

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes for Meeting of August 13, 2002

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman William P. Cole called this meeting of the Hudson Board of Selectmen to order at 7:32 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2002, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Hudson Town Hall basement.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Selectman Seabury led the assembly in pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. ATTENDANCE

Selectmen: William P. Cole, Rhona Charbonneau, Ann Seabury, and Terry Stewart.

Staff/Others: Paul D. Sharon, Town Administrator; Kevin Burns, Road Agent; Richard Gendron, Police Chief; David Yates, Recreation Director; Curt Laffin, Chairman of the Benson's Committee; Karen McAdam; David Robinson; Ann Lundregan, *Telegraph*; Stephanie Hooper, *Derry News*; Stephanie Coyne, *Lowell Sun*; and J. Bradford Seabury, Recorder.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. David Robinson, 5 Cutler road, who had requested to speak to the Board with respect to his feeling that he was discriminated against at a previous Board of Selectmen's meeting, was found not to be present.

Ms. Karen McAdam, 28 Melendy Road, who had requested to speak to the Board with respect to sidewalks on Melendy Road, stated that she had come to this meeting to find out the status of the sidewalk plans, but added that Road Agent Kevin Burns had just filled her in with all the details during a conversation with him prior to the start of the meeting. She voiced concern about having the sidewalk be put only on the south side, as she felt all the kids walking to and from the skateboard park would be on the north side. She also expressed concern about the associated widening of the road; she stated that the road was posted with a 38-mph speed limit and that Chief Gendron had just told her that the police would not tag anyone driving less than 10-mph above that limit. She expressed concern about the number of children using that road under these conditions, stating that there had been an unbelievable increase in the number of children walking along Melendy Road because of the new skateboard park (although she expressed strong favor of that park and felt it was a great thing for the kids).

Chairman Cole noted that the Highway Safety Committee would be meeting in the near future and would address her concerns at that time, adding that he expected recommendations from that organization for the next meeting with respect to sidewalks, which side of the road they would be on, where they would go, etc.

Chairman Cole asked if any other member of the attending public wished to address the Board about anything. No one coming forward, he declared the Public Input session closed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A. From: Richard Gendron, Chief of Police
Re: Receipt of Donation from Party Time
Refer to: New Business

B. From: Robert Tousignant, CHIPs Liaison
Re: Request for use of Lions Hall for Fright Night 2002
Refer to: New Business

C. From: Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief
Re: Receipt of Donations from JPMorgan/FM Global Foundation and Eastern Propane
Refer to: Public Hearin/New Business

D. From: Jim Michaud, Assessor
Re: Various Assessing Items
Refer to: New Business

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to receive the listed Correspondence, Items A through D, with appropriate referral. Selectman Charbonneau so moved; Selectman Stewart seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

6. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. **Building Board of Appeals (1 Member, Term to expire 12/31/02)**

Chairman Cole reported that there were no applicants at this time.

B. **Sewer Utility Committee (1 Alternate, Term to expire 12/31/04)**

Chairman Cole reported that there were no applicants at this time.

C. **Library Board of Trustees (1 Member, Appointed until the March 2003 Election)**

Ms. Jane D. Bowles, 57 Hazelwood Road, referenced her previously submitted resume and past experience with library issues, noting that she was a long-time member of the Friends of the Library. She said she had thought it would be good to assist the four existing trustees in preparation for budgets and the Town Meeting, feeling five heads would be better than four.

No questions were brought forward from the Selectmen.

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to waive the Board's normal procedure of waiting until the following meeting for a vote on a vacancy. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Charbonneau seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to appoint Ms. Jane Bowles to the Library Board of Trustees until the March 2003 Election. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Seabury seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Public Hearing/Board Action on Ordinance O02-01, Repeal of 317-20, Overnight Parking**

Chairman Cole opened a Public Hearing at 7:37 PM on the proposed repeal of HTC 317-20, Overnight Parking on the Street. No one coming forward to speak on this matter, Chairman Cole closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 P.M.

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to adopt Ordinance O02-01, repealing HTC 317-20, as recommended by the Highway Safety Committee. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Seabury seconded the motion. No further discussion was brought forward.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

B. **Corrected Road Inventory**

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to approve the corrected list of Class V public and private road mileage in the Town of Hudson, as contained in the correspondence from Matthew J. Waitkins, Transportation Planner, NRPC, as amended by the Road Agent in his memo of 25 July 2002 — and, further, authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign on behalf of the Town. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Seabury seconded the motion. No further discussion was brought forward.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

C. **Benson's Update from Curt Laffin**

Mr. Curt Laffin, 9 Daniel Webster Drive, Chairman of the Benson's committee, stated that he was here primarily to evaluate the agreement he had made with the Selectmen last April to do partial tasks for the Benson's project as a paid consultant, adding that he wanted to report on how things went with that effort and then recommend a proposal to continue that agreement. He said that most of the time he had spent on the project had been back in April and May, at which time he had analyzed all the information on the Benson's project and put together a concept plan for each of the twelve management units that were planned for that project. He said that this activity and everything else he had done had been completely coordinated with the Benson's Committee, adding that it had been quite an undertaking to look at each of the twelve management units and analyze all of the potential things that could happen there and also to look at the overall park and develop the 16 management categories that addressed activities of the whole park, such as safety, and other broader activities that went beyond each individual management unit. He noted that the Benson's Committee had presented this information to the Selectmen and recommended that a "Phase 1" plan be put together, adding that he had then coordinated that activity and presented it to the Committee. He explained that this project involved deciding the limited amount of activity that would happen in

Phase 1, so that the first visitors would have a varied and interesting experience when they came to the park, adding that this was also done with the Committee and presented to the Selectmen.

The next step, he continued, was to try to develop funding sources. He had developed 13 submittal items for the CIP Committee, with eight of those being presented as Phase 1 items and ranked by the CIP Committee. With this momentum going, he had then met with the LCHIP (Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) personnel in Corncord and explained the project to them and to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, adding that both groups had been very impressed with the project and that a lot of people in Concord were anxious to see the Benson's Project move forward.

Mr. Laffin said he had also organized and conducted the first natural resources inventory of the Benson's land back in May, explaining that the intent was to develop an inventory of the wildlife and plant communities on the land and to keep a running tab on those as the years and the project progressed. He said he had contacted some school officials to start putting together an education program for the Benson's Park, noting that an active teacher and the principal at Nottingham West were working to put together a team of teachers that would work with the Benson's Committee to develop a long-range educational program.

When he first came to the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Laffin said, he had suggested that the agreement would be for 200 hours of work over a 3-month period. He said he had only put 120 hours of time into the consulting agreement to get the work that he had just described done, and he then proposed that he and the Board continue this agreement from August 1st to November 1st, saying he would work to get the Phase 1 items through the site-planning process. He reported that it had been a bit cumbersome trying to find out what to do for a site plan, since they were dealing with multiple units rather than one site plan for the whole park, as they were trying to put together an individual site plan for each of the management units in Phase 1. In parallel with this effort, he said, he would try to organize teams of volunteers and organizations who would donate time and materials to actually start the work once that point was reached, and he would develop an education strategy for the long-term use of the park. He would also continue building relationships with funders and donors, taking that into the process of developing grant applications, as well as continuing the natural resource inventories. He then stressed the importance of the volunteer teams, saying this was really what would drive the project, adding that the Committee would encourage any other group that might want to take on a part of the project. He said this was why it was so important to get the word out and to explain what opportunities were available, to see what kind of interest came forward.

He then offered to answer any questions the Board might have.

Chairman Cole clarified that the Board would be addressing the update at this time, with the issue of the consulting contract to be taken up during nonpublic session later in the evening.

Selectman Charbonneau, referring to the resources inventory, asked what a cowbird looked like. Mr. Laffin explained that a cowbird was smaller than a robin, colored black with a brown head. He acknowledged that he did not know why they had that name, but noted that they were predators, having a habit of laying their eggs in other birds' nests after rolling out the original eggs, with the result that the other species would then raise the cowbird's young.

No other questions coming forward, Chairman Cole thanked Mr. Laffin for his update report. Mr. Laffin asked what the Board's position was with respect to continuing the consulting agreement. Chairman Cole said this would be discussed later, in the non-public session.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Receipt of \$399.98 donation from Party Time for fogger and fog fluid for use on the Police Department's Project Code 3 show truck**

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to receive the donation. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Charbonneau seconded the motion. Selectman Stewart clarified that the intent was to develop something similar to what was used by other police departments, noting that Nashua and Derry and Litchfield had similar vehicles; she said the Police Department was fixing up a pick-up truck and would take it to Old Home Days, parades, and other such activities.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

B. **Request for use of Lions Hall for Fright Night 2002 by CHIPS**

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to approve the request, noting that it also included authorization to use the Lions Hall on Thursday, October 17th, for setup. Selectman Charbonneau so moved; Selectman Stewart seconded the motion. No further discussion was brought forward.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

C. **Public Hearing/Board Action on Receipt of Donation to the Fire Department of \$1,764 from JP Morgan/FM Global Foundation**

for fire investigations equipment

Chairman Cole opened a Public Hearing at 7:50 PM on the receipt of the \$1,764. No one coming forward to speak on this matter, Chairman Cole closed the Public Hearing at 7:51 P.M.

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to accept the donation with the Board's appreciation. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Charbonneau seconded the motion. No further discussion was brought forward.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

D. Receipt of \$300 from Eastern Propane for the Fire Department's Medals and Awards program

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to receive the donation with the Board's appreciation. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Charbonneau seconded the motion. No further discussion was brought forward.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

E. Assessing Items

(1) Abatement Application 2002, In-House error correction, 15 Breakneck Road, Map 43/Lot 14

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to approve the reduction of \$257,200 in assessed value for Map 43/Lot 14 of the June 2002 tax bill. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Charbonneau seconded the motion. No discussion was brought forward on the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

(2) Abatement Application 2002, In-House error correction, 35 Mobile Drive, Map 27/Lot 15-45

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to approve a full abatement for Map 27/Lot 15-45 in the amount of \$212.18 for the year 2002, plus any accrued interest and penalties. Selectman Charbonneau so moved; Selectman Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion was brought forward on the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

(3) Abatement Application 2001/2002, In-House error correction, 87 Mobile Drive, Map 27/Lot 15-31

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to approve a full abatement for Map 27/Lot 15-31 in the amount of \$614.43 for the year 2001 and \$348.12 for the year 2002, plus any accrued interest and penalties. Selectman Charbonneau so moved; Selectman Seabury seconded the motion. No discussion was brought forward on the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

(4) Verteran's Tax Credit Applications (7 Terra lane, map 035/Lot 153/Sublot 009; 2 Westchester Court, Map 023/Lot 017/Sublot 4-05; 26 Westcheseter Court, Map 023/Lot 017/Sublot 4-17; 47 Lexington Court, Map 023/Lot 017/Sublot 024)

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to grant the Veteran's Tax Credit to each of the veterans referenced in the accompanying documentation. Selectman Charbonneau so moved; Selectman Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion was brought forward on the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

(5) Application for Elderly Exemption (17 Lawrence Road, Map 032/Lot 018)

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to grant an elderly exemption to the property owner, as referenced in the accompanying documentation. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Charbonneau seconded the motion. No discussion was brought forward on the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Cole asked if any of the Selectmen had other business to bring before the Board. All members responded in the negative.

10. LICENSES AND PERMITS

A. Request for an Outdoor Gathering Permit by the Hudson Historical Society, to hold Old Home Days at Hills House on August 16, 17, & 18, 2002

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to grant the permit, with the Board's best wishes for a successful event. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Charbonneau seconded the motion. Selectman Charbonneau questioned why the request had been held to this late date; Chairman Cole expressed agreement, noting that it was a good thing the Board had a quorum present this evening.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

B. Raffle Permit Request by St. John Women's Guild to benefit St. Vincent DePaul and others at Old Home Days, August 16, 17, & 18; at Sam's Club, August 20 & 21 and Wal-Mart, August 27 & 28, to raffle off a quilt.

C. Raffle Permit Request by Hills Memorial Library to benefit Library Programs at Old Home Days, August 16–18, 2002, to raffle off a DVD or Video of *Lord of the Rings*; *The Fellowship of the Rings*

D. Raffle Permit Request by the Hudson Democratic Committee during Old Home Days, August 16–18, to raffle off donated items or to do a 50:50 raffle to benefit the Hudson Democratic Committee

Noting that there were three separate raffle requests, Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to grant all three raffle permits as listed, as items B, C, and D, without objection. Selectman Charbonneau so moved; Selectman Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion was brought forward on the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to accept the minutes for the July 23, 2002, meeting as presented and to refer to file. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Seabury seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

12. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

8/14 7:00 PM Planning Board in Community Development Meeting Room
8/15 7:30 PM Budget Committee in Community Development Meeting Room
8/19 7:30 PM Conservation Committee in Community Development Meeting Room
8/19 7:30 PM Library Trustees in the Ferry Street Annex
8/22 7:30 PM ZBA in Community Development Meeting Room
8/26 7:30 PM School Board in Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room
8/27 7:30 PM Board of Selectmen in Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room
8/28 7:00 PM Planning Board in Community Development Meeting Room
9/2 7:00 PM Labor Day — Town Hall Closed
9/4 7:00 PM Planning Board in Community Development Meeting Room
9/4 7:00 PM Joint Meeting of Board of Selectmen, School Board, Budget committee at the SAU Building
9/9 7:30 PM Board of Selectmen in Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room
9/10 7:00 AM — 8:00 PM: Voting Day at Lions Hall
9/11 7:00 PM Planning Board in Community Development Meeting Room
9/12 6:30 PM Recreation Committee at the Recreation Center
9/16 7:30 PM Library Trustees in the Ferry Street Annex
9/16 7:30 PM Conservation Committee in Community Development Meeting Room
9/18 6:00 PM Benson's Committee in Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room
9/19 7:30 PM Budget Committee in Community Development Meeting Room
9/23 6:30 PM School Board in Community Development Meeting Room
9/24 7:30 PM Board of Selectmen in Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room
9/25 7:00 PM Planning Board in Community Development Meeting Room
9/26 7:30 PM ZBA in Community Development Meeting Room

Chairman Cole asked if any members of the Board had any changes or additions to the list of committee announcements. Town Administrator Paul Sharon suggested that the Police Department's Blood Drive should be added, noting that the blood drive would be held at the Lions Hall

this coming Tuesday, August 20th. Chairman Cole expressed agreement and requested that Mr. Sharon get this event added to the list.

13. REMARKS BY SELECTMEN

Chairman Cole asked if Selectman Seabury had any remarks to make at this time. Selectman Seabury answered in the negative, but noted that Mr. David Robinson, who had asked to speak to the Board this evening, was now in attendance. Chairman Cole noted that she could yield her time to Mr. Robinson if she so chose. Selectman Seabury asked if other members of the Board were agreeable to hearing what Mr. Robinson had to say. Selectman Charbonneau and Selectman Stewart indicated assent. Chairman Cole then ruled that the Board would hear Mr. Robinson after hearing any other remarks from other Selectmen.

Selectman Stewart reminded everyone that Old Home Days was being held this coming weekend. She then expressed thanks to Road Agent Kevin Burns and the DPW crew who had worked on the skateboard park.

Selectman Charbonneau expressed concurrence, noting that she had been surprised at the turnout and enthusiasm for the opening ceremony for the skateboard park this past week, and adding that she also felt the workers involved in this project had done a great job. She noted that the director had already put in for a \$20,000 grant to get an addition for the younger kids, as well as additional ramps.

Chairman Cole said he would echo the comments of the other Selectmen with respect to appreciation of the work done on the skateboard park.

Chairman Cole then asked Mr. Robinson to come forward.

Mr. Dave Robinson, 5 Cutler Road, expressed thanks to the Board for allowing him to be heard. He then read from a prepared draft, making reference to his having approached the Selectmen at the June 11th, 2002, meeting in regard to the Cutler Road Noise Petition given to the Board on April 23rd, stating that he had handed the Board a petition with more than 150 signatures in favor of motorcycle riding on private property. He stated that he had complied with all ordinances with regard to this matter. When he spoke to the Board on June 11th, he continued, he was abruptly told that only one person could speak on any single subject, yet the Board had allowed three other individuals to speak on the same matter at the April 23rd meeting. He then expressed a desire to know why he was publicly humiliated and discriminated against in regards to this matter, and also why he had not heard from the Town about his petition. He said he would also like to know when he could have individuals speak to the Board with regard to this matter, and he would like to know what the Board had done with regard to this matter (zoning, visiting the property, etc.). He then concluded by declaring that he was a taxpayer, saying he might not know the right people, but he deserved the right to be treated fairly in regards to his land and what he did with it.

Chairman Cole suggested that Mr. Robinson go through his list of questions again, saying he felt the Board could address some of them at this time.

Mr. Robinson said he would like to know what had been done, adding that one person had started complaining three days after he moved into town, but he just basically wanted to know what had been done regarding zoning, saying he had been hearing different rumors. Chairman Cole said the Board had not made a final disposition, adding that Town staff had been involved but the matter had not come back to the Board for any determination of action.

Mr. Robinson said that to the best of his knowledge he had complied to numerous testings and had passed all of them. Chairman Cole reiterated that the Board was not prepared at this point to say what the final disposition was going to be.

Mr. Robinson said he was confused as to why the Town was still involved in this matter, with him having passed all the tests. He said that he was not breaking the law, to the best of his understanding, yet the Town was considering changing its zoning, according to the petition received from the Durants, and he asked why this was being done if he was not breaking any law. Chairman Cole reiterated that he could not answer that question tonight, adding that he did not know that the premise of the question was correct, but he really did not know.

Mr. Robinson said he would like to know why he was not allowed to have anyone speak on his behalf, when the Durants had three other individuals, not including themselves, speak on their behalf, in regard to the same matter. Selectman Charbonneau asked if they had been residents of the area; Mr. Robinson answered in the affirmative. Selectman Charbonneau then asked, of the 150 signatures on the petition that Mr. Robinson had presented, how many were Hudson people and how many were out of town--adding that the Selectmen had a concern, in that out-of-town people were not affected by this whatsoever. Mr. Robinson expressed a belief that the Durants' petition had 41 from Hudson and 17 from Litchfield, adding that he had well over 50 signers, and possibly 75, from Hudson, from the surrounding area. He said that the Durants had signatures from people all the way down to the high school and Connie's Restaurant, and he questioned what people there had to do with him. He then complained that the people who had been allowed to speak had been talking about him, basically, but when he had 21 individuals show up at his meeting, not one of them was allowed to speak on his behalf, and he would like to know why.

Chairman Cole said that Mr. Robinson had got an answer to his question already. Mr. Robinson replied that, if he had got an answer, he did not know of it. Chairman Cole noted that the evening that the Durants were here was Chairman Cole's first meeting as chairman, adding that he had been confused as regards the rules for public input. By the time that Mr. Robinson had shown up, two meetings later, Chairman Cole continued, he had been educated by his fellow Board members in regards to the public input format. He noted that he and Mr. Robinson had

had a discussion about that afterwards and that he had apologized at that time for any inconvenience or any misconception that may have been given to the public with regard to the validity of Mr. Robinson's side of the issue.

Mr. Robinson asked if Chairman Cole was telling him that nobody on the Board knew that only one person could speak, when Mr. Durant was there. Chairman Cole responded that it was his prerogative as chairman to anything that he wanted, so no one on the Board that evening was going to change what he was doing, even though one or more of them might have thought that he was not doing the right thing by the procedure. He said he had made a mistake that evening ... [At this point Mr. Robinson again interrupted, and Chairman Cole asked that Mr. Robinson let him finish his statement, noting that he had let Mr. Robinson speak even though he had not been at the meeting on time.] Chairman Cole then reiterated that he had made a mistake against the Board's procedures the first evening, when Mr. Durant and the others had been present, but had subsequently found out that the procedures were that only one person would speak on one topic, and that rule was applied the evening that Mr. Robinson came in. He noted again that he and Mr. Robinson had had an in-depth discussion about this, and he had apologized to Mr. Robinson for any humiliation he might have been caused. Chairman Cole then expressed himself as being at a loss as to why Mr. Robinson was here this evening.

Mr. Robinson stated he would like an answer. Chairman Cole replied that he had been given an answer and had got a headline in the Derry News the next day. He then stated that he could not apologize for anything he could not change.

Mr. Robinson asked if Chairman Cole were saying that that rule applied starting with him. Chairman Cole answered in the negative, saying he had no idea when the rule had started.

Mr. Robinson then asked if he were going to be allowed to have people speak on his behalf. Selectman Seabury responded that the Board did not want it go on indefinitely, pointing out that the Board was limited with respect to the time it had for public input, as there were many other things to be done. If Mr. Robinson had 150 people to speak, she continued, there would be repetition as to how it was great for the kids, it was a wonderful recreational opportunity, he was not going to infringe on people's rights or on his neighbors, quality of life, etc. She then identified herself as having been involved in the development of the Noise Ordinance, noting that she lived next to an industrial park that had kept the neighborhood awake 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so she and some neighbors had decided they had to do something, as it was unconscionable that someone could come in and destroy people's quality of life, adding that people had had to wear ear plugs in order to sleep.

Mr. Robinson asked what this had to do with him.

Selectman Seabury said her group had started the noise Ordinance, adding that the object was that one should not be able to project a noise over his property line to disturb another person's quality of life, which she declared was not right. If he were not doing this, she pointed out, he did not have a problem — but if he were disturbing neighbors, and causing neighbors who had lived there for 30 years to want to move out of the town, that was totally wrong.

Mr. Robinson asked if he were still liable for the noise, if he were obeying all the laws that had been put out for noise, if he were not breaking the law. Selectman Seabury said she did not know, as the Selectmen had sent staff off to talk to the noise consultant, who was supposed to come out and do spot checks of the property. She then noted that the Board of Selectmen might have to change the noise ordinance, such as putting limitations on the times that he could ride on his property, adding that she did not know, but this was all going to be worked out with staff. Mr. Robinson interrupted at this point, speaking over Selectman Seabury to ask if he would get a reduction in his taxes if that happened, and he could not use his property the way he wanted to, when he was abiding by a law that the Town had put forward 15 or more years ago. He declared that he had bought 18 acres of land, stating that he was not riding his bike on his neighbors' back door step and that he was considerate of people, adding that he had put silencers on his bikes and that this was proven on his record that the Board had got from him. Selectman Seabury said this would be checked, adding that the Board would check with the noise consultant and then make a decision at that time, but right now the material was not before the Board and there was not much they could do.

Mr. Robinson again interrupted, protesting that this had started four months ago, and he demanded to know if he should put his life on hold.

Chairman Cole suggested that the speakers had got off on a digression and had become just a tad unruly. He asked if Mr. Robinson had anything else to say. Mr. Robinson answered in the negative, commenting that he thought he had wasted the Selectmen's time. Chairman Cole expressed agreement.

14. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a), personnel issues; (b), hiring of personnel; (c), matters which, if discussed in public, likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself; and (d), real estate issues. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Charbonneau seconded the motion. Chairman Cole then requested the Recorder to call a roll-call vote on that motion.

Vote: the votes were as follows:

<u>Selectman Stewart</u>	<u>Aye</u>
<u>Selectman Seabury</u>	<u>Aye</u>
<u>Selectman Charbonneau</u>	<u>Aye</u>

Selectman Cole

Aye

Chairman Cole stated that, the ayes having unanimously carried, the Board was now in non-public session at 8:19 p.m., and he asked that any members of the public please leave.

Chairman Cole subsequently called the public meeting back to order at 10:56 p.m.

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to authorize the hiring of Patricia Barry for Office Support (Part-Time) in the Recreation Department at a starting salary of \$10.00 per hour, with a start date of September 3, 2002. Selectman Charbonneau so moved; Selectman Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion on the motion was brought forward.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion that Mr. Gary Webster be granted a temporary stipend for recognition of his extra work due to the departure of the Town Engineer; the recommended stipend would be a 10-percent hourly increase, retroactive to 1 July 2002, which would equate to a \$2.03/hour raise for the duration of the time in which the Town Engineer position is vacant; once a Town Engineer is hired, Mr. Webster will revert to his hourly wage of \$20.38. Selectman Charbonneau so moved; Selectman Seabury seconded the motion. No discussion was brought forward on the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion that Ms. Elizabeth Holt, of the Community Development Department, be granted a temporary stipend for her additional duties due to the vacancy in the Town Engineer's office, from \$13.95 per hour to \$14.28/hour for the duration of the time of the Town Engineer vacancy, retroactive to 1 July 2002. Selectman Charbonneau so moved; Selectman Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion was brought forward on the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Cole offered to entertain a motion to adjourn. Selectman Stewart so moved; Selectman Charbonneau seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Cole then declared this meeting to be adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by J. Bradford Seabury

(Hudson Minutemen staff)

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William P. Cole, Chairman

Rhona Charbonneau

Shawn N. Jasper

Ann Seabury

Teresa Stewart