

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the June 17, 1997 Meeting

The Board of Selectmen met in Attorney-Client from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Madison at 8:00 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Selectmen: E. Lorraine Madison, Rhona Charbonneau, Shawn N. Jasper, Ann Seabury and Terry Stewart (arrived at 8:20 p.m.)

Staff/Others: Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Gary Rodgers, Deputy Fire Chief

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, led by Selectman Jasper.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Fire Department's request to purchase furnishings for the Fire Stations

Chief Carpentino said this is Phase I of a furniture replacement, station upkeep program that needs to be established. The buildings were put up in the late 70's and have not been maintained since then. Chairman Madison said, during Budget time, the Board heard all about a maintenance program the Fire Department had. Chief Carpentino said that was only for the Central station. Selectman Seabury said as long as the money is in the budget, she didn't have a problem approving the request.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to approve the projects as outlined in Chief Carpentino's memo dated 6/13/97, in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.

Chief Carpentino said they will be buying furniture off the floor, but the floor-model sofa is covered with a floral print, so they will be going with a solid dark green or cobalt blue--but that won't come in until July 31, and it will be treated with Scotchguard. Chairman Madison asked if they were buying a sofa with wood arms. Chief Carpentino said it has fabric arms and the Flexsteel frame, springs and cushions have a lifetime warranty. It will cost \$2,000 for two couches, a love seat and end tables.

Vote: Motion carried 3-0. Selectman Jasper abstained because it was a Fire Department issue.

Chief Carpentino said they were going to an open house to look at apparatus and asked if any of the Selectmen wanted to go. Selectman Jasper wanted to, but was too busy. Chief Carpentino said, as of July 1, there was money in the budget to buy an ambulance. Selectman Jasper said the money wasn't approved to expend. Chief Carpentino said the money would come out next year, but they are starting to look now. Selectman Jasper said there will be a great deal of controversy if they try to replace the box because they were told all that would have to be replaced was the chassis.

B. Pine Trees at Rt. 102/Robinson Road Intersection

Selectman Charbonneau will contact NH DOT to see about getting the large pine trees at the aforementioned intersection cut down, in view of the most recent bad accident that took place at that intersection.

C. Unauthorized Stop Sign

Selectman Jasper said there was an unauthorized stop sign posted on a little teardrop type street off Highland Street in the High Pines Development that needs to be looked at by either the Road Agent or Highway Safety Committee. He said the sign should either be taken down, or it should be authorized by an ordinance.

D. Eminent Domain--(Roy Jackson/Thurston's Landing)

Selectman Jasper asked if this issue was going to be addressed. Chairman Madison said this issue is going to be coming up, but she wasn't going to do it tonight.

E. Warrant Articles (Winnhaven Drive; Melendy & County Road Bridges)

Chairman Madison said the Finance Director submitted information on the culvert replacement on Winnhaven Drive and the reconstruction/repair of bridges on Melendy and County Roads and she asked the Board members to take this home and read it because they may have to encumber the monies. The money allocated is nowhere near the amount needed to complete the job.

F. Amending Personnel Policies (Gifts and Gratuities)

Chairman Madison said that recently the Fire and Police Chiefs and Selectman Seabury participated in guest reading at Library Street School. As part of the process, the children at the school give T-shirts to the guest readers. She said, in light of the recent fiasco of inappropriate acceptance of gifts, she decided that these T-shirts could not be accepted. Both of the Chiefs felt bad about that because they knew the kids would have loved to see them wear the shirts, which would have been an honor for them. Chairman Madison didn't think there was a problem in them accepting those T-shirts, but the policies should clearly spell out that a gift of this nature could be accepted. She said she wasn't talking about a gift with an up-to amount. She was talking about something totally different.

Selectman Jasper said they have Personnel Policies and the Code of Ethics and, under the Ethics Ordinance, the T-shirt is allowable. Chairman Madison said but not under the Personnel Policies, and whichever is the more stringent is the one you go with. She will talk to Paul about revamping this chapter. Selectman Jasper said he pointed this out over a year ago. Chairman Madison said that nothing has been done so far, so she would like to get going on it.

Selectman Seabury asked if anything has been done at all with the Personnel Policy. Chairman Madison said Paul has them at home with him, but he has until August, and then will come in with a new one every six weeks.

G. Department Heads Meeting in August

Chairman Madison said that in August the Board would be meeting with the department heads at 3:30 in the afternoon; one meeting with only the senior department heads, and one with the entire group. She will pass around an agenda to the department heads so anyone can include things.

H. SWSCOM Organizational Meeting

Chairman Madison asked Selectman Seabury to schedule an organizational meeting for SWSCOM because it's a new committee. They used to meet once a month, and then they went to every three months, but that was when they were doing the solid waste contract. She volunteered to go to the first meeting, saying that they would need to elect a chairman, vice-chair and someone to take the minutes. Copies of the contract should be provided to the members at the first meeting. They could think about having BFI come in to explain things for now. Selectman Seabury asked Priscilla to remind her to do that.

I. Aluminum Flag Poles

Chairman Madison said the 12 American flags that were donated by the 250th committee are used seven or eight times a year. The Fire Department put them out for flag day and, during the heavy winds, the aluminum poles bent so they'd like to go with a sturdier pole. She asked if anyone had a problem with him looking into it. Selectman Jasper

said they look nice when they are out; the other Selectmen agreed. Chairman Madison said she would ask him to check with other towns to see what they use, adding that she thought they were talking about only a few dollars.

J. Final Accounting of 250th Celebration

Selectman Jasper mentioned that the Board never did receive a copy of the final accounting of the 250th celebration. Selectman Seabury said they just reimbursed the Town for what they used. Selectman Stewart said she thought with the leftover money, they were going to see about putting up a gazebo. Chairman Madison said that whatever was left over was up to them to do what they wanted with.

K. Swearing in of the Police Officers

Chairman Madison asked Selectman Jasper if he has a date for this yet. He said he tried to contact the Chief but hasn't connected yet. He will try again.

L. Public Hearing on June 23 at 7:00 at Alvirne on the Sidewalk Project

Chairman Madison mentioned that there was going to be a public hearing at Alvirne in the cafeteria on June 23 on the NH DOT (Nancy Mayville) sidewalk project at 7:00. She plans on going in order to learn more about it and asked if any of the Board members wished to speak at that hearing.

M. Document Management Invoices (Lindsay Smith)

Chairman Madison said she has invoices amounting to about \$4,000 for CD rom stuff for the Town Clerk, who had \$1,000 in her microfiching budget and the current bill is considerably more than that--and it needs to be paid out of this year's budget. She's given it to Steve, who suggested a transfer from the Town Hall's electricity account, and it will be on the next agenda. There was money left in her budget and Chairman Madison never would have approved the computer if she knew about this outstanding bill. She said these are the types of things she wants to make the Board aware of.

N. Don Jackson (Thurston's Landing)

Chairman Madison said Mr. Jackson was in today to drop off a letter. She is trying to set up a meeting with Mike Gospodarek, but she hasn't connected with him yet. If Mike is in tomorrow, she will talk to him. Until they have the facts, they can't comment on it. Selectman Stewart said Fidele went in to see her today and he had a map with lines drawn all over it. Chairman Madison said she saw him last week on the same thing, but she wants to talk to Mike first. When they straighten the road for Thurston's Landing, he doesn't want them to use his property. He feels they can use the property on the other side of the street. But if they use that, it would be taking the house lots. Selectman Jasper said the property across the street, where the barn is, is state land. Selectman Seabury said Fidele thought they should use the old trolley line. She told them that they used that for the sewer line. A discussion continued. Selectman Seabury said it changed hands several times and became Thurston's I, II and III.

Chairman Madison said Mr. Jackson is very upset and he plans to pursue this matter. Selectman Jasper said at some point, they have to take a vote on eminent domain proceedings. He said he's found this whole thing strange right from the beginning that the Town would use eminent domain proceedings to take land from somebody else to make somebody else's development happen--and they're going through wetlands. Chairman Madison didn't understand why the Town was involved since it was a private developer. Selectman Seabury said it involves a considerable amount of cash to build the road. Chairman Madison said she needs to talk to Mike Gospodarek to find out exactly what has happened. This whole thing will be on an upcoming agenda.

5. REMARKS (There were none.)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. carried unanimously.

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