

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the November 10, 1997 Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Vice-Chairman Shawn N. Jasper at 7:33 p.m.

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

3. **ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff/Others: Paul Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Chief Richard Gendron; Officer Donna Digiacomio; Coleman Kelly; Signe, TEL

4. **PUBLIC INPUT** (There wasn't any.)

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A. FROM: Paul Sharon, Town Administrator

RE: Personnel Policies

REFER TO: Old Business

B. FROM: Mike Gospodarek, Highway Safety Committee

RE: Various Safety-Related Items

REFER TO: Old Business

C. FROM: Richard Gendron, Chief of Police

RE: Donation to DARE

REFER TO: Public Hearing/New Business

D. FROM: Highway Safety Committee

RE: Ordinance O97-02

REFER TO: Public Hearing/New Business

E. FROM: Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer

RE: Planning Board Off-Site Improvements

REFER TO: New Business

F. FROM: Jim Michaud, Assessor

RE: Various Assessing Items

REFER TO: New Business

G. FROM: Leo & Yvette Carten

RE: Land Swap

REFER TO: New Business

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

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Personnel Policies

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to adopt the Personnel Policies (IV E, F & G; VII A & B; and VIII A, B & C) carried unanimously.

B. Various Safety-Related Requests

1) Signs to slow/stop Traffic on Rangers Drive

Vice-Chairman Jasper said the Highway Safety Committee recommended no action be taken.

2) Farm Crossing Sign Robinson Road

Vice-Chairman Jasper stated that the Highway Safety Committee recommended no action be taken.

3) Stop Sign on Patricia and Sunland Drive

Vice-Chairman Jasper said the Highway Safety Committee was against placement of a sign. The Police will review the accident data available and do directed patrols to control speeders.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to accept the recommendations of the Highway Safety Committee, Items 6-1, 2 & 3, carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Donation of \$290 to DARE (Public Hearing and Board Action)

Vice-Chairman Jasper recognized Chief of Police Richard Gendron, who yielded to DARE Officer Donna Digiacomio. Vice-Chairman Jasper opened the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak. Officer Digiacomio said that Henry Sevigny is a Hudson resident, employed by Teledyne. Part of their service awards program is a catalog gift. Mr. Sevigny asked if he could receive a comparable dollar amount and to donate to the DARE program. That amount is \$290. Selectman Seabury asked if the donation would go into the General Fund, such as the case with the Recreation Department. Chief Gendron said no, because the Police Department already has a line for the DARE program. There being no further speakers, Vice-Chairman Jasper closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Motion to accept the donation of \$290 from Henry Sevigny, with thanks, by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried unanimously.

B. Ordinance 097-02, Establishing Stop Signs at Various Intersections (Existing signs, not in Code.) (Public Hearing and Board Action)

Vice-Chairman Jasper noted that the locations were Crestwood at Gowing; Crestwood at Musquash; High Pine Drive at Highland; Sousa Boulevard at Greeley; Springwood Circle at Greeley. He opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. There was no response, so he closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to amend the Town Code and adopt Ordinance 097-02 carried unanimously.

C. Planning Board Off-Site Improvements

Vice-Chairman Jasper said this relates to sidewalk construction. (Pelham Landing sidewalk, Map 17, Lot 21; Brightside Drive Subdivision sidewalk, Map 29, Lot 37; Pond View Estates subdivision, Map 29, Lot 27; Country Meadow Subdivision Sidewalk, Map 6 & 9, Lot 39)

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve the placement of sidewalks, contingent upon recommendations by the Road Agent, carried unanimously.

D. Various Assessing Items

1) 1997 Abatement Application, 5 Marie Lane, Map 39, Lot 69-33

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

2) 1997 Abatement Application, 11 McKinney Drive, Map 2, Lot 2-23

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to grant, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

3) 1997 Abatement Application, 106 Old Derry Road, Map 37, Lot 48

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

4) 1997 Abatement Application, 12 Gloria Avenue, Map 56, Lot 32

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

5) Timber Yield Tax, 18 Par Lane, Map 4, Lot 4-50

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

E. Land Swap Request by Leo & Yvette Carten (Map 44, Lots 110-1 for 110)

Vice-Chairman Jasper said this was a request to trade Town-owned land for another lot, which is side by side. All of the staff recommendations were to *not* approve the swap.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to not approve the swap carried unanimously.

F. Bandstand

Vice-Chairman Jasper recognized Selectman Seabury, who said she went before the School Board, who wasn't that interested in having the bandstand located on their property because of the insurance liability and they would eventually have to maintain it. She brought a conceptual plan to the Planning Board. Meanwhile, they spoke with Wood Visions, who told them that if they work through the wintertime, there would be a cost reduction of about \$2,000 because it will keep his men busy. The Town Planner did a rough mapping of the Town Common. The bandstand is situated so there wouldn't have to be any trees taken down, but the flag pole may have to be moved. She also went before the Highway Safety Committee. They felt they could close off half of Library Street Extension during concerts so there would be a path for emergency vehicles and thought they could enlist the services of Hudson CB Patrol to direct traffic. The rather elaborate proposed bandstand will be lighted, will seat a 60-piece band, and will cost about \$25,000. Parking would be at Town Hall, the schools and on the side roads. She is on next week's Planning Board agenda.

Vice-Chairman Jasper said at some point, they need to have a public hearing to accept the donation; this action is only to approve the site. Selectman Seabury said money was already being donated to the bandstand. Paul asked if the bandstand would be handicapped-accessed. She said yes.

Motion to approve the placement of a donated bandstand on the Town Common by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, carried unanimously.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Discussions of Unicorn Park/DPW Facility

Vice-Chairman Jasper said they have been discussing where to go with the sale of excess property and how to tie that in with construction of a new facility. The cleanest way to do it is to establish a minimum bid for the land and to tie that sale in with someone bidding on the land and, as part of that, construct a Highway facility to the Town's specifications and then lease purchase the building back for 20 years. The 32-acre parcel is being appraised and a \$400,000 minimum bid has been established. The lease purchase would be \$800,000 and they are trying to tie that in for an annual payment of \$50,000-\$60,000 over 20 years. Attorney Ratigan will draft the specific language.

Selectman Seabury asked if the building would be sold, too. Vice-Chairman Jasper said no. She didn't understand the lease-purchase concept. Vice-Chairman Jasper said the concept is not unlike what they are doing with the fire truck and sweeper. The lease purchase payment would be paid by taxes and would be comparable to a bond payment.. Selectman Charbonneau thought it was a great idea, that it is something Shawn came up with.

Vice-Chairman Jasper said Leo still has money in his budget and he's going out to get the building drawing specifications done so they will be bidding on that building. It could come in at less, but they wouldn't be able to proceed if it exceeded. The higher the bid for the land, the lower the cost for the lease-purchase. Selectman Charbonneau said interest rates are going to go up, so they should seal this up by Town Meeting. Selectman Seabury said it sounds like a good deal. Vice-Chairman Jasper said this was a minimum bid for the purpose of a warrant article. If the appraisal comes in higher than \$400,000 the warrant article can be amended to establish a minimum bid at a higher amount. Selectman Seabury thinks a road should be cut through to Hudson Park Drive. Vice-Chairman Jasper said that has been discussed.

Motion by Selectman Seabury to move forward with a Warrant Article based on the sale of the excess property at Unicorn and to have a lease-purchase of a Highway facility as part of the bid, seconded by Selectman Stewart, carried unanimously.

(Start Tape 1, Second Side)

B. Informational Meetings on Water Company Acquisition

Vice-Chairman Jasper said on November 18, the Board will meet in Attorney-Client session at 6:45 p.m. prior to the bond hearing and informational meeting to do a little choreography beforehand.

C. Tennaco

Vice-Chairman Jasper said the Town had a major win on the tax issue. Paul said the Judge decided in favor of the Town on every count in the case of Tennaco vs Town of Hudson.

D. Communication Towers

Omnipoint and Sue Snide will hold an informational meeting in reference to communications tower on 11/19 at Town Hall. Invitations were sent to all of the neighbors to attend the meeting before they formulate the proposal, which will come to the Selectmen, for a communications tower at Merrill Park. The Town would be able to use the antenna and also collect rent from Omnipoint for it.

E. Letter of Concurrence on the Rte. 102 Sidewalk Project

Vice-Chairman Jasper said they need to vote to send a letter of concurrence to NH DOT relative to the construction of sidewalks on 102 near Alvirne. All of the necessary steps have already been taken. Selectman Stewart so moved, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried unanimously.

F. Voting Delegate to the NHMA Annual Meeting

Vice-Chairman Jasper announced that Paul was going to be attending the NHMA's Annual Meeting and, unless there is a member of the Board going, they should authorize Paul to be their voting delegate. Selectman Stewart so moved, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried unanimously.

G. Sewer Hookup Enforcement

Selectman Charbonneau said at the last Sewer Utility Committee meeting, they recommended moving forward with hookup enforcement on both commercial and residential properties. All of the names will be verified. Vice-Chairman Jasper asked what the next step should be. Selectman Charbonneau said they held off on enforcement because of the high flows, which have been determined to have been caused by infiltration. They have to be told they must hook up within a certain time frame or the Town will go in and do it. Paul said the next step after non-compliance will be court; the Town can't go on the property and make the connection. Tom Sommers will get in touch with Paul about it.

H. Shepherds's Hill

Selectman Stewart said Shepherd's Hill was coming before the Planning Board Wednesday night.

I. Budget Committee's Public Hearing on Water Company Bond

Vice-Chairman Jasper said on 11/12/97 the Budget Committee would hopefully be making a positive recommendation for the water company buy out. He planned to be present with lawyers and consultants.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the October 24, 1997 Meeting

B. Minutes of the October 25, 1997 Meeting

C. Minutes of the October 28, 1997 Meeting

Vice-Chairman Jasper said he called in some corrections earlier in the day.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to accept the Minutes, with corrections, and refer to file carried unanimously.

10. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/11 Veterans Day Holiday--Town Hall closed

11/12 7:30 Budget Committee, Selectmen's Meeting Room

11/12 7:30 Planning Board, P/Z Meeting Room

11/13 7:30 ZBA, P/Z Meeting Room

11/15 Fall Cleanup @ West Road Landfill

11/17 7:30 Conservation Commission, P/Z Meeting Room

11/18 7:30 Information Meeting/Bond Hearing, Lions Hall

11/20 7:30 Budget Committee, P/Z Meeting Room

11/20 7:30 Sewer Utility, Small Conference Room

11/25 7:30 BOS, Selectmen's Office

11/25 7:00 Trustees of the Trust Funds

11. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Terry Stewart said the Police had a very nice retirement party for Sgt. Bill Hurst Friday night, but she was surprised no one from Nashua PD was there.

Ann Seabury also enjoyed the party, saying it was very nice.

Rhona Charbonneau didn't have any remarks, other than "Everything is going well."

Shawn Jasper said he would be glad when the water company deal is done and he can work full time again.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:17 p.m. by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried unanimously.

Recorded and Transcribed by Priscilla Boisvert

Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

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E. Lorraine Madison, Chairman

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Shawn N. Jasper

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