

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the October 12, 1999 Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman E. Lorraine Madison at 7:40 p.m., following an Attorney-Client Session with John Ratigan that started at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Selectman Shawn Jasper.
3. **ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff/Others: Paul D. Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Steve Malizia, Finance Director; Kevin Burns, Road Agent; Sue Snide, Zoning Administrator; Dawn Shiner; Dave Bouchard; Howard Dilworth; John Drabinowicz; Coleman Kelly; Steve Boucher; Joyce and Dave Goodwin; Nancy Regan; Ann Pramas, SUN

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

No one had registered to speak and no one availed themselves of the opportunity to do so when Chairman Madison asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board on any issue.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

From: Steve Malizia, Finance Director

Re: Default Budget FY 2001

Refer to: New Business

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

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **TV-13**

Chairman Madison announced that Gordon Jackson and Carolyn Choate requested to be on tonight's agenda, but were unable to be present because they were meeting with a high-ranking official from Adelpia in Vermont, a meeting which was to take place tomorrow night, but was rescheduled to tonight.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to defer this item until October 26, 1999 carried unanimously.

- B. **Community Development Block Grant Feasibility Study for Sewer Line Extension**

Chairman Madison recognized Zoning Administrator Sue Snide, who distributed copies of the draft application. If they file an official application, the landlord would be required to sign an agreement, allocating at least 51% of the land available for rent for low to moderate income families. There is a monitoring provision within the grant. Chairman Madison asked if that meant the landlord couldn't raise the rents. Sue said if he did, it could be only with a certain percentage to meet the low to moderate income requirement, and there is a built-in inflation factor. Chairman Madison asked if this stipulation was forever. Sue didn't know what a reasonable amortization was for a sewer project, but it may be 20 or 25 years.

When Sue brought this item to the Board on September 28, Howard Dilworth raised the concern that the Sewer Utility hadn't been notified. It's her understanding that Sewer Utility Consultant Tom Sommers intends to talk to the committee about this. Chairman Madison questioned what would happen if the Board approved this prior to it going before the Sewer Utility Committee. Sue said there's no guarantee the SUC will agree to release the matching funds. Selectman Jasper said the committee only makes recommendations, adding that he still has problems with this request because they were still within the 90-day moratorium period. The Board told the people on Lowell Road, who have a real concern about their property and wanted to be able to hook up to sewer, "too bad, no way, we're not going to expand the system outside of the present scope." He didn't think they should even consider a feasibility study while they were still within the moratorium time period. They can't tell someone something isn't feasible, and then make an exception for someone else. Until they develop a criteria for sewer use, defining circumstances where expansion is allowable, they shouldn't be considering doing this. He's sure they can apply for this in the future, if they decide to do so. Sue said CDBG grants come around every year.

Chairman Madison asked how much of a health problem was there. Sue wasn't aware of any incidents this year. One of the first

things she heard when she came to work 10 years ago from Bill Oleksak is that they need to sewer that area. The owner of the park is the one who asked if he could hook up to sewer because he was having so many problems with the cesspools. Tom Sommers thought it was a good idea, too.

Chairman Madison agreed with Selectman Jasper. If they can't say no to one group and yes to another one. Selectman Jasper said, at the present time, there isn't even a health issue out there, so there is no reason to do this during the Town's moratorium. Chairman Madison said they'd know better next year if they are able to take on any more sewerage, adding that the Board would take no action on this item. Selectman Jasper said it was a good idea, but bad timing.

C. Additional Auction Items

In addition to the Police Department's list presented to the Board a couple meetings ago, the Fire Chief and Town Clerk submitted items their departments want to send to auction (October 16, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at the Kirby Building). Everyone shared a laugh when Howard Dilworth said if Hudson had cable access, we could have our own shopping network.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to add the Fire Chief's and Town Clerk's items to the Police Department's auction items carried unanimously.

1. NEW BUSINESS

A. Default Budget

Chairman Madison recognized Finance Director Steve Malizia, who wanted to talk about the default budget before getting into the regular budget so everyone will have all of the information up front. Chairman Madison complimented him for that; everyone agreed and was appreciative. Steve recommended \$18,512,233 as the default budget. His memo showed the composition of that figure. He adjusted for interest on bonds, etc. and took out one-time things, such as renovation work. He attended a recent NHMA budget seminar where they talked about legislative changes on how to calculate the default budget.

Selectman Jasper said he brought this to the attention of Representative David Alukonis, who will file legislation to correct this. Steve said they could get into a situation where the voters approve a position one year, and the next year, they don't get approval for the funding, through default. Selectman Jasper expects this legislation will get fast-tracked and be put into effect before the March election. Representative Alukonis had said he will contact NHMA and get moving on it. Steve said this is also the year bonds are changed from 2/3rds to 3/5ths majority, or 60%, so the requirements are a little less to pass a bond. His recommendation is consistent with what Hudson has done in the past, and it's clearly explained so people can see what is being put in and taken out. He also informed the school department of this change.

Selectman Seabury asked if it includes contracts, too. Steve said no, and they specifically asked that question because most of the towns are working under the assumption that all contracts have to go to the ballot. Selectman Jasper thinks all of that will be corrected in time for the March ballot because NHMA and others will push for it. Chairman Madison said they can accept this recommendation tonight as the default budget and when or if the law changes, it can come back to the Board.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to accept the default budget as \$18,512,233 as recommended by the Finance Director carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, that the Board of Selectmen request its Legislative Delegation in the House and Senate to support an amendment to the statute to correct the obvious flaw in the law which does not allow for the default budget to accurately reflect warrant articles that should have been included in the previous year's Town Meeting and the letter be sent once the legislation has been filed carried unanimously.

B. Setting Date for Deliberative Session of Town Meeting

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to set the date for the deliberative session of Town Meeting as February 5, 2000 carried unanimously.

1. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Policy on Exit Interviews

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to direct the Town Administrator to come up with a policy change so that exit interviews for all Town employees be done by the Town Administrator and at least one Selectmen, and that policy change be presented to the Board at it's next regular meeting (October 26, 1999) carried unanimously.

B. Rehearing on ZBA Decision—Thurston's Landing

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, for a rehearing on the ZBA decision on Thurston's Landing to appeal the decision carried unanimously.

C. NH Public Works Mutual Aid

Chairman Madison recognized Road Agent Kevin Burns, who said he was asked to bring this before the governing body. They are trying to form a group Fire Service Mutual Aid. Over 50 communities have already enrolled. In the event of a large scale disaster to a particular town, they could call on other towns that weren't affected. The town receiving the aid is responsible for all costs incurred by communities giving the aid. He thinks it would be a worthwhile program to become involved with. Hudson would be one of the larger communities, along with Derry, and Merrimack is considering joining. For an isolated incident, such as a tornado, or an ice storm that hit Gilford a couple of years ago (which is what started this effort), a lot of benefit would be derived for being a part of this. He didn't have strong feelings one way or the other, but if Hudson was the community that was hit with something like a tornado, they would be awful busy with their single chipper trying to clean it up. Hopefully, they'll never need it, but it's probably not a bad thing to join in order to help each other out in bad times.

Selectman Stewart asked how the workers felt about it. Kevin said because they're a union department, it would be on a volunteer basis, but they would be on the clock. They'd be staying strictly in New Hampshire. The host community would have to pay to feed the men and provide accommodations for them, which may be nothing more than a sleeping bag in a gym.

Chairman Madison asked if there was a cost involved. Kevin said \$25 a year for NHMA to administer the program. Every town stays under their own insurance. Selectman Jasper said, as with the Fire Service, it's valuable to have. They probably won't be needed very often, but if needed, it would be nice to be able to count on the help. Kevin said he'd prepare the documents that would have to be signed by the Board Chairman.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to authorize the Town to join the NH Public Works Mutual Aid and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents when they are ready carried unanimously.

D. Land Preservation Committee

Selectman Jasper said the Land Preservation Committee met for the first time last night, but not all of the members were able to attend. He asked for authorization to place an ad in the Hudson Litchfield News, asking for proposals from people who have land that they might like to see preserved. Individual committee members are also planning to approach individual land owners.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to authorize a small ad in the Hudson Litchfield News for Land Preservation purposes carried unanimously.

1. LICENSES AND PERMITS

A. Raffle Permit Request by the Community Church of Hudson on 12/4/99

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

B. Hawker-Peddler Request by Ron Lawton to sell Christmas Trees & Wreaths at Stevie P's from November 30-December 24, 1999

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

C. Request by Amvets to sell Poppies at SAM's, Wal-Mart's and Market Basket November 6 & 7, 1999

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

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to accept the Minutes of the September 28, 1999 BOS Minutes carried unanimously.

2. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/13 7:00 Planning Board in the P/Z Meeting Room

10/13 7:00 HEDCorp in the BOS Meeting Room
 10/14 7:30 ZBA in the P/Z Meeting Room
 10/14 7:30 Sewer Utility Committee in the BOS Meeting Room
 10/16 9:00 Town Auction at the Kirby Building
 10/18 7:30 Conservation Commission in the P/Z Meeting Room
 10/18 7:30 Library Board of Trustees in the BOS Meeting Room
 10/19 7:30 BOS/Planning Board/CIP in the BOS Meeting Room
 10/21 7:30 Budget Committee Meeting in the P/Z Meeting Room
 10/21 7:00 Public Hearing on 102 Project at Memorial School
 10/26 7:00 Trustees of the Trust Funds at Town Hall
 10/26 7:30 Board of Selectmen in BOS Meeting Room
 10/28 7:30 Land Preservation Committee at the Robinson Road Fire Station

On the 19th, Selectman Jasper will lead the meeting because Chairman Madison has an Emergency Preparedness Meeting on terrorism that she was encouraged to attend so she would know what to expect and what to do in case of an emergency or disaster, and Vice Chairman Stewart will be on her honeymoon.

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3. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Jasper said he was very pleased to attend the Firefighters Local Awards Banquet last Saturday night. There is a new medal for firefighters killed in the line of duty and the Taylor family will be presented with the medal named for him at the dedication of the Firefighters Memorial. The other new medal is called the Leon J. Community Service Award and it, too, is a beautiful medal, presented for the first time to Leon Hammond. Leon also got his 45-year pin that night, which means he started in the fire service around 44 years of age. Chairman Madison thanked him for attending and for speaking on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Jasper said he kept his remarks very brief, as he was advised to keep his speech short and sweet.

Selectman Stewart said their 2nd Harvest Fest was a success. The weather was beautiful and it was well attended. The quilters filled Hills House with their quilts and people were spinning wool on the porch. The Culinary Arts students sold out by noon as well as the pumpkins kids could paint. She looks forward to doing it again next year. Chairman Madison asked if they would be calling her Selectman *Stewart* at the next meeting, or if she needed a new name plate. Selectman Seabury asked if it would still be called *Stewart* Travel. Dave Bouchard said it could become his company, at which point Selectman Stewart introduced him as her future husband. In addition, she introduced her Maid of Honor from Sunnyvale, California, Dawn Shiner. Chairman Madison pointed out that she still hadn't answered the question. Selectman Stewart said her campaign posters say *Stewart*.

Selectman Seabury said she brought her sister to the Harvest Fest, warning her in advance that it was kind of hokey, but fun. She spent a lot of money and they had a wonderful time. She especially liked it because it was more local people and no carnival.

4. NONPUBLIC SESSIONS

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to enter Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, etc. (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, etc. carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 8:15 p.m. and was terminated at 9:05 p.m.

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

A. Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to hire Richard Melanson as a Mechanic in the Highway Department at \$14.29 per hour, Grade XII, Step Minimum, effective October 24, 1999 carried unanimously.

A. Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to promote Jason Twardowsky to the position of Traffic Technician in the Highway Department, Grade XIV, Step Minimum, at \$15.48 per hour, effective October 17, 1999 carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to hire Ed Peterson as the 1999-2000 Instructional Basketball

Program Director for a fee of \$800 carried unanimously.

- C. *Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to appoint David Yates as the 1999-2000 Basketball Director for the fee of \$3,000 carried unanimously.*

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Recorded and Transcribed by Priscilla Boisvert

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