

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the September 15, 1998 Meeting

(Attorney-Client Session, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**, by Chairman E. Lorraine Madison at 7:48 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, led by Selectman Rhona Charbonneau

3. **ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff/Others: Paul Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Steve Malizia, Finance Director; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Kevin Burns, Road Agent; Nancy Minicucci, Assoc Planner; Howard Dilworth; Coleman Kelly; Len Lathrop; Maria Griggs; Boy Scouts; Len, HLN; Josh, TEL

Chairman Madison recognized and welcomed Boy Scout Troop 20, sponsored by the Lions Club, who are working on their Citizen in the Community badge.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Maria Griggs, 16 Bonnie Lane -- Commemorative Walkway at the Gazebo -- Ms. Griggs read a prepared letter to the Board (copy attached). Chairman Madison stated this would be taken up under Other Business.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A. From: Steve Malizia, Finance Director

Re: 1) Sale of Town-Owned Property; 2) Using Surplus to Offset Tax Rate

Refer to: New Business

B. From: Sewer Utility Committee

Re: 1) Abatement Requests; 2) Sewer Rate for FY 98-99; 3) Sewer Acceptances

Refer to: New Business

C. From: Kevin Burns, Road Agent

Re: Department Reorganization

Refer to: New Business

D. From: Richard Gendron, Chief of Police

Re: 1) Animal Control Officer; Acceptance of Donation from Shop & Save

Refer to: New Business

E. From: Hudson Historical Society

Re: Trolley Stop

Refer to: Old Business

F. From: Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer

Re: Street Acceptance--Constitution Drive

Refer to: New Business

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

6. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board Alternate (Term to expire 12/31/99)

Charles Dunn (withdrew)

Melissa Larose

Randall Rossetti (withdrew)

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to appoint Melissa Larose as Alternate to the Planning Board, with a term to expire 12/31/98, carried unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Trolley Stop

Chairman Madison recognized Selectman Jasper, who said his wife submitted this letter, adding that he wasn't present when this issue was addressed at the Historical Society. He noted that the Vice President was in the audience, Howard Dilworth. Chairman Madison recognized Mr. Dilworth, who said a number of society members were very upset over this incident. They are working on a committee to inventory historical items. He recently had spoken to the Board about the need for site plans and if there had been one for Library Park delineating these things, maybe this wouldn't have happened. He advocated the Board adopt a site plan policy.

Selectman Charbonneau said she talked to Laurie (Jasper) on election day. She feels that Hudson's historical sites should be inventoried so that everyone knows where things are located. She said the (trolley stop) roof was shingled about 16 years ago, and no one noticed it. The Highway Department painted the trolley stop because of the graffiti, and no one noticed that, either. The Highway Department was just trying to make things look good. In order to get rid of the graffiti, they would have to sand it, which would have caused more damage. If things are catalogued, things like this won't happen again.

Chairman Madison thinks the trolley stop and the park looks nice. She asked the Road Agent if he had anything to add. Kevin Burns apologized, saying that it (their refurbishing efforts) was not done to upset the Historical Society; it was done in good faith. Chairman Madison said she was sure the Society knows that.

Selectman Jasper said it would be a waste of money and wouldn't accomplish anything to try to change it at this time, but at some point in the future when the paint starts peeling, it would be appropriate to restore it. The Library Trustees are going to have tiles made for the Library. When they do that, they should have enough made to properly restore the trolley stop when the painting needs to be redone, so they would have them in the inventory because they are very expensive. Given that the trolley stop was a gift to the Town for a specific purpose, they should try to restore it to its original condition, but he didn't advocate doing it now. Chairman Madison agreed, saying that when it comes time, it should be totally restored.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sale of Town-Owned Property

Chairman Madison said five properties were acquired by the Town during the take-over of the Water Company, all of which lie outside of Hudson. It had been decided that the properties should be sold. They were put out to bid and bids were received on three of the properties.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to award the bids, as recommended by the Finance Director in his memo of September 4, 1998 and the two remaining properties be placed in the hands of a real estate broker, as determined by the Finance Director and Town Administrator, carried unanimously.

(The following bids were accepted: 9 High Plains Avenue, Litchfield, NH by Michael Duffy for \$15,000; 122½ Londonderry Turnpike, Derry, NH by Gary & Lynn Woodward for \$13,000; and a property off Alan Shepard Highway, Derry, NH by David Banfield for \$1,503. The two remaining properties are off Londonderry Turnpike in Derry and 40 Seasons Lane, Londonderry.)

B. Using Surplus to Offset Tax Rate

Chairman Madison recognized Finance Director Steve Malizia, who said there is a nice surplus this year, adding that it has grown over the past five, six years. He recommended using \$500,000 of the Town's \$3,568,862 surplus to offset the tax rate, which would be set at approximately \$25.58. There might be a minor adjustment by Concord. \$25.58 represents an increase of 41¢ (or 1.6%) over last year's tax rate of \$25.17 per thousand. The Town's portion went down; the County is relatively stable, but the School portion is up. If the Board follows his recommendation, the Town will have a nice surplus going forward and would give them the option of using it for a Public Works facility, or if things slow down in the future. It accomplishes the goal of keeping a relatively stable tax rate and it puts the Town in a nice ratio of surplus to appropriations. The auditors recommend between 5% - 10% and this would put the Town at 7½, right in the middle. He recommends putting something aside for when times slow down in order to give them some flexibility.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to use \$500,000 of the fund balance to reduce taxes.

Selectman Jasper said their retained fund balance will be growing significantly, but he thinks that is a good thing. It gives them the opportunity, given the potential sale of the land at

Unicorn park, to use money from the fund balance to build a highway facility without affecting the tax rate. He is not an advocate of reducing the Town tax rate substantially because that isn't something they can sustain in the years ahead and it's a poor policy for the tax rate to go down one year and then spike back up. He'd rather it remain stable and use the fund balance for capital projects.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Charbonneau said the County Commissioners reduced their portion by 2.2%, but because of a formula they used, it mixed things up.

C. Sewer Utility Committee Items

1) Abatement Requests:

a) S-99-1 (SUTL 99-1, Colleen Fantozzi, 816 Elmwood Drive, #3421, \$77.38; SUTL 99-3, Janine McDermott, 17 Highland Street, #2548, \$357.15; SUTL 99-7, SKK Realty Inc, 111 Abbott Farm Lane, #3126, \$1,071.44)

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

b) S-99-2 (SUTL 99-2, Robert and Elna Daigle, 97 Central Street, #3681, \$15; SUTL 99-4, Renate H. Knight, 12 Sousa Boulevard, #4301, amount not disclosed.)

Selectman Jasper thought the \$15 abatement request on Account 3681 should be granted. Although they can't be sure, it appears the resident mailed the check in time, but the Town didn't receive it. They shouldn't be penalized with a \$15 charge for a \$23 bill. He'd like the give the resident the benefit of the doubt. Chairman Madison asked for input from Sewer Utility Committee member, Howard Dilworth.

Howard said the committee's position was that people know when their bills are due and they have a responsibility to get them in on time. Absenting any compelling reason why it wasn't in on time, they voted to deny. Selectman Jasper said the resident thought they had done that by mailing the check. There's no way the resident would

know whether or not the check was received.

Selectman Jasper moved to grant the abatement for SUTL 99-2 be granted. No one seconded the motion. Selectman Jasper then asked that the question be divided.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to deny the abatement request by Robert and Elna Daigle, 97 Central Street, #3681, SUTL-99-2, as recommended by the Sewer Utility Committee, carried 3-1. Selectman Jasper voted in opposition.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to deny the abatement request by Renate H. Knight, 12 Sousa Boulevard, #4301, SUTL-99-4, as recommended by the Sewer Utility Committee, carried unanimously.

2) Sewer Rate for FY 98-99

Chairman Madison said the Sewer Utility Committee has unanimously approved the FY98-99 sewer rate in the amount of \$25, which is also the current rate.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve the sewer rate carried unanimously.

3) Sewer Acceptances

Thurston's Landing East

Lockwood Place

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to accept both sewers, as recommended by the Sewer Utility Committee, carried unanimously.

D. Highway Department Reorganization

Chairman Madison said Selectman Stewart was not present tonight and this is something she wanted to be present to vote on. If there is some issue a member wants to vote on, the Board will defer it to another meeting, so she would like to see that done with this issue tonight.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to defer this item until September 22 carried unanimously.

E. Police Items

1) Animal Control Officer

Chairman Madison said the Chief has requested that the former Animal Control Officer, Chris Johnson, be hired part-time at \$11.44 per hour, until a full-time ACO is hired.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to approve Chris Johnson on a part-time basis at \$11.44 per hour carried unanimously.

2) Acceptance of Donations from Shop N Save

Chairman Madison said there were a couple of donations from Shop N Save. One was for the Police Department in the amount of \$252.84, which represents the proceeds from a bake sale, and one for the Fire Department in the amount of \$200 from a Tide car event.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to accept the donations from Shop N Save, with thanks, carried unanimously.

F. Street Acceptance--Constitution Drive (Includes Public Hearing)

Chairman Madison opened the Public Hearing at 8:15 on the consideration of accepting Constitution Drive as a Town street and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no response, so she closed the hearing and asked if there were any comments from the Board members.

Selectman Seabury said the Planning Board had some concerns about the street being dead-ended at the gate because of a lack of a turn-around for Town plows, etc.

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Paul said there will have to be an action to add a cul-de-sac, prior to the actual sale of the balance of the property. In addition to adding a turn-around, it will also add the necessary frontage for that larger lot that the Town is selling off. Selectman Jasper said that presumes that whoever buys it will not want to leave the street in place and subdivide the property, which is getting ahead of themselves. Paul said yes, with the exception of providing the necessary frontage, which may require a cul-de-sac anyway. (Talking over each other.) Selectman Jasper said if they were going to leave the street in, that would later become a Town street, which would provide the frontage. Paul said that may have to add a hammerhead (in an area he pointed to on the map) to do the formal acceptance of the street prior to disposing of the rest of the property in the Industrial Park.

Selectman Charbonneau asked if Constitution Drive will be the main road. Paul said no, it won't. He pointed to the police station, then to the area they were talking about for development of a public works facility, then he pointed to the rest, saying a road network is there, but it's considered to be a private drive and they are not selling the land as improved with roadways. Whoever buys it may or may not want to improve it as an internal roadway. He pointed to where the private property starts, saying they may well want to access this from Wall Street. Selectman Jasper said that's why he said this pre-assumes who is going to buy it and how they are going to use it. Paul said whoever purchases it will have to come into the Town with a plan on how they are going to develop it and access it. If they access it (at a point he indicated), they have the option of using the internal roadway and coming back to the Town for roadway acceptance, but they don't want to sell it that way because it's not an accepted road, and they don't want to have to fix it.

Selectman Charbonneau couldn't understand why anyone would want to buy it if they can't access it. Selectman Jasper said they can. Paul said some of the original discussions centered around a potential development that would involve property (at a point he indicated) and it could be tied together and other discussions had to do with tying it into property (at another point he indicated) by Centronics. Selectman Charbonneau said they could also use Hudson Park Drive. Paul said it gives the purchaser flexibility to either start with the existing network or do whatever they want. Selectman Charbonneau asked if it has gone out to bid yet. Paul said yes, due the 24th.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to accept a portion of Constitution Drive to the end of the Map 26, Lot 18, on subdivision plan for Constitution Drive, as prepared by Cucuo and Cormier, a center line distance of approximately 760'.

Selectman Jasper said he wants it clear they are accepting only the portion to the end of the lot the police station sits on, with the remainder of the road to remain unaccepted at this time. Paul asked if he wanted to add "a center line distance of approximately 760'." Selectman Jasper said yes, he did.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

G. Harvest Fest

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to postpone discussion on this until September 22 carried unanimously.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Extortion Issue

Chairman Madison said there has been any number of articles about this in the newspaper. She thinks it's time it was put to bed. She was not present at the meeting so she doesn't know exactly what happened, but the Town Administrator should not have said it. They *all* need to think about what they say at times, and they don't always do that, including her. She asked for comments from the Board.

Selectman Seabury asked why this was being brought up. Chairman Madison said she was asked to comment on it again. Selectman Seabury said the Board has an awful lot of work to do, including getting ready for a band concert and building a highway garage and that, in the grand scheme of things, this is minutia. She said Paul has done everything but grovel at the feet of the Hudson News; he has written letters, he has called; and he has thrown himself at their mercy, but it doesn't seem to be sufficient. She thinks they should accept his apology and get on with the daily business.

Selectman Jasper said it is unfortunate that Paul said it and it was unfortunate that none of them caught the remark at the time it was said. He thinks that is indicative of the fact that Paul did not say it seriously or in a mean-spirited way. Nonetheless, very often the written word looks different than the spoken word. He, as a Selectman who was present, apologized that that was not picked up and dealt with at the time. It's unfortunate that it went onto the web site because the Hudson News and Fidele Bernasconi have done a great deal of service to the Town of Hudson over the years. While he does not always agree with Mr. Bernasconi or the Hudson Litchfield News, he respects the work they do and the community service they provide. It was unfortunate and, had that been said about him, he would have probably been

equally upset. He understands where he is coming from, but he wishes they would accept Paul's apology for that because he did not say it in the manner in which it appears when written down.

Selectman Charbonneau said, "ditto." She feels bad about the whole thing but there's nothing they can do about it. Sometimes they all say things in jest and, again, when it is written down, it looks a lot worse than it was.

B. Telephone Polls

Chairman Madison said they recently had a telephone poll and one Selectman was upset by it. They seldom do telephone polls, but once in a great while, they are necessary. In this instance, one Selectman wasn't called. In the future, the Town Administrator will call everyone. Selectman Jasper said all effort should be made to avoid telephone polls. Most of them are available for a late afternoon meeting, if the need arises for a vote. If that's not possible and a telephone poll is necessary, everyone should be called. Then, at the next meeting, the item should be put on the agenda for reaffirmation so that it is in the public record. Chairman Madison agreed, but personnel issues, especially those in response to a grievance, are not public.

Selectman Charbonneau said they can't meet without a 24 hour notice. Selectman Jasper said that is true but, in this case, there would have been time for a posting because it was not an emergency. Moreover, if a meeting cannot be noticed properly, than the telephone poll probably isn't legal.

C. BOS's Choice for Candidate to Budget Committee

Chairman Madison said they need to give their representative direction on how to vote regarding the vacant seat on the Budget Committee. As there is only one candidate, Howard Dilworth, she asked what the Board wanted to do.

Selectman Jasper moved to instruct their representative to the Budget Committee to vote for Howard Dilworth, Jr., seconded by Selectman Charbonneau.

Chairman Madison felt they should readvertise to see if more candidates would apply.

Vote: 2-2, so motion failed. Selectmen Jasper and Charbonneau voted in favor; Selectmen Seabury and Madison were opposed.

D. Ray Carter's Resignation from the Sewer Utility Committee

Chairman Madison said Mr. Carter is unable to make the meetings and put in the amount of time required. However, he will stay on the committee until a replacement is appointed. She asked for a motion to accept his resignation, with regrets. Selectman Charbonneau so moved.

Selectman Jasper didn't think that was the proper way to do it if the Board intends to take him up on his offer. Chairman Madison said he hasn't been attending meetings. Selectman Jasper didn't know if that was true, saying he saw him this afternoon. Chairman Madison said he told her he hadn't been to any meetings, but would stay on. Selectman Jasper said he's been to a few. In the interim, on the chance he could make a few, it's better to have someone who could potentially make it rather than no person there at all. Chairman Madison said they can accept his resignation, pending appointment of someone else. Selectman Jasper said that's what he was suggesting, effective upon a successor being appointed by the Board. Chairman Madison asked for the motion that was before them to be read.

The Recorder said, "The resignation is accepted, effective upon a successor being appointed." Selectman Charbonneau said she'd change her motion to reflect that, which was seconded by Selectman Jasper and carried unanimously.

E. Banner on Town Common to advertise PMA's Octoberfest

Chairman Madison said PMA has requested authorization to install a banner on the Town Common to advertise their Octoberfest on October 3. Last year, the Board approved this, working in conjunction with the Road Agent. However, this year, the gazebo dedication ceremony is the 27th, so she'd like to wait on putting the banner up until the 28th.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve the request by PMA to install a banner, which advertises PMA's Octoberfest on October 3, on the Town Common on September 28, and to work with the Road Agent in doing so, carried unanimously.

F. Commemorative Brick Walkway at Library Park

Chairman Madison asked for comments from the Road Agent, Kevin Burns. He said the people who put this project together had good intentions, but he thinks the project is too big for little Library Park. They are rapidly running out of space and it will become an eyesore if the green space is continually reduced. He said the initial project was huge, involving almost 12,000 blocks which relates to a \$½ million fundraising effort. He hasn't seen any plans, nor

has a contractor contacted him regarding specifications or work they want done. He didn't think the common would support this project, nor did he think the project was organized for the scope of work that is required. Even if it was cut down to half size, 6,000 blocks would still be overbearing.

Selectman Seabury said some brick work has already been done out there. Kevin said that was done to make it handicapped accessible. Selectman Jasper said the Board should stick with the decision they already made. He commended the groups that were involved, but there will be ample opportunity to do this project at a more suitable site.

Chairman Madison recognized Maria Griggs, who said the original numbers that Kevin had were based on 8' wide walkways and the inclusion of all of the walkways. They were now talking about 5' walkways so it doesn't make such a large swathe around the bandstand, and it includes just one walkway from Library Street to allow for wheelchair access. This project is scaled down from what they originally proposed, but will beautify the area, not overwhelm it. It would bring down the count to about 4,600 bricks. Not all of the walkway will be bricks because there is granite between. They will have to raise about \$20,000-\$25,000 and not \$½ million. After they deduct money for expenses, the remainder will be distributed to the organizations that are involved. Chairman Madison said she appreciates what Ms. Griggs and the organizations are trying to do, but they already have taken a vote. Library Park is not a very big land area, and it already has several things on it. To add all those bricks would overwhelm it. This project should be saved for Benson's. Maria asked if there was any information on when it would be available. Chairman Madison said as soon as they find out, they will let her know. They are still waiting to hear from the state.

G. Info to Budget Cmt. re Superintendent's Position

Selectman Seabury asked Selectman Jasper what he meant when he said she should make it clear to the Budget Committee this position was "X plus one." Selectman Jasper said this is one more employee than they had authorization to hire. Selectman Seabury asked if they were going to do a Warrant Article. Selectman Jasper said that's what he wanted, but it wasn't agreed to by the Board. In the past, when a position was frozen, it was because someone left and they didn't fill it. In this case, they created a position and filled it. Selectman Seabury said it was coming back to her now and the Superintendent's position was never eliminated on the roster. Selectman Jasper said on March 18, 1995, they took Brian's recommendation of changing the position to something else, but they didn't include technical jargon to unfreeze the position. Selectman Seabury asked if that went before Town Meeting. Selectman Jasper said no, because they already had the authorization; they had the money and they had the position. They just changed the position, as they often have done. She has already spoken to the Budget Committee and will reinforce it Thursday night.

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H.
Gazebo/Bandstand
Dedication
Ceremony

Selectman Seabury said they are working on the dedication ceremony for Sunday, September 27, at 1:00 p.m., getting notices out to dignitaries and people who were generous in their donations. Justice is scheduled to play and she hoped it would not rain and would be an enjoyable afternoon.

I. Donation of Bench

Selectman Charbonneau said Mr. Labbe, who was unable to be present, wants to donate a granite bench, valued at \$350, and wants a plaque put on the bench saying it was donated in loving memory of his son, Brian Labbe, a life long resident of Hudson, who was killed in an accident in Town.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to accept the donation, with thanks, carried unanimously.

J. Kirby Building

Selectman Charbonneau said the Kirby building has been vacant long enough and wondered what they were going to do with it. Paul said that's an item for discussion on the 21st.

K. Direction to Budget Committee Rep

Selectman Jasper said the Chairman thinks the Budget Committee should readvertise and, while that may be appropriate, the Budget Committee is not a well sought-after seat. He didn't think it was appropriate for the Board to send their representative to the Budget Committee with the direction to take no action when a seat as important as this is being filled. Chairman Madison asked what was wrong with voting "no." Chairman Jasper said it's a matter of voting for *someone*. He understands she has some problems with Howard, but his expertise with the Town's budget is unsurpassed by few people and he does his homework. The last time this came up, the Board voted for another candidate. While that person is a fine individual, she has never met an expenditure she didn't like. He finds that contrary to the philosophy of this Board and he thinks they should put forward a name or formally ask the Budget Committee to re-advertise. Chairman Madison said she understood what Selectman Jasper was saying and it is up to the Budget Committee whether or not they will readvertise. The vote the Selectmen took on the candidate's name that was put forward failed, so it should stay that way.

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L. CIP Notices

Selectman Jasper said he's already talked to Paul about this, but he wanted to brief the Board, as well. He is the representative to the CIP and looked forward to fulfilling that role. The CIP met for the first time last Thursday, but he did not know that until after the fact. It was not in the meeting list on the last agenda and the notice did not get into the Selectmen's Office until the 9th. When he came in on the 8th, he signed off on the items and he received no notice at home. He thinks this has been corrected, but he wanted everyone to know why he was not present. He could have scoured the boards, but he didn't think any of them did that. He was very upset when he found out the CIP met without him being notified. There were only two regular committee members therewhen the department heads made their presentations, which he didn't think was appropriate because they lacked a quorum.

M. Proposed Budget Cuts in the Fire Department

Selectman Jasper said everyone had a copy of the Fire Chief's proposed budget cuts in order to fund the Superintendent's position. He didn't want to second guess the Fire Chief, but they should be concerned about some of them and consider taking monies from Contingency so some of the items do not have to be cut. He asked everyone to look at these items during the week and to place this on the agenda for the 22nd for further discussion.

10. LICENSES AND PERMITS

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A. Request by Nashua Panthers Youth Hockey Association to conduct Tag Day fundraiser at Wal-Mart store on October 17th and December 12th.

Motion to approve by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, carried unanimously.

B. Raffle Permit request by Presentation of Mary to hold Octoberfest on October 3, 1998

Motion to approve by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, carried unanimously.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of August 25, 1998

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

12. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

09/17 7:30 Budget Committee in P/Z Meeting Room

09/17 7:30 Cable Committee in Small Conference Room

~~09/21 7:30 Conservation Commission, P/Z Meeting Room (Cancelled, per Selectman Seabury)~~

09/22 7:30 Board of Selectmen, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Selectman Jasper said there is a CIP meeting on the 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

13. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Jasper said he's given the Chairman a couple of months to do this, but he wanted to remind her that he had said he didn't think he ever made an attack on the actions of his fellow Board members outside of this room and the only comments he made were relative to ongoing discussions and he challenged her to find an occasion when he has done otherwise and she had said she was sure she could. He challenged her to do that and, if she cannot find anything, she owes him an apology. If she can, he will apologize to her.

Selectman Charbonneau said it's a beautiful evening.

14. NONPUBLIC SESSIONS

Motion to consider entering Nonpublic Session under 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 8:50 p.m. and was terminated at 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to seal the Nonpublic Session Minutes carried 3-1. Selectman Jasper was opposed.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to hire Vincent Mastropiore as Part-Time Dispatcher in the Fire Department, effective September 20, 1998 @ \$7.50 per hour during training and \$10.00 after training carried 3-0. Selectman Jasper abstained because it was a Fire Department issue.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to promote Donna Deacon as Full-Time Dispatcher in the Fire Department, effective September 20, 1998, per union contract rate carried 3-0. Selectman Jasper abstained because it was a Fire Department issue.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried unanimously.

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