

**Hudson Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of the August 11, 1998 Meeting**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Madison at 7:32 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Selectman Terry Stewart

3. **ATTENDANCE**

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

**Staff/Others:** Paul D. Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Capt. Ray Mello, HPD; Lisa Nute, Information Services Manager, HPD; Patrol Officer Jim Stys, HPD; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Gary Rodgers, Deputy Fire Chief; Steve Dube, Fire Prevention Officer; Jim Michaud, Assessor; David Yates, Recreation Director; Luann Bowen and Angela Allen from Elmwood Village Condo Association; John Drabinowicz; Howard Dilworth, Jr; Coleman Kelly; Fidele Bernasconi, HLN; Molly McCarthy, TEL; Pierre Comtois, SUN

4. **PUBLIC INPUT** (There wasn't anyone who signed up or wished to speak.)

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A. From: George Hall, Planning Board Chairman

Re: Thurston's Landing and Off-site Improvements, Bush Hill Road

Refer to: New Business

B. From: Richard Gendron, Chief of Police

Re: Police Sub-Station at Elmwood Village

Refer to: New Business

C. From: Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief

Re: Sale of Fire Department Apparatus

Refer to: New Business

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to receive the Correspondence, Items A-C, with appropriate referral carried unanimously.*

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Advertising for PC Technician for Police Department**

Chairman Madison recognized Chief Gendron, who was accompanied by Lisa Nute, Information Services Manager. Chief Gendron said when this item came before the Board two weeks ago, he was unable to be present because he was attending a meeting at Fox Hollow. When the article was typed for the Warrant, the word "Technician," which was in the original draft that went before the Selectmen and Budget Committee, was omitted. The Chief said Lisa Nute is overseeing the management of the records system that is being installed in the HPD computers and they do need someone to work in Records and to provide technical support on 2nd shift. Chairman Madison had a copy of the original draft, and confirmed that it said, "Part-Time Clerk/Technician to assist in the Records division and offer technical support during the 2nd shift." She said Town Meeting approved a Clerk's position for that salary, with the problem being with the title. They could hire a clerk to assist in technical support, but they couldn't advertise for a Technician. The Chief said they wanted to be able to hire someone with a background in PC's. Paul said there was a difference between the real title and the 'working' title, being 'with technical expertise.' Chairman Madison said they can advertise, as long as it's for a Clerk, not a Technician, but the language in the ad can outline the requirement for technical support. Lisa wondered about the type of person who would apply when they see the word 'Clerk.' She didn't want to be bombarded with people who have purely clerical skills and not much technical knowledge. Chairman Madison said if they read the body of the ad, they will know what the requirements are.

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to authorize the posting of the position of Clerk carried unanimously.*

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Thurston's Landing and Off-site Improvements, Bush Hill Road**

This item was deferred until August 25, 1998, at the request of the Planning Board Chairman, who was unable to be present tonight.

Selectman Charbonneau said the Town does not want to take Thurston's Jump because it will end up being a liability because of the sheer cliff. Selectman Seabury said there is about seven acres included in that parcel and they have to look at the whole picture. Selectman Charbonneau understands that the seven acres may be important for the Town, but she does not want to see the Town accept Thurston's Jump because it is dangerous and drops off. If someone gets killed up there, the Town will be liable. Although the land swap sounds like a good deal, the Jump is not a good deal, unless they want to spend money to fence it.

Selectman Seabury asked if there was a 90-day clock on site plans. Selectman Stewart will double-check on this tomorrow night. Chairman Madison said if there was a problem, Selectman Stewart can let them know and they can take some action.

### **B. Police Sub-Station at Elmwood Village**

Chairman Madison recognized Chief Gendron, who presented the Board with a sheet of 3rd edition Police trading cards, on behalf of Sgt. Semple, who was on a call and unable to be present. Donna Briggs will be in to sign her card when she gets back from leave. He also distributed HPD K-9 tattoos to the Board, on behalf of Officer Kevin Sullivan.

Chief Gendron said this first sub-station, or a neighborhood office, as they prefer to call it, will be opening at Elmwood Village in the clubhouse office. At their last meeting, the Selectman accepted a donation of a PC from the Nash Group for this sub-station. He recognized Capt. Mello, who has been working with representatives from Elmwood in opening up this sub-station in the North end. Capt. Mello introduced LuAnn Bowen and Angela Allen and said the reason behind opening this office is to bolster the community policing initiative. This effort would be geared toward the problem-solving element, allowing the officers to go into the neighborhoods, identify problems within the neighborhoods, and work with the people in the neighborhoods to solve those problems. Elmwood Village was chosen because it is a densely populated area, it's an area that frequently calls the police department and it's in the north end of Town, which is quite a distance from the Police Station out on Route 111. The officers have to come into the station to write their reports or do follow up, driving from the sectors where they are located. This will allow the officers the ability to go to their neighborhood office to do their follow-up work, interacting with the people in that neighborhood. He expected the office would be open by the first week in September, which will be manned by Officer Jim Stys, who was present.

Chairman Madison thought it was wonderful. No one had any questions on Elmwood Village. Selectman Charbonneau asked how things were coming for an office in the south end. Chief Gendron said they'd like to get this sub-station up and working first. They plan to work closely with Elmwood and solve some of the concerns they have there. An officer will be there ½ hour on each shift to address anybody's concerns and walk the area. In a few months, they'll open the next sub-station and then look at a third location further down. At Elmwood, they will have an open-house and the Board will be invited so they can see how it actually

works.

### **C. Sale of Fire Department Apparatus**

Chief Carpentino said when Engine 1 broke down last year, they decided they would try to sell it in order to get as much money back as possible. He finally has a buyer for it, willing to pay \$6,000 and will come and get it and tow it away. He asked for the Board's authorization to proceed with the sale.

*Selectman Stewart so moved, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau. Motion carried unanimously.*

Chief Carpentino said he received a call from Indiana yesterday from a department interested in Engine 3, which carries an asking price of \$10,000.

The Chief had an additional item, which wasn't on the agenda.

### **D. Acceptance of Incentive Funds Grant "Juvenile Fire Setters Program" (Shane Sewade)**

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve the grant for the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program in the amount of \$12,960 carried unanimously.*

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A.** Selectman Charbonneau hoped next year, the Recreation Department would apply for them. Chairman Madison said hopefully, they will get the information earlier next year.

**B.** Request by Hudson Nottingham West Lions Club to hold a raffle in September to benefit community service projects.

*Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve carried unanimously.*

C. Chairman Madison announced that Chris Johnson, the Animal Control Officer, has resigned to take a position as a police officer in Sandown, effective August 14, 1998.

*Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to accept the resignation, with regrets, carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to authorize the Chief to advertise to fill this vacancy carried unanimously.*

D. Chairman Madison announced Zoning Administrator Susan Snide delivered an 8 lb 11 oz, 21" daughter yesterday at 1:30 p.m., named Heather Leann. Congratulations to the family.

E. Chairman Madison announced that there was a nice article in the Telegraph on Donna Briggs, who was awarded DARE Officer of the year. Congratulations to her.

F. Chairman Madison said there was another Telegraph article she wanted to mention. As most everyone knows, she works in the School Department and she has been spoken to by her Supervisor, she has been called by the Chairman of the Board and by several people in Town. She has also spoken to Selectmen Jasper in regard to the article that is in the paper before he went away. The article was written by Molly McCarthy on the Middle School. This is *not* a Selectmen's item. The Board of Selectmen in Hudson has nothing to do with the Middle School. Selectman Jasper knows that, and he agreed with that. She also understands that when the Budget Committee met and the School Board went to explain the article, the Selectmen's representative, Selectman Seabury, was present. Selectman Jasper went to the meeting, also, and sat at the Budget Committee's table. He should not have done that as he was not representing the Board of Selectmen. He belongs in the audience as a citizen. When Selectman Jasper returns, he can listen to this tape. Continuing, she said sometimes he tends to push his position; he has not business doing that in this case. He should not have mentioned anything about the Board of Selectmen. If it was an error on the part of the Telegraph, then they should correct it because it says, "Selectmen's Plan," and it is not.

## **9. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**Request for a Raffle Permit sponsored by Dan Nicholaou Memorial Golf Tournament with proceeds going to benefit a college fund**

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*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve carried unanimously.*

## **10. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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Minutes of the July 28, 1998 BOS Meeting

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

**11. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8/12 7:00 Planning Board in P/Z Mtg Rm

8/13 7:30 ZBA in P/Z Mtg Rm

8/14-16 Old Home Days

8/17 7:30 Conservation Cmsn in P/Z Mtg Rm

8/18 7:00 HEDCorp in P/Z Mtg Rm

8/20 7:00 Cable Cmt in Small Conf Rm

8/20 7:30 Bgt Cmt in P/Z Mtg Rm

8/25 7:30 BOS in Selectmen's Mtg Rm

Selectman Seabury said on August 24, there was going to be a Library meeting at the Library.

**12. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN**

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**Selectman Terry Stewart** welcomed Chairman Madison back.

**Selectman Ann Seabury** said she saw a letter in the Planning Board's packet that the State will do the construction work at Sagamore bridge.

(Start Tape 1, Second Side)

They will write to the Board of Selectmen to say they have gone as far as they can go and it will be up to the Town to do the road layout. She didn't know where they were with the land taking. Chairman Madison said this will be on the next agenda.

**Selectman Rhona Charbonneau** said a letter or certificate should go to the businesses in Town, whose places look nice. Chairman Madison said she saw the notice in the HLN. Selectman Charbonneau thinks that the Selectmen should send the businesses certificates so they can frame it and put it up.

### **13. NONPUBLIC SESSIONS**

*Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Stewart, 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; 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 8:00 p.m. and was terminated at 8:55 p.m.

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, Seconded by Selectman Seabury, to seal the Minutes carried unanimously.*

Chairman Madison said earlier in the meeting, after the Chief of Police had spoken to the Board, he asked if he could have approval to start a hiring list. There are no current openings in the Police Department.

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to start a hiring list for the Police Department carried 3-0, with one abstention by Selectman Charbonneau.*

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to unfreeze the position of Superintendent of Fire Prevention, w/ a phone vote to be taken on the salary carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to authorize the Fire Chief to advertise the position carried unanimously.*

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. carried unanimously.*

Recorded and Transcribed by Priscilla Boisvert

Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

**HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**E. Lorraine Madison, Chairman**

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**Rhona Charbonneau**

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**Shawn N. Jasper**

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**Ann Seabury**

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**Terry Stewart**