

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the January 26, 1999 Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman E. Lorraine Madison at 7:30 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Selectman Shawn N. Jasper

3. **ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff/Others: Paul D. Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Kevin Burns, Road Agent; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer; Dick Exline; Coleman Kelly; John Drabinowicz; Howard Dilworth; Fidele Bernasconi, HLN

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Presentation of Public Works Facility by Road Agent Kevin Burns

Kevin Burns presented a metal Butler building and a masonry block building. His preference, and the unanimous preference of the Selectmen, was the block building. They will be using about three acres of the 18 acre site, which is already serviced by sewer, water and gas. The proposed 60 x 60 salt shed will cost about \$80,000 and will hold 2,250 tons of salt, or 2/3rds of what is used in a year. A block building would cost \$770,000 which includes a sprinkler system and a generator. A Butler building would run about \$825,000.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A. From: Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer

Re: Street Acceptance--Tear Drop Circle

Refer to: New Business

B. From: Jim Michaud, Assessor

Re: Assessing Items

Refer to: New Business

C. From: Hudson Speedway

Re: 1999 License

Refer to: Licenses and Permits

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

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Combined Dispatch

Chairman Madison recognized Paul Sharon, who said he, Steve Malizia, Chief Carpentino and

Chief Gendron mapped out a strategy. Before hiring a consultant, they want to define a scope of work, so the two Chiefs are working on an RFP. When that is done, they will be ready for the next step. Selectman Seabury felt that moving to combined dispatch was a Board decision, not one that should be made by a Town Meeting vote. Everyone was in agreement with that premise.

B. Street Acceptances (Deferred from 1/12/99, at which time a public hearing was held)

1) Friars Drive

Chairman Madison said there were questions about the extension and lack of turn-around. Town Engineer Mike Gospodarek said the Planning Board asked for the extension because they thought the road would eventually go out to Lowell Road. A cul de sac was put on the north side of the road that will revert back to the landowners when the roadway goes through. Selectman Jasper said he went out to look at it and he no longer has concerns about accepting the street. He agrees with the Planning Board having the right of way laid out, but feels it is inequitable for one owner to pave the extension for the exclusive use of the owner of another parcel. That extension is of no benefit to the Town and the Town shouldn't plow it.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to accept Friars Drive as a Town street carried unanimously.

2) Gambia Street

Chairman Madison said this had been deferred from 1/12 because of the concern that there is no turn around for the plows. Road Agent Kevin Burns said this hasn't put any hardship on them, but it hasn't helped, either. A turn-around at the end would have been preferable. Town Engineer Mike Gospodarek said the 1917 plan shows that the road was supposed to go all the way to Webster Street, which could be done if they want to go through the process of getting a wetlands permit. Selectman Jasper asked if there wasn't some way to have put in a turn-around when they made the lot line changes. Mike said this didn't have to go before the Planning Board. It was originally laid out as a 40' right of way. Selectman Jasper said the Selectmen have the authority to only accept Town approved streets and didn't think this street met the criteria. He asked for a legal opinion on it.

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Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to refer this to the Town Attorney to see if the Board has the legal authority to accept this street or if it should go to Town Meeting carried 3-1. Selectman Charbonneau was opposed. (Under Remarks, this vote was reconsidered and the Board authorized the Town Engineer and Town Administrator to see if the Board *can* accept the street and, if needed, to seek an opinion from a land-use attorney, other than John Ratigan.)

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing/Board Action on Tear Drop Circle Street Acceptance

Chairman Madison opened the hearing at 8:00 p.m. There being no response, she closed the hearing.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to accept Tear Drop Circle, as

recommended by staff, carried unanimously.

B. Assessing Items

1) Property Tax Abatement, 31 Lund Drive, Map 32, Lot 155-A

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

2) Veterans Tax Credit, Lloyd Gordon, 911 Fox Hollow Dr, Map 13/ Lots 12-911

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

3) Property Tax Abatements--Lockwood Place, Map 24, Lot 25-117 thru 144

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

C. Designation of Selectmen to speak to Warrant Articles at the 2/6/99 Session of Town Meeting

Chairman Madison:

Article 12, Lowell Road Widening

Article 13, Multi-year Union Contract for Police

Article 21, Wages and benefits increases for non-union personnel

Article 26, Middle School/School Resource Officer position

Article 27, Hudson Police Department Speed Detection message board.

Article 28, Community Policing Officer

Article 36, Rescinding bonding authority--Friary Property

Article 37, Rescinding bonding authority--Consumers New Hampshire Water Company property

Selectman Charbonneau:

Article 14, Multi-year contract for Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association

Article 24, Property Appraiser position.

Article 33, Purchase of former Benson's property

Selectman Jasper

Article 15, Multi-year Union Contract for Highway

Article 18, Authorization of the Selectmen to sell Town land

Article 19, Department of Public Works Facility

Article 20, Salary increase for Town Treasurer

Article 22, Part-time community cable broadcast position

Article 23, Wage and Benefits Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Article 25, Reconstruction/Repair of Melendy Road Bridge and County Road Bridge

Article 34, Hydrogeological evaluation of Hudson Landfill situated off of Burns Hill Road

Article 35, Land purchase of areas abutting property adjacent to Hudson Landfill off Burns Hill Road

Article 40, Establishment of land use change tax fund

Selectman Seabury

Article 31, Salary increase for library employees

Article 32, Land purchase for future library

Selectman Stewart

Article 16, Multi-year Union Contract for Firefighters

Article 29, Fire Prevention Officer

Article 30, Two Firefighter/EMT-I positions

Article 38, Fire Prevention Ordinance

Article 39, Purchase of the land and building at 39 Ferry Street

Budget Committee Chairman, John Drabinowicz, will speak to Article 17, Town Operating Budget.

8. OTHER BUSINESS (There wasn't any.)

9. LICENSES AND PERMITS

Hudson Speedway License for 1999

*Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to grant the license with the conditions stipulated by the Chief of Police, and **not** approve the date of October 31.*

Selectman Jasper said last year, the Speedway was terrible with their times. Back in the 80's, the permit stated that the ending times were 5:30 and 10:30, with 15 minutes extra, if needed. On a regular basis now, they go over those times. When they are racing after 11:00 on a week night, it's impossible to sleep. This needs to be more strictly enforced; the police has to shut them down at the proper time. Chairman Madison asked the Town Administrator to inform the Chief of this.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 12, 1999 Meeting

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

11. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

01/27 7:00 Planning Board in P/Z Mtg Rm

01/28 7:30 ZBA in P/Z Mtg Rm

02/03 7:00 Planning Workshop in P/Z Mtg Rm

02/06 9:00 am Deliberative Session of Town Mtg @ Memorial School

02/09 7:30 BOS Mtg in BOS Mtg Rm

·Chairman Madison said there will be a reception tomorrow, 1/27, 4:30 - 5:30 at Alvirne's Checkers Restaurant, for the three candidates for Superintendent, and Saturday, 1/30 was the School District Meeting.

·Coleman Kelly said there will be a Cable public hearing at 7:00 on February 4 because of the rate increase.

·Howard Dilworth said the Sewer Utility has set their meeting nights as the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30.

12. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

A. Land Use Attorney re. Gambia Street

Selectman Charbonneau said she voted against referring this to the Town Attorney because she'd like to see someone who is more versed on land use issues give the opinion.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reconsider the action by which they referred the street acceptance to the Town Attorney carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to amend the motion on the floor and have the Town Engineer and the Town Administrator review it and see if they agree that it does not meet conditions for the Board to accept it and, if they are unsure or have questions, that they refer it to a land use attorney carried unanimously.

B. Selectman Jasper's 40th Birthday Surprise

Selectman Jasper thanked the Board for the birthday surprise, saying the first 40 years have been very interesting and he looks forward to the next 40. The Selectmen took a brief recess so everyone could enjoy cake and juice. The other Selectmen had provided an appropriately-decorated cake, black party hats, black tablecloth, balloon, juice and napkins in recognition of

Selectman Jasper's 40th birthday.

13. NONPUBLIC SESSIONS

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to enter Nonpublic Session under 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, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; (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 8:30 p.m. and was terminated at 8:50 p.m.

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

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to hire Cheryl Doherty as Receptionist/Clerk in the Public Works Department, @ \$10.34 per hour, Grade VII, Step 1, for six hours a day/30 hours a week, effective January 31, 1999 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to promote David Bianchi as Sgt. in the Police Department @ \$20.11 per hour, Step 1 of the contract, effective February 7, 1999 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to hire John Geas as a parttime Dispatcher in the Fire Department @ \$7.50 an hour during training and \$10 after training, effective January 27, 1999 carried 3-0. Selectman Jasper, a member of the Fire Department, abstained.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. carried unanimously.

Recorded and Transcribed by Priscilla Boisvert

Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

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