HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN Minutes of the December 9, 2003 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Pro Tem Teresa Stewart at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall.

Chairman Pro Tem Stewart announced that Chairman Cole is in the hospital for surgery and expects to be out about a month. On behalf of the Board, the employees and all of the residents of Hudson, she extended best wishes and heartfelt prayers for his quick and full recovery and return to the Board.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Selectman Shawn N. Jasper

3. <u>ATTENDANCE</u>

Selectmen: Teresa Stewart, Kenneth J. Massey, Shawn N. Jasper and Ann Seabury. (Chairman Cole, as noted above, was absent.)

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Charlie Chalk, Fire Marshal; Jane Bowles and Arlene Creeden, Library Trustees; Marilyn McGrath; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Sean Sullivan, Director of Community Development; Ray Rowell; Atty. Andrew Prolman; Nominations and Appointments candidates; Pierre Comtois, SUN; Anne Lundregan, TEL

4. <u>PUBLIC INPUT</u>

There was no response when Chairman Pro Tem Stewart asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board at this time.

5. <u>NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS</u>

Chairman Pro Tem Stewart said interviews are held tonight, but the appointments will be made on December 23.

A. Building Board of Appeals (1 Member, Term to expire 12/31/06)

Michael R. Brodeur (Incumbent). Selectman Jasper informed the Board that Mr. Brodeur resigned from the Benson's Committee because of health reasons and thought he might have reconsidered reappointment to the Building Board of Appeals, too. He will be contacted prior to the Board's next meeting.

B. <u>Cable Committee</u> (2 Members, Terms to expire 12/31/06)

Harry Schibanoff (Incumbent) has been on the committee for 8 or 9 years, enjoys it and would like to continue. As a banking consultant, he has helped the committee understand financial agreements.

Michael O'Keefe (Incumbent) was not present.

John Kruk was unable to be present, but will be present on December 23.

C. Conservation Commission (2 Members, Terms to expire 12/31/06; 3 Alternates, Terms to expire 12/31/06, 12/31/04, and 12/31/05)

Sandra Rumbaugh (Incumbent Member) was unable to be present, but will be here on December 23.

Robert Haefner (Incumbent Member) said he has served on the Commission for about a year and a half and he also serves on the Budget Committee. He has a Master's Degree and works for HP as an operations and planning manager. He enjoys serving on this board and hopes to be able to continue, as he is an advocate of clean water, air and open space.

Donald Gowdy (Incumbent Alternate) said he has lived in Hudson 42 years and is an avid sportsman and involved with scouting. He enjoys the land and hopes to keep it as is. The Commission is working hard to preserve the land and water supplies in Town, and he'd like to continue as a participant on the board.

Suellen Seabury Quinlan understands the importance of someone sitting on more than one Board, such as Marilyn McGrath does with Zoning and Planning, because it allows for the sharing of information. She is on the Planning Board and by also serving on the Conservation Commission, she will be aware of developers' plans before the Planning Board and what the issues are. Oftentimes, there are joint meetings with the land use boards, at which time they realize information isn't communicated to all of them. She is also interested in preserving the rural quality of the Town and the natural resources. She hoped the incumbents would be considered first and she would be willing to serve as an alternate.

D. Nashua Regional Planning Commission (1 Member, Term to expire 12/31/07; 1 Alternate, Term to expire 12/31/07)

Suellen Seabury Quinlan (Incumbent Alternate) said it's important to know what planning is being done on a regional level and it's helpful for someone sitting on a local Planning Board to be part of the regional process in order to give Hudson a voice and share the information locally. She is willing to serve as a member or continue as an alternate.

E. <u>Planning Board</u> (2 Members, Terms to expire 12/31/06; 1 Alternate, Term to expire 12/31/06)

George Hall (Incumbent Member) said he has an Associate's Degree in civil engineering and has been on the Planning Board for 10 years. He is employed by Brox and for 15 years, has managed their real estate, which includes working with land-use boards in other towns in MA and NH and that is helpful because it gives him special insight in how the Town might improve their regulations. He'd like the opportunity to continue to serve. Richard Maddox (Incumbent Member) said his six years on the Planning Board has flown by. He is dedicated to serving on it and his tenure has provided an opportunity for him to learn a lot, and he'd like to return.

Vincent Russo, Jr. (Incumbent Alternate) said the past year was a learning experience he enjoys and would like to continue. His experience in the construction industry gives him insight when reviewing plans.

F. <u>Recreation Committee</u> (3 Members, Two terms to expire 12/31/06 and one term to expire 12/31/05)

Edward Caban (Incumbent Member) has been on the Rec Committee for at least four years and hoped to be reappointed. He is working on trying to get a couple more ball fields in Town.

Susan LaRoche has lived in Town about 18 years. She is a physical therapist/athletic trainer and owns her own business. She has an extensive background in recreation. In college, she directed the program for the City of Lowell. She is on numerous boards in her high school and university and in Girls, Inc. of Greater Lowell. She has the time and ability to help develop the recreation throughout the Town. She has three kids, one in high school, one in middle school and one in grammar school who have been involved in the recreation program, and will continue to do so. Selectman Seabury asked if this was the first time she applied for this committee and in what direction she'd like to see the Recreation Department head. Ms. LaRoche said yes, it was, that Dave Yates has done a wonderful job with programs and she'd like to see that broadened. They also need

more ball fields and a larger Rec center. <u>Mick Regan</u> (Incumbent Member) was not present.

G. <u>Sewer Utility Committee</u> (2 Members, Terms to expire 12/31/06)

<u>Catherine Valley</u> (Incumbent Member) has been on the committee for nine years, two as chairman, and has enjoyed it. It's a way of giving back to the community and keeping in touch with what is going on—and a lot easier than running for office and taking the abuse the Selectmen take. A chairman should keep the group cohesive so they speak with one voice and it shouldn't be a position for life. She'd like to be reappointed to become a resource for the new chairman.

Donald Gowdy (Incumbent Member) said Catherine is a great chairman, very thorough. He enjoys working with this committee, as he does with the Conservation Committee because the two boards go hand in hand.

H. Solid Waste Study Committee (2 Members, Terms to expire 12/31/06 and 12/31/05)

There were no applicants for this Board. Chairman Pro Tem Stewart said it will be re-advertised, adding that Mr. Luszey might be interested in serving on this committee.

I. Zoning Board of Adjustment (2 Members, Terms to expire 12/31/06; 1 Alternate, Term to expire 12/31/06)

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to acknowledge receipt of letter from Ken Dickinson indicating he will not reapply as an Alternate to the ZBA, carried 4-0.

Brad Seabury (Incumbent Member) said Mr. Bracket, a civil engineer, was unable to be present as he is on a long-term project in PA. He was involved in the preliminary design work for the Big Dig and the Route 3 improvements. His contract calls for them to fly him back to NH for the ZBA's meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month, indicative of the dedication that Mr. Bracket demonstrates for the Town. His experience and expertise is of inestimable value.

Charles Bracket (Incumbent Member) was not present.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Pro Tem Stewart asked if anyone wished to remove anything from the Consent Agenda. Selectman Massey removed B.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to accept Consent Items A, C & D, as appropriate, carried 4-0

A. <u>Assessing Items</u>

Application for Disability Exemption and Abatement (60 Greeley Street), w/recommendation to grant

B. Licenses and Permits

<u>Verizon License Petition 9AABFE and 9AAD3R</u> -- Selectman Massey said the agenda and the Town Engineer's recommendation were not in agreement, and then moved to defer, an option noted in the memo. Selectman Jasper saying the proper motion would be to deny, if they were not deferring to a date specific.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to deny, as recommended by Town Engineer and Road Agent, carried 4-0.

C. Acceptance of Minutes

BOS Meeting Minutes of November 25 and December 3, 2003, accepted, as presented, and referred to file.

D. <u>Committee Announcements</u>

- 12/10 Last day to accept Zoning Petitions
- 12/10 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room
- 12/10 7:00 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 12/10 7:00 Pennichuck Regional Water District Public Hearing @ Nashua North HS
- 12/11 6:00 Chamber of Commerce's Silent Auction @ Castleton in Windham
- 12/11 6:30 Pennichuck Regional Water District Meeting in Bedford
- 12/11 6:30 Recreation Committee @ Rec Center
- 12/11 7:00 Sewer Utility in CD Office
- 12/11 7:00 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 12/11 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room
- 12/15 7:00 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 12/15 7:30 Conservation Commission in CD Meeting Room
- 12/16 7:00 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 12/17 7:00 NH DOT 102 road widening project @ Memorial School
- 12/18 7:30 Library Trustees @ Ferry Street Annex
- 12/18 7:00 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 12/18 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room
- 12/22 6:30 School Board in BOS Meeting Room
- 12/23 7:30 BOS in BOS Meeting Room
- 12/25 Christmas Day—Town Hall Closed
- 12/29 7:00 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 12/30 7:00 Budget Committee in BOS Meeting Room
- 1/1/04 New Year's Day—Town Hall Closed
- 1/31/04 9:00 a.m. Town Deliberative Session @ Lions Hall

7. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

A. <u>Hiring of Fire Chief</u>

Chairman Pro Tem Stewart said the Board of Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session on December 3 to interview the candidates for Fire Chief and

subsequently made an offer to Acting Chief Shawn Murray, who has accepted the non-union position of Fire Chief, effective December 7, 2003, at an annual salary of \$75,500.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Massey, to appoint Chief Murray as Emergency Preparedness Director, carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to appoint Chief Murray as Fire Warden for Hudson carried 4-0.

Chairman Pro Tem Stewart asked if December 23rd was agreeable for the swearing-in ceremony. (It was.) Selectman Jasper said the Board was not unanimous on this appointment; he had voted against it. All four candidates said the Call force is necessary to supplement the full-time staff, but only two candidates had some innovative ideas toward that end. Over a year ago, they were supposedly at full staffing of two of the companies, and close to 30 members. The Selectmen were recently told there are only about eight active Call fire fighters left. Suppression salaries have grown to about \$800,000 in a couple of years. Without an effective Call force, that number will grow. He hasn't seen a plan for the future to replace those who left, but he wished Chief Murray the very best, that he is very qualified and will do a good job.

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Chairman Pro Tem Stewart hoped the Board of Selectmen and Fire Chief could implement some of those good ideas brought forward during the interview process. Selectman Massey asked why wait until the 23^{rd} to swear in Chief Murray. Selectman Jasper said the RSA's require that all police officers be sworn in, but there is no requirement for fire fighters. It appears that past swearings in of Fire Chiefs are strictly ceremonial. Appointment is all that is required.

B. <u>Water Supply and Transmission Agreement Amendment</u> (deferred from 11/25/03)

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said he and Town Engineer Tom Sommers met with Pennichuck representatives, who experienced "sticker shock" about the Town's methodology and they are still working through the mathematics. Until the loose ends are tied up, he'd prefer that this be deferred until December 23.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to defer until December 23-carried 4-0.

C. Donation of Granite Bench in Memory of Lenny Smith from Planning Board (deferred from 11/25/03)

Marilyn McGrath passed out a photocopy of the bench. She asked the Board to accept this donation, to be placed on the Town Common, facing the Victorian home that he owned. She thought this was going to be simple, but Chairman Cole requested additional information. The bench is classic gray granite with a polished top. Planning Board members have contributed \$505. The bench is \$329; 2" lettering is \$3/letter, with a \$97 setup fee. Suggested inscriptions are, "In memory of Leonard A. Smith," or "In memory of Leonard A. Smith, November 2002," the month and year of his death. The total cost for option A is \$495; Option B, would be \$516. Delivery would take three weeks, following purchase. Kevin Burns agreed to pick up the bench from Swenson Granite Works.

Selectman Massey, a member of the Planning Board, approved of placing this appropriate tribute on the Common, facing the Victorian home. He had talked to the Town Administrator before he talked to the Road Agent about the pickup, which would have to be stored until Spring. They would be honored if the Town would accept the donation.

Selectman Jasper said the placement site is Library Park, not the Town Common. He then moved to accept the donation, either option, and approve the placement of the bench at Library Park, facing the Kendrick House. The Recorder reminded him that Option B would need a public hearing. Ms. McGrath preferred that the date be included. Selectman Jasper withdrew his motion, saying the bench wouldn't be placed in the winter, anyway. Selectman Massey said a \$50 donation was going to be forthcoming and asked if she would considermore relevant wording, such as Citizen of Hudson. Ms. McGrath said she was, and had a couple offers of donations this evening. She isn't tied to any language, other than Lenny's name. Selectman Jasper didn't think the Board would get involved with the specific verbiage.

Selectman Jasper moved this to a public hearing on December 23, seconded by Selectman Seabury, which carried 4-0.

Chairman Pro Tem Stewart asked for an update on the sign for renaming Central Fire Station. Selectman Jasper and Ms. McGrath said they were terribly remiss. Ms. McGrath said she was going to bring it up after they dispensed with the bench. She planned to come back to the Board, after they appointed a Fire Chief. Former Chief Carpentino gave his notice before she had a chance to get back to him and she didn't think it was right to talk to the Acting Chief. She thinks a dedication ceremony should be in the Spring and she is committed to paying for the rewording of that sign, which is in her office, given to her some time ago by Chief Carpentino. She plans to talk with Chief Murray after the first of the year.

D. Route 102/Robinson Road/West Road Intersection Improvements

Community Development Director Sean Sullivan said next Wednesday, DOT is holding a hearing at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial School to solicit further input from the Town regarding improvements to Robinson Road/West Road/102 intersection. In April, NH DOT held a public hearing where Town officials and residents expressed their opinions as to what would help to improve that intersection. Since that time, the Mobile Station has put in excess of \$411,000 worth of improvements into that intersection, which includes signalization and an Opticom emergency pre-emption system. He and the Town Engineer have been talking with DOT, who has asked if the Town has further input. Mr. Sullivan recommended that, instead of saying the intersection works and walk away, might want to consider a climbing lane on 102, which would entail additional roadway widening and some type of construction easement on the side of the slope to make the climbing lane work. He would recommend hiring a traffic consultant, at an estimated \$5,000-\$7,000, to look at the plan originally designed by the State and compare that to the as-built plan that was approved by the DOT on behalf of the Mobile Station improvements. Determination should be made to see if the intersection is sufficient as it currently exists and if any improvements need to be made, what they are and their priority, and then assign a dollar value to them. The Town would present that information to the Selectmen and then to NH DOT, at which time he and Tom Sommers would explain the Town's position. The Town is committed to paying for $1/3^{rd}$ of the improvements, which was originally estimated at \$470,000. The total estimated figure of the intersection improvements was \$1.5 million. If the Board agreed with the recommendation, he would talk with the Planning Board to request the money for the traffic consultant be expended from the CAP fee account and, at the same time, let the Planning Board know the Town can save a significant amount of money, as a result of the Mobile Station improvements. The specific request tonight was to authorize him and the Town Engineer to work with a traffic consultant--such as VHB, who is updating the CAP fees and well aware of the intersection. They'd like to have this study performed as soon as possible in order to get back to DOT.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to request NHDOT allow a 60-day review period of the intersection by the Town's traffic consultant, in accordance with the memo from Sean Sullivan, dated December 3, 2003.

Chairman Pro Tem Stewart said the 60-day period would begin today. Selectman Seabury said at a recent ZBA meeting, an approval was given on a commercial development on Derry Road. If this should come in, she assumes money will be taken from that commercial development to go towards the improvement of that intersection, if they are going to be putting a lot of traffic out there. Mr. Sullivan said they would be assessed a CAP fee, as per the sector they are located in and they will use the square footage matrix analysis and apply that figure to that development. Selectman Seabury asked if that area was all zoned general. Mr. Sullivan said it's primarily general. Selectman Seabury said she received a call from a women out there, who was very concerned about commercial being right across the street from her. This is what happens when you get residential homes near commercial development—and she can empathize with this woman.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

Selectman Jasper recalled that in 1950, when the State put in 102, the Morey Farm was active, so a cement culvert was put in under 102 for the cattle to be able to go back and forth between the fields. When the land was developed, the ends of the culvert may have been blocked. He hopes the State has kept track of that and should be kept in mind if extensive work is going to be done there, just this side of Tracy and Rebel Road. Mr. Sullivan said he will ask that question next week and, in the meantime, he will check with Kevin Burns.

E. <u>Town Code Chapter 264, Racetracks/Motor Vehicle</u> (deferred from 11/25/03)

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said his research of Town records revealed that this *was* approved by Town Meeting. Selectman Massey said this is the second area in the Code Book where an action taken was not reflected. Selectman Seabury said that is fairly common. Selectman Jasper said this happened before the Code Book came into existence.

F. <u>Pennichuck Regional Water District (Warrant Article)</u> (Previously distributed)

Selectman Massey said it would be prudent to defer this until December 23 because of developments that have occurred in the last 72 hours. Tomorrow night is the public hearing for the Charter and if it remains as is, he would recommend moving forward. If the voting mechanisms within the Charter get substantially changed, he would reconsider.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to defer until December 23, 2003, carried 4-0.

G. <u>Part-time to Full-time Adult Services/Young Adult Librarian</u>

Library Trustees Arlene Creeden and Jane Bowles were recognized. Ms. Creeden extended her thoughts and prayers to Bill Cole, with hopes of a speedy recovery. The Library's most important assets are their staff and they hoped the Board would support this article, which asks for the part-time adult service librarian to be made full-time. They looked for ways to absorb part of the cost and decided to combine two other part-time positions to create one full-time position. All they would be asking for is \$13,844 which would be the benefits for this position.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to forward this article to the Warrant.

Selectman Jasper thought the language was not indicative of the intent and ought to be, "benefits necessary to change three part-time positions to one full-time," to give the voters a clear understanding of what they are being asked to do. He supports the article, but not as currently worded.

Chairman Pro Tem Stewart asked if the three part-time positions were filled. Ms. Creeden said they haven't been able to fill the 30-hour a week position for the Adult Services Librarian. One of the other part-time positions is not filled and the other is filled by a page. They usually lose them after the school year, so they would just not fill that position.

Selectman Massey opposed this article because it adds an additional \$13,000. Selectman Seabury said the Library is put in a terrible position. The Budget Committee cut \$75,000 from them because they bought computer equipment with extra money at the end of the year, as everyone else does. The Assessor had been asked if he overspent his budget, and it didn't register with her what they were talking about and wondered why someone would ask such a question. She concluded there must be a pecking order and, at the bottom, is the Library and the Fire Department.

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The Library is in desperate need of staffing. A woman told her a program she was going to had to be stopped because they didn't have this one Librarian. Some people would be happy if the Library closed their doors because that expense would go away--but, it isn't. They should support the Library and she is terribly disappointed that they aren't.

Vote: Motion failed by a vote of 2-2. Selectmen Seabury and Jasper voted in favor of it.

8. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. Changes to \$210 Fire Prevention & \$164 Wood & Coal Burning Appliances of the Town Code (Warrant Articles)

Fire Marshal Charlie Chalk distributed a revision to the material that was in the Board's packet, which included changes suggested by the Town Attorney and inclusion of verbiage at the end of both sections to simplify the process. Most of the changes are dates, references, etc. Selectman Massey questioned an item. Fire Marshal Chalk said that is the way 227L reads the wording was revised to match it. The State establishes a fee structure for violations; it's not done locally.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to forward the two articles to the Warrant carried 4-0.

B. Acceptance of a monetary Donation to the Police Department towards the Purchase of the new K-9, Akim

Chairman Pro Tem Stewart opened the Public Hearing at 8:37 p.m. in reference to a \$1,000 donation from Jonie and Len Leone towards the purchase of the K-9 for the Police Department in memory of her father. Chief Gendron said a couple of weeks ago, Selectman Massey contacted him about a resident who wanted to make a donation, so he contacted that resident, who wanted to do this after learning that Dino wasbeing retired. The donation was being made in memory of Jonie Leone's late father, John Winn, a 34-year veteran of the Lowell Police Department. This

donation is 1/3rd the cost of the dog. The remaining funds will come from drug forfeiture money. On December 5, 1969 Officer Winn was walking his beat in a neighborhood called The Acre and was savagely attacked by two male subjects with a tire iron, stole his weapon and left him to die. A good Irish cop, Officer Winn walked 200 yards to summon help, but died 15 months later from his injuries. On May 15, former President Clinton, along with 8,000 police officers, gathered at the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, DC to pay homage to all officers who died in the line of duty. He will be accompanying the Memorial School students to Washington, DC next year. When they stop at the memorial, he will tell them the story of John Winn, who made the ultimate sacrifice. With the money they save through this donation, they will be able to outfit the newest crime fighter, who is going through training now.

An unidentified woman said she was present on behalf of Jonie and Len Leone, who couldn't be present this evening. She said she is Jonie's partner and they do pet therapy. Mr. Winn, her father and her friend Judy's father were best friends. (Judy was also in attendance.) Chief Gendron said the Town was very appreciative of the donation. The K-9, 14-month old Akim, is from Czechoslovakia, he's solid black, weighs 87 lbs., and will be formidably-sized when full grown. He will be paired up with Officer Kevin Sullivan, who did a great job with Dino. Akim is very smart, with great tracking abilities and will also be trained in drug work. Officer Sullivan said Dino and Akim get along pretty well, but Dino gets depressed when Akim leaves for work.

There being no further speakers, Chairman Pro Tem Stewart closed the hearing at 8:44 p.m. and recognized Officer Sullivan and Akim. Officer Sullivan thanked the Leone's, saying he'd bring the dog by to meet them. He also thanked Chief Gendron for the opportunity to work a second dog to keep the K-9 program going. He plans to stay in Hudson for the life of the dog, even though he is eligible to retire in four years. He owes that to the Town.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to accept the donation, with the Board's appreciation, carried unanimously. (Both Selectmen made the motion at the same time, then both seconded it.)

C. Zoning Petitions

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to forward the three zoning petitions received by the Selectmen's Office to the Planning Board, as well as any other valid petition received by the Selectmen's Office through the close of business Wednesday, December 10, 2003, the final day to accept zoning petitions, carried 4-0.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Ann Seabury said life is good when you have a granddaughter who can decorate your Christmas tree. There was a very long budget meeting on Saturday, but Howard did a good job, even though he had been up for 24 hours.

Selectman Ken Massey thanked the Highway Department for, once again, demonstrating that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Hudson's roads are a clear reflection of their dedication and effort. They started at 2:00 a.m. on Saturday and worked up to the Patriot's game, and then the went out again later. He thanked Kevin Burns and his excellent crew.

The Pennichuck public hearing is tomorrow night. The Charter, as written and adopted, is in the best interest of all. However, a citizens' group in Nashua wants to have a representational board, so he will wait until after the hearing to make a recommendation.

He sat through all but one of the budget meetings and he learned a lot of things that will help him during the project next year. He thinks it's time for the Town to update the 1994 technology plan to address some of the questions that the Budget Committee had. The appropriate time would be early Spring. First, they should decide how the Town wants to do business over the next five years, and out of that should come the technology plan. He'd like that on the agenda after Town Meeting and would head it up.

Selectman Shawn N. Jasper echoed Selectman Massey's comments relative to the Highway Department, who does an outstanding job. Today, the cupola was removed from the Haselton Barn. In spite of all of the hours they already put in, the Highway Department did an outstanding job of preparing the area around the barn for the equipment to go in there. It was greatly appreciated by everyone. Arron Sturgis and his crew did a very nice job of preparing the cupola for removal, which is much bigger on the ground than it looked on top of the barn. It is a beautiful structure, with much potential.

<u>Chairman Pro Tem Stewart</u> also thanked the DPW. She, too, was present to see the cupola removed from the Haselton Barn. She extended get well wishes for a speedy recover to Chairman Cole, and that their prayers are with him and his family.

10. <u>NONPUBLIC SESSION</u>

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to enter Nonpublic Session under 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the body or agency or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his membership in such body or agency, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

Following a brief recess, Nonpublic Session was entered into at 9:10 p.m. and was terminated at 9:40 p.m.

11. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, carried 4-0.

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