

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the November 14, 1998 Budget Deliberations

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Madison at 9:06 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

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

Staff/Others: Paul Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Sue Snide, Zoning Admin; Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer; Mike Reynolds, Town Planner; Fire Chief Frank Carpentino; Police Chief Richard Gendron; Capt. Ray Mello; Lt. Don McCrady; Lisa Nute; Community Grant People

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**, led by Selectman Terry Stewart

4. **Budget Presentations**

5900 -- Community Grants

Home Health and Hospice's request of \$18,000 was reduced to \$16,000; Nashua Transit System's request of \$18,500 was reduced to \$13,573; Community Council's request of \$14,057 was reduced to \$9,564; American Red Cross' request of \$9,000 was reduced to \$8,000; Rape & Assault Support Services' request of \$6,250 was reduced to \$6,000; Neighborhood Health Center for Greater Nashua's request of \$10,000 was reduced to \$8,000; Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter's request of \$8,000 was reduced to \$5,000; Big Brothers/Big Sisters' request of \$9,830 was reduced to \$4,840; St. Joseph Community Service's request of \$2,600 was unchanged; Nashua Mediation Program's request of \$1,600 was unchanged; CHIPS request of \$3,000 was unchanged; Hudson Seniors' request of \$2,000 was unchanged; action on HEDCorp's request of \$36,227 was postponed to 11/17/98 at the request of Fidele Bernasconi; Keystone Hall's request of \$2,000 was reduced to \$0.

5581 -- Zoning Department (Sue Snide, Zoning Administrator)

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 202 Small Business from \$800 to \$500 failed by a vote of 2-3. Selectman Charbonneau and Stewart voted in favor.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 241 Printing from \$3,000 to \$1,500 carried 5-0.

5582 -- Building Department

Selectman Jasper thought the Budget Committee would like a long-range plan on the Town's fleet management. Selectman Charbonneau said they should be looking at program cars.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 236 Education Reimbursement from \$1,200 to \$800 carried 5-0.

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Chairman Madison passed the gavel to Selectman Stewart.

Motion by Selectman Madison, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 221 Equipment Rental from \$1,435 to \$750 carried 5-0.

Chairman Madison took the chair back.

5583 - ZBA (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5531 -- Engineering (w/Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer)

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to reduce 236 Education Reimbursement from \$800 to \$500 carried 5-0. (Justification: Historically, budgeted amount hasn't been used.)

5533 -- Conservation Commission

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to reduce 318 Film from \$15 and 226 Film Development from \$20 to \$0 carried 5-0. (Justification: At request of Town Engineer.)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 103 Temp Salaries to \$0 and increase 252 Other Professional Services to \$600 carried 4-0. Selectman Seabury, a former Minute-taker, abstained.

5591 -- Water Utility

Chairman Madison said when she and Selectman Jasper went to Litchfield, it was decided that Hudson would not ask for an abatement for a year--but the taxes have more than doubled. Atty. Ratigan had wanted to pursue this, but they stopped him. After this year, they may pursue an abatement and take it as far as they have to.

Selectman Jasper said they were going on an assumption presented by Skip, based on 35,000 which he thought was high. He had asked for some information when he saw the tax bill, but hasn't received it yet. They should see Pennichuck's breakdown of the taxes, and the Town's, and compare them. They need to know the total tax bill, then they can talk to Skip to find out what went wrong. Paul said back during the negotiations, there was some strong feeling that that was over-assessed--and they've doubled from that.

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John and Skip have talked to Roberge, who does their appraisal work, and indicated that Hudson thought Litchfield was extraordinarily high and out of line, even with the original assessed value and that Hudson was going to be arguing that. Whether it is split between Pennechuck and the Town, the total underlying value has been doubled.

Selectman Jasper wants to see the actual numbers to determine if the value is the same as a year ago, or if it doubled. Paul said that's where they were headed before the Board told him to back off. Chairman Madison said that's because they had said they wouldn't move for a year, but they didn't count on the taxes being doubled. Selectman Jasper said after they see the underlying figures, the Hudson Selectmen can meet with the Litchfield Selectmen. They shouldn't start filing paperwork before talking with them, adding that's why he asked for the figures a month ago. Paul said his impression from that conversation was that they were going to get into the broader discussion during the budget. His marching orders were to back off. Selectman Jasper said that was when they thought the bill was \$35,000 not \$78,000.

Chairman Madison said they can decide what to do after they have the information before them. She had hoped to give the water users another reduction, but they can't because of the tax increase. Paul said the Town also inherited Consumers developer agreements, a major expense. Consumers would rebate developers on every water service. Skip and Phil didn't think it was going to amount to as much as it did. Selectman Jasper said the Town negotiated a cap on them. Steve said if everything gets built, the Town is looking at a liability of \$805,000. Discussion continued.

Chairman Madison said they need to determine the amount of time is spent on the water utility, which

involves Finance, Public Works, Engineering, Administration, etc. Steve said the Board might think about hiring a water consultant, such as the Sewer Utility does, who oversees the whole operation.

Warrant Articles

Culvert Replacement on Lowell Road -- A lengthy discussion ensued on the condition of the pipe and the pros and cons of a complete replacement versus shoring it up and redoing the headwalls. No action taken.

Pine Road and Winslow Farm Road -- Paul said a reconstruction project can be done for \$90,000 or for \$5,000 by putting up some stop signs. Mike said there's not a lot of activity directly at the intersection. He felt that the Winslow Farm residents were pressuring the Town to do something. No action taken at this time.

Reconstruction of County Road Bridge and Melendy Road Bridge -- Selectman Jasper asked if there will be staff available to do multiple projects. Mike said this project will be turned over to the State.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve the project carried unanimously.

Lowell Road Widening (\$1 Million bond)

Selectman Charbonneau said this has to be done, especially with the State coming in to do part of it.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to send to Warrant a 10-year bond for \$1 million for Lowell Road Widening carried unanimously.

Musquash/Gowing Road Realignment -- No action by the Selectmen.

5571 -- Planning Department

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 402 Automobiles from \$15,063 to 0 carried unanimously. (It was decided that Planning/Zoning would use the vehicle that Leo Lessard used.)

(Start Tape 3, Side A)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 252 Other Professional Services from \$17,000 to \$14,500 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 241 Printing from \$1,000 to \$500 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 235 Registration Fees from \$1,500 to \$1,200 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 399 Misc from \$450 to \$250 carried unanimously.

5572 -- Planning Board

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 255 Engineering Fees from \$970 to \$500 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 235 Registration Fees from \$675 to \$500 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 252 Other Professional Services from \$5,350 to \$4,500 failed by a 2-2 vote. Selectmen Jasper and Stewart were in favor; Selectmen Charbonneau and Madison were opposed; Selectman Seabury abstained because she is the Minute-taker.

(Tape 3, Second Side)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 252 Other Professional Services from \$5,350 to \$5,000 carried 3-1. Selectman Madison was opposed; Selectman Seabury abstained.

5610 -- Police Administration

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 401 Large Operating Equipment (mobile data terminals) from \$87,500 to 0 failed 0-5.

5615 -- Police Facility Operations

(Tape 4, Side A)

Motion by Selectman Jasper to increase 252 Other Professional Services from \$6,700 to \$11,615 was not seconded and, therefore, failed. (The increase was for a maintenance package to the heating system.)

5620 -- Communications (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5630 -- Police Patrol

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to forward to the Warrant an Article for a SMART Unit in the amount of \$14,665 carried 4-1. Selectman Madison voted in opposition because she thought it should be a budget item.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to reduce 401 Large Operating Equipment from \$21,105 to \$6,440 carried unanimously. (Reflects reduction of the SMART unit.)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 299 Misc from \$2,250 to \$1,500, carried unanimously. (Reduction reflects donation of food by Petsmart.)

5640 -- Police Investigations (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5650 -- Animal Control

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 109 Health, Dental Insurance from \$7,463 to \$3,712 carried unanimously. (Animal Control Officer is a single person and the higher amount reflects a family plan.)

5660 -- Police Records (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5671 -- Support Services (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

(Start Tape 4, Second Side)

5672 -- Crossing Guards (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5673 -- Police Prosecutor (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

Warrant Articles

Administrative Police Captain (No action taken by the Board of Selectmen.)

Full-Time Police Dispatcher (No action taken by the Board of Selectmen.)

Middle School Resource Officer (\$39,937)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Madison, to forward this Article to the Warrant carried 4-1. Selectman Seabury voted in opposition.

Community Policing Officer (No action taken by the Board of Selectmen.)

Pine Road/Winslow Farm Intersection -- (No action taken by the Board of Selectmen.)

5710 -- Fire Administration

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 215 Publications from \$1,325 to \$325 carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained because it was a Fire Department issue.

Chief Carpentino said it is too inconvenient to keep using the RSA's in Paul's office. Selectman Jasper suggested transferring the set in the legal area to the Fire Department. Paul said a few years ago the Police Prosecutor asked for that extra set. His recommendation then was to move the entire law library to the PD. If they gut out the RSA's, they should try to sell the rest of the library. Selectman Jasper questioned that. Chairman Madison asked if the RSA's had to be used in conjunction with the other publications. Paul said they generally are. Chairman Madison asked why they are kept if we don't have a legal department any more. Paul said people use them occasionally, including John Ratigan. Selectman Charbonneau said John could use Paul's set. Paul said sometimes he's behind closed doors, but rather than spend \$1,000 it's probably preferably to move the RSA's, adding that we should dispense with keeping the rest of the library updated. Chairman Madison said the law library could still be kept up because the RSA's would only be an office away. Selectman Jasper said the RSA's in Paul's area could be moved into the Selectmen's office, taking care of the problem of accessing them when Paul is behind closed doors. Chairman Madison said they could be put into the bookcase in the Selectmen's Office and the books that are there could be stored somewhere else as most of them aren't used anyway. Chief Carpentino asked about annual update costs. Paul said that was already budgeted, so the Fire Department wouldn't have to worry about that for a year.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 214 Notices, Newspaper Ads, from \$1,500 to \$1,000 failed by a vote of 2-2. Selectmen Seabury and Charbonneau voted in favor; Selectman Jasper abstained.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 230 Meals In Town from \$500 to \$300 carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 231 Meals, Out of Town, from \$550 to \$400 carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained.

Chairman Madison passed the gavel to Selectman Stewart.

(Start Tape 5, Second Side)

Motion by Selectman Madison, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to combine the towing accounts and increase 254 Towing (combined accounts) to \$700 carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained. The gavel was returned to Chairman Madison.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 325 Large Equipment/Parts from \$103,820 to \$81,820 carried 3-1. Selectman Stewart was opposed; Selectman Jasper

abstained.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 399 Miscellaneous from \$9,764 to \$9,314 carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained.

(Start Tape 6, Side A)

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 411 Computer Equipment from \$500 to \$300 carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained.

5720 -- Fire Communications

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 203 Small Equipment Repair from \$1,200 to \$750 carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained.

5730 -- Fire Suppression

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 105 Salaries/Dive Team by \$10,080 failed 1-3. Selectman Seabury voted in favor; Selectman Jasper abstained.

Selectman Seabury said she wanted to eliminate the Dive Team program, \$10,080. Chief Carpentino said if the Town is going to do away with the dive team, there won't be funding for training. Selectman Charbonneau said this started out as a volunteer program and then mushroomed. Selectman Seabury said they were going to buy and take care of their own equipment, but all of a sudden, there is this big program. Chief Carpentino said they are trying to rejuvenate the program with another dive team supervisor and there is a lot of interest by members of the team. He's handcuffed right now because of the history of the team. There has only been one supervisor; no one else has been trained. Selectman Seabury said maybe he could come back with another program another time. Chairman Madison said they could still use the boat in case they had to go out on the water. Chief Carpentino said there would be liability issues if people don't have current training. Chairman Madison said not everyone who does a rescue knows how to dive. Chief Carpentino agreed, but if they don't have an on-going training program, they may as well get rid of the boat.

Selectman Jasper thinks they should keep a dive team and hoped this wasn't a personality issue. If someone's child was under water in a pond or the river, they would have to wait until a dive team from another town got here. That child wouldn't stand a chance. Hudson has a lot of water and he thinks it would be disastrous to eliminate the dive team. The Chief is addressing some of the serious problems and headway is being made. They should give him the year he asked for and, if at the end of the year it's not corrected, he won't argue against eliminating it. Chairman Madison didn't have a problem with giving them one more year. Selectman Charbonneau asked how long the team has been in existence. Chief Carpentino said nine years. Selectman Charbonneau said there have been problems since then. When it originally started, it was all volunteer, but now they're spending a lot of money for gear, repairs, etc. and it keeps getting bigger.

Selectman Stewart believed there was a reduction in their budget. Chief Carpentino said this year it was drastically reduced by \$7,000 to show that they are getting serious. The message has been sent that the dive team will have to perform. Selectman Charbonneau asked what \$10,080 was. She was told it was for overtime.

(Start Tape 6, Second Side)

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to level fund 105 Salaries at \$242,148 carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained.

5740 -- Fire Prevention

Chairman Madison asked if 101 contained a Fire Prevention Officer. Chief Carpentino said two people are funded out of the budget, a Fire Prevention Officer and a Superintendent of Fire Prevention. Chairman Madison said she was told that the Budget Committee was going to take the funds out for the Fire Prevention Officer, so they might as well sent it to the Warrant. Selectman Seabury asked who told her that. Chairman Madison said Shawn, that he talks to the Budget Committee all the time. Chief Carpentino asked if consideration has been given to the fact that, if this goes on the Warrant, it might not pass and he'll be short an employee. Chairman Madison said she heard Howard say they're in favor of it and they just want to see it passed by the Town. If the Selectmen don't take it out, the Budget Committee will, and then the Fire Department will be out. Selectman Jasper said at least one retirement is coming up by the end of the fiscal year. Chief Carpentino said he couldn't be sure of that. Selectman Jasper said in all likelihood there will be a vacancy, and he recommends holding something open in case this article fails. Chairman Madison said the position was frozen and no matter what the Budget Committee or a Selectman thinks, it was not taken off, so the position is still there. They merely unfroze it. They send these things to the Town as a courtesy. Legally, they do not have to, but everyone knows how things are done and if this isn't sent to the Warrant, the Budget Committee will take out the funds. Chief Carpentino said he'd prepare an article as part of the package. He hoped this would go through because there is a dramatic increase in the work in that area. They cannot go back to two people. Chairman Madison hopes everyone will speak on it at Town Meeting; they got to make sure it passes. All they are doing is funding a position they already have. Selectman Seabury said they had two, now they have three. If push comes to shove, and that position does not pass, they will have to reduce staff. Selectman Jasper said they do not legally have to. If the Board decides to maintain three positions, the Selectmen have the right to find money from some place else in the Town Budget to fund that position.

Paul said if Board starts doing warrant articles for what they decided is a frozen position and not a new position, they are opening a can of worms. Selectman Jasper said the Minutes show they took Brian's recommendation to change the position. Neither he nor Howard used the correct language to say they were unfreezing the position and changing it to something else, but neither the Board nor Paul intended to leave that position open. They downgraded the position and should send this to the Warrant and be done with it.

Selectman Seabury said when Carla Anger resigned, there was no way she was going to lose that position because eventually they would need that position and she wanted to ensure it was available. Selectman Jasper said that was different. The former Fire Chief was looking for a way to get a warm body into a slot that had been vacant for two years and the only way he could convince the Board to do that was by downgrading the position. That position *was* frozen for two years and it was funded and the Board refused to fill it. Two years later, Brian proposed to downgrade that position to a Fire Prevention Officer. Selectman Charbonneau said she thought the position was frozen. Chairman Madison said the Board can leave it as it is and if it gets taken out by the Budget Committee, they can find a method to fund it. Selectman Jasper asked the Selectmen to work with the Budget Committee to try to get it passed. He was afraid the Budget Committee would get tee'd off and not recommend it. They will end up in a needless fight and have to scramble to find \$38,970 someplace else in the budget if they don't send it to Warrant.

Selectman Seabury said when she brought this up, most members of the Budget Committee fully approved of doing this. Selectman Jasper said they *thought* there was a vacant position; they thought there had been three people in Fire Prevention and had frozen one for a period and all they were doing was filling the position again. When they understood that, in fact, there never has been three people in Fire Prevention, and they were just using this sneaky little tactic, that's a different thing. They never had three people there. The Budget Committee has been consistent about sending new positions to the Warrant. He is trying to make sure the Fire Department gets the position. Chairman Madison said they already have the position; it's on the books; they only unfroze it. They have the approved position and they can fund it some other way.

Selectman Jasper called her stubborn. Chairman Madison said she simply didn't agree with him. Selectman Jasper said there was never three people there. Today there are three people there and one of them lacks authorization from the voters. Chairman Madison said legally they don't need authorization

from the voters; they can put that person on board. Selectman Jasper said it doesn't mean they will get funding for it.

Paul asked if the Board will go against the will of the people if the Warrant Article fails. Selectman Jasper said they're going against the will of the voters now. Chairman Madison said they weren't. Selectman Jasper said if it doesn't pass, they will vote on a position the voters did not approve and they will have to find \$38,000 someplace else in the budget. Selectman Charbonneau said it might not pass, either. Selectman Jasper said then they are not in any worse a situation. With his scenario, they are potentially \$38,000 ahead.

Chairman Madison asked the Board if they wanted to kow-tow to the wishes of the Budget Committee, or go along on their own. Selectman Seabury said if they leave the position in and take the money out, they will have to find \$38,000. Steve said it's \$55,000 with benefits. Selectman Jasper said he's looking at Dube's position, not the new position. He said it will be \$38,000 plus the upcoming raise in the contract, so it's probably \$47,000. They had authorization by Town Council for the Superintendent's position. Chairman Madison said if they go to the deliberative session and the Budget Committee takes it out, they can speak in favor of having it put back in. Selectman Jasper said Town Meeting is not likely to do that.

Chief Carpentino asked if this was going to be a yearly thing. Selectman Jasper said until they get it approved by the voters, there will be a fight every year. Chief Carpentino said he doesn't have the money in his budget. He's level funded. Paul said what the Board is saying is either the Board takes it out or lets the Budget Committee take it out. By the time it gets to Town Meeting, it will be zero.

Chairman Madison said the problem is Selectman Jasper is determined to get it done *his* way. Selectman Jasper said he wasn't going to say any more about this. Chairman Madison said he said that months ago, and he still hasn't shut up. Selectman Jasper said last night John asked him what was going on. He told John he thought the Board was going to put it in a Warrant Article. John told him, "Good, the Budget Committee has already talked about it and decided we are going to pull it out." Selectman Seabury said she wasn't at that Budget Committee meeting. Selectman Jasper said he was just repeating what John told him. Chairman Madison asked the Board what they were going to do. Selectman Seabury said she'd concede to the Budget Committee. Chairman Madison asked what the amount was they were pulling out of the budget. Steve said salary and benefits were \$38,970.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 101, 105, 108, 109, 110, 111 and 114 by a total of \$38,970. Selectman Seabury so moved, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained.

(Start Tape 7, Side A)

5750 -- Ambulance (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5755 -- Dive Team (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5765 -- Fire Alarm (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5130 -- Emergency Management (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5960 -- Hydrant Rental (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

Warrant Articles

Chairman Madison asked Chief Carpentino to prioritize his Warrant Articles. (Two full-time Firefighters; Fire Emergency Vehicle Reserve; Full-time Dispatcher; Full-time Training Captain.) Chief Carpentino said his first priority was the two full-time Firefighters.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to send to the Warrant Two Full-Time Firefighters carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained.

5561 -- Sewers

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 103 Salaries, Temporary from \$600 to \$500 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to reduce 225 Engineering Fees from \$15,000 to \$9,500 carried unanimously. (Recommended by Tom Sommers on behalf of Sewer Utility Committee.)

5562 -- Operations Maintenance

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 313 Manhold Structures from \$2,500 to \$2,000; 403 Small Equipment from \$13,000 to \$11,050; and 410 Sewer Repair/Maintenance from \$10,000 to \$9,000 carried unanimously. (Recommended by Tom Sommers on behalf of Sewer Utility Committee.)

403 Small Equipment is ½ of a new pickup truck; the other half is paid by Highway. The Sewer Utility requests that the plow, a \$3,000 item, is not paid for by the Sewer Utility.

5564 -- Sewer Construction

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 622 Glen Drive III from \$114,000 to \$84,000 and 625 Inflow & Infiltration from \$20,000 to 0 carried unanimously. (Recommended by Tom Sommers on behalf of Sewer Utility Committee.)

Under 622, Tom said that the \$30,000 for labor is already included in 5562; Under 625, they had an original sum that they had to meet and they already have that, so they're ok with that.

5551 -- Public Works, Facilities

(Start Tape 7, Second Side)

5552 -- Public Works, Streets

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 101 Salaries, etc., by \$10,000 carried unanimously.

290 Street Sweeping should be given another title, such as "Street Sweeper Lease."

Chairman Madison said agenda items for when they meet with the School Board are plows/blades, custodian fees and fees for the fire and police alarms.

5553 -- Public Works, Equipment Maintenance

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to reduce 203 Small Equipment Repair from \$35,000 to \$30,000 carried unanimously.

5554 -- Public Works, Drains

Kevin said this includes the other half of Sewer's pickup truck, adding that the Sewer Utility gets a super deal on their vehicles. They use Town equipment and dump trucks. Selectman Jasper said they should have recognized Kevin during the discussion with Tom Sommers. Selectman Charbonneau said Kevin should keep a record because the Sewer people may be using the equipment more than 50% of the time.

Kevin agreed, saying especially since they are doing so much in-house construction now.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reconsider the action whereby they reduced the Sewer Utility budget by \$1,500 for the plow carried unanimously.

Selectman Jasper said they are now back to the main motion to cut the \$1,500 and he encouraged everyone to vote 'no.' Chairman Madison asked if that motion was made. Selectman Jasper said it was included in a lump.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to amend the motion on the floor by eliminating the cut of \$1,500 so the reduction would be for \$500 and \$1,000 carried unanimously.

Selectman Jasper said they are now back to the main motion to make the cuts of \$500 and \$1,000, seconded by Selectman Stewart, and carried unanimously.

(Start Tape 8, Side A)

5555 -- Solid Waste (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5556 -- Public Works, Ground Maintenance (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

Warrant Articles

Winnhaven Drive Culvert -- Kevin will work up the numbers for next year.

Pine Road/Winslow Farm Intersection -- Kevin said he could do it for \$5,000. Selectman Jasper said the \$40,000 is available with no one to give it back to, so they might as well spend it for that area.

Highway Facility -- Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to send the Highway Facility to the Warrant, with the cost to come from Reserves carried unanimously.

5110 -- Board of Selectmen (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5120 -- Town Hall Operation

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce **499 Miscellaneous** by \$3,700 from \$27,000 to \$23,300 carried unanimously. (This reduction represents carpeting in the Selectmen's offices, legal and Planning and Zoning.)

5125 -- Lions Hall (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5151 -- Town Poor (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5200 -- Legal

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce **251 Collective Bargaining** from \$10,000 to \$6,000 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce **399 Miscellaneous** from \$250 to \$50 carried unanimously.

(Start Tape 8, Second Side)

5300 -- Finance

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to reduce **252 Other Professional Services**

from \$1,000 to \$500 and 303 Office Supplies from \$10,000 to \$8,000 carried unanimously.

5320 -- Accounting (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5330 -- Data Processing

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 252 Other Professional Services from \$48,000 to \$45,000 carried 4-0. (Selectman Charbonneau was out of the room.)

Warrant Articles

Steve said the Auditors recommended writing Warrant Articles to recind the authority for the Friary project. There will be no costs to the Town. Also, they didn't use all of the money for the water company acquisition, so they need to rescind those, too. Selectman Stewart so moved, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to send them to the Warrant carried unanimously.

5910 -- Insurance (No changes were made by the Board of Selectmen.)

5930 -- Patriotic Purposes

Selectman Jasper said the Hudson Historical Society is taking over Old Home Days and they'd like to see the parade reinstated. He hoped the Town would support \$1,500 and the Society can ante up the other \$1,500. Steve said \$1,200 is for Memorial Day and \$600 is already in there for Old Home Days.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to increase 299 Miscellaneous by \$1,000 carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper had stepped down, as he was present as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society)

5940 -- Other Expenses (Contingency)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to level fund 299 Miscellaneous and reduce it from \$75,000 to \$50,000 carried 3-2. Selectmen Madison and Charbonneau was opposed.

Paul and Steve asked for clarification on the two Warrant Article contracts (Police and PMA) that the Board has already ratified. They asked if it was done with the assumption that they were moved to the Warrant, because that wasn't specifically stated at the time. Selectman Jasper said that was right. Chairman Madison said two contracts have been acted on and two more needed to be done.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, at 5:07 p.m. carried 5-0.

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