

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the June 10, 1997 Meeting

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

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

Staff/Others Present: Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Leo Lessard, Road Agent; Richard Gendron, Chief of Police; Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief; Police Officers Tom Scanzano and Kevin Sullivan; Keith Bowen, Recreation Director; Andy Renzullo; Coleman Kelly; Fidele Bernasconi; Howard Dilworth; Tim, SUN; Signe, TEL; Len, HLN

4. PUBLIC INPUT (There wasn't any.)
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
 - A. FROM: Sewer Utility Committee
RE: Presstek Facilities Plan Approval
REFER TO: New Business
 - B. FROM: Assessing
RE: Various Items
REFER TO: New Business
 - C. FROM: Richard Gendron, Chief of Police
RE: Canine Issues
REFER TO: New Business

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

6. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. HEDCorp (Appointment of Board of Directors)

Chairman Madison stated the Planning Board appointed Lenny Smith as their rep to HEDCorp.

Motion by Selectman Charbonneau, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to appoint Fidele Bernasconi, Lenny Smith (Planning Board representative), Terry Stewart (Selectmen's representative) and Ann Seabury (Selectmen's Alternate representative) as the HEDCorp Board of Directors, and advertise for further membership carried unanimously.

She said the Board of Directors can look at the by-laws and possible amend them.

- B. Recreation Department Issues (Taken up after 7-C-5)
- C. The Meadows

Chairman Madison said on May 27, the Board denied Mr. Dube's request for a 60-day extension to stay at the Meadows. There is currently a temporary fence up on the property that she thinks something further should be done with and asked for the will of the body.

Selectman Seabury said Chief Carpentino told her it would cost about \$5,000 to burn the building down. It didn't make sense that a little shack would cost as much as the controlled burn of the big house on Lowell Road. Subsequently, she had a conversation with Selectman Charbonneau, who suggested using Mutual Aid, which she thought was a great idea. Selectman Jasper said probably enough Call volunteers would do it on the weekend. He volunteered, and so did Howard Dilworth, who was in the audience.

Selectman Seabury said Leo would try to get a crew out there to clean up the site because it was left in shambles. Then she brought up the issue of asbestos on the property, saying that she

thought it was in the back, not the front. She wondered how it could be checked because she'd really like to have the foundation removed. Selectman Charbonneau said they'd just have to jackhammer a hole and bore down. Chairman Madison said it's a sizeable piece of property, about 12 usable acres, and they really should know where the asbestos is.

Selectman Seabury thought this would be an ideal location for a roller-blade hockey rink. There's no houses and the police officers travel this route to get to the station. Manny Sousa had offered to build a ball field for the Town and wondered if he might be approached to build that instead of a ball field. She asked if they should approach the Planning Board so they can approach Manny.

Selectman Jasper said Planning and Engineering should first determine what is usable out there and locate the asbestos. There are companies who do that. He asked Leo if he had any equipment to do that. Leo said he's got a backhoe. Selectman Jasper said there are some nice big trees out there that they should keep. Selectman Seabury said the trees wouldn't be affected. The rink would be the size of a small tennis court. Chairman Madison said the area might allow for a rank and a ball field, depending how much land is usable. Selectman Jasper said a lot of it is swamp.

Selectman Charbonneau said they were lacking a lot of things for the kids in Town. If you give kids things to keep them busy, they won't get into so much trouble. There's a lot of things they could do for the kids and it's time they started to do them. This is an ideal place.

Chairman Madison said they could start by burning the building, tasking Shawn with getting it done for nothing. Selectman Jasper said he'd volunteer, if someone brought them donuts. He will talk to the Chief, they can go out and look at it and see what he wants for resources.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, to be task Selectman Jasper with looking into burning the building at the old Meadows, at no charge to the Town, carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Charbonneau, that the Highway Department be requested to dig some test pits around the property to determine the location of the asbestos carried unanimously.

Selectman Seabury said there were probably some records on file about this because EPA was involved when the asbestos was covered up.

Chairman Madison said they should probably wait on the recreational issues until some of these other issues are taken care of. Selectman Charbonneau said maybe some of the Town businesses might be willing to donate something. Selectman Seabury said if they even whispered the words 'ball field,' they would get about 10 calls for donations. Chairman Madison said once they find out exactly why they have out there, then they can proceed with recreational facilities.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Canine Issues

Chief of Police Richard Gendron and Nikor's handler, Officer Tom Scanzano, were present. As an aside, Chief Gendron said the idea of making an area for the kids at the Meadows is not bad. Referring to the KNOTS program, he said there is a ton of kids that show up for roller blading at Alvirne. There is no place for them to go. He thought the Y would be interested in helping.

Chief Gendron said Nikor was trained for tracking, attacking and, drug detection. Officer Scanzano is being called out at night for building searches or for tracking. Recently, the dog was used to help find the child lost in the Birchcroft area. Nikor is being used more now with drug detection, so they would like to add a second dog. When the program was started, there was money budgeted for three canines that would be added one at a time. Officer Scanzano recently spotted a good dog that came up from Lawrence and he evaluated him. Since then, they began a

selection process within the department and held oral boards including Nashua and Londonderry PD. There is no cost for the dog.

Selectman Jasper said they Board already authorized three dogs, so he didn't understand why this item was before them tonight. Chief said he didn't just want to go ahead and add on another dog without first talking to the Board. Selectman Jasper said, although it was redundant, he moved to add a second dog. Chairman Madison said she wanted to hear from Officer Scanzano first.

Officer Scanzano said he and Nikor have been working the street for about a year and have done countless tracks, including lost children in the woods, suspects running from crime scenes, building searches, etc. Most of the department feels that a dog is an invaluable asset, especially in the 90's. He didn't know how other departments get by without police dogs. He said they have been busy on his 3-11 shift and, although he's not complaining about doing the work he enjoys so much, including demos for school children, it would be a big benefit to add a second dog on the midnight shift. The majority of calls he gets for the dog are between 5 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. The canine cruiser is already outfitted, they have all of the equipment they need, he's already selected a dog that looks good, and a course is available in Boston in August.

Chief Gendron said they are missing some opportunities because guys are hesitant to call out the dog. Sometimes, two dogs are needed when a search is done, and another canine might not be available. When the second dog comes in, he and the trainer will go through a two-month period of bonding. During that time, the dog won't be working.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve the addition of the second dog carried unanimously.

Chief Gendron said he was going to ask for authorization put in a fenced in area across the street to train the dogs, but the plan now is to use the automobile impound lot. He will work with Leo to get that done.

B. Presstek Facilities Plan Approval (Sewer Extension)

Motion to approve the sewer extension, as recommended by the Sewer Utility Committee, by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, carried unanimously.

C. Assessing Items

- 1) Property Tax Deferral Application, Map 11, Lot 58-4, Kashulines Property

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

- 2) Gail & Kevin Mahoney, 28 Mobile Drive-- Abatements

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

- 3) Veterans Tax Credit of \$100 (Thomas Conley)

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

- 4) Current Use Release, Map 28, Lots 4-10, 4-16, Farmington Drive Associates

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

- 5) Intent to Cut, Map 31, Lot 88-19, Copeland Drive; Lincoln Estates/Hing Y. Watt

Motion to sign, as recommended by the Assessor, by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart,

carried unanimously.

Recreation Department Issues

Keith Bowen said a waterfront director and two lifeguards have reapplied this year, and that's not enough people to staff the pond. His and the Recreation Committee's recommendation is to make those three people security staff. They would be there from 12 - 6 to ensure against vandalism. Signs would be posted, advising the public that no lifeguard is on duty and people swim at their own risk.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to approve post signs at Robinson Pond, "No lifeguard on duty. Swim at own risk," and have three personnel there as security during the hours of 12 - 6 daily carried unanimously.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Dry Sewer on Dracut Road

Selectman Seabury said she was approached by an engineer about putting in a dry sewer line down by Pete's Gun Shop.

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She said John Bednar wasn't in favor of doing that because it would involve installing a sewer pumping station. She thought installing a dry sewer could be coordinated with the road expansion that is planned for that area and it would keep them from tearing up the roadway in the future. She said the business down there, and the church, would be willing to pay toward the sewer line. Selectman Jasper doubted that they would put up the money if they had to build leach fields, too.

Selectman Seabury said the Sewer Department has over \$1 million in the Capital Reserve Account, so they could put in the dry sewer line. He said that people down there may not want that because everyone within 100' has to hook into it. Selectman Charbonneau couldn't understand the benefit of a dry sewer. She asked how far the sewer goes. Selectman Jasper said to Friends Lumber.

Selectman Seabury said the problem is that they would be going outside of the 'magic' circumferential highway line. If you go outside the line, you have to put in more money. She just thought they could take advantage of the work being done down there since the roadway is going to be torn up anyway.

Selectman Jasper said it depends on depth. On Glen Drive, they are doing gravity feed and don't have to go down too deep. Selectman Charbonneau said they were talking about only five houses on each side of the road, the gun shop and the church. She wondered if that would justify the cost of sewerage. She said the Board should have made an executive decision with Rena and included sewer. Selectman Jasper said he didn't think the Town would get a contribution if they aren't going to build it right away.

B. CCI Maintenance Services

Chairman Madison said she had a couple of informational items for the Board. The renewal contract for maintenance services at Town Hall was received. We now pay \$295 per week for cleaning and it will go to \$415 per week, after the basement offices are occupied. She said this was something that had already been approved.

C. Computer for Town Clerk's Office

Chairman Madison said a computer has been purchased for the Town Clerk's Office; she signed the PO today. Last year, they cut one of the requested two computers from the budget, so they will be getting another one. When she was in the Town Clerk's office, she was appalled to see the screens the clerks have to work from. The figures are all scrunched together and she couldn't even read it. It's awful. At the time this came to them during the budget process, they probably should have asked more questions. This isn't something that needs Board approval; the bottom line isn't being over expended. She just wanted to keep the Board informed.

9. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- A. Hawker/Peddler Permit request by Ioannis Sarrou to operate an ice cream truck (John's La Dip) at various sites in Hudson

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

- B. Request for a license to purchase scrap metals, precious metals and precious stones by Granite State Salvage, 31 Dracut Road

Chairman Madison said this activity has been going on for several years. There was a three-year lapse in applying for a license. An elderly man was running the business, who did not apply for the license, as he should have. The son has now taken over the business and that's why this is before the Board. If this approved, Granite State Salvage will have to pay for this license, plus \$150 for the past years that were missed. Selectman Jasper questioned whether or not the business was in compliance with zoning regulations. Chairman Madison said it was signed off by the appropriate staff. Selectman Seabury said maybe they should include, "Subject to the approval of the appropriate Zoning Official, making sure it's in compliance. Selectman Jasper asked her to include that in her motion. She complied.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to approve the license requested by Granite State Salvage and that the previous years' fees be paid, for a total of \$200, and subject to the approval of the appropriate zoning official, carried 4-0. Selectman Charbonneau abstained because her husband was used as a reference.

10. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

06/11 LMR 7:00 Planning Board
06/12 LMR 7:30 ZBA
06/12 7:30 Sewer Utility @ Central Fire Station
06/16 7:30 LMR Conservation Commission
06/19 7:30 LMR Budget Committee
06/23 7:00 NH DOT TIP (102/Alvirne Sidewalk Project) @ Alvirne HS
06/24 7:30 LMR BOS Meeting

Selectman Madison asked Selectman Jasper if he'd scheduled a date for the swearing in of the latest police officers. Selectman Jasper said it's on his `to-do' list.

11. REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Shawn Jasper thanked the Highway Department, particularly the Road Agent, for the greening of the islands in Town. They are much more visible and attractive.

E. Lorraine Madison praised the Road Agent/Highway Department for the wonderful landscaping work at Town Hall. (Applause)

12. NONPUBLIC SESSIONS

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to enter Nonpublic Session under 91-A:3 II carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Nonpublic Session entered into at 8:25 p.m. and was terminated at 8:55 p.m.

Votes taken in Open Session

- A. Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to approve the hiring of the 14 1997 Summer Recreation staff, as outlined in the memo from Keith Bowen, carried unanimously. (Copy attached.)
- B. Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to approve the Intent to Cut for the Unicorn Park project on Constitution Drive carried unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. carried unanimously.

Recorded and Transcribed by Priscilla Boisvert

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