

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the August 25, 2020 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Morin the meeting of August 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Selectman Morin
3. ATTENDANCE
Board of Selectmen: David Morin, Marilyn McGrath, Kara Roy, Normand Martin, Roger Coutu
Staff/Others: Rob Buxton - Fire Chief; Bill Avery - Police Chief; Patti Barry - Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Paul Inderbitzen - Town Moderator; Jill Laffin - Executive Assistant
4. PUBLIC INPUT
There was no public input this evening.
5. RECOGNITIONS, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS
There were no recognitions, nominations or appointments this evening.

Chairman Morin went on to Consent Items and asked, does any Board member wish to remove any item for separate consideration on consent items? Seeing none. Selectman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martin to approve consent items A, B, C, D, E & F as noted and appropriate. Carried 5-0.

6. CONSENT ITEMS
 - A. Assessing Items
 - 1) Solar Exemption: Map 167, Lot 044 - 5 Bonnie Lane
 - 2) Elderly Exemption: Map 182, Lot 035 - 3 Fulton Street
 - 3) Current Use Lien Release: Map 105, Lot 17-4 - 197 Robinson Road
 - B. Water/Sewer Items
 - 1) Sewer Abatement S-UTL-21-01 53 Bear Path Lane
 - C. License, Permits, Policies
 - 1) Raffle Permit - The Dalton Shumsky Foundation
 - 2) Outdoor Gathering - Hudson Speedway - Car Show
 - D. Donations
 - 1) \$1,000 to Hudson Fire Department from Hudson Lion's Club

2) \$4,000 to Hudson Police Department from Anonymous

E. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the August 11, 2020 Meeting
- 2) Minutes of the August 17, 2020 Meeting

E. Calendar

- 8/26 7:00 pm Planning Board - Hudson Community Center
- 8/27 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment - Hudson Community Center
- 8/28 7:00 pm State Voter Primary Registration - Hudson Community Center
- 8/31 7:00 pm Sustainability Committee - Buxton Meeting Room
- 9/2 7:00 pm Budget Committee - Hudson Community Center
- 9/3 6:30 pm Recreation Committee - BOS Meeting Room
- 9/4 6:30 am Voting Setup at Community Center
- 9/8 7:00 am - 8:00 pm State Primary Election - Hudson Community Center
- 9/9 7:00 pm Planning Board - Hudson Community Center
- 9/14 7:00 pm Cable Utility Committee - HCTV Meeting Room
- 9/14 7:00 pm Conservation Committee - Hudson Community Center
- 9/15 7:00 pm Municipal Utility Committee - Buxton Meeting Room
- 9/15 7:00 pm Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

The Town Administrator read the motions made after non-public at the 8/11/20 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Chairman Morin recognized the Town Administrator who read the following votes taken after nonpublic session at the 8/11/20 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martin, to hire Chris Mangroo, Dylan Elliot and Edward Anderson as Truck Driver/Laborers, at \$20.12 per hours (Grade VII, Step One) in accordance with the Hudson Public Works Department Local #1801 AFSCME agreement.

Selectman Martin made a motion seconded by Selectman Roy to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Carried 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing - Amend Town Code Chapter 264, Racetracks and Chapter 158 Alcohol Beverages

Chairman Morin opened the public hearing at 7:36p.m. and asked if there was anybody in the audience that would like to talk about this item? Seeing none the Chairman closed the hearing at 7:37 p.m. The Town Administrator then explained that no action is taken on this item tonight. You have to wait at least ten (10) days, so it will be on the 9/15 agenda for the Board to take action whether to amend or not amend the Town Code. Selectman Martin then asked, so you have to wait an additional period? To which the Town Administrator replied, we have to wait after the second public hearing that is correct. So at the September 15th meeting you can take action on the actual ordinance. Selectman Martin then asked, but there's no public input or hearing on it? To which the Town Administrator replied, you've had two sessions, you're done with public input. Selectman Martin responded, gotcha, thank you.

B. Public Hearing - CARES Act Election Cost Recovery Grant

Chairman Morin opened the public hearing at 7:37p.m. The Town Administrator explained, just for the public satisfaction, there's \$51,075.48 from the CARES Act for the assistance with election, particularly the absentee ballot. That's already been granted to us. There is a 20% match which we'll do with our personnel, our labor. So, just to make sure we did everything, we're doing a public hearing and then you'd make a motion to accept that money.

Selectman Coutu was recognized by the Chairman and said, is the total \$51 or is it 20% of the 51? The Town Administrator explained, we're getting \$51,075.48...Selectman Coutu cut in and said, so it's more than that, it's 68, 69 thousand. Mr. Malizia replied, no we have to provide 20% match which means we're going to spend about...at this point Selectman Coutu interrupted asking of the 51 or? Mr. Malizia replied on top of the 51. Selectman Coutu then said, that's what I'm saying, do you know what the total is? Mr. Malizia replied, yeah, the grant is 51, we're doing, I don't know how else to say it, we have to provide 20% of the match. So if you're looking at the total expenditure it would be 61 something, change. Selectman Coutu then said okay, so the 20% is of the total? Mr. Malizia replied, the 20% is on top of the total. Selectman Coutu then said, okay, let me just go to my next question, we're butting heads here.

Selectman Coutu then asked, we have enough in kind contributions, would we have enough in kind contributions to make the 20% match? The Town Administrator replied, my understanding from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is yes. From the audience Town Clerk/Tax Collector Patti Barry said, I'm sorry, I couldn't hear. Selectman Coutu then asked Ms. Barry, would we have enough in kind contributions to make the 20% of the match for the CARES Act grant for the election? In kind is manpower that we're going to provide. Will we make the 20%? Ms. Barry replied, I believe so. Selectman Coutu then said, that's not reassuring. The Chairman asked the Town Moderator, Paul, do you have an answer for that? To which the Moderator replied, I know very little about that money because everything that I'm getting is coming directly from the Secretary of State. Chairman Morin then said, you're pretty good with it, Patti? Ms. Barry came forward and explained, from my understanding this is reimbursing us the cost of everything that is involved with absentee ballots. The postage, the manual labor that goes into doing that, the cost of hiring people to help do the absentee ballots. It's all strictly to deal with absentee ballots. The Town Administrator added, for both elections. Selectman Coutu then asked, how much is the 20% let's start that way? Selectman Martin then replied, \$10,215.10. Ms. Barry then said, our portion that would be granted to us is \$61,290 but we have to pay 20% of that. So what's left is the \$51,075.48 is what we would get reimbursed. Selectman Coutu then asked Selectman Coutu and that's how much? Selectman Martin replied, \$10,215. Selectman Coutu replied, seemed to me it would be \$12,000. \$61,000. Ms. Barry interjected saying, is the amount that is allocated for Hudson. Selectman Coutu said, and we have to match it 20%. The Chairman then said, sort of like the other grants Fire Department gets, they get a certain amount but we have to match. Mr. Malizia added, our piece is \$10,215 it's on the chart that's about halfway down the packet.

Chairman Morin asked, anything else? Seeing no further questions and no one in the audience here to speak on the public hearing, the Chairman closed the hearing at 7:41 p.m. Selectman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy to accept the CARES Act election funding from the State of New Hampshire in the amount of \$51,075.48 with a 20% match coming from the Town of Hudson and to authorize Town Clerk/Tax Collector Patricia Barry to sign all documents related to this grant. Carried 4-1 with Selectman Coutu abstaining.

C. Town Clerk - Request to Hire Temporary Help

The Chairman recognized Town Clerk/Tax Collector Patti Barry. Ms. Barry thanked the Board and went on to explain I'm here tonight to request permission to hire temporary help to help with this processing of absentee ballots. Right now we are pretty much swimming trying to keep our heads above water with the absentee ballots. This person, I called a couple of towns. Their help they're being paid \$15.00 an hour for their help coming in. I'm looking at just one person right now between four and eight hours a day to start as soon as possible and to work until the November election. As of right now, as of today, we have 1253 absentee ballots for September and 1500 for November, three months ahead of the election. Its very labor intensive to process these absentee ballots and right now it's difficult for us to do anything but that. So I definitely need help and I would appreciate your support.

Selectman Roy was recognized and asked Ms. Barry, is one person enough? Ms. Barry responded saying, I have to provide a station for them to work at, a table to work at and a computer because everything is entered into the State Election Net system. I don't really have the time to train people so the one person that I have in mind was a former employee who knows the system already. I might have to come back, I don't know. Right now we're crazy with September. Everything is double the work load because of the September election. The absentee ballot applications have both elections on there so we have to manually photocopy every single application that has both elections on there. Then manually enter those into the system. I'm hoping once we get passed September it eases up a little bit and I'm hoping that one additional person with the rest of us five will cover it. My problem is housing them. Having an area to house them in a secure location because we are talking the absentee ballots. So they have to stay locked.

Selectman McGrath was recognized and said, I was in Town Hall yesterday afternoon picking up my packet and the hall was lined with people and Lorrie told me, I didn't ask, I wouldn't think to ask, but Lorrie told me that they were people filing for absentee ballots and she said it's been like this all day. So I witnessed it yesterday. I think that this is a real need and I'm in favor of it.

Selectman Coutu was recognized and he asked, Patti, is the time to apply for an absentee ballot for the primary, has that expired and if not, when does it expire? Ms. Barry replied saying, they have up until 5:00pm on Labor Day. The day before the election. So my office has to be open from 3:00pm-5:00pm on Labor Day for absentee ballots only. That's the deadline, 5:00pm. Selectman Coutu then said, so I understand the procedure, a person can go in and apply for both an absentee ballot for the primary as well as the general election in November? They can do it at the same time? Ms. Barry said, we don't have the November. We have to get through the September primary. Selectman Coutu then asked, so all that's available right now is the September primary and they have until Labor Day to apply. Somebody told me that the time had expired and I said, I don't think so. Ms. Barry said, no, its 5:00pm the day before an election is the deadline. Selectman Coutu said, okay, that's what I thought. I'm very supportive, Patti, I just feel that, I'll take your word, well, I know you well enough to know that if you get strung out, you'll be back. We will be receptive. We want this to go without a hitch. Alright, I'll be supporting it.

Selectman Martin was recognized and said, Mr. Chairman I would like to make a motion to this and to authorize the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to hire up to two (2) temporary employees for the purpose of helping in the Town Clerk's office for absentee ballot processing. And the reason why I say two is

so she doesn't have to come running back here. At a rate not to exceed \$15.00 an hour. Selectman Roy seconded this. Carried 5-0. Ms. Barry said, I appreciate that, thank you.

D. Public Hearing - Acceptance of the 2019 AFG Grant

Chairman Morin asked Chief Buxton to come forward and give a refresher on this grant before opening the public hearing. Chief Buxton started saying, good evening Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. Tonight we're here to work through the expectance process of the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant that we were awarded. We applied in March and we received authorization for our award in August. August 5th to be exact. Our federal award is for \$63,636.36. Our match at 10% is \$6,363.64. That is the 10%. The value for the project that they slated this year was \$70,000. This is a firefighter safety and operational update for us for a fill station at Central Station.

Chairman Morin opened the public hearing at 7:47p.m. and asked if there was anybody in the audience that would like to speak? Seeing none the Chairman closed the hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Selectman Martin made a motion, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to authorize the Fire Chief to accept the FY2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$63,636.36 as recommended by the Fire Chief. Carried 5-0.

Chief Buxton asked to speak and said, I just want to publicly recognized Captain Sean Mamone, Erika LaRiviere and Robert Haggerty who are our grant writing team. As you're aware they also process, along with Captain Bianchi, the COVID-19 grant process. So they've been very successful in moving us through the federal grant process over the last few years.

E. HFD - Compressor and Fill Station Purchase

Chief Buxton started by saying, with the acceptance of the grant we'd like to move forward with the purchasing of a piece of equipment this evening. We've identified a fill station that is provided by Bauer and we've given you a memo this evening to purchase the unit for \$90,000. It's a modern compressor that will provide an opportunity for us to not only monitor any of the filtration that needs to go into the breathing air but to also monitor the life span of the bottles through the unit itself. The unit itself is \$90,000 and we are asking to utilize the money from the grant itself, use some operational money and then remove \$10,000 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund which is set aside for this type of purchasing.

Selectman Martin made a motion to waive Chapter 98-7 bidding Procedure of the Hudson Town Code for the purpose of purchasing a compressor and fill station in the amount of \$90,000.

Selectman Coutu was recognized and asked Chief, in your prior discussions with us relative to air compression, you talked about changing air filtration in all of the buildings. Is that still on the plate? Chief Buxton replied, yes, two separate projects. This project is to fill the cylinders that they guys wear for breathing apparatus. Selectman Coutu said, I understand that. Chief went on to say, yes, the filtration through the COVID process is still in process and we're actually expecting to hear on installation dates on those moving forward here over the next week, week and a half. So that project is still in the works. Selectman Coutu then said, I don't have any opposition but I want to make sure that we're not intermixing and that the money's available. I'm good, thank you.

Selectman Coutu seconded the motion. Carried 5-0.

Selectman Martin made a second motion, seconded by Selectman Coutu to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a compressor and fill station at a cost of \$90,000 with \$5,000 in trade in value, \$63,636.36 funded by the FY2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, \$11,364 funded by the Fire

Department Operating Budget and \$10,000 funded by the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
Carried 5-0

F. Town Moderator - State Primary Election Discussion

The Chairman recognized Town Moderator, Paul Inderbitzen. Mr. Inderbitzen came forward and said, thank you. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I just wanted to touch base with you about the primary coming up. You haven't had an opportunity to hear some of the stuff we've been talking about at our couple meetings that we've had on the training session. One of the things we're doing is we're going to be noticing tomorrow the pre, how do they call it, pre-election procedure for absentee ballots, which we're going to do at 1:00PM on Thursday the 3rd of September. Same day we're setting up. Hopefully we'll be out by then. This pre-check is you get to open the outer envelope and you look at the inner envelope which contains the ballot. You make sure there's a signature on it. You then have, we'll have teams of two. Somebody can then go to the checklist and highlight the name and if they're undeclared put republican or democrat you can't check them off, you can't AV you have to do that they day of the election. There's some hang-up in that. But anyway, we're gonna be doing that. It's probably gonna take a good part of the afternoon. It says the Moderator has to have three election, other election officials. The Clerk will there, I'll probably have an assistant moderator. I think it would be nice if one or two of the Board of Selectmen could be there as well at least for the process. There's not a lot to do. It's gonna be pretty boring opening envelopes, looking. Then I have to announce the names all what did Patti say, 1200. I've had to do that before. Selectman Martin asked on voting day? Mr. Inderbitzen replied, no, no, no, this is on the 3rd. this is before. Selectman Martin asked you have to announce the names? Mr. Inderbitzen said, yes. Selectman Martin said, that's so ridiculous. Mr. Inderbitzen went on to say, I have to announce the name and I'm going to be notifying the two parties so that they can send observers if they want because that's the only time you can challenge. On Election Day, the only challenges can be for those people that come in that day or absentee ballots that are received after we do the pre-check process. Which will be they'll be a few. There will be some coming in after that Thursday. Still a requirement that the Moderator reads the names. Selectman Martin asked, on September 3rd you're doing this? Mr. Inderbitzen replied, yes, 1:00PM. So if you can, hopefully we'll get out of there by the afternoon. I'll have enough people that are gonna do this. So it will hopefully go quickly. Then we'll be done with that part of it.

Mr. Inderbitzen went on to say, then on Election Day after we open the envelope and take the ballots out make sure there's not two ballots or the wrong ballot from the wrong town, which has happened, no here, but other towns. They've gotten the ballot from the wrong town. Then we can go to the checklist and have the check-in people put an X in the box and put AV in red next to their name. So we can do the tallies. So it does help a little bit on Election Day but having to do all the same stuff days ahead of time. I'll be doing that on the first, ah, 1:00PM on Thursday the 3rd. The other thing I'll be sending out a menu notice. Please get back to me on the menus for if you. Also, If you'd let me know what kind of timeframe you plan to be at the election it'd be helpful so I can plan on meals and having you there. I will appoint temporary Selectmen. Although now the law has changed. You have the ability to appoint your own protem if you're not going to be there and you want someone to cover for you, you have the ability to appoint your own. I've always appointed some of my moderator assistant's selectmen just to have the coverage that we need. The way the State is, of course the constitution of the state says that the Selectmen who shall attend, not will, it's in the constitution. So just let me know your timeframes that you're going to be around. You'll get a meal thing. We're going to be doing boxed lunches for both lunch and dinner. Chairman Morin interjected and said, we'll talk about that tonight and we'll get something to you. The Moderator replied, well, you'll get my email so just let me know about that. Chairman Morin said, okay, we'll just do it tonight and get it over to you so you have it ahead of time. Mr. Inderbitzen said, okay so you'll have my uhh, the menus will be going out tomorrow I think as well. So those are the big things.

Of course election day. At least the setup will be early enough that I'll time on Friday over the weekend to get all the other stuff in place. So we did a public service announcement or show with HCTV the other day. I think went very well, I didn't muff up too much. But it's one of those things. You

want to encourage people to vote absentee then I have to feel guilty because of the Clerk and her staff are just inundated. We've never had a...the last president, not presidential, the last primary before presidential election, we had 82 absentee ballots. Now she's what, over 1200? So. And if she's got 1500 for November the applications, I'm sure we're gonna have a heck of a lot more of those. Chairman Morin asked if anyone had questions for the Moderator. Seeing none, he thanked Mr. Inderbitzen for being here and said, we'll get you some answers on who and when we're gonna be there.

G. HPD Request to Advertise

Chairman Morin recognized Chief Avery. Chief Avery started off by thanking the Chairman. He then said, before I get to that, May I just mention briefly about the donation that we received? I just want to thank, and I'm not going to mention their last name, Paul and Pamela of Hudson New Hampshire who I received a phone call from a family last week. They said they had a personal problem, so I immediately called them back and his problem was he wanted to donate money to the Hudson Police Department but he didn't know how to do it. So if you're listening, Paul and Pamela, the Hudson Police Department and its employees greatly appreciate your generosity. Your money will be used to go towards our training and equipment to make sure that the officers are safe and get the proper training in the near future. So we greatly appreciate it. Thank you Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the opportunity.

Chief Avery went on to say, I'm here before the Board to request to advertise to start our testing process all over again. We have enough candidates now. I have three upcoming vacancies that we will be filling. One will be tonight, later on and then our list from last March will be exhausted. We do not feel we have any more viable candidates on that list so we want to start building up our database of possible police candidates and we'll start ramping that up, if approved, tomorrow morning.

Selectman Coutu was recognized and made a motion, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to accept Chief Avery's request to advertise for a full time police officer. Carried 5-0.

The Chairman then said, I know fire is almost done with the radios, how you guys doing? Chief Avery said, right now we've been in pretty tough shape with our old system. Chief Buxton and I have been communicating daily. Two Way Communication, our current vendor, has been fantastic working with us. Our radios have been shutting down for the last two weeks. Really bad over the last couple days. Zero communication with our dispatchers during periods of time. It looks like we were, this morning, able to rectify the problem. Two Way has started our installation of our three new consoles. The wiring has been run. They did some fiber optic testing earlier today, which was supposed to be done on Thursday, but they're ahead of schedule. We're looking at going live with HFD by the end of September. We'll be live with the new console. Then he (Chief Buxton) and I are starting the beginning phases of phase two. Going to site visits in the coming weeks. Selectman Coutu then asked, the antennas, when do those fall in? Chief Avery replied phase two. Selectman Coutu said, phase two, I think that's critical. Chief Avery replied, absolutely correct. That will be the real critical piece to our radio infrastructure. Selectman Martin asked, when will you guys think you will be live with Public Works Department? Chief Avery said, that's going shortly thereafter, we go live and maybe even at the same time. Chief Buxton added, Public Works installation is phase two. Chairman Morin asked Chief Avery, you guys are all set now with the radios? Things are back or? Chief Avery said, we're back. They fixed it last night. It looks like there was a lightning strike in or around Merrill Hill last night that shorted out a system down there. We also had a bad card, I'm not a radio technology guy but we have cards inside our radio systems and one of them went bad so we had literally zero communication. We got through it. The officers were safe we resorted to other technology to get through the times that it went down. But we're back up and running and I checked on my way here tonight and the radios were loud and clear. So good news. Thank you.

H. Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Parameters

The Chairman recognized the Town Administrator who said, we're going to be starting the budgeting for fiscal 22. That would be for July 1st 2021 through June 30th 2022. As typical, the Board provides direction for to the departments as to what parameters the Board wants to issue. Typically labor is generated by contract and other legal obligation. So we're basically talking about the operating budget portion. If you recall this year, for fiscal 2021, the Board had a do not exceed 2.5%. With the COVID-19 pandemic and some of the uncertainty out there, we might want to go a little conservative and at least go level funded for next year. We still have a ways to go with this pandemic. We hear, we haven't seen a lot, but hear that the State may suffer some revenue, which might affect us. So I think it would be prudent for this Board, if you're going to look at parameters to take a look at the operating budget coming in level funded with anything extra or special identified separately for the Board's consideration. Not something you haven't done before. I think it'd probably be prudent for this year at least, to do it that way. Chairman Morin asked if there were any comments or questions. Selectman McGrath said, I'm in agreement. Selectman Roy was recognized and said, I understand the uncertainty I guess, so I can live with that. Selectman Martin said, nope, all set. Selectman Coutu also said, all set. Chairman Morin said, I also agree. The Town Administrator then said, so that will be the parameter we'll issue to everybody. Chairman Morin replied, yup, okay.

I. Board and Committee Meeting Locations

The Chairman said, before we talk about this, Chief, you want to just come up real quick? Chief Buxton came forward and the Chairman explained, this is the discussion on putting the meetings back into their regular meeting rooms. Has there been any changes we should be concerned about or anything? Chief Buxton said, I think you're pretty safe to put the smaller groups back into their normal meeting spots. One of the things that I think has been a strain is currently you have one maintenance individual maintaining multiple buildings right now. So Wayne not only takes care of here, but he's also tracking the larger meetings and all of the other committee meetings over at the Community Center. I think reeling some of that back and keeping him on one site provides some relief there for cleaning and maintenance. I think the smaller groups can function in the meeting rooms appropriately. So I think you're in good shape.

Selectman McGrath was recognized and said, so I had a conversation with Charlie Brackett, at the last Planning Board meeting to talk about Zoning Board meetings and coming back to the Buxton meeting room. He's concerned about that because there's a number of their members that are in the age bracket where they're more prone to catching this virus if it's in the building. So he'd like to continue meeting at the Community Center. The Town Administrator interjected at this point and said that's the intention. It's in the motion. Selectman McGrath said, sorry, I didn't see that. Chairman Morin asked, any other questions/comments for the Chief? Seeing none the Town Administrator read the *motion to move all Boards/Committee meetings back to their regularly scheduled locations except Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Commission will continue to meet at the Community Center. Selectman Martin made this motion. It was seconded by Selectman Roy. Carried 5-0.*

9. REMARKS BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR - The Administrator said, just a couple quick ones. The field audit, our annual field audit was completed last week so they'll be working to get the report to us. But they completed their field work.

Got some information today. It looks like we may be getting a return of some of our premium for our health insurance. Probably in the \$142,000 range. It's a surplus return to the community. So that will be favorable. That will be decided in October, but just to give you a heads up.

I went out in the field today with Jess and some of the guys looked at the Speare Road culvert. That project was undertaken this week by the Highway Department. They're correcting an issue that was out there and they should be done by the end of this week. It looks like they have resolved the problem out there. That culvert should work as it's intended. That's it.

10. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY SELECTMEN

Selectman Martin - I just want to say that's great news with the culvert. And I like that remark section now. I want to make a comment about that to give him the opportunity to speak which is awesome for me. That's all I have.

Selectman Coutu - I have nothing Mr. Chairman.

Selectman McGrath - just one thing. For people that are watching this meeting, tomorrow night's Planning Board meeting, the Hillwood Development, they've requested a deferral until I believe its September 9th. The Board will act on that but for people that are planning to attend, there isn't really going to be a discussion. That's all.

Selectman Roy - The only thing I have is something we've already talked about. The Primary's coming up on September 3rd and whether you vote absentee or in person, please vote. Then we'll have another election in November. The Town Administrator spoke up and said, if I could just say, it's September 8th, just in case anyone heard the word, the 3rd. Please show up on the 8th, not the 3rd. Selectman Roy said, yes, I apologize, September 8th.

Selectman Morin - Did the Police Chief leave? We need him in here. We have put together a Traffic Safety Committee. They have done a ton of work. They're really moving forward but they have requested a large amount of information from the Police Department referenced to our roads. I'm gonna have the Chief come up and tell the Board what they're requesting and maybe we can kind of tone it down a little bit. Selectman McGrath asked for a copy of that email? Chief Avery replied, I can forward it to you. Selectman Martin said, please, I'd like to see that.

Chief Avery then went on to say, so the email came indirectly to me through the Town Engineer. Elvis has graciously vetted out some of the initial requests to the Police Department. All of this is placed on one of our Records Clerks, Deb Kirkwood. The information they're looking for, I think, is, obviously it's useful information, but some of it is not. Such as, are the drivers involved in motor vehicle accidents Hudson residents or not? I'm not sure whether that matters, whether a person is a Hudson resident. Now there's an excess of 3,000 accidents over the last three years. She's going to have to go hand by hand through each individual accident report. Figure out if there were injuries to see if they were transported to the hospital. How serious their injuries were, if there was a fatality or if there were no injuries. The old accident reports, there was a checkbox so we'd be able to go through those pretty quickly. Now she's going to have to go in and read each narrative to see what the officer listed for the injuries. I just think this is going to take a great amount of time, looking at months, before we can compile all of this data. She is responsible for all of our warrants, all our sex offenders, pistol permits and current accident data that we deal with on a daily basis. I just think it's a lot of information. I'm not sure what good it's gonna be to provide to the public. Now, if you want to get a list of all our accidents in Hudson on the main thoroughfares, absolutely. How many citations and warnings that we write for motor vehicle infractions, absolutely. No problem at all. I just think this is a lot of information and it's gonna be wasting a lot of her time that she can be doing other things.

Selectman McGrath was recognized and asked, did they provide a reasoning and who from the Board of Selectmen is the liaison to that? The Chairman said, I don't believe we did one because that was just an advisory committee that we formed after the Circumvential Highway to provide us with some information. Selectman McGrath said, I think somebody needs to go to that meeting. I mean, I can do it but I'm pretty stretched thin. This week I have this meeting tonight, Planning Board tomorrow night

and Zoning Board Thursday. I don't mind doing it but I don't want to have to do it on a consistent basis. Chairman Morin said, we can talk about that in a minute.

Chief Avery then said, the roadways they're looking at I totally understand and I don't want to sit here and say that I can't understand why they would want this information. But they're looking for Bush Hill Road, Dracut Road, Greeley Street, Highland Street, Kimball Hill, Old Derry Road, Page Road, Webster Street, Elm Ave, Library Street, Belknap Road, County Road, River Road, Burnham Road, Central Street, Chase, Circumvential Highway, which we don't respond to accidents on unless the State Police is unavailable, Derry Road, Ferry Street, Lowell Road. To compile all of that information is going to be a timely task and I just don't know if it's worth her doing this. Chairman Morin said, I would add Wason Road. You know what I mean? Chief Avery said, Wason Road wasn't mentioned. If you want to revisit this and tell us we can narrow down the scope of this search? Selectman Roy said, I think that might be prudent. If somebody talks to somebody on that Board. Selectman McGrath said, I'll attend their next meeting whenever that is. I'll find out exactly why they want that information and try to narrow it down. You and I can talk and you can tell me what's reasonable for your department to do and take it in small bites as opposed to this massive. You're not in a position to give that type of time to a project like this. I know that. Is it Deb Kirkwood? Chief Avery said, it is Deb Kirkwood. There's a lot of responsibility on her shoulders. Selectman McGrath said, we need to find out exactly what they're looking for and try and narrow it down.

Selectman Coutu was recognized and said Chief Buxton could you help him with that? You personally? (laughter). Chairman Morin asked Selectman McGrath can you please let them know the Board's not trying to take away from, we understand where they're trying to go it's just we've got to approach it in a different manner. Selectman McGrath said, absolutely. I think that, I think I know what they're trying to get at but they need to have an understanding of the time constraints that the Police Department is under, staffing and that type of information, if they get it, I would venture to say that they're going to be like oh my god we asked for all of this and how do we segregate it and make sense of it. Selectman Roy added, somebody has to read it all. Chief Avery added, it wouldn't come out on a spreadsheet all on one page. I don't know how they'd print that. Selectman McGrath said, we need to narrow it down. Chief Avery asked if we could communicate after your meeting that would be great.

11. NONPUBLIC SESSION

The Town Administrator said, the Chairman will entertain a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. & (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. A roll call vote was taken. Motion by Selectman Roy at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Selectman Martin, to go into non-public session Carried 5-0.

Chairman Morin entered Nonpublic Session at 8:13 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 9:00 p.m.

Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Coutu to hire Brittany Lewis as a full time police officer with a starting salary of \$26.84 (Step 1 with Certification) per hour, all in accordance with the Hudson Police Employee Association Contract. Carried 5-0.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. by Selectman Martin seconded by Selectman Roy. Carried 5-0.

Recorded by HCTV and transcribed by Jill Laffin, Executive Assistant.

David S. Morin, Chairman

Kara Roy, Vice-Chairman

Marilyn E. McGrath, Selectman

Roger E. Coutu, Selectman

Normand G. Martin, Selectman