## HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN Minutes of the February 8, 2005 Meeting

- 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> by William P. Cole at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall in Hudson, NH.
- 2. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> was led by Selectman Kenneth J. Massey.

# 3. <u>ATTENDANCE</u>

Selectmen: William P. Cole, Teresa Stewart, Kenneth J. Massey, Kathleen R. MacLean and Richard J. Maddox Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Jim Michaud, Assessor; Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director; John Beike; Lisa Nute, HPD Information Technology Manager; Andy Leach from Senator Sununu's Portsmouth Office; State Representatives Lynne Ober, Shawn Jasper, Andy Renzullo and Lars Christiansen; Michael O'Keefe; Denise Babcock; Leo Bernard; Harry Schibanoff; Ben Nadeau; Howard Dilworth, Jr; Joe MacLean; Catherine Valley; about 50 Seniors and about 12 Recreation people (prior to the announcement that the Lions Hall issue would be postponed to February 22 and moved to Lions Hall); several Seniors; Firefighter Gerry Carrier; and Anne Lundregan from the Telegraph

# 4. <u>PUBLIC INPUT</u>

Andy Leach, who was present on behalf of Senator Sununu, was recognized. Mr. Leach said, as part of the Senator's outreach initiative, he was available for any feedback on Federal issues anyone would like to bring to the Senator's attention. If the Town is working on any programs they would like Federal assistance with, he was willing to hear about that, as well. His phone number is 430-9560 and they are located at One New Hampshire Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Chairman Cole announced that tonight the Selectmen were scheduled to take up the issue of Lions Hall/Recreation Center. However, the meeting room exceeded the allowable number of individuals by Fire Code standards. In order to allow the people who wanted to speak to do so, and for all of the others to hear it, this item will be taken up on February 22, probably at Lions Hall. In all fairness to all, he will limit public input to subjects other than the Rec Center/Lions Hall issue.

**Rep. Lynne Ober**, 3 Heritage Circle, said she is an avid fan of watching the Selectmen's meetings on TV and was present because last Fall when she was running for State Rep, she heard a comment by Chairman Cole which, paraphrased, said he was tired of State officials being very visible when looking for votes, but were as scarce as UFO's after elected. When she ran for office, it was not a partisan issue. It was about helping people, so she wanted to talk about what was going on at the State House. She is a member of Science Technology and Energy and they passed a bill through the House that will be very helpful in Hudson, Pelham and Litchfield. There has been low-income assistance for electricity that Town Welfare Officer Kathy Wilson has used that is due to run out this year. The cost of that is 1.5 mills (a portion of a penny) per kilowatt hour. Her committee forwarded a bill that would extend that for three years.

There are some interesting bills coming up. There is some medical research that says marijuana can ease some symptoms of some diseases. This bill talks about allowing doctors to use marijuana in those cases. She's not in favor of drugs on the street, but she doesn't see any more morphine on the street, even though doctors can prescribe it. There are also a number of election-law bills, up to and including requiring an ID when you vote, giving town Moderators the right to set parking limits outside of the polling places and what they are going to post in the polling places. Tonight, she brought a copy of some of those bills. She will come back to the Board, as other things come up. She said Selectman Maddox has talked to all of the Dist. 27 Reps about working on a bridge across the Merrimack. Some Reps. in Merrimack are interested, as well as Londonderry because of the airport traffic. Reps. Shawn Jasper and Jordon Ulery are trying to organize a meeting of the 13 District 27 Representatives to talk about it, and they would be willing to work with the Selectmen on this.

Ms. Ober, putting on her School Board hat, thanked Kevin Burns and his crew for not only keeping the streets clean for the school buses, but the sidewalks so the kids can get to school. Anybody who thinks they don't do a good job, wait until Thursday, when there is a big snow storm predicted. After driving on Nashua streets, people will realize what a great job the Hudson guys are doing. She asked Chairman Cole to extend her appreciation to the Road Agent. The School Board has also been working with Rec Director Yates on the softball field. There is a piece of property the School District owns next to Jette Field. Richard Maynard has done a site plan and Manny Sousa said he would build the field. When this finally goes to the Planning Board, she'd appreciate it if the Town Administrator would let Randy Bell know and she would be present to support it. They are very supportive of what the Recreation Director is trying to do.

At last night's School Board meeting, she asked the Board about possibly extending to Dave Yates the use of HO Smith gym and cafeteria to expand his summer program. By consensus, they agreed. For the past two years, they have had some expanded hours on the table for Dave to use for the basketball program. She suggested that he and the Town Administrator might talk to the School Board before they get the program organized. There are some hours at 4:00 and 5:00 that they could use. If they knew that when hiring the coaches, they might find some people who are available during those expanded hours.

Selectman Maddox asked if the school gym/cafeteria would be available for the Seniors. Ms. Ober said HO Smith is not handicap accessible, and there are issues at the other schools. It will cost close to \$1 million to get handicap accessibility done, which is being pursued through the CIP. The School Board would be happy to let the Seniors use the parking lot at HO Smith, but there wouldn't be enough spaces for the people who would fill a bus. She is aware of the critical life-safety issues that precludes the Town from building a new Rec Center. The schools would be happy to provide some synergy to help, and to work with the Town. Selectman Stewart suggested the Seniors could utilize the new parking lot at Memorial School, which is flat and visible from the street. Buses could pull in and out easily. Ms. Ober said the School Board did not discuss that option, and she can't speak for them. There is an article on the ballot to use the remaining interest to repave the main lot at Memorial, which is flat. The new lot is built kind of on a hill. If the article passes, the work will be done this summer, which would preclude use of the lot, but she can run it by the Board.

Chairman Cole asked how many House bills there are. Someone said 11,000. Rep. Christiansen said they are up to 400, 500 and they are just getting started. Chairman Cole asked what happened to them. Rep. Christiansen said they kill as many as they can. Ms. Ober said each one of the bills is assigned to a committee that holds public hearings on them. The calendar is on line. After that, some of the bills go to sub-committee and have amendments written. Some of the bills are deemed Inexpedient to Legislate, which means it dies. Bills passed by the House have to go to the Senate before they become bills. Chairman Cole said there are a couple floating around that he has a personal interest in. Ms. Ober said if he e-mails her what they are, she will let him know when they are coming up for hearing.

Rep. Shawn N. Jasper, 83 Old Derry Road, re Fire Station at Robinson Road; Lions Hall, said he was present to talk about another subject, but since that has been postponed, he'll touch base on Rep. Ober's comments about a bridge over the Merrimack. He has had a conversation with the Commissioner about trying to come to some consensus. Rather than start with a large group and probably have a lot of yelling and shouting of 50 different ideas, he wants to start with a smaller group. Unfortunately, "trying to get Legislators move in the same direction is a bit like trying to herd cats." Since they have no head of the delegation, there is nobody in charge. Right now, they email back and forth, trying to come up with a date to meet. Being the senior Rep from Hudson, he will try to get them all together after a session and set a date for the 13 of them to meet, try to come to a consensus, then try to expand the group out from there. One of the main obstacles that has been in front of this project for many years is the this side of the river can't agree with the other side. Consequently, the DOT puts the money where everybody can agree on what they want. It is also obvious that the State does not have the money to build a bridge. That most likely means it will have to be a toll bridge. Some people will spend \$3 in gas to avoid a \$1 toll. Merrimack is already full of tolls and he doubted that they would ever agree to a bridge with a toll. Therefore, their biggest challenge is to figure out a way to neutralize the loss of State revenues by the elimination of the Merrimack toll booths, and at the same time, get a bridge. Particularly in Hudson, that's almost impossible to do, but that's their mission. He will do his part to get everyone together as a group. He hoped to have an agreement in time to put in a bill for the 2006 Legislative session. Chairman Cole said he and Town Administrator Steve Malizia met with Commissioner Murray yesterday to talk about a number of issues, including the need for a third bridge. She shared Representative Jasper's lack of total optimism that all the parties could get together. Rep. Jasper said the Commissioner will do everything she can to assist, but they have to come to an agreement first. That is the challenge that he will work towards--and he will try to be optimistic.

Chairman Cole, noting that Lucille Boucher was still in the audience, as a courtesy, asked if she wished to say anything.

**Lucille Boucher**, 5 Jackson Drive, said she'd talk about the Lions Hall issue on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. She brought the Board some material tonight about the Towell-Winn House that she researched at the Library and hoped, after the Board reads it, that subject can be put to rest.

Rep. Andy Renzullo, 2 Heritage Circle, said he was another "alien space Rep." He originally came to talk about the Senior Center, but since other State Reps were present to talk about the Legislature, he wanted to say he was a member of the Municipal and County Government Committee, and they have about 100 bills in front of it, many of which will affect Town operations. Relative to Representatives not being available, he checked his phone and it still works. If any Selectman has an issue concerning any of the bills, which are all listed on the Internet, let him know. Additionally, he wanted to say how helpful Town Assessor Jim Michaud has been to the committee. Mr. Michaud provides the committee with valuable technical information including how it affects operations. The importance of that information has been noted by the committee chairman. There have been some interesting developments involving some bills. For instance, towns will still have to perambulate their boundaries. There is also a bill that will be fought on the floor tomorrow concerning petitioned warrant articles. There was a bill in that petitioned warrant articles would not be amendable by the deliberative session, but that was killed in committee. It will be brought off the consent calendar and will be fought on the floor, but it probably won't pass. There is a big concern with what happens in deliberative sessions, where people bring in warrant articles and someone will zero out the funding; or, in one case, the Chief of Police had the effective date of a warrant article 250 years in the future. That kills the value and the intent of the warrant article. Chairman Cole noted that 250 years was a fast track for some issues. Rep. Renzullo said there were some zoning issues that were coming up about how hardship is defined. He suggested people go to NH.Gov to read what is there, especially things that concerns town government and get back to him with any comments. He's sat on many boards and knows what the effect is by actions in Concord. Regarding Veterans exemptions, the committee has heard all of the testimony. They have yet to meet in executive session which is a public hearing, a discussion among the Representatives. There is no public input. They haven't met on those yet because there are a whole lot of exemptions and credits issues that are floating around and they want to get them altogether and come out with a common theme on them.

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## 5. <u>NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS</u>

# A. Building Board of Appeals (1 Member, term to expire 12/31/07) No applicants.

# **B.** Water Utility Committee (1 Member, term to expire 12/31/05) No applicants.

**Catherine Valley, 4 Campbell Avenue** sees the Water Utility Committee as more than monitoring the integrity of the pipes and recommending rates. The global supply of water is finite. Fresh water is less than 1% of the world's total water resources and yet water use doubles every 20 years. She has been on the Sewer Utility Committee for several years, and they are about at capacity. What happens when that has been reached and the demand for water continues to grow? She'd like to be pro-active and have some alternatives before that time, and she'd like to be part of that discussion. Selectman Maddox asked how long she's been on the Sewer Committee. Ms. Valley said about nine years. Selectman Maddox asked what would transfer over to the Water Utility. Ms. Valley said the basic bread and butter things will translate pretty close. Water and sewerage goes hand in hand.

Motion by Selectman Stewart to waive the Board's procedure and appoint Catherine Valley to the Water Utility Committee, with a term to expire December 31, 2005, seconded by Selectman Massey, carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox was opposed.

C. Zoning Board of Adjustment (1 Alternate, term to expire 12/31/05)

# 5. <u>CONSENT ITEMS</u>

Chairman Cole asked if any Board member wished to remove any consent item for separate consideration. There was no response. <u>Motion</u> by Selectman Massey, to receive items A-D, as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

# A. <u>Assessing Items</u>

- 1) Abatements for 02, 03 & 04 (18 Towhee Dr; 12 Gloria Ave; 21 Dugout Rd; 36 Campbello St; 9 Power St) w/recommendation to grant.
- 2) Veterans' Tax Credits/Exemptions (Veterans--16B Chandler Ct; 1 Newland Ave; 19 Amanda Dr; 64 Highland St; 51 Barbara Ln; 537 Abbott Farm Ln; 2 at 27 Alvirne Dr) (Elderly—99 Central St; 83 Ferry St) (Disabled Veteran—27 Alvirne Dr) w/recommendation to grant.
- 2004 Abatements (46 Lexington Ct; 52 Rangers Dr; 14 Breakneck Rd; 16 Breakneck Rd; 7 Sir Isaac Way; 13 Williams Dr; 127 Musquash Rd; 44 Lexington Ct) w/recommendation to grant.
- 4) Yield Tax Warrant and Certification of Yield Tax Assessed Map/Lot 135/015 w/recommendation to sign.

## B. <u>Acceptance of Minutes</u>

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of January 25, 2005

## C. <u>Licenses & Permits</u>

- 1) Hawker/Peddler License--Glenn Smeltzer to sell flowers for Blushing Rose at True Value, Derry Road, 2/10-12/31/05
- 2) Raffle Permit for Alvirne HS Friends of Music on 3/10 to defer cost of trip to Toronto. Prize is four Celtics tickets.

## D. <u>Committee Announcements</u>

Feb 9 6:00 Benson's Committee in BOS Meeting Room

- Feb 9 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
- Feb 10 6:30 Recreation Committee @ Rec Center
- Feb 10 7:00 Sewer Utility Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- Feb 10 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room
- Feb 12 9:00 a.m. Annual Town Meeting at Lions Hall
- Feb 15 7:00 Cable Utility Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- Feb 16 5:00 Water Utility Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- Feb 17 7:30 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- Feb 19 10:00 a.m. Library Trustees in BOS Meeting Room
- Feb 21 Presidents' Day-Town Hall Closed
- Feb 21 6:30 School Board in BOS Meeting Room
- Feb 21 7:30 Conservation Commission in CD Meeting Room
- Feb 22 BOS in BOS Meeting Room
- Feb 23 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
- Feb 24 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room
- Feb 24 NRPC's Legislative Forum @ Anheuser Busch
- Feb 24 7:00 Lower Merrimack River Committee @ NRPC
- Mar 8 Annual Elections

# 7. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

Cable Utility Policies and Procedures (deferred from January 25, 2005)
Chairman Cole recognized committee liaison Selectman MacLean, committee chairman Michael O'Keefe and vice-Chair Leo

Bernard, as well as members Harry Schibanoff and Denise Babcock, clerk. Selectman MacLean thanked the committee, once again, on behalf of the Board for their determination in trying to get some programming on the airwaves. She also congratulated them on a good job at the School deliberative session, which she is confident will continue at the Town's session on Saturday. All of the direction given to the committee at the Selectmen's last meeting was addressed and incorporated in the amended policies, especially the how-to of the policy and the forms. She hoped that cleared things up, adding that this was a policy that would change continually, as time goes on. Technology changes, and with more equipment and participation, etc., amendments will need to be made, as needed. This, at least, is a start. She then turned the floor over to the committee chairman, Mike O'Keefe, who said the document before them reflects the feedback the committee received from the Selectmen's last meeting.

Selectman Maddox had several items that he wanted to address. On Page 3, ¶ 1, Access, channels 20, 21 and 22 could change, so he suggested using the PEG--Public, Education and Government--designation. Under Eligibility, "person who has a relationship with the Town of Hudson," should be further defined, to include, "(e.g., business owner, employee of the school or town, etc.)." Selectman Massey said the distinction is it's a relationship with the Town, not with an individual. Selectman Maddox referred to the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence under Orientation, "users will be asked to complete and sign the Producer Liability and Indemnity Agreement," asked why that was necessary, if they were just getting training on the equipment. Selectman MacLean said the intent was to inform people of that when they came in for training. Mr. O'Keefe said they would change the wording. On Page 4, under Non-Acceptable Programming, the sentence "The following material does not meet the requirements for programming on HCTV," was confusing. Chairman Cole said "the requirements" were a positive element; what they were trying to lay out were the negatives. He suggested, "the following material is not allowed."

Selectman Stewart said on Channel 2, GBH, at the end of Sesame Street, it says "sponsored by Ford Motor Company." She asked if the Town would be able to have tapes sponsored by Ford Motor Company, Coca Cola, or R J Reynolds, who has a nonsmoking PSA. Mr. O'Keefe said that wouldn't be commercial programming, per se. Selectman Stewart (referring to the 2nd bullet under Non-acceptable Programming, quoted, "Displaying, demonstrating, or verbally mentioning any product, service or trademark that is designed to enhance a profit-making enterprise." She felt that there was a conflict. Selectman MacLean said this was discussed in committee, with Selectman Stewart's husband. He said that Stewart Travel could sponsor a program that was educational, such as the 10 best places to travel, but they couldn't suggest using Stewart Travel to go to those destinations. Selectman Stewart still thought there was a conflict between the intent and the actual wording. Selectman MacLean said she could sponsor a program on piano playing, but she can't offer piano lessons on the program. Selectman Stewart was still not convinced, given the specific wording in the second bullet, which was pretty clear. Selectman MacLean asked Selectman Stewart how she'd like to have it worded. Selectman Stewart said the wording was limiting how many PSA's they could get because a lot of the PSA's are sponsored by major corporations. Chairman Cole said, for example, with Ford sponsoring a program, the intent is not to talk about Ford models, etc. Selectman Steward didn't know how it could be reworded. Selectman Maddox suggested they exempt public service announcements. Selectman MacLean said a sponsor wasn't a part of the actual programming. Chairman Cole said they don't have any programs like that coming in at this time. The purpose of this is to foster and enhance "home grown" capability. He thought they could table this discussion until some time in the future. He could see some scary possibilities with regard to people having their own home-grown things sponsored by organizations he wouldn't want see scrolled across the screen. Selectman Maddox didn't think they were going to have that many corporate sponsorships; it was mostly the PSA's. Chairman Cole said they should approach this in the spirit that it's going to work in a positive vein and if something down the road pops up that is a negative, they will deal with it at the time. The main thing they are trying to do is to eliminate the big ticket potential mistakes, if they get into a dispute with regard to Selectman MacLean sitting at a Steinway piano with Selectman Massey standing there, holding a Diet Coke and Selectman Maddox with his foot up on a Ford. They should look at this in a positive vein and see what the future brings. He asked if that worked for Selectman Stewart right now. She didn't know, saying she'd get back to him.

Selectman Maddox referred to the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet on Page 5, "Marking statements that might be considered libel or slander," and suggested using just, "Libel or slander." Mr. O'Keefe indicated they'd make that change. Selectman Maddox referred to the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence under Process for Handling Access Requests, "A completed Cablecast Request Form will be used for scheduling and publicity purposes, using the following terms as guidelines," noting that there were no "following terms." Mr. O'Keefe thought that things probably got rearranged when they moved sections around. Selectman MacLean suggested scratching the entire sentence. Ms. Babcock preferred to just eliminate part of the sentence, i.e., "using the following terms as guidelines," but leaving the rest of the sentence as is, which the Board supported. Selectman Maddox referred to the last sentence in that section, "Tapes not retrieved within 30 days of the Do Not Air After date will become the property of HCTV," and asked why the Town would want to start accumulating tapes. He thought they should just be disposed of. Selectman Maddox said that works for him.

On Page 6, Selectman Maddox said under Live Cablecasts, "The issue of live cablecasts will be discussed in future Policy Manual revisions," should say "outlined." Continuing he said under Political and Issue-oriented Programs, there should be a FCC, or whomever's rule it is, reference number to the Equal Opportunities Rule and the Fairness Doctrine. Under ¶#1, Political

Candidates and Access, there was a discussion. The consensus of the Board was to remove the words, "access corporations and." Selectman Maddox asked for an explanation of, under #3, "or resident supporters." Mr. O'Keefe said the intent was residents of Hudson supporting any political movement or candidate. Under HCTV Technical Standards, there was a discussion of #2. The consensus was to remove the words, "over the cable system." Under Community Bulletin Board, the first ¶ was reworded to read, "Hudson Community Television provides individuals and organizations with the opportunity to inform the public of non-commercial and non-personal messages through the HCTV Bulletin Board. HCTV prohibits political advertising through the Bulletin Board." In the last ¶, "The Town of Hudson" should be changed to HCTV in two places.

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The HCTV Community Bulletin Request Form has two places for phone numbers. One will be eliminated. Selectman Maddox said under Producer Liability Agreement & Indemnification, ¶'s A, B, C & D all seem to say the same thing, only in a slightly different color. He thinks it should be re-written in a manner, other than cut-and-paste and it should also be vetted through an attorney. Ms. Babcock said this piece of the policy was seen by Atty. Epstein. Selectman Maddox said he'd like this to be seen by the Town's attorney to clean up the wording to cover the Town's liabilities, but in less mind-boggling English. If he was a producer, he'd want an attorney to look at it because the wording is so around-the-world. It was so confusing that when he tried to highlight areas, he didn't know where to start. Chairman Cole suggested that Selectman Maddox submit a request for a legal opinion and outline what the specific concerns are so the attorney will know what to look at. He didn't know what the attorney's expertise was to cable issues, whereas that is Atty. Epstein's field. Selectman Maddox said they have multiple people on staff; he was elected to look at this stuff, not re-write it. Chairman Cole said he was asking Selectman Maddox to give them a feel for what he was concerned about, i.e., too wordy, too vague, etc.

Selectman Massey referred to "Political Programming Options," and said if he came in with a 15-second ad, they'd have a hard time telling him no. He thought it would be better to say, "less than is prohibited," and put the minimum number of minutes that a tape can be before it will be accepted so they don't get into a debate over somebody with 29 seconds. "Tapes of less than X time are prohibited," would be cleaner. Mr. O'Keefe said the "30-60 seconds" was just an example of what a typical spot video advertisement was. It wasn't saying that was the limit. The issue was they don't accept advertising, not the time limit. They could say that less than five minutes was not acceptable. Selectman Massey said he wasn't suggesting a time. He was suggesting that the way it is written may be hard to defend not putting on a 15-second one. Selectman MacLean said it would still be a spot video advertising, which is not accepted. Selectman Massey said crisp, clear English will help to eliminate contention down the road.

Chairman Cole asked liaison Selectman MacLean to get a flavor for Selectman Maddox' concerns for the document going to the lawyer and get it to the Town Administrator to get to the attorney, so it will come back in time to review it and then do a rewrite before it goes to the Board. Selectman Maddox said he'd attend the Cable Committee meeting on February 15.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to defer until March 22, 2005 carried 5-0. Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Maddox, for a 10-minute break at 8:08 p.m. carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to change the Order of the Day to take up Item 8-A carried 5-0.

## 8-A <u>Public Hearing on Revised Veterans Tax Credit; Revised Elderly Exemption; Revised Disabled Exemption and Revised</u> <u>Blind Exemption</u>

Asssessor Jim Michaud said Warrant Article 17 calls for a revised property tax exemption for the elderly exemption, to increase the amount of the exemption and increase the amount of income and assets. Currently for the 2004 property tax year for the elderly exemptions, 65-74 is \$75,000. The proposal is to increase it to \$95,000. Age 75-79 currently is \$90,000 in exempted value and the proposal is to increase that to \$115,000. Age 80 and above is currently \$115,000 and the proposal is to increase it to \$145,000 in exempted value. The income limit for single elderly person is currently \$26,000. The proposal is to raise that income limit to \$30,000. The increased income limit for married elderly is currently \$34,000 and the proposal is to increase the income amount to \$40,000. The asset limit for both single and married is currently at \$100,000 and the proposal is to increase it to \$125,000. Warrant Article 18, Revised Property Tax for the Disabled, the current amount is \$75,000 and the proposal is to raise that to \$95,000. The current income limit is \$26,000 and the proposal is to raise that to \$30,000. The current income limit for married disabled is \$34,000 and the proposal is to increase that to \$40,000. The current asset limit for disabled is \$100,000 and the proposal is to increase that to \$125,000. The Town currently has about 27 people receiving this exemption and approximately 160 receive the elderly exemption. About 11 receive the blind exemption. Article 19, Blind Exemption, currently is \$75,000. The proposal is to raise that to \$95,000. There is no income or asset requirement in statute to receive a blind exemption. Article 20 Revised Veterans Tax Credits, the current tax credit is \$200; proposal is to increase to \$300. The Board is continually looking at this to evaluate whether or not it should be adjusted. Last year, it was adjusted to \$200. There are about 1,033 qualified Veterans receiving this credit. Selectman Maddox asked if Mr. Michaud planned to have a power point presentation for Saturday. Mr. Michaud said he had not planned to do so, but would, if the Board would like him to. Chairman Cole agreed that given the subject matter and the level of interest, a visual might be very beneficial. He should coordinate through Denise Babcock of the Cable Utility Committee.

Chairman Cole opened the Public Hearing at 8:27 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no response, so he closed the hearing, adding that there was no further action required by the Board. These items will be on the March 8 ballot.

#### B. Lions Hall/Recreation Center Discussion (deferred from January 25, 2005)

#### Motion to defer to Feb. 22, 2005 at Lions Hall at 7:00 p.m. by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, carried 5-0.

Selectman Maddox felt that a disservice was done to all of the people who came out tonight. There should be some means to have accommodated them, by putting them in another room with a television, which he thought had been done in the past. If the Town does not have that capability, it should get it. Chairman Cole said the television feed in the Community Development room is not working. As for tonight, the crowd was too large for the room and the fire regs allows only so many. The other option was to try to move the whole thing to Lions Hall. It did not give him any pleasure to defer this, but he didn't think it was a disservice.

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#### C. <u>Employee Recognition Program</u>

Chairman Cole stated that this item was introduced by Selectmen Massey at the Board's meeting of January 25. Selectman Massey proposed that the Board provide a Certificate of Recognition with an embossed seal, in a nice presentation folder, to employees on their five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and up anniversaries. Additionally, at the 20-year service level, there would be a \$50 gift certificate awarded to the employee and, at the \$25 year service level, a \$100 gift certificate provided. He had originally thought about giving a bauble or memento, but the number of people that will reach these milestones are not sufficient to get an item of value in sufficient quantities that the Town could afford. There are currently six employees who have reached their 25-year or more service level and 10 employees who have reached their 20-year service level. In looking at the available funds, he was proposing that in May, if there are sufficient funds in the Selectmen's budget, they would retroactively award the 10 20-year employees and the six 25-year employees with a \$100 gift certificate, plus the certificate. From that point on, it would be on an anniversary date for each of the employees.

Chairman Cole asked if Selectman Massey was talking about the 2005 calendar year. Selectman Massey said there are no employees between now and June 30 for the current fiscal year that are going to reach their 20-year anniversary date. There are just the 10 existing employees with 20 years and the six with 25 years. Starting with the next fiscal year, they would be able to pick up the next group with next year's budget. Selectman Maddox asked where the money would come from in the 2006 budget. Selectman Massey said somewhere inside that budget, probably Supplies. Chairman Cole said putting aside where the money would come from, asked if Selectman Massey would be adverse to the proposal being that they capture those employees that fall within this calendar year, and it would be retroactive, if there was somebody from January, such as Joe Anger. Selectman Massey said he was one of the six people, but between now and June 30, there are no more 20 and 25 service employees. Chairman Cole said he was less concerned of where the money was going to come from, as opposed to the mechanism. Selectman Massey said they'd be doing retroactive for 16 people. The certificate is a very small public acknowledgement of their service level and the 20 and 25 years, in most companies, are significant achievement dates. That was the rationale for wanting to provide some additional recognition for those service dates. They were not talking about giving everyone a retroactive certificate, just the 20 and 25 year service awards.

Selectman Maddox called himself a wet blanket, suggesting doing just the 25-year this year and the 20's next year, to break that up. Selectman Massey said implementation, if done at all, would be up to the Board. Exposure is \$600 for the 25-year retroactives and \$500 for the 20-years, for a total of \$1,100. Selectman Maddox said he would do the 10-year certificate and the 25-year certificates and awards this year—Fiscal 2005. Selectman MacLean said if Selectman Maddox was a wet blanket, she was a tidal wave because she couldn't see five and 10 years. She knows everyone likes to be appreciated, but for her, when she gets her paycheck, that's her thank you. She asked who decided what dedicated and loyal service was. Just because you show up to work every day for 25 years doesn't necessarily mean you are dedicated and loyal. There are a lot of people in the world that may not be dedicated and may not be loyal, but show up to work every day because it's a job. It's nice to get something at 25 years, but that would be it. She doesn't see that anything else is necessary because they get great benefits; they get a good package; they get paid well; and they are appreciated. Chairman Cole asked if she didn't want to even give a piece of paper for 10 and 15. Selectman MacLean said no, 25 years, and maybe it should just say in recognition of 25 years of service.

Selectman Stewart suggested that Selectman MacLean sign up for the next Citizen's Police Academy and spend some quality time with the HPD. Or, call Kevin Burns at midnight on Thursday night. The truck will stop by to pick her up. Or she could contact Chief Murray like Selectman Massey did, and do some ride-alongs. She can't put it any simpler than that.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Stewart, that the Board institute an employee recognition program, as

#### outlined herein.

Selectman Maddox asked what the motion entailed. Selectman Massey said they would begin awarding the five-year increment certificates and, in May, they would look at the current Selectmen's budget and determine whether or not they could make retroactive monetary awards to the 20 and 25-year employees. He thought, in the absence of a Personnel Manager, the Town Administrator, the organization's CEO, should run the program. Chairman Cole thought it should be the Finance Department because they know the payroll and personalities. He asked the Finance Director if it would cause her a problem—letting the Board know who it is, getting the certificates made up, cutting a check, and forwarding it to the agenda for presentation. Ms. Carpentier replied no, it would not be a problem.

*Vote: Motion carried 3-2.* Selectmen Maddox and MacLean were opposed.

#### 8. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

#### A. <u>Public Hearing on Revised Veterans Tax Credit, Elderly Exemption, Disabled Exemption and Blind Exemption</u>

This item was taken up earlier on the agenda.

#### B. <u>Public Hearing on Street Acceptances—Old Coach Road and Stable Drive</u>

Selectman Massey thought that street acceptances closed on December 1 and didn't reopen until the following spring. If the Board accepts the streets tonight, the Town is responsible for plowing them. Mr. Malizia said they are already being plowed. Chairman Cole opened the public hearing at 8:44 p.m. and asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. There was no response, so he closed the hearing. Selectman Maddox asked if the repairs noted in the May 12, 2004 memo been made, if the money was expended and taken out of that line item. Mr. Malizia said yes.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman MacLean, to accept Old Coach Road and Stable Drive as Town streets carried 5-0.

#### C. <u>Proposal for Data Communication Lines</u>

Chairman Cole recognized Lisa Nute, Information Technology Manager and Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director. Ms. Nute stated that she was a dedicated and loyal 20-year employee with the Hudson Police Department. She said she and the Finance Director were present to ask the Board of Selectmen to approve the data communications line proposal for a three-year term with BayRing Communications, at an estimated annual cost of \$16,980. The proposal addressed the current problems between the Police Department, DPW and Town Hall--problems with their remote sites and Nashua District Court and their neighborhood offices. They have done a thorough examination of all of the possibilities and the solutions and have come up with a cost-effective way to not only solve the problems, but increase the speed between Town Hall and the Police Department, which will assist the DPW and Emergency Operations Center, which is currently located at the Police Department.

Selectman Maddox noted that the figure indicated in the spread sheet was \$18,330 for BayRing. Selectman Massey said that accounted for the one-time installation charge, as indicated in the backup paperwork before the spread sheets. Selectman Maddox wondered if Elmwood and Fox Hollow were not being used because the service won't work. Ms. Nute said Elmwood is being used, but it is very slow. The biggest problem is that the neighborhood offices and Police Department are running on a frame relay, which was fine technology years ago, but the contract has since run out and they are paying a premium now, and there are better, more cost-effective solutions. They are currently paying a substantial chunk of money to run that frame relay system and, for less money, they can include Fox Hollow, increase the speed and still save a chunk of money. Selectman Maddox asked if Fox Hollow was not being used right now. Ms. Nute said not for computer use, just to speak with someone or use the phone. Selectman Maddox said his concern was that this was going to be used not only between Town Hall and the Police, but this is the EOC connection. He's not a big fan of giving Verizon a lot of money, but he didn't see a lot of BayRing trucks driving through Hudson. He was concerned about the reliability of a vendor to provide those kinds of services. Ms. Nute said they are still actually using Verizon lines and it's the Verizon framework. BayRing, and others that they looked at, can do it much more effectively because they have their own switches that are updated. They can provide better service because they have a smaller group of people. All of the references indicate that service is fantastic. They are the liaison between Hudson and Verizon and it is a quicker response. They have a great relationship with Verizon. The local exchange carriers, including BayRing, determine what the problem is ahead of time and they can call Verizon and explain it and tell them what is needed. Right now, she has to call Verizon, not knowing what the problem is. Verizon goes to the Police Department so she can explain the problem to them and then they have to research it. BayRing can do it quicker. Selectman Maddox said he was concerned as that was the EOC, but if Ms. Nute was comfortable with it, he'd defer to her. Selectman Massey said they also signed a document for the Town that is a municipal opt-out clause that says at the end of the year, the Town can opt out with no penalty.

There is also another clause in the document that says if the Town is not satisfied with the service, they can opt out. There are two protections for the Town, even though they are signing a 3-year agreement.

Selectman Maddox didn't think the Town should spend money on the Fox Hollow location, since it isn't being used. They should look at removing that from this proposal. Selectman Massey said the police do not use the computer there is because access is so slow. If high-speed access was available, they would use that facility. Selectman Maddox said Wal-Mart was just a mile down the road that has high-speed internet connection. It's a waste of taxpayer dollars when there are other sub-stations available. Selectman Stewart asked if Wal-Mart has agreed to cover their cost. Ms. Nute believed so, as long as she doesn't bombard them with a one-time, up-front cost, although she doesn't have that formally in writing.

Selectman Massey complimented Ms. Nute, Ms. Hawkins and Ms. Carpentier. They spent a great deal of time with the vendors and he congratulated them for doing such a good job. Chairman Cole agreed, saying the Board echoed those remarks.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to approve the Data Communication Lines proposal for a threeyear term, with BayRing Communications, at an estimated yearly cost of \$16,980, as recommended by the Finance Director, in her memo dated 3 Feb '05, subject: Proposal Recommendation--Data Communication Lines.

Amendment by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman MacLean, to subtract the broadband for Fox Hollow for \$960 yearly and the one-time cost of \$600 from this package.

Selectman Maddox said, at some point, they have to ask where they are spending money. If they've managed to be without this sub-station, they can continue to do so. This would basically cover the cost of the awards program. This is a way to off-set those costs and it would have no impact on the operation of the Police Department.

Chairman Cole asked Ms. Nute to explain the purpose of Fox Hollow. Ms. Nute said it's a neighborhood office, just like the one at Elmwood. Officers can go there instead of having to bring someone all the way back to the station to take a statement, or whatever. There is a computer in there for reports, but it is currently over dial in and the data base is so large and time-consuming, it is a waste of an officer's time to sit there, twiddling their thumbs, waiting for data to go back and forth. It is difficult for her and John to update things in there so, in frustration, if someone has to do a report, it's easier to go someplace else. They still use the office, but if an officer has to write a report, they have to go out of sector. It would have an impact to not include this station. If you look at the annual savings by approving this approval, it pays for itself. Every year they will be saving thousands of dollars.

#### (Start Tape 3-A)

Chairman Cole said if Chief Gendron thinks at some time in the future, he wants to close this down, it is something the Board could consider, but he didn't want to tell the Chief how to run his department on this issue. Selectman Maddox said he did. Maybe the sub-station was needed at some point in its history, but he didn't think going to Wal-Mart was that far out of sector, or going to Elmwood was that dramatic—and they have the MBT's in their cruisers. It's an expense they need to look at. Awarding a contract to a site that's going to be very rarely used for that expense is a way to cut down a cost they don't need to spend. They are not hindering the ability of the Police Department to do their job. Chairman Cole said he didn't say hindering. He said they were telling him how to implement their policy.

Vote on the amendment failed by a vote of 2-3. Selectmen Maddox and MacLean voted in favor of the amendment.

Vote on the motion carried by a vote of 3-2. Selectmen Maddox and MacLean voted in the negative.

Chairman Cole asked Lisa Nute to informally let Chief Gendron know of the Board's concern with regard to the Fox Hollow sub-station. She said she would.

## D. <u>\$275 Donation from Flash Photo Sports to the Recreation Department</u>

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to accept the donation, with thanks and appreciation from the Board of Selectmen, carried unanimously.

## 9. <u>OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN</u>

Welcome Back, Gerry Carrier--Chairman Cole said in his younger days, having come back from an overseas assignment, he knows that there has got to be better things to do than sit in a Board of Selectmen's meeting. Therefore, he recognized and welcomed back from Iraq a Hudson's hero, Fire Fighter and member of the National Guard, 172<sup>nd</sup> Artillery, Gerry Carrier. The Board and audience responded with prolonged applause. FF Carrier wanted to make sure the Board received the flag and certificate. Chairman Cole assured him that they did, which will be framed and displayed at Town Hall. He asked FF Carrier when he would be reporting back to the Fire Station. Mr.

Carrier said the second week in March. Chairman Cole said their prayers have been answered that he and the other members of the organization got back safely and hope there is no occasion they have to go back. He thanked him again, and there was more applause.

Terry Stewart congratulated the New England Patriots for their third Super Bowl win and she looks forward to Red Sox season, April 11.

She said it was with great surprise she listened tonight to the Vice Chairman of the School Board when she offered extended gym hours for the recreation program. It was news to her and probably to the Rec Director, which she will follow up on tomorrow.

<u>Ken Massey</u> wanted to correct a statement he made at the January  $25^{\text{th}}$  meeting. He stated that in the purchase of the Lions Hall, \$180,000 came out of a Capital Reserve Fund, which is not correct. In fact, the \$300,000 purchase of Lions Hall in 1995 was accomplished by a contribution of \$80,279.41 from the Senior Citizen Capital Reserve Fund, which is monies that were voted into the Capital Reserve Fund by the Town, with the rest of the monies coming from Town Surplus and raising and appropriating funds. Public monies were spent to purchase a building for public use. He will have more to say at the meeting on the  $22^{\text{nd}}$ .

Kathleen MacLean said she was very disappointed that they had to defer the Seniors this evening. She hoped that they weren't too upset with the huge inconvenience. She thinks this is much ado about nothing and that there is going to a solution that will clarify everything and no one will be put out or feel slighted. She is confident there will be a good solution, so she looks forward to meeting with everybody at the next meeting at Lions Hall. Chairman Cole asked if she could share the solution with the Board. Selectman MacLean said the Seniors use Lions Hall two days in the summer. One of the days, it is utilized more than the other. She thought that on the one day that's least utilized by the Seniors, meaning the less amount of people that go, if they were able to use the Recreation Center, the smaller building and get acclimated to it and get to know it—and get to love it—and realize that it's not anything bad; it's more than capable of handling their numbers, their issues and the things that they need. On the day they have the bigger group, the Thursday, the Rec Department—if they had Lions Hall for four out of five days in the summer, that is a huge improvement over last summer—the Seniors could have it on that day. Maybe on that day the Recreation Department could go to Robinson Pond, skating or a field trip day. For the first year, that would be a great solution to acclimate the Seniors to the Rec Center. It probably will do and let them see that. If the Rec Department went for years and years with the small center, four out of five days at Lions Hall would still be wonderful. She would think that the Seniors would be happy with that; she hoped so. She thinks that would be a very nice compromise. Chairman Cole didn't want to put her on the spot, but if there was a magic silver bullet out there, he wanted it for his holster.

**<u>Rick Maddox</u>** said one of the many things the Recreation Department does is Comedy Nights. They had the R-rated hypnotist at the last even, with an attendance of 350 people, who enjoyed an interesting night out, with people doing silly things, but all in good fun. Before that, there had a comedian, followed by a DJ. A good service was provided for \$10. You can't beat that. When you think Rec Department, look beyond just the summer program. That department puts on an amazing number of events, not just for the children on Hudson, but all Hudson citizens. They need to look at a solution. He's not sure Selectman MacLean's silver bullet would work but, with the support of all the citizens and the School Board, he thinks a solution can be worked out that will make most people relatively happy.

He'd like to hear from the Police Department if they still need Fox Hollow and not just assume that it should be there. He wondered if it is still necessary to expend those dollars and to have that sub-station, since they do have computers in the vehicles and there is another sub-station at Wal-Mart. Maybe they should ask the Chief to come in to provide a justification for continuing that expense. Maybe there was a good reason years ago, but that's not a good reason to spend dollars. He asked if they could do something in that vein. Chairman Cole anticipates receiving a phone call from Chief Gendron tomorrow morning at zero-800, after this has been transmitted to him.

Selectman Maddox said this is a new Board and they need to look at all those things. One of the things he'd like to do is work a meeting with the School Board to see if there are synergies, such as the phone system they can make work to better the Town and see if there are solutions they can share between the two. There is a committee that was supposed to do something. Chairman Cole said yes, there is a joint committee and Selectman MacLean as the Board's representative. He asked her how that committee was progressing. Selectman MacLean said she hasn't been informed of any meetings, and she didn't think she was the one to call one. Chairman Cole asked Mr. Dilworth, who was in the audience, if the Budget Committee had reps on that committee. Mr. Dilworth said yes, but he wasn't aware of any meetings. (Talking over each other.) Chairman Cole said he understands getting everybody together for synergy works, but the Board of Selectmen, on two occasions, appointed representatives to this Board to do exactly what Selectman Maddox is talking about, to see where there is potential for synergy, and it has come to naught. Selectman Maddox said maybe they don't need a committee, but meet once a year, inviting the School Board in for a workshop. Chairman Cole said to wait until the dust settles after Town Meeting. Selectman Maddox said that's one of the things he'd like to see them do to get back to at least talking to them. The Planning Board invited the ZBA and the Conservation Commission, along with the Selectmen, to a joint meeting and you get to hash out some of the issues that are small between all three boards that makes it difficult for the citizenry sometimes to get from Point A to Point B. He's hoping that those kind of meetings that were very productive the other night, that showed how things worked through the system, so that all three boards knew how it traveled. It was a good experience for all of them. He can't see that the Board of Selectmen and School Board couldn't learn a few things or support each other in different endeavors with that kind of cooperation. So, after the elections, he hoped they would make that motion. Chairman Cole said Selectman MacLean was willing to do just that, but just hasn't been called up to the front lines. Selectman MacLean was glad to hear Mr. Dilworth say there hadn't been any meetings.

Selectman Maddox said as he and Selectman MacLean finish out their freshman year, their final duty is deliberative session. He hoped everyone comes to watch the two of them tongue-tie themselves during the deliberative session over their different articles. There are a number of items that need citizen input. He hoped people would be there to give both sides of the issues and he looked forward to seeing everyone on Saturday. Selectman Stewart wanted to let Selectmen MacLean and Maddox know the "honeymoon" is over.

<u>Bill Cole</u> noted, as a follow-up to Selectmen Massey's comments on the Capital Reserve Fund, that fund was brought into existence by the Town Council back in 1992, sponsored by him—Councillor Bill Cole. Someone walked him down Memory Lane on that one.

# **Pennichuck's O & M Contract**--*Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman MacLean, to amend the current contract expiration dates with Pennichuck for the Operation & Maintenance contracts to July 15, 2005.*

Selectman Massey said the ad hoc committee appointed by the Board to meet with Pennichuck got confirmation from Pennichuck that the entire business relationship with the Town is on the table and, hence, the reason why short term, they are not putting the Operation & Maintenance contract out to general bid. They made it clear to them that they want to go forward but if they can't reach an agreement in an early period as to the entire business agreement, they will revert back to putting out to bid the Operation and Maintenance and continue with the other contracts as they are. The reason for wanting to move out to the 15<sup>th</sup> of July is to give enough time to reach agreement on what it is that Pennichuck would provide for the Town and what the Town, in return, would pay. Secondly, to agree on the terms and

conditions of that set of tasks. That agreement would come to the Board for approval. If the Board approves the terms and conditions, they would then write a contract that would incorporate the terms and conditions. In looking at the time schedule to do that, it was determined they probably need until March 1 or March 15, somewhere in that neighborhood, to get agreement on the terms and conditions before bringing it to the Board, which puts them very close to the April 15<sup>th</sup> termination date of the existence Operations & Maintenance contract. Hence, the reason for wanting to move out to July 15 under the current terms and conditions on the Operations & Maintenance.

The water purchase and the water distribution contracts would remain as is.

Selectman Maddox was not going to vote for this. They had plenty of time. This has been on-going and they should stop dragging this out. He wants to make a decision on where they are going to go with Pennichuck, or the regional water. He wanted to know where the ducks line up. He sees no reason to give them a forever date. They should have had that information by now. He's wondering why the Board should give them an extension to past the decision date for the regional water. He wanted to know where they stand with Pennichuck and where they are going to stand with all of that before he makes a decision on the regional water. He couldn't understand why they would put this off to a date beyond the drop dead date for regional water. Selectman Massey said the Town wasn't going to be doing business with Regional Water District, which doesn't have a water system. Whatever the Town does, they have to have an agreement minimally with Pennichuck Water Works for the purchase of the additional water that the Town needs, and the Town needs to be reimbursed for distributing the wheeling of the water that goes through the Town's pipes to Litchfield and Pelham. Whatever they wind up doing, they aren't going to be doing any business with a regional water company in the near future, and probably not for two years, if ever. What they are faced with is being able to get an agreement on the specifics of what Pennichuck is going to do for the Town. The existing contract has got a lot of loose terms and things to be done and, as a result, lots of work gets pushed over onto the unplanned maintenance and, therefore, they want to be very clear when they come back to the Town with a price—and they are supposed to be doing that within the next two, three weeks—that that will include a very detailed list of what will be included in the planned maintenance function and what then would then fall into the unplanned.

Selectman Maddox thought a contract had been awarded to Weston & Sampson to build all of that criteria. Selectman Massey said no, Weston & Sampson has acted as a consultant, under their contract, to help formulate some of the tasks, but they did not write a bid spec for the Town. The specifications of the tasks to be performed is being determined in conversations between Town Engineer Tom Sommers and the Chief Technical Officer from Pennichuck Water Works. They had a general agreement on what the tasks were going to be. They are actually sitting down and writing out the specific set of tasks, what will happen on a weekly, daily, monthly, etc. for the planned maintenance portion. When the piece is agreed, all of the rest of it will be filled out on the terms sheet. They will bring that terms sheet back to the Board. If the Board agrees to it, they would then write the contract. July 15 is simply a planning date. If they can get this done earlier, Pennichuck wants to get it done earlier. He's not saying they will go until July 15. It will be done as soon as possible. The 90 days was just there to give the Town some room.

Selectman Maddox was not going to vote for this. He thinks they need to go out to bid to other vendors. He can't see why a company who has had the Town's business for all these years needs to take this long to get it done. He's disappointed they don't have a set of specs at this point. That's what he thought Weston & Sampson was making up for them. He's not a big fan of taking forever to go nowhere, so he will vote against the motion. Chairman Cole said this may have moved slower than Selectman Maddox liked, but it has been a deliberative process the Town has taken to get to this point, given the fact they wanted to take as much as possible of the unplanned maintenance and put it into the planned maintenance category. They also thought it would be advantageous—and Pennichuck agreed—to put the entire service contract on the table, so they have been taking this step by step. Maybe it has been painfully slow, and maybe Selectman Maddox has not agreed with this from the beginning, but they are in the middle of a process and there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The Board has committed to this process, and that is where they currently are. He will be voting in favor of the motion.

Selectman Massey said Selectman Maddox raised a good point and it's up to the ad hoc team to continue to push for an early solution.

*Vote: Motion carried 4-1*. Selectman Maddox voted in the negative.

Chairman Cole said they received an invitation from HO Smith School for a Selectman to be a guest reader on Friday, March 11 at 1:15 p.m. as part of their *Read Across America* program, created by the National Reading Association to promote reading at home. He will be out of Town and won't be able to participate. Selectman Massey said he regularly reads at HO Smith and he has already agreed to participate in this program. Other Selectmen are welcomed to participate, as well.

Chairman Cole echoed Selectman Maddox' remarks, reminding everyone of the deliberative session of Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb 12 at Lion's Hall, beginning at 9:00 a.m. He hoped everyone was able to attend and to participate because there are several significant issues going before the people in March. Unfortunately, attendance is usually sparse.

## 10. <u>NONPUBLIC SESSION</u>

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to enter Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community, carried 4-1 by roll call vote. Selectman Maddox voted in opposition.

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 9:30 p.m. and was terminated at 9:50 p.m.

# 11. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Maddox, carried 5-0.

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