

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the July 13, 1999 Meeting

Attorney-Client Session from 7:30 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman E. Lorraine Madison at 8:20 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, led by Selectman Rhona Charbonneau
3. **ATTENDANCE**

Selectmen: E. Lorraine Madison, Rhona Charbonneau, Shawn N. Jasper and Terry Stewart. (Ann Seabury was on vacation.)

Staff/Others: Paul D. Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Abbott and Annie Rice; Nominations and Appointments applicants; Howard Dilworth; Nancy Regan; Coleman Kelly; Fidele Bernasconi, HLN; Bill Ivers, SUN.

4. **NONPUBLIC SESSION**

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart to enter Nonpublic Session under 91-A:3:II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, likely would benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community; and 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; and 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 8:20 p.m. and was terminated at 8:53 p.m.

5. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Abbott and Annie Rice, 28 Sunland Drive -- Composting The Rice's, on behalf of the Wattanick Grange, urged the Selectmen to form a committee to study the feasibility of establishing a composting program within the Town of Hudson to handle the organic material that is presently being sent out of Town. This committee would report back to the Board within 90 days with its recommendation. Maybe they could do something with the old leaves and other good, clean material that is brought to the landfill to turn a profit or, at the very least, to meet the needs of the people in Hudson who use this type of material.

Chairman Madison said this would be brought up under Other Business. She asked if anyone else wanted to speak during Public Input. There was no response.

6. **NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

A. Building Board of Appeals (One term to expire 12/31/99 and one term to expire 12/31/01)

Alan Crocker has lived in Hudson for 17 years and he feels it is time to do something for the Town. He has been in engineering for 20 years, with a background in utility management. With his knowledge and experience, he thinks the Town would benefit by his serving on this committee.

B. Cable Committee (Two terms, each to expire 12/31/01)

John Beike (Incumbent) was not present, as he was out of Town on business.

Coleman Kelly (Incumbent) wanted to continue serving on the committee to see to completion several franchise-related issues and televising the Selectmen's meetings.

Thaddeus Luszey, Jr. is interested in integrating technology into the community, schools and homes. He worked on a committee to get the schools' computers Internet-ready. He is interested in the cable industry, being a MIS professional. However, after a conversation with Coleman Kelly, and given the state of flux in the franchise negotiations, he withdrew his application.

C. Planning Board (Alternate position, term to expire 12/31/99)

Alan Crocker (interviewed under Building Board of Appeals)

Linda Walkley Kipnes is interested in developing a long-range plan for the Town to preserve the natural resources, with a goal towards land use. She has lived in Town for 21 years and has seen it change quite a bit, a lot of which seems to be randomly. Selectman Stewart said some of the Planning Board meeting go until 1:00 a.m. Ms. Kipnes said that wouldn't be a problem.

Terry McLlarky also serves on the Sewer Utility Committee and as an alternate on the Conservation Committee--but is usually seated as a voting member--and he thought it would be beneficial to serve on the Planning Board as well, in order to provide a common link between the committees because oftentimes the issues regarding various projects overlap matters addressed by different boards.

Chairman Madison thanked the applicants, saying that appointments will be made on July 27th.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A. From: Kevin Burns, Road Agent

Re: ·Waiver of Sewer & Water Fees

·West Road Cap Use

Refer to: New Business

B. From: Richard Gendron, Chief of Police

Re: Acceptance of Donations

Refer to: New Business

C. From: David Yates, Recreation Director

Re: Acceptance of Donation

Refer to: New Business

D. From: Jim Michaud, Assessor

Re: Various Assessing Items

Refer to: New Business

E. From: Sewer Utility Committee

Re: Abatement Applications

Refer to: New Business

F. From: Cable Committee

Re: Renewal Negotiations

Refer to: New Business

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Waiver Request by Highway Department of Sewer & Water Fees

Town Administrator Paul Sharon said the Road Agent was requesting that the Board consider waiving the sewer assessment, sewer inspection, water inspection and water hook up and meter fees. A rationale is that that facility is going to house both the highway operations and the sewer functions and, to some degree, the water. The sewer inspection fee would be \$18,000, which would be a small contribution in lieu of an actual contribution in terms of the construction of the building.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to grant the waivers of the fees carried unanimously.

B. West Road Cap Use Request

Town Administrator Paul Sharon said the Road Agent was submitting a request that was brought to him by Darryl Wagner, who represents a club of about 75 members, to use the West Road landfill to fly model airplanes. Mr. Sharon did not believe this activity would jeopardize the integrity of the cap. Selectman Jasper said these airplanes do not have internal combustion engines.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve the request, in accordance with the Road Agent's memo dated June 22, 1999, which includes giving him the authority to suspend activities, carried unanimously.

Selectman Stewart asked if there were any health concerns with methane gas in that area. Mr. Sharon said not any more than you would expect just walking across it. Mr. Bernasconi asked if the motion included \$2 million liability insurance. Chairman Madison said yes, as that was included in the Road Agent's memo.

C. Public Hearing on acceptance of a Donation to Police Department of \$1,390 by the Hudson Junior Women's Club and the General Federation of Women's Community Club to be used to purchase self-defense training equipment for women

Chairman Madison opened the public hearing at 9:10 and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no response, so she closed the hearing.

Motion by Selectman Stewart to accept with thanks, seconded by Selectman Jasper, carried unanimously.

D. Acceptance of a \$250 Donation to Police Department by the 5th Hudson Citizens' Police Academy to purchase two bulletproof vests for Nikor and Dino

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau to accept with thanks, seconded by Selectman Stewart,

carried unanimously.

E. Acceptance of a \$100 Donation to the Recreation Department by Hudson Youth Baseball

Motion to accept with thanks by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, carried unanimously.

F. Various Assessing Items

1) Veteran's Tax Credit Applications (Dale E. Troxell, Map 35, Lot 010-034; Harry Lawson, Map 32, Lot 128-00A)

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

2) Totally Disabled Property Tax Exemption (Mark E. Snow, Sr., 58 Mobile Drive, Map 27, Lot 15-35)

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

3) Current Use Penalty Partial Lien Release, Map 21, Lot 4, Thurston's Landing South

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to sign, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

G. Sewer Abatement Applications (S-99-17)

(S-CAP-99-03 Michelle Foley, 23 Burnam Road, 2075, \$1,084.75; S-CAP-99-06, Philip and Maryann Pitsios, 6 Linden Street, 4627, \$1,549.65.)

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to grant the abatements, as recommended by the Sewer Utility Committee, carried unanimously.

H. Cable Renewal Negotiations

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to resume the formal cable television renewal process carried unanimously.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Letter of Thanks to HPD Officers who participated in the Police Academy

Selectman Stewart wondered if it were possible for the Board of Selectmen to send a letter to the Police Department thanking the officers for volunteering for the Police Academy. Chairman Madison said that was very possible and a good idea.

B. Creating and Advertising for a Land Preservation Committee

Selectman Jasper said at Town Meeting, it was voted to put all of the current use release money into a fund. He thinks it's time they started to develop a process whereby they would figure out what to do with that. As much as he doesn't like forming committees, he thinks they should form a committee whose purpose it would be to look into purchasing of development rights in various parcels around Town. He suggested advertising in the paper for

people to apply. They need to get moving on that if they want to have anything for the budget.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, that the Board of Selectmen advertise for positions on a committee to be known as the Land Preservation Committee carried unanimously.

Selectman Jasper said they would establish the number after they see what the interest is.

C. Renovations for the Town Clerk's Office

Town Administrator Sharon said he had an updated quote, for which he recommended Board approval, in the amount of \$19,500 to do all of the work they had budgeted, plus the carpeting in the old legal office and administrative offices. Work would be started right away. Selectman Charbonneau asked if there was more than one bid. Mr. Sharon said they had Legend's bid, an older bid from Romeo Levesque and the current bid from Harry Poper. It was in trying to get ahold of Bob Clegg to update his bid that he (Paul) determined that he (Bob) was not doing that work any more and Harry said that he was, so he (Paul) asked him to submit a quote, which he did, and that's what they've got to work with right now--and it's under budget. Selectman Charbonneau asked if there wasn't a lot of problems with the last renovation that was done. Mr. Sharon said it wasn't anything related to their work, that he thought they did an excellent job.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to award the contract for the renovations in Town Hall to Harry Poper in an amount not to exceed \$19,500 carried unanimously.

Selectman Jasper asked how this was going to be coordinated with the Town Clerk. Mr. Sharon said they were going to minimize the disruption to the Town Clerk's office by working in the old Assessing area first, taking the dividing wall down, probably over a weekend, and if need be, they will hang a curtain. They will get the Assessing side prepared, temporarily move Cecile over there, and work on her office expansion, lay the carpeting, and then move the new counter in so the ladies can work with minimum disruption. Selectman Jasper suggested moving the operation downstairs temporarily. Mr. Sharon thought that would be worse, particularly with the cash drawers and records. They are going to try to not disrupt business at all, which might involve weekend work.

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D. Confirmation of Hiring of Planning Board Intern

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to confirm the hiring of Doug Appler as the Planning Intern for the summer @ 6/hr, effective July 7, 1999 carried unanimously.

E. Composting Issue (from Public Input)

Selectman Jasper thinks this is something worth looking into and if there are people who are willing to form a committee and look into the feasibility of it, he wouldn't have a problem with that.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to advertise for volunteers for a committee to look into the feasibility of a composting program in the Town of Hudson, and possible sites, carried

unanimously.

10. LICENSES AND PERMITS

Request by Leah Lavoie for a Hawker/Peddler License to sell Ice Cream

Motion to grant by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, carried 3/1. Selectman Charbonneau was opposed.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Selectmen's June 22, 1999 Minutes

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

12. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

7/14 7:00 Planning Board in P/Z Meeting Room

7/15 7:30 Budget Committee in P/Z Meeting Room

7/19 7:30 Conservation Commission in P/Z Meeting Room

7/22 7:30 ZBA in P/Z Meeting Room

7/22 7:00 HEDCorp in BOS Meeting Room

7/27 7:30 BOS in BOS Meeting Room

13. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Jasper is relieved that the Maxwell is back in Town, but won't be delivering any mail any time soon.

Selectman Charbonneau thanked the Selectmen for the flowers and cards and is glad to be back.

Selectman Stewart congratulated Shawn for being so diligent regarding the Maxwell. She welcomed Rhona back, who looks very good.

Chairman Madison welcomed back Rhona, too, agreeing that she looks very good.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. carried unanimously.

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