

## HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Minutes of the August 8, 2000 Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Pro Tem Terry Stewart at 7:33 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, led by Selectman Charbonneau

### 3. **ATTENDANCE**

**Selectmen:** Terry Stewart, Ann Seabury and Rhona Charbonneau. (Chairman Madison and Vice-Chairman Jasper were out of Town.)

**Staff/Others:** Paul D. Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Howard Dilworth, Jr; Nancy Regan; Lars Christiansen; Ian Bishop, SUN; Andrew Nelson, TEL

### 4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

No one had pre-registered to speak to the Board. When Chair Pro Tem Stewart asked if anyone in the audience wanted to talk to the Board about any issue, there was no response.

### 5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. From: Richard Gendron, Chief of Police  
Re: Ordinance regulating Licensing and Dancing  
Refer to: Town Attorney
- B. From: Jim Michaud, Assessor Re: Assessing Items  
Refer to: New Business

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

### 6. **NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

A resident had applied for the Conservation Commission, but then rethought the time commitment aspect and withdrew the application. There were, therefore, no applicants to the following boards.

- A. **Building Board of Appeals** (2 Members, terms to expire 12/31/01)
- B. **Cable Committee** (1 Member, term to expire 12/31/02)
- C. **Conservation Commission** (1 Alternate, term to expire 12/31/01)
- D. **Zoning Board of Adjustment** (1 Alternate, term to expire 12/31/00)

### 7. **OLD BUSINESS**

#### A. **Law Library**

Town Administrator Paul Sharon said the Board authorized this to go out to bid on June 6. At that time, he indicated to the Board that it would probably bring in between \$2,000-\$3,000. The high bid was from Keri Marshall from Kingston, NH, at \$2,310 and he recommended that the law library be sold to her.

*Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to accept the bid from Keri Marshall in the amount of \$2,310 carried unanimously.*

#### B. **Parking at the Meadows**

Town Administrator Paul Sharon said this is an issue that has come up several times in the past. With all of the discussions that have taken place, at no time was any definitive action taken to either prohibit or not prohibit parking there. The Board needs to take that action, but perhaps they might want to wait until all of the members are present.

Selectman Charbonneau said a few years ago, the Board made the man who sold coffee leave that area, and then they posted it for no parking. It's not fair to allow parking to take place now. She said this has been brought to her attention many times and she's brought it up many times. She also questioned the liability issue if someone gets hurt there. She is not against the business that is there because they pay taxes, but it's not fair to treat people differently. They shouldn't allow it to go on because that's why they have problems.

Mr. Sharon said when mixed signals are sent, it puts the Police Department in a difficult position when they are asked to vigorously enforce the removal of car carriers that park there, but not expected to do the same with the retail parking at the other end. Selectman Charbonneau said they shouldn't have let businesses go in there who would require a large parking area.

Selectman Seabury didn't think the Town even owns the property. Mr. Sharon said it's in court, but the Town has control over it. It probably won't be the Town's forever, but right now, it is. Selectman Charbonneau said at one time, the Town had put up fencing, but tractor trailers were still pulling in. That's when the signs were put up. She didn't agree with parking being ok for some, but not for others. They shouldn't pick and choose. Selectman Seabury asked if parking would be allowed along the street, in front of the signs.

Police Chief Gendron didn't think parking was allowed on that side of Central Street. If the Board decided that they don't want anyone to park at the Meadows, he asked that as a courtesy for the Board to notify the businesses that use that area for parking. The only people he sees parking there are using the restaurant, the business next door and occasionally, from across the street. NH DOT people also park there. Once a week, a tractor trailer pulls in and unloads cars for the business down the street. They used to have a plastic orange fence up, but it was removed because of the way it looked. Chief Gendron said the Board also has to decide if they want the people who park there ticketed and, if so, how much, or if they should be towed.

*Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to defer this until September 5, 2000 carried unanimously.*

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Assessing Items**

#### **A. Abatement Request, 13 Sagamore Park Road, Map 10, Lot 48**

*Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to grant, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.*

#### **B. Veteran's Tax Credit Application, 93 Pelham Road, Map 018, Lot 015**

*Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.*

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Excessive number of Cats at 58 Sullivan Road**

Selectman Seabury said she and Selectman Charbonneau have been receiving calls about the excessive number of cats at a Sullivan Road residence. When she got to the site this afternoon, she saw and heard 30 yowling cats in open cages outside, protected from the elements only by a tarp thrown over the top of the cages. She didn't know how many cats were inside the house. The smell of cat urine is powerful. She has talked with the Animal Control Officer, the Police Chief and the Health Officer and there are no regulations preventing someone keeping 40 cats on their property. However, if a business is being run there, it could be a home occupation issue. She notified Paul today to start proceedings. If that doesn't work, there is a public nuisance section of the Zoning Ordinance that might apply. There are several things involved, including public safety and health, noise, etc. Selectman Seabury told the woman who complained that perhaps she should speak to the entire Board. The woman can't go outside because of the smell and she refuses to get air conditioning to drown out the noise at night. Selectman Seabury said she saw a letter, telling the person who owns the cats they can't wash the cages at 1:00, 2:00 a.m. Mr. Sharon said this site has been visited by the Animal Control Officer, the Health Officer and the State Vet. Selectman Seabury said there is some question on how or if they are disposing the kitty litter, or if it is even being used. Selectman Charbonneau said she checked into a couple of things after she was contacted. The State Vet checks to make sure the cats are fed and are kept clean. She suggested to the woman that the neighbors come before the Board during public input and they can go from there.

Mr. Sharon said if in fact, there is no provision in the ordinance being violated, he didn't know what good it would do for someone to appear before the Board because he didn't know what more could be done. If it is a home occupation issue, then that has some teeth.

### **B. Request for a Block Party**

*Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve a Block Party permit requested by James McGlaughlin to be held on August 19, from noon to midnight, at 4 Copeland Drive carried unanimously.*

## **10. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

### **A. Renewal of License to Purchase Scrap Metals by Bargains Unlimited**

*Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to renew the license, as recommended by staff, carried unanimously.*

### **B. Raffle Permit request by St. John's Women's Guild, for a quilt with ticket sales August - November, for the benefit of the Women's**

Guild

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

C. **Raffle Permit request by Wattannick Grange 327, during Old Home Days, for the benefit of the Wattannick Grange**

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

D. **Raffle Permit request by the Hudson Democratic Committee for 50-50 raffle during Old Home Days**

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

E. **Request for a Hawker-Peddler License by Michael J. Spinelli to operate a mobile hot dog trailer at various locations in Hudson**

*Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to grant, as recommended by staff, carried 2-1. Selectman Charbonneau was opposed.*

11. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A. **Minutes of the July 25, 2000 BOS Meeting**

B. **Minutes of the August 1, 2000 Special BOS Meeting**

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

12. **COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

08/09 1:00 Highway Safety Committee @ HPD

08/09 7:00 Planning Board in P/Z Mtg. Rm.

08/10 7:30 ZBA in P/Z Mtg. Rm.

08/10 6:30 Recreation Committee @ Rec. Ctr.

08/17 7:30 Budget Cmt. in P/Z Mtg. Rm.

8/18-20 Hudson Old Home Days

08/21 7:30 Conservation Commission in P/Z Mtg. Rm.

08/22 7:30 BOS in BOS Mtg. Rm.

13. **REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN**

**Selectman Stewart** welcomed back Selectman Charbonneau, saying she enjoyed seeing her on TV last week.

**Selectman Charbonneau** said [the Republican National Convention] was a great convention in Philadelphia.

14. **NONPUBLIC SESSION**

*Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to enter Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) the hiring of a public employee carried unanimously by roll call vote.*

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 7:53 p.m. and was terminated at 7:57 p.m.

*Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to hire Jason Downey as a Police Officer, effective August 20, 2000 at a rate of \$15.34 and after certification, to \$15.90 according to the Police contract carried unanimously.*

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. carried unanimously.*

Recorded and Transcribed by Priscilla Boisvert

Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

**HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**Chairman E. Lorraine Madison**

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**Rhona Charbonneau**

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**Shawn N. Jasper**

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**Ann Seabury**

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**Terry Stewart**