

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the June 13, 2000 Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman E. Lorraine Madison at 7:35 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Selectman Charbonneau
3. **ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff/Others: Paul Sharon, Town Administrator (left at 9:30); Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant (left at 9:30); Brad Winans, AUSA; Matt St. Laurent, Assistant Fire Chief; Len Foy; John, Derry News; Fidele, HLN; Ian, SUN

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Chairman Madison asked if anyone wished to speak to the Board. There was no response.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. From: Tom Sommers, CLD

Re: Presstek's request to increase Sewer Flows

Refer to: New Business

A. From: Jim Michaud, Assessor

Re: Veteran's Tax Credit Application

Refer to: New Business

C. From: Coleman Kelly, Cable Committee Chairman

Re: Franchise Renewal Negotiation Status

Refer to: New Business

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

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. "Adopt the Army" Program**

Chairman Madison recognized Brad Winans to explain the program. Mr. Winans said this is a start-up program for Reservists going over to Bosnia this summer from local communities. One of the companies is the 94th MP Company out of Londonderry. This program is meant to get the communities involved by supporting the Reservists with things like CARE packages or phone cards. The Editor of the HLN is considering contributing disposal cameras. The idea is to sponsor a squad and they have developed several options for involvement. The first is a donation to the Association of the United States Army, on behalf of the town. The second option is to sponsor a squad, consisting of about 10 soldiers and sending them CARE packages every month for the duration of the mission, which is approximately 10 months. The third option is to fund CARE packages for a squad, but involve the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to package and mail them. He is the point of contact in Hudson for anyone who would like to participate. Chairman Madison asked if the Town was to make a donation, or various clubs in the Town to do so. Mr. Winans said he is currently just putting out the word. So far, they've dropped off informational packets to the Lions Club, the Police and Fire Departments, the Chamber of Commerce and the VFW. Chairman Madison said the Board could put this in the local paper and see if any of the clubs in Town would be interested in getting involved. Mr. Winans said that would be find. There will be an announcement about the program this week in the HLN, as well as a press release.

- B. Thurston's Landing Sewer Acceptance**

Selectman Jasper said after looking at the as-built plans, he has concerns about future extensions, maintenance and the cross-country route that it's taking and would like to talk with the Road Agent about it.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to defer this until the Road Agent is able to be present carried unanimously.

- C. Personnel Policies (Use of Computers, e-mail and the Internet)**

Chairman Madison said this was brought back from the last meeting. Mr. Sharon said there were six places where he had referred to employees "on duty." In all cases, he's stricken that to make it whether they are on duty or not on duty, when it comes to Town computers, these regulations apply. Selectman Charbonneau was going to get him another policy, but he thinks this is a good policy, as written. The Board can always amend it later.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to adopt the policy as written, carried unanimously.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presstek's request to increase Sewer Flows

Chairman Madison said Presstek was asking for an additional 595 gpd of average daily flow.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve the request carried unanimously.

B. Franchise Renewal Negotiation Status

Coleman Kelly, Cable Committee Chairman, said the cable system may be upgraded, starting at the end of this year, from 450 megahertz band width to 860. Part of that capability will allow for internet services to be provided. It will be a 10-year agreement, but they are stuck on the issue of an I-Net (Institutional Network). Federal law provides for them to negotiate this during the renewal process. The cable company finally agreed to provide it, but paying for it, however, is the sticking point. He believes I-Net would be of great benefit to the Town and the School and has been negotiating for four strands of fiber. (One strand is capable of carrying all of the information contained in the Library of Congress.) The growth potential of Hudson will be more than satisfied with four strands. Selectman Charbonneau said as this was dealing with negotiations, she preferred that discussions be held in Nonpublic Session.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to defer this matter to Nonpublic pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (d) carried unanimously.

C. Veteran's Tax Credit Application (9 Eagle Drive Map 004, Lot 004, Sublot 063; and 22 Glasgow Circle, Map 024, Lot 039, Sublot 050)

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

3. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Recreation Department Items

Selectman Stewart said the Air Force Band will be at Alvirne on June 23 at 7:00 p.m. The Recreation Direction hopes it will be well attended. Signup for summer Rec program is Friday from 3-5 and 6-8.

B. Facility for Teenagers in Town

Selectman Charbonneau said last year the YMCA came in to the State for incentive funds. She was talking with Chief Gendron about working with them to find a building for teen programs. Litchfield has a great program at the Darrell Pond Rec Center, with about 150 kids doing things every day. On weekends, they enjoy movies, dances and parties. They have to do something for the youth in Hudson to try to keep them out of trouble. The Kirby building was given to the Police Department, but they should try very hard to find a building for the teens. The younger kids have the Rec Center. Chairman Madison thought David Yates could call Litchfield's Rec Director. Selectman Charbonneau said she's told him to apply for the incentive funds. He was talking about basketball, but kids like to do other things, too. They should also look into a skate park. Money is out there, so Hudson should apply for it. They need to do something for the teens.

C. Waiver Request by Barlo Signs to operate Commercial Trucks on Restricted Streets

Chairman Madison read the motion the Board granted last year (to grant a waiver to Barlo Signs from "Operating a Commercial Truck prior to Restricted Hours and/or on Restricted Streets" from Greeley Street to Old Derry and Old Derry to Route 102 and that it only be for arriving one way in when the trucks come back at night after 7:00 p.m., not for leaving prior to 6:00 a.m., subject to revocation upon complaints and review by the Board of Selectmen) and asked if the Board would consider granting it again this year.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to continue the waiver for another year carried 3-1.

Selectman Seabury was opposed and Selectman Charbonneau abstained because it is going in front of her house.

D. Acceptance of Resignation of Member of Conservation Commission

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to accept the resignation of Christopher Gosselin from the Conservation Commission and advertise the vacancy carried unanimously.

E. Sear's Tool Territory Grand Opening

Chairman Madison said Sears is having a Tool Territory Grand Opening on Sunday, July 16 at the Pheasant Lane Mall and asked the Board if someone could attend. It's at 11:15 a.m., with the ribbon-cutting scheduled for 11:45 a.m.

F. Sewer Utility Committee

Selectman Jasper said he was reminded that the Selectman liaison to the Sewer Utility Committee is not a voting member. Last year, that was a concern of Selectman Charbonneau. When a vacancy occurred on the committee, Selectman Charbonneau was appointed to that seat, but the Chairman still would not let her vote even though the by-laws state that a Selectman can be a member, and can vote. Selectman Jasper said he'd like a copy of the by-laws. Selectman Charbonneau said the Chairman of that committee wouldn't take her vote. When her term expired, she did not reapply because she considered it a waste of time. Doris Ducharme was appointed instead. Chairman Madison reiterated that the liaison cannot vote, but as a member of the committee, a Selectman can vote. Selectman Jasper said the Selectmen should change the by-laws to allow the Selectmen's liaison as a voting member. He asked Paul to draft the appropriate change. Chairman Madison said the by-laws also states that the committee membership allows for only one voting member to be a non-sewer user. Mr. Sharon said it's up to the Board to create the by-laws, and the balance is what the Selectmen determine it to be. Selectman Charbonneau said she owned commercial property that was on sewer, and the Chairman told her that didn't count.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, that Paul draft the appropriate change to the by-laws of the Sewer Utility to allow for the Selectmen liaison to be a voting member of the committee carried unanimously.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May 31, BOS Meeting w/PEZ Staff

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

10. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

6/14 7:00 Planning Board in the P/Z Mtg. Rm.

6/15 7:30 Budget Committee in P/Z Mtg. Rm.

6/19 7:30 Conservation Commission in P/Z Mtg. Rm.

6/21 7:00 NRPC in Nashua

6/22 7:30 ZBA in P/Z Mtg. Rm.

6/23 7:30 Air Force Band @ Alvirne

6/27 7:30 BOS Mtg. in BOS Mtg. Rm.

Chairman Madison said at the last meeting, the Board scheduled a meeting for June 19 to discuss Combined Dispatch and the Fire Department's ALS. After she thought about it, she felt that they should first contact the Budget Committee and the Chief of Police to make sure they can attend, as well as the Fire Department. Both of these are big ticket items and the Budget Committee should be present, along with Police and Fire. She had asked Paul to reschedule it and if someone would contact the Budget Committee, he could let the Board know when he thought it would be a good time to meet.

11. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Jasper said if things do not change on the Sewer Utility Committee, he does not intend to go back. He had his hand raised for at least 10 minutes because of questions and concerns, but the Chairman never recognized him; he's not even sure he saw him. When the chairman took motions, he didn't ask for any discussion, but went immediately to a vote and only asked for yes's, never for the noes. The way the meetings are run are of a great concern to Selectman Jasper. Hopefully, they will improve but, if

they do not, he will not continue to waste his time attending. Chairman Madison said it was a perfect case for term limits and asked how long he has been chairman. Selectman Jasper said forever; literally, since the committee was formed. Chairman Madison asked if a new chairman is voted in every year. Selectman Jasper said is not sure when their organizational meeting is held, but they should look at the record to determine when the last time a chairman was elected. In years past, he has heard that the chairman was re-elected, but he's not sure when they last reorganized, and that's something they should look at. Selectman Charbonneau knows how Selectman Jasper feels. She never enjoyed attending meetings because the chairman wouldn't let her say anything; they just sit there like a lump, so there is no sense in going. She used to enjoy listening to Tom Sommers, however, who is very good at updating the committee.

On the subject of members raising their hands, Selectman Jasper said he has been trying to do that since the Selectmen's meetings are televised. Raising of the hand allows the Chairman to recognize someone so the public will know who is speaking, since the cameras can't switch around that quickly. It will be much clearer and will prevent two people from talking at once, especially when two people are eager to make a motion, then jump in and start talking. When two people make a motion, and then two people second it, it gets confusing.

Chairman Madison thanked Selectman Jasper for agreeing to attend the Air Force Liberty Band Concert on April 23 at Alvirne. This Friday night, she is going to the Nashua Chamber of Commerce dinner.

12. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) personnel issues; (b) hiring of Town employees; (d) considering the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property; and (e) legal issues by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 8:05 p.m. and was terminated at 10:53 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to seal the Minutes carried unanimously.

Motions taken in open session:

A. Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to hire the following Call Firefighters, effective July 9, 2000 in accordance with previously approved pay schedule carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained.

Reginald Burt, Robert Coffill, Alfred Simms, Brian Surette, James Bavaro, Jeannie Chisholm, David Cormier, James Lappin, Dave Pierpont, Robert Dumont, Paul Estavillo and Ellen Kraus.

A. Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to eliminate the position of Assessing Aide and create the position of Assessment Technician carried 5-0.

C. Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to promote Kathleen Nealon to the position of Assessment Technician, effective June 18, 2000 @ \$14.42 per hour carried unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to adjourn at 10:56 p.m. carried unanimously.

Recorded and Transcribed by Priscilla Boisvert

Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

After 9:30 p.m., Minutes were taken by Chairman Madison.)

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