

**HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of the September 3, 1997 Meeting**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman E. Lorraine Madison at 3:30 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Selectman Shawn N. Jasper

3. **ATTENDANCE**

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

**Staff/Others:** Paul D. Sharon, Town Administrator; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer; Steve Malizia, Finance Director; Susan Snide, Zoning Administrator; Jim Michaud, Assessor; Leo Lessard, Road Agent; Mike Reynolds, Town Planner; Donna Lolos, Library Director; Barbara Locke, Deputy Town Clerk

4. **BUDGET PARAMETERS**

Chairman Madison announced the following parameters agreed upon by the Board of Selectmen at a previous meeting:

- (1) It's the Board's goal to keep the tax rate stable;
- (2) Complete back-up material, including rationale and justification, should be included with budget submittals;
- (3) The Town Garage is the #1 priority this year;
- (4) Limit warrant articles. (Requests for new equipment and personnel should be put in warrant article form and not be included in the budget.)

·The Library Trustees will submit their budget directly to the Budget Committee without first routing it through the Board of Selectmen.

·Need a default budget.

·It was decided that it was not a good idea to pool items, such as combining the purchase of a car and a truck. However, it would be o.k. to combine, for example, the line items for gas or for the purchase of tires in the various divisions within a department.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn at 3:55 by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, carried unanimously.*

Recorded by Selectman Ann Seabury

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**E. Lorraine Madison, Chairman**

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