

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the July 13, 2021 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman McGrath the meeting of July 13, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. in the Selectmen Meeting Room
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by former Selectman Roger Coutu
3. ATTENDANCE
Board of Selectmen: Marilyn McGrath, David Morin, Kara Roy
Staff/Others: Bill Avery - Police Chief; Tad Dionne - Police Captain; Jana McMillan - Animal Control Officer; Jim Michaud, Chief Assessor, Gary Gasdia - School Board Chairman; Jill Laffin - Executive Assistant

Absent: Selectman Brett Gagnon, Town Administrator Steve Malizia
4. PUBLIC INPUT
5. Recognition, Appointments and Interviews

Chairman McGrath said we have a recognition of Isaac Allen, a DPW volunteer. Chairman McGrath read a certificate of appreciation and thanked Isaac for all of his hard work and community service. The audience gave Isaac a round of applause.

Appointment - Craig Putnam - Alternate Member - Sustainability Committee

Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin to appoint Craig Putnam as an alternate member of the Sustainability Committee with a term to expire 4/30/24. Carried 4-0.

Interview - Roger Coutu - Alternate Member - Planning Board

Chairman McGrath invited former Selectman Roger Coutu forward and asked him to tell the Board why he was volunteering to serve on the Planning Board. Mr. Coutu said thank you Madame Chair. My name is Roger Coutu, I live at 7 Pond View Drive here in Hudson. I'm a former member of this Board of Selectmen. I realized that the position had been vacant for the alternate to the Planning Board and having spoken with Mr. Malley and understanding of the difference between an alternate and a full Board position, I don't think it would be cumbersome upon me to assume the role of an alternate on the Planning Board. As Tim (Malley) had relayed to me if something were to come up and I wasn't going to be able to attend, more than likely would not be problematic. The Planning Board is one of the most active boards we have in our community. I served on the Planning Board as liaison to the Board of Selectmen for the past year plus and I truly enjoyed. It's a tremendous learning experience as you can well attest, Madame Chair, you've been involved for many, many more years with planning and other land use matters in the Town of Hudson than I ever will be. It was a tremendous learning experience and I realize more than ever the importance of having the right people serving in the right positions especially when it comes to planning the future of our community. Planning is not just about someone coming in and making a proposal and we go ahead and do it. It's beyond that. How will that impact the future of our community and would it be a plus or

a detriment? So knowing and realizing how to weigh those facts, I think I'd be an asset. And therefore I am applying for the position.

Chairman McGrath asked anybody have any questions for Mr. Coutu? Seeing none she then said do we want to take this up tonight or do we want to wait? I mean the reason for us delaying an appointment is we like to vet the candidate. I think we all know Mr. Coutu enough to make a decision so is anybody willing to make a motion or do you want to wait the requisite two weeks?

Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Chairman McGrath to appoint Roger Coutu as an alternate member to the Planning Board with a term to expire 12/31/21. Motion Failed 2-2 with Selectmen Roy and Gagnon in opposition. Chairman McGrath said sorry. Thank you for volunteering. Mr. Coutu replied saying thank you. I'll be seeing everybody in March. It's not a problem.

Chairman McGrath asked if any member of the Board wish to remove any consent item for separate consideration. Seeing none Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Gagnon to approve items Consent Items A, C, D, E and F. Carried 4-0.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Assessing Items

- 1) All Veteran Tax Credit: Map 191, Lot 113, 11 Coll Street
- 2) Disabled Exemption: Map 191, Lot 113, 11 Coll Street

B. Water/Sewer Items - none

C. Licenses & Permits & Policies

- 1) Hawker Peddler License - Cedi's Tasty Treats
- 2) Outdoor Gathering Permit - Hudson Old Home Days

D. Donations

- 1) \$250 from American Legion Post #48 to HPD for Haven the Comfort Dog

E. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the June 15, 2021
Minutes of June 22, 2021

F. Calendar

- 7/14 7:00 Planning Board - Buxton Meeting Room
- 7/15 7:00 Benson Park Committee - HCTV Meeting Room
- 7/20 7:00 Municipal Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
- 7/21 6:00 Library Trustees - Hills Memorial Library
- 7/22 7:00 Zoning Board of Adjustment - Buxton Meeting Room

7/26 7:00 Sustainability Committee - Buxton Meeting Room
7/27 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on June 22, 2021

1) Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy to hire Joseph McCarthy for the position of full-time Police Officer with a starting salary of \$26.37 (Step 1) per hour, all in accordance with the Hudson Police Employee Association Contract. Carried 4-0.

2) Selectman Gagnon made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy to promote Grace Lemay from the position of Camera Operator to the position of HCTV Assistant for up to 29 hours per week, at a rate of \$16.50 per hour, moving to \$17.50 per hour after successful completion of a six month probationary period. Carried 4-0.

3) Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Gagnon to grant the FY2022 budgeted 3.0% Cost of Living Adjustment raises to non-union personnel effective July 1, 2021. Carried 4-0.

4) Motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. by Selectman Gagnon, seconded by Selectman Roy. Carried 4-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. DPW - Request to Advertise for a Mechanic

Chairman McGrath recognized Jess Forrence, Director of Public Works. Mr. Forrence said I'm requesting to advertise to for a mechanic. We have one getting done, he's been here a long time. We're going to miss him. Getting a new guy to walk in the door with the qualifications we need for inspections, the license you have to have, is going to be a tough ordeal. This position is going to be vacated August 14th but his actual day of retirement will be September 1st. this position is in the Local 1801 AFSME Union with a starting pay of 24.10. I'd like the Board's permission to continue advertising until this position is filled. So I don't advertise for two weeks, stop and have to come back again because I think we're going to have a battle on our hands for it. It will be advertised in all the local, Indeed, Facebook, everything we've done in the past. Maybe send out a smoke signal. See if we can get some help out there but that's what I'm requesting tonight. Seeing no questions from the Board, Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin to advertise for a full time mechanic position at the DPW under the Local 1801 AFSCME contract with a starting pay of \$24.10 and to continue advertising until the position is full. Carried 4-0.

B. Public Hearing - Town Code Chapter 205 (Fees) ZBA Application Fee Proposed Increase

Chairman McGrath recognized Bruce Buttrick, Zoning Administrator who said, thank you Madame Chair, members of the Board. I believe we're going to be opening a public hearing for the proposed zoning application fees. Currently they're \$130.00. That includes the applications, the advertising in the newspapers for the public notice which is required for the RSA's and the recording of the decisions after the case is heard, either being approved or denied. So we're going from \$130 to \$185. Basically we did what the average costs over the years. Currently we're in the deficit of catching up because it's costing us more to do the advertising for our applications we're taking in. so we're at least trying to break even. Chairman McGrath asked if anybody has any questions. Selectman Morin asked Mr. Buttrick to give more information on what led to this but it was realized he was referring to the wrong public hearing. Chairman McGrath opened the public hearing at 7:25p.m. Seeing no members of the public present with comment, the hearing was closed at 7:26p.m. The Town Administrator then reminded the Board that we have the hearing tonight and then the Board votes on the Code change at their next meeting.

C. Public Hearing - Town Code Chapter 188 (Dogs and Other Animals) and Chapter 205 (Fees)

Chairman McGrath recognized Captain Dionne and Animal Control Officer Jana McMillan. ACO McMillan started by saying I'm just looking to introduce amendments to address complaints about noisy animals at large to include fowl and barking dogs. Chairman McGrath said, I read all of the changes that you made in the Code. It took a lot of work, thank you for doing that. Chairman McGrath asked is there anything else you'd like to add. Captain Dionne replied saying the only thing to address whether we've had a lot of complaints about that, Jana has had I wouldn't say several documented logged complaints but several email and phone call complaints. ACO McMillan said it takes up a lot of time trying to address something that we don't have any ordinance to address. It's very difficult and it's very difficult for the residents who need quality of life. Chairman McGrath said especially from crowing roosters that will wake up people at early hours of the morning and through the night. Barking dogs too. Chairman McGrath opened the public hearing at 7:28p.m. Is there anyone here from the public that would like to speak? Come on up and give your name and address for the record please.

Sandra Martinage, 10 Forrest Road. I just want to add, I'm here to support Officer McMillan's code modifications. But I also believe that the Town should also address this in Zoning. As long as the Town stays silent in this the farming exclusions will always take precedent. I don't think it's fair to exclude non farming folks and their right to quiet enjoyment when the right to farm law seems to speak so loud. And seems to trump a lot of what's happened here in zoning. That's all. Chairman McGrath said, so zoning changes, that's under the purview of the Planning Board and they take up zoning changes. They'll address that. So Bruce (Buttrick Zoning Administrator) if you could forward and email to Tim Malley and make sure he's aware of this and the complaints so they can take it up at their meetings for zoning changes.

Joe Fernald, 16 Old Coach Road. I'm here to speak in favor of the amendments to Town ordinances 188 and 205 which expands our Animal Control Officers jurisdiction to include other animals such as chickens. Several years ago our neighbors got a flock of chickens. Soon after we started noticing chicken droppings all over our driveway, our front and back decks our children's swing set, their toys, etc. we asked our neighbors if they'd please contain the chickens in their yard because they were making a mess in our yard. Nothing happened. The chickens continued to come into our yard. They'd defecate all over the yard, in our driveway etc. we went to our neighbors again and asked them to please stop this and we couldn't resolve it. That was when we called Jana and she told us that she didn't have the jurisdiction to cover chickens because they're livestock and not pets as seen as how our Town ordinance is written. So to try to resolve it we bought 200' of chicken wire and ran it from the end of our driveway up into the woods that separates our house from our neighbor's house. It worked for about a week and then the chickens found out they were able to fly over it, hop over it and do their thing in our yards. Another side effect of it was they didn't know how to get back into the other yard so they were stuck on our side of the fence. We had this problem for probably close to five years now.

Normally we're live and let live type of people unless it impacts our livelihoods, our quality of life. And it did one day. My son was out in our backyard and one of the roosters came up and pecked him in the leg. It didn't break the skin or anything but at that point I went over, had a word with my neighbor and they put up a chicken coop and have kept the animals contained ever since. We have friends who own chickens and we know there are responsible chicken owners. The situation we dealt with wasn't that, it was more careless and reckless. There was absolutely nothing we could do nor could Jana because of how the ordinances were structured, which is why I'm here tonight to support her amendments to the Town ordinances 188 and 205. Thank you very much.

Paul Martinage, 10 Forrest Road. Just following up with what my wife had to say. I support the amendments as well. It's got to be very frustrating for our Animal Control Officer when she gets complaints from residents for roosters that crow from dawn to dusk. Barking dogs she can do something about but chickens she can't. We've called her several times. She's gone to our neighbor, asked them to do something about it but she doesn't have any clout behind asking them. It is a quality of life issue for people that aren't farmers. One of my neighbors grew up with chickens. He has no problem with it. He said reminds me of my homeland. But for those of us that don't appreciate it and don't like to listen to that from dawn to dusk nonstop it gets to you after a while. I just want to support the amendment. I have no problem with chickens but roosters can be a bit of a bother. That's all. I just want to speak in favor of the amendment.

Bruce Buttrick, Zoning Administrator for the Town, came forward and said, thank you Madame Chair. During this public hearing I'd also like to speak in favor of the amendment. As you know the zoning ordinance is difficult to have this as a prohibition, especially for roosters, because we get preempted by the state statues of the Right to Farm. There's been a lot of criticisms of why can't do it for zoning or code enforcement. I wish we could. Jana and I tried to do it through the zoning amendment a year and a half ago and we were told politely by the state and the Commissioner of Agriculture that we could not because of the right to farm. So this tract through a Town ordinance is more of an operational code. You can have them, but they better behave. If they don't behave there's going to be some consequences obviously for the neighbors and their quality of life. So I do think this is a good approach and I think it's going to be a workable, enforceable ordinance amendment to the particular Town code to achieve both quality of life and be able to control the nuisance. It's a nuisance. It's out of control. Since I've been here it's always an issue, why can't zoning do it but we can't. We get preempted. So we can do it as an operational code, so to speak, keeping, maintaining them in a neighborly way. I'm in favor of it.

Selectman Gagnon was recognized and said question for Bruce and possibly maybe Steve. You know he spoke about it's tough to enforce the zoning rules due to the state overpowering it. Would you have the same issue with enforcement options so if someone were to violate one of these codes that we had and we went to go put some type of punishment of sorts on them would they still come back and say you know the right to farm still outweighs that? The Town Administrator responded saying this approach has been vetted by the Attorney so I believe those questions have been satisfied. You can approach it this way, you can't prohibit people from having livestock, but they have to control it. Got to keep the sound down, got to keep it on their property, they can't allow it on public way, it's another way to get to what you want to get to but it's a legal way to get to it. Selectman Gagnon replied, excellent. That answered my question. Thank you very much.

Chairman McGrath closed the public hearing at 7:37p.m. The Town Administrator added, you're required to have a second hearing on this so it will be at the next meeting on the 27th of July. So there will be a second hearing. After that hearing you have to wait to the meeting following before you can enact it should you choose to.

D. Public Hearing - Town Code Chapter 317 Vehicles and Traffic

Chairman McGrath recognized Captain Dionne who said we were asking, previously, for a stop sign to be added to the list 317:9, Stop Signs, Intersections, 317:30, we're asking for a stop sign to be posted at Madison Drive at Washington Street as approaching north. That was recommended by the Highway Safety Committee. At the same time we're also asking for a stop sign traveling north on Adelaide Street at the intersection of Travers. The Town Administrator said that's actually a separate second hearing. We probably should take them one at a time to keep it simple. Chairman McGrath asked if there was anyone from the public here to speak on this stop sign. Chairman McGrath opened the public hearing at 7:39p.m. and closed it at 7:39p.m.

E. Public Hearing - Town Code 317 Vehicles and Traffic

Chairman McGrath again recognized Captain Dionne. Captain Dionne explained we're asking for the addition for a stop sign posted at Adelaide Street approaching northbound at Travers and one to be posted at Travers Street westbound approaching Adelaide Street. We're asking that the stop signs be added to the list of stop sign intersections and also be posted there. That was recommended by the Highway Safety Committee as well. Chairman McGrath opened the public hearing at 7:40p.m. Seeing no one here to speak on the subject the public hearing was closed at 7:40p.m. We'll take that up at the next meeting.

F. HPD - Request to Purchase Vehicles

Chairman McGrath recognized Chief Avery who said thank you Madame Chair. Good evening members of the Board. I'm here tonight to ask to waive the bid process and allow us to purchase three new Ford Explorer Interceptors and one Chevy Colorado. This will be through the Greater Boston Police Council which we've been using for the past several years now. They are part of the state bid. If you recall the Public Works Director, Jess Forrence, also went through this company a couple weeks ago to purchase a roadside mower. There are the best prices around. We will be trading in three vehicles. The current Animal Control vehicle will be traded in along with three other police cars. So we are not adding to the fleet. The total cost for all four vehicles comes to a total of \$106,069.35. This is just to purchase the vehicles and not the up fit with all of the equipment, the graphics, the lights and whatnot. That's an additional about \$14,000. I have \$180,000 budgeted in this line item for the year. Chairman McGrath asked, anyone have any questions? Seeing none Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin to waive the competitive bidding requirements as outlined in Hudson Town Code 98-1C. Carried 4-0.

Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Gagnon to purchase three (3) Ford Police Utility Vehicles in the amount of \$84,675.05 and one (1) Chevy Colorado Extended Cab for \$21,394.30 from Colonial Municipal Group of Plymouth, MA, as recommended by the Police Chief and Finance Director.

G. HPD - Request to Apply for Grant

Chief Avery was again recognized and said two weeks ago I was contacted by the manager of Walmart requesting us to apply for a \$2,000 community grant. Obviously I informed her that I need approval to apply for this grant. Captain Bianchi as soon as it is approved. The \$2,000, what is it going to be used for? It's going to be used for equipment that's what we'll list it for. But the initial plan is to offset some of our spending that we're putting towards the body cameras. We're not going to be purchasing radars

this year. New radars. We're using that money to help offset the cost with the body cameras. So that \$2,000 will probably go, unfortunately, with the cost of the radars we'll get one radar out of it. But it will help. Every little bit helps in this obviously default budget year. That's my plan. If approved Captain Bianchi will complete the paperwork and off we go. Selectman Gagnon made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin to authorize the Hudson Police Department to apply for a Local Giving Community Grant through Walmart. Carried 4-0.

H. Revenues and Expenditures

Chairman McGrath recognized the Town Administrator who said these are very preliminary, unaudited numbers for the end of the last fiscal year. Again, this is not audited. It is preliminary. There are still a few things that are outstanding that will come in. I think the last trash bill will still get reconciled out. But bottom line looks like from a general fund perspective we underspent about 1.6%. About four hundred and something thousand. But that's probably going to go down a little bit because we still need to get the last legal bill and I think the last trash bill will come in. but bottom line we ended on a positive note. We under expended. Water and Sewer came in well under. We did very well on the water and sewer. They're separate funds. Kind of doesn't really matter but just to identify. On the revenue side, I don't know where all the cars are coming from but we did six million dollars of registrations, which is almost \$700,000 more than we budgeted. That's a lot of cars and that's a lot of work by these folks up here who had to register them. So that's a very positive thing. That will go to surplus pretty much. So what that means is we might have some opportunities maybe in the future to appropriate some of that money, maybe for tax relief or maybe just to keep it for future use. Interest was pretty anemic but the car registrations more than made up for it. So this is preliminary. Again things are still hitting I think the last manifest for 2021 will be this week. So we'll still have a few expenses hit but should be pretty close to that number. Selectman Roy asked, when are we scheduled to be audited. The Town Administrator said I was going to take that under other remarks but seeing as you spoke to it I'll jump to it. The audit will commence on August 9th. So we're already doing field paperwork but they will physically be here August 9th. So that's one of my remarks I don't have to bring back up. So it's coming. And again the auditors will make certain adjustments to the books here. They will adjust encumbrances for example, if something's come in they'll adjust and encumbrance so we don't double count something. They do a really good job. Looks good right now.

I. Proposed Amendment to BOS Bylaws

Chairman McGrath recognized Selectman Roy who said, so um, on a couple of occasions, and quite frankly I've probably been guilty of it myself, we've had on the agenda items that don't have any context. Right? So what I'm proposing, and typically my observation has been, those are items that have been put on the agenda by members of this Board. So what I'm suggesting is that so that the Board can be properly. So that Department Heads, if it pertains to them, can be properly prepared and that the public, can be, if they want to comment on a given issue, that they can be prepared. And they know the context of the item on the agenda. So I am proposing that we change chapter D-2 of our bylaws in regards to agenda and add: that members that want to add an item to the agenda must do so in writing, provide a synopsis of the issue and include any supporting documents, if there are any. All agenda items, including documentation, must be received by the Administrative Assistant no later than noon on the Thursday before the meeting. Which I didn't realize was not codified. I guess that that suspense date wasn't codified. So then I would also obviously open up for discussion but then we do the amendment to the bylaw in accordance with chapter F of the bylaws, which I guess part of this discussion would be whether it needs to go for legal review and then the Board can take this information, and the discussion and we would, we would take action on it at the next meeting. If I read the bylaws correctly. So I guess at that point if anybody has any questions or any discussion points.

Selectman Gagnon was recognized and said thank you Madame Chair. Selectman Roy you said so you have a topic and a synopsis. Is there anymore defining description of what a synopsis is in length or anything of sorts? Just curious. Selectman Roy responded saying, no I really wasn't just that you know for example, kind of like this. Right, like you suggest you want to talk about an amendment to the bylaws. You put in what your thinking is and then I didn't, I want to thank Jill for including the bylaws but you know put the bylaws in there so that the Board has an opportunity to read all the information. Maybe do a little research on their own if they want. You know. Poke around to maybe what other bylaws look like and things like that. And then we can have a discussion about how that looks.

Selectman Morin was recognized and said, she said it has to go for review. We might as well send it off for review with the legal and bring it back up next meeting. Selectman Roy then said, I said if it's necessary and I don't, you know, I guess I would defer to Steve. Do you think a legal review is necessary? Either way we would bring it up for action at the next meeting. The Town Administrator said, either way you have to bring it up to the next meeting. It seems to be in plain English. I'm not quite sure that a legal review is going to add anything to it. It's your bylaws. It's not illegal. It's your bylaws. I'm not sure I want to spend legal money, unless the Board directs it. Chairman McGrath said why not? We're spending it next week when we have to go to court? The Town Administrator replied, it's certainly up to the Board, if the Board wants to. Selectman Roy said, I mean, if you don't find it necessary, and I would agree, it's in plain English. I just want to put that option out there.

Selectman McGrath said I'm not in favor of changing the bylaws and I'm not voting in favor of this. Selectman Morin said, I want to read it real quick again. After reading he asked, Selectman Roy, we have talked about this and I understand where you're coming from. My only concern at this point, where you say a brief synopsis, and I'm gonna use the School issue that we talked about last meeting. All you were going to get from me was there have been several School issues that we are aware of and there have been added ones. Is that all you're looking for? Selectman Roy replied, yeah and I would presume if someone wants further information they can reach out to you personally. Cuz obviously if there's issues that can't be discussed in public then you're not gonna put those in the synopsis right? Selectman Morin then said because in that case, and I'm just using this as an example, we also discussed that the Schools are not under our prevue, okay. So I had talked to Mr. Gasdia and gave him a notice that we were going to be talking about it and what I was gonna be talking about and I actually talked to him after our meeting. I'm just, so how do you wanna handle that type of situation, where it's not under our prevue, it's just something. In that case it's my Selectmen's comments because it has nothing to do with us. Selectman Roy said, I'll continue on with that example, if it simply said I've become concerned about certain safety issues that's arisen over, whatever the period of time was, that I want to discuss with the Board. And again, if it's something we don't know already or we want more information on it we can reach out to you and ask you.

Selectman Morin asked Mr. Gasdia, do you guys have anything like this in your bylaws how it works? Mr. Gasdia replied, so the way we operate, it's not in the bylaws but we did just adopt a procedure where essentially we're asking for if it's just going to be a discussion it can come in so we typically have our agenda meetings on Wednesday to set if for the following Monday. So we would want it in by like Tuesday. So our meeting tomorrow for our Monday meeting. We want everything in. if it's going to require Department Heads or research or anything like that, we are asking for two weeks with the understanding, again, that if we don't have it, we will push it. But it's not a bylaw per say, but it's a procedure we adopted because we ran into a situation where we had something that said, you know, I believe it was I'd like an update on communications. What exactly does that mean? Is there documentation is there things like that. So that's how we've been handling it. So far so good. Obviously as the Chair, if there's a pressing issue, there may not be time for that. But in general we have amended how our agenda look to try and give just a one sentence this is what we're talking about.

Selectman Morin said, I understand the Department Heads. I absolutely do. That I understand because it only gives them the fair. The Town Administrator said they're not going to have much time though. To be frank if I may, if you're going to have something from a member of the Board come in Thursday at noon you're not giving the Department Heads much time to look at anything and if I may be further,

you don't even know if everybody else agrees with what you want to do so I'm not sure the Department Heads are going to go running off doing something unless this Board has a conversation. Selectman Roy said, right, right. But at least there's some context there. You know, I'll use another example. The social media thing. There was not context. I know there was at least one Department Head sitting in the audience because that Department Head thought that it applied to that Department. It obviously did not, but again there was no context. And then there's the idea of the public and the public having as much information as we can make available to them so that if they have comment on it they have the ability to make that comment. Chairman McGrath said then maybe I could have printed out all of the comments that he had put on and they had them presented. Either put them on the Town's website so everybody could read them. Again, I'm not in favor of this. Selectman Morin said, there is a valid point that we need...Selectman Roy said what is the valid point exactly? Selectman Morin said the valid point is there are sometimes...actually it's going to come up in public anyway so it wouldn't be a nonpublic issue. Chairman McGrath asked are we ready to make a motion on this or take action? Selectman Morin said I thought we had to take it up next meeting. Selectman Roy said yeah according to the bylaws this is a first read if you will. So if we have any questions or discussions. Chairman McGrath so do you have any more discussion on this? Selectman Roy said I have nothing else. Selectman Morin said it will give us time to look at it a little more. The Town Administrator said amendment to the bylaws may be moved at one Board meeting but shall not be voted on until the next. So I presume the move means somebody makes a motion, somebody seconds it but you don't vote til the next meeting. I would assume that's what that means, just reading it. Selectman Roy asked so we do need a motion, we just don't vote on it? The Town Administrator said an amendment to these bylaws may be moved at one Board meeting but shall not be voted upon til the next regularly scheduled meeting. So my understanding is moved means somebody makes a motion, somebody seconds it but you don't vote. Selectman Roy made a motion to amend the Board of Selectmen bylaws chapter D-2, the heading of agenda to add the language: members of that want to add an item to the agenda must do so in writing, provide a synopsis of the issue and include supporting documents if any. All agenda items, including all backup documentation, must be received by the Administrative Assistant no later than noon time on the Thursday before the meeting. This was seconded by Selectman Morin. The Town Administrator asked, could I make one tweak to that motion? It should be Executive Assistant, so everyone knows that it's Jill. Jill's actually titled Executive Assistant. Selectman Roy said I'll make that amendment. Chairman McGrath said motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying...The Town Administrator reminded the Chairman, at the next meeting. As I read it, you wouldn't vote this evening. It would be on your next agenda for a vote. Selectman McGrath said we'll move to remarks by Town Administrator.

9. Remarks by the Town Administrator

The Town Administrator said well you took one of them, but I will restate it, the audit will commence August 9th. That's a couple weeks from now. I also want to brief the public, there's a hearing on the Board of Selectmen vacancy scheduled for July 23rd, 9:30a.m., at Hillsborough Superior Court. There's information on the front of our webpage. I don't know who looks at it, I just want to put that information out there. Those are the only real relevant things I have for this meeting. Selectman Morin asked, the location of that building? The Town Administrator said Spring Street in Nashua. It's the Hillsborough Superior Court. I don't know what courtroom, but I'm assuming we'll find out when we get there.

10. Remarks by the School Board

Mr. Gasdia said, so it is summer vacation so what should I have to talk about? We do have a couple things. We have a Summer Scholars program that's being implemented this year for some of the students that were struggling due to the pandemic. That has gone off really well. We worried about the heat. We haven't had to worry about that. Also our Special Services is running something called the Extended School Year. So anyone that needs service gets it when they need it round the clock.

So that' working for them. And we're preparing for all doing a lot of new teacher training and professional development. And we've had three key hires. Nancy McGuire is going to be our new principal for the Library Street School. Bill McCarthy is going to be the new principal for Hills Garrison School and Eric Farwith is our new CTE Director at Alvrine.

11. Other Business/Comments by the Selectmen

Selectman Gagnon: I have nothing this evening, Madame Chair.

Selectman Morin: At the Conservation meeting last night the NRPC came in and provided a program on some services they're offering. Basically they come in and do a complete map of all our conservation land. They design the map that goes to it so anybody can go on the App and get all the trail maps. They will provide mapping, they will provide brochures, maps for the kiosks and also we could do if we get somebody that's injured or lost out there. The Conservation Committee had a good outlook with it. They want to move forward with it. We suggested they're going to be at the Benson Committee meeting Thursday night to give the same presentation and if we're going to do it do this, where they have trails and Conservation has trails we're going to do this all in one package. And get it done so everything is the same within Town. There is a cost to it but we don't know what that cost is yet. Depending on what the groups want, the NRPC to do. Pelham right now is in the process and Merrimack also. So that will be coming forward later on. But it's something we've been looking to do and it will take a lot of work off the volunteers trying to go out and do this and they'll do all the work.

Old Homes Day, we had a meeting the other day, Hudson resident Janie Delano, had put in a lot of work to get this well know, national signer, David Bray USA. He's well known. She had CD's from him so we could hear his music. He does shows all the way across the country. His shows are geared to honor veterans, police and firefighters. So on Sunday at 1:00p.m. at Old Homes Day there will be an actual concert taking place and the Committee for Old Homes Day is taking care of that. They met with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Steve and myself so we're all set and that's moving forward. That's just a big event that has never taken place so just wanted to pass that along to the Board. The Town Administrator added, the Legion and VFW were participating in the meeting too, just so you know. He's a naval veteran who's performed these concerts. Does a lot of benefit things but she's managed to hook up with him. It should be a pretty good event. Chairman McGrath said okay, thank you. The Conservation Commission is doing a good job. Selectman Morin replied, they're moving forward.

Selectman Roy: so the only thing I have is the application for the American Rescue Plan, I believe that closed today or? The Town Administrator said I believe its August 16th. Selectman Roy went on to say, I know in talking with Chief Buxton said they had finished up the application they were just reviewing it and they were gonna send it forth. He wants to, when he comes back from vacation, he wants to start working on forming the working committee that he had talked about at the last meeting. So I think at some point either at this meeting or the next meeting we decide who want as participants from the Board here. Cuz I think he was looking for two. The Town Administrator said I seem to recall two. Selectman Roy said so two participants from the Board. So that's all I have.

Chairman McGrath: I don't really have any prepared comments but I do want to make mention of a couple of things. We each, I believe, received emails today from residents down in the Green Meadow area concerning activities on the property. That information has been forwarded to the Town Attorney for anybody that's watching this meeting. There's no need to send any more emails

because the ones that we received today, those are going to be forwarded to the Attorney tomorrow morning, along with the photographs attached. So that will be in his hands tomorrow morning.

The other thing, just for the public's information, this Board is going to be attending a court session next Friday morning at 9:30 to try and address the fact that we weren't able to come to a decision about appointing a member to this Board. And it's a shame that we're going to have to pay taxpayer money to address that when it was really unnecessary. So those are my two comments and I thank everybody for attending tonight.

12. Nonpublic Session

Motion by Selectman Morin at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Selectman Gagnon to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) the hiring of any person as a public employee. A roll call vote was taken. Carried 4-0.

Chairman McGrath entered Nonpublic Session at 8:05 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 McGrath entered open session at 8:13 p.m.

Motions made after nonpublic session

1) Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy to hire Raymond Lafortune for the position of full-time Police Officer with a starting salary of \$26.37 (Step 1) per hour, all in accordance with the Hudson Police Employee Association Contract. Carried 4-0.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. by Selectman Gagnon seconded by Selectman Roy. Carried 4-0.

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

Marilyn E. McGrath, Chairman

David Morin, Selectman

Kara Roy, Selectman

Brett Gagnon, Selectman