

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the May 10, 2005 Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Ken Massey at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Hudson 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; Richard J. Maddox
Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Police Capt. Ray Mello; Fire Lt. Dave Morin; Dave Yates Recreation Director; Mike O'Keefe, Cable Utility Chairman; Leo Bernard; Howard Dilworth, Jr; Ray Rowell; Tom West, TEL
4. **PUBLIC INPUT**
 There was no response when Chairman Massey asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board on any subject. A speaker, who had previously registered to speak, was not in attendance.
5. **CONSENT ITEMS**
Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman MacLean, to accept the consent items, A – D, as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.
 - A. **Assessing Items**
 - 1) 2004 Abatement, BCIA New England Holdings, w/recommendation to approve settlement agreement
 - 2) 02/03/04 Abatements, Loyola Realty Trust, 2 & 4 Industrial Dr, w/recommendation to approve settlement agreement
 - 3) 2004 Abatement, 46 Barbara Lane, w/recommendation to approve
 - 4) Veteran Tax Credit, 32A Musquash Road, w/recommendation to grant
 - 5) Elderly Exemptions, w/recommendation to grant (56 Highland St, 12 Henry Dr, 11 Greeley St, 33 Winslow Farm Rd, 34 Riverside Ave, 35 Lexington Ct, 3 Hunter Ln, 7 Oakwood St, 1 Mockingbird Ln)
 - 6) Current Use Lien Releases, w/recommendation to grant (Mp 230/Lts 22-21; 22-15; 22-17; 22-12; 22-14; 22-13; 22-16)
 - B. **Licenses and Permits**
 Raffle Permit request by Alvirne HS Friends of Music for 4:00 p.m. on June 5 at the Hill House during the Chili Festival
 - C. **Acceptance of Minutes**
 Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of April 26, 2005
 - D. **Committee Announcements**
 - 5/11 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
 - 5/12 6:30 Recreation Committee @ Rec Center
 - 5/12 7:00 Sewer Utility Committee--BOS Meeting Rm
 - 5/12 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room
 - 5/16 6:30 School Board in BOS Meeting Room
 - 5/16 7:00 Conservation Commission--CD Mtg Room
 - 5/17 7:00 Cable Utility Committee--BOS Meeting Rm
 - 5/18 5:30 Water Utility Committee--BOS Mtg Room
 - 5/18 6:30 Library Board of Trustees--Ferry St Annex
 - 5/19 1:00 Trustees of the Trust Funds in BOS Meeting Room
 - 5/19 7:30 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
 - 5/21 Saturday, 9 – 12, Benson's Cleanup
 - 5/24 7:00 Board of Selectmen in BOS Meeting Room
 - 5/25 7:00 Planning Board in BOS Meeting Room
 - 5/26 7:00 Lower Merrimack River @ NRPC
 - 5/26 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room
 - 5/30 Memorial Day—Town Hall Closed*2005 Cleanup Days at West Road landfill, Saturdays, 8-2 on May 28, June 25, July 30, August 27, September 24, October 22 and November 19. Curbside Leaf Collection scheduled for Oct 22 & Nov 5.*
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Police Department's Speed Awareness Trailer**
 Police Capt. Ray Mello said there were some questions from the Board about the speed awareness trailer they are going to purchase in the next fiscal year. Chief Gendron wrote a memo dated April 20 to the Board, in anticipation of any additional questions. Selectman Maddox said he was the one with the questions. The budget meetings were quite eventful, so at the end he probably missed some of the information, and the minutes weren't exactly clear. He said the two SUV's were purchased because they were such a good deal, but should be going through the rotation process, so he wondered what would be used to pull the

trailers. Capt. Mello wasn't aware that the SUV's were going to be going, adding that they also have a pickup truck that could be used to transport the trailer. Selectman Maddox asked how many days they assumed the department will put the device out. Capt. Mello said conceivably seven days a week because there is a high demand for the trailer by residents and there are Supervisors on every shift that can move the trailer around. Selectman Maddox clarified that a supervisor, who is working in the station, will at some point during his or her shift will take the trailer to the assigned location, set it up and pick it up at the end of the day. Capt. Mello agreed with that basic scenario. While Supervisors do have station duties, they do get out with patrol, so it's not going to inconvenience them to bring out the trailer. Selectman Maddox said his concern is to not have to pay overtime to move it around. If there will be no additional overtime—no impact to the citizenry relative to police patrol—then he is satisfied.

B. Request by the Police Department to apply for a JAG Grant

On April 26, 2005 the Board of Selectmen authorized the Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with the city of Nashua to obtain these funds. Capt. Mello said they were notified in March that Hudson was one of the four communities in Hillsborough selected, based on population and crime statistics, to receive this money, which does not require a match. Awards are distributed up front, with Hudson to receive \$22,631, after application is made. They have up to four years to spend the money. They had originally thought they should use the money to buy tasers so each officer had their own, but they opted to update their radio system, which is 10 years old and starting to break down. The current radios can't be replaced because they are no longer being made, and the new ones can't operate at the low speed they are currently operating at. The entire system needs to be replaced, which would cost about \$84,000. They believe they can keep the money in an account, earning interest, until they replace the system. Selectman Maddox thought the paperwork said up to 2006. Capt. Mello said he'd check on that, but thought it was 2007. This grant will pass through the Nashua Police Department. While the Federal government has allowed up to four years, Nashua doesn't want to do the reports until the end of time, so they are asking that the money spent by the end of 2007, which seems reasonable. Selectman Maddox asked if the Police Department has a wish list of items they'd like because this information came out of nowhere. If other grants become available, the Board would have an idea of what the department would like to do. Capt. Mello said there is a specific purpose for most of the grants they apply for. They don't have a list of priority items, as such. This grant came out of the blue in March for them, too, as did the need for a new radio system. They didn't expect they'd have to replace it, which is why it isn't on the CIP. In talking with Ossipe Mountain, the solution is to replace the system.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Cole, to authorize the Police Department to apply for the 2005 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award, as recommended by the Chief of Police, carried 5-0.

C. Update on the Leon Hammond Memorial by Fire Lt. Dave Morin

Hudson Fire Lt. Dave Morin explained that he and Chief Murray will visit the site to decide on the exact placement location of the monument. They will contact Dig Safe and go through the Planning Board process. The dedication will be mid to late July. Mr. Hammond's son lives in Connecticut or Massachusetts and his daughter is in Florida. They will coordinate a date with them. The cost of the monument is \$6,210 and to date, they have raised \$5,700—but they have more bricks to sell. Chairman Massey complimented Lt. Morin on the design. Selectman Maddox said the problem with this area is the lack of available parking.

Motion by Selectman Cole, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to approve the design concept for the Leon Hammond Memorial monument, as presented by Lt. Morin, carried unanimously.

D. Contract for HCTV Service Provider

Selectman MacLean indicated the document before them reflects the changes that the Board made at their last meeting. Selectman Maddox suggested going in a different direction, that the contract possibly should be divided between two people, with the one with more expertise getting paid at a higher rate than the other. Cable Committee Chairman Mike O'Keefe was recognized and said the committee could do that if the Board so directed, but they felt what was submitted was sufficient. Selectman Maddox questioned whether or not it should go out to bid. Selectmen Cole and MacLean believed that it was time to approve this contract, which has been before them numerous times and debated extensively. Discussion continued, with Chairman Massey saying that this would be discussed in Nonpublic Session with the current provider.

Motion by Selectman Cole, seconded by Selectman MacLean, to approve the contract, leaving the fee amount blank, as amended, carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox voted in opposition.

E. Hudson Joining the Merrimack Valley Regional Water District (deferred from 12/14/04)

There was a brief discussion on correct procedure relative to an item that had been previously deferred.

Motion by Selectman Cole, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to remove this item from the table carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Cole, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to defer until September 13, 2005 carried 5-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing on Amending the Fees Schedule for the Recreation Department

Recreation Director Dave Yates said the Recreation Committee determined that an increase was appropriate, the largest of which was the summer program, going from \$100 for the summer to \$150. Even with that increase, Hudson still runs the cheapest program in the surrounding towns. Most others charge at least \$200 for an eight-week program. Hudson's program comes out to less than \$20 a week per child. This is more than reasonable for what has turned into a day-care program. The other fee increases were strictly adjustments, due to program costs. They left the youth programs alone--in order to encourage maximum participation--which are mostly self-funded. The last time the Rec Department increased fees was three years ago. Chairman Massey opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board on this item. there being no response, he closed the hearing.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Cole, to amend Town Code 205-11, Recreation Department Fees, as recommended by the Recreation Director in his memo of April 19, 2005 carried unanimously.

8. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Rick Maddox said Selectman Cole, the Fire Chief and he met. Progress is being made on the fire truck purchasing program. It was a good meeting and, hopefully, everyone will benefit. By the next meeting, the Chief should have input to some of the questions that were asked.

Terry Stewart said this Friday night, the Rec Department will be holding a 5th and 6th grade dance at the Hudson Community Building. They are always looking for chaperones for this event. The concession stand will be run by the Hudson Seniors.

Capt. Bill Pease of the Police Department was awarded the VFW Police Employee of the Year at their recently Loyalty Day dinner. She wished Kevin Sullivan a speedy recovery. It is anticipated he will be back soon.

On May 14, the Police Department will be holding an open house from 1-4 pm. The department will give tours, K-9 demos, a motorcycle demo and entertainment by Justice. The open house marks the 10th anniversary of the facility and coincides with Law Enforcement Week.

With high school proms and graduation approaching, the Police Department conducted an alcohol compliance check in Hudson, with 16 stores found in compliance and five sold alcohol to minors. The department will conduct another alcohol compliance check soon. Officer Mike Davis was given a letter of recognition for identifying/apprehending a suspect from the Exxon Gas Station robbery.

Bill Cole reminded everyone that the next Benson's Cleanup Day is May 21 beginning at 9 a.m.

Kathleen MacLean said this Saturday, May 14, is the Robinson Pond cleanup day and everyone is invited to that, as well.

Ken Massey had nothing to add at this time.

9. NONPUBLIC SESSION

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Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman MacLean, to enter Nonpublic Session under 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which if discussed in public likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting; (d) The acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which if discussed in public would likely benefit a party whose interests are adverse to those of the general community carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox voted in opposition.

..... Nonpublic Session was entered into at 7:36 p.m. and was terminated at 8:35 p.m.

..... Motion by Selectman Cole, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reconsider the earlier vote taken relative to the Cable Service Provider contract carried unanimously.

..... Motion by Selectman Cole, seconded by Selectman Stewart, with regard to the Service Provider Contract, II Compensation, to delete the first two paragraphs—Service Fee and Expense Reimbursement and Additional Technical Support and Operations Services—and, in their place, insert: "For technical support and operation services provided, as described and defined in Appendix A, the Town shall pay the service provider an hourly rate of \$20, not to exceed 1,081 hours during the period 1 July 2005 through 30 June 2006 and that any hours in excess of 1,081 must be first approved by the Board of Selectmen; in addition the service provider must provide a time sheet on a monthly basis, as noted in Appendix B of this contract," carried 3-2. Selectmen MacLean and Maddox voted in opposition.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. carried 5-0.

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