

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes for the April 11, 2006 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Maddox called this meeting of the Hudson Board of Selectmen to order at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Maddox requested Recorder Seabury to lead the pledge.

Prior to continuing with the regular agenda, Chairman Maddox requested the assembly to remain standing, noting that retired Hudson Police Chief Andrew Polak had passed away during the preceding week. He briefly reviewed Chief Polak's career, noting that Chief Polak started working as a Hudson Police officer in 1938 and then became the second Police Chief for the Town in 1946; attended the FBI Academy in Washington, DC, and had been an active member of the NH Association of Police Chiefs, as well as the Hillsborough County Law Enforcement Assoc. There was a moment of silence in memory of Chief Polak.

3. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Shawn Jasper, Kathleen MacLean, Richard Maddox, Kenneth Massey, and Ben Nadeau.

Staff: Town Administrator Steve Malizia and Town Engineer Tom Sommers.

Recorder J. Bradford Seabury.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Marilyn McGrath, 81 River Road, expressed a desire to have a water fountain installed in Library Park in memory of Ann Seabury, a former Selectman, who had passed away last August and that Library Park be renamed *Seabury Park* to honor both Ann Seabury and her husband, Brad Seabury, stating that both had been long involved as volunteers in many town activities. She asked for permission to seek out an appropriate fountain to be placed in the park in Ann Seabury's honor. Chairman Maddox noted that there was another item on tonight's agenda in regard to Ann Seabury. Ms. McGrath noted that Selectman Jasper had mentioned it to her. Ms. McGrath added that she had talked to both the husband and daughter of Ann Seabury about the fountain, stating that both of them had been in agreement with the idea. Chairman Maddox stated that this request would be discussed in conjunction with Item 7.B.

B. Jean Serino, 118 Robinson Road, said she wished to second what Ms. McGrath had proposed, and she then expressed appreciation for the volunteer efforts that Ms. McGrath herself had performed over the past quarter century. Ms. Serino stated that she had been doing some television shows, including two this past Sunday at the Hills Memorial Library, as she was about to undergo a knee operation and would be out of commission for a while. She noted that another show would be done this coming week, in which she would interview Lou D'Allesandro and Shawn Jasper. She thanked the Board of Selectmen for letting her use this meeting room for that coming show, adding that she wished to invite anyone interested to come sit in the audience and offer questions to her two guests.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Assessing Items

(1) Veteran's Tax Credits (42B Pine Road; 285 Lowell Road; 233 Webster Street; two for 18 Olde Coach Road; 149 Highland Street; 5 Steele Road) and Elderly Exemption (23 Cottonwood Drive) with recommendation to grant.

(2) Abatements (Map 190/Lot 148; 10 Flying rock road; 7 Lorraine Street; 4 Little Hales Lane).

B. Sewer/Water Item

Ref No. 5-06-06, ENF-06-01, Acct. #6347, 33 Easthill Drive, w/recommendation by Sewer Committee to deny the request for a waiver from sewer connection and fees.

C. Acceptance of Minutes

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2006

D. Calendar

Apr 12 7:00 Planning Board in Community Development Meeting Room

Apr 12 7:00 Seniors in Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Apr 13 5:30 Sewer Utility Committee in Community Development Meeting Room

Apr 13 5:30 Recreation Committee at the Recreation Center

Apr 13 7:00 CIP Committee in Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Apr 13 7:30 ZBA in Community Development Meeting Room

Apr 17 6:30 School Board in Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Apr 18 7:00 Cable Committee in Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Apr 19 5:00 Water Utility Committee in Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Apr 19 7:00 Library Trustees in Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Apr 20 7:30 Budget Committee in Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Apr 25 7:00 Board of Selectmen in Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Apr 26 7:00 Planning Board in Community Development Meeting Room

Apr 27 7:00 CIP Committee in Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Apr 27 7:00 Open Space Committee in Community Development Meeting Room

Apr 27 7:00 ZBA in Community Development Meeting Room

Chairman Maddox asked if any member of the Board wished to remove any item from the Consent Items list for separate consideration. Selectman Jasper asked that item B be removed.

Chairman Maddox expressed a desire to change Item C, noting that the agenda referenced the minutes for the Selectmen's meeting of April 4, 2006, but what the Board was about to accept was the minutes for the meeting of March 29, 2006. Selectman Jasper suggested that the proper procedure would be to remove that item, and Chairman Maddox concurred.

Chairman Maddox then asked for a motion to approve Consent Items A and D. Selectman MacLean so moved; Selectman Jasper seconded the motion. No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote on the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

B. Sewer/Water Item -- Ref No. 5-06-06, ENF-06-01, Acct. #6347, 33 Easthill Drive, w/recommendation by Sewer Committee to deny the request for a waiver from sewer connection and fees.

Selectman Jasper said it was not that he was opposed, but that he felt it would have been more appropriate for this to have come in during the time that the capital assessment fee was still in effect, but he felt there might be a hardship here, and he would like the applicant to be given an opportunity to come before the Board of Selectmen and talk to the Board about why it did not come in during that period. He said the house had to be connected to the sewer, by State law, but he felt the Board had the ability to waive the assessment fee if there were a hardship. He then moved to table this matter until the next meeting. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion.

Selectman Massey thought the discussion should be nonpublic, inasmuch as the individual concerned was asking for a waiver, which might require some financial disclosures, and he believed the individual should have every right to do that in nonpublic session. Selectman Jasper stated that he was not looking to waive anything other than the Capital Assessment Fee that had been waived for everyone else within a timeframe, adding that what he would be looking for would be to see if there were any extenuating circumstances as to why this request did not come in during that time.

Selectman Massey, noting that he was the Selectmen's liaison to the Sewer District when this case was heard, stated that this individual was given multiple certified letters asking him to make plans to connect, adding that he understood that this individual had never responded to any of those letters, which was why the Sewer Utility Committee recommended that the fee not be waived. Selectman Jasper said he understood all that, but that he was asking for a period of two weeks to allow this person to come in and plead his case to the Board, saying it would not harm the Town to wait two weeks—adding that he would support denying the application if the person chose not to come in.

Chairman Maddox said the Town had already gone through this process, with multiple mailings and even another phase, in which people got 50% rebates, and he questioned the idea of opening the window again. Selectman MacLean asked if the Board was discussing the Capital Assessment Fee as well as the request to be waived from connecting. Mr. Malizia noted that everyone in this Glenn Drive district had been given a waiver of the fee if they hooked up within a certain period of time, even though the normal requirement elsewhere was to pay the fee. Selectman Massey concurred, saying 100% waivers were given to people hooking up in the period from November 2004 to May 2005, while 50% waivers were given to people hooking up in the period from May 2005 to November 2005. Selectman MacLean asked if this person was asking for a waiver from hooking up altogether. Mr. Malizia confirmed that was the case.

VOTE: No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote on the motion. Upon hearing the vote, Chairman Maddox declared that he was uncertain of the vote, and he requested a roll-call vote:

Selectman Jasper Aye
 Selectman MacLean Nay
 Selectman Massey Nay
 Selectman Nadeau Aye
 Selectman Maddox Nay

Chairman Maddox declared the motion to have failed (2–3).

Selectman MacLean asked if there were a possibility that this person could arrange to pay over a course of time. Chairman Maddox said that would be a separate discussion but was not what was before the Board at this time.

Selectman Massey moved to accept the Sewer Utility Committee's recommendation and to deny the request for a waiver from sewer connection and fees for 22 Easthill Drive. Selectman MacLean seconded the motion.

VOTE: No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote on the motion. Selectman Massey, Selectman MacLean and Chairman Maddox voted in favor; Selectman Jasper and Selectman Nadeau voted in opposition. Chairman Maddox then declared the motion to have carried (3–2).

C. Acceptance of Minutes

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2006

Selectman Jasper moved to approve the minutes of March 28, 2006. Selectman MacLean seconded the motion.

VOTE: No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote on the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously (5–0).

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Hudson Youth Baseball Sponsorship Signs on Town Baseball Fields

Mr. Malizia noted that the Board had asked at its last meeting for a legal opinion regarding sponsorship signs on Town property, stating that Town Attorney Steve Buckley had provided a written opinion stating that the Board could authorize signs on Town property but the revenue from such signs would come to the Town, with the added complication that a zoning variance would be needed. He expressed a belief that it would be possible to somehow funnel the revenue to the Hudson Youth Baseball group, but there was no appropriation to provide a clean way of doing that. Something could be set up in next year's budget, but this year's budget was not set up to do that this year.

Selectman MacLean asked why the Board could not make a community grant to the Hudson Youth Baseball group, noting that a grant had been paid out at the previous meeting from tax money. Mr. Malizia expressed discomfort about this idea, pointing out that the Town had community grant lines to draw from, but this would involve taking public money from a public use of public land and directing it to a private group; this possibly could be opening Pandora's box. There was no appropriation for this and running it through the Recreation Department would mean that the money would have to be covered elsewhere in the budget. He said he did not know how much money was being talked about, but it could not be used to help defray the league's costs, which was the reason for the request.

Chairman Maddox asked if Selectman Jasper knew if the Recreation Committee had been set up by a vote of the Selectmen or through Town Meeting. Selectman Jasper responded that, to the best of his recollection, the Recreation Committee existed at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Malizia concurred, saying there was nothing going back in Town records to the 1960s that indicated otherwise. Selectman Jasper said he would have to go along with the Town Attorney; he then expressed a belief that there was a problem with the Town's zoning in not allowing this type of thing to take place, that the same situation applied to other fields. He believed most towns allowed for these types of sign placements on athletic fields, and thought this idea should be considered at a future workshop, but he did not see that the Board had any recourse at the present time but to deny the request.

Selectman MacLean questioned this interpretation, arguing that the Attorney's summary said it was okay. Selectman Jasper said allowing the signs would not accomplish the desired purpose, as the money would simply go into the General Fund, and the Board had no mechanism for giving money to Hudson Youth Baseball. The Board had no DRA-identified purpose for doing this, saying it was not like *Meals On Wheels*. He also noted that the Town was not giving money to any other league. Mr. Malizia concurred, noting that the Lions were hamstrung from putting up signs on their own private field, because of the Zoning Ordinance. He added that it was a noble goal, but in this situation the revenue would come to the Town because it would be on public land, and there was no clean way to funnel the money. Selectman MacLean said the Town gave money to everyone else, and it was not even taxpayer money. Selectman Massey said the Board could only provide money where there was an appropriation, and there was no line item. Selectman MacLean asked if there had been a line item when the money was given last week to the Seniors. Mr. Malizia answered in the affirmative, and the Board had simply increased the amount.

Selectman Nadeau asked if the Board could put a line item into next year's budget, in the amount of one dollar, and then raise it appropriately once the amount brought in by the sponsorship was identified. Chairman Maddox thought that would be possible, but he had a problem with the fact that it was Town land. He suggested there were a lot of things the Board needed to look at, to see if there were a method whereby the Board could raise money and re-appropriate it, but he felt it should be looked at longer and harder.

Selectman Jasper commented that signs that folded over the fence during the hours that the league was using the field might be considered, but he felt this should be discussed with the Zoning Administrator. Chairman Maddox noted that what was being discussed tonight was 4x8-foot signs; Mr. Malizia added that the request was for permanent signs. Chairman Maddox noted that the Town Attorney also said the Board could only lease for one year. Selectman Nadeau noted that he had used 4x8 signs of a very light material that could be attached temporarily to the fence with ties, suggesting that this could be discussed at a workshop.

Chairman Maddox asked for the discussion to return to the request before the Board. Selectman Jasper moved to deny the request of the Hudson Youth Baseball Commission to place sponsorship signs at Greeley Field. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote. All members voted in favor except for Selectman MacLean. Chairman Maddox declared the motion to have carried (4-1).

B. James Wav Subdivision Status

Town Engineer Tom Sommers noted that a bridge had to be constructed to replace the existing temporary causeway currently being used by the seven residential families plus the people, doing additional construction in the area. The Town stopped construction last winter when the weather started to get bad, as he had wanted the bridge to meet specs because it would eventually be owned by the Town. He met with the developer's engineers in February and also later in the spring, going through details of all the items that needed to be addressed. He received an e-mail from the developers last week indicating that they had just found out that their NH Dredge-and-Fill permit had expired some time ago and that they had to go back to the DES to renew it. Since that time, he said, they had gotten a wetlands specialist on board to expedite the project, but the work on the bridge could not move forward until that permit was back in place, although a little associated work could be done. The Town was waiting for the developers to take the next action, but that could

be from 30 to 75 days, according to the developer's engineers. Mr. Sommers said his first consideration had to be the longevity of the bridge, saying it would have to be done right if the Town was going to own and maintain it. There were environmental issues, as well as safety issues concerning the people who were living and working in that subdivision. He thought the developer's engineers were going to try to modify the plan in such a way that they could add a causeway around the side of the abutments to allow one-way travel while the actual deck of the bridge was being installed, which would mean, if they could do that, that the bridge would not have to be shut down during the process, which he expected to last for a week, as well as another day two or three weeks after that. The Town was monitoring the bridge every week, adding that he knew that major face cleaning had been accomplished recently, with the silt fence having been picked up, and that the developers were working through the permit process. The Town has a substantial security bond in place on that project, stating that none of that bond money would be released until the bridge was in place and the work on the project was substantially done.

Selectman Jasper noted that the memo from Mr. Sullivan said the bridge continued to remain under construction, adding that he assumed this meant that there were other buildings that were being built and made ready for occupancy. He asked if this Board had taken a position with respect to future occupancy permits, adding that it seemed to him that the Town was compounding the problem by allowing this construction to continue when there was no bridge permit in place. Chairman Maddox said the developers were continuing to build, adding that he would hope to have seen something from the developer so far as a time schedule was concerned, as to when this was going to be completed. He added that using COs as a tool was difficult, as people had bought the homes and were forced to live in hotels as the Town had not allowed them to move in, and the Board had found it difficult to say no to the homeowners. The developers were still building and the Town was still issuing temporary COs, for which the homeowners had to sign a waiver stating that they would vacate the premises during the timeframe that the road is impassable and that they would be liable if the bridge failed. This put the Town in an untenable position. The Board should be looking at stopping building permits at some point, if the road did not go through, at binder grade.

Selectman Jasper said this was what he was suggesting—that the Board not wait until it got to the occupancy permit stage, as the Selectmen did not know whether the DES permits would be forthcoming. The Town might find people not willing to abide by their pledge with respect to the waivers and taking court action might take longer than the bridge.

Selectman Nadeau asked how many homes had been built already. Mr. Sommers estimated there were a dozen there now, with 22 to 24 planned. He said he did not know how many building permits the developers had already obtained.

Selectman MacLean understood Mr. Sommers to say that the temporary causeway would alleviate the problem of having the residents vacate, as they could still go around. Mr. Sommers clarified that his caveat was that the developers were going to try to do this, but he did not know if the DES would grant permission, which was why he felt the Town needed to retain as much control of the situation as it could. Chairman Maddox said the developers were currently exceeding the permit that they had obtained and that putting in a temporary abutment would extremely exceed what they had originally asked permission for. He questioned whether this meant that the developers would have to go back through the Conservation Commission/ZBA process again. Mr. Sommers said the plan would automatically come back to the Conservation Commission when the developers filed their dredge-and-fill application, and that having to go back before the ZBA might also be a possibility.

Selectman Jasper said he had driven out to the site some time ago, and it had not looked to him as if there were an easy way for the developers to accomplish that without disturbing a lot of area, so he would be surprised if they would be allowed to do that. Mr. Sommers did not know, but the developers had that intent—adding that Selectman Jasper was right in thinking there would be more disturbance, although he did not know if he would characterize it as a lot.

Chairman Maddox asked Mr. Malizia the status of the bill that had been sent to the developer. Mr. Malizia said he had directed the Town attorneys to work with the developer's attorneys to collect the money, so it was in their hands—adding that he expected to get a status in writing by the end of the week.

Chairman Maddox said he had wanted the two new Board members brought up to speed, noting that the project was now somewhere near 50% completion and the Town still did not have a plan or a date as to when this bridge would be installed. Mr. Sommers clarified that the Town had a technical plan for the installation, but not a tied-down schedule. Chairman Maddox asked if the technical plan were based on the culvert or the bridge; Mr. Sommers said the bridge.

Selectman Nadeau asked if the Board of Selectmen could stop the other houses from being built at this time. Mr. Sommers did not know the Selectmen's jurisdiction and the Planning Board's jurisdiction in such matters; he suggested that the Selectmen might want to put any such motion in the form of a recommendation, as it was not necessarily the Board of Selectmen that had jurisdiction over COs and building permits, under State statutes. Selectman Jasper stated that, with that in mind, what he had intended to do was to seek a legal opinion as to what steps could legally be taken by this or any other board to issue a cease-and-desist order, until such time as a wetlands permit was in place for the construction of the bridge and/or until such time as the Town had been able to view the signed contract with respect to the installation of the bridge with a timetable, adding that he would make this in the form of a motion. Chairman Maddox felt that legal opinion and the building permits needed to be tied to a plan, and to find out whether not having that road gave the Town the ability to not issue any more building permits, noting that the Board had been told a year ago that the bridge would be put in at that time, and it might now not happen until next September or October. Mr.

Sommers said the timetable was what was needed. Selectman MacLean seconded Selectman Jasper's motion. No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote on the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Donation of Grist Mill Stone in memory of Ann Seabury

Chairman Maddox noted that the Board had received a letter from Mr. Bill Tate, who had said he wanted to donate a grist mill stone for a memorial to former Selectman Ann Seabury. Mr. Tate had not indicated the size, and Chairman Maddox expressed some concern about how big it might be. Selectman Jasper suggested that the fountain that Ms. McGrath had proposed and this stone could be tied together. Grist mill stones usually had a square hole in the center, and there might be a way to bring the fountain up through that hole to a basin. It could be a lovely monument, and an ideal opportunity to create something unique.

Selectman MacLean expressed a desire to see the stone or get a picture of it, adding that maybe the stone could be engraved. She asked about the cost of the fountain, if donations would be accepted. Ms. McGrath said her intent had been to donate a fountain, adding that she had talked to Ann Seabury's daughter about it and the daughter had indicated she wished to go with Ms. McGrath to pick out a fountain. If the grist mill stone were attractive or could be worked in with the stone so that it would be an attractive setup, she said, she felt it could be in keeping with the intent to provide something that would be a beautiful piece of art near the gazebo, since Mrs. Seabury had been a driving force to get that gazebo on the park. She would be agreeable to combining the two, so long as the combination would be a thing of beauty. She noted that she had the idea of suggesting that the park be renamed some time ago, before Mrs. Seabury had passed away—recalling that Jean Serino had commented at the time that the bench provided as a memorial to Lennie Smith was being dedicated that it was a shame that these things were done after people had passed away and not before.

Selectman Nadeau said he had used grist mill stones in landscaping before as the base of a fountain, and it had worked out well. He felt this was something the Board would want to look at, as the grist mill stones were neat and historic.

Selectman Massey noted there were two separate requests, and he did not think Ms. McGrath's request should be hemmed in by some artificial requirement. If the grist mill stone could be incorporated and still make the fountain idea what Ms. McGrath was proposing, it would be worthwhile. He thought there might be a little bit of a language problem, as the Town Common was the intersection of Kimball Hill and Route 111, whereas it was Library Park that was in the center of the town, so it had not been clear to him when he read Mr. Tate's letter whether the latter had been referring to the Town Center common or to Library Park. He would not want the Board compromising any aesthetics on what Ms. McGrath was proposing to accommodate something else, but if it were possible to incorporate the stone and maintain the aesthetics, then so be it, but he felt the Board would want to see a proposal from Ms. McGrath indicating what would be placed on Library Park. He wholeheartedly supported renaming the park Seabury Park.

Chairman Maddox said he was not sure that the Board of Selectmen should not wait until the Town built the new library and put it there. He said there were already a number of things in Library Park, which was really just a traffic island, with 13,000 cars a day driving by. This nice gesture, instead, could be put at the library, as a focal point, as Mrs. Seabury had also been a driving force behind the library. He said he could support putting the fountain at Library Park, but it really was not a park any more, and the serenity and peacefulness of the fountain would be something that one would want to reflect on, not just whiz by.

Selectman Jasper wholeheartedly agreed, adding that naming the library after Ann Seabury would be more appropriate. He said he would like to honor the legacy of Library Park, which had been donated by Mr. Hill and his mother, by not changing that, and he had been thinking of other ways to honor Ann Seabury. Ann had loved Bensons and what was being proposed there, commenting that maybe there was the possibility that the new library could be built on the Benson's property, and he felt that would be an ideal opportunity for the Benson's courtyard, with a fountain in the middle. He thought this was a wonderful idea, but sometimes long-range planning was better planning. He then suggested that the Board take Ms. McGrath's proposal under advisement and talk further with Mr. Tate, inviting him to come before the Board to discuss the idea with some measurements and a picture. He said he could envision a fountain in a grist stone as being as solid as Ann had been, and he felt this idea had potential.

Ms. McGrath did not disagree with placing the fountain on the stone at wherever the library was going to be, but she did not know when the library was going to be built, and she would like to take some sort of action sooner rather than later. She was sorry she had not started sooner, so that Ann Seabury would have known that the Town appreciated her.

Selectman MacLean said the library might get more direction in two weeks when they came before the Board. Selectman Jasper thought the Town would come together sooner than 10 years with respect to a new library. It would not be inappropriate to pick out the name for the library during the planning stage, regardless of where it might be built. The Board should be talking about these things very quickly. Ms. Jean Serino urged the Selectmen not to wait.

Chairman Maddox suggested that it was the consensus of the Board to come back in two weeks. Selectman Jasper said that Mr. Tate should be invited to come to the next meeting with some information on the stone he proposed to donate.

B. Capital Improvements Plan (CIP Submissions, FY'2008 Element

Mr. Malizia stated that the Board had asked to receive the CIP submittals prior to the CIP Committee receiving them, so that the Board could deliberate, comment, change, delete, etc. The Police Department submission was late because the agenda had been produced before. Everything was present except for the School Department submittal.

Selectman Massey recommended that the Board of Selectmen consider a Community Development Department recommendation to remove the County road bridges from the proposal, to only go forward with the Melendy Road bridge, and to put in the FY-2008 budget \$25,000 to determine what would be the requirements to extend Belknap Road to Birch Street. The Belknap Road extension was felt to be a necessity in the long-term, which would mean that the County Road bridge would not have to be constructed to the level that would be needed if traffic continued to make a left turn onto Lowell Road, going south. Addressing the Water Utility entry, Selectman Massey said this had not got renumbered, but in terms of priorities the Windham Road booster station, the 1,200,000-gallons storage tank for Barretts Hill Road, and the 12-inch water main on Barretts Hill Road were all part of the same project, so it had been requested that these priorities be renumbered as 1a, 1b, and 1c, with the other priorities being renumbered accordingly, so that it would be clear that the three of them were tied together. It might turn out that all three would not be done together, but staff did not want to lose sight of the fact that these were all part of the same project. The 16" water main would then become priority #2, and the others would be #3, #4, and #5—noting that the only one being recommended for inclusion in the Capital Plan for the FY-2008 budget would be 1a, 1b, and 1c.

Selectman Jasper understood that these projects were capable of standing alone. Mr. Malizia said they would work in tandem, when complete. Selectman Jasper felt the current ranking was appropriate. Mr. Sommers said these projects could be constructed separately but 1a and 1b were intended to work with each other, and he recommended making those two one item. Chairman Maddox asked if Selectman Massey, as Water Utility representative, could make the change to tie these two together. Selectman Massey thought the Selectmen could change it and provide an addendum to the CIP, making these two one item and renumbering the remaining items. Selectman Jasper said he would support that change. Selectman Nadeau, the CIP Representative, said he would pass that information on to the CIP Committee. Selectman Massey noted that every one of the projects listed was something that had to be done, as recommended by the Town Engineer, but this would not preclude requesting a developer, who needed something to be done in the future that would require one of these other items to be available, to do one of these items as an associated improvement.

Selectman Jasper referenced the Melendy Road bridge, saying the Budget Committee found these things humorous, as they were listed as a Number One priority but never get done. He would support taking out the County Road bridge and just doing the Melendy bridge, which he felt would get a bit more traction. He never supported the idea of bringing Belknap Road out to Route 3-A, as he felt that would assure that Belknap Road would become a raceway, or throughway, from Route 111 to Route 3-A, and this was all a residential area. People would not think twice about making that decision if a traffic light were placed there, and thousands of people would take the Belknap Road route to cut across, which would ruin the lives of the people living along that route. The Selectmen should never consider doing that, because of the people living along that stretch of road. He would support doing the Melendy Road bridge this year, but he would not support \$25,000 for a study.

Selectman Massey said the funding for the Country Road bridge was based on having an opportunity to have an 80-20 grant, suggesting the Board consider asking for a 70-30 grant, instead, to make sure of getting the money, adding that the money would be in the State budget for this type of bridge support in the FY-2008 cycle.

Mr. Sommers said the DOT had these two bridges scheduled for 2008, so doing just one bridge would be fine with them. He recommended keeping the 80-20 split. He clarified that the 53% of the amount shown in the CIP was for the Melendy Road bridge. Selectman Jasper moved that the Board delete the Country Road bridge from the CIP submission; Selectman Massey seconded the motion.

Selectman MacLean asked why the Board should not go for both bridges, if the DOT had them both scheduled, since the Town had been waiting so long for both of these. Mr. Sommers said that was up to the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Jasper noted that the listed \$615,000 was the Town's share for the two bridges. Mr. Malizia said that was the gross appropriation, so the Town's share would be about \$60,000. Selectman Jasper said the reality was that the Board would be much better off to commit to one bridge, rather than keep bringing them both up and not doing anything. Selectman Nadeau asked if there was any money in the accounts that had been put away in the past. Selectman Jasper said it had lapsed.

Chairman Maddox asked Mr. Sommers if it would be more sensible to do them both at the same time. Mr. Sommers said these were two separate locations, so the only benefit would be that the Town might get some economy of scale when going out for bids, but there would be none from the design, as they were two separate design projects.

Selectman Jasper suggested that it would make more sense to split the two bridges into two separate projects and withdrew his previous motion to delete the Country Road bridge from the CIP submission. Selectman Massey withdrew his second. Selectman Jasper then moved to put both bridges on the FY-2008 submittal to the CIP as separate projects. Selectman MacLean seconded the motion. No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote and the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Selectman Jasper supported replacing another fire engine, but he there would be more options if the Town raised the doors at Central Fire Station. The Town's non-custom off-the-shelf truck fit in the bay without a light bar, as he had personally had it in there, adding that he had been disturbed by the discussion when the Selectmen made the decision to order the custom truck on the grounds that it was an emergency, noting that discussion had taken place last fall and the truck would not be due until May. The Town could have gotten an off-the-shelf truck five months ago and had the doors redone four months ago, believing there had been some "snookeying" done. Chairman Maddox did not disagree, but he felt all the Board needed to say for the CIP submittal was that it was looking for a fire truck. Selectman Jasper supported the truck, but wanted to go on record saying the Board needed to look at other factors, as the numbers did not add up to him last year. Selectman MacLean felt the same way, noting that she had brought a copy of the July 16 minutes at which that discussion had taken place, in which plans had been made to raise the doors, and she questioned what had happened to those plans, which had sounded so logical. Chairman Maddox suggested that she provide the copies to the Fire Department liaison.

Selectman Jasper did not believe the Police Department addition should be submitted at this time, as it had just been turned down by the voters, and this Board needed to have more discussion. He got very upset when he saw that the project was listed as being an imminent threat to public health and safety, and he questioned that rationale. Chairman Maddox, the Police Department liaison, said he would ask that question. He then expressed a wish that the CIP Committee would put definitions on some of those rationales, as checking that box just "lit people up."

Selectman Jasper said he would also like to know what Federal or State requirements the Town was not currently in compliance with that this addition would alleviate. He found this very odd, as the Town just a few weeks ago had received a new accreditation, and he would think being standard on building requirements would have been a red flag. He would also like to know how this reduced the Town's long-term costs, when the addition would have to be heated and cleaned. He moved that the Board *not* approve the Police Department addition for submittal. Selectman MacLean seconded the motion for discussion, saying she had more questions. She noted that she did not see anything about combined dispatch included in the CIP, asking if that were included in the expansion—and, if not, what had happened to it? Chairman Maddox said he could not answer the question but would ask. Selectman Massey believed the two chiefs believed it was up to this Board to decide whether to go forward with combined dispatch, adding that the chiefs were listening to the voters. Selectman Jasper noted that there had been a proposal just a couple months ago for a \$1,085,000 addition, but now, less than a month after the voters had rejected that proposal, the Board was looking at a \$3,269,000 addition that did not include combined dispatch. This went directly to the point he had made at Town Meeting and in the Budget Committee, that this project continues to be a moving target. The Board needed to figure out what it wanted and then stick with it, protesting that every time there was a proposal it was different from the one before it, and this one was three times the cost of what had just been rejected by the voters a few months ago.

Chairman Maddox said that was the purpose of tonight's review, to look at these before they were submitted—adding that hopefully the approach would be refined even more as the department heads came in for workshop meetings, so that they would not even have to go through the process if the Selectmen did not support the entries.

Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote on the motion that the Board not approve the Police Department addition for submittal. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Massey felt the CIP items needed to be prioritized. Mr. Malizia said this was what the CIP Committee did. Selectman Massey thought the Board of Selectmen should be forwarding to the CIP Committee what the Board's recommendations were for priorities. The Board had a representative on the CIP Committee, and the Committee would be discussing priorities, saying he thought it would be to the Selectmen's advantage to have the Board's representative giving what the Board thought were the priorities. Selectman MacLean asked if the Selectmen could reprioritize the CIP items after the Committee did its work. Upon receiving negative responses, she suggested that the Board should do it now, that the water-related things were the highest priority, adding that the other things that usually got high priority were the things that did not cost the taxpayers too much. Chairman Maddox said the road projects were historically higher rated, because the grant moneys always skewed the prioritization, adding that the water had to be looked at separately, as it was paid for by the rate payers.

Chairman Maddox then declared a break at 8:35 p.m., calling the meeting back to order at 8:40 p.m.

Chairman Maddox referenced the items submitted by the Community Development Department, noting that this ranking had already been looked at, with the Melendy Road bridge being first, the County Road bridge as second, upgrade to the topographical layer on the GIS as third, the Route 102 widening as fifth, Pelham Road/Lowell Road intersection improvements as sixth, and the Birch Street/Lowell Road intersection as seventh. Selectman MacLean moved to scratch the Birch Street/Lowell Road intersection' Selectman Jasper seconded the motion.

Chairman Maddox asked for discussion, adding that this item was scheduled for 2010 and he felt the Town needed to do something about this intersection. The Town could not have people pulling out at a 45-degree angle into traffic. He said leaving it there would mean that the Town was going to do something. Selectman Jasper objected to the name, saying this was an intersection that did not exist—the Town did not have money to put County road at a 90-degree angle with Lowell Road and he did not want to do anything that would increase the traffic on Belknap Road. Chairman Maddox pointed out that Belknap Road was a collector road; Selectman Jasper acknowledged this to be true but said it

was hard to get out of and that everyone would decide to go that way, rather than down Central to Lowell Road at Firefighters' Park, if there were traffic lights at the proposed intersection, and he did not want to be part of doing that.

No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote on the motion to scratch the Birch Street/Lowell Road intersection project, requesting a roll call vote.

<i>Selectman Jasper</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Selectman MacLean</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Selectman Maddox</i>	<i>Nay</i>
<i>Selectman Massey</i>	<i>Nay</i>
<i>Selectman Nadeau</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Chairman Maddox declared the motion to have carried (3–2).

Chairman Maddox noted that the Fire Department only had one item, so it would remain as is. The Library was not really submitted at this point, and Recreation only had one item. Referring to the Water Utility, he noted that the Board changed it to have the Windham Rd booster station and the 1,200,000-gallon storage tank on Barretts Hill Rd as #1.

Selectman Jasper said the Recreation item had to do with the Stop & Shop agreement, which had an expiration date of October 2006, meaning that it was inappropriate to have that item as a FY-2008 element and should be removed. This was something the Board should be working on now. Chairman Maddox concurred, with respect to the narrative, saying he was not sure the donation went away. Selectman Jasper said the donation would go from \$100,000 to \$25,000 in October. Mr. Malizia agreed. Selectman Jasper said this should be worked on this year, and he then moved to remove the Recreation Department Capital Improvement Project, but there was no second.

Selectman Massey believed the Board would know one way or the other by October. This project should be submitted, but it should not say that it would be at no cost to the taxpayers. The Board would say at that time, if it decided to forward it to the voters, that the proposal would be that the voters fund the \$100,000, but that the Board would not forward the item to the warrant if the Board got Stop & Shop to fund it now. Selectman Jasper agreed, except that the current submittal included a \$100,000 donation, which would give it a higher ranking. Selectman Massey explained that his recommendation was that Selectman Nadeau should say to the CIP Committee meeting that this was being submitted not as a zero-cost item, but as an appropriation on the part of the Town. Chairman Maddox suggested putting in a \$50,000 amount. Selectman Jasper contended that it should be \$75,000. Chairman Maddox pointed out that the Planning Board collected for recreation and there probably was at least \$25,000 in that account, so it would be fair to say that a 50/50 split would be realistic. Selectman Jasper agreed, in the spirit of compromise.

Chairman Maddox said that, without objection, Selectman Nadeau would tell the CIP Committee that the amount had been changed to \$50,000/\$50,000, with the entire narrative referring to Stop & Shop being stricken—but that there was still a need for fields, wherever they might be.

Chairman Maddox addressed the Water Utility, noting that the first two items would be the Windham Road booster station and the 1,200,000-gallons storage tank together, constituting item #1, with #2 being the 12-inch water main on Barretts Hill Road, #5 being the 16-inch water main on Lowell Road from Birch Street to Central Street, and #4 being the 1,100 linear feet of transmission line at Sagamore Park Road. Mr. Sommers believed the Lowell Road water main would be a 12-inch pipe. Chairman Maddox asked if Mr. Sommers could clarify why the item said FY-2009 in the description but FY-2010 in the proposed year. Mr. Sommers believed the description to be in error. Chairman Maddox noted that item #5 would be the 1,000 linear feet of 16-inch transmission line on Ferry Street, and #6 would be the 4,900 linear feet of 12-inch transmission line on Lowell Road. Chairman Maddox asked if any of this waterline work would impact any of the sidewalk work being proposed on Lowell Road from Birch Street to the existing sidewalk. Town Engineer Sommers responded in the negative.

Chairman Maddox noted that the Police Department entry was not being submitted. He then noted that Selectman Nadeau would be working with the members of the CIP Committee to find some definitions for the entries.

C. 2006 Hudson Economic Development Conference

Mr. Malizia noted that the 2006 Hudson Economic Development Conference was scheduled for May 13, 2006, at the Alvirne High School Technical Center, noting that former-Selectman Bill Cole had been the liaison for that effort, working with Community Development Director Sean Sullivan and with Judy Volks of BAE. He asked if the Board wished a different liaison or have Mr. Cole continue his efforts. His recommendation was to continue with Mr. Cole. Selectman Jasper had no problem with that, if Mr. Cole were agreeable. Mr. Malizia said Mr. Cole was willing to accept the responsibility.

Selectman MacLean noted that Mr. Malizia's letter said the Board "should continue to allow" Mr. Cole to work on this project, saying she felt it should say the Board humbly requested that he graciously continue his work, as he had been doing great and all the people working with him wanted him to continue.

Chairman Maddox said he was looking for consensus to allow former-Selectmen Bill Cole to continue to work with the Community Development Department staff on the Economic Development Conference. The consensus of the Board was in agreement. Chairman Maddox asked Mr. Malizia to tell Mr. Cole that the Board appreciated his efforts.

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

Selectman Massey said it was tough enough to deal with rumors with respect to the proposed Green Meadow development, but it became even tougher when one had to deal with misstatements of facts. He called the Board's attention to an article that had been in the local newspaper Friday, with a headline reading *Town of Hudson Signs Agreement with Green Meadow Developers*, noting that the article stated "The beginning of a long-term relationship with W/S Development, the developers of the Green Meadow 375 acres began recently. It happened when the Hudson Board of Selectmen signed along the dotted line, agreeing to accept the assistance of W/S Development, with their expertise in the building of the new water storage tank, which will support the Residents of Hudson South." Selectman Massey said the fact was the Board of Selectmen had an agreement with Green Meadow not with W/S Development—and that Green Meadow would not have any input to the design of the tank, which would be designed by the Town's consultant, Weston and Sampson. Green Meadow had merely provided its estimate of the future water requirements for that property. There was no agreement with W/S Development, and neither W/S development nor Green Meadow was going to provide their expertise in the design of this tank.

Selectman Massey said Town Administrator Malizia and he met with the School Superintendent and School Board Chairman David Alukonis this past week, coming to agreement on several things, with the first being to propose that one of the items on the May workshop agenda would be a discussion of the infrastructure, primarily the people-support between the Town's IT and the School department's, so that there would be a common grounding on support costs. Although the School District had three people identified on its organizational chart as IT, there were many other people in the system who provided the kinds of support that the Town was talking about with its identified two full-time and two half-time people. It was anticipated to have a recommendation to for the Board to consider a proposal to share the costs of hiring a telecommunications consultant to provide both the Town and the School District with a forward-looking and complete telecommunications plan, hopefully to have economies of scale by sharing some of the different costs—especially with respect to the high costs of transmission lines, such as the T1 lines that existed at the school. The School District's consultant and the Town's Eagleview people were to provide an estimate of what it would cost to integrate the e-mail and internet services between the two systems into a single entity. There would also be an examination to determine whether any economies of scale could be achieved by the Town using the School District's price list, since the School District purchased considerable more paper, for example, than the Town did. The School District could purchase software at school-discount prices, whereas the Town had to buy software at a much higher price.

Selectman Nadeau referenced the Solid Waste Committee, saying he only had one member on that committee, as the terms of the other two members had expired. Selectman Massey said that the Solid Waste Committee had been disbanded. Chairman Maddox noted that the Town was going into the third year of its current contract. The Board was hoping to reconstitute that committee. There was a lot of work to be done between the environmental issues, the cost, determination of the best avenue for recycling, and all the other things that needed to be looked at. He hoped to reassemble the committee and advertise for volunteers.

Selectman Jasper felt something needed to be done, but he was not sure that the committee should be the people overlooking the entire solid-waste contract. Road Agent Burns might be best suited to do that, along with Town Administrator Malizia, but he felt the Board really needed to concentrate on recycling. What the Town was doing now was really little more than window-dressing, or less, as what the Town was paying a lot of money for might turn around and be landfill. He had become involved at the State level with a legislative bill that had to do with reducing the amount of trash going into the State's landfills and incinerators, and he had learned that there were towns and cities that were making money on their recycling programs, whereas Hudson was losing money. The Board should form a committee that looked at ways the Town could change its recycling program, noting that the recycling program might have to be separate from the trash-hauler. This was what the proposed committee should focus on.

Chairman Maddox suggested that the Board leave it as it was and give the committee that charge, saying he felt the Town needed to look at a pay-as-you-go approach, using purchased trash bags. There would be almost a year for waste-pickup negotiations. Selectman Massey pointed out that this would all need to be done before the budget cycle began, which only left about five months, adding that he felt it would take too long to advertise and get the committee started, and he then recommended that the Board ask Selectman Nadeau to contact the previous ad hoc committee members and ask them if they would agree to serve, after which the Board could authorize those people to be on that committee. Selectman Jasper said this was why he wanted to narrow the charge, in hopes of getting a good recycling program worked out in the next five months; the Board would have to look at some other things in the future, but they could do that when they had more time. The Board would not be able to come up with a pay-as-you-go program in five months. It would have to be done in such a way as to allow the people to make the decision, and this would take a lot of education. The way to get started would be to have a real recycling program.

Chairman Maddox did not disagree, adding that he was also thinking of the Budget Committee's question as to whether the Town had looked at other options. He felt the committee should do some due diligence to determine the cost of the bagging program and to determine the pros, cons, and contrasts. Mr. Sommers doubted that a recycling program could be worked out in five months. As chairman of the solid waste committee in his own town, Mr. Sommers said his town was now going through its third vote in an attempt to get approved something that was not as radical a change as what was being suggested tonight; he recommended that the Board look at shortening the term of the next contract and then in that time period look at the best method of recycling. Once the Town got off the ground with recycling, the Town could go toward pay-as-you-go as a mandatory process, as it encouraged people to recycle or to compost more. This "learning" came in steps. The Board would be sending Selectman Nadeau on a failure mission by asking him to come up with a program within five months.

Chairman Maddox said the Board still needed to reconstitute the Solid-Waste Committee. He felt there should be an agenda item at the next meeting to bring that committee back and to advertise for volunteers, with the question then being what the committee would be looking at.

Selectman MacLean questioned why the Board should have to wait for the next meeting, asking if Selectman Nadeau could call the former committee members, saying the Board would be all set if they were, or could advertise if they were not. Chairman Maddox said he felt the Board needed to advertise, either way, to see if there were new people who had expertise—pointing out that Town Engineer Sommers had just informed the Board that he was the chairman of another town's committee. Selectman MacLean then moved to reconstitute the Solid-Waste Committee. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. Selectman Massey would support the motion to get it started but he thought a charter should be available for approval at the next meeting.

No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote on the motion, which carried 3–2, with Selectmen Massey and Maddox voting in opposition.

Chairman Maddox stated that the Board would advertise for volunteers. Selectman Massey thought the Board should come to an agreement by the next meeting as to the charter, so people signing up for this committee would know exactly what the Board would expect from them and the timeframe in which the Board expected the committee to accomplish those things. General consensus was expressed. Chairman Maddox suggested that a copy of the previous charter be provided for the next meeting; Mr. Malizia noted that he did not know where the previous charter would be, as it had been before his time in office. Discussion evolved as to whether the intent was to advertise for new members immediately or first to find out if the previous members of the committee would be willing to work on the reconstituted committee. Chairman Maddox asked if the consensus was to consult with the former members first. Selectman Nadeau said he had looked at a roster of the previous committee, finding that one member had a term that expired in 2006, with the other two terms having already expired. Selectman Massey noted that Road Agent Burns was also on the committee.

Confusion being expressed as to what the actual text of the motion had been, Chairman Maddox asked for a motion to reconsider. Selectman Jasper so moved; Selectman Massey seconded the motion. No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote on the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously 5–0.

Chairman Maddox noted that the discussion was now back on Selectman MacLean's motion. Selectman MacLean then withdrew her motion, and Selectman Nadeau withdrew his second.

Selectman MacLean moved that the Board reconstitute the Solid-Waste Study Committee, to advertise for the position vacancies, and to get a copy of the charter so that the Board could make changes and additions to that document. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion.

Chairman Maddox said his understanding was that there would be three members, together with Road Agent Burns and a Selectmen's Representative, making a total of five members. Selectman Jasper noted that there were currently two vacancies. Selectman Massey said the Board of Selectmen had de-chartered the committee, so there were no vacancies. Selectman Jasper said that in that case the Board needed to set the number of public members that the Board would be advertising for. Selectman Jasper then moved to amend the motion to state that the Board would be advertising for three public members; Selectman MacLean seconded the motion. Selectman Nadeau questioned if three were enough, asking if five members would be better. Chairman Maddox preferred having five public members, if that many could be found. Selectman Jasper expressed a preference for three public members, together with Road Agent Burns and Selectman Nadeau, saying it would be better to find three qualified people than simply get five warm bodies. Chairman Maddox said he would vote for the amendment, as he thought the matter was critical and the Board would want to be as inclusive as possible, to get a diversity that would bring all the sides together. Selectman Jasper pointed out that the Board was the appointing authority, saying the Board could advertise for three and then make the committee larger if it got seven or eight highly qualified volunteers.

No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote on the amendment, which carried 4-1, with Selectman Jasper voting in opposition.

Chairman Maddox noted that the discussion was now on the amended main motion. Selectman Massey supported creating the committee but believed that the Board should have the charter first, which he hoped the Board would do at the April 25 meeting.

No further discussion being brought forward, Chairman Maddox called for a verbal vote on the motion. All members voted in favor except for Selectman Massey, who voted in opposition, and Chairman Maddox declared the motion to have carried 4-1.

Selectman Nadeau stated that the NH Division of Forest and Lands had changed the rules and the categories for fire permits. In order to ensure that the public understood the new categories, the Fire Department was requiring anyone wishing to burn to call the Fire Department or to come down to the Lennie Smith Central Fire Station to fill out a permit request and to obtain a copy of the burning rules. The process took five minutes, noting that applicants should bring a driver's license or a tax bill stating that the property belonged to them—or, if the applicant was not the owner of the property on which the burning was to take place, to get permission to burn there. Applicants must be 18 years of age. If anyone has any questions about getting a permit, call 886-6021. s

Selectman Jasper said he had noticed the sign at the fire station, adding that Selectman Nadeau had telephoned him a few nights previously to report that his burning permit was no longer valid and that he had to go over to the fire station, finding a line of people waiting, with some of them being none too happy because they had been planning to burn but had discovered that they had to come down to get a new permit, so he thought he would look into this. What he had found was the law had not changed, contrary to what the sign said, but the rules had changed April 4, 2005, and that what actually happened was that the State did not think this was a big deal and had taken a year to get the new forms out. He had e-mailed the State office and ultimately had

telephoned the State Forester and asked her if the old permits were null and void and she had answered in the negative, but the Town wanted to do a new numbering system, so the Town had just decided to start with a clean slate. This was not a huge deal, but the message sent out was that the people had to come get a new permit because the State had changed things. He did not like it when people used the State as a reason for doing something else, contending that the State had been fine with the idea of using the same permits that were in place until such time as those permits expired, but the Town had made the decision to change things. There should have been something said at a Selectmen's meeting or posted in the newspaper—or that people calling in with a request to burn should have been told that they could burn that night but that they should come down to get a new permit before burning again, as the Town was changing the numbering system. Government was not here for the ease of government, but to help people do the best job that could be done for people. He thought this had been done a little bit backwards, resulting in inconvenience to people, and he did not think it had been handled the best way it could be—and he expressed a hope that in the future the State would not be used as a reason for doing something that was not required, but instead that the Town officials would be up-front about what was being done and why it was being done.

Selectman Jasper wanted to say something about former Police Chief Andy Polak, whom he had known for many years, having met him when he was about five or six years old. He noted that his family had always grown its young birds out on the range, which resulted in problems with the race-track crowd, as people would try to get free chickens, and he recalled one night that his father and Chief Polak had waited out there in the dark for people to come along. Chief Polak had been quite a guy, fondly remembered by many people.

Selectman Jasper said he had stopped by the Benson's property this past weekend about the idea of placing the new library where the old barn that had burned had been. He did not think the footprint would work, but there was a potential to have 5,000-6,000 sq. ft. per floor at that location, by widening and lengthening it out a bit. The Library Trustees were really hot to move forward and, while he was supportive of the Route 102 site, he thought Bensons might be a better location. With the potential of having four floors, there was the potential of having 20,000 to 24,000 sq. ft. of space at that location. The backside could go down two stories because of the slope and the front could go up two stories. This was an exciting potential that the Board should not discard just because it would not happen as quickly as some might like it to.

Selectman MacLean reminded the Board and the Administrator that the Cable Committee would be at the next Board meeting to present its new policy on the use of this room and of HCTV personnel when it comes to producing private programs.

Selectman MacLean said she went through the study on the Hudson parks from the last workshop meeting and had sent it over to the Conservation Commission, feeling that the members of that group would better know if all the little parcels of land still existed or whatever had happened to them. Some 20% of the things recommended in that study had been done, including the recommendations for Robinson Pond and Merrifield Park. The Town was still talking about the River Walk and Merrill Park, saying she would let the Conservation Commission and Selectman Massey have the final word on that, but her recommendation would be to send the report to the recycle bin, as there was nothing in it that the Town did not know or needed to refer to.

Selectman MacLean said she had drafted a letter to Governor Lynch. Selectman Massey had thought it was fine but Selectman Maddox thought her version was too happy and had wanted to make a few changes, but she had not heard from Selectman Jasper or Selectman Nadeau. Selectman Nadeau had no problem with it. Selectman MacLean asked if she should send it or make changes. Chairman Maddox noted that he would have a problem with the signature format. Selectman MacLean suggested that Chairman Maddox submit his proposed changes to the rest of the Board, noting that the changes went from happy to bland. Chairman Maddox thought he had done so, but would send them again. Selectman Nadeau said he had not received them.

Selectman MacLean noted that she had sent e-mails to the other members about the Community Center signs, saying she thought the signs would be much friendlier if they had arrows showing where the Community Center was, so that new people in Town would not think it was the house on the corner. If the argument was that everyone knew where the Community Center was, she continued, why not just get rid of the signs, as they were not needed if everyone knew where it was—but that, if the signs were going to be placed at the street corners, there should be arrows pointing which way the Center was. She asked for a consensus on having Road Agent Burns put arrows on the signs.

Selectman Jasper did not have a problem with putting the arrows on the signs, but he had a problem with following the sign trail to get to a big building that said LIONS HALL. Chairman Maddox said he thought both speakers were right, but he had been under the impression that someone had volunteered to re-sign the building. Mr. Malizia believed this would happen in the spring as an Eagle Scout project, having been deferred by the weather. Chairman Maddox asked if anyone had a problem with spending the \$200 estimated by Road Agent Burns to put directional arrows on the signs, and he noted that no one seemed to be objecting. Selectman Jasper said the Town needed to get a sign on the building soon, if the Eagle Scout project did not happen, as it was pretty silly to have signs directing people to the Community Center but to have a LIONS HALL sign on the building. Chairman Maddox suggested that it was time to remove that sign from the building. Selectman Jasper said, as the liaison, he would convey this request to Road Agent Burns.

Selectman MacLean noted that she had previously scheduled May 2 as the concert date for her band and students, so she would be arriving late for the workshop meeting now scheduled for that date. She wished everyone a very happy Easter.

Chairman Maddox noted that Selectman MacLean and Selectman Massey had swapped out the Sewer Utility liaison position because of time conflicts, so that Selectman MacLean was now the liaison for the Sewer Utility Committee, but also would be attending the Budget Committee meetings.

Chairman Maddox reported that he had taken a couple vacation days the previous week and used that time to ride about with the Code Enforcement Officer. He said he had subsequently talked to the Community Development Director and would have Director Sullivan attend one of the upcoming Workshop meetings to discuss where the Town was going with respect to the code enforcement, its workload, and the number of items it was now responsible for, to see what Director Sullivan would suggest. He said the Board should spend some time discussing where that department was going to go, because the volume of work that it presently had was still quite high, and with all the other things that were looming, he felt the Town should be prepared.

Chairman Maddox said he had gone to throw out the first ball for the Recreation Department’s season, noting that some 600 people had been present. Selectman Jasper asked if this was in reference to a parade. Chairman Maddox said it was. Selectman Jasper noted that he had received an e-mail on it, but there had been no date or identification, so he had not known what it was all about. Mr. Malizia said this was the annual kick-off ceremony, with all the various teams and coaches taking part.

Chairman Maddox said he had also gone to the Benson’s property this past week, together with some of the Library Trustees. He thought the idea was still viable, but he did not know if a four-story library could be built, because of the weight issues involved, but maybe it could be spread out on two floors. He had looked at the Benson’s master plan, noting the barn had already burned down by the time that master plan was prepared, and the master plan had said something in like character should be placed there. Reproducing something like the existing library, at least on the front of the building, might meet that criteria. He agreed that some energy needed to be expended, adding that he had always said that the Bensons property was the best place for a new library—but that, if the Board and the Library Trustees needed to go to Route 102, that would have to be decided soon.

Chairman Maddox referenced River Walk, saying he did not want the Board to forget about that. The Community Development Director had been going to come back to the Board with some kind of modified plan, as opposed to the previously proposed 20-foot-wide path. He suggested that the Community Development Department liaison ask the status on that project.

Chairman Maddox asked if there were a way to get the Fire Department burning permit form on the Town’s web site, together with an explanation as to what had to be done, as a way of shortening the process. Selectman Nadeau thought the new permit forms were triplicate or double-copy carbon forms. Chairman Maddox suggested that the web site could at least tell people what they needed to know in order to fill out the form. Selectman Nadeau said he would ask the Fire Chief about this in the morning.

9. **NONPUBLIC SESSION**

Motion by Selectman MacLean, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to enter Nonpublic Session, pursuant RSA 91-A:3 II (b), *The hiring of any person as a public employee*, and NH RSA 91-A:3 II (e), *Consideration or negotiation of pending claim for litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the body or agency, or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof, because of his membership in such agency, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled*, carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Selectman Jasper stated that, in the interest of disclosure, the individual the Board was looking to hire would be summer interns to work on storm water management and storm out-fall identification, and that the legal issues were a review of pending claims against the Town and legal issues, to bring the new members of the Board up to speed.

Chairman Maddox declared that the Board was entering nonpublic session at 9:44 p.m. and that this concluded the televised portion of the Selectmen’s meeting, with any votes taken following the nonpublic session to appear on the April 25th agenda.

The Board returned from nonpublic session at 10:34 p.m., at which time Chairman Maddox asked for a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman MacLean so moved; Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Maddox then offered to entertain a motion to hire Judd Veer as an Engineering summer intern, effective May 21, 2006, through August 26, 2006, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, as recommended by the Town Engineer. Selectman MacLean so moved; Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Maddox then offered to entertain a motion to hire Ashley Krieder as an Engineering summer intern, effective May 21, 2006, through August 26, 2006, at a rate of \$12.50 per hour, as recommended by the Town Engineer. Selectman MacLean so moved; Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Maddox asked for a motion to adjourn at 10:36 p.m.. Selectman Jasper so moved; Selectman MacLean seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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