

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the October 25, 1997 Meeting

1. Chairman E. Lorraine Madison reopened the meeting at 9:03 a.m., having recessed it at 12:38 a.m. last evening.

2. ATTENDANCE

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

Staff/Others: Paul Sharon, Town Administrator; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant/Recorder; Steve Malizia, Finance Director; Capt. Bill Closs, Sgt. Al Semple, Lt. Ray Mello, Lt. Don McCrady and Lisa Nute from the Police Department; Keith Bowen and Len Lathrop from the Recreation Department; Leo Lessard, Road Agent; Ken Massey, Trustees of the Trust Funds; Sgt. Bob Tousignant, Sherri and Lee Hamilton from CHIPS; Mike Reynolds and Fidele Bernasconi, HEDCorp; Coleman Kelly, Cable Committee; John Drabinowicz, Budget Committee; Tom Sommers, Sewer Utility

3. BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Relative to Community Grants, one requestor had leave early to catch a flight and another had to attend a funeral, Chairman Madison said that they would vote on the items and individual presentations would not be necessary.

Community Grants & CHIPS

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Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the request by CHIPS and appropriate \$3,000 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to approve the request by Home Health and Hospice and appropriate \$16,000 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the request by Nashua Transit Systems and appropriate \$13,573 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to approve the request by Community Council and appropriate \$9,564 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the request by American Red Cross and appropriate \$8,000 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the request by Rape and Assault Services and appropriate \$6,000 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the request by Neighborhood Health Center for Greater Nashua and appropriate \$8,000 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to reduce the request by Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter of \$10,000 by \$5,000 and appropriate \$5,000 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the request by Big Brothers/Big Sisters and appropriate \$4,840 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the request by St. Joseph Community Services and appropriate \$3,380 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the request by Nashua Mediation Program and appropriate \$1,600 carried unanimously.

These amounts totaled \$78,957. Later in the meeting, an appropriation of \$10,000 for HEDCorp was included in the Community Grants, bringing the total to \$88,957.

5030 Town Clerk/Tax Collector -- Warrant Article

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to put in a warrant article to increase the Town Clerk's salary from \$38,500 to \$40,000, plus \$115 for FICA, carried unanimously.

5070 Budget Committee

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the budget request in the amount of \$725 carried unanimously.

5045 Cable Committee and Warrant Article

Cable Committee Chairman Coleman Kelly was present to answer questions and present his budget.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve the budget request of \$6,575 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to submit a warrant article in the amount of \$63,000 for video equipment carried unanimously.

5050 Treasurer

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the budget request of \$6,459 carried unanimously.

5020 Trustees of the Trust Funds

Ken Massey was present and asked for line 235 Registration Fees to be increased from \$50 to \$75.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to increase line 235 by carried unanimously. The new bottom line for this cost center is \$656.

5080 Code of Ethics

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to approve the budget request of \$500 carried unanimously.

5025 Cemetery Trustees

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve the budget request of \$9,100 carried unanimously.

5925 Hudson Economic Development Corp. (HEDCorp.)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to approve the budget request of \$10,000 carried unanimously.

This cost center will be dissolved and HEDCorp will be included with Community Grants.

5930 Patriotic Purposes

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve the budget request of \$1,800 carried unanimously.

5940 Other Expenses

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to approve the budget request of \$133,853 carried unanimously.

5610 Police Department Administration

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to amend line 402 Automobiles by reducing the request of \$144,000 by \$24,000 for a new total of \$120,000 carried.

The Board felt that five new cars would be sufficient. The new total for this cost center is \$440,258.

5615 Police Facility Operations

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend line 208 Telephone by reducing the request of \$20,000 to \$18,000 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury to amend line 403 Small Equipment (irrigation system) by reducing the request of \$4,718 to \$0 failed to carry by a vote of 2-2. The original request stands.

Selectmen Seabury and Charbonneau voted in favor of the motion, stating that they didn't think this expense was justified.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to amend line 206 Electricity by \$1,000 from \$34,900 to \$33,900 carried unanimously.

Selectman Jasper said that he voted in error, having been distracted. He moved to reconsider, seconded by Selectman Madison, but it failed by a tie vote.

This cost center is reduced by \$3,000 for a new total of \$122,277.

5620 Police Communications

The request stands as is in the amount of \$257,826; no action was taken.

5630 Police Patrol

The request stands as is in the amount of \$1,296,111; no action was taken.

5640 Police Investigations

The request stands as is in the amount of \$251,959; no action was taken.

5650 Animal Control

The request stands as is in the amount of \$35,981; no action was taken.

5660 Police Records

The request stands as is in the amount of \$91,142; no action was taken.

5671 Police Support Services

The request stands as is in the amount of \$146,759; no action was taken.

5672 Police Crossing Guards

The request stands as is in the amount of \$38,339; no action was taken.

5673 Police Prosecutor

The request stands as is in the amount of \$91,808; no action was taken.

Police Capt. Position -- Warrant Article

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

Police Part-Time Clerk -- Warrant Article

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

Police Part-Time Maintenance Assistant -- Warrant Article

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to deny failed by a tie vote
Selectmen Charbonneau and Seabury were in favor of the motion.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Madison, to approve the position failed by a vote of 2-2. Selectmen Jasper and Madison voted in favor of the motion.

Police Full-Time Dispatcher -- Warrant Article

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, not to recommend carried unanimously.

Board of Selectmen Policy Vote

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, that wage increases for all personnel who work less than 30 hours per week not be sent to the Warrant.

Recreation Department -- Warrant Article

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, for a full time Recreation Director in the amount of \$22,183, with a footnote that the total budgeted cost of \$33,882 be indicated carried unanimously.

5810 Recreation Administration

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend line 104 Seasonal Salaries by increasing it \$1,000 from \$9,360 to \$10,360 and line 108 FICA by \$77 from \$1,547 to \$1,624 to cover a \$1/hr. pay increase for Reggie Provencal carried unanimously.

The new total for this cost center is \$31,752.

5815 Recreation -- Merrifield Park

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The request stands as is in the amount of \$3,000; no action was taken.

The Recreation Department will get the costs for electricity for this cost center to the Budget Committee.

5816 Recreation -- Merrill Park

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend 399 Miscellaneous from \$3,000 to \$0 carried unanimously.

This \$3,000 request was to reimburse the Highway Department for helping to maintain the park. The Board said that the Highway Department personnel would be utilized during their regular work hours and could not be paid in addition to that. Therefore, this amount was eliminated.

5821 Recreation -- Supervised Play

The request stands as is in the amount of \$73,292; no action was taken.

5822 Recreation -- Robinson Pond

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend line 299 Miscellaneous and increase it by \$250 for porta-potties, increasing the request of \$11,254 to \$11,504 carried unanimously.

5823 Recreation--Babe Ruth

The request stands as is in the amount of \$12,988; no action was taken.

5824 Recreation--Ball Fields

The request stands as is in the amount of \$17,115; no action was taken.

5825 Recreation--Instructional Tennis

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend line 104 by \$160, from \$2,800 to \$2,960 and 108 FICA by \$12, from \$214 to \$226 carried unanimously.

The new bottom line total of this cost center is \$3,586.

5831 Recreation--Winter Basketball

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend line 252 Other Professional Services by \$249, increasing \$15,840 to \$16,089 carried unanimously.

The new bottom line total of this cost center is \$35,102.

8532 Recreation--Ice Skating Rinks

The request stands as is in the amount of \$721; no action was taken.

8533 Recreation--Hudson Senior Citizens

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to amend line 232 Public Transportation by reducing the request from \$2,000 to \$0 carried 3-1. Selectman Madison was opposed.

The Board felt that it was inappropriate for the Town to subsidize this activity.

5834 Recreation--Soccer League

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend line 104 Salaries by increasing it \$200 from \$800 to \$1,000 and increasing 108 FICA from \$61 to \$77 carried unanimously.

The new bottom line figure for this cost center is \$10,492.

5836 Recreation--Teen Dances

The request stands as is in the amount of \$3,250; no action was taken.

5837 KNOT Nights

The request stands as is in the amount of \$1,000; no action was taken.

Recess -- Chairman Madison declared a recess for a lunch break at 12:30 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 1:35 p.m.

5551 Public Works -- Facility

The request stands as is in the amount of \$151,015; no action was taken.

5552 Public Works -- Streets

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Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend line 290 in the amount of \$22,965 to \$0, and to send to the Warrant the 2nd year payment of a street sweeper in that amount carried unanimously.

The new bottom line total for this cost center is \$1,344,462.

5553 Public Works -- Equipment Maintenance

The request stands as is in the amount of \$204,563; no action was taken.

5554 Public Works -- Drains

The request stands as is in the amount of \$306,795; no action was taken.

5555 Public Works -- Solid Waste Management

The request stands as is in the amount of \$33,026; no action was taken.

5556 Public Works -- Grounds Maintenance

The request stands as is in the amount of \$7,350; no action was taken.

5561 Sewers -- Billing and Collections

The request stands as is in the amount of \$104,631; no action was taken.

5562 Sewers -- Operations and Maintenance

The request stands as is in the amount of \$728,338; no action was taken.

5563 Sewers -- Debt

The request stands as is in the amount of \$299,913; no action was taken.

5564 Sewer Construction

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to amend line 623 Lorraine and Charbonneau Streets from \$30,000 to \$22,000, a decrease of \$8,000 carried unanimously.

The new bottom line for this cost center is \$352,000.

5970 Solid Waste Collection

Road Agent Leo Lessard said this has gone out to bid and they are waiting for hard numbers on it, which will be available November 10, 1997.

5980 Roadway Cost Allocation

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to amend line 408 Street Construction by \$30,720 from \$46,720 to \$16,000 carried unanimously.

5990 Unicorn Property

The request stands as is in the amount of \$6,420; no action was taken.

6101 Bond Principal

The request stands as is in the amount of \$502,950; no action was taken.

6102 Bond Interest

The request stands as is in the amount of \$112,202; no action was taken.

5110 Board of Selectmen/Administration

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend line 303 Other Office Supplies by \$1,500 from \$5,000 to \$3,500 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to amend line 252 Other Professional Services and reduce by \$\$300, from \$1,200 to \$900 carried 3-0. Selectman Seabury abstained because the Hudson Minutemen are paid from this line.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend line 301 Paper and reduce by \$100 from \$600 to \$500 carried 3-1. Selectman Madison voted in opposition.

The new bottom line for this cost center is \$188,427.

5120 Town Hall Operations

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to amend line 206 Electricity and reduce by \$5,500 from \$23,500 to \$18,000 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to amend line 207 Water and Sewage and reduce by \$1,200 from \$3,200 to \$2,000 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend line 233 Mileage/Car Reimbursement, reducing from \$50 to \$0 carried unanimously.

The new bottom line for this cost center is \$59,714.

5125 Lions Hall

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to amend line 224 Building Maintenance by increasing \$4,250 to \$10,000 carried unanimously.

The new bottom line to this cost center is \$37,800.

5151 Town Poor

The request stands as is in the amount of \$71,000; no action was taken.

5200 Legal

The request stands as is in the amount of \$158,665; no action was taken.

5310 Finance Administration

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The request stands as is in the amount of \$100,542; no action was taken.

5320 Finance Accounting

The request stands as is in the amount of \$104,699; no action was taken.

5330 Finance-Data Processing

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to amend line 237 In-House Training and reduce by \$2,000, from \$4,000 to \$2,000 carried unanimously.

The new bottom line total for this cost center is \$166,155.

5910 Insurance

The request stands as is in the amount of \$366,200; no action was taken.

Non-Union Salary Increases

This amount will be determined at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on October 28, 1997.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, at 3:15 p.m. carried unanimously.

Recorded and Transcribed by Priscilla Boisvert

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