

**HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Minutes of the September 25, 2001 Meeting**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Ann Seabury at 7:30 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Selectman Terry Stewart.
3. **ATTENDANCE**

**Selectmen:** Ann Seabury, Rhona Charbonneau, Shawn N. Jasper, E. Lorraine Madison & Terry Stewart

**Staff/Others:** Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Jim Michaud, Assessor; Bill Krajieski, Vice President of Patriot Properties; David Bouchard; four residents; Ann, TEL; Sue, SUN

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Chairman Seabury asked if anyone wished to address the Board. There was no response.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

*Motion by Selectman Madison, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to receive the Correspondence, with appropriate referral carried unanimously.*

- A. From: Jim Michaud, Assessor  
Re: •Presentation on Property Revaluation Progress  
•Assessing Items  
Refer to: New Business
- B. From: Engineering Department  
Re: Street Acceptances  
Refer to: New Business
- C. From: Presentation of Mary  
Re: Request to put up Banner  
Refer to: New Business

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Presentation on Property Revaluation Progress**

Chairman Seabury recognized Town of Hudson Assessor Jim Michaud and Bill Krajieski, Vice President of Patriot Properties and the project supervisor. Mr. Krajieski said they've completed the first phase of the reval. The first contract called for the measuring and listing of 5,500 residential properties. That portion of the project has been finished. They are still receiving phone calls from people who have just got around to calling them and they are taking care of those appointments, to do as many inspections as possible. The second phase of the job involves listing of the commercial-industrial properties, the condominiums and the mobile homes. They completed the first phase of the mobile homes and are about half way through the other two. They had a very good listing percentage so far. In the first half of the project, they had about a 70% entry rate, which is good. They have attempted every home. The other 30% have been touched at least three times—an initial visit, on a tag that has been left at the door and then a mailer that had been sent out after that, inviting them to make an appointment. They will continue to keep appointment schedules open for as long as he is here. They can set a day aside here or there and bring someone in Town to do appointments. They are more than happy to handle any tax payer that feels they need their home inspected. They will be mailing out mailers to condo and mobile home owners in the next two weeks to finish up that phase of the job. He expected them to be finished with that major phase by the end of November. In October and November, he and Jim will work together to build the valuation model. They put together the way they value land, the process they use, working with depreciation schedules and sales analysis. In March or April, they will be sending out income and expense requests to commercial and industrial properties. They will work closely with the community and with Jim so everyone understands just what they are looking for. In May of 2002 they will start the field review. After the measuring and listing, he goes out and looks at every single piece of property in Town with Jim and other interested parties. They will set final grades and depreciations and make sure the information is correct on the building. They will have a good knowledge of and feeling for the sales, at that point. They are looking to create equitable balance. That will take about a month. They will literally do a drive-by on every single house to check the information for final value. By the end of June, they will have submitted the values to the Board of Selectmen/Assessors for preliminary review. The report will indicate the results of the evaluation, what is happening, what to expect, and a lot of information to digest. He promised to keep it concise. The Selectmen will get a good feel for what happened to the values in Town and the areas that may have seen greater or lesser increases than the average. He wanted them to be well versed so they would know what was going on. Very quickly after that, once they receive an initial approval from the Board of Selectmen/ Assessors, they will be mailing out notices to taxpayers. That will give them their preliminary valuation and give them the right to come in for an informal public hearing, which they will be running as long as it takes. They look to finish by August 2002. He said his staff has found people in Hudson to be very polite.

Chairman Seabury asked if she understood him to say that he was going to get information on income when they do the commercial

valuations. Mr. Krajewski said one of the methods of valuation has to do with the income flow on a property. You can convert that into an indication of value. When a business owner purchases a retail strip with a lot of stores in it, the purchase price is often based upon how much income can be gained from the rentals, cost of expenses, and a formula is used on the net amount to capitalize that into value. It's a standard formula that is used by banks and businesses prior to the purchase of property. They mail out a form to all of the 327 commercial/industrial properties, which asks for information. That information is the property of the community and not of the company. They do not keep the forms and they are not available for public release. Generally, those forms are either destroyed or kept very close to the Assessor. Private information isn't to be shared. This isn't about how much money a business makes selling their product. It's more about how much a building can be rented for. He's not interested in their profit and loss statement.

There being no further questions, Chairman Seabury thanked Mr. Krejeski for his presentation.

**B. Assessing Items**

**1) Current Use Lien Release** (4 lots in Royal Oak Subdivision, Map 29/Lot 37, Greeley Street)

*Motion by Selectman Madison, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to sign the release, as recommended by the Assessor.*

Selectman Stewart asked for further explanation. Mr. Michaud said this subdivision does not have approved road frontage and, according to current use rules, whenever there is a physical disturbance of the property, and it causes it to come in less than 10 acres, and this is just over a 10-acre parcel, that is a component of the subdivision. There's three lots to make up the subdivision. One lot is subject to current use, and that's before them tonight. As such, those lots are not going to sell at building lot value. Another subdivision is on Lawrence Road. They all have frontage and are worth around \$60,000-\$80,000 per lot. He typically uses a percentage of what the actual lots will sell at in order to come out at a paper lot value. That is around \$35,000 per lot, which correlates to around \$70,000 per buildable lot.

*Vote: Motion carried unanimously.*

**2) Veterans Tax Credit Application** (35 Scottsdale Drive, Map 024/Lot 039/Sublot 072; 21 Mallard Drive, Map 031/Lot 045/Sublot 14)

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Madison, to grant the Veterans tax credit applications, as recommended by the Assessor.*

**C. Public Hearing/Board Action on Street Acceptances** (Hayley Court, Sutherland Drive, Rosemary Court, Kay Court, Village Common Loop, Sousa Boulevard, Manny Court & Kris Court)

Chairman Seabury asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing. Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Madison, carried unanimously. The hearing was opened at 7:45 p.m.

Gina Frasco, Hayley Court, said this is the fourth school year they've lived here and hope the Board of Selectmen will accept the street, which will allow the buses to come in to the development to pick up the 40 or so children in one stop this development. They feel this is a safety issue because one stop is at a busy intersection of Greeley and Sousa.

Chairman Seabury asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Madison, carried unanimously. The hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Madison, to accept the aforementioned streets as Town streets and the Town shall direct that no maintenance of green space within Pond View Estates be done by the Highway Department; if the Association wishes to maintain any of those green spaces, and the gazebo within their common area and the cul de sac, that they have the permission of the Board of Selectmen to maintain that at their own expense.*

Selectman Jasper said there is an issue with the maintenance of the green space, which has come up in the past and he has been carrying around that packet with him for a long time. There was a letter that starts out talking about the fact that the realtor selling the property was explaining to the people within the subdivision that the green space, being the cul de sac and the green space between the sidewalks and the road, would be maintained by the Town. There was correspondence back and forth, but the last on that was August 16, 1999 from Kevin Burns that says, "I have followed up our conversation regarding the lawn area on Sousa Boulevard called the Village Common. After speaking with the Town Planner and Town Engineer, I have learned that the green space in the Village Common is dedicated to become part of the Town right of way. Once accepted, maintenance of this area will be the responsibility of the Town. The development agreement and the Planning Board Minutes do not state what level of maintenance the Town would be responsible for. As you are aware, we perform no maintenance on the green space and cul de sacs. At this point, I can think of two solutions to this area. One would be to perform the grounds maintenance after street acceptance on the village green only. The other would be to have the Board of Selectmen instruct me to perform no grounds maintenance on this area and allow the association to maintain the area for their mutual benefit, if they so choose. If instructed to maintain the village green, I would estimate it would take approximately two man hours per week for lawn maintenance only. Maintenance for the gazebo would be additional time, when necessary." The same applies to this green space in this area, as there is a lot of green space between sidewalks and the road that do not front near anyone's home.

He offered the following amendment: "The Town shall direct that no maintenance of green space within Pond View Estates be done by

the Highway Department; if the Association wishes to maintain any of those green spaces, and the gazebo within their common area and the cul de sac, that they have the permission of the Board of Selectmen to maintain that at their own expense. The maker of the motion and the seconder accepted this as part of the motion.

Selectman Charbonneau didn't think the Town should maintain green space. Selectman Jasper said that within the association documents, there is a section that says, "To provide for the operation, care, upkeep, maintenance, repair and replacement of improvements on and for the common open space land." The gray area is that the Town will own the land because it is deeded, but it should be the Town's position that they do not maintain these types of green spaces in Town and will not. Selectman Charbonneau said the Town shouldn't accept anything like that. That should be up to the owner of the development.

*Vote: Motion carried.*

**D. Request by Presentation of Mary to erect Banners on Town Property to advertise Octoberfest**

*Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve and, in accordance with a vote taken, forward the request to the Road Agent carried unanimously.*

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Sewer Acceptance, Shepherd's Hill, Phase 2**

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve, as recommended by the Sewer Utility Committee.*

**B. Request by Hudson Litchfield News for the Town to waive the fee for the use of Lions Hall on November 23 for Santa's annual visit to Hudson.**

*Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve carried unanimously.*

**C. Resignation of E. Lorraine Madison as Selectman**

Selectman Madison announced that her last day as Selectman was September 30. She asked that her resignation be accepted and that she also appoint a new Planning Board member, starting October 1. She will attend the Planning Board meeting tomorrow night. Selectman Charbonneau so moved, with regrets. Selectman Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Reorganization of Liaison Assignments:**

Chairman Seabury said she was caught blindsided at the last meeting and if anyone was still watching after they came out of Nonpublic Session, she wanted to apologize for the chaos. She was disappointed when Selectman Jasper stepped down from the Budget Committee because the budget is critical and the primary thing they have to deal with at this time of the year. He did volunteer, however, to help them through the process. He has a wonderful ability to speak and make a presentation to the Budget Committee, so he will be sadly missed. She thanked Selectman Charbonneau for picking up the slack and taking over.

The day after the Board's last meeting, she attended the Wednesday morning staff meeting to tell them she was taking over as Chairman as Selectman Madison was leaving Hudson. They all gave her their support, which made her very comfortable. Hudson has a wonderful resiliency. This change will barely be a ripple in the pond and, with the support of Paul Sharon and the Town's great staff, the government will continue well. The problem right now is that she has to level the playing field. She can't have one person doing all of the work, so she was going to make some changes in liaison assignments.

*Motion by Selectman Madison, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to appoint Selectman Charbonneau as the Planning Board Member.*

Selectman Jasper asked if this was as Planning Board member, leaving Selectman Stewart as the alternate. Chairman Seabury said that was correct. Selectman Jasper asked Selectman Stewart if she was ok with that. Selectman Madison said Selectman Stewart is the Budget Committee rep. Selectman Jasper thought it would be appropriate to hold off on these appointments until they have the new member. Chairman Seabury said they need to fill in the gap. Selectman Jasper said they had alternates. Selectman Stewart said she and Selectman Charbonneau were alternates of alternating committees, Planning and Budget. It's a losing situation for both of them.

Selectman Madison asked Chairman Seabury to read the oath of office, if she had a copy of it. Chairman Seabury said she did, and read, "The people who take this oath do faithfully and impartially discharge and perform the duties incumbent on them as a Selectman, according to the best of your ability, agreeable to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of the United States." They've been given a job to do and it's not about the Selectmen, it's about the people. They've got to make sure the government functions properly. She understands that Selectman Stewart is the liaison for the Sewer Utility Committee and she wants Selectman Jasper to take over that position. She asked Selectman Jasper what he expects. Selectman Jasper said he expects that they will appoint a new Selectman and reorganize at that time. Nothing is really going to happen between now and the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Budget Committee isn't meeting between now and then and Selectman Madison plans to attend the Planning Board meeting tomorrow night and that would leave only one other Planning Board meeting that Selectman Stewart, hopefully, would go to. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, they would have a new member, unless they were unable to agree. At this time, they are rushing into things. Selectman Stewart was the Planning Board member and, legally,

that appointment with her term of office. Former Chairman Madison asked Selectman Stewart to step down from that appointment so she, Lorraine, could be the Planning Board rep. Selectman Stewart agreed to do that, somewhat reluctantly, but she did agree to do it. He thinks if Selectman Stewart wants that position back, then it should be hers because she did not have to give that up and the Board does not have the power to take it away from her. Since they already have alternates in place, until the Board reorganizes when they have the fifth member, they should not do anything that would have a permanent impact. In putting Selectman Charbonneau in the position, if Terry wants it back, would have the effect of taking action this Board could not change after the new member is appointed.

Selectman Madison said the Budget Committee is a major liaison and Terry's first duty is the Budget Committee. It is one of the biggest things they do in a year. Planning Board is pretty major, and that meets every week. She thinks Selectman Stewart's first responsibility is the Budget Committee and Selectman Charbonneau could certainly handle the Planning Board assignment. She didn't think there would be any times an alternate would have to sit in and the Chairman already said she was going to reassign the Sewer liaison. She thinks this is leveling the duties. Selectman Stewart couldn't handle both the Budget Committee and the Planning Board. Selectman Stewart said she would refuse to. Selectman Madison said she already is the Budget Committee representative. Selectman Stewart asked why it is placed on her to handle most of the meetings. Selectman Madison didn't think that was happening at all. It is very rare that the meetings are on the same night. Selectman Stewart said she was talking about having to attend a Planning Board meeting for Selectman Charbonneau, who couldn't attend for whatever reason, and then the next night, she would have to go to Budget.

Selectman Charbonneau apologized for interrupting, but said she had been on the Planning Board for four years and asked how many meetings she missed. She has the experience and, therefore, wants to serve on the Planning Board, if possible. Selectman Stewart has been on the Budget Committee since July, for three months. She didn't know what this was all about and didn't know why she was stating those sorts of things because she, Selectman Charbonneau, attended every meeting, except some workshops. Selectman Stewart said her track record is that she attends all of the meetings, including workshops, but she isn't going to take three meetings a week. Selectman Charbonneau said she won't have to and asked Selectman Stewart to name them.

Selectman Jasper called for a Point of Order, as the members were engaging in a running debate and should be going through the Chair. Selectman Madison pointed out that there was a motion on the floor that has been seconded. Selectman Jasper asked if he could ask Selectman Stewart a question. Chairman Seabury allowed it. Selectman Jasper asked Selectman Stewart if she preferred to be the rep to the Planning Board or the Budget Committee member. Selectman Stewart said she would be glad to serve on either, but she didn't think she should be the opposing alternate. She is trying to have a family life, too. Selectman Jasper said his intent was that there would be a reorganization and assignments would be made. He did not rule out at this time, not did he rule out that he would take an assignment on the Budget Committee when the Board reorganizes. He felt, given the actions last week, that it was appropriate for him to step down from there because he did not feel that he could adequately carry on the wishes of the Board. He didn't want to see Selectman Stewart harmed in this process. She had somewhat reluctantly stepped down from the Planning Board so that Selectman Madison could take that seat. Now she says she doesn't really care. He would be willing to take back the Budget Committee, if Terry's wish is to remain on the Planning Board.

Chairman Seabury agreed that they would have a reorganization. She was fearful and concerned about making sure all of the committees are covered, and she didn't want one person to carry the brunt of the work. Selectman Jasper said there aren't any Budget meetings between now and October 9. Chairman Seabury said in looking at the calendar, they are meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> and should have applications. She didn't know how many applications they were going to have, but from what she hears, there are going to be quite a few, and they have to interview them. Selectman Jasper said the law does not even require them to post. If a Selectman were to resign in the middle of a meeting, the Board could appoint another member immediately. He believes they will all have their opinions formed on the date that the applications are in. All of the applicants will no doubt be well known to the Board and he doubted they would be in a position where interviewing is going to add anything new. Everyone that is considered by the Board will be well known to the community. That's not to say they can't put it off, but if the concern is with the budget process, they are going to have to do it quickly. He recommended that they schedule interviews for the 9<sup>th</sup> but he didn't think any minds would be changed after the interview. If they are not done with that process on the 9<sup>th</sup>, that would be the proper time to delegate their resources. He didn't think this is the time to do that. Everything is covered between now and the 9<sup>th</sup>. They should hold off doing anything.

Selectman Madison said they were getting off the subject, but one of the duties of the Chairman was to choose the liaison assignments. She didn't think all of the members were going to be in attendance on the 9<sup>th</sup>; Selectman Charbonneau was going to be gone that week and Selectman Stewart was going to be gone the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Selectman Jasper said they need to have a special meeting and asked when Selectman Charbonneau was leaving. Selectman Charbonneau said she was leaving on Tuesday and wouldn't be back until Friday. Selectman Jasper said then they will have to meet on the holiday, the 8<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Madison said to schedule it for the 16<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Jasper said the problem with having the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>, if they are deadlocked, then they have no hope of getting a new member in place for the budget. Selectman Madison said that's another issue. Selectman Jasper said it may be another issue, but the meeting is still going to have to take place. They need to deal with that tonight because their next scheduled meeting is the 9<sup>th</sup>. He didn't want to see them appoint a member on a 2-1 vote. It is in their purview to do that, but he would not participate in that. They need to have all four members present when the appoint a member. If they have to have a Monday meeting on a holiday, then they need to do that.

Selectman Madison said the Chairman needs to deal with the motion that is on the floor. Chairman Seabury said that the motion on the floor was to appoint Selectman Charbonneau as the Planning Board member. Selectman Jasper said Selectman Madison is still a voting member of this Board and brings up the reason why, when people decide they are going to leave a board, they do so when they make that decision. He does not believe she should participate in the vote because it has an effect on how this Board carries on after she

leaves. It should be left up to the remaining Board members. Selectman Madison said she just wants the Planning Board covered and she happened to know that Selectman Charbonneau wasn't going to be in Town that week. She knows how important the Planning Board is and she wanted to make sure it was covered. During the time she has been on the committee, she knows that it is important. She won't be here and won't affect what goes on in the future, but Selectman Charbonneau has been on the Planning Board equally long as Selectman Stewart. Selectman Stewart has the Budget Committee, and that is the only reason. She has no ulterior motives. Selectman Jasper said Selectman Stewart had said the Planning Board would be covered during that period. He asked if that was correct. Selectman Stewart asked which day they were talking about. Selectman Madison said she won't have to if they have a new Planning Board member. Selectman Jasper said her concern was to make sure it was covered. (Talking over each other.)

Selectman Stewart said Selectman Charbonneau will be out of Town on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the Planning Board meets October 10. Selectman Jasper said if Selectman Charbonneau would be out on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Selectman Stewart would have to cover that meeting. Selectman Madison said maybe she was missing something, but she didn't see how Selectman Stewart can do both the Budget Committee and the Planning Board. Selectman Jasper agreed that she can't, but the Budget Committee is not meeting until the end of October. They will be taking care of that before that time and he hoped they'd have a new member by then. Selectman Madison's concern was that the Planning Board was covered. Selectman Charbonneau won't be here on the 10<sup>th</sup>, so that doesn't serve that purpose at all. Selectman Madison said whatever, but the motion was still on the floor.

Selectman Charbonneau said Selectman Stewart has her week that she goes away every year. She happens to be going to a conference, and she has that right, just as Selectman Stewart has a right to go on a vacation.

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Continuing, she said Selectman Jasper always manages to get his way. She wasn't going to comment whatsoever, but this whole thing started last week when Selectman Jasper got up and said he was not going on the Budget Committee. Then, Selectman Stewart got up and said almost the identical thing, that she wasn't going to serve two ways. At that time, she said she was willing to help, she was willing to fill in for Selectman Stewart. Since Selectman Stewart was on the Budget Committee, she was willing to serve on the Planning Board until everything was all straightened out. Now there is a big hub-bub over the whole situation. And why? It's caused by Selectman Jasper, once again, who has to have his way and that's exactly the way he is all the time. She had told herself she wasn't going to make these statements, but she is sick of it. Chairman Seabury said she probably shouldn't be saying that. Selectman Charbonneau said she is sick of the way he conducts himself as a Selectman. She is sick of the way he can always manage to get things out. Chairman Seabury cautioned Selectman Charbonneau not to get her Irish up. Selectman Charbonneau said she was sick of it, that as long as things go his way, he's happy. Selectman Madison said they should vote.

Selectman Jasper said he did not suggest in any way that Selectman Charbonneau shouldn't have her time away. His point was they should wait until they have their new member. Doing this action now does not take care of the problem. Once they reorganize, and if the Board wishes him to, he will be willing to be the full representative to the Budget Committee. With the set of circumstances that existed, he did not feel he could represent the majority of the Board at the Budget Committee. He has been criticized for his actions on the Budget Committee in the past. Chairman Seabury said she never did; she always through he was wonderful. Selectman Jasper said at any rate, those were his feelings at that time. He never intended to get them into this situation. He just wishes to make sure that if Selectman Stewart wishes to go back to the Planning Board on a full-time basis that she has that opportunity because she didn't have to give it up when they reorganized in March. She did it as a favor to the Chairman and that is his concern. All committees will be covered and he'll be glad to cover the Sewer Utility Committee meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Madison said to be firm, that Selectman Stewart is the rep for the Budget Committee. She said she can't do them both, so they should vote for Selectman Charbonneau to be on the Planning Board. Chairman Seabury said Selectman Jasper and Howard have always said you never run for office until you've had a background in budgeting and served on the Budget Committee. She said she agreed and has learned tremendous amounts from attending the meetings. She thinks that Selectman Stewart should have this wonderful opportunity serving on the Budget Committee. Selectman Madison agreed, saying she will learn and will do a good job. Selectman Stewart said she didn't have a problem serving on the Budget Committee. (Talking over each other.) Selectman Madison asked if they could vote. Selectman Stewart said she didn't have a problem, but it wasn't fair to burden one member. Chairman Seabury agreed. Selectman Stewart was glad for some common sense. She blamed this on Selectman Madison for creating this situation. Selectman Madison objected, saying this should be a happy time in her life. Chairman Seabury said they were going to vote on appointing Selectman Charbonneau to the Planning Board.

Vote: Motion carried 3-2. Selectmen Jasper and Stewart were opposed.

Chairman Seabury said when the new Selectman is on board, they will go through this process again. She just wanted to have her bases covered for now. Selectman Jasper said the appointment to the Planning Board goes with Selectman Charbonneau's term. Selectman Madison said Selectman Charbonneau knew that. Selectman Jasper said when the new person comes on board, they won't be doing this again. Selectman Charbonneau asked him how he knew, she might be right there again. Chairman Seabury said what Selectman Jasper was saying that apparently the Planning Board goes. . . Selectman Madison said it goes with her term, it will go for the rest of her term; she knows. Selectman Charbonneau said she knew that, that no one has to point that out to her.

#### **E. Rescheduling BOS Meeting of October 9, 2001**

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to schedule a meeting for September 8, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.

Selectman Madison said she wasn't going to vote on this. Selectman Charbonneau said she didn't care what day it was, Friday,

Saturday or Sunday. Selectman Jasper said Harvest Fest is on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> and they shouldn't meet on the Sabbath, so he'd like to see them meet on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Madison said her concern is for the people who would apply for the position who they do not know. She thought it would be a courtesy to at least interview them. They couldn't make up their mind of someone they knew when there might be someone there they don't know that might be better. Selectman Jasper said if they don't know them by now, they won't have a clue through the interview process that the Board does. They don't glean much from that. They are going to make up their minds based on the service that the people they know have given to the community. They should interview them; give them an invitation to be there on the 8<sup>th</sup>, but if they wait until the 16<sup>th</sup>, if they are unable to make a decision then, they will still be in the same situation, if she was saying they should interview and then give them some time to think about it. If they don't meet on the 8<sup>th</sup>, they won't have a full board for the budget process. Selectman Madison asked if he was saying that if someone was new in the community, or if they are not well known, they need not apply for the position because they won't be considered. Selectman Jasper said he was saying that there are well-qualified, well-known individuals in the community who are going to apply for the position. This is not the time where they should be looking to roll the dice and take a chance on an unknown quantity. For the duration of the term, which is six months, they should decide on known quantities. The five of them are known quantities. Every member that has been elected to the Board since 1992 has been a known quantity. That is what a Board of Selectmen is supposed to be. They shouldn't hope they get the right person because they have a nice smile or resume. People vote for board members based on their experience. Selectman Charbonneau said if she was an individual in the community she would feel very bad to know she was qualified but wouldn't be considered. She would feel it was a closed corporation and that's one thing they should not be. Someone else might have experience elsewhere, other than government, but they could learn. A number of unknown quantities have done things for the Town of Hudson. Any person has a right to run, to file an application and be chosen to serve on the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Seabury agreed, saying it was open to the public and they would look at those applications. She didn't think Selectman Jasper meant that they were going to vote for Sally Smith because she was a member of the Juniors. She thinks everyone has an equal opportunity and they can submit their resume and they can look it over. She thinks they will be fair. Selectman Jasper said he certainly didn't suggest someone shouldn't put in their application. That's what the March elections are all about. All they have to do is look at how many people are running; they can't fill seats for boards they have. They shouldn't pretend that doors are going to be beaten down by unknowns. That doesn't happen. Chairman Seabury said some people are afraid to run against incumbents.

Selectman Stewart asked if the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> will replace their regularly scheduled meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Jasper said that was the intent of his motion. Chairman Seabury asked if everyone would be present for that meeting.

*Vote: Motion carried 4-0.* Selectman Madison abstained because she will no longer be a Selectman.

Chairman Seabury confirmed that Priscilla will notify the School Department.

#### F. Parameter Setting Meeting

Selectman Jasper said they have a parameter setting that was going to be scheduled for the next Selectmen's agenda. The last time it was done at a regular meeting, they all were quite upset about that. He wanted to make sure that a parameter-setting is not scheduled for a regular meeting. Chairman Seabury thought they could keep it for the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>, because they were just going to be doing some interviews. Selectman Jasper said the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was replacing the 9<sup>th</sup>, so they will have a full agenda. Last time, they were very unhappy doing parameter-setting during a regular meeting because it held things off too long. Selectman Madison agreed, saying it took them a lot of time and they will have other things to discuss. Chairman Seabury said she will make sure that doesn't happen.

#### G. Department Heads Budgets

Chairman Seabury reminded everyone the budget meetings were set for November 2 and 3 and they have to get the budget books to the Budget Committee by the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.

### 8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

#### A. **Request by the Hudson Historical Society to hold Harvest Fest on October 6, 2001 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Hills House on Derry Road**

*Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart to grant carried 4-0.* Selectman Jasper abstained because he is the signer of the request.

#### B. **Request by the Knights of Columbus to hold a raffle to benefit St. John's Charity for 25 weeks, with weekly cash prizes**

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Madison, to grant carried unanimously.*

### 9. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

#### **Minutes of the August 28, 2001 BOS Meeting**

*Motion by Selectman Madison, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to accept, as presented, and refer to file carried unanimously.*

**10. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

09/26 7:00 Planning Board in BOS Meeting Room  
 09/27 7:30 Zoning Board of Adjustment in BOS Meeting Room  
 09/29 9:30 am Regional Roundtable @ Nashua City Hall Auditorium  
 10/01 7:00 Friends of Hudson's Natural Resources in BOS Meeting Room  
 10/02 7:00 Public Workshop re Benson's at Library Street School  
 10/03 7:00 Planning Board Workshop in BOS Meeting Room  
 10/06 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Harvest Fest at Hills House on Derry Road  
 10/06 5:30 Fire Fighters Dinner at the American Legion  
 10/08 6:30 School Board in BOS Meeting Room  
 10/08 Columbus Day Holiday—Town Hall closed  
 10/09 7:30 BOS in BOS Meeting Room  
 10/10 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room  
 10/11 6:30 Recreation Committee at Rec Center  
 10/11 7:00 Sewer Utility in BOS Meeting Room  
 10/11 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room  
 10/13 Town Auction  
 10/15 7:30 Conservation Commission in CD Meeting Room  
 10/16 7:00 NRPC Public Hearing on the 10-Year Plan in CD Meeting Room  
 10/17 7:00 Planning Board in CD Meeting Room  
 10/18 7:30 Budget Committee in CD Meeting Room  
 10/22 6:30 School Board in BOS Meeting Room  
 10/23 7:00 Trustees of the Trust Funds in ToTF Room  
 10/23 7:30 BOS in BOS Meeting Room  
 10/25 7:30 ZBA in CD Meeting Room  
 10/30 7:30 Public Hearing on Communications Towers at Lions Hall  
 10/31 6:00 – 8:00 Trick or Treat  
 11/2-3 Department Heads' Budget Presentations

**11. LIAISON REPORTS**

**Selectman Madison** said they had a Benson's meeting this afternoon and talked about the workshop, which is going to be on October 2 at Library Street. School. They hoped many people would attend. They have a new proposed master plan for Benson's, so it should be interesting. It will start at 7:00, but will be open at 6:00 and the committee members will be there for informational purposes. She didn't have anything new to report from Planning Board.

- **Selectman Charbonneau** said last Thursday, she attended the Budget Committee meeting, adding that Mr. Dilworth runs a very good meeting. It was very interesting and she enjoyed it.

- **Chairman Seabury** said she attended the Benson's meeting today because, with Selectman Madison's leaving, she will take over that committee until a new chairman is elected, and she wanted to get up to speed on it. The former Chairman has a couple of other committees that she will pick up, as well. She asked who was going to attend the Mayor's Roundtable. She, Selectman Charbonneau and Selectman Jasper plan to attend.

She said she was caught blindsided again, as she thought Selectman Madison would be at the next meeting. She had planned a party with cake and ice cream for the next meeting, but she gave her resignation tonight. She asked Selectman Madison to come by on the 8<sup>th</sup>, so they could say goodbye and give her her gavel. Selectman Madison said she would stop by Town Hall for her gavel and they could say goodbye tonight.

Continuing, Chairman Seabury said the Selectmen's Meeting is the best show on Tuesday nights. They are very well known in school. An eighth-grader came up to her in school today, so excited about the Selectmen's meeting. They are becoming competitive enough for a Nielson rating.

**12. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN**

**Selectman Jasper** said he had two remarks, but was going to go with only one. Selectman Madison asked if she should put on her hat so the arrow could go through. Selectman Jasper said Selectman Madison said something last week that he couldn't let go unchallenged. Selectman Madison asked if it was only last week. Selectman Jasper said she said the last time she went to Florida, she was told by three major department heads that she wasn't five miles down the road and he was acting like King Solomon. Selectman Madison said she was. Selectman Jasper said there are four big departments: Fire, and they can assume a comment came from one. Selectman Madison told him not to assume. These people are not here and he shouldn't be attacking them. Selectman Jasper said he wasn't attacking anyone. These are his remarks. She had attacked him and said three major department heads told her that. Selectman Madison said they did. Selectman Jasper didn't think he had any contact with anyone but the Fire Chief, and he would believe that he said that. He's since talked with about every department head in Town and they all told him, to the best of their recollection, they didn't say that and he didn't even have any contact with them while she was gone. It would seem that someone is not telling the truth, and that's very unfortunate. Even though he is having difficulties with Selectman Madison, he wished her a happy retirement in Florida and Maine and hope that she has good health and that all her family does well and that she enjoys a long and happy retirement. Selectman Madison thanked her. Chairman Seabury said that was nice of Selectman Jasper.

**Selectman Stewart** wished Selectman Madison the very best and hopes she stays in contact by e-mail. Selectman Madison said she plans to subscribe to the HLN. Selectman Stewart said they will have to write letters to the editor so they can get responses from her. They will very envious of her in February when they are having a blizzard, but she may be envious, too, because being a true New Englander, you do enjoy a good nor'easter. She wished her the best. Selectman Madison thanked her.

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Selectman Charbonneau was out of the room. Chairman Seabury didn't think she had any comments to make.

**Selectman Madison** said, regarding Selectman Jasper's remarks, the comment was made to her by three major department heads and they would be foolish to ever admit to him, knowing what will happen, that they said that. But, the comment was made. Secondly, before she tells him how much she will miss him, she got a letter from the Jasper Corporation, but there was nothing in the envelope. On it was written, "Do not forward. Return address requested." She wondered if the Jaspers actually thought she had not been a resident of Hudson and were trying to maybe cause a problem? Not the Jaspers. She truly will miss Hudson. She and Selectman Jasper have had their differences, but she has enjoyed working with him and she will miss him—she will miss all of them. She has been in Hudson a long time and most of the time, she has volunteered her services. Even though they get a small stipend for being a Selectman, she considers that volunteering, too. Over the years, she has been involved in many things in Hudson and she will miss it. She will keep tabs on everyone through the Hudson-Litchfield News.

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Chairman Seabury said it will be quieter now. Selectman Madison hoped so, adding that she will have everyone's e-mail addresses. She will miss all of them. Chairman Seabury said she was a good Chairman and will be a hard act to follow. She read everything and spent hours looking at all of the material. After she was elected Chairman, she went into the office and spent four hours reading everything, trying to get caught up. They appreciate what she has done and she was an excellent chairman. These are the final remarks because she didn't want a party.

**Selectman Charbonneau** stated that last week, Chairman Seabury talked about the grant money for the skate board park. The money ended up being \$33,000. The Fire Department received over \$16,000 to be able to go into the schools to educate the kids about the danger of lighting fires. She thought Selectman Madison has done a fantastic job and she hates to see her go. Chairman Seabury said she is going to be a snow bunny, walking the beaches while the rest of them will be digging snow. Selectman Madison said she may be in Maine, digging out of the snow. Selectman Charbonneau apologized for flaring up earlier, but it always seems that Selectman Jasper wants his way. She had said she would never get mad, but she did today. Chairman Seabury said it was ok, and enough of that.

**13. NONPUBLIC SESSION**

This item was pulled from the agenda by the requesting department head.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. by Selectman Madison, seconded by Selectman Stewart, carried unanimously.*

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