## HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## Minutes of the May 12, 1998 Meeting

## 1. CALL TO ORDER by Chairman E. Lorraine Madison at 7:36 p.m.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, led by Selectman Shawn N. Jasper

#### 3. ATTENDANCE

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

**Staff/Others**: Paul D. Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Kevin Burns, Acting Road Agent; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Donna Lolos, Library Director; Library Trustees: Lisa Riley, Chairman, Arlene Creeden, Mary Jane Ames, Diane Callahan and Robert Doyle; Len Lathrop, Recreation Committee; Coleman Kelly; Howard Dilworth; John Drabinowicz; about six residents; Len Foy, HLN; Lisa Tetrault, TEL

#### 4. PUBLIC INPUT

#### Lisa Riley, Chairman, Library Trustees

Chairman Madison recognized Lisa Riley, who said the Library Trustees wanted some input from the Selectmen on the best way to expand the library--or if they wanted to expand. The Trustees believe the land adjacent to the Library is the most suitable location for expansion. One of the properties is on the market, but she doesn't know what the status is. If it does sell in the near future, that property would be out of their reach financially, but they will still be able to consider three lots on Ferry Street They are asking for the Selectmen's support and endorsement for a library expansion, the location and to give the m some parameters so they can go forward in good faith with the property owners with some belief that if they do negotiate something with them, it has a chance of being brought forward as a Selectmen's article. She asked for feedback from the Board so they can work within those parameters and bring forth something they can all be proud of and can all support and encourage the rest of the community to support, as well.

Chairman Madison said she would love to see a new library, and will support the expansion 100%, *after* they get the Public Works facility. A Public Works facility is desperately needed and that has to come first. She did not have a problem with the expansion nor with acquiring the property.

Selectman Seabury believes one must creep before they walk. She said last year, as liaison to the Library, she advised them to put in a warrant article for \$100,000 to be put into a CAP account. She thought the voters would be more receptive to that instead of the whole amount. If they had done that, they would have gotten the \$100,000 and been able to purchase one lot. You have to look at what the people are willing to pay and the people weren't willing to put aside \$400,000. They have to be innovative in the way things are presented to the people. Putting money aside in a CAP account would have been the smartest thing to do. She thinks the present location is the best location.

Selectman Charbonneau said a Library expansion is needed, but they have safety issues with the Public Works facility that they must address first.

Selectman Jasper said he supports the library expansion and the current site probably makes the best sense. However, a Highway facility has got to take precedence. Back in 1984, they asked for a new police station, a new library and a new highway facility and nobody got anything. Years later, they are still looking for two of the facilities. They have to take care of the Highway facility first. He agreed with going forward next year, asking for \$100,000-\$150,000 and if there are properties that come available, they can be purchased one at a time. They need to agree on a Public Works facility this year and maybe put in a little bit for the Library.

Selectman Stewart dittoed the other Selectmen's remarks.

Lisa said they feel they *are* creeping as they are asking for money for land, not for \$3 million for the expansion. They believe obtaining the property is the first logical step. After they have a location, they can address the architectural work and then three years down the road, go for the facility. They are doing this in a logical, progressive way which lessens the impact over a period of time. It is difficult to come to an agreement with all of the parties all at once. Some of the people are ready to negotiate. It's frustrating for the Trustees because they don't see that they are asking for the whole ball of wax all at once. They feel they are being responsible, taking it a step at a time.

Selectman Jasper said they are in the tough 'middle ground.' \$400,000 is too small for a bond, but it is a lot of money on the tax rate. Next year, if they come in with hard numbers on two properties, that will probably fly, but if they go for the \$400,000 for all five properties, they will never get it.

Arlene Creeden said the properties currently for sale are the farthest from the Library. She asked where it left them if they bought those next year, and then can't get the other two. Selectman Jasper said once they buy any property, they have committed putting the Library there. At that point, they would use eminent domain.

Chairman Madison asked the Trustees if they have any money set aside. Lisa said they have \$19,000 left

from the \$30,000 that was appropriated several years ago and placed in a non-lapsing account. They spent some money on a survey. She had talked to Bernie Waugh to make sure they wouldn't have to reappropriate those funds. They plan to use that money for asbestos borings, appraisals, or conceptual drawings, etc. However, unless they have the support of the Selectmen, she can't negotiate for the properties in good faith.

Chairman Madison said the Selectmen have stated their support of a Library, but they have been working on the Public Works facility for many years and they'd like to see that done first.. By the time the Trustees purchase the land, hopefully, the Town will have a Public Works facility. Lisa asked if that meant the Board would not support something brought forward next year because there isn't a Public Works facility. Chairman Madison said she would support a Warrant Article to purchase land, but she wouldn't support a \$3 million Warrant Article. She wants a Public Works facility first, since it is a safety issue. Lisa asked for a parameter. Selectman Charbonneau said if the voters don't vote for this, there's nothing they can do. Lisa understood that, but the endorsement and recommendation of the Board of Selectmen carries weight. She was encouraged that their article this year received 1,000 votes without the recommendation of either the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee. The support of the voters is there, but people are looking for support by the Selectmen. The Trustees wanted to know if the Selectmen would support a request, such as \$150,000 - \$200,000 . If they won't, she will have a difficult time negotiating in good faith with the people.

Chairman Madison said if the Trustees bring in a Warrant Article that the Selectmen think is too high, they will say so; no one is bashful. The Trustees have to take the first step and they will definitely know how everyone feels because it will have to go through the Budget process before it goes to Town Meeting. Selectman Jasper said if they came in with any two pieces, then the Town will speak on that in terms of location. He felt it was important to have a conceptual drawing because people will want to know what it will look like., what they are committing to. He thinks the original library should stand alone and the new library should be separage, connected by a walkway.

Chairman Madison said the Selectmen can only give a consensus. It has been made clear to the Selectmen by the Library Trustees that they are in charge of the Library funds. She thought asking the Selectmen's advice on a warrant article is premature. At this point, they don't know what other articles will come before them, or what emergency might occur between now and next February.

Arlene Creeden asked if the Selectmen preferred the current location or another one. Chairman Madison said she'd like to see it stay where it is. The current building, a beautiful piece of architecture and should be left alone. She polled the Board and they all want the original building kept separate, but expansion in that location.

## 5. <u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</u>

## A. FROM: Kevin Burns, Acting Road Agent

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RE: Request to fill Position due to Resignation

**REFER TO: New Business** 

B. FROM: Steve Malizia, Finance Director

RE: Bid Recommendation--1998 Pavement Marking Program

**REFER TO: New Business** 

C. FROM: Len Lathrop, Vice Chairman, Recreation Committee

RE: Filling Vacancies on Committee

REFER TO: New Business

D. FROM: Jim Michaud, Assessor

RE: Various Assessing Items

REFER TO: New Business

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

# 6. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

Renaming of Streets (Campbello, Derry and Mockingbird)

Chairman Madison recognized Paul, who said this was brought up about a month ago in conjunction with a street acceptance proposal for Campbello Street and Garrison Farm Road. In the course of the discussion, Selectmen Jasper and Seabury talked about it being all Campbello or part of it being Campbello Extension and, at that time, he had pointed out that the Fire Chief had talked about his desire to get two other street names straightened out because the official names and the names in the Code are different. The streets in question are Derry Road/Street and Mockingbird Lane/Drive. He doesn't know how the incorrect names got into the Code. It is supposed to be Mockingbird Lane, but in the Code, it's listed as Drive. Derry Road, from Elm Avenue north to the town line, should be Derry Road. All the references in the Code are to Derry Street, or to Derry Lane, which is something else. Derry Street is from Ferry Street to Elm Ave. He said it is proper to change the Code from Derry Street to Derry Road, from Elm Avenue north. Campbello got wrapped into those discussions for different reasons. The Fire and Police Chiefs and Town Planner have no problems with safety services in keeping Campbello the way it is.

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Paul said word has gotten out that this issue was going to be considered tonight and people are called because they are concerned that their streets will be renamed. Concerning Campbello Street, Selectman Jasper was concerned that the Fire Department might respond to a call and go to the wrong part of the street. Paul said the computer generates directions based on addresses. The Fire Department feels that Campbello should stay the way it is because it is very clear. Continued streets are not uncommon. It could be Main Street, Elm Avenue, or whatever, in this town or any other. A street may hit a lake or a pond and then continue on the other side. There is no reason to change it.

Motion to change the name of Derry Street to Derry Road, from Elm Avenue north, and tochange Mockingbird Drive to Mockingbird Lane, by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried unanimously.

Chairman Madison asked why Garrison Farm was included. Paul said because it was up for street acceptance at the same time as Campbello. A resident asked if they could ask a question. There were no objections. She said when they opened their business at 327 Derry Street, that was the address that the postal service gave them and the Fire Department agreed was their address and it is going to cost them a lot of money to change everything in their business to make it Derry Road. Selectman Jasper didn't think it would be necessary for them to change anything because of this. Technically, regardless of what the Fire Department and Post Office told her, that has always been Derry Road. Since the numbers don't stop and start over again, the mail will get to her business. Chairman Madison said they were just going to change the names in the Code Book.

#### 7. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

# A. <u>Request to advertise to fill vacant position of Truck Driver/Laborer due to a</u> resignation

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to advertise to fill the vacant position of truck driver/laborer in the Highway Department, due to a resignation, carried unanimously.

#### B. Bid Recommendation for 1998 Pavement Marking Program

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to award the bid to L & D Safety Marking, the low bidder, in the amount of .018¢ per linear foot, or \$16,380 for the

total contract, as recommended by the Acting Road Agent and the Finance Director, carried unanimously.

## C. Vacancies on Recreation Committee

Chairman Madison said there is a member vacancy and an alternate vacancy. Selectman Jasper said the Recreation Committee's recommendation was to appoint Keith Bowen to the membership position, but he is the part-time Recreation Director. He asked Len Lathrop if the Rec Department anticipated having someone on board by July 1. Len said yes; they've interviewed candidates and, hopefully, would be sending their recommendation to the Board for their next meeting.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to declare the seat vacant held by Paul DiBenedetto and advertise the two vacancies, with the interviews on June 9 and appointments on June 23, carried unanimously.

## D. Various Assessing Items

## 1) <u>Timber Tax Warrant Approval of April 28, 1998, Map 27, Lot 52</u>

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to rescind the prior timber tax warrant issued to Daniel Cyr and sign the corrected timber tax warrant billed to Robert Bacon for \$124.45, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

## 2) Timber Tax Warrant, Map 6, Lot 42; Map 11, Lot 35

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

## 3) Veterans Tax Credit Application, 11 Groves Farm Road

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by selectman Charbonneau, to approve the Veterans tax credit application for Russell T. Steeves, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

## 4) Totally Disabled and Elderly Property Tax Exemption

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by selectman Charbonneau, to approve the tax exemption for Raymond E. Mondoux, 12 Hill Street, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

## 5) Totally Disabled Property Tax Exemption--Re-qualification

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by selectman Charbonneau, to approve the tax exemption for Sandra J. Tardiff, 326 Fox Run Drive, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

## 6) 18 Elderly Exemptions--Re-qualification

(Leo Niquette, Virginia McCarthy, Stacia Sadauskas, Sylvia Porter, Rita Bastien, Ernest Doucette, Monique Gamache, Doria Goodale, Henriette Ledoux, Therese Brousseau, Rose Morganti, Wilfred Ricker, Sr., Shirley Ives, Ala Atkochaitis, Lurena Lemery, Raymond Fugere, Gilbert Levesque, Pauline Cardin)

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by selectman Jasper, to approve the 18 elderly exemptions, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

# 7) <u>Request for Religious Exemption on two Parcels: 7 Sunflower Path, Map 57, Lot 101-1A; and 13 Sunflower Path, Map 57, Lot 98-2B</u>.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to deny the request, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

The Assessor's justification for recommending denial is that Tolles Street Mission is not the owner, Hudson Mission is; the deadline for filing is April 15; and the HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

land is vacant and is not used for any religious purposes.

#### 8. OTHER BUSINESS

#### A. Bandstand

Selectman Charbonneau said the hole for the bandstand will be dug tomorrow.

#### B. Relocation of Railroad Station at Benson's

Chairman Madison referred to a letter the Board received from NH DOT, who is formally requesting another location for the railroad station at Benson's. The Historical Society had talked about moving it to the Hills House, but it turned out not to be feasible. Selectman Jasper said Dave Alukonis, President of the Historical Society, has suggested moving it to where the blue house was before it was torn down, and put it on a full foundation. It could be made into a welcome center, or a civic organization may want to use it. The inside can't be restored to its original condition, but by putting it there, it would add real character to the center of Town. Chairman Madison asked if the Historical Society would pay for the foundation and the move. Selectman Jasper said no, but the State might.

Selectman Seabury thought it should stay on the Benson property, but was worried about vandalization. Chairman Madison agreed, saying they can't just leave it empty. Selectman Charbonneau asked about putting it where Mr. Benson used to live. Chairman Madison said they didn't have to act on this tonight and maybe they could go take another look at the property. Selectman Charbonneau said DOT wants an answer as soon as possible.

Selectman Jasper thought they should invite some of the civic organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, who might be interested in it. It could be made into an attractive office. He thought it would be aesthetically pleasing to see the old railroad station in the historic park as you come into Town. It used to be behind the Grange, which was the old Town Hall, and the church. Even if they put it where John Benson's house was, they still will have to decide what to do with it. Selectman Seabury said if this comes to fruition, they will have to have a caretaker, such as the Hills House has. Chairman Madison said they should think about this and then make their decision at their next meeting. If it is going to be moved, now is the time to do it.

Selectman Stewart thought a train station would look good on the corner. Chairman Madison said it would look nice, but they couldn't leave it unattended. Selectman Jasper said they should contact the Chamber, or some other organization, to use it. Selectman Charbonneau said it might cost as much as \$100,000 and questioned if a civic organization would want to pay for something like that. Restoring is more expensive than building new. Chairman

Madison said if Benson's is turned into a park, which is in everyone's mind, it's going to take a lot of time, money and donations. She thinks it would be an attractive building, even on the corner--a nice draw.

Chairman Madison noticed Howard Dilworth and John Drabinowicz had their hands raised. She asked if the Board objected to her recognizing them to speak. There were no objections. Mr. Dilworth said as an FYI, some time ago, Town Planner Reynolds said that buildings of a historic nature, which were used for transportation purposes, are eligible for ISTEA grants.

Mr. Drabinowicz suggested forming a committee to make recommendations to the Board. Chairman Madison didn't think they had time for that. DOT wants an answer right away, so the Board will have to make a decision on it by their next meeting on where they want it located. Selectman Seabury said if the State moves it, the Town could paint the outside; she would hate to see it boarded up. She thinks the location is great, but she didn't think anyone would want to take on that expense.

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Selectman Charbonneau said there are plenty of grants are out there, but the Town will have to apply for them, not organizations. Right now, their hands are tied because they don't have the deed.

Selectman Jasper said regardless of the location, the cost is going to be approximately the same. The only real issue is what it is going to be used for and that will impact the location. Selectman Seabury asked if they think they will ever need that corner for road-widening purposes. Selectman Jasper said they would have to locate it within the setback. If the State puts it in the wrong place, they will be responsible for moving it in the future. It would be nice to add something attractive to Hudson Center. Chairman Madison said they will decide this at their next meeting.

## C. Opening of Merrifield Park

Chairman Madison announced the official opening of Merrifield Park is scheduled for June 19 at 5:00 p.m. Cynthia Wilkerson of the National Parks Services and Representative Charlie Bass will be there. She will be on vacation and cannot officiate, so she asked Selectman Charbonneau, Engineering liaison, to officiate. Selectman Charbonneau agreed to do so.

#### D. <u>Regional Safety Conferences on Highways</u>

Chairman Madison announced that NH DOT will be conducting regional safety conferences on highway-related issues. The two for Hillsborough County are in Manchester on May 27 at 10:00 am and at the Public Library in Nashua, 2 Court Street, on Tuesday, June 16 at 10:00 am.

#### E. Retention of Records

Chairman Madison said that the Assessor said when someone applies for an exemption, they have to fill out an application. The law requires the application to be kept for as long as the exemption is effective. However, the financial information is outdated the moment the application is approved. The State Records Retention department said once the application is approved, the financial statements, which are confidential, do not have to be kept.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to authorize the Assessor to destroy the financial statements once the applications are approved carried unanimously.

#### F. Code Book Supplements

Chairman Madison said the Town has received the latest Code Book supplement. It came to her attention that the Town Clerk doesn't charge people who bought the Code Book for the supplements. *She asked for a motion to charge for the supplements and to refer the matter to the Town Administrator to come back with a recommendation. Selectman Charbonneau so moved, seconded by Selectman Stewart.* 

Selectman Jasper said when the Code Books were sold by the Council, they were expansive. He was interested in buying one, but the price was too high. The Town promised the people who bought Code Books free updates. Selectman Seabury asked if that was forever and ever. Selectman Jasper said yes. Chairman Madison said the records have been checked, and nothing could be found to that effect. If they weren't going to ever charge for supplements, the purchase price would have been higher. Code updates should be paid for, like computer upgrades.

Selectman Charbonneau said it costs big bucks to update the RSA's. Chairman Madison said people should be paying for supplements and, if they haven't been, that should be changed. Paul said that if someone has bought a Code Book and has received free supplements, they have gotten a real bargain because there have been some major updates. The Town should be charging for the updates.

Selectman Jasper agreed that it was stupid, but he had looked into it and the book didn't cost \$200. Chairman Madison and Paul said it probably did. Paul said they are expensive pieces of work. Selectman Jasper said the cost is for compiling it, not for printing and copying it. The initial cost was the same whether there was one or 100 copies; printing and providing the book probably cost \$25. Several members disagreed. Chairman Madison pointed out that the latest update alone cost \$2,500. Selectman Japser said, after the copies were made for the Town officials, you are left with the copying and materials costs. The \$2,500 update wasn't the paper; it was the cost of labor, etc.

Selectman Charbonneau said all of that adds to the cost. Paul said they can't think just in terms of binding pages together. Discussion continued, with Paul asking how this was different from the RSA's. Selectman Japser said it's not, but when he bought his RSA's in '89, it cost him \$800, but he got a set of 24 leather-bound volumes. Selectman Charbonneau said it would cost a lot more today. Selectman Japper asked how many copies of the Code have been sold. Priscilla recalled the Town Clerk said five or six. Chairman Madison said she could see everyone's point, then called for the vote.

*Vote: Motion carried 4-1*. Selectman Jasper was opposed.

## G. Lowell Road Corridor Upgrade

Chairman Madison said the Selectmen received a copy of a memo dated April 30 from Mike Gospodarek to Mike Reynolds, which said the Selectmen were undecided whether to have a center turning lane or a raised island.

Chairman Madison asked for an advisory-type motion to be passed along to the Planning Board that the Board of Selectmen is not in favor of a center island or a barrier on the Lowell Corridor. Selectman Stewart so moved, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Jasper said he was surprised to see in the Minutes the y had voted for the four lanes. He feels they ought to have a fifth lane, as that's what they are buying the right of way for. When they get to that point, they ought to have a public hearing to find out how the public feels about that section of road, if it should be a four or five lane. Chairman Madison said that was fine and asked the Recorder to make a note of it.

Selectman Charbonneau said she, Lenny Smith, Mike G and Mike R are going to Concord on the 21st to talk to Commissioner Kenison to see if he will extend the road. Selectman Jasper said his recollection is they weren't going up there with a roadway design, it was just to see if they were willing to go beyond. Selectman Charbonneau said if they are asked what the Town wants, they will have to say either four or five. Selectman Jasper suggested getting a consensus from the Board. Selectman Charbonneau thinks they need a center turning fifth lane. Chairman Madison asked for a motion. Selectman Jasper didn't want it to be the official policy. Chairman Madison said they could say they are in favor of the five lanes, but they are definitely not in favor of the center barrier.

Selectman Jasper asked if they could get a consensus whether the Board favored four or five lanes: two and two and a turning lane. Selectman Stewart said she would support five-lanes to keep the traffic flowing. Selectman Seabury hated it, but went along with it. Chairman Madison didn't have a problem with it. Selectman Charbonneau said another business is coming in who will employ quite a few people and the Friary is putting up two more buildings. That's what they have got to think of. Chairman Madison said if they have five lanes, it will get the people out of Town.

## H. Swearing-in Ceremony for Capt. Ray Mello, Hudson Police Department

Chairman Madison said the swearing-in ceremony for Capt. Mello is 5/19/98 @ 3:00 p.m. She plans to go but if she can't, she asked Vice-Chairman Stewart to do the honors. Selectman Stewart agreed.

## I. American Legion's Memorial Day Parade

Chairman Madison said the American Legion has invited the Board to join the Memorial Day parade on May 25 at Shop and Save at 2:00. Selectmen Charbonneau and Seabury will be on the common.

## 9. LICENSES AND PERMITS

## A. <u>Request by the Simple Society to collect monies at Wal-Mart on July 10 and 11</u>

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

## B. <u>Request for Block Party Permit by Mike Girouard, 21 - 25 Richman Road, from 9-5</u> on May 16, with a rain date of May 17.

Motion to approve by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried 5-0.

## 10. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the April 21, 1998 BOS Meeting

B. Minutes of the April 28, 1998 BOS Meeting

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

## 11. <u>COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

5/13 7:00 Planning Board, P/Z Mtg Rm

5/14 7:30 ZBA, P/Z Mtg Rm

- 5/16 Spring Cleanup at West Road Landfill, 8-2
- 5/18 7:30 Conservation Commission, P/Z Mtg Rm
- 5/18 7:00 Library Trustees, BOS Mtg Rm
- 5/21 7:30 Budget Cmt, P/Z Mtg Rm
- 5/21 7:00 Cable Cmt, Small Conf Rm
- 5/25 Memorial Day Holiday, Town Hall closed
- 5/26 7:30 BOS Mtg, Selectmen's Mtg Rm

# 12. LIAISON REPORTS

**<u>Recreation Department</u>** -- Selectman Seabury said she had a nice meeting with the Rec Department. They are very ambitious people, hard at work, doing good things. She approved everything they are doing, so it worked out well.

**Town Clerk** -- Selectman Jasper said he met with the Town Clerk and he has more information on something that will be discussed in Nonpublic Session.

**Finance Director** -- Selectman Jasper said he met with the Finance Director and things are going well with the Water Company transition. The Town is lucky to have gotten the Clerk who worked for

Consumers.

**<u>Highway Department</u>** -- Selectman Jasper said things are progressing nicely in the Highway Department. The drainage is done on Webster Street. Chairman Madison said the Highway Department did a remarkable job with the signage by Taylors Falls Bridge. It is beautiful; the Highway Department did a wonderful job. She has received many compliments from people all over Town. Selectman Charbonneau said the cement needs to be removed from the center islands and replaced with dirt.

## 13. <u>REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN</u>

<u>Selectman Jasper</u> said the Highway Department also did a good job at Lowell Road by Central Street. It looks very nice. Things are looking very nice all around Town.

<u>Selectman Stewart</u> said Kevin Burns mentioned to her that the barrels are going to be coming out shortly and he has sponsors for three of them.

<u>Selectman Seabury</u> said Kevin has done such a good job as Acting Road Agent. She hoped he was being compensated. Chairman Madison said yes; it's covered by the union contract.

## 14. NONPUBLIC SESSIONS

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session under 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 by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Nonpublic Session was entered into at 8:55 p.m. and was terminated at 9:30 p.m.

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

Votes taken in open session:

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to hire James Foley as a Firefighter EMT-<u>1 @ union scale, effective July 5, 1998 carried 40</u>. Selectman Jasper abstained because it was a Fire Department issue.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to remove Michael O'Roarke from provisional status and hire him as a Call Firefighter carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper abstained because it was a Fire Department issue.

## 15. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, carried unanimously.

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