

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the October 25, 2005 Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Massey at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Selectman Rick Maddox.

3. **ATTENDANCE**

Selectmen: Kenneth J. Massey, Teresa Stewart, William P. Cole, Kathleen R. MacLean and Richard J. Maddox

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Firefighters Steve Benton and Pat Robertson; Tom Sommers, Town Engineer; Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director; Cable Committee members Mike O'Keefe, Leo Bernard and Dave Bouchard; Bill Oleksak, Building Inspector; Shawn Jasper; Howard Dilworth, Jr; Sue LaRoche; Lisa Shumway; Ray Rowell; Julia MacLean; Doug Robinson, HLN

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Firefighters Steve Benton and Pat Robertson to report on Local 3154's 2005 fundraising activities—They had a fantastic year, raising \$26,000 for Muscular Dystrophy and the flood victims from boot drives, a breakfast at T-Bones and firefighters having their heads shaved. Next year, FF Robinson will take over the boot drives. Selectman MacLean congratulated FF Benton for being chosen to present the money during the MD telethon in LA. FF Benton said it was a great honor. FF Robinson said on Halloween night, they will be out in the neighborhoods with glow sticks.

Shawn Jasper, 83 Old Derry Road, felt that the Board's budget deliberations should have been televised. There is nothing that affects the tax payer more directly than the recommendations the Selectmen make to the Budget Committee. It was a real shame the citizens could not see where the Board stands on the \$26 million budget issues. However, he acknowledged that when he was a Selectmen, those meetings weren't televised, either. He often considers the lack of effort the current Board puts into running the Town. When he was on the Board in 1984, they met weekly, so they could plan for the future and better manage the Town. In 1995, when he was elected to the Board again, he lacked the votes to change the current schedule of meeting twice a month. Since the Town has grown by leaps and bounds, it is critical for the Board to meet more frequently in order to plan and get to know the employees and departments. This Town does not have a Town Manager; the Board of Selectmen is responsible for the day-to-day operations, and can't be run by meeting four hours every other week. Mr. Jasper said he has heard that the Board of Selectmen is going to be recommending 12 new firefighters to man the Robinson Road station--something he predicted when he was on the Board—at an annual cost in excess of \$600,000. They had 10 dedicated call firefighters there, that were "beat into submission." There are currently more firefighters in suppression than police officers on patrol. That's absurd since, according to last year's annual report, there were only six working fires. Since Burns Hill has been manned, have they checked on the tangible results, such as response times, savings of life, etc? If not, shame on them. Do they need to man three fire stations just because they have them? Would it make more sense to build one new station and close two? Maybe all they need is an ambulance crew, which would be only two people a shift. What are the call hours? What are the volumes? This is a tremendously greater undertaking than when they manned Burns Hill where they only added one man a shift. Now they are talking about four shifts of three. This Board hasn't done its homework. He urged the Board to reconsider their decision in order get the facts so they have all the information in front of them, which feeds into his earlier statement that the Board needs to meet more often.

5. **NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Massey said all vacancies will be taken up during the year-end Nominations and Appointments, with the interview session on December 13 and appointments made on December 27.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to acknowledge the resignation of Karl Bond from the Planning Board, with regrets, but with the Board's thanks and appreciation for his time and service to the Town, carried 5-0.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion by Selectman MacLean, seconded by Selectman Cole, to receive the Consent Items, as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

A. **Assessing Items**

B. **Sewer/Water Items**

Sewer Acceptance, Oblate Retreat Subdivision, Mission Lane & Coventry Court, Map 216/Lot 14, with recommendation by Sewer Utility Committee to approve.

C. **Licenses and Permits**

1) Nottingham West Elementary School PTO to hold a 50/50 raffle at Kings Court on February 18, 2006 for prize of \$10,000

2) Alvirne Friends of Music to hold raffle on 11/4 at the VFW to benefit the marching band; prizes TBD

D. **Acceptance of Minutes**

1) Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of October 11, 2005

2) Budget Review Decisions of October 14, 17 & 18

E. **Calendar**

~~10/26 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room~~

10/27 7:00 Lower Merrimack River Committee at NRPC

10/27 7:00 Open Space Committee in BOS Meeting Room

10/27 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room

10/28 6:00 – 9:00 Fright Night at Hudson Community Center

10/30 Daylight Saving Time Ends
10/31 6:00 – 8:00 Trick-or-Treat Hours in Hudson
11/02 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
11/04 1:00 Trustees of the Trust Funds at Town Hall
11/07 6:30 School Board in BOS Meeting Room
11/08 7:00 Board of Selectmen in BOS Meeting Room
11/09 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
11/10 6:30 Recreation Committee at Rec Center
11/10 7:00 Sewer Utility Committee in BOS Meeting Room
11/10 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room
11/11 Veterans' Day—Town Hall closed
11/14 First day zoning petitions can be received by BOS office
11/15 4:00 swearing in of police officers/dedication of HPD Community Room to Ann Seabury
11/15 7:00 Cable Utility Committee in BOS Meeting Room
11/16 6:00 Library Trustees in BOS Meeting Room
11/16 5:00 Water Utility Committee in CD Meeting Room
11/17 7:30 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
11/21 6:30 School Board in BOS Meeting Room
11/21 7:00 Conservation Commission in CD Meeting Room
11/22 7:00 BOS in BOS Meeting Room
11/25 Town Hall closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
11/26 Town Hall closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
11/28 7:00 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
11/29 7:00 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Public Hearing on proposed Community Development Department Fee Increases**

Chairman Massey recognized Building Inspector Bill Oleksak, in case anyone had any questions. There being none, the public hearing was opened at 7:18 p.m. No one in the audience wished to speak on this, so the hearing was closed.

Motion by Selectman MacLean, seconded by Selectman Cole, to adopt the new fee schedule for the Community Development Department, carried 5-0.

B. **Items for Discussion with Town Engineer** (carry-overs from October 11, 2005)

1) **South End Looping Project for the Water Mains**

Town Engineer Tom Sommers was present to give additional information on why certain decisions were made. Essentially, he made an executive decision because there wasn't enough time to get direction from the Board. He gets paid the big bucks to make those decisions occasionally and, with 30 years of experience, he felt he could do that, given all of the factors. He is glad he did make that decision because they'd have been in real trouble, given all of the recent rainy weather. They went to bid twice on this project. The first time they got only one bidder, which was not acceptable, so they rebid, which brought them to the first week in August. They received three and got a decent price with Merrill Construction. The Board approved it on the 23rd of August, and then they went through a series of paperwork, all of which takes time. The pre-construction meeting was September 14 and didn't get out to construction for another week and a half. At that time, none of them were aware of the State's October 15 deadline. It's something he, in all his years experience, did not know about. On October 3, the State made it very clear they didn't want the Town working in the road. He had been contemplating making the decision to delay the project because of finding underground utilities in the field that Dig Safe had not found. They could do the construction work after October 15, but with very limited circumstances, and the contract was only for 120 days. After putting all of the facts together, he made the decision to tell the contractor to postpone until April 15. The demobilization and remobilization charge of \$2,000 is very reasonable, in his estimation, especially in view of the additional costs the Town would have incurred for having to pave every 48 hours. He hoped the Board would approve the \$2,000 change order. They can move forward in the spring with the same contract, when the weather will be working with them, not against them. He apologized, but felt the right decision was made.

Selectman Cole asked if the cost of the project would go down, if fuel costs significantly drop. Mr. Sommers doubted it because the unit prices are fixed. Selectman Cole asked if anyone has identified any right-of-way issues that have to be addressed between now and then. Mr. Sommers said it appears there are some, brought to their attention by the NH DOT, which could mean moving the pipe a little closer to the road. He didn't expect those to be additional cost items because it's in the bid to overlay that section of road. Selectman Maddox wondered why Weston & Sampson was not aware of the deadline. Mr. Sommers said the information was submitted way in advance to Maintenance Division Five in Hooksett, not the DOT. It's the nature of people not to review things until it's time to do it. There isn't anything in the contract that talks about October 15. Perhaps everyone should have known about it, but no one did.

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Motion by Selectman Cole, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to increase the contract with Merrill by \$2,000 representing the mobilization project to begin in the spring 2006 carried 5-0.

2) **Extending water to Hudson's North End**

This item was brought to the Board's attention by Bill Tate on October 11. Mr. Sommers said in talking with Mr. Tate and the Fire Chief over the past year, there is some interest in extending the water main up Route 102 from its existing location near the Litchfield line up to Robinson Road, about 3,800 feet. This would be another extension from Litchfield into Hudson, separate from the other connections. Right now, they don't have a meter there because it's such a small area of Hudson. As soon as they start extending that, it will become an issue and, according to the contract, the Town will have to install a meter, as part of the project. If they were to run a line up to Robinson Road, with all the appurtenances needed, they are talking \$150 to \$200 a foot, plus a meter station, so it would run somewhere around \$700,000 to \$900,000. He didn't think a booster station would be needed. The DOT is getting ready to go out to bid within the next year or two for the improvements to the Robinson Road/102 intersection. It may make sense to install some portion of line in that area, maybe a couple hundred feet, so they don't have conflicts later on. They would put caps on the pipes and let it sit there, just as they did with the sewer on Glen Drive. Some sort of fee system would have to be established for future connections.

Selectman Maddox asked if this area was addressed in the Weston & Sampson 2000 water study. Mr. Sommers said no, future expansion of the system was outside the scope of that study as it was outside the existing service area. Selectman Maddox said he'd like to see some sort of work-up so that if someone came before the Planning Board, they'd have some idea of what that would take. He'd like the Water Utility to look at that—not immediately, but maybe in six months. Mr. Sommers said he could look at the State design plan and come up with an alignment layout, if they were to put a dry line in, and a cost for that. The second part would be a very conceptual alignment, including whether or not a booster station is needed, and the cost. Selectman Cole asked why this was considered as being in the best interest of the Town. Selectman Maddox said multiple developments are going in and they are all putting in cisterns, which provides a certain amount of fire protection, but not as much as the Fire Department is looking for. He thinks the request was driven by the need for fire protection. Selectman Cole didn't see that that was in the best interest of the Town. If developers want to do something out there and the Planning Board allows them to do it, that's a different issue. Right now, there are too many projects in the south end of Town going on with too many issues for the Town employees to deal with. They are stretched to the limit. It may be a worthwhile to do in the future, but he didn't want to see any Town resources, personnel, time or effort spent on this for at least two, three years. There are too many other critical, water-related issues to deal with that the voters have approved, especially in the South end. Chairman Massey agreed, saying the Town Engineer's plate is already full with a significant amount of projects. Selectman MacLean asked when the State was scheduled to work in that area. Mr. Sommers thought it was 2007. She asked if they'd have the opportunity to do work in the area at that time, if they wanted to. Mr. Sommers said yes, there are future opportunities for that decision. Selectman Maddox asked if the Water Utility and/or the Town Engineer could get a price from Weston & Sampson to do some of the work—the cost to put the pipes under the roadways. There are multiple jobs going on, but one of the jobs of the Selectmen is to look to the future, or else they will end up running in circles.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman MacLean, that at the leisure of the Town Engineer and the Water Utility—i.e., no immediate rush—get a price from Weston & Sampson to provide a cost analysis for running the pipes, as described this evening, and for water to be brought to that area in the future.

Selectman MacLean questioned the rationale of doing this because the costs would probably be irrelevant in the future. Selectman Maddox said they could figure out what the cost would be at that time. That's what they do for a living. Selectman MacLean thought the Town Engineer could accomplish that task, since they were just looking for a ballpark figure. She didn't want to have to pay someone outside to do that. Selectman Maddox said it would be nice to base the figures on something other than conjecture. Chairman Massey said they wouldn't know when they'd be able to call in the Town Engineer for the information. The motion goes nowhere in terms of getting something done. Selectman Cole said he doesn't want to see it before the Board for another year.

Amendment by Selectman Cole, seconded by Selectman MacLean, that the Town Engineer is to report back to the Board of Selectmen not before 1 September 2006 carried 5-0.

Vote on the main motion, as amended, carried 4-1. Chairman Massey voted in opposition.

C. **Cable Committee Items**

1) **FCC Form 394 Cable Franchise Transfer Agreement**

Cable Committee Chairman Mike O'Keefe and Vice-Chairman Leo Bernard were recognized. Mike said Adelphia is planning a transfer to Comcast through Time Warner and they are obligated to file a Form 394 with the Town, requesting approval for the transfer. During the past 120 days, the Town has participated with a consortium of southern NH towns to work on a transfer agreement. That negotiation was concluded. He was asking the Board to approve the document, with the conditions in the agreement. Comcast and Time Warner have already agreed to it.

Selectman Cole asked if this meant that they were now out of the consortium and what the final cost was. Mike said this concludes involvement with the consortium but the final numbers aren't in, but thought it was around \$600.

Motion by Selectman MacLean, seconded by Selectman Cole, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign the Form 394 Cable Franchise transfer agreement, as presented, carried 5-0.

2) **HCTV Facilitator Plan**

Selectman MacLean advised that there was a change in the proposed contract that should be made before they begin to Plan A, under Compensation, to strike ~~40 hours a month for a total of \$800.00 a month~~, and replace with "480 hours in a year. In excess of 480 hours must be approved by the Board of Selectmen." She thanked the Cable Committee for their hours of work, and Selectman Cole for the questions he raised, all of which have been responded to. The main thing that needs to be addressed tonight is the compensation element of the contract. The Committee recommends an hourly wage. Over time, the workload may increase, due to more programming and training. A lot of the questions Selectman Cole asked were about the wording, and the wording is on the current contract, which he signed, so she assumed he knew what it meant—but she addressed them anyway. The camera operator job description is in the back of the packet, including what they are going to get paid and how they are going to get paid, much like the referees in the Recreation Department. They have that same type of relationship with the Town.

Mr. O'Keefe said they have put in a lot of time and effort into what they think is a workable plan. He hoped they addressed everyone's questions. He'd like to get this done so they can move forward with access television. Relative to compensation, the committee has offered two plans for the Board's consideration. The committee felt the hourly rate made more sense because they are not convinced that the amount of work isn't going to change over time. He spoke with some people in the access business and there was a concern that if a fixed salary is attached to this, they are going to get less candidates applying for the job.

Selectman Cole asked what the hiring process was, and if they had an ad out. Selectman MacLean said there is an ad, and the hiring process can be found in the Personnel Policies. Selectman Cole asked when the resumes were due. Selectman MacLean said October 31, but tonight they were supposed to be deciding on the contract, not when the applications are due, etc. Selectman Cole said the viewing audience might like to know. Selectman MacLean said that wasn't the issue before them. Chairman Massey said how and when they hire the individual has some bearing on what the contract would be, so he will allow some leeway. Selectman Cole said the Facilitator is a Town employee—not in the sense of benefits, etc., but they are using the Town's Personnel Policies.

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Motion by Selectman Cole, seconded by Selectman Maddox, that the term of the contract be 30 June 2006 and on a fiscal year basis thereafter carried 5-0.

Chairman Massey said Mike's memo dated October 19, 2005 indicates the camera operators' time sheets would be submitted twice a month, but the contract reads once a month. Mike said twice a month refers to camera operators and once a month refers to the Facilitator. Chairman Massey said under Plan A, the maximum exposure was \$9,600--\$800 a month for 12 months. Under Plan B, they had a total exposure of \$10,400. He asked why they were offering a 13-month payment under an annual contract. Mike believed it was a math discrepancy, converting the hours from monthly to weekly. Discussion continued. The committee was recommending paying on an annual basis because there was some concern that 40 hours a month may vary. At the beginning, there may be more hours so the person can get up to speed, there may be hours involved in training the camera operators, and there is potential for the hours to go over in the early months, but not so much in the later months. The hope is that it would average out over the year. With an hourly limit per month, the committee would have to come in to the Board to get authorization to go over the allotted hours every time it occurred. However, he didn't want that to be a sticking point.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman MacLean, that under II Compensation, it would read, "For coordination and operation services provided, as described and defined in Appendix A, the Town shall pay the Facilitator an hourly rate of \$20 not to exceed 48 hours in a month, for a total \$900 and further that any hours beyond 45 would require the written permission of the Cable Utility Chair," carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman MacLean, seconded by Selectman Cole, to approve the contract, as amended, carried 5-0.

Chairman Massey asked if the committee would have a recommendation for the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on November 22. Mike said that was the plan.

D. Budget Items carried over from October 18, 2005

1) **Installing a No Commercial Vehicles sign at Ottarnic Pond**

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman MacLean, to direct the Town Administrator to coordinate with appropriate staff to draft an ordinance to initiate the process for its adoption, carried 5-0.

2) **Combined Dispatch**

Chairman Massey said he met with Chief Murray, Chief Gendron and Selectman Stewart and there needs to be some fine-tuning of the numbers, so this will be taken up by the Board at their meeting on November 22.

3) **Default Budget**

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said every year the Board adopts the default budget because, as an SB-2 town, it is required on the ballot, should the operating budget not pass by the voters. The number this year takes into account last year's approved operating budget, plus adjustments, which could be one-time purchases that they take out, along with contractual items they put back in, and any approved warrant articles that are reoccurring, such as union contracts.

Motion by Selectman Cole, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to set the Fiscal Year 2007 default budget at \$24,949,065 carried 4-1. Selectman MacLean voted in opposition.

4) **Finalize FY07 Budget**

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to increase the operating budget by \$2,027 to reflect actual insurance premiums, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Cole, to set the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2007 at \$26,001,547 carried 4-1. Selectman MacLean voted no, after reading the following into the record:

I am addressing my remarks to the taxpayer, as a single Selectman, not as a representative of this Board as a whole. You, the taxpayer, may or may not know that the Board of Selectmen, during last week's budget hearings, appropriated nearly \$100,000 of your money to the charities of their choice. Charity is, in general, a good thing and most of the organizations on the Board's list, in fact, can be considered an investment in the well-being of *some* of the people of Hudson because these organizations provide services to certain residents who may otherwise seek assistance from the Town by means of welfare services. I have discovered this year that two of the organizations, on the list where your money is being sent, support the abortion industry through referrals. I can maybe be convinced, if push comes to shove, to give taxpayer money to organizations which promote the well-being of life and living, but I will never, *ever*, knowingly support giving taxpayer money to organizations which go against the basic code of living and decency, that being dignity and respect for all. Life itself is our first inalienable right. I apologize for not being better informed last year, but this year, I know and you should know, too. That being said, I have begun to wonder about the principle of the whole matter in general. Does the Board have the right to give away your money for charity? Don't you, the taxpayer, have the right to choose whether or not to donate your money? And don't you, the taxpayer, have the right to choose where you want your charitable contributions to go? If you feel strongly about this issue as I do, that the Selectmen give away your money to charities of their choice, then you should contact your budget committee members ASAP to voice your concerns. Or, when you go to the polls to vote in March, when you're voting for the over all budget, just say no, like I am saying tonight.

Chairman Massey stated that the operating budget in the amount of \$26,001,547 was being forwarded to the Budget Committee.

Motion by Selectman Cole, seconded by Selectman Maddox, for a recess at 8:21 p.m. carried 5-0. Meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Donation of \$200 worth of motor vehicle lock tools to the Police Department by Nashua Subaru, 193 Lowell Rd.

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

B. Request by Alvirne Booster Club to hold Comedy Night at the Community Ctr from 7:00 p.m. to Midnight and to waive the fee for the hall; and raffle permit for gift baskets, certificates, etc., on Jan 21 @ the Community Ctr.

Susan LaRoche, President of Alvirne Bronco Booster Club, and Lisa Shumway were present to answer questions. Selectman Maddox asked if the format would be the same as the Town's comedy nights—call in advance, get a table, BYOB, police officer present, etc. Sue said that was correct. Selectman Cole asked if Sue and Lisa would like to tell the audience about the Booster Club. Sue said the Alvirne Booster Club is a parent organization that supports the athletic teams at Alvirne. The primary focus is to raise funds to help support the different activities. They provide

scholarships at the end of the year for about six graduating seniors who qualify, which this money will be for. They also provide a varsity banquet at the end of every year for every two-year varsity winner, free of charge, and they provide varsity sweatshirts for all those who qualify as two-year varsity letter winners. They try to help out however they can for any teams that need any various and sundry items.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Cole, to approve the request for use of the hall by the Alvirne Booster Club carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Cole, to approve the request to waive the fee of \$150 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Cole, to approve the raffle permit carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox voted against the motion because the request wasn't on the agenda.

C. Authorization for Selectman Massey to serve on the NHMA Committee of Government Affairs

Chairman Massey said he received a letter from the Local Government Center, asking him to serve as a member of the NHMA committee on Government Affairs. He was willing to accept this nomination, if the Board felt it appropriate to participate. Selectman Stewart said she has not been a big fan of NHMA for a long time and she didn't see any benefit to the Town for participating. Therefore, she will not support nominating Chairman Massey, or anyone else on the Board, to participate. Selectman Cole thought this was similar to the effort that Chairman Massey and Selectman MacLean were elected to recently—a supreme waste of time. He couldn't see why they should waste anyone's time with this effort. Selectman MacLean wondered if the Chairman planned to attend any of the meetings. If so, then she was in favor of it.

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Selectman Maddox said he'd agree to the person serving on the committee, but not as the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. He didn't want to saddle the next person who might sit as chairman with this committee. Chairman Massey was willing to serve on the committee, whether or not he was chairman, but this is the type of thing the Board should have a say on whether or not the Board is represented. He thinks the greater the ability they have to influence the legislature and get into their faces, the better they will be. If he had to choose between this or CTAP, it's a no-brainer. It's worthwhile for the Board to be represented with this group. With the Board's concurrence, he'd be willing to serve, even beyond next year, if he's not chairman. He believed he had a consensus to do it.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Rick Maddox reminded everyone that Saturday is Comedy Night at the Community Center at 7:30. It's a great time. Call Dave Yates at the Recreation Center to pre-order tickets. For \$10 a person, you cannot beat the entertainment.

The Fire Department's union had their breakfast, and it was a good time, reasonably priced. It was great to see everyone in Town come out to support them. He thanked T-Bones because, having worked in restaurants before, he knows how upsetting it is for the chefs to have someone else in their kitchen, disrupting their operation. The breakfast was to raise funds for the flood victims.

Last week, the Library Trustees met. Unfortunately, they were not cable cast because it was a good meeting. The Trustees are really trying to make a decision on where they are going to locate what they want to do. They are having some real serious discussions. The vote last year really sent them to reality. They are doing an admirable job of trying to make that happen. Hopefully, they will have something to the Board and for the voters. They are still working out the numbers, but he wanted to compliment them on trying to put something forward for a library for the Town of Hudson.

Terry Stewart congratulated Capt. Pease. It was a nice retirement party Saturday night—very classy, very tasteful and very enjoyable. She wished him and his family the best. She thanked him for all his years of service to the Hudson Police Department in bringing it to the status of being one of the most highly respected agencies in the State of NH.

Relative to Representative Shawn Jasper's remarks during Public Input, she wanted to let people know that the warrant article was not passed unanimously by the Board; two of them did vote no. She asked her fellow Board members to reconsider their vote as she did not think this was the best, wisest choice for Hudson.

Bill Cole did not have any remarks.

Kathleen MacLean didn't know if it was a Board decision that the budget deliberations were not cable cast. Shawn Jasper wasn't the first person to tell her they had wanted to see that on TV. If, as liaison to the Cable Committee, she dropped the ball, she apologized. Maybe they can do it next year.

She also wanted to take a moment to reflect on the passing of Rosa Parks because she was a woman of great conviction and changed the course of American history. They owe her a debt of gratitude. Rest in peace, Rosa.

Ken Massey said the Budget Committee hearings with the Budget Committee will be televised, so the citizens will have ample opportunity to see the Town and School budgets described in detail.

The Board received a letter from Esther McGraw that, due to low attendance, Benson's committee meetings will be cancelled until further notice.

The Board received a letter from Jack Cantara, Chairman of the VFW, that Post 5791 will be holding a Veterans' Day program at 15 Bockes Road on Friday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. The Selectmen and their guests have been invited.

During Nonpublic Session on October 11, the following promotions were made: to Sergeant, John McGregor, effective 11/19/05 and Tad Dionne, effective 11/20/05 at \$27.89/hr, in accordance with the Police Local 3657; to Lieutenant, David Bianchi, effective 11/19/05 and William Avery, effective 11/20/05 at \$30.89/hr, in accordance with the Hudson Supervisors' Association; and Don Breault to Captain at \$34.53 in accordance with the Hudson Supervisors' Association.

On November 15 at 4:00 p.m., the new police officers will be sworn in and, at the same time, the Police Department's Community Room will be dedicated to the late Ann Seabury.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Cole, to enter Nonpublic Session pursuant to 91-A:3 II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property; (e) pending claims or litigation, carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 8:49 p.m. and was terminated at 9:03 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman MacLean, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. carried 5-0.

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