

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes of the July 8, 1997 Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chairman E. Lorraine Madison at 7:30 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, led by Selectman Terry Stewart
3. ATTENDANCE

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

Staff/Others: Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Lt. Dave Morin; Mike Reynolds, Town Planner; Keith Bowen, Recreation Director; David Alukonis; John Drabinowicz; Fidele Bernasconi; Howard Dilworth, Jr; Tim, SUN; Signe, TEL; Les, HLN; about 12 people in the audience, including two Life Scouts.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Chris Polanec, 3 Pinewood Road--Eagle Scout Project at Musquash Pond Chris said he was a Life Scout with Troop 21 and, for his Eagle project, he planned to build a bridge between two swamps on Musquash Conservation land and to mark the existing trail. Traffic is currently going on to a beaver dam and he will be routing it away from that. He already has approval of the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board and the Zoning Administrator for this project.

Chairman Madison thanked him and said the Board would take this up under Other Business.

B. Howard Dilworth, Jr., 36-A Old Derry Road, "The Rest of the Story" (Mr. Dilworth submitted a typewritten copy of his text which included the 250th Celebration and a large format copier. Copy attached.)

5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A. FROM: Chris Polanec  
RE: Eagle Scout Project  
REFER TO: Public Input

B. FROM: Jim Michaud, Assessor  
RE: Assessing Items  
REFER TO: New Business

C. FROM: Mike Reynolds, Town Planner  
RE: Visioning  
REFER TO: New Business

D. FROM: John Watkins, Executive Director, the Simple Society  
RE: Collection of Funds in Hudson  
REFER TO: New Business

E. FROM: Tom Sommers, CLD  
RE: Contract Renewal  
REFER TO: New Business

F. FROM: Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief  
RE: Transfer of Funds  
Acceptance of Donation  
REFER TO: New Business & Public Hearing

G. FROM: Keith Bowen, Recreation Director  
RE: Eagle Scout Project (Kevin Bonner)  
REFER TO: New Business

H. FROM: Leo Lessard, Road Agent  
RE: Parking at 11 Melendy Road  
REFER TO: New Business

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

6. NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

HEDCorp

Chairman Madison said the Board's procedures are to interview candidates at their first meeting of the month and appoint at their second meeting of the month, but the Board won't know how many appointments to make until after the HEDCorp executive committee meets. Selectman Stewart said that meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 15.

John Beike (Not present)  
Bob Clegg (Not present)

Daniel Shubelka said he graduated from college a couple of years ago. He lived in the greater Nashua area all his life and recently moved to Hudson. He wants to become involved within the municipality and saw the public notice for HEDCorp when he came into Town Hall to register his car. He is in marketing and thought involvement on this committee would help the Town, while it also helped him in his career.

The following applications were received after the agenda was put together.

Robert Vokes (Not present)

David Alukonis said, in addition to being a Cemetery Trustee, he is a State Representative and also serves on the Review Board for the \$9 million NH Economic Development Fund. The funds have largely gone to venture capital investments, which have been returned to the State, as well as various initiatives through the Department of Resources and Economic Development, including the development of the State's Department of Resources and Economic Development web page for various marketing and international marketing. NH is not terribly business friendly, and neither is Hudson. They have a long way to go in marketing the Town and in fostering greater economic development.

#### 7. OLD BUSINESS

License to Purchase Scrap Metals, Precious Metals and Precious Stones by Bargains Unlimited

Chairman Madison recognized the Chief of Police and owner of Bargains Unlimited, Daniel Baldwin. She said this was on the last agenda, but no action was taken on it because the motion was not seconded. Chief Gendron said this permit simply authorizes Bargains Unlimited to take in precious metals and stones and scrap metal. He said this was located on Central Street, right by the bridge and thought the Board might be confusing this pawn shop with the one on Lowell Road. Chairman Madison agreed, saying that Selectman Seabury stated that she saw a Bargains Unlimited truck parked in front of another pawn shop by Kay's. It has been checked out and it is a different pawn shop altogether. Mr. Baldwin said it was a former partner, who opened another business under the name of B & T's Bargain Exchange, just down the road from him. Chief Gendron said Mr. Baldwin has been very cooperative in adhering to the ordinance and has a very good rapport with Lt. Mello, who is in charge of the detectives. He said he doesn't have any reason to deny the permit.

Chairman Madison said if the license is approved, \$100 is owed because the license was not renewed last year. Mr. Baldwin said it's because he doesn't have an actual license to hang on the wall. The 'license' he got from the Town was filed. Chairman Madison said it was his responsibility to renew this each year.

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

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Assessing Items

1) Totally & Permanently Disabled Property Tax Exemption (Pauline Marchand, 25 Federal Street; Kevin McGuire, 148 Robinson Road)

Motion to approve, as recommended by the Assessor, by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried unanimously.

2) Abatement, 28 Mobile Drive (Gale & Kevin Mahoney)

Motion to grant, as recommended by the Assessor, by

Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, carried unanimously.

B. Visioning in Hudson

Chairman Madison recognized Town Planner Mike Reynolds, who said he was there to request a Selectmen member and alternate to the Visioning project. Selectman Rhona Charbonneau volunteered to be the regular member and Selectman Terry Stewart volunteered as the alternate.

C. Collection of Funds in Hudson by the Simple Society

Chairman Madison said the Board of Selectmen has approved this request in the past, twice in '93, once in '94 and once in '95.

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

D. CLD Contract Renewal

Chairman Madison said there are no changes to the contract and the Consultant's rates were the same this year, but they may go up next year.

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

E. Transfer of Funds (Fire Department)

Chief Carpentino was recognized. He said the Fire Department budgeted \$6,000 for three computers this year @ \$2,000 each. The best price that John Sauter was able to get was \$2,405, including an emulator to connect them to Town Hall. Since two other departments planned to purchase computers,

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the cost for five computers effected a lower per-computer price of \$2,330 which included the emulator. He asked for a transfer of funds from 5710-244 (Employee Assistance Program, which is no longer in existence because the Town's current EAP program is through NHMA, at no additional cost to the Town) to 411 and to 5730-411 to make up for the shortfall. In addition, they will have to buy software, which John is looking into.

Selectman Jasper said the Chief didn't need Board approval for transferring monies within a cost center, but he appreciated the fact that he did inform the Selectmen of what was happening.

F. Acceptance of Donation (Fire Department Trading Cards)

Chairman Madison recognized Chief Carpentino and Lt. Dave Morin.

Selectman Charbonneau thought this was a generous offer, but since Presstek is in the process of subdividing some land on Executive Drive, the Selectmen should not be accepting this until after Presstek has gone before the Planning Board. Chief Carpentino said several months ago he did an inspection on Commercial Street during a situation at one of Presstek's buildings, and during the process, Mr. Lawler gave them a tour of the facilities. At that time, the Chief talked to Mr. Lawler about the possibility of doing cards or posters in order to keep the business in Town. In other words, the Town went to Presstek, not vice-versa. Selectman Jasper did not think there was a conflict of interest because the Planning Board has no role in the trading cards. It would be a shame to turn down this offer because of a perceived conflict.

Chairman Madison was glad to see that the Call personnel are included in the cards, too.

Chairman Madison opened the Public Hearing at 8:06 p.m. and asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. There was no response, so she closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Selectman Stewart to accept the offer, with thanks.

There was no second. Chairman Madison stepped down from the Chair, which was taken up by Vice Chairman Jasper.

Motion was seconded by Selectman Madison and carried 2-1. Selectman Charbonneau was opposed and, because it was a Fire Department issue, Selectman Jasper abstained.

Chairman Madison resumed the Chair.

G. Eagle Scout Project (Kevin Bonner)

Chairman Madison recognized the Recreation Director, Keith Bowen, who came forward with Life Scout, Kevin Bonner. Keith said Merrifield Park was ready for things to start happening out there to look more like a park--putting in picnic tables and trash receptacles. He is putting together figures for the federal grant match, part of which will be the work Kevin is proposing to do for his Eagle Scout project. Kevin said he wanted to put in six tables, two park benches and two trash receptacles with wooden outsides all of which will be cemented in the ground. He will also put in a crushed rock path, edged in wood, going around the park to the community garden.

Selectman Charbonneau said the State has an incentive program with grant monies available. She asked if Keith was aware of that. He said yes, and is looking at the information now, and will make a recommendation to the Selectmen. Selectman Charbonneau said people will be making judgements on that in mid-August.

Selectman Jasper asked if all of these items fit into the Master Plan. Mike Reynolds said yes.

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

H. Parking at 11 Melendy Road (Road Agent's Item)

Since the Road Agent is on vacation, Chairman Madison asked for a motion to defer this until the July 22, 1997 meeting.

Motion by Selectman Jasper to defer this until July 22, 1997, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, carried unanimously.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Chris Polanec, 3 Pinewood Road--Eagle Scout Project at Musquash Pond

This item was brought before the Board during Public Input.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to sign the form entitled, "Trail Work Notification for the New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau," in order for Chris Polanec to complete his Eagle Scout project to build a bridge between Swamps 1 & 2 on Musquash conservation land carried unanimously.

B. Adopt-a-Flower-Barrel

Chairman Madison said the newspaper carried an article this week about Hudson's flower barrels and how they would be happy to have someone adopt-a-barrel. The Fire Department volunteered to plant and maintain the three barrels at Chase and Ferry. Harry "Bud" Piper has volunteered to supply the Town with material to replant the barrels. Now someone needs to volunteer to water the barrels. She recognized Fidele Bernasconi, who said the Hudson Junior Womens volunteered to help out, but were apprehensive about carrying gallon jugs of water across busy intersections. Chairman Madison said keeping the barrels watered was the problem.

Selectman Jasper said if the flowers are planted, they have to be watered, and traffic safety is a big concern. Lt. Morin asked how many barrels there were. Chairman Madison didn't know, but the Highway Department could provide that information. Lt. Morin said the Fire Department would take care of watering them.

C. Sewer Rate for 1997-1998

Chairman Madison said the Sewer Utility Committee met on June 12 and unanimously approved the sewer rate for 97-98 at \$25 and asked the Board to approve it. The current rate is \$20 a quarter.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the sewer rate for 1997-1998 at \$25 carried unanimously.

D. Groundbreaking at Gateway Credit Union

Chairman Madison mentioned that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Gateway Credit Union on Winnhaven Street was tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. She asked if anyone on the Board would be able to attend. Selectman Charbonneau was going to be out of Town. Selectmen Stewart had to be at work. Selectman Jasper could not make it. Chairman Madison said she would have to plan to attend, then, and would hold the Department Heads' meeting at 10:30 instead of 10:00 a.m.

E. BOS Signatures Required

Chairman Madison reminded the Board to stop in the Selectmen's Office before they leave for home and sign the Payroll and some PO's that are over \$10,000 and need at least three signatures.

F. Swearing-In of Police Officers

Chairman Madison remarked that the two new officers would be sworn in Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at the Hudson Police Station by Selectman Jasper.

10. LICENSES AND PERMITS

License to Purchase Scrap Metals, Precious Metals and Precious Stones by B & T's Bargain Exchange

Chairman Madison stated that the recommendation by the Chief of Police stated that there were no problems that warranted denial of the license. Chief Gendron clarified that his recommendation also included a that he applicant be reminded to submit weekly reports to the Hudson Police Department.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to grant the permit on the condition that the applicant submit weekly reports in a timely fashion to the Police Department and that any deviation shall be cause for the permit to be revoked carried 3-1. Selectman Charbonneau voted in opposition.

11. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

7/09 10 am Ground breaking Gateway Credit Union, 3 Winnhaven Drive  
7/09 7:00 LMR Planning Board  
7/10 3:00 HPD Swearing in of Police Officers  
7/10 5:00 LMR Library Trustees  
7/10 7:30 LMR ZBA  
7/10 7:30 Sewer Utility Committee (Place to be decided)  
7/16 7:00 LMR Planning Board  
7/17 7:30 LMR Budget Committee  
7/21 7:30 LMR Conservation Commission  
7/22 Noon Marty Jones from Senator Bob Smith's Office  
7/22 7:30 LMR BOS

Chairman Madison said there is going to be a public hearing at Hudson Memorial School on August 5 at 7:00 by NH DOT on the proposed alterations on Route 3A.

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13. NONPUBLIC SESSIONS

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to enter Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; (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 8:25 p.m. and was terminated at 9:50 p.m.

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

Motions taken in Open Session

A. Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to hire Archibald L. Jackson V as a security staff member at Robinson Pond @ \$10/hr effective July 9, 1997 carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to increase the hourly wage for the non-union part-time dispatchers in the Police Department from \$9.87 per hour to \$10.76 carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to hire Patrick Carey as a full-time dispatcher in the Fire Department at Step 1, Dispatcher Pay Schedule, effective July 13, 1997 carried 3-0. Selectman Jasper abstained because it was a Fire Department issue.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, carried unanimously.

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

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