street. Mr. O'Keefe said the address should change to the access center at 98 Old Derry Road, and the phone number should be corrected. Chairman Coutu said they should change that to read, "Appointments for orientation sessions and for picking up equipment may be set up by contacting Hudson Cable TV, 98 Old Derry Road, Hudson, NH or by calling 934-5636."

Selectman Maddox said the policy states that people must attend an orientation session, but they should be showing how to do this, even just covering the overview, the basics, so that people will understand it's either not very difficult or it is. A 10-minute clip may be all it takes to convince people they may want to do this. Mr. O'Keefe agreed it would be a useful thing to do, but he wasn't sure it has to be part of the policy. Selectman Maddox said the policy requires an orientation. Does it take an MIT graduate, or could a Selectman do it?

Chairman Coutu returned to the disclaimer issue, but Selectman Massey didn't think they needed to try to wordsmith it tonight. The Cable Committee will figure out a way to show it on a regular basis. Selectman Maddox agreed the Board should try to wordsmith it. This is Version 5 to a manual that's already in place, and 5-A will come in after they do that technical part.

Selectman Nadeau said there were only a few changes, and if they could approve them tonight, it would be easier than having this come back two weeks from now, looking at the same thing for the sixth time. Selectman Massey said everything was good to go except that one thing, modifying the bottom of Page 5.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve Version 5 of the Policies and Procedures Manual, dated May 19, 2009, as recommended by the Cable Utility Committee, incorporating the changes made by the Chairman of the Cable Utility Committee and the changes to hours of operation for adult content and the typo on the form for signing up.

Selectman Maddox opposed this, saying they didn't need to race to do this without making the disclaimer correction.

Vote: Motion carried 3-1. Selectman Maddox voted in opposition.

C. Reclassification of HCTV Camera Operators as Town Employees

Mike O'Keefe, Chairman of the Cable Utility Committee, said there was a recent discussion about the camera operators used to record government meetings should be classified as independent contractors, the way they have been for the last four or five years, or if they need to be classified as employees of the town. A request was made for a legal opinion, which was they do not meet the criteria of independent contractors and, therefore, should be classified as employees, specifically in terms of federal withholding and IRS guidelines, the main issues at hand. Based on that, the Cable Utility Committee is requesting the current camera operators be reclassified as town employees. He spoke with the Town Administrator, who indicated there were a number of different classifications and the one he said they fell into was Regular Special Shift Employees, who didn't have any specific hours or times associated with them.

Selectman Massey said there were several things that have to be handled—obtain a youth employment certificate, parental permission form, age verification, restriction on hours, which have to be less than 20 per week, and posting of daily work schedule and it was his understanding this is actually happening today. Mr. O'Keefe said all the camera operators they hire are under 18, either 16 or 17; they don't hire anyone under 16 because it's too restrictive. For each of the employees, they have obtained the parental permission form, which verifies the age, and they observe the state-mandated restrictions on work hours. Posting of the schedule, there is a monthly calendar two months in advance that's posted in the control room, with who is working what shifts.

Selectman Massey asked is this pertained to the senior camera operator, too, who was not a minor, that he was also restricted to less than 20 hours per week. Mr. Malizia said if his regular schedule was less than 20 hours per week, he'd be a regular shift special employee. He wasn't aware that he'd be working more than 20 hours per week. Mr. O'Keefe said typically, he wouldn't, but occasionally he'd bump up over 20 hours. Mr. Malizia said the key word was regular. If he works regularly less than 20 hours, they're all set. It's not a pattern of exceeding. Selectman Massey asked if the Cable Utility was going to be monitoring that, too. Mr. O'Keefe said yes.

Selectman Maddox said a couple of months ago, they only had two operators, but now they've got six? Mr. O'Keefe said they've had two regulars for awhile, and then they added two, which the Board approved. The two at the bottom were former camera operators, who are both in college, but can work over the summer, and they've been scheduled to fill in when any of the other four are not available. They will work less regularly, but he wanted to include them in the event they needed to use them.

Chairman Coutu said he knew of two additional government programs they were going to be televising—the Benson's Committee and the Recreation Committee. Mr. O'Keefe said the Cable Utility Committee, too.

Selectman Maddox asked, as they branch out into the access center, if any camera operators were going to be paid to work there. Mr. O'Keefe said he wouldn't rule it out. Selectman Maddox wondered how they were going to break if they were working at the access center, camera operators for X. Mr. O'Keefe didn't understand the question. Selectman Maddox asked if all the time the employees would be for recording meetings at Town Hall. Mr. O'Keefe said that was 99% of their work. Selectman Maddox said that was good enough. He didn't know if it was going to be 30% at the access center, doing camera operating for whatever.

Chairman Coutu said the purpose of the access center is for public access. They can use it as a studio, provide their own camera operators and these kids are primarily working for the town, doing government meetings. He can't see the kids doing even 1% away from Town Hall. Mr. O'Keefe said there are occasions when camera operators are sent off site to record meetings. Chairman Coutu said but they are still doing government meetings, like following the Budget Committee on the tours of municipal buildings. It's not private programming. Selectman Maddox said if the Fire Department was recording at the access center.... Chairman Coutu said if they were doing a promo piece, and it's government related, sure, that was possible.

Selectman Massey said by reclassifying them, they will now be obligated to withhold FICA. Given they have one large bucket called \$30,000, this will cover this incremental cost. Mr. O'Keefe said the Cable Committee recognizes that it will have to assume that burden and will make the funds available.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to reclassify the HCTV camera operators from 'independent contractors' to 'regular special shift employees,' effective May 31, 2009, in accordance with a legal opinion from the town's attorney, and further, these positions are not eligible for any town benefits, carried 4-0.

D. Acceptance of Federal Funds of \$2,478 to participate in a program entitled, "Join the NH Clique Seat Belt Campaign"

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said the Board had previously authorized the Police Department to apply for this program and the following one, so as a formality, the Board must accept the funds.

Motion by Selectman Massey to authorize the Hudson Police Department to accept the grant for the Hudson Join the NH Clique Seat Belt Campaign, seconded by Selectman Maddox, carried 4-0.

E. Acceptance of Federal Funds of \$2,124 to participate in a program entitled, "Hudson Statewide DWI Hunter Patrols"

Motion by Selectman Massey to accept the funds in the amount of \$2,124 to participate in a program entitled Hudson Statewide DM Hunter Patrols, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, carried 4-0.

F. Hudson School District—Portable Classrooms and Governmental Uses of Property

Town Administrator Steve Malizia the Board was in receipt of a letter from School Board Chairman Gary Rodgers, looking to put two temporary modular classrooms to accommodate the kindergarten that will be starting in the fall at Nottingham West Elementary and Hills Garrison. It is the belief of the School Board that that is not a substantial use and, therefore, they are looking to get a waiver from the site plan review. A legal opinion from Atty. Buckley states that if the Board feels that is not a substantial change of use, then it doesn't have to do anything. However, if the Selectman wants to, they could send it to a hearing of either this Board or the Planning Board.

Selectman Maddox asked if there were going to be two classrooms. Mr. Malizia said it's one trailer with two classrooms in it. Selectman Massey said it's going to be a double wide. Selectman Maddox thought each classroom had to be 1,000 sq. ft. Selectman Maddox asked for a definition of temporary. The bridge that spans the Merrimack from Lowell was a temporary structure 32 years later. He didn't think the citizens or neighbors would have a problem with a temporary structure, but much like at the library, those temporary structures... have been there 25 years, added Selectman Massey.

Chairman Coutu said obviously, the School Board doesn't have the time or the funds available to construct anything at this time. This conforms to the use of the property to educate children and provides a temporary structure in order to be in compliance with the mandate to provide kindergarten. He expected this was not another bridge situation. In the future, as they watch the enrollment, he expected they will undoubtedly decide whether or not there will be room inside the building, or if they will have to build at a later time, and seek the funds to do so. Putting up these temporary structures is the only way they can be ready by September—and he is taking it in good faith that they are *temporary*.

Selectman Massey said they would be better served by considering these portable classrooms, which is what they are, because nobody is going to be able to define when they get replaced by a permanent fixture. That will depend on the enrollments, how they are moving, getting a bond before the voters, etc., and all of that is time consuming. It's out of their hands how long they are there.

The Board took no action on this item.

G. Annual Town Auction

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said the town auction is conducted annually at this time of the year. This consists of surplus property and abandoned property from the Police Department, and these items are of no use to the town. This will be advertised and publicized. Chairman Coutu said this list was extensive and there were quite a few good deals available, including 23 bicycles. His neighbor picked up a good bike one year. Mr. Malizia said the reason they do the auction at this time every year is because people ride bikes in the summer.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to hold the annual town surplus property auction on Saturday, June 20, 2009, at the Hudson Highway Garage, starting at 9:00 a.m. and to approve the list of surplus property attached to the memo from the Town Administrator, dated May 21, 2009, "Town of Hudson Town Auction List, carried 4-0.

H. Request for Posting and Application Process for Part-time Building Inspector

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said it's the Board's policy to approve any postings for positions. They are seeking to post for a 24-hour per week Building Inspector, who would be in the Admin & Support union. At this time, there looks like there is sufficient activity and they need to offload some of the work from the Zoning Administrator. They need to get someone out in the field, trained and up to speed. There will be no health benefits, but there are pro-rated holidays and pro-rated vacations. Given the economy right now, this may be the appropriate level to put them in at, which would be about three days a week—and they can be flexible with that. He was looking for permission to post this to see what they might attract at 24 hours per week for a Building Inspector. There may be some qualified, talented people out there that could be available with the downturn in the economy and could, hopefully, hit the ground running—while they still have Bill Oleksak and Joe Bourque.

Selectman Maddox said this is something they need to do. Bill Oleksak cannot continue to do three jobs. This is a nice balance between having somebody full time and no one; 24 hours will probably vary from week to week. This downturn will turn around and they will need people when that happens. This is a good first step.

Mr. Malizia said this position was budgeted as full-time, but the request was to advertise for part-time. He wanted everyone to know that this was in the budget, but this was an interim step. Given the economy right now, this is a first step and there are no benefits involved with this 24-hour position, except for pro-rated vacation, holiday and FICA. He reiterated that there is a budget for this position.

Chairman Coutu approved of the request in principle, with the understanding that no one was already pre-selected for this position, which is the rumor he has heard. If they are going to advertise for the position, he wanted assurances their mind wasn't already made up on the person they wanted to hire. Mr. Pearson said he could testify that no one has been pre-selected. He didn't even know who was interested in the position. Chairman Coutu said the Board has every intent to recognize any person who is qualified for this position to apply and go through the process.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to authorize the Assistant Town Administrator to advertise and post the position of Building Inspector Part-time with a schedule of 24 hours a week at a salary of \$21.65 per hour, according to the AFSME collective bargaining agreement, carried 4-0.

8. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Massey said the Water Utility had a discussion about having the Board of Selectmen start thinking about looking at a future well development for the town to augment what they currently have. There are two or three properties that might lend themselves to that. He asked the Board to consider that as an action item to start keeping their eyes and ears open for possible locations. The general requirement is 800' diameter protection around the well. If sewer and water is near the thing, then you have less of a requirement. That opens up a couple of properties he thought wasn't going to be possible for them to look at. It's time to look to the future on that item. As the Water Utility liaison, he will continue to work with the Planning Department for a suitable location and bring them to the Board for possible negotiations with the landowners.

Chairman Coutu saw no objection to that. Selectman Maddox asked that be one of the items they talk about at the workshop, to look at future growth, what the Water Utility believes will be the next 20 year's worth of growth so they can start planning for the future, to be pro-active as opposed to reactive. Those are the types of things they should be looking at at the workshops, where they think they are going to be. Chairman Coutu said there is a water and sewer workshop coming up in June. Selectman Massey said that's something they could look at, but he didn't know if there'd be enough time, but they'll do whatever they can. Chairman Coutu said he was sure Selectman Massey would bring it in when the groundwork was laid.

➤ Selectman Massey said, as a member of the Seniors, he attended the Coffee and Donuts for Seniors at the Recreation Center and he wholeheartedly endorsed any senior in town who would like to take advantage of it to go. It's every Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:00. They serve coffee and donuts and juices. The group he sat with was delightful and they had a lot of fun. It's going quite well, but it would be nice for more people to take advantage of it.

➤ Lastly, he thanked all the citizens of Hudson who showed up yesterday to memorialize the fallen heroes in the various services. He reflected on what Gene Nute said; it seems like it's getting to be a larger crowd every year. It would do his heart great if traffic was completely blocked for two hours. It was well done. He thanked everyone who helped make it a success.

Selectman Nadeau said last Friday night, there was a Father-Daughter dance at the Rec Department with over 200 participants. It was a great time and everyone enjoyed it.

➤ He thanked the Legion, VFW and all those who attended the parade yesterday. He agreed with Selectman Massey to close off both sides of the common to reduce the vehicle noise and so there's more place for people to stand. In the last three years that he's been in the parade, the crowds are getting bigger.

➤ The Recycling Committee ran an essay contest at Nottingham West for Earth Day and they awarded the prizes. There will be a follow up in the newspaper with the names of the winners, which they look forward to.

➤ He thanked the Hudson CB Patrol for helping the Police Department yesterday with the road closures. The CB Patrol closed off most of the intersections with their people and the Police Officers helped out at the main intersections.

Selectman Maddox said he brought his camera yesterday to take some pictures inside the parade, but they were always waving and sending the Chairman off with lollipops, so he never actually took any photos, but it was another beautiful day with great weather. If it is the Board's plan to close down the roads on both sides of the Common, the liaison to the Police Department should have them thinking about how they would divert that traffic. They wouldn't want to hold up traffic on 102 for any length of time, but take them down one of the side streets and out and around. They should look at options before next year so there is a plan. The Chairman's speech was well done. It's always a challenge to find the right words to memorialize something of that magnitude. The speech ran just the right length to get them to 3:00 for the minute of silence. To all of the people who are behind the scenes, the CB Patrol and all the people that pulled that together, the Legion that gets everybody set up, the Boy Scouts, the Alvirne Band, all of the people that need to coordinate. It was nice to see the citizens lining the streets to appreciate that. He expressed his thanks to all.

Selectman Jasper was absent.

Selectman Coutu said he and his wife seized on the opportunity to attend *Fiddler on the Roof* at Alvirne High School. It was absolutely fantastic. He and his wife have a habit of going to see a lot of plays, something they thoroughly enjoy doing, a lot of off-Broadway productions and Broadway productions. This is the first time they had a joint, cooperative venture with the Music Department to put on this play, which was absolutely fantastic. It was the largest attendance ever at Alvirne HS, probably because of the joint venture. These kids were absolutely fantastic and he congratulated them and the staff for an outstanding job on this production.

►Prior to the parade yesterday, they were all handed out a little flyer—and he promised he'd give them some notoriety—it's an American Red Cross blood drive. There was a successful one at St. Kathryn's High School. This one is in memory of Jeannie Barclay at Alvirne HS on Friday, June 19 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and all donors will receive a newly designed Red Sox Red Cross T-shirt and a coupon for one of the pizza establishments in town. It's sponsored by Girl Scout Troop #10547.

►Lastly, he wanted to thank the citizens of the town for coming to honor the Veterans yesterday. This is his second parade and certainly much larger than last year's. Many more people were in attendance. What impressed him the most is that, despite the fact his colleagues had him running back and forth with lollipops for the kids, he was really impressed with the conduct of the citizens who applauded when the Veterans walked by and when the American flag was presented. It was heartwarming to see the people recognize the day, which is to honor the service rendered by the Veterans, as well as recognizing those who gave their lives during wartime in service to the country. He was also impressed with the amount of volunteerism that goes into putting on this kind of demonstration in honor of the Veterans, the number of kids that are there from the HS bands, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, all of the parents who participated, as well as the people described by Selectman Nadeau, who volunteered to do traffic duty. It was a pleasure to walk up to them and thank them at each intersection they were stationed. It was something Selectman Maddox did last year, which impressed him, so he did it this year, as well. Their service should be recognized, as well. It takes a lot of people and there's a lot of time and effort involved in putting something like this together. The American Legion folks did an outstanding job. There was a great guest speaker, the Honorable Judge Paul Moore, who is a Veteran. Above all else, he was truly impressed and moved by the spirit of the community. He thanked the Legionnaires and the Veterans for all they've done and for the service provided to the country. They recognize and hold in their prayers those who lost their lives in their time of service.

9. **NONPUBLIC SESSION**

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to enter nonpublic session under 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee and (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph, carried 4-0.

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 8:12 p.m., thus ending the televised portion of the meeting. Any votes taken upon exiting nonpublic session will be listed on the Board's next agenda. Open session was entered at 8: 28 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to hire Sam White as an intern in the Engineering Department at \$12 per hour, from May 27 through August 21, 2009, as recommended by the Acting Town Engineer, carried 4-0.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, carried 4-0.

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