

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the May 9, 2006 Meeting

6:30 p.m.-- Attorney-Client Session pursuant to 91-A:2 I (c).

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Rick Maddox in the Selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, led by Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

3. **ATTENDANCE**

Selectmen: Richard J. Maddox, Shawn N. Jasper, Kenneth J. Massey & Benjamin J. Nadeau. (Kathleen MacLean was on vacation.)

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Police Lt. Bill Avery; Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director; Firefighter Pat Robertson; Ray Rowell; Marty Kennedy, VHB; Committee Applicants—Rhona Charbonneau, Len Lathrop, John Breen, Leo Bernard, Deanna Fitzpatrick, Rudy Lessard and Andrea Perreault.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT** (5-minute limit per person)

There was no response when Chairman Maddox asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board on any subject.

5. **NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Maddox stated that the Board's normal procedure is to interview on the first meeting of the month and appoint on the second, unless the procedures are waived. All of the applicants were invited to this meeting.

A. **Building Board of Appeals** (1 member, term to expire 12/31/08)

There were no applicants.

B. **Recreation Committee** (1 member, term to expire 12/31/07)

Karen Atherton will be present at the May 23rd meeting.

C. **Sewer Utility Committee** (1 member, term to expire 12/31/08)

Doris Ducharme (current alternate) was not present.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Massey, to waive the normal procedures and appoint Doris Ducharme to the Sewer Utility Committee, term to expire 12/31/08, carried 3-1. Selectman Jasper voted in opposition.

D. **Older Persons Advisory Council** (4 citizen members, sunset date of October 15, 2006)

Leo Bernard, 3 Bungalow Ave. Selectman Massey asked what Mr. Bernard saw as the most important issues that need to be addressed within the October 15, 2006 time frame. Mr. Bernard said a place. He'd like to learn more about it. Chairman Maddox noted that Mr. Bernard was not a member of the older age group and asked what perspective he could bring to this committee. Mr. Bernard said he wasn't, but his mother was in that age group, and he was willing to help out this group in any way he could.

Lucille Boucher, 5 Jackson Drive, was not present, but a letter she sent to the Board was read into the record by Selectman Nadeau, outlining her multi-faceted involvement with the Seniors and her desire to serve on this Board.

John Breen, 6 Derry Lane, said he was president of the Seniors for the last three years. Selectman Nadeau asked what Mr. Breen thought he could bring to this committee. Mr. Breen said he hoped they got a permanent place for them. He also hoped the membership would increase. They are an active group and have a lot going on. Selectman Massey asked what Mr. Breen understood as the purpose of this committee. Mr. Breen said to bring in different things for the Seniors, provisions from the government that they don't know about.

Rhona Charbonneau, 2 Old Derry Road, thought there were a number of things that could be done. A number of homes that are being built in Hudson are for 55 and older. Within 10 years, these people are going to be looking for a place. She feels that the committee is being formed to look in other areas of what the Town contributes, what they contribute. She has been to the Pelham center, which is run by the Town. They are trying to put an addition on that. She has also seen Nashua's facility on Temple Street. Londonderry has a center. Hudson needs to get organized. They have programs for the youth, so the Town should do the same thing for the Seniors. Selectman Massey asked what she thought were the major challenges facing the committee. Ms. Charbonneau said it depends on where they are going to be located. Are there facilities around here, or a place they can go to build a building? The Federal Government wants to make sure that Senior centers are established all over because they want to put in one point of entry, which will advise Seniors where to go if they need help. They also want to keep them out of nursing homes. They only want severely ill people in nursing homes. She has worked with Commissioner Stevens on committees and they are very, very concerned with which way the towns are going because if they don't provide something for the Seniors, the Town is going to be hit because the Federal Government and the State Government are cutting back right now. This committee has to find out what space is needed and what is needed to get to where they want to go. Chairman Massey pointed out that Ms. Charbonneau was a County Commissioner and wondered if the County offered any programs that this committee could tie into. Ms. Charbonneau said it depends. Maybe the municipalities will want to contribute; they don't know until all of the information has been put together. The Town does subsidize recreation programs. The

people in Town feel that maybe they will have to subsidize, to a certain degree, but maybe they won't. She didn't know. There could be Federal Grants available. That's what this committee will have to look at. It's very important.

Deanna Fitzpatrick, 20-B Chandler Court, said she'd like to learn more, on behalf of the Jr. League of Hudson. She saw her role as liaison and to help support the council and advocate for their needs. She didn't really know or understand the current needs. Selectman Massey asked what she thought the major challenges facing this start-up group were. Ms. Fitzpatrick said to get their message out, time and money from other people in the community—resources like that—and maybe to determine their mission, their overall goal and purpose so others can understand and join in.

Dorothy Jacobs was on vacation.

Leonard Lathrop, 31 Winslow Farm Road. Selectman Massey asked what Mr. Lathrop thought were going to be the major challenges to face this new committee, charged with bringing back a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen by October 15. Mr. Lathrop said that date is quickly approaching. It's the first time the Town has asked for input, a plan, or an ad hoc committee to see how the Town can interact with the Senior population, which is growing, to integrate the current Senior facility/club/activities in some type of recommendation to the Town so they have an integrated plan that the Selectmen, and possibly the voters, can look at to go forward with some type of proposal for the Senior citizens in the Town. He applauds the Selectmen's spirit and the activeness of this committee. While October is quickly approaching, he thinks it is a time frame that is needed to be done so if there's anything that needs to go to the voters, or any type of request, it can go through the whole budget process and on to the ballot in March. Selectman Massey said there are exactly 20 weeks between now and October 15. Mr. Lathrop said they don't even know who is going to be on the committee, except for Selectman Nadeau, the Budget Rep and Recreation Rep, so that's a pretty short time frame, especially since it's during July and August. Chairman Maddox said Mr. Lathrop was also on the Board of Directors of the Hudson Seniors. Mr. Lathrop said he was, along with Selectmen Nadeau and MacLean and 12 other people, some of senior age and some not, to bring that group into a real chartered corporation under the State and to facilitate in building, or planning for a building, on Route 111. That's that group's goal at this point. A lot of what that group does phases closely, if not parallel to this ad hoc committee's recommendations.

Rudy Lessard, 115 Bush Hill Road, said he is currently a sitting member of the Board of Directors for the Seniors. He has been involved for about a year. They have made immense ways forward so far and he was very excited that this Board is coming aboard. He understands the committee will work directly with the Fathers (the Selectmen) of the Town. He thinks it is a great thing. He's live here 25 years and has watched the Seniors grow. He feels the Town is really involved now. The people are involved; the Government is involved. He really feels they are going in the right direction and good things can happen out of this. Selectman Massey asked if Mr. Lessard had to look at just one issue that the committee needed to focus on, what that would be. Mr. Lessard said the main focus is to work with the Seniors and all the committees and go forward with what they are looking for. The main agenda is to get their own building.

Andrea Perreault, 143 Kimball Hill Road. Selectman Massey asked her to give the Board some indication of her involvement with the Town and what she saw as the biggest challenges facing this committee. Ms. Perreault said she is a Town resident, whose 71-year old mother lives with her. She is trying to understand the core of the problem to find out the direction in which to go. She is not sure why the 111 facility hasn't been started yet, and didn't know if there were other options for the Seniors. She was the ears, eyes and voice of her mother. Selectman Massey said the reason why the foundation hasn't been poured to date yet is because the site plan is still before the Planning Board for review and approval. Until that is finished, construction will not begin. She might see it on the Planning Board agenda and they meet on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. She might want to go to that Planning Board meeting to sit in and listen. Selectman Nadeau asked if she understood the time frame was 20 weeks. Ms. Perreault understood there was a meeting in August 2005 where the 111 facility was discussed and the goal was to have the senior citizens center built by October, so she's not so sure about the 20 weeks. She didn't know who set that. Selectman Nadeau said this committee is separate from the Hudson Seniors, or the Senior Council on Aging. This is the Selectmen's group to study the needs of the Seniors. He asked if she thought she could help within those 20 weeks. Ms. Perreault said absolutely.

Irene Tremblay was not present.

Joyce Goodwin, Budget Committee Representative
Sue LaRoche, Recreation Committee Representative

Motion by Selectman Jasper to waive their normal procedures and appoint the members tonight, seconded by Selectman Massey, carried 4-0.

Selectman Jasper said this is one of those rare instances where they have more qualified applicants than there are vacancies. While it would be nice to increase the membership, that becomes cumbersome when working on a deadline.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to appoint Rhona Charbonneau to OPAC carried 4-0.

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Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Massey, to appoint Andrea Perreault to OPAC, carried 3-1. Selectman Jasper voted in opposition, saying this committee needs people who are already up to speed on the need and were already very involved. There isn't time for a learning curve.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to appoint Len Lathrop to OPAC, carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to appoint Lucille Boucher to OPAC, carried 3-1.
Selectman Massey voted in opposition.

Chairman Maddox said when a meeting is set up, he would announce it. Those who were not appointed were welcome to attend the meetings, as their input was valuable. The Selectmen appreciate the diversity of people who applied.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to accept the Consent Items, A-C, as noted or as appropriate, carried 4-0.

A. Assessing Items

Elderly Exemptions (23 Scottsdale Dr; 23B Holly Lane; 102 Highland St; 8 Lorraine St; 51 Barbara Ln); Blind Exemption (10 Berkeley Dr), w/recommendation to grant.

B. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the April 25, 2006 Board of Selectmen's Meeting

C. Calendar

May 10 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
 May 11 5:30 Sewer Utility Committee in CD Office Area
 May 11 6:30 Recreation Committee at the Rec Center
 May 11 7:00 CIP in BOS Meeting Room
 May 11 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room
 May 13 8:00 a.m. Hudson Economic Development Conference @ Alvirne Voc Tech
 May 15 6:30 School Board in BOS Meeting Room
 May 16 7:00 Cable Utility Committee in BOS Meeting Room
 May 17 5:00 Water Utility Committee in BOS Meeting Room
 May 17 7:00 Library Trustees in BOS Meeting Room
 May 18 7:30 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
 May 23 7:00 Board of Selectmen in BOS Meeting Room
 May 24 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
 May 25 7:00 Open Space Committee in BOS Meeting Room
 May 25 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room
 May 29 Memorial Day Holiday—Town Hall closed

7. OLD BUSINESS

Green Meadow Consultant Services

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said a question had arisen as to a possible conflict of interest with VHB and the Green Meadow project. The 24 April 06 letter from VHB puts that concern to rest. VHB states they conform to the NSPE—the code of ethics for engineers. Mr. Kennedy was present, if the Board wanted to start the process of assigning some work to the firm.

Marty Kennedy, Director of Transportation Systems of VHB said he would be the Town's contact person for this project. Selectman Jasper said before they begin to do traffic studies and analysis, they need to look at the track record of this company. For instance, pick five of their projects, and start looking at the records—what they proposed, what they ended up building, what they said would take place, what actually happened, interview the planners, the Town Administrator or Mayor, the Chiefs of Police, Fire Chiefs, Community Development, etc. That doesn't take a high level person to do that. It would give them an idea of the kind of a company they are dealing with and how accurate their prophecies turn out to be.

Chairman Maddox agreed; go to the various towns and get a copy of their Planning Board minutes during the approval process for the last four or five projects, their proposed traffic numbers, their proposed impact on infrastructure, tax dollars coming in—all of those issues need to be correlated so the Town can then base their decisions on fact, not just the presentation. Perhaps a summer intern could start a data base of various impacts on those towns--what was originally proposed as opposed to what is actually there, and what followed, as they made improvements to their infrastructure for roadways, water, etc., how that advanced other projects so they can look at what this project may bring to Hudson and also the secondary, or add-on, after this project. They need to get going on this so the Planning Board has that information at its disposal. Selectman Jasper said another element of that is the impact to existing businesses in those towns. Did they put in a grocery store? If so, did other grocery stores within a five mile radius suffer? Did it go out of business? What happened? Those things are critical for them to know.

Selectman Massey said all of that would be important at some point, but the most important issue is the econometric impact that a project of this scope would have on the Town, and that should be the first charge—an economic impact report that would tell them the exact impact a project of this scope would have on the town's infrastructure and the business and residential climates.

Chairman Maddox said they don't have a plan in front of them right now. Mr. Malizia said they are doing due diligence, checking the companies to make sure they keep their commitments. Selectman Massey said they do know there are 375 acres at Green Meadow and across the street, there's another 250 acres, all in the south end There's at least 250 acres in the northeast quadrant of Town that's in development. The QROE Farm project is 140 acres. Regardless of who a developer is, he would think they would want to know what the impact of this type of a project would have on this Town. It's all well and good to know what this developer says they can and can't do, but that doesn't answer the question of them understanding, in order to be able to put

limits and/or constraints and/or requests, etc., before the Planning Board, because it would address the economic issues. He would not support doing a due diligence on the current proposed developer. He will only support an economic impact report.

Selectman Nadeau said one of the first things he'd like to see is how the project will impact fire and police, where they are going down the road with this project—the calls to the developments built in other towns. Selectman Jasper thought Selectmen Nadeau and Massey were putting the cart before the horse. Those things can't be done until they have a plan; they have to know what the mix is. You can guess that it is going to be X, Y & Z, but then when A, B & C comes in, X, Y & Z are totally useless, and they've spent money to do something for nothing. His understanding of part of the Planning Board process is that they actually do that, and those would be things the developer would pay for, and the two types of studies would be commonly done together, looking at all of those impacts, but you have to have a concrete plan to be able to do something that has any value to it. His position has always been to make the developer pay for as many of those things as possible. If they go out there and do this without any plan at all, they are not going to be able to recoup any of that money. He is suggesting something that no developer could really be required to do and that the Town needs to pay for independently. He'd be interested in hearing Mr. Kennedy's thoughts, now that they've had their discussion of where they'd like to go—and they should hear from the Chairman, as well.

Chairman Maddox didn't disagree with Selectmen Massey or Nadeau of where they should be going at some point, but with no project before the Planning Board, it is the Selectmen's duty to get the ball rolling and to have the information for the Planning Board of what was promised and what did happen, not only for taxes and income, but the police and fire, for the Fire Chief and Police Chief to call the Chiefs in those communities and soften up the ground for VHB to go down there and get some of this information, to be able to say they said there would be a 20% increase in your public service calls, and there was actually 40%. That's something that can be determined in advance.

Mr. Kennedy said their thought process, when they put their scope together, and they brought in Russ Thibeault of Applied Economic Research, who will be on the economic assessment team, basically the infrastructure of the Town, the economic assessment would be done once there is a plan submitted. If they are talking about a cursory level, up front assessment, maybe that could be done, but if they really want to get a handle on the true impacts, they need to have a plan. His fear is they would have Russ do a report, come in and present the impacts, and then the developer will come in and say they're not doing that now. Then they would have to go back and redo the assessment. There may be an efficient way of doing some sort of up-front, cursory level analysis, but the more detailed report that VHB was thinking about would need the plan.

Selectman Jasper asked if VHB was capable of doing the type of analysis that he and Chairman Maddox were talking about. Mr. Kennedy said sure. In fact, they've been involved in reviews of this developer in the past, so they have some first-hand information. The type of information they are talking about is fairly straightforward, as far as collecting data—contacting staff level people in planning departments of various towns where the projects are—get the meeting minutes—it's fairly straightforward. Selectman Jasper asked if Mr. Kennedy thought that was a good place to start. Mr. Kennedy said sure. If the Town wants to get a handle on what they are dealing with, that makes a lot of sense. There are other things they need to get going on beyond that. He didn't know how far along the developer is in developing the plan, but there has been at least one meeting with the State, NH DOT, with respect to traffic—a scoping meeting. Rather than having the developer lead that process and be talking with the State in defining what is going to be in a traffic study and reports that are going to be submitted, that the Town should take that lead. So, before they start running off doing whatever reports that they are going to put together to bring to a Planning Board, he thinks there should be a scoping meeting between the Town and the developer and VHB would be there, laying out what needs to be included in the assessment, as opposed to the developer coming in and saying they already met with the State and this is what they said we need to do, so this is what's in the report. If they're not that far along, maybe this can wait, but he wouldn't want to hear, a month from now, they walk in with a report, saying they are all done reviewing that.

Selectman Jasper said that makes sense to him and they ought to make that happen because the developer shouldn't be allowed to get ahead of the Town. The State views Hudson as the primary contact in dealing with that because they are not going to agree to anything the Town hasn't agreed to, but the Town needs to make that clear from the outset, that they are not to be going off doing these things. He agreed wholeheartedly with that idea. Mr. Kennedy said in meeting with the State on a development project, they talk about roadway projects, and they are going to be looking at the major roads. The Town may have local roads to be concerned with, that may not come up at a meeting like that. Chairman Maddox said he attended the first scoping meeting and the DOT basically admitted that the ITE manual they use in the State of NH doesn't go up to the number of square feet of retail alone that this project is slated to build. They were looking to see how they were going to modify the ITE manual to get the numbers they are going to be looking for. He thinks this is an excellent idea for them to have the expertise to make the developer and the State understand the impacts to the Town of Hudson. He agreed that an economic study needs to be done, but he didn't see how they do that without having a little more information. They all kind of believe they know what's coming, and a preliminary, very sketchy something or other to say in other communities they are looking at 1 million feet begot 1.2 million feet of additional retail, and that impact was X, but until there is a plan before them, to go into it, he agrees with Mr. Kennedy. They've heard all kinds of what if's, but until there is a plan on the table that they can really point to and charge to, that would be premature. That needs to be done, but not as the first priority.

Selectman Jasper asked how they would go about getting the ball rolling. Chairman Maddox believed the consensus of the Board was the task they laid out this evening for getting preliminary information is the way to go and to get together with the Community Development Director and Town Planner to look at the scoping needs for traffic with the DOT. Selectman Massey said before they spend a dime, they have a project description, a list of deliverables, the doneness criteria for those deliverables and the cost for what you expect to have happen. Otherwise, they are going to have an open-ended contract with no clear delivery date, as set of deliverables and will we be done when we're done, or will we be done because there is a set of doneness criteria

that has been established for the two things they talked about, which are a) looking at the several projects that the developer has done in the past and, b) some preliminary economic impacts. That would be the first charge, to have whoever is going to be the interface with VHB craft the scope, deliverables, doneness criteria and cost. They could do that at the next Board meeting.

Chairman Maddox asked Mr. Kennedy if that could be accomplished. Mr. Kennedy said Sean Sullivan is their primary contact, so he will talk with him tomorrow and say this is what looks like needs to be done; this is what it's going to take; this is when we'd have it done; and this is approximately what it will cost to do that. Throughout the process, whatever comes up, they would say what they suggest, what it will cost, when it will be done, etc. That's their game plan. Chairman Maddox asked if there was a consensus to have that done. Selectman Massey said he wanted to be clear so there is no confusion later on. If they do this, the Board needs a description of the project, the deliverables, the doneness criteria and the cost. Chairman Maddox believed Mr. Kennedy said that would not be a problem.

Selectman Jasper asked what the term doneness meant. Selectman Massey said when you come to a project, is it done because you say it's done, or is it done because there is a list of deliverables and what the quality of those deliverables were, so you can look at it and say yes, we got exactly what we were looking for on this project. It's not done because the manager says it's done; it's done because there was a set of deliverables that were defined. Selectman Jasper asked if that was a word he could find in the dictionary, or if that was a Ken Massey word. Chairman Maddox said he's heard it before. Mr. Kennedy said there will be major deliverables that will be absolutely clear—what it is, was it done right or was it done wrong—but he's picturing that throughout the entire process, there is going to be a lot of little things, and he's thinking that the Board needs to rely of someone like the Community Development Director to make sure that VHB is doing what they are supposed to be doing. If he has to run back and put something in for every little item, and there could be 110 items over the next year and a half, it's going to get messy and he didn't want to be spending more time doing that. He understands what is being said, and he didn't think it would be a problem. If Sean Sullivan were present, he could probably instill more confidence.

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Selectman Jasper agreed that he didn't want to put the screws on so tight that everything gets delayed because VHB has to come back to talk to the Board. A fairly broad scope, with a deliverable date, so they can have some wiggle room, as they get into the project. That happens with any problem he has been involved with. You start off in one direction, then find out you have to go off in another one to actually do a thorough job. He didn't want to see them hamstringing this to the point that it just gets delayed and delayed, which does cost more money. Bringing Mr. Kennedy in to sit for a couple of hours to listen to them is not very efficient. The Board needs to have some confidence in Steve and Sean to be able to work with VHB to manage that.

Chairman Maddox believed the direction was to come back with a document for the Board to look at at their next meeting is the first step—giving them some sort of scope. His would be to do only facilities that have a life style center to them, because that's the component that's going to drive this differently than a standard mall—something that's in New England and preferable in a more rural town than Hartford. Those kind of items. And to be completed, they've got all of the documents, they've made the phone calls, they've got most of the data. They could make this to where it would either never be done, or they will never be able to complete this. He suggested waiting to see what they come back with, and if it doesn't not meet the intent of Selectman Massey's doneness, then the Board needs to spend more time on that. They should wait to see what VHB comes back with. It doesn't need to be to the nth degree. They are still searching. They don't have something to look at, but they need to do their due diligence to look at various other properties, get the information they talked about, and a copy of the minutes can be provided to Mr. Kennedy, then he and Sean can put something together for the Board's next meeting (May 23).

Chairman Maddox declared a break at 8:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:20 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. MDA Boot Drives

FF Pat Robertson of Local 3154 was recognized, saying he was present to ask for authorization to hold their annual MDA boot drives. Every year, it continues to be more successful. Hudson has set the bar for the rest of the State. They appreciate the support from the Board and the rest of the community. Today, during the State convention, he received their plaque for last year. In addition to the dates they have asked for, they will be at Old Home Days. Over the last eight years, Hudson has collected over \$138,000—an amazing accomplishment. Last year, they collected \$26,000 and they hope to beat it again this year, even if it is by \$1. He invited the Selectmen to come out, put on a vest and do some collecting.

Selectman Massey asked if the same safety precautions were going to be used again this year for the underage Explorers. FF Robertson said absolutely. Lt. Morin, who is in charge of the Explorers, will follow his normal procedure. The kids will wear their vests and they will stay at the sides of the road, so they are not out in traffic. They will also utilize the warning signs, which really works to their advantage, alerting people why things are a little slow through that intersection. Chairman Maddox hoped the weather cooperated as much as it has for the last several years; absolutely beautiful weather. Selectman Nadeau wished them luck in surpassing last year's goal.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the request of Local 3154 to hold their MDA Boot Drives on June 17, July 22 and August 12 at the Chase/Derry/Ferry Streets intersection, provided all of the same safety precautions are used as in the past two years, carried 4-0.

B. Community Development Conference Room Projector

Chairman Maddox said putting in this system was long overdue. With this implementation, they will be able to bring up the GIS system and presentations will be more effective. It will be a great aid to all of the land use boards that meet in that room. Selectman Massey said the Police Department has provided a screen, so the \$130 amount can be subtracted from both of the proposals. Chairman Maddox said the Planning Board used the \$2,500 to give a little flexibility because there might be additional charges they are not presently aware of, such as shipping.

Selectman Massey moved to opt for Proposal 2, seconded by Selectman Jasper. Selectman Massey said the laptop already exists and it can be used for this purpose. By having a laptop instead of a desktop, it gives them the ability to transport it to the Community Center, if necessary. If it proves not to be successful, they still have the option to come back and purchase a new system. Selectman Jasper wondered if the laptop would be able to do the job. Since this money isn't coming from the taxpayers, he wanted to make sure the system worked the way the land use boards wanted it to. Too often, they end up with systems that don't quite perform as well as they should. Mr. Malizia said if it wasn't adequate for the purpose, it wouldn't have been on the proposal; it wouldn't have even been an option. Depending on how robust they want the system to be, other things can be added on or modified, which is less expensive than buying a whole new one. It appears, at this point, based on the requirements delineated, this system will meet the need, and it doesn't cost anything to try this option.

Chairman Maddox said he was going to vote against the motion because he didn't think the laptop was appropriate. He'd rather get the desktop model so it can be secured to a surface. If they used the laptop and someone wanted to use it for the night, it might not be returned in a timely fashion, and they'd end up not having it when it was really needed. He'd rather spend the extra money and go with a brand new desktop system. The IT Department would be able to use the available laptop. The money they would use for this purchase comes from the monies collected by the Planning Board and not from the taxpayers. He was in favor of spending the extra money to get the appropriate system and be done with it instead of going back and forth. Selectman Massey said this was not an expendable trust. The vote to create an expendable trust did not pass. This is an agency account. Selectman Nadeau asked how much money was in the agency account. Mr. Malizia said over \$60,000. There was an effort several years ago to take little pockets of money that could not be returned and put them into one account that the Planning Board could utilize for projects. Based on the discussion, Selectman Jasper withdrew his second to the motion, so the motion was not valid.

Selectman Massey asked how the desktop was going to be secured. Chairman Maddox said it can be bolted to the base of the shelving. Selectman Massey said they could do the same thing with a laptop. Selectman Jasper said the issue of the laptop was not valid, as this point. Selectman Massey said cost is an issue. Chairman Maddox said there is only a \$900 difference, and buying a desktop, it would allow the laptop to be used by someone else in Town.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500 for Proposal 1, a projector, screen and computer for the Community Development Meeting Room, funds to be taken from the Planning Board Agency Fee Account, approved by the Planning Board on May 3, 2006, carried 3-1. Selectman Massey voted in opposition.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Jasper said over the past weekend, he and Sarah hiked through the woods at Musquash and were very discouraged to find that the place is being overrun by ATV's. The trails are badly eroded, and it's very noisy with the ATV's running all over the place. He didn't know who was in charge of the Musquash area. They are coming under the power lines, going around the gate. There are buildings at one end with trails coming in, but the ATV's are using almost all of the walking paths now. The Town needs to take immediate action to block all ATV's from having access to that nature area because it's anything but at the present, and it will just get worse in the future if they don't control that. He asked that the Town Administrator talk to whomever to see what they can do. He didn't know if Conservation was responsible for that area. Mr. Malizia said if it is conservation land, it is under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. Selectman Jasper said it appears that no one is really managing the trails right now. He was out there a couple years ago and the only really noticeable area where the ATV's were was under the power lines, but they are all over the place now, and it's not good. It's probably going to take some effort and some money to close those trailheads off, but it needs to be done. Selectman Nadeau asked if the land was posted. Selectman Jasper didn't think it was, but that should happen. He didn't know how many access points were coming in, but probably at each end of the power line and off one side, which is the back side of Musquash, he could see buildings and the ATV trail was clearly coming from there. It is very discouraging to see what they've done to the trail system out there. Chairman Maddox said if you block off the trail openings today, there will be new ones in a week. Maybe enforcement would be a better plan—maybe there is something the Police Department can do. Selectman Jasper said he agreed, but there is a limited area before you get to housing and things under the power lines, so he thought a series of boulders might work. He used to have property that was under the power lines and they were effective in closing that off because their camp ground was under the power lines. It's not impossible. You do get to the point where the trees are too big to be able to do something, and you get too far from the power lines. They do have to make an effort. Enforcement is part of it, and posting comes with that. Right now, there doesn't seem to be a plan in place and, somehow, they need to make that happen. Chairman Maddox asked the Conservation Commission liaison to find out under whose jurisdiction that area is.

Selectman Massey wanted to update the Board on the south end water projects:

φ There was a successful meeting with the Planning Board regarding the booster station. He anticipates seeing the bid specs soon.

φThe Holly Lane line extension from the existing booster station to the new location has been started. When finished, the residents on Holly Lane can hook up to the water system by contacting the Engineering Department to find out further information. Everyone on Holly Lane will have a stub out to their property line that they can connect to the system.

Chairman Maddox asked if there would be stubs for water on Wason and some of the other side streets, as well. Selectman Massey said that's with the developer for Wason Heights, who puts the road in. Yes, they will have stubs when that line gets put in. Holly Lane stubs will be available this summer. As soon as they put the line in, they have to flush it and pressure test it. At that point, it would be ready for people to hook into it. It won't be dependent on the booster station. The people that choose to hook up on Wason Road would need to have the booster station in place to get the water to them. Chairman Maddox asked if there was a chance they could get some of this information to the web site, so rather than call Engineering, they could get the information on line. Mr. Malizia said there are only about five, 10 residences on Holly Lane, so it would be easier to just mail them a fact sheet. Chairman Maddox said it would be an exercise for when the other area is ready. They should be pro-active.

φThe mobilization for the looping project on South River Road is ready to start as soon as the weather cooperates. Route 3A will be opened in order to put down the line. It will go from Environmental Interiors to just beyond the power lines.

φThe bid spec for the water tower is on target to allow them to go to bid in July, with construction to begin in October.

Selectman Nadeau said the Hudson Rec Department is having movie night Friday at the Community Center. He thanked the Highway Department for doing a nice job cleaning up the Town Common.

Chairman Maddox said the speed trailer has been out and about, showing people how fast they are really going. If people want to go to Comedy Night on June 10, they better get on the list. There will be a Boston headliner, a semi-big name, so get there early. It's a great time; the easiest \$10 you ever want to spend.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to enter Nonpublic Session pursuant to 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected has a right to a meeting and requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee, carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

Chairman Maddox said this ends the televised portion of the Selectmen's meeting. Any votes taken after the Board re-enters open session will be listed on the next agenda. Nonpublic was entered into at 8:40 p.m. and was terminated at 9:50 p.m.

Open Session motions:

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Massey, to seal the Nonpublic Session Minutes carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to hire the following three part-time Telecommunication Technicians in the Police Department, effective May 14, 2006, at \$14.87 per hour, in accordance with Police Union Local 3657: Sheri Macpherson, Peter Chesnulevich and Jared Weisenborn, carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to hire Michele Borovich as a full-time Telecommunication Technician in the Police Department, effective May 14, 2006, at \$14.87 per hour, in accordance with Police Union Local 3657, carried 4-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to adjourn at 9:51 p.m., carried 4-0.

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