

6HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the February 4, 2020 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Morin the meeting of February 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Recreation Director, Dave Yates

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Morin read a statement and held a moment of silence honoring Hudson resident and US Air Force Pilot, Cpt. Ryan Phaneuf, who was recently killed in the line of duty and also longtime Alvirine High School teacher and department head, John Hawkins, who recently passed away from an illness.

3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: David Morin, Marilyn McGrath, Kara Roy, Normand Martin

Absent: Roger Coutu

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Jill Laffin, Executive Assistant; Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer; Dave Yates, Recreation Director; Police Chief Bill Avery; Tad Dionne, Police Captain

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Morin asked does anyone in the audience wish to address the Board on any issue which the Board has control of at this time. Seeing none.

5. RECOGNITIONS, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS - None at this time

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Morin asked does any Board member wish to remove any item for separate consideration.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Roy, to approve consent items A, B, C, D, E and F as noted or appropriate, carried 4-0.

- A. Assessing Items

- 1) Tax Deferral Application: map 145, lot 011, sub 002 - 12 Sullivan Road
- 2) Current Use Lien Release: map 223, lot 43-6 - 9 Copper Hill Road
- 3) Current Use Lien Release: map 223, lot 43-5 - 11 Copper Hill Road

- B. Water/Sewer Items - None at this time

- C. Licenses & Permits & Policies

- 1) Tag Day Permit - Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains
- 2) Raffle Permit - The Bar

- D. Donations - None

E. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the January 28, 2020 Meeting

F. Calendar

- 2/5 8:30 Highway Safety Committee - Buxton Meeting Room
2/8 9:00 Town Deliberative Session - Community Center
2/10 7:00 Cable Utility Committee - HCTV
2/10 7:00 Conservation Commission - Buxton Meeting Room
2/11 7:00 Presidential Primary - Community Center
2/12 6:00 Library Trustees - Hills Memorial Library
2/12 7:00 Planning Board - Buxton Meeting Room
2/17 Presidents Day - TOWN HALL CLOSED
2/18 7:00 Municipal Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
2/20 3:00 Trustees of the Trust Fund - Buxton Meeting Room
2/20 7:00 Benson Park Committee - HCTV
2/24 7:00 Sustainability Committee - Buxton Meeting Room
2/25 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on February 4, 2020

Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to promote Master Patrol Officer Derek Lloyd to the position of Sergeant at \$35.53 per hour according to the Hudson Police Employee Association Contract (Step 5). This elevation in rank would be effective on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Carried 4-0.

Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to promote Master Patrol Officer Michael Corey to the position of Sergeant at \$35.53 per hour according to the Hudson Police Employee Association Contract (Step 5). This elevation in rank would be effective on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Carried 4-0.

Selectman Martin made a motion to adjourn at 8:23p.m., seconded by Selectman McGrath. Carried 4-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hudson Water Utility Rules and Regulation Revision

Chairman Morin recognized Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer. Mr. Dhima explained to the Board that he is here to present to the Board the updated Rules and Regulations of the Hudson Water Utility and also answer any questions. The updated Rules and Regulations have been approved by the Water Utility Department, Municipal Utility Committee, Director of Public Works and the Town Engineer.

Chairman Morin asked if the Board had any questions. Selectman Roy asked what a “reasonable” notice is for residents to receive regarding the Water Utility needing to access their residence. Mr. Dhima explained that it all depends on the circumstance. If there was a water emergency, they would knock on the door of the residence. But for routine work, they would probably give a 3-5 day notice.

Seeing no further questions from the Board *Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to accept the Revised Hudson Water Utility Rules and Regulations, as recommended by the Town Engineer, Director of Public Works, Water Utility Department and Municipal Utility Committee. Carried 4-0.*

B. Engineering Assessment Update - Liberty Field

Chairman Morin recognized Recreation Director, Dave Yates and Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima. Mr. Yates started by explaining that several months ago the Board gave permission to do an engineering assessment at Liberty Field as we’ve had drainage issues out there, not suitable for use. The assessment was to see what we could do to hopefully get the field usable. We did receive a thirty page report from Wilcox and Barton and our Town Engineer has given us a summary of the thirty page report with some options to get use of the field. Mr. Yates turned things over to Mr. Dhima.

Mr. Dhima asked if any of the Board has questions so far. Chairman Morin asked if either Mr. Dhima or Mr. Yates talked to Jess at the DPW about the fill. Mr. Dhima said yes, The Chairman asked if we had an idea or estimate how much that would save off this cost. Mr. Dhima replied, it would be like a win, win because we have to pay to get rid of the fill we also might need fill for this location as well so it’s kind of basically taking care of two items with one exercise. The intent is if the Board takes a recommendation is to utilize Public Works to relocate that fill and either have the DPW do the grading or hire someone to do the grading while they take care of the transfer of the fill. Its clean fill from different jobs, we might be able to put it to good use absolutely. Chairman Morin asked if there was any guesstimate of how much this would take off the cost. Mr. Dhima said it could be somewhere between \$25,000-\$45,000 easily. The biggest thing is the transportation, it’s not the fill itself, it’s just loading it up, transferring from A-B, it’s about five miles of a run, and it’s the labor. But again, if we can do that internally or assign staff to do that it will be huge cost saving on our end.

Mr. Dhima explained that the thirty pages of the report were a bit much, but what it came down to was three major things. The soil that was put on the top is very rich. We did not cut that with sand what that means is that the loam is so rich it’s not able to absorb anything so when you have a significant run off it just sits on the surface. The other piece was it appears to be runoff from the driveway that we installed and the parking lot as well. In addition to that there’s water coming from offsite, the area next door, where the current development is going on right now. The other piece is the ground water. It was noticed in half of the field about thirty-six inches deep but in other areas they found it higher than that so they believe that the water table varies from three feet to all the way up to the surface. So there is definitely an indication that the water table at this time or in the spring time could be higher and that could be part of it. Exactly what is causing it is a combination of the three. So what they recommended is the Cadillac version is to basically raise everything a foot. That’s kind of excessive or the Cadillac version with intent to see if we can address the needs out there to basically turn this field into all year use without having to go that route. So, what’s happening is, the property next door where the development is happening they’re dealing with a lot of drainage treatment out there, including building a swale to catch all the water which was coming off. That particular watershed was contributing to a lot of runoff at this field. That’s not the case there today if you go in. There’s no water coming from that section anymore. So the second option that you see in front of you tonight is simply going in the spring, in April, and basically do a design based on the most recent conditions. In addition trying to mitigate what we can do with the top soil and also, do we really need to raise the entire field or should we just raise a portion of the field? It appears that the wet spot is at the entrance, right that the fence, somewhere where the practice field used to be 10-20 feet inside the field. Can we raise that, and if we raise that could it be something of continuing the slope

or maybe do a crown in the middle? Something of that sort. The intent is to address the situation the most cost efficient way. There's different ways of doing this. You can go at this with the full cost as they came up with \$200,000, or you can maybe do this with something in the \$100,000 range. Depending on how you do things. I believe that the best way to approach this is to do a true design of what the conditions are this coming spring and then go from there. At that point we could either go back and discuss with the DPW to what their schedule looks like or we could hire local contractors to help us do something of a middle approach to what was being proposed to what could be done out there. That's kind of it in a nutshell.

Chairman Morin recognized Selectman McGrath who asked, so if the springtime isn't a wet spring would you propose to put that off until later in the season? I mean typically springtime you can pretty much count on it being wet but this has been a relatively dry winter. We've only had a couple of instances where we've had snow storms. I know we're going to get a little this week. We're getting close to springtime, or at least I'm getting close to springtime. To which Mr. Dhima replied, I looked at the rainfall data. We keep rainfall data on our wells to track what we get versus what we're drawing. It's part of our exercise with DES. From 2012 to 2017 we definitely had a deficit in runoff rainfall data. We seem to be on track this year and we were on track last year. For now to spring I'm not sure I can tell, it doesn't appear to be an indication of getting less than expected, but it's hard to tell. My answer would be if we feel that we're not getting a true spring we can put that off. But if we're getting runoffs close to the average that this area gets for that season, we can actually get the contract. But we could go out to bid, we can lock it in, we feel talking, Mr. Malizia and Mr. Yates that we'll interview the firm to make sure they know exactly what they're getting going into the field. We want to make sure we get someone that truly understands what the needs are out there versus trying to give a "this might work, yes it's expensive, deal with it". Trying to get kind of hands on design. If that makes sense.

Chairman Morin stated, my only concern, you said there are different ways of doing it, I just don't want to have to come back again to which Mr. Dhima replied, I don't either. I've struggled with this because obviously I got involved with this and I've got to see it through. I don't want to go back to this again. The intent is to make sure that the design is going to address this year round. My only concern is I don't want to go and overdo it and overreact to something that we might not need. So the intent is to make sure we get a true reading on what things are out there. I can tell you that when we did the construction there was absolutely no water there at the beginning. That's because of the drought it indicated the wrong existing conditions. I mean that's what it comes down to, it appears. It wasn't there and all of a sudden it's there. I don't think that water is gone away, so I think that is something that clearly shows that it's there to stay. So unless we get a significant change in weather from now till April, I guess my suggestion would be, we stick with what we have in front of us and go that route. I do know for a fact that we were not expecting water from next door. I think that will be significant. I don't know if that was 50% of the problem or 25% of the problem or somewhere in the middle. What I do know is that contributed and that's not the case anymore. So basically it's kind of, this is what we're dealing with, what do we need to do?

Chairman Morin said you mentioned the parking lot and the road. When I was there last year there was actually washout from coming down there. Can we address that? To which Mr. Dhima replied, yes, that will be part of this assessment, correct. And we're not sure if that was just from water gushing down I think the assessment calls for a swale trench to divert some of that water so instead of coming down you would pitch it a certain way to get it off that path coming down and get it to the side. Or we can just have some kind of catching it before it starts gushing down. But that vein that you remember is basically that water coming down. It's impervious. It used to be wooded area and now it's basically like reclaim. It's not penetrating through. It's like a simple road. Like, as you know, on Library Street when it rains, it's coming down. So things of that sort. But, you can do it different ways. You could put a catch basin, which is very expensive, or you can simply just pitch it so you can get it on the side. And because it's so sandy out there, would that be the decision or the most cost effective way to address that? Those will be looked at and identified.

Chairman Morin asked, if we do this how long does it put the field out of service again? To which Mr. Dhima replied, so if we go out to bid, we'll lock it in probably within in a month, we'll find someone,

interview, make sure we feel comfortable with that then we could execute it in April. It should not take more than a month especially now that a lot of work has been done already. So we could have something probably by end of May. Chairman Morin asked if this was playable. Mr. Dhima replied no, not playable. That answer depends on what the design comes up with. If it's something that includes about a hundred feet of adjusting it, instead of taking the whole thing out, it depends how far back into the field we have to go to get off that ground water or whatever is causing that. That intent, is it going to take six inches of crushed stone, is it going to take a foot, or somewhere in between? Are we going to be able to accommodate the changes in the practice field? Will be able to use that as well? Are we going to make some changes to the entrance, lift the two sheds that are already there, or work around that? Things of that sort. So, it will depend to how far we need to go in. If it's fifty feet, it could take less than a month. If it's a hundred feet it could be longer than that because irrigation goes with it as well.

Selectman Roy asked, what do you anticipate the average cost for the design to be? Mr. Dhima replied, I expect somewhere, I would say, we'd put a limit of \$20,000 in there. That will be the limit that we're going out. Selectman Roy then asked, best case scenario could cost another \$100,000 to fix this? Mr. Dhima replied, I don't know the exact number but I would say \$100,000 would be something that I would feel comfortable with to give you a number instead of not giving a number saying I don't know. It depends, that could be as low as \$50,000 if you get the DPW involved for a lot for the tasks. It's not going to be for free, something needs to be done. I don't think it's going to be \$200,000. \$100,000 is something that will probably involve maybe taking care of somewhere between 25-50 feet from where the fence is right now at the entrance and going back. Chairman Roy then asked, do you have any idea how that would be funded? To which Mr. Dhima and Mr. Yates both replied, No, not at this time. Mr. Dhima stated, we do have an account for the design at least, we know that much. And again, when the Board asked to move forward to do something about this, that's what was done, a route is being discussed tonight, go to the next level. I totally understand if you don't want to take action on that. I don't think the field is going to dry up unless we have another drought coming up. So simply you have some options and hopefully you can make a decision. Mr. Yates stated, there is enough money in the Planning Board fees, I think we have approximately \$40,000 for the design. Selectman Roy said, I think it's the "after that" that I'm kind of struggling with. Because, particularly, this year, we're asking a lot of our tax payers and to add something like this on. Mr. Dhima replied, I don't expect something to be added to the budget at the last minute. To which Mr. Malizia said, unless someone wants to make a motion Saturday that ship has already sailed. So you're probably at best looking at next fiscal year.

Chairman Morin recognized Selectman Martin who said, Elvis, looking at that picture of the field (picture was on Selectman Martin's cell phone), I took that picture when I was first notified of it, are they telling us, in this report that that water is all coming from upgrade? Mr. Dhima replied, they're saying there's three factors for that, water coming off the site next door from the development because there's a swale coming or there's a 12" pipe discharging, water coming from basically the driveway or maybe the parking lot and also groundwater being too high during the spring season. So it's a combination of the three. What's coming out of this exercise is the fact that the property next door is having a swale now that's diverting a lot of water that is coming to our property through that swale they're building for the purpose of the development. So if you look at the picture that's been submitted to you (in the meeting agenda packet), that was from last week. As you can see that's nothing compared to this. That just simply an ice patch over there could that be from the melting that happened? That is completely different than what you saw (picture Selectman Martin shared). The question is, is it going to look the same in April. The intent is to go in April and see what the true conditions look like in the spring. This is not going anywhere. This is here to stay.

Selectman Martin then asked, you know where the new parking lot is at the high school, correct, at the back of the school? It appears to me that water runs down in there. Is there any way that, I know it's a stretch, but is there any way that water could be making it this way? Mr. Dhima said that water, some of it, it appears to be landing into the property next door to us on the other side. But I don't believe. I think the field is high enough, on that side at least, that we're not getting any of that water. But there's definitely puddling on the other side as well. And the owner of that property reached out to us this year trying to figure out what's going on over there. I don't know what the school is doing. I

know they have a massive detention base in behind the tennis courts, but, that doesn't seem to be the issue right now. The issue seems to be on side, Mansfield Drive. And again, a swale is being built to divert a lot of that. Just trying to get a better idea of what the contribution of that was.

Selectman Roy then said, I guess that would be my question, how do we know that the swale will alleviate any of these problems. Mr. Dhima replied that right on the corner there you will notice if there is any water coming or not. When I went last week there was absolutely no water coming in from that adjacent property. Versus before you had basically a stream coming through. Selectman Roy said, right, and no water coming in during a very dry winter. Mr. Dhima said, the swale is not built, they're building it before the season so the intent is once the swale next door is built, it's catching all the water from a twelve inch culvert, it's catching it and we don't see any water coming in, then I know for the fact that that portion of this has been addressed. If there's still water coming from the property even though they built the swale catching that, then it's a different story. So there's a few things, and I think that's a huge benefit to us, having that built on the other side. My main focus would be the ground water now. How high it goes. When you go in there there's some puddling, is that going to be addressed with six inches of crushed stone. There's different ways of doing this and it depends how far you want to go so I think we just need to figure out what works and how far you want to take it without overreacting. But I do want to address it so this is used all year round. I don't want to get into oh, we can't use it in April. I think we're beyond that. We definitely want to use this all year round. So that's the intent right now.

The Chairman recognized Selectman McGrath who said so you mentioned Planning Board fees, I'm assuming you meant Cap fees that are collected for recreation. Mr. Yates replied, correct. Selectman McGrath went on to say, so the Cap fees, I'm going to repeat it for the people that are watching this meeting, it doesn't come out of the tax payers pockets. That's number one. Number two, you mentioned in the photos that Selectman Martin showed you and he questioned any of that drainage came from the school. The school is going to be making changes to their tennis courts, so they need to be, and you need to be, aware that they may be changing some of the drainage and where it ends up and we don't want it ending up at this field. So you need to be, if you aren't aware of that, you need to be. And they need to be aware that they can't put their drainage onto this field. And I'm not confident that care wouldn't be taken. I'm just trying to impress that, if that were a concern previously, they're going to be making changes to that tennis court and I would expect that the drainage is going to be altered to take care of the expansion of that. Mr. Dhima responded by saying, we're keeping an eye on it. I'm aware of the detention base they have in the back. I've seen the plans. We're keeping an eye on it. We'll keep an eye on it. Chairman Morin asked, could that be an issue where that tennis court is going to sit like in a hole already? To which Mr. Dhima replied, no comment. Selectman McGrath interjected by saying, just a point, that the Town Engineer isn't involved with that project. They have their own engineering firm. To which the Chairman replied point taken.

Chairman Morin asked if there was anything else or does anyone want to make a motion. Selectman McGrath asked, is there a motion to make? To which the Chairman replied there are two you can choose from. Option One: to move forward with the recommendations or Option Two: go out to bid for a design phase which will be based on the 2020 spring conditions to determine the most cost efficient design to address the wet conditions on the field. Selectman Roy asked I think I'd like to know what our funding options are, where the money is going to come from, before we spend any more money even on the design phase, just seeing what our options are to get the funding for it. The Town Administrator stated, so there's \$40,000 in recreation contribution account that can fund the design. That's obviously not going to build anything. So your choices going forward would be either do an appropriation through the voters at the next town meeting. Another option might be that I looked at, there's a capital reserve fund that we set up back in 2002 for purchase of land for recreation facility. Well, we have a recreation facility. It's called the Community Center. We've spent a lot of time and effort doing that. So that purpose doesn't seem to really fit our needs, there's about \$191,000 in that fund. It's possible that we could repurpose that through the voters at the next Town Meeting. Selectman Roy then said I think that maybe we should defer it to that we can, because I would be curious about, can we go outside whatever the parameters of that capital reserve fund were? Mr. Malizia said, no, we'd have to have the voters the purpose or in the alternative you could

get the voters to rescind it or null and void it. The money would flow to the fund balance and you could appropriate it out of the fund balance, but you're talking more than one year out now. Those appear to be your choices at the moment.

Selectman McGrath said so we have the funds available through the Cap Fees for the Recreation Committee, to which Mr. Malizia replied, for the design part of it, yes.

Selectman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martin to go out to bid for the design phase which would be based on 2020 spring conditions to determine the most cost efficient design to address the wet conditions at the field. The cost to seek out that bid is to come from the Cap Fees collected by the Planning Board.

Chairman Morin asked if there was any discussion on the motion on to which Selectman McGrath responded, just to reiterate that the Cap Fees are not tax payer funded. There's no cost to the tax payer. Chairman Morin then said, I just have a question. If we go out and get a design it's going to be a year old or more by the time we go through the process through the Town. What's that going to do for cost and the project itself? Mr. Dhima replied adjustments right now for year to year about 3-5%. Depending what the involvement from DPW is, that could be reduced significantly. I would say the Board of Selectmen would probably be updated with a version of the conditions we're looking at, once we get to that point. Then we'll have cost estimates as well. If it's not a significant amount of money and all the tasks can be handled by DPW it could change the whole equation. We don't know until we see the entire picture at that point of what we feel comfortable with the approach.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Dhima and Mr. Yates left the meeting.

Hudson Police Chief Bill Avery and Police Captain Tad Dionne came before the Board.

Selectman McGrath asked the Chairman before we move on with the agenda, can we take up, it's not listed on the agenda, but the reimbursement for cost for travel to the funeral for Katie Thyne? To which the Chairman replied, absolutely, I thought we'd do that under comments, I apologize.

Selectman McGrath said I'd like to make a motion and I'll speak to it. Make a motion that the Town pay the travel expenses for three police officers who traveled to Virginia for the funeral of police officer, Katie Thyne., who was murdered while carrying out her duties at a police officer for the Newport News Police Department. Selectman Roy seconded the motion.

Selectman McGrath said I believe that these three officers were representing the Town in its entirety and not just on a personal travel. They did that to honor a fellow police officer that was tragically murdered in the line of her duties. I know we did that a couple of years ago when there were several episodes throughout the Country. I queried the Finance Director at the time about the impact to the tax payers, and at that time it was less than a penny. So I think that that's, we're not looking at a huge amount of money. They drove down there, they drove back. It was just a matter of paying for their meals, the gasoline and any accommodations that they needed. Selectman Martin said, I just have a question, Are they using their PTO time, or are we paying them for being there? The Chairman yielded this question to Chief Avery.

Chief Avery thanked the Chairman and members of the Board and went on to say, I was one of the police officers that responded down there with Sergeant Roger Lamarche and Allison Cummings. Someone eluded to it, I think it was you, Selectman McGrath, this was not for enjoyment at all. We drove down. We left at three o'clock in the morning, we proceeded to the city of Newport News. The Newport News Police Department, their union, their Chief of Police, covered all of our expenses. We paid for gas, tolls and one meal. The rest of our meals were all taken care of by the Newport News Police Department. If anybody in the Town has seen the memorial that we attended last night, it started at about 6:00 p.m. we were at the memorial. It was one of the greatest events I've ever been to in my life. It was unbelievable, to honor such a great person, great mother, great police officer. It was an honor to be down there. In fact, the Sergeant in charge of the squad the night that Officer

Thyne was murdered recognized us in his speech in front of thousands of people. Thank you for doing this. The cost is very minimal and if not, I can assure you as the Chief of Police, I will pay out of my own pocket. As salaries go, Sergeant Lamarche is on a five and two schedule so he is off on the weekends. We left Sunday morning at 3:00 a.m. no overtime, no cost. He was off duty. He responded back with me today. Allison Cummings was on her regular schedule and now is on days off. So she was paid. Obviously I am salaried and was not on the clock. So, no overtime, no other costs. Selectman McGrath asked, no earned time? To which the Chief replied no earned time taken. Selectman McGrath said, I meant to mention that. We need to cover whatever costs you had. The three of you. That includes meals and hotel rooms. Whatever extras you would have had to pay, we should cover that because they were representing us. Us as a Board and us as a community. I didn't attend the vigil, I can't go to things like that when it's cold and icy, for health reasons, but I understand that it was a well-planned and well attended event. I think the cost should be covered and I think it's an indication of care and concern by our Police Department, our Police Chief, and the officers that wanted to attend and did attend and did it for all of us. And I thank you for that.

Chief Avery stated we had several officers who wanted to attend but because of our staffing right now with trainees and people at the police academy, Officer Morin, we tried to get her to go but we didn't have the staffing back here to be able to allow other officers to go. Obviously we all have families and the plans couldn't get ironed out. I was on the bus leaving the funeral when I stood up and made the announcement that we're leaving to go to Virginia, they didn't know it but I was in contact with the Chairman (Morin), at the front of the bus before I made the announcement. It was kind of a surprise to all of them. Their officers, their Sergeant in charge, begged me to come down there with my staff. So, we did it. Thank you.

The Chairman asked Selectman McGrath if she'd like to revise her motion to change it to what they had to cover what they need to cover or do you want to cover everything and reimburse? Because your motion says hotels and everything. To which Selectman McGrath replied well, I think it's appropriate to reimburse the Newport News Police union. Chief Avery stated, they will not accept it. I can tell you that I spoke with their Chief of Police last night. Chief Drew, after the ceremony. They will not accept a dime. I told him I did not want that to be paid for and that was not open for discussion, with his southern accent, sorry Chief. So, they will not take any money.

Selectman McGrath stated, I'm not sure how to reword this motion. The Chairman stated you can rescind your motion and make a new one, which was what Selectman McGrath and Selectman Roy did.

Selectman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to pay for out of pocket costs of the police officers that went to Newport News Virginia. Carried, 4-0.

9. REMARKS BY THE SCHOOL BOARD

Chairman Morin recognized School Board member, Diana Lamothe. Ms. Lamothe stated, I just want to thank everyone who came out to the School Deliberative Session last Saturday. I hope there's as good a turnout this Saturday for the Town Deliberative Session. Another date to mention coming up, tomorrow night, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. we have the CTE open house. All are welcome. It gives people the chance to see the great asset that we have at the Career and Technical Education Center. We also do have an information session on February 12th at the HMS library for people wanting to hear more about the warrant articles on the School ballot. And, I do want to mention, I'd be remiss if I didn't, at least mention this as a follow up, the discussion about Liberty Field and dealing with water runoff and tennis courts. I can't speak on behalf of what action could be taken with that but I certainly bring the question to people involved on the School side and see what could be done collaboratively to handle that issue at the least cost to the tax-payers. That's all I have. Chairman Morin replied, thank you, I appreciate that.

10. REMARKS BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Chairman Morin recognized Mr. Malizia.

Mr. Malizia said, I don't have much, just a reminder that the Town's deliberative session is Saturday, this Saturday, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center.

I left each of you warrant article explanations. It's just my attempt to give you some commentary so that when you introduce the articles that you've been assigned. You are free to change it, you're free to call me and say, I need more, but those are intended to be comments for your to introduce the warrant articles and I believe each of you has the ones that you've been assigned. If you have any questions for problems, ask me, I will bring extra copies. I'm sure most of you will probably ask me for extra when we get there because there's a lot of paper right now, but again, we're just trying to be prepared so that we can give the best presentation to the citizen's.

11. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY SELECTMEN

Selectman Martin - Thank you Mr. Chairman. I attended, as well as a few other selectmen, attended the Deliberative Session (school). I'm looking forward to Saturday. It will be long. We'll be able to have a hotdog this time.

I have to tell you. It was a pleasure, my pleasure, to among our police officers and other visiting agencies to this Town at the high school last Thursday for the candlelight vigil they put on. It is very touching. Very touching to see the thin blue line come together. They don't even know each other but the second they meet each other they're connected. It's amazing. And the hospitality that our Police Department showed the Newport News Police officers that came was the best. The best. I'd be remise if I forgot to add, not only this Town but Nashua Police Department came over with the Chief and his command staff came over as well. So, it was a good turnout and a great event put on in a very short time. And that's all I have Mr. Chairman.

Selectman McGrath -Just one thing that I wanted to mention again. The police department had an open house last week and I understand that it was well attended. I think that most people if not all of them were in favor of the expansion. For people that weren't able to attend and if you don't have cable tv, you can view a virtual tour of the police department if you have a computer. You can go on the HCTV website. Any of the channels, you can get a virtual tour of the police department and I would urge you to do that. You'll see the conditions they're working under and I think readily understand the need for an expansion of that facility. That's all that I have Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Roy- As everybody else mentioned, Saturday, February 8th is the Town Deliberative Session. I hope that I see quite a few people there. February 11th is the Presidential Primary so don't forget to vote in that. The one thing I want to mention, I'm going to steal a little of Board Member Lamothe's comments before the meeting. At the School Board meeting last night there were a group of kids that were so articulate about some issues we were discussing at the School Board meeting. If you want to see what our future looks like go onto HCTV and watch the School Board meeting last night. Very impressive young folks. That's all I have.

Chairman Morin - I've got a couple things. We took a tour of Memorial School last week for voting next year for the Presidential Election. A lot of good ideas. They're going to be putting a plan together and we'll be seeing the Moderator come to us with the plan. But it looked like it was going to be pretty good and work out well.

Second thing, I'd like to thank all of the employees in the Town of Hudson for all the work that they did last week during the memorial service and I've got to tell you. I was pretty proud of this town for the turnout that we had in the numerous different memorials and ceremonies during the week. It made us look good and it was good to see that the Town can come together when we need to.

Today I had a meeting and Officer Avery actually called me yesterday about this because she had heard about it. It may actually work out very well for us. Kathy Wilson, Officer Avery and a rep from the School and myself met with New Hampshire Children's Trust today. Basically what that is, it's a group that has monies that help what we're working at with the connect the dogs program with the families with the drugs and things to that nature. And they have a lot of programs and funding. They also talked to us about they have free training. Some that would relate to the police department and the fire department in reference to mental health when they respond and dealing with it. They also had a shorter class that was maybe four hours long that would probably be very good for our kids that take care of the Rec in the summer time. So they can see the kids and understand where the kids are coming from. So we're looking into that more. Hopefully we can get on board with them. They were very happy and looking forward to come and do some training with the Town if they could. So that was a very good thing that was brought forward that we didn't even see coming. We never knew anything about this until Officer Avery had talked to them yesterday. So we're going to move forward to that a get this moving.

There's one other thing. And I'm going to talk to Ms. Lamothe about this. I learned about it today. We have numerous kids in town who want to participate in the Boys and Girls Club in Nashua. But we have no transportation to get them over there. I see that as a big problem. We have something that we can take some of these kids that don't have a good family life and get them to somewhere where they can spend some quality time with other kids. There's a lot of learning that goes on there and they talked about a leadership class they have over there, but we have no way in Hudson to get these kids over to Nashua. There's been several discussions with the Boys and Girls Club but because of the way they run they have to have a certain number of kids that they could pick up before they'll come over into Hudson. So, I'm going to take a visit over there next week to talk to the Director and get some more information. But I think the Schools and us need to sit down and work on this. Because it affects your school children immensely and our kids, we need to get together and start working on something and get that moving forward.

The Chairman recognized Selectman McGrath. Selectman McGrath said, Steve, correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe a couple of years ago, maybe before you were on the Board, they came in and wanted permission to go to the Schools in the afternoons. Mr. Malizia responded by saying, that was the YMCA that was running a program at the Memorial School. I don't think that's the same as the Boys and Girls Club of Nashua. The Chairman said, what the Boys and Girls Club, they actually have a facilities they would go to. They have swimming pools and basketball and all kinds, which we don't have which would be great. Selectman McGrath said, I think that's a great idea and you know anything to benefit children that are in difficult family situations, I think it's very important. Chairman Morin said, once we get this going I'll come back and keep you updated where we're going. But again it looks like it's going to help us a lot and we'll get a lot of free training that we can get from them. I've got nothing else.

12. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Roy, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Morin entered Nonpublic Session at 7:51 p.m., thus ending the televised portion of the meeting. Any votes taken upon entering open session will be listed on the Board's next agenda. The public is asked to leave the room.

Chairman Morin entered open session at 8:21 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, carried 4-0.

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David S. Morin, Chairman

Kara Roy, Vice-Chairman

Marilyn E. McGrath, Selectman

ABSENT
Roger E. Coutu, Selectman

Normand G. Martin, Selectman