

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the June 24, 1997 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chairman E. Lorraine Madison
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Selectman Rhona Charbonneau
3. ATTENDANCE

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

Staff/Others: Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Leo Lessard, Road Agent; Steve Malizia, Finance Director; Sue Snide, Zoning Administrator; Steve Gannon, Fire Department; Lars Christiansen, School Board; John Drabinowicz, Budget Committee; Howard Dilworth, Jr; Coleman Kelly; Tim, SUN; Signe, TEL

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

5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A. FROM: Steve Malizia, Finance Director
RE: 1) Fiscal Year 1996-1997 Encumbrances
2) Prior Year Warrant Article Encumbrances
3) Planning, Engineering, Zoning Large Format Copier Request
4) Town Clerk Over expenditure Approval
5) Other Expenses Over expenditure Approval
6) Lions Hall Over expenditure Approval
7) Bid Recommendation--1997 Townwide Paving Contract
REFER TO: New Business

B. FROM: Susan Snide, Zoning Administrator; Jim Michaud, Assessor; Mike Gospodarek, Town Engineer
RE: Intent to Cut (Timber) Procedure
REFER TO: Old Business

C. FROM: Richard Gendron, Chief of Police
RE: 1) Acceptance of Donation--Mt. Bike and Accessories
2) Discussion of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant
REFER TO: New Business

D. FROM: Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief
RE: Approval of Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive
REFER TO: New Business

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

F. FROM: Sewer Utility Committee
RE: 1) Sewer Use Ordinance Violations--Rangers Drive (Excessive Grease)
2) Campbello Street Extension Sewer Acceptance
3) Highland Woods Notice of Sewer Acceptance
4) Abatements, Reference #11
REFER TO: New Business

G. FROM: Leo Lessard, Road Agent
RE: Leasing a Street Sweeper
REFER TO: New Business

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to receive Correspondence, Items A-G, with appropriate referral, carried unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Intent to Cut/Timber Ordinance

Chairman Madison recognized Zoning Administrator Sue Snide, who said they were interested in seeking approval for the checklist. They had originally thought they needed an ordinance to enforce the checklist, but according to a legal opinion, they don't. Chairman Madison said she didn't think a policy needed to be developed because they already had to comply with existing statutes, but asked for the will of the body.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to adopt the checklist, as a part of the Intent to Cut process, carried unanimously.

Sue asked if the Board would approve an in-office sign-off on the Intents to Cut, or if they still had to go on an agenda. Chairman Madison said she'd like to see them still come before the Board; Selectman Seabury said she would, too. Chairman Madison asked if anyone had a problem with that. There was no response.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to take up Items B & C prior to Item A carried unanimously. Chairman Madison asked Finance Director Steve Malizia to come forward for the next few items.

B. Prior Year Warrant Article Encumbrances

Article 36, Culvert Replacement on Winnhaven Drive
Chairman Madison said this article was for \$50,000. To date, \$8,347 has been expended, leaving a balance of \$41,653. However, the lowest bid came in for \$135,393. Steve explained the options he presented to the Board in his memo. 1) They could encumber the funds and attempt to do the work in-house; 2) They could encumber the existing \$41,653 and attempt to raise the remaining funds by warrant article next year; 3) Allow the funds to lapse and bring up a new article for the \$135k next year.

Selectman Seabury said there was a big disparity between what was anticipated and the actual bids. Selectman Jasper recalled previous discussions on this project, and the reason for the larger amount was for additional upgrades; it wasn't just replacing the culvert pipe. Selectman Seabury disagreed, saying that this was just the first phase. Selectman Jasper said they don't have a plan before them and none of them have a clue about it. The wisest thing for them to do is take no action and allow the funds to lapse. Selectman Charbonneau opposed allowing the funds to lapse. Selectman Seabury asked Leo for an explanation of this project. Leo said this is Mike Gospodarek's project, but he does know that the old steel pipe is very bad; a dangerous situation. Replacing a 32" pipe involves a lot of work, which would include renting a crane.

Chairman Madison asked Leo his thoughts on the condition of the culvert, if they decided to let the money lapse. Leo said it is in bad shape, but it's hard to say. If there was a bad storm, the rains would damage it if there was a big surge. But they don't have the money to fix it now, anyway. Chairman Madison said if the Board takes no action, it will lapse and the Town Engineer could come back with a new plan.

Selectman Charbonneau opposed letting it lapse because this is a critical project and they are going to end up with a big problem. Chairman Madison said she realizes this has to be fixed, but not enough money was appropriated to do the project and they can't start the project if they don't have the money to do it. Selectman Charbonneau said money is always found for everything else.

Selectman Jasper asked Leo if the road surface is showing any signs of collapse. It's not unusual for the bottoms of old metal pipes in the road to wear out, but the tops and sides may be alright. Leo said it's all cobblestone, and you can see where some of them are giving way. It could last a week or two years. There aren't bad crack separations yet. Chairman Madison said if they let this lapse, they should ask the Engineer to come back with a plan for this year's budget so that it can go before the people again in the proper amount.

Article 38, Melendy Road Bridge and County Road Bridge
Chairman Madison said the \$75,000 appropriation is still sitting there. Steve said the options are to encumber the funds and start the project or allow the funds to lapse and put forth a new warrant article when they are ready to proceed. He hasn't seen any data on this project.

Chairman Madison said they wrote to the State and the Town can get some funds for this under Bridge Aid, so they should pursue it. She thought they should encumber the funds but, because they were slow in applying for the funds, they can't get them until 1999. Selectman Jasper recalled that these funds had already been encumbered once. He asked Steve how many times they can be

encumbered. Steve said he checked with the auditors, who were sufficiently vague. They didn't give him a clear cut answer. Selectman Jasper thought that, unless it was non-lapsing, they could only be encumbered once. Discussion ensued. Selectman Jasper recommended that Howard Dilworth be recognized.

Chairman Madison recognized Mr. Dilworth, who said that, under the Revised Budget Act, you are allowed to encumber warrant articles once. After two years, they would lapse, period. It was the intent of the Legislature not to allow towns to carry warrant articles forward year after year, with no intent of doing the work. Relative to non-lapsing funds, RSA 35 talks to the ability of towns to create non-lapsing funds, which are similar to capital reserve funds, and if that language is included in the warrant article, it's good for five years, or till the project ends, whichever comes first.

Chairman Madison said the backup memo from the Town Engineer recommends following the guidelines outlined by the State. They would manage the project. The Town would receive a clear picture on the funding, along with tapping their expertise in bridge maintenance and they would administer the projects from start to finish, plus help with funding. If they go with this scenario, it would allow the \$75,000 to lapse and a new warrant article would be brought forth. If they're not 100% sure, they can always encumber it and, legally, if they are not supposed to, the encumbrance will go away. Selectman Jasper agreed that they should go along with the Town Engineer's recommendation and allow it to lapse.

Chairman Madison stated that the Town Engineer would have two projects to come up with now.

C. Planning, Engineering, Zoning Large Format Copier Request

The request was to purchase a large format plain paper copier with surplus money from the Assessor's budget. Chairman Madison said she was presented with this request in the Selectmen's Office, but she wanted the Board's approval before doing anything with it. She recognized the Zoning Administrator, Sue Snide. She said they have over 30 flat file drawers full of about 600 plans, including subdivision maps and site plans. They have a copier that will run the plans through only if they are on Mylar; it won't do paper to paper. She had a 1928 plan of the Hills estate that, over time and with use, had deteriorated pretty badly. Some of the plans even have missing sections because the paper has ripped apart. To have them done outside would cost \$15 apiece for the copying only. If the Town purchased a large format paper copier, which could then be converted to Mylar, the plans could be properly archived and be kept around much longer. In a conversation she had with Jim Michaud, he suggested using funds that was going to be left over in his budget to get the copier, which costs \$7,090. There will be a trade-in for the old copier of \$1,500. (It cost \$1,800 new several years ago.)

Selectman Jasper preferred going through the budget process to make this request. The maps didn't deteriorate overnight and, if the need was there, the request should have been made last fall. He thought this should wait until the next budget cycle.

Selectman Madison thought this was a perfect time to buy it. The need is there and so is the money. Selectmen Charbonneau and Stewart agreed.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to transfer \$7,090 from Assessing 5410-252 to Building 5582-399 to procure a large former plain paper copier.

Selectman Jasper asked those in favor of this request to re-think it, not in terms of getting a copier, but in terms of procedure and the role the Budget Committee and Town Meeting plays in this. This could be a car, or any other item, and it should go through the process. It's not even surplus funds from the same department; it's one department to another. This isn't being accountable to people. They should do things this way. He's not saying that this isn't needed, but that's why they have the budget process. This is not the way to entrust faith in government. It's staff's job to ask for things, so he's not faulting them, but the Selectmen have to make the hard decisions, the political decisions, to make things work honest and above-board and to weigh the need. If the copier broke down, and it was a

replacement that was being requested, it would be a different thing.

Selectman Madison said she still thinks the need is there and, if she wanted to do things by the back door, should could have signed the purchase order in the office, but she thought the Board, as a whole, should decide. It seems that every time there is a Planning issue, it gets cut somewhere in the process. This is something they need, and all of the departments can use it. Hopefully, people will still trust her even if she votes in favor of getting the copier. Selectman Charbonneau said that she understood what Selectman Jasper was saying, but she felt that the need for the copier was justified. She, too, has seen items requested by Planning cut, cut, cut all along the way.

Selectman Seabury said something of this size should go through the budget process--and it's something she would support. Staff has known for some time that the files were in bad condition.

Vote: Motion carried 3-2. Selectmen Jasper and Seabury were opposed.

A . Fiscal Year 1996-1997 Encumbrances

Chairman Madison read the list of encumbrance requests. (Copy attached.)

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The \$559,280.03 figure was reduced by \$41,866.20 (Winnhaven Culvert) and \$75,000 (Melendy Road Culvert) and increased by \$5,000 (Cemetery Trustees); \$1,800 (Patriotic Purposes); and \$797.50 in donations accounts for a total of \$450,011.33.

Selectman Jasper thought that, in order to encumber from the operating budget, you needed to have a signed PO. He referred to the Cable Committee's legal fees. Chairman Madison said they committee was in the negotiation process and would require more than the \$1,700 encumbrance request. Selectman Jasper said the Finance Director needs to get clarification on this for next year and the Board should have a procedure. Chairman Madison said a lot of these items will be paid for long before the end of June, but to be on the safe side, they were all included in the memo that was before them.

Selectman Madison said they also need to encumber the Cemetery Trustees' \$5,000 for the poor farm and \$1,800 for Patriotic Purposes. In addition, there is a total of \$797.50 in donation accounts (HPD DARE, Police Explorers, Mt. Bike Unit and Fire donations).

While waiting for Steve to come up with the amended total, Chairman Madison told Selectman Jasper she would call the auditor tomorrow on the copier issue. Selectman Seabury said that they can do it. Selectman Jasper didn't think that there was a problem with what they were doing, other than procedurally. He thought that she should, however, call DRA about the encumbrances.

Steve announced that the total encumbrance figure was \$450,011.33.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to encumber \$450,011.33, as outlined in the Finance Director's memos dated 6/19/97 and 6/24/97 carried unanimously.

D. Town Clerk Over expenditure Approval

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau to approve the transfer of \$4,449.50 from 5120-206 Town Hall Operations-Miscellaneous to 5030-299 Town Clerk- Miscellaneous carried unanimously.

E. Other Expenses Over expenditure Approval

Other Expenses-Miscellaneous (5940-399) is over-expended by \$9,034.95 caused by earned time payoffs to employees who left during FY-97. The Finance Director recommended transferring the money out of Worker's Comp, 5910-117.

Selectman Jasper thought they had a big fund of something like \$150,000 available for purposes such as this. He didn't understand why this transfer was necessary. Chairman Madison said she saw Howard smiling, so she recognized him. Howard Dilworth said, as he recalled, that when somebody leaves, they are paid earned time pay out of that fund. The money that is budget for earned time is to cover what was paid out last year. If you spend \$35,000 this year, that's the figure you budget for next year. In order to take money out of the fund, a request has to be made to the Trustees. They hold it because it's like a capital reserve fund.

Selectman Jasper said that Steve, the auditors and the Trustees ought to sit down together and figure out how this works, saying that he's never quite figured it out. Every year they put in what they took out the year before, but they never use the money that's in the fund, and they never get caught up. He didn't understand the purpose of the fund. Steve said it's not real clear when he looks at the backup.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve the transfer from Workers Comp.

Chairman Madison said if the auditor finds that they have done something in error, he will change it and the books will be adjusted accordingly. In the meantime, they can cover themselves by making the transfer.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

F. Lions Hall Over expenditure Approval

Chairman Madison said this account is over-expended by \$2,072.65 caused by higher than planned maintenance costs.

Selectman Jasper said that Lydia made this a special revenue account, which he was not in favor of, at the time. Chairman Madison said she had called it a revolving 'something-or-other.' Selectman Jasper said all of the revenue was supposed to go into that account, which could be used if they ran into a problem, such as this. Chairman Madison said they weren't sounding very intelligent. Selectman Seabury disagreed, saying that they were picking things up. Selectman Jasper said if this money is taken from someplace else, what are they going to do with the revenue account? Chairman Madison said the motion could be made on the condition that it would be taken out of the revolving revenue account and, if that isn't there, they will still have money to cover it. Selectman Jasper said he never understood how that worked. Chairman Madison said the auditors will be here for a period of time and maybe he can schedule some time to meet with them. Selectman Seabury asked how much was in the revenue account. Selectman Jasper said no one knows; it's a secret. Steve said he didn't know, either. Chairman Madison was sure there was \$3,600 in there, at least. Selectman Jasper said they don't know the mechanism for getting it out, adding that you can't increase your total budget by revenue. He's never understood how this works.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to transfer \$3,600 from Workers Comp to Lions Hall and that, if it can be accomplished, that the \$3,600 be taken from the Special Revenue Account unanimously.

Selectman Seabury wanted to understand how the revenue account works. Chairman Madison said they should schedule a workshop with the auditor within the next couple of months so they can have all of the different accounts explained to them. Any other questions can also be asked at the workshop.

G. Bid Recommendation--1997 Townwide Paving Contract

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to award the Townwide Paving contract to Brox Industries, as recommended by the Finance Director and Road Agent, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 carried 4-0. Selectman Charbonneau abstained because Continental Paving submitted a bid.

H. Acceptance of Donation--Mt. Bike and Accessories (Public Hearing and Board Action)

John Bednar donated a mountain bike to the Police Department, in memory of his late wife, Pat. The value of the bike is \$750. Abbott Farms Condo Association donated a mountain bike rack and accessories, valued at \$187.

Chairman Madison opened the public hearing at 8:30 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak on this issue. There was no response. She closed the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to accept the donations, with thanks, carried unanimously.

I. Discussion of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant and US Department of Justice Block Grant

Chairman Madison recognized Chief Gendron, who said this was a \$13,000 grant that was put together by Lt. Don McCrady and Officer Digiacomo. There is grant money available if the Town can put together a program aimed at reducing crime in juveniles. They are planning to go forward with the KNOTs program (Kids Night Out of Trouble) and the Drug-Free ID program, which was started at Memorial School. The grant would help fund Wednesday night activities, such as bringing in pizza, etc., and a DJ to keep kids busy at least one night out of the week. The Drug-Free ID program would help to make the ID cards, which entitles kids, who pledge not to use drugs, alcohol or tobacco, to use the ID to get, as an example, free fries from a local merchant. If they are caught with any of those substances, they lose the ID. The Police Department was seeking authorization from the Board to apply for the grant. Selectman Charbonneau asked if this would be every year. Chief Gendron said he would try to and they are also working with the Rec and Fire Departments.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve the application of a Drug Free Hudson Project grant carried unanimously.

Chief Gendron said he had a another grant application that he was looking for authorization from the Board to execute, through the US Department of Justice. They applied for this last year for a Police Resource Officer in the amount of \$11,900 and now they are saying the Town can have \$17,000 for another program. The Town would have to come up with 10% or \$1,700. They are looking into upgrading the radio system, so he'd like to apply for the grant and, if approved, purchase portable radios for the officers. Eventually, he'd like one for each officer. Essentially, it would cost the Town only \$1,700 for eight radios. They currently have 17 radios, so this would give them 25 and they need 37 in all. Selectman Charbonneau wanted to make sure the Chief has enough money in his budget.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to authorize the Chief to apply for the US Dept. of Justice Federal Block Grant carried unanimously.

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J. Approval of Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive

Chief Carpentino was recognized. He said the Local Firefighters Union approached him about participating in the nation-wide Muscular Dystrophy boot drive, which is the biggest fund raiser during the course of the year. They contribute about \$10 million to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation. The Hudson fire fighters have contacted area businesses and they would like to use certain intersections in Town. The fire fighters would be off duty, but in uniform. It will be clearly indicated what the money is being collected for. It won't go to the union or to the fire fighters--100% of the donations will go to MDA. In order for them to do this, they have to pull permits from the Bedford, NH office, which they are in the process of doing. Chief Carpentino asked if there was any problem with them going ahead with this endeavor, from the Board's perspective.

Chairman Madison said she spoke with DRA about this because it came up during EMS Open House. She was told that they could do this as long as there is a visible sign indicating for what the money is going to be used. Chief Carpentino said MDA will give them banners, posters and distribution material (pins/pamphlets). He thinks it will span two or three days, during the August 2nd weekend.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve the boot drive carried.

K. Assessing Items

1) Intent to Cut, Map 21, Lot 13-1, Speare Road, Empire Homes, Inc.

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

2) Veterans Tax Credit.\$100 (David Bateman & Edward Vitiello)

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

3) Abatement Application, 80 Derry Road, Map 55, Lot

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4) Abatement Application, 7 Park Avenue, Map 32, Lot

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5) Abatement Application, 18 Industrial Drive, Map 32,

Lot 10

6) Abatement Application, 6 Bockes Road, Map 36, Lot

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Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to deny, as recommended by the Assessor, carried unanimously.

L. Sewer Use Ordinance Violations--Rangers Drive (Excessive Grease)

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to sign and send out the letters carried unanimously.

M. Campbello Street Extension Sewer Acceptance

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to accept the sewer, as recommended by the Sewer Utility Committee, carried unanimously.

N. Highland Woods Notice of Sewer Acceptance

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to accept the sewer, as recommended by the Sewer Utility Committee, carried unanimously.

O. Sewer Abatements, Reference #11

(Edward Koester, 8 Krystal Drive, \$119.03; Steven Medina, 85 Ferry Street, \$58.90; Kon Sult Inc, 6 Birch Street, \$46.63; Paul Yarmo, 225C Lowell Road, \$90.81)

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to uphold the recommendation of the Sewer Utility Committee, and grant the abatements carried unanimously.

P. Leasing a Street Sweeper

Chairman Madison recognized Road Agent Leo Lessard, who said that \$25,000 was spent for street sweeping this year, and another \$20,000 will be available July 1--and that does the whole Town. But after the recent storm, it doesn't even look like they did anything. He contacted Hazelton for information on leasing a street sweeper. The information (contained in the BOS packet) was for a Top Gun top-of-the-line mobile sweeper, like the one Hale uses for the Town. They can get a lease purchase for \$20,000 down and \$23,450 for five years. He was going to have to increase his line item for street sweeping to \$26,000 anyway. At the end of six years, it comes out to \$137,000. The sweeper should last at least 15 years and they won't have to hire any extra help to operate it. If they stay with a private contractor, in 15 years, they will have spent \$382,000. If the Town has their own sweeper, they can do the center of Town once a month and, if there is a big storm, they can clean up right away. He thinks this is a good idea and would benefit the Town.

Selectman Charbonneau clarified that no additional personnel would be hired. Leo said no, that the only additional expense would be to purchase brushes, and a set a year should suffice. There are three brushes to a set and cost \$700 per brush, but he thinks he might be able to get them for \$500.

Chairman Madison felt this was something that should go before the Budget Committee. Selectman Jasper agreed, saying that he didn't have a problem executing a lease this year (if you don't get the funding, it goes back) because they have the money for street sweeping. But, since it is not time-sensitive, he'd like to see the issue be forwarded to the Budget Committee for their input. Then it should be put on as a warrant article at the next Town Meeting and, if it doesn't pass, they return it.

Leo said that the money has already been spent for FY-97, but because of the storm last Wednesday, they spent Thursday, Friday and Monday sweeping up the road edges and intersections by hand. All of the basins are loaded, too. It will take four months to get the sweeper, after it's ordered, but he will have it for Fall and next Spring. If Town Meeting doesn't approve it, it can go back.

Leo reiterated that Hale's cost has gone up to \$26,000 a year and the lease will be only \$23,000. Selectman Jasper said, added onto that would be the cost for brushes, fuel and insurance. Selectman Charbonneau said it's now costing the Town \$26,000 for just one time but, if they lease a sweeper, it will cost less and it will be available for use whenever it's needed. They will save money in the long run. She said her only concern was that they don't add more employees.

Selectman Stewart asked who would do the maintenance. Leo said they would. Hazelton will give the mechanics a two-day training session and instruct two guys how to operate it. Selectman Jasper said he was opposed to this idea in the late 80's, but at this point, this is a good thing. He does, however, think it should go before the Budget Committee at their next meeting, which is July 17th. If they aren't sold now, it will be a big problem later.

Leo said he was confused because even if the Budget Committee says no, he will have the money in his budget and the streets will still need to be swept. Selectman Jasper said he was talking about a procedure, a political decision, and doing things the right way. They should be up front with everyone by going to the Budget Committee now. He said this isn't unprecedented because it happened with Engine 4. But if someone gets mad, they might make a motion to eliminate street sweeping altogether.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve the lease, pending advice from the Budget Committee.

Selectman Jasper said Leo will have to wait until after the next Budget Committee meeting, which is July 17, to place the order. He wants it to go to the Budget Committee first.

Chairman Madison asked how the rest of the Board members felt about it. They all thought it was a good idea. Chairman Madison said that they have to pay the money anyhow so, this way, they will end up with a piece of equipment after five years. She said she knew Selectman Jasper will do a good job selling the idea to the Budget Committee.

John Drabinowicz, Chairman of the Budget Committee, was recognized. He asked that the Board forward a written memo to the Budget Committee, asking them to put it on the agenda. Chairman Madison said they would, adding that Leo should plan to attend the Budget Committee meeting.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. NH DOT TIP Sidewalk Project on Rt. 102/Derry Road near Alvirne

Selectman Jasper said he was at the Public Hearing last night and there are a number of things the Board hadn't considered. He's

disappointed that, in the presentation, these things weren't brought to their attention, and disappointed in himself for not thinking about it at the time, or not asking the right questions. The Town owns the sidewalks, once they are installed. The Town owns only one sidewalk plow that stays in the middle of Town. No one consulted with the Road Agent about what the impact on his department is going to be in maintaining sidewalks way out there. Leo said Mike Reynolds talked to him about it last year. Leo said he had said, "How am I going to get all the way out there, and when?" He had told him that if the poles are put on the back side of the sidewalks, he can drop the wings right on the sidewalks. Selectman Jasper said the Board never heard any of that. At the public hearing, he learned that the poles are not going to be on the back side of the sidewalks. He thinks Leo needs to get together with Mike Reynolds ASAP.

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If they are unable to maintain the sidewalks, you end up with a more hazardous situation because you got people walking near the edge of the road. If the Town cannot maintain the sidewalks, they will be much worse in the winter. Chairman Madison said the Town is growing and these improvements need to be made. Selectman Jasper said it is a wonderful idea, but they have to be prepared to commit the resources to maintain them. Selectman Seabury said the people on Central Street love their sidewalks. Selectman Jasper said Leo can do the plowing with the wing plows, but they got to get the poles moved. He can do the sidewalks in 10 minutes with a wing plow but, if the poles are there, it will take him all day long with a sidewalk plow. That's poor planning. Selectman Charbonneau thought they were going to move the poles to the back of the sidewalk. He asked Howard Dilworth what his recollection was. His recollection was the same as Selectman Jasper's, adding that there was going to be 3,300' of sidewalk, and Alvirne wasn't about to plow that. Chairman Madison said Leo was going to have to get together with Mike.

B. Thurston's Landing--Bush Hill Road

Selectman Jasper said he understands there is a letter to the State Wetlands Board from Richard Maynard, in which he states that the Town of Hudson is his client. Chairman Madison wasn't aware of it. Selectman Stewart said she and Selectman Jasper received the same call last night. Selectman Jasper recalled that the Town had authorized the hiring of additional consultants on projects, but not to represent the Town of Hudson. The only people who can execute a contract on behalf of the Town is the Board of Selectmen. Someone is supposed to drop off a copy of the letter in his mailbox tomorrow. Selectman Charbonneau wondered who hired Mr. Maynard. Selectman Jasper said this project is getting way out of hand. Chairman Madison said she would look into it.

C. County Budget

Selectman Charbonneau said she was proud of Hudson Representatives at the Convention last week when the budget was approved. They stuck to their guns and the budget is 2.1% lower and the revenues are high. The only one who wasn't present was Mr. Feng, who was ill.

D. Flower Barrels

Chairman Madison said the green islands are nice, and so are the barrels, but a lot of people are complaining about the plastic flowers. Someone reported to her that there was a barrel on Lowell Road that someone took the plastic flowers out and replaced them with real flowers, and they will water them. She thought maybe the newspapers would help advertise an adopt-a-barrel program. The Public Works Department, can't be expected to go around watering barrels. If there are residents in Town who would like to plant the barrels, and take responsibility for watering them, she would be delighted. Pat Hetzer takes care of the barrel by her bike shop. If anyone does adopt a barrel, please give the plastic flowers back to the Highway Department. Selectman Jasper said it should be termed, "adopt-a-keg." Selectman Charbonneau said someone in Nashua invented a device that has a wick that you put in a flower pot and you don't have to water the plant for up to three weeks.

E. Planning Department Intern (Matt Walsh, \$6/hour,

July 2, 1997)

Chairman Madison said the Board approved advertising for a Planning Department intern at a previous meeting. Mike Reynolds has asked for authorization to hire the same person he used last year. She mentioned that everyone had the paperwork in front of them.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve the hiring of Matt Walsh as Planning Department intern, beginning July 2, 1997 at a pay rate of \$6 per hour, carried unanimously.

9. LICENSES AND PERMITS

A. Raffle Permit Request by Hudson Nottingham West Lions Club for daily money drawings during July and August

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

B. Request for Block Party Permit by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Raduzzo, Jr. at 42 Winnhaven Drive

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

C. Request for Block Party Permit by Dennis Audet,
1 Maple Avenue

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the permit carried unanimously.

D. Application for Permit to purchase Scrap Metals, Precious Metals and Precious Stones by Bargains Unlimited (owe for 1996 and 1997)

Chairman Madison said Bargains Unlimited owe for two years. She asked for a motion to approve, with a total amount due of \$100. Selectman Charbonneau asked if this was a pawn shop. Chairman Madison didn't know, but pointed out that the Chief of Police's comments was that he has not problem with this and they have always been very cooperative. Selectman Charbonneau asked where the business was located. Selectman Jasper said it's in the Rodgers Brothers building.

Motion by Selectman Stewart to approve, in the amount of \$100.

Selectman Jasper said last year they didn't pay, but still got the permit. Chairman Madison said that's why they owe \$100 this year. They won't get the permit if they don't pay for it. It wasn't caught last year. They operated for a year without the permit. Selectman Seabury said there wasn't a second, and she wasn't going to make that motion. Selectman Jasper said he wasn't going to say why he wasn't offering a second.

Selectman Seabury said she didn't like his truck parked at Kay's Donut Shop. His truck is parked there 24 hours a day, like an advertisement. He parks it right in the front of the road, right by Sunoco.

Selectman Jasper asked what the procedure was for someone picking up the permit. Priscilla said, after the Board approves a permit, that person is notified, and they come in with their check and pick up the permit.

Chairman Madison said the motion dies for lack of second.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- A. BOS Minutes of May 27, 1997
- B. BOS Minutes of June 10, 1997
- C. BOS Minutes of June 17, 1997

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to accept the Minutes, as submitted, and return to file, carried unanimously.

11. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

06/25 7:00 LMR Planning Board

06/26 7:30 LMR ZBA
06/26 7:30 Sewer Utility (Location to be decided)
07/02 7:00 LMR Planning Board Workshop
07/08 7:30 LMR BOS

12. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Charbonneau wished everyone a nice 4th of July holiday, adding that she was glad the (County) budget process was over.

Selectman Jasper said he is grateful they were not televised this evening.

Chairman Madison wished a wonderful vacation to Selectman Seabury.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. carried unanimously.

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

E. Lorraine Madison, Chairman

Rhona Charbonneau

Shawn N. Jasper

Ann Seabury

Terry Stewart

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