

**HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Minutes of the July 24, 2007 Meeting**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Shawn Jasper at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by John Cesana of the VFW. Following the Pledge, Chairman Jasper asked everyone to remain standing and called for a moment of silence in recognition of the death of former Selectman John Lawrence.

3. **ATTENDANCE**

**Selectmen:** Shawn Jasper, Ben Nadeau, Ken Massey, Rick Maddox and Doug Robinson

**Staff/Others:** Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Patti Barry, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Lisa Nute, Information Technology Manager; Sean Sullivan, Director of Community Development; Bill Oleksak and his wife, Barbard; John Cashell, Town Planner; Linda Kipnes, John Cesana, VFW; Margaret Femia; Andy Renzullo, Lucille Boucher, Joyce Goodwin and several other Hudson Seniors; Francis Garcia; Tom Tollefson, HLN

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

No one spoke during Public Input.

**Certificate of Appreciation** was presented to Bill Oleksak, Building Inspector/Health Officer for 20 years of service. along with a \$50 gift certificate. Chairman Jasper read the following into the record:

William "Bill" Oleksak started with the town of Hudson in 1987, as Code Enforcement Officer. In 2000, he was promoted to the position of Building Inspector and became certified by the International Code Council. In 2001, Bill took on the added responsibility of Health Officer and he works hard to ensure that structures in town are safe. Bill, who has a BS Degree in Management, serves on numerous health and building committees in the state, including the Regional Pandemic Planning Committee, the Regional All Hazards Committee, the National Environmental Health Association, the International Code Council and the NH Building Officials' Association, where he is serving his seventh year as its president. He recently received a Certificate of Achievement from the Northeast Regional Public Health Leadership Institute. Bill and his wife, Barbara, have three children, Matt, Will and Erin and they reside in Nashua.

5. **NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

**Energy Committee/Green Team** (three members, one term to expire 12/31/08; 2 members, terms to expire 12/31/07)  
*Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to waive the Board's procedures, and appoint tonight carried 5-0*  
Margaret Femia, 9 Stoney Lane was interested in educating the residents to make the town more green, other things besides recycling.  
*Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Robinson, to appoint Margaret Femia to the Energy Committee, term to expire 12/31/08, carried 5-0.*

6. **CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion by Selectman Robinson, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve consent items, A-E, as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.*

A. **Assessing Items**

- 1) Re-granting of Elderly Exemptions (102 Highland Street; 45 Mobile Drive), w/positive recommendation.
- 2) Granting of Elderly Exemption (137 Belknap Road), w/recommendation to grant.

B. **Water/Sewer Items** (none)

C. **Licenses & Permits**

- 1) Raffle Permit by Alvirne Drama Club for 11/11/07 (Tickets to *Wicked*)
- 2) Block Party Permit by Cheryl Gainey for Cardinal Drive/Towhee to Meadowlark on 8/18/07
- 3) Block Party Permit by Cammie and Jason Ward for Flying Rock Road on 8/4/07
- 4) Hawker/Peddler Vendor's License by Paula Jean-Tate to sell hot dogs at various locations in Hudson through 12/31/07, w/stips to include no overnight parking at any one location; the hot dog cart remain attached to the motor vehicle pulling the cart at all times; the hot dog cart shall not be at one location for longer than two hrs.

D. **Acceptance of Minutes**

- 1) Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen of July 6, 2007
- 2) Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen of July 10, 2007

E. **Calendar**

- 7/25 7:00 Seniors in BOS Mtg. Rm.
- 7/26 1:00 Trustees of the Trust Funds BOS Mtg. Rm.
- 7/26 7:00 Open Space Committee BOS Mtg. Rm.
- 7/26 7:30 ZBA in CD Mtg. Rm.
- 7/30 7:00 Recycling Committee in BOS Mtg. Rm.
- 8/01 7:00 Planning Board in CD Mtg. Rm.
- 8/06 6:30 School Board in BOS Mtg. Rm.
- 8/07 7:00 Board of Selectmen Wksp BOS Mtg. Rm.
- 8/08 7:00 Planning Board in CD Mtg. Rm.
- 8/09 6:30 Recreation Committee-Oakwood Facility

8/09 5:30 Sewer Utility Committee BOS Mtg. Rm.  
8/09 7:30 ZBA in CD Mtg. Rm.  
8/10-12 Old Home Days @ Hills House, Route 102  
8/13 7:00 Conservation Commission CD Mtg. Rm.  
8/14 7:00 Board of Selectmen in BOS Mtg. Rm.  
8/15 5:00 Water Utility Committee in BOS Mtg. Rm.  
8/15 7:00 Library Trustees in BOS Mtg. Rm.  
8/15 7:00 Seniors in CD Mtg. Rm.  
8/16 7:30 Budget Committee in BOS Mtg. Rm.  
8/20 6:30 School Board in BOS Mtg. Rm.  
8/21 7:00 Cable Committee in BOS Mtg. Rm.  
8/22 7:00 Planning Board in CD Mtg. Rm.  
8/23 7:00 Open Space Committee in BOS Mtg. Rm.  
8/23 7:30 ZBA in CD Mtg. Rm.  
8/28 7:00 Board of Selectmen in BOS Mtg. Rm.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Votes taken after Non-Public Session on July 10, 2007**

KMotion by Selectman Robinson, seconded by Selectman Massey, to seal the Nonpublic Session Minutes carried 4-1. Selectman Nadeau voted in opposition.

KMotion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Robinson, to hire Andrew Gora as a Substitute Counselor in the Recreation Dept. @ \$8.50 per hour for the 2007 summer season, effective July 11, 2007, carried 5-0.

KMotion to appoint Patti Barry as Town Clerk/Tax Collector until the March 2008 elections carried 3-1. Selectman Maddox voted in opposition and Selectman Nadeau abstained.

KMotion by Selectman Robinson, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to adjourn at 11:03 pm, carried 4-1. Selectman Massey voted no.

B. **Senior Activity Center Addition** (deferred from July 10, 2007)

Selectman Massey said it was pointed out to him, serendipitously, that this was old business, and they were talking about a Senior activity center. The reason why it was deferred from July 10 was because the Seniors wanted an opportunity to have their entire membership look at the final set of specifications. At that meeting, which was held on July 12, 65 members were present and voting, and they voted unanimously to accept this proposal, which would look at putting an addition on the left side of the Community Center that would house a 100-person assembly hall and a total of 50 people in all the other activities, which are detailed in the letter.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to advertise for proposals to determine the feasibility and cost to construct an addition to the Community Center for a Senior Activity Center.

Selectman Massey said a lot of hard work went into getting to the final set of specifications. They will have to leave it to the firm who is chosen to do the feasibility and cost to determine (a) if it's feasible and (b) what the cost is, which will then be brought back before the Board for action. Selectman Robinson commended the Seniors for getting together and coming back with a solid, single direction so the Board may assist them to achieve the goals they are looking for. It is a well-written and designed plan and the Seniors and Selectman Massey have done an outstanding job with this.

Selectman Maddox said he wasn't as enthusiastic, but they said they'd take a look at this. He asked who the Senior Center Building Committee was. Selectman Massey said it would include the Town Engineer, who has already said he was willing to do that, himself, as the liaison to the Seniors, and at least three members of the Senior Council on Aging. Selectman Maddox asked if they were planning to put all of the items listed in the addition, when the earlier copy was 2,300 sq. ft. Selectman Massey said, after thinking about it and realizing it was a result of the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, he was setting up parameters that he didn't know what he was talking about. Once the architect looks at the requirements, and at the building, they are going to be the ones who decide what the actual size needs to be. That will drive the cost and the feasibility. He's not in a position to say the parameters of 100 people in the assembly hall and 50 people in the other functions can be accommodated in the space he indicated. That's the architect's job, to decide what the size is. Selectman Maddox said at 2,300 sq. ft. when they were looking at Oblate, which was 6,000 plus, that wasn't going to be big enough. He was wondering how it spun a third of it's size, but do the study and see how it comes out. He was surprised with all of the things they were going to try to fit into that addition. Selectman Massey said there is an expectation on the part of the Seniors that the 100 persons is what's suitable for the majority of times, but in those cases where there is a need for more than 100 people, they would still continue to use the larger facility, with the only caveat being that larger facility wouldn't be available for nine weeks during the summer. They're not saying they need more; they are saying, based on what they look at and what's feasible, that they can live with this as a base, and if they need a larger room or bigger gathering, they would then schedule the bigger facility inside the Community Center, itself.

Chairman Jasper said that's the important thing; they are looking long-term. They are looking at that facility, down the road, as primarily being for the Senior activities, with the Rec, hopefully, at a future date, to be at Robinson Pond. Their eye has to be on the ball, looking at the rest of these things, keeping in mind the 2,300 sq. ft. That may change; this may all fit in there, or they may say maybe a storage room isn't necessary, and they can continue to use the back. That's something they have to look at. If it's adjacent there, they could simply put up a wall in the back of that room and give them the storage facility right there. They've

got to be flexible in how they do this. The storage may already be there, and they just need a wall and a door to accomplish that. Those are the things that the Building Committee needs to look at. If the footprint gets too big because of a storage room, they could consider this other option. Maybe the other rooms can hold 40 people instead of 50; things like that. Nobody has ever said all they need is 2,300 sq. ft. It's 2,300 sq. ft, plus the availability of Lions Hall.

Selectman Robinson said he took the proposal to a friend, who is an architect of government buildings and senior centers, and asked him, as a favor, to look at the activity time line, what the Seniors wanted, and if it looked feasible to him. His friend said to keep in mind they should not limit the ability of the architect to be an architect. To say 2,300 sq. ft. is limiting him ,because it could be more or it could be less, or it could be moved around a little bit. Allow the architect the ability to do his job and tell (the Board) what can be done in that space. Secondly, the biggest pitfalls he finds in towns is the timeline is really constrictive. Once you have the proposals to get all the parties working together again, that you may try to crimp it out at time, but it's difficult to get all parties together. He applauds Selectman Massey because, with five people, it makes it a lot easier to communicate what the needs of the Seniors might be, as they roll this out.

Selectman Nadeau asked if this proposal was proposing to add any parking spots for the ones that were taken away. Selectman Massey said that would be looked at. Among other things, they are going to look at the other side of Lions Avenue. On the left side, the ones that are going to be taken away, it will be looked at to see if reconfiguring that left side can either maintain what is there, or add some additional ones.

*Vote: Motion carried 5-0.*

Selectman Massey asked for a consensus for the composition of the Building Committee, which there was. Selectman Robinson said if Selectman Massey is unable to attend a meeting, he volunteered to be an alternate and attend in his absence.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Liaison Reports

Selectman Nadeau said the Rec Department's summer program is going well, and Finance is still working on the audit.

Selectman Massey said he talking with the Town Engineer yesterday about the signalization project at the corner of Library and Central Street to see if it was feasible to put the project out to bid now, with construction for the fall. If they go with that cycle, and since the project includes a lot of additional things, such as synchronizing the lights with Lowell Road and Central Street, widen the road on both Library Street and Central Street, and there are some driveways that need to be reconfigured. The Library Street intersection is going to be rotated just a little bit, to make it more of a 90° entrance. If they get started, and the bad weather sets in, they are going to have the potential of the road open all during the wintertime. The cautionary note was that it would make a lot more sense to go to bid in the fall, because all of the companies that are capable of doing construction work would be interested in it, which would include all the ones they like to do business with, and all the others that are out there, so they would have a bigger pool of people to bid on and they don't have the problem of the road being open during the wintertime. Chairman Jasper thought that sounded reasonable.

Selectman Maddox said then he was going to be unreasonable, if they were just going to delay a project that should be done. It could snow, or it could be like this past winter. Why would they not want to take advantage of getting this project done? It's a dangerous intersection, and delaying it out for another nine months doesn't make sense to him. Those were good, rational reasons, but it snows in New England. They deal with that all the time. He was hesitant to just say wait until fall, when they don't know if the prices will be even higher next year, or what the weather will be like. They are taking the Chicken Little approach. He will vote against a motion to delay this any more.

Chairman Jasper said they are getting late into the construction season, in terms of scheduling, and the options are not going to be there. A lot of good construction companies will not be available to bid because they have already scheduled out their construction season through Thanksgiving, when the asphalt plants traditionally close. They could always turn down the bids if they came in too high, but he preferred to heed the recommendation of the Town Engineer. Sometimes they have to listen to the advise of the people who are out there, doing this projects on a daily basis.

Selectman Maddox said the Community Development Department would be in, probably at the Board's next meeting, to fill the Secretarial vacancy because this is the busy season. Mr. Sullivan wasn't able to turn it around for this meeting. Selectman Massey asked if that department needed to hire a temp in the meantime. Mr. Sullivan said this was clearly the busy season, as well as vacation time, but fortunately, they've been able to schedule vacations, lunch hours and breaks in a staggered manner in order to keep the coverage. At this point, they are not desperate. The least number of years works by an employee in that department is about five years, so there are experienced people to help the public who come to the counter. The work is pretty consistent from 8:00 – 4:30, but they can still turn around the volume, answer questions and do the permits, based on the experience of the staff. He thinks they can hang in there, but appreciated the suggestion.

Selectman Robinson said the recycling program is going well; the landfill is open this Saturday from 8:00 – 2:00. The new roadside brush cutting tractor has arrived and is in service, going around town gutting grass and brush along the sides of the roads. Townwide paving is going well; they've tarred a lot of roads. Bush Hill Road, Roosevelt Avenue, Derry Lane, Stevens Drive, Edgewood Drive have recently been reclaimed and repaved. Lorraine Street, Gulf Street, Wayne Street, Cape Drive and B

Street will be getting finish pavement this week from the past sewer construction projects in the area. The new school lights have been installed on Melendy Road, so the children will have the added safety of a crossing light.

Selectman Massey said, to follow up on something Selectman Robinson said, there was an op-ed piece in the Nashua Telegraph by a Hudson citizen that the headline writer clearly did not read the article. The headline would lead you to believe that there are lots of citizens in town who are upset with the recycling program, yet in the entire article, which consumed two columns and was probably about eight or nine inches deep, was just the musings of that single individual. Not a single cite of any citizen that has come to that individual with problems. He just wanted to point out that not all the times what you read in the paper is what is actually happening. There are people out there that are not happy, but it would appear on the basis of the first three weeks, that they are in the minority. He just wanted to set the record straight for that individual.

**Selectman Jasper** said the Robinson Road Fire Station was manned last week, Tuesday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Several members of the Board stopped to say hello, which was appreciated. He went up Friday afternoon, and the station looked good. They've been doing a lot of work, and they had a number of runs up there, and they've been able to provide coverage when other pieces were out. Things are going well and they'd continue to see how that project goes.

He attended the Library Trustees meeting last Wednesday. They are still not sure what direction they want to move in, in terms of pursuing a library, whether they want to try to put the same proposal out again, or not. They are aware that the School District is looking at their whole complex over there and there may be space they may not need, at some point. Things are very much in flux, but they are going to have to make a decision at some point, whether they want to lay low for another year or try something again, and that would be the same proposal, which would mean they would have to come back to the Board to get permission to use that site again because they Board gave them permission for a one year grant to use that site.

**B. Hudson Energy Committee/Hudson Green Team**

Linda Kipnes said the Hudson Green Team had their first meeting, and they will be working on three different projects, and some of them need this Board's support and permission. One project was to inform citizens about ways to save energy, and they can do that any way they decide on. One of the projects they'd like to get started is to investigate the use of bio-diesel fuel for town vehicles that are diesel-powered. She needed the Board's permission to pursue that. She heard a speaker, Steve Russell, the fleet manager in Keene, and they have been using bio-diesel for several years now, and he is enormously enthusiastic about it. He would be willing to give a presentation and will talk to anybody about it. If he came here, it might be able to be televised. She would like to get him and Kevin Burns together to talk about the feasibility of trying a pilot program with some vehicles, or however they wanted to do it. If Kevin is willing to talk to Steve Russell, Steve is willing to talk to Kevin.

Chairman Jasper said he was a little concerned and wanted to make sure this was only an information-gathering exercise, at this point. He's heard that bio-fuels have less BTU's per gallon, making it more expensive in the long run and, also, with less BTU's, making the vehicles less efficient, overall. If the committee is just exploring the feasibility, then he was comfortable with that. At this point, he didn't want to commit to doing it. Ms. Kipnes said she was asking for permission for Kevin Burns to spend some amount of time talking to Steve Russell, to investigate the possibility of using bio-diesel and what it has meant for the fleet in Keene. From what he said, Steve Russell would make you think it was the answer to everybody's prayers for running their vehicles as efficiently and well as possible.

Selectman Robinson said, in a prior life, he had written a story about a gentleman who had converted his vehicle from diesel to bio-diesel; he was part of the green team—pro energy and pro community. The net cost to him was around \$4.25 a gallon and his miles per gallon dropped dramatically. Hopefully, Mr. Russell can show better results. It's a great idea, so he'd be interested to hear how it is being done in Keene, if he's able to save money and make the environment better, at the same time—how he balances the two. Mr. Kipnes didn't know enough of the mechanics, or whatever it is, to answer those kinds of questions, but when she heard him speak, he was enormously enthusiastic and the city of Nashua is also converting their fleet to bio-diesel. It could be that if several towns or cities in the area are going to do it, there could be some economies of where they order the bio part of it, and distribution of it. Selectman Robinson said anybody with a diesel engine can convert it. Ms. Kipnes said it requires no changes to the vehicle. Selectman Robinson said the original diesel engine was invented to operate on corn oil, and corn was grown to be converted to corn oil so farmers would have a very inexpensive means of operating their farm machinery. The technology is there. Ms. Kipnes said she was just asking for permission to have Kevin Burns talk to Steve Russell and have Steve make some sort of presentation.

*Motion by Selectman Robinson, seconded by Selectman Massey, to grant permission to the Energy Committee to pursue the feasibility of the use of bio-diesel fuels.*

Selectman Maddox didn't think the Board needed to give its permission for people to talk to each other. Chairman Jasper disagreed, saying they were dealing with town staff and a committee, so it's important to have it on the record.

*Vote: Motion carried 5-0.*

Ms. Kipnes said the third area they'd like to get started on is to do an energy audit of some or all of the town buildings, depending on how expensive and time-consuming it is. She didn't know any of the details yet. She was seeking permission to apply for a grant through NRPC, which would fund part or all of the energy audit. In order to apply for the grant, she would need a signature by the Selectmen on the application. Selectman Massey said Public Service would do this gratis, and they actually did it for the School Department. Ms. Kipnes said Public Service will do it only for the electrical portion. They don't have the

expertise to do it for heating or insulation or anything else. Chairman Jasper said the School District just had an extremely large portion of their budget going into this, with payback over time, but it can get quite extensive in cost.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Massey, to authorize the application of a grant to pay for an energy audit of town facilities, carried 5-0.

Ms. Kipnes said, assuming they get the grant, in order to be able to proceed, she's like to be able to send out RFP's to solicit bids to actually perform the energy audit. She was willing to wait until she knows whether or not they get the grant. Chairman Jasper didn't know if it was necessary to have the grant in hand in order to send out the RFP, but it might be appropriate for her to put an RFP together and come forward with it to the Board, so they actually knows what is asking to be done. That would be helpful. Selectman Maddox said it would be helpful to know what they were expecting out of the audit—the measureables and metrics—and what the price would be. How do you go for a grant when you don't know how much it's going to cost? Ms. Kipnes said she has spoken with Norman Sanborn at the school, and he told her a little bit about the process they used. She has a copy of the RFP they sent out, but she hasn't had a chance to read it. She will follow up on that, to see what it cost and how they went about it. Chairman Jasper said the school has a lot more buildings and a lot more energy usage than the town does, but Selectman Maddox raised an excellent point—how do they know how much to apply for, if they don't do the RFP first? Ms. Kipnes said the grant was bounded, so she was going to apply for the entire grant and see how far they can get with that. She said Mr. Sanborn told her there are some up-front costs, but the people they choose will roll it into the cost the work that's done, and it's all guaranteed to be paid back after a certain amount of time. Chairman Jasper said they should hold off on the RFP, unless someone on the Board objected. Ms. Kipnes agreed, adding that the rest of the things were follow-ons from that. Chairman Jasper applauded her for her efforts, saying she really hit the ground running. Other Board members agreed she was doing an excellent job.

**C. Monument for Veterans Memorial Bridge (Hudson VFW Post 5791)**

John Cesana of the VFW, Post 5791, said there are a lot of people in the community that don't know the name of the bridge that goes from Ferry Street into Nashua, and some of the veterans in the area were a little upset about that. It's called the Veterans' Memorial Bridge, and the VFW feels that it would be nice to have some sort of a marker to be placed in front of the bridge. They would like a stone monument place on the island, identifying the name of the bridge. One of the VFW members, Roy Grayden, is a retired Chief and does this for a living. He grabbed the ball and ran with it. He talked to the people at Mission Point, who had some nice pieces of stone, but they are still partially buried. After they get them out, depending on which one looks the nicest is the one they will go with. (There were three pencil sketches of the possibilities in the Board's agenda packet.) They will donate them, and then move them down. Roy will do the engraving with lettering ranging in height from 4" x 6", depending on the stone. Kevin Burns of the Highway Department said his men would do all the landscaping.

Selectman Robinson asked if the Veterans had a favorite stone configuration. Mr. Cesana said it all depends on which stone would look the best when it comes out of the ground. Chairman Jasper said within the last month or two, listening to the dispatchers dispatching to accidents there, it became very evident to him that they didn't have a clue what the names of the bridges were and which one was which. They were using the names of the bridges interchangeably. At one point, they came up with a whole new name, so he told the Chief there needed to be some training on the names of the bridges were. Sometimes he even gets confused which one is which.

Selectman Maddox said the Highway Department did a great job with the new sign for the Town of Hudson, but it seems lost because of all the greenery. He hoped, when they do the landscaping, they look at making this stand out. The Welcome to Hudson sign is lost in all the green background. Mr. Cesana said there is a house on Glen Drive with a monument that really stands out, so this will be a lot like that one. It will be located on the island, just past the point where it turns to grass. Chairman Jasper said since John works for the Highway Department, he'd have a hand in the landscaping.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Robinson, to accept the donation and approve the location of it on the island between the two bridges carried 5-0.

**D. Appointment of Deputy Town Clerk**

Motion by Selectman Robinson, seconded by Selectman Massey, to approve the appointment of Barbara Locke as the Deputy Town Clerk, as recommended by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Patti Barry.

**E. Appointment of Deputy Health Officer**

Chairman Jasper said, currently, Sean Sullivan is the deputy and asked if there was a term of office, or if he was stepping away from that. Mr. Sullivan said there is no limit on the amount of deputies that the town has, so he will remain as a deputy, as well.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to appoint Civil Engineer Gary Webster as Deputy Health Officer for Hudson, as recommended by Health Officer Bill Oleksak and Community Development Director Sean Sullivan, carried 5-0.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN**

Selectmen Nadeau and Massey didn't have anything. Selectman Maddox did, but will wait for the Town Administrator to come back.

**Selectman Robinson** said he had two things. One of the publications the Board receives is *Town and City*, published by the government. There was a great story in it about the role of an alternate land use board member; excellent reading. It talks about the differences between a regular member and an alternate. It said that alternates do not participate as members of a land use board until the chair designates them to do so. It references RSA 673:11, giving the Planning Board chairman the authority. He handed out a couple pages he had reprinted from

it so the Board could discuss this at a future meeting. The article suggests that the alternates sit with the public, and not at the table, unless they are sitting in place of a member. He's been to a couple Planning Board meetings and he has been confused who was sitting and who was not. After the members look at this, he'd like to discuss it at another meeting to see what everyone's thoughts were and make a decision on whether alternates do sit at the table, or they don't. Chairman Jasper said they could take a look at that.

Selectman Robinson said his late wife used to tell him he needs a hobby, so last week, to kill some time, he read some of the old Board of Selectmen's minutes, referencing October 23, 2006, the Selectmen's discussion about possible purchases for the Police Department for FY-08. The reason he went with this is because 5615 has to do with furniture, and in the budget for the Police Department this year is authorization by the Board of Selectmen to replace 10 chairs on a state bid for \$7,000. During the budgetary period last year, specifically on 10/23/06, you (Selectman Maddox) OK'd the purchase of 10 chairs, for \$7,000--\$700 per chair. He thought he would bring that to light that maybe there is a little inequity between departments, or maybe that will help clarify why some departments think it's OK to do certain things. He thought he'd bring that to light tonight, that that was a decision made by the Board for the purchase of \$700 chairs last October.

**Selectman Jasper** said earlier this evening, they had a moment of silence for former Selectman John Lawrence, who passed away last week. John was much more than just a Selectman. He became involved in the town back in the 50's, first as a member of the building committee that built the addition on the H. O. Smith school. He was also on the School Board for a number of years. He served in a number of difference capacities, and was always volunteering. For many, many years, he did all of the town's on-line accounting. The Board gets the run reports now that are done in-house. John had this massive main frame that he had gotten what it was retired from the company he worked for. It took up half of his cellar, and he used punch cards. It looked like something out of a 1950's science fiction movie. For years, he did those reports for the town at cost. It was his business and he did up to 35 communities. That was a huge service that he provided. He was always behind the scenes, never looking to be recognized for what he did. As his daughter Karen said, the things that you receive the least recognition for are sometimes the things that give you the most satisfaction. He had the privilege of serving with him on the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen. He was a fine gentleman and it's a real loss to this community and to his family. He spoke with him just a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Lawrence had been the Town clerk/Tax collector in Wilton before he moved here in about 1948. Public service was something he always did and Selectman Jasper will remember him fondly and with a great deal of respect. Selectman Massey interjected that on many occasions, he had the opportunity to interface with Mr. Lawrence and he, too, talked to him a couple of weeks ago. He was a gentleman. When you see people like that in politics, you have to really appreciate them because he did bring a spirit of public service, and he will be missed.

**10. NONPUBLIC SESSION**

*Motion by Selectman Robinson, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to enter nonpublic session under 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee and (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, carried 5-0 by roll call vote.*

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 8:05 p.m., following a five minute recess, thus concluding 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 into at 8:50 p.m.

*Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Robinson, to hire Eric Ferreira and Steven McElhinney as police officers, effective July 29, 2007 at \$19.78 per hour, in accordance with Police Union Local 3657, as recommended by the Chief of Police, carried 5-0.*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn at 8:52 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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Benjamin J. Nadeau, Vice-Chairman

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