

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the November 6, 2001 Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Ann Seabury at 7:30 p.m.

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 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, led by Selectman Robert E. Clegg, Jr.

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 3. **ATTENDANCE**

Selectmen: Ann Seabury, Rhona Charbonneau, Shawn N. Jasper, Robert E. Clegg, Jr., & Terry Stewart

Staff/Others: Paul D. Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Steve Malizia, Finance Director; Kevin Burns, Road Agent; Jim Michaud, Assessor; Sean T. Sullivan, Director of Community Development; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Capt. Ray Mello; Lisa Nute, Records Manager; Shawn Murray, Assistant Fire Chief; Gary Rodgers, Deputy Fire Chief; Mickey Rudolph, EMS Coordinator; Torrey Demanche, Executive Secretary; Howard Dilworth, Jr., Coleman Kelly, and Robin Rodgers, HLN

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 4. **Revisiting the FY 2002/2003 Budget**

Chairman Seabury apologized for bringing everyone out for another meeting, but Selectman Jasper wanted to go over the budget again because he felt it was still too high. In going over the budget this afternoon, she found about \$50,000 that could come out. Selectman Jasper said they all sort of forgot about Benson's, so they should do something with that.

Benson's Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectmen Stewart and Charbonneau, to put \$50,000 into 5940 Other Expenses 299 and increase the Revenues by \$50,000 carried 5-0.

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 Chairman Seabury suggested reducing the Town Clerk's budget by \$1,200 (book binding and a chair), eliminate the purchase of all computers for another \$15,000 and they could take away the \$50 travel money given to the Supervisors of the Checklist. (No action taken.)

Board of Selectmen Motion by Selectman Clegg, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 5110 Board of Selectmen's Extra Help by \$1,615 carried 4-1. Selectman Jasper was opposed, saying this would keep the Selectmen's office functioning when there are vacations.

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Lions Hall Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 5125-224 Lions Hall to \$7,500 failed 2-3. Selectmen Seabury and Jasper were in favor. The rationale was to do only one bathroom. Selectman Clegg said if they expect the building to become self-supporting, they have to put money into the building to fix it up.

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Emergency Management Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce Emergency Management 5130-399 Phone Pagers to \$2,000 failed 1-4. Selectman Stewart was in favor. Selectman Jasper explained that their pagers were charged to this account.

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Assessing Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 5400-232 to \$500 carried 3-2. Selectmen Clegg and Jasper were opposed. The Assessor budgeted for two conferences; has to eliminate one.

Planning Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 5571-326 Furniture from \$6,750 to \$3,000 carried 4-1. Selectman Clegg was opposed. This was for flat files.

Police Admin Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Clegg to reduce 5610-401 Large Operating Equipment from \$32,000 to \$7,500 (for fitness equipment) carried unanimously. The Police Department has been awarded \$18,375 of \$25,000 in grant money, with the Town's portion being \$6,000 which he will act on it this year.

Police Facility Operations Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 5615-299 from \$40,000 to \$0, with the caveat that the Chief can find surplus in current budget, carried 5-0. With the vacancies in the HPD, the feeling is the Chief can find the money in the current budget for repairing the Kirby Building and paving the PD's parking lot.

Police Patrol Motion by Selectman Clegg, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to remove \$5,100 from 5630-401, Large Operating Equipment (ATV), carried 4-1. Selectman Jasper was opposed. The rationale is that this can be purchased from the current budget, if the Chief can find the funds.

Police Support Services Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 326 Furniture (chairs) from \$6,000 to \$3,000 carried 3-2. Selectmen Clegg and Seabury were opposed.

- **Highway** Discussion of full-time personnel requested by the Road Agent. Selectman Clegg said the part-time position in the budget would not be eliminated. They would put in a warrant article for the other half of that position, with the understanding that if it passed, they would take out the part-time position.

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Fire Facility Operations *Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 5715-224 Building Maintenance from \$78,513 to \$50,000 carried 4-1.* Selectman Charbonneau was opposed.

Fire Suppression *Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 5730-450 Reserves from \$60,000 to \$50,000 carried unanimously.* (Level funded.)

- **Highway** Discussion of pickup truck, raised by Selectman Stewart, who was not convinced of the need for it. Kevin Burns explained his rationale for using smaller trucks to plow certain areas, the use of sub-contractors and his plow plan in general. The Town accepted 11 new streets this year and a new school has been built, all of which adds to the workload of a department that has decreased in size. He assured Selectman Stewart that only three trucks are and will be taken home—by him, Tim Lamper and Jess Forrence.

- Finance Director Steve Malizia stated that the net reduction was \$71,329.

Warrant Article—Two Firefighter/EMT-I's Selectman Jasper asked that this be revisited. Lengthy discussion and review of numbers/statistics on manpower and staffing by Selectman Jasper and Assistant Fire Chief Murray. (No reconsideration of this article that was approved on 11/3 on a motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, that carried 3-1, with Selectman Seabury voting in opposition. Selectman Jasper was absent.)

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Warrant Article—Assessing Customer Service Representative *Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to substitute new language, as outlined in Jim Michaud's memo, carried unanimously.*

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to apply the \$557,176 of fund balance to increase revenues carried unanimously.

- **Bottom Line of Operating Budget** *Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve the new bottom line of the operating budget at \$21,660,448 carried unanimously.*

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. carried unanimously.

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