

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the March 9, 2009 Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Nadeau at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, led by Michael Goyette.

3. **ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Mark Pearson, Assistant Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Family members of the late Peter Goyette; Jason Lavoie, Chief of Police; Police Officers Kevin Sullivan and Jim Connor, with his Belgian Malinois K-9, Turco; Gina Votour, HLN

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

➤**Presentation of the 2008 Annual Report to the Family of the late Representative Peter Goyotte.**

Following the presentation, Chairman Nadeau asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak to the Board on any subject at this time. There was no response.

5. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Massey, to approve consent items, as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

A. **Assessing Items**

- 1) Multiple tax exemptions and credits for 2009 tax year—Veteran Tax Credits (Map191/lot 012; Map 148/lot, 039; Map 187, lot 006; Map 133/lot 024); Elderly exemptions to Map 147/lot 029/sub 020; Map 198/lot 096, w/recommendation to grant.
- 2) Abatement application, Map 178/Lot 1, w/recommendation to approve.
- 3) Abatement application, Map 216/Lot14-58, w/recommendation to approve.
- 4) Abatement application, Map 234/Lot 19, w/recommendation to approve.

B. **Water/Sewer Items**

Sewer Abatements, Ref. No. S-09-05, S-UTL-09-11, M/L 148-040-005, Acct. 3598; and S-UTL-09-12, M/L 173/023/000, Acct. 6676, w/recommendation by Sewer Utility Committee to grant.

C. **Licenses & Permits**

- 1) Request to conduct fundraising activities by U12 AAU Arsenal Baseball at Market Basket on 3/21/09
- 2) Request to conduct fundraising activities by the Breakfast Exchange Club of Nashua at SAM's on 6/27/09.
- 3) Request to conduct fundraising activities by the Salvation Army at SAM's Club on May 9 and May 23, 2009.
- 4) Request to conduct fundraising activities by Lil' Iguana's Children's Safety Fndation at SAM's on 4/4 & 5/09.
- 5) Request to conduct fundraising activities by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at SAM's on 4/15-17/09.
- 6) Hawker/Peddler Permit by Roland White to sell frozen foods at various locations around Town.
- 7) Hawker/Peddler Permit by Michael Bevens to sell food at various locations around Town.

D. **Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of February 24, 2009.

E. **Calendar**

3/10 7:00 am – 8:00 pm – Voting at the Community Center
3/11 7:00 Planning Board in CD Mtg. Rm.
3/12 7:30 ZBA in CD Mtg. Rm.
3/16 6:30 School Board in BOS Mtg. Rm.
3/16 7:00 Republican Committee in CD Mtg. Rm.
3/17 7:00 Benson's Committee in CD Mtg. Rm.
3/17 7:00 Cable Committee in BOS Mtg. Rm.
3/18 5:00 Water Utility in BOS Mtg. Rm.
3/18 7:00 Library Trustees in BOS Mtg. Rm.
3/18 7:00 Hudson Senior Council on Aging in CD Mtg. Rm.
3/19 7:30 Budget Committee in BOS Mtg. Rm.
3/19 5:30 Sewer Utility in CD Mtg. Rm.
3/23 7:00 Green Team in CD Mtg. Rm.
3/23 6:00 Recycling Committee in BOS Mtg. Rm.
3/24 7:00 Board of Selectmen in BOS Mtg. Rm.
3/25 7:00 Planning Board in CD Mtg. Rm.
3/26 7:30 ZBA in CD Mtg. Rm.
3/31 Noon – 7:00 pm -- Red Cross/Police Department Blood Drive at Community Center

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on February 24, 2009**

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. carried 5-0.

B. Votes taken in Nonpublic Session on Feb 24, 2009 to be reaffirmed in Open Session on March 9

- ▶ Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to terminate the employment of Call Firefighter Mitch Gannon from the Fire Department, as recommended by the Fire Chief carried 5-0.
- ▶ By consensus, statement relative to the conduct of a public official (Stephen Hellwig) to be issued as a press release by HPD, after BOS amended wording.
- ▶ Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to promote William Oleksak to the position of Zoning Administrator, effective 3/1/09 at an annual salary of \$64,187 (Step 1) of the Zoning Administrator salary scale of the Police, Fire & Town Supervisors Association contract carried 5-0.
- ▶ Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to hire Tracey Rancourt as a part-time Telecommunication Technician, effective March 1, 2009, at \$16.29 per hour, in accordance with Police Union Local 3657 *contract*, as recommended by the Chief of Police carried 5-0.
- ▶ Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to promote William Avery to the rank of Captain at an annual salary of \$81,690 (Step 5) carried 5-0.
- ▶ Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to promote Kevin DiNapoli to the rank of Lieutenant, starting at \$67,986 (Step 3), effective 3/1/09, in accordance with the Hudson Police, Fire, Town Supervisors Association *contract* carried 5-0.
- ▶ Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to promote Michael Gosselin to the rank of Sergeant, starting at \$30.56/hour (Step 5), effective 3/1/09, in accordance with Police Union Local 3657 *contract*, carried 5-0.
- ▶ Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to promote Michael Niven to the rank of Sergeant, starting at \$30.56/hour (Step 5), effective 3/1/09, in accordance with Police Union Local 3657 *contract*, carried 5-0.
- ▶ Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to hire Christopher Manni and Adam Lischinsky as police officers, effective 3/1/09, at a starting salary of \$21.39/hour, in accordance with Police Union Local 3657 *contract*, as recommended by the Chief of Police, carried 4-1, with Selectman Coutu voting in opposition. Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to reconsider carried 5-0. Original motion carried 5-0.

C. Ordinance 09-01 No Motorized Vehicles on Town Property

Chairman Nadeau stated that on February 24th, the Board forwarded this to the two requisite public hearings—April 14 & 28, 2009. This was back before the Board to approve the wording to III-C, which includes the sentence, “Town-accepted streets are exempt from this Ordinance.”

Selectman Jasper referred to a “Thumbs Down” comment in the *HLN* that was critical of this ordinance because they wanted to use snowmobiles on ponds. He said this was not meant to apply to snowmobiles driven on bodies of water that have frozen over. Selectman Maddox said bodies of water belong to the state, not to the towns, so they would be exempt. Selectman Jasper said the perception is out there, at least by one resident, that that’s the intent, and it isn’t, but the town controls the access to them, in some cases.

Selectman Maddox asked how this was going to be posted, if there was going to be a sign at each conservation area. He didn’t see anything that outlined the plan. Assistant Town Administrator Mark Pearson said that would be at the discretion and direction of the Board. Some of the conservation areas have limited signage. Selectman Maddox bet that a lot of people didn’t know that parcel is actually the town’s conservation area. Chairman Nadeau said the Conservation Commission has been posting at the different areas the new signs they had made. Selectman Maddox thought they should change the signs to say it’s a conservation area, or dovetail the signs together. The first thing he would ask is how he is to know which is which. Selectman Massey said since they will be having the public hearings on the 14th and 28th of April, they could have further discussion on this. Also, he will talk to the Conservation Commission at their meeting in April and see what their thoughts are because they are actively interested in seeing this done. He asked that the Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator have some ideas overall, and he’ll get additional input from the Conservation Commission.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Massey, to approve the addition of the sentence to Paragraph III, Section C, “Town-accepted streets are exempt from this Ordinance,” carried 5-0.

D. CIP Process

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said at the last meeting, he was asked to get an additional legal opinion regarding the CIP by taking into account that the Planning Board suspended the operation of the town’s Growth Management Ordinance for a period of time. Attorney Buckley said it was less imperative to update the CIP every two or three years, based on that. The recommendation stated that they could defer two, possibly three. The longer they go out, the greater risk they run of not having good data when doing the impact fees.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to forward the legal opinions to the Planning Board, with the recommendation they consider updating the CIP on a less than annual basis.

Selectman Maddox said they brought this up to the Planning Board at the last meeting, saying there were a couple of legal opinions the Selectmen would probably share with them. The Planning Board will ask to have the CIP continue to meet to talk about making changes or corrections to the program, as well as a cursory review of last year's, to see if anything rises up, but there will be no formal submittals by the department heads. They will just affirm this year's into next year, but... the Planning Board will do what the Planning Board will do.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Budget to Actuals**

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said they are at 67%, 2/3rds of the way through the year, and he believed it was a reasonable budget. The FEMA grant is still outstanding and hasn't been received yet. There are also some earned time payouts that have been made—the retired Police Chief and retired School Resource Officer. Those have not been requested yet from the Trustees. He will probably come forth with a recommendation on whether to ask or to not ask for reimbursement, if they can absorb it in the budget. A fund has been set up for retirements, but if it can be covered in the budget, he'd prefer to do that in order to keep that fund growing because it's rather modest. When the Board looks at the actuals, he asked them to keep in mind there are still some unreimbursed funds. From a revenue perspective, motor vehicles are still tracking to hit about \$4 million, which is about \$200,000 less than they budgeted, but April is usually a pretty big month. The other area where they are not seeing the target hit is investment income. The investment market is terrible right now at about 1% -1-1/2%, which is pretty weak. They will probably have a shortfall in that revenue line. The treasurer is responsible for that. The market is pretty bad right now, and the town is not immune from that. The town doesn't make risky investments; it's not the town's policy. She has some longer term investments that she is investing between \$22 million and \$14 million, and 1% of that is still pretty good, but not good enough. From an expense side, things are doing pretty reasonable. They haven't touched any of the gas contingency, which is still sitting off to the side, and with some of the vacancies in the Police Department, they should be OK, if the snow ever stops.

Selectman Coutu asked if there was any indication about the FEMA reimbursement, when it would be paid. Mr. Malizia said it's anticipated it will be before June, before the fiscal year ends. Selectman Coutu asked how the snow removal costs impacts the overall budget. Mr. Malizia said the predominance of the overtime is for snow operations because the rest of the year, Kevin runs a pretty tight budget. They don't break it out specifically for snow removal, but he's felt pressures in some of the commodities, such as the sand and salt lines. At this point, Kevin should be able to bring his budget in, provided he gets the FEMA reimbursement on target. Selectman Coutu said considering the amount of snow they've had this year, and looking at the overall actuals expended, he'd assume that the 77% which is only slightly about the 64% - 66% they should be at, is also factoring in the FEMA reimbursement hasn't been paid, which would bring him into, or below, where he should be at the ¾ level. Mr. Malizia said it would certainly bring it down. Selectman Coutu said he should be commended for staying well within his budget, considering the amount of snow they've had and the quality of work that he's done on the streets. Mr. Malizia said he anticipated a couple percentage points drop in the budget expenditure.

Selectman Massey referred to the Rooms and Meals, saying they've reached their estimated revenue for the year. He asked if that was a one time only payment. Mr. Malizia said that was correct; that's all they are going to get for the year. Selectman Massey said it came in 28¢ below the projection. Mr. Malizia said the gas allocation they get comes in in four equal quarterly installments. Cable revenue comes in in four installments. It's not always equal because as the base grows, they get more money, but the Rooms and Meals is paid in one lump sum. In essence, the Business Profits Tax and the other block grant come in at the same time, too. It appears the government is going to go back and ask that that be reinstated into next year's budget. There was some talk about not getting that money for the towns, which would have some pretty major consequences. If that \$1 million comes back in, that's a good sign.

Selectman Massey said in looking at the total amount of estimated revenues, they estimated \$22,209,000 and \$18,203,000 has been accumulated to date, but if they were to add the \$1.2 million which they know they will get, it comes to \$19.4 million, which puts them pretty close to being on target. Mr. Malizia said there has been some areas of concern. Ambulance revenues should do better than anticipated—not that that's a good thing, but it is from a revenue perspective. There has been some solid numbers. The concern he had was the investment income, but the market is terrible and they don't get into the stock market. They get into overnight sweep accounts, which are just not yielding that much right now, and there's not much they can do about it. It is what it is. The market is terrible, but he didn't want to leave the impressing they are not safeguarding their principal. It's because they are that they are having these conservative, low-yielding investments.

Selectman Jasper referred to the revenue report. One of the things working in their favor is their overlay, which was budget at slightly over \$300,000, they've only used 12%. That's the issue dealing with tax assessment and what they have to do to adjust properties that may be out of line. They are in pretty good shape. In his discussion with the Assistant Assessor the other day is they are running at about 202% of valuation, which is not bad, considering what

many parts of the country are seeing, but they take out all the foreclosures, which is running as high as 20%, so without that number in there, it's difficult to see what's really going on. Selectman Massey added that, according to the Assistant Assessor, the abatements are running at a lower run rate than they were last year, so that should help.

Selectman Jasper said when they look in the area of construction, such as oil burner permits are way down, zoning application fees, \$1,000 versus budgeted \$7,000, so that's only 15%; Planning Board fees are only at about 50%, so they are off, but not as bad as they thought. That's an area that has been corrected since they discussed this. The other area where they may be a problem is construction inspection fees, which is only \$630. That doesn't seem quite right for the whole year. Mr. Malizia said he'd look into it. The fact there is something there is a good sign; it's not zero. Selectman Jasper said \$630 is not very many inspections. They've been getting reports showing additions and renovations and things like that, so that just doesn't seem right. Fire alarm fees were budgeted at \$3,000; maybe everybody is correct in all their false alarms, but they are at zero, so that's questionable. Maybe some of the big players got tired of paying fees and got all the kinks out of their system. He was curious about that because the Police are running above estimate on their false alarms. Mr. Malizia said he'd look into all of those things.

B. Introduction of Turco, the newest canine member of the Police Department

Police Chief Lavoie said the department has had a police K-9 for a number of years. Kevin Sullivan and Akim plan to retire by the end of the year, but Officer Sullivan has agreed to stay on to help Officer Connor, since he has brought that program to a place where they want it to be. They want people to come up to the dog to pet it and not be afraid.

Officer Sullivan Police Officer introduced Jim Connor and Turco, the K-9 officer. Officer Sullivan said he always preferred German Shepherds, but his replacement, Officer Connor, preferred going with a Belgian Malinois. Turco is 14 months old and was imported from the Netherlands. A lot of police departments are starting to go with Belgian Malinois because they are a very high-energy dog. He didn't want to be on the end of the leash when that dog starts to track because he's going to fly. They are great dogs with great noses; they are very good at what they do. Starting Monday, Officer Connor will have 12 weeks on intense K-9 training with Turco, through the Manchester Police Department's program. Because of budget cuts at the state, they cut out their training program.

Once they complete that 12-week program, Officer Connor will work with Turco during the summer, and he will continue to work with Akim. In the fall, Officer Connor and Turco will go to drug school from six to eight weeks. Once they are trained in both patrol and narcotics, then Akim will be retired. At that time, he will have had about six years on the job, and Officer Sullivan said he'd have almost 13 years in the K-9 Division. It's time for him to quit running around the woods at 3:00 a.m., chasing the young guys. Turco is a great dog, a high energy dog and once he's fully trained, they will be totally amazed at what this dog can do. They've been doing some basic obedience with him, training to make sure he doesn't cower when he hears gunfire, and various other training. He put the sleeve on for Turco and the K-9 has got some good bite work in him. He and Officer Connor had tested three other dogs and assured the Board they would get their dollar's worth out of Turco. Once this dog is drug trained, he dared anyone to attempt to bring any drugs into Hudson and try to hide them anywhere. This dog has already done things he has totally been amazed with. He's gone through bikes and old metal desks, and this dog is incredible. He and Officer Connor will be a great asset to the Police Department. People can see them working at Old Home Days because they will be there.

Officer Sullivan said he was fortunate enough to work two police dogs in this Police Department and he wanted to thank Steve Malizia, the Board of Selectmen and Chief Lavoie. It was Chief Gendron who gave him the opportunity to fulfill his dream as a K-9 handler. He had Dino, and now he has Akim. In November, it's going to be the worst day for him because his K-9 career will end. He also thanked the people of Hudson for supporting him for 13 years, working the police dog, which he really, really appreciated.

Chairman Nadeau thanked Officer Sullivan for the work he's done with the K-9's; it has been impressive. Selectman Jasper said it's a great program.

C. Police Lieutenant Promotion

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said when they did the various promotions, the wrong step was put down for Lt. DiNapoli; it should have been step four, not three. The contract and town personnel policies state promotions should have at least a 5% increase, and he was granted only 2.3%. This item was on the agenda to correct that oversight.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to move Lieutenant DiNapoli from Step 3, \$67,986 to Step 4, \$70,484, effective March 1, 2009 in accordance with the Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors contract, carried 5-0.

D. Sale of Town-owned property – 47 and 49 Ferry Street

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said there was no news on the auction; they haven't been scheduled yet, but they are legally required to file a Chain of Title Notice because of the asbestos on the property. Atty. LeFevre has prepared the two notices and would like the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign them so they can be recorded.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Chain of Title Notice of Asbestos Waste for the town-owned properties located at 47 & 49 Ferry St, carried 5-0.

E. Request to approve the Marsh Road Generator Installation Grant application

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said the ice storm back in December revealed the weakness in the water utility system, mainly that the 2-million gallon Marsh Road tank does not have backup generator power and they were forced to depend on Pennichuck to bring over a 1920's engine to pump water into that tank so they'd have fire protection and water pressure for service there. Unfortunately, they were on a sharing arrangement, and the town didn't get the exclusive use because they needed it in other parts of their system. In response to that, Kevin Burns and Jess Forrence went out to get generator bids. There were four bids and they went with the lowest one for \$20,000, but the generator needs to be installed. Coincidentally, this grant application slid across his desk, so the hope is they can get the installation of the generator paid for via this grant.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to approve the Marsh Road Generator Installation grant application to the NHDES in the amount of \$4,345, as recommended by the Town Administrator, carried 5-0.

F. Donation of \$520.74 from the Drama Kids of Merrimack Valley to the Recreation Department

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Massey, to accept the donation, with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 5-0.

8. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Maddox said at the Board's last meeting, they talked about Certificates of Occupancy and the Community Development Department was looking into that issue. They have found almost 20 that do not have CO's, so they are working on getting that issue corrected. They are also looking to find better ways to document and follow up on these items.

► Selectman Maddox thought they should designate the Assistant Town Administrator as the "Grant Czar," giving him the task of looking for grants. There are monies out there, but without a person who is responsible in tracking that, they are missing out on monies. They would have a monthly review of that at either the workshop or at a regular monthly meeting, showing them what has been applied for and its status. If they stay on top of that, there are monies out there. They saw somewhere monies for the Police Department that was only \$10,000 not the \$110,000 that was in the original package. There are monies out there and that would be a useful and dedicated source of tracking the grants. He didn't want to take away from what Police and Fire are looking for, but there are other grants—water, conservation, etc. With Community Development being a little slow right now, how he (Assistant TA) delegates that is his decision. Having one person in charge of tracking all of those would be for the betterment of the town citizens. He asked if the Chairman would like a motion or a consensus for that direction.

Selectman Massey said he'd like to hear from the Town Administrator how this fits with the workload. The workload in Community Development is not what it used to be because of the slowdown in the construction world, but if they set expectations, and then the workload in Community Development turns around, he didn't want to be in a position where they set expectations they can't meet because the workload changes the other way again. Mr. Malizia said they always want to be vigilant and look for things that mesh with what they are doing in town as part of their mission. He didn't see a problem with looking, which may not be one central place, but if they want to make it a fulltime job, it would be a bit difficult. To do it on some regular basis and review bi-weekly or monthly, whatever is out there, is probably not a big problem, but if they start getting into multiple layers of reports, spending a lot of time trying to explain the status of each one satisfactorily. It's not a bad idea to go looking for them, but the reporting can kill them, trying to keep track of all of that.

Selectman Maddox said what kills most grant applications is the fact that nobody wants to do the first one, but if there's one person overseeing to get all of that information, once they get a lot of the information, whether it be census data or whatever they need to fill in the blocks with, it's there. Once they find one grant, they probably find three more that could be found. With the economic position they're in, and where the federal government can't stop handing out monies, they want to get their share and if they have one person tracking all of this—some might slip through, but some they may be able to dovetail. Resource hunting at this point is the way they need to look at.

Selectman Massey said this is a good idea, but the devil is in the details. As they found with the Ottarnic Co-op's septic system, it requires a lot of groundwork for the town to go after the grant and then after they have the grant, to continue to monitor progress to determine that monies are spent, so they have to set up an audit function, so it's not just go write a grant and somebody gives them money. At the back end, there's a lot of paperwork and justification to be made, so they have to be careful not to overextend themselves, but he'd support what Selectman Maddox was selecting. Selectman Maddox said he'd leave that to the Town Administrator to work out some sort of plan and come back to the Board with that.

► Selectman Maddox said election day is Tuesday. Whether people are for or against an article, it's their decision. The paper says "the stupid Selectmen raised taxes again," but it's truly a function of the citizens' vote. That's where the Selectmen get the authority to spend money. He's hoping at least 4,000 educated voters come out to vote Tuesday, from 7:00 am-8:00 pm.

Selectman Jasper said he had a tour of the library last week, which is nearing completion. They've gotten to the point where there are a few specialty items left to do. Ripano has donated a tremendous amount of stonework. The windowsills will all be stone. The countertop for the circulation desk has beautiful oak paneling about 4' high—a tremendous facility, something they can be extremely proud of. Some more tiling has to be done, but most of the finish work is done and it's a fine facility. They are going to have a tremendous amount of storage space in the cellar. He's very glad they were able to put the larger basement in because that's something that is going to serve the town well, in the long run. He hoped at the dedication, which will be almost

the same day as the original dedication 100 years later of the Hills Memorial Library, that they will have a good turnout from the townspeople to thank the Rodgers for their more than generous donation.

➤He wished his cohorts who were running for re-election well tomorrow. He hoped that all three of them were back. He hoped to see everyone tomorrow at the polls.

Selectman Massey said as usual, people in town still seem to believe that the town makes money off traffic violations. He'd like to make sure everyone clearly understands all traffic fines go to the state and the court system. Hudson, as a town, receives zero. For those folks who think they have some kind of financial incentive to do traffic stops, forget it. They do traffic stops for safety and to make it clear for people who are traveling on Hudson's streets and byways that it's safe. It was in the paper again this past week, somebody complaining about making all of this money. They don't!

➤Next Friday, they are leaving for the CALEA accreditation meeting, which is on Saturday morning. He is looking forward to coming back with the accreditation for another three years, thanks to the hard work of the Police Department.

➤He wished good luck to everyone running tomorrow. They know one thing for certain tomorrow. One person that is sitting here tonight will be back. He echoed what Selectman Maddox said, asking everyone to please come out and vote, whether they are for or against any of the warrant articles. Everyone should let their voice be heard; they need it.

Selectman Coutu said, as a follow-up, he wanted to give an update as to the security at the new cable facility. The equipment that was previously stored at the barn is the only equipment that is now being stored in the new facility. The Cable Committee Chairman has talked with a representative from Pelmac, which is the same security agency the Police use. They are proposing to install within the next week or two the exact same system, which will include monitoring and key pad access. Until that security system is completely installed and in place, they will not be putting any additional materials or equipment in there. The committee members feel quite confident that the items that are stored there are in a much more secure facility than they were in. As soon as everything is completely installed, he will bring the Board up to date. The Cable Committee Chair, who he's been working with in writing the plan for the next year, said there will be more to say about cable at later meetings.

➤He echoed his peers, encouraging everyone to get out and vote. It is a privilege and he hoped everyone takes advantage of it. There are a lot of decisions to be made and the monies that are expended are done so with the voters' permission only. Their voice does matter. He, along with Selectmen Jasper and Nadeau, looks forward to serving the people another year, but the voters will make the ultimate decision tomorrow, and the Board will abide by that decision.

Selectman Nadeau said voting tomorrow will be at the Hudson Community Center on Lions Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and they can register to vote at the hall with a valid driver's license and proof of residency, such as a utility bill. He asked everyone to get out and vote tomorrow.

➤On March 18 is the Hudson Chamber of Commerce dinner, and tickets are still available. This year, the Large Business of the Year is T-Bones and the Small Business of the Year is Specialty Kitchens. The citizen of the year is Len Lathrop. The Junior Citizen of the Year will be given out at the Scholarship Dinner. In the past, it has been done at the Chamber Dinner.

9. **NONPUBLIC SESSION** (None was scheduled.)

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Massey, carried 5-0.

Recorded by HGTV and transcribed by Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant.

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