HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the March 2, 2021 Meeting

- 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> by Chairman Morin the meeting of March 2, 2021 at 7:08 p.m. in the Hudson Community Center.
- 2. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> led by Recreation Director, Chrissy Peterson
- 3. <u>ATTENDANCE</u>

<u>Board of Selectmen</u>: David Morin, Kara Roy, Normand Martin, Roger Coutu, Marilyn McGrath participated remotely from her residence

<u>Staff/Others</u>: Town Administrator Steve Malizia; Chrissy Peterson - Recreation Director; Gary Gasdia- School Board Member; Jill Laffin - Executive Assistant

4. <u>PUBLIC INPUT</u>

Chairman Morin asked if there was anyone who would like to speak on anything the Board has control over at this time. Please come forward and state you

Monique Boilard, 5 Fuller Drive came forward and said, to address the Board. We are not here to rehash all the old, already stated business of the Hudson Speedway. We are here tonight to make and represent our final pitch to the Board before your vote is taken. After your vote is taken and decisions are made we will have to abide accordingly. The Hudson Speedway is and has been an icon to the Town of Hudson for better than 50 years. Back then there was no openness, exposure like there is now. There were trees to muffle the sound. You could drive down Robinson Road, Old Derry Road, Putnam and Cutler Road without a worry of someone not slowing down or in fear of an accident or getting sideswiped. Let alone take a walk sometimes with your dog or a stroller in tow. Then, as time passed development of this area began to grow and along with the neighbors in the community, you, the Board of Selectmen, adopted code 264-4B to establish rights for the Speedway and our neighborhood. So we could all live in harmony. Were any of us happy with this code to have been established? Not so much but for better than 40 years or so we, the neighbors, have abided by this code. Have we brought up any issues we have faced, like the noise levels, which is supposed to be monitored? The traffic issues surrounding the Speedway. The trash, the trying to put our babies and our children down to sleep. All the social inconveniences we've had to contend with over the vears. No we didn't. The Speedway did it's best to follow the rules of code 264-4B by previous owners. But now with the present owner keep in mind, purchased the Speedway with these regulations and code of 264-4B now decides it needs to change. So now, here we are, before the Board once again. Brought about by the Speedway. Not us. To the Board we say the Speedway was here first but has anyone considered that back then the Town of Hudson voted to let the developer, like Darrel Wagner, develop the homes on Fuller Drive. Then Mr. Vingeant developed Kingston Way. Still again, the Town approved Senter Farm. Again the Town approved Slattery to develop the Nadeau Farm property. Which still has the potential to be developed. It might even be on a map for future development with a paper road. Then as well, we have the industrial park on Robinson Road. When we have to contend with the industrial noise that is there. We also have a neighbor on Cutler Road that believes he lives on a shooting range. Well guess what, now the Speedway sits on a four way intersection. No curbing, no sound barrier, no trees but in a very developed area with horrible traffic problems and parking to contend with. So now, we, the neighbors need you, the Board, to help us once again. There are so many issues and things the Speedway needs to do. Please, please we pray in hope the Board leaves 264-4B in place, intact. Not just for our sake but for the future homeowners and their families. Ben is a business man. He loves Hudson and will develop more projects in the Town. Parking lots, commercial, industrial buildings, the Speedway, future parking, future condos and parking. Whatever he can get approved or wants to accomplish. Amending 264B should not be considered. At this point Chairman Morin said to Ms. Boilard, you have a lot but you're

running close to your time. Okay? Ms. Boilard replied, could I say one more word or two? Chairman Morin said, yes, make it quick. Ms. Boilard went on to say, the Board could, and perhaps, consider delaying a vote until further investigation or see what needs to be accomplished for the future of the Speedway and our neighborhood. We could go on. Frustration is where we stand. Help us. Please keep 264-4B intact. Thank you.

Eric Keating, 24 Putnam Road came forward and said, I'd like to support her. She sounded a little upset. I can understand what she's talking about, just with the traffic. When we first moved here about five years ago, I didn't mind the Speedway. But now with the traffic and if you come up Old Derry Road, I think that's where it intersects up past Putnam. You can't even get through there because the cars are now parking up there and on Senter Farm. I have nothing against the Speedway, like the lady said, I have more problems with the man shooting the guns off with my kid in the backyard but that's not for this conversation. But she seemed upset and just wanted to validate her feelings on it. So I mean the parking is atrocious. They're speeding up that road like you wouldn't, you all must understand. You guys have lived here, you see it as well as I do. So I think just echoing her comments on that. Thank you.

Bruce Nichols, 5 Putnam Road came forward and said, these two people are very eloquent. Much better than I am. When we moved in the Speedway was there. We accepted it. Alright. We've been working with it. We've surrendered our Sunday's to it. As was mentioned, the Town's growing. It's encroaching on all kinds of things. Please, please, we've given up our Sunday's voluntarily. Don't take the Saturday's away from us. We do have a neighborhood. We like Hudson. Some of us have worked very hard for the Town of Hudson. We like it. We love it. And we want to continue living here but we need to have some balance. The Speedway has been operating. They've done a marvelous job of cleaning it up. I appreciate that. I've got no problem with them running Sundays. Please don't take our Saturdays from us. Thank you.

Caroline Zbawiony, 6 Fuller Drive came forward and said, I just wanted to support what Monique and this gentleman here had to say as well. I have lived in Hudson for almost three years at this point and at this point I've accepted the Speedway on Sundays and I am hoping that that will stay. Like last meeting, Ben I know that you want to do the school for Thursday of which that's fine, I agree with. However I don't believe taking Saturdays and having Sundays as well is something that I personally agree with. I understand that the Speedway and everywhere is growing. Everyone's trying to you know increase their business. I get that but I don't think it's fair and I'm supporting not only my neighbors but future people who would like to move into Hudson and enjoy the neighborhood. I know this isn't a vote for me personally but I don't agree with having the Speedway for Saturday's either so I hope you take that into consideration. Thanks.

Dale Fuller, 2 Fuller Drive came forward and said, I agree with all these other people that they talk about the Racetrack. I love the Racetrack. I used to go there myself. But having it more than Sunday is gonna be a lot of headaches for all the neighbors around. Like they say we only have one day that they race and we love it. We accepted it. So anything beyond that I just don't think the Town of Hudson can really accept it because of the parking facilities and all the traffic right now. Thank you for your time.

5. RECOGNITIONS, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

A. Appointments

1) <u>Sustainability Committee</u> - (4 vacancies - 1 member term to expire 4/30/22; 3 alternate member terms to expire 4/30/21, 4/30/22, 4/30/23)

Kate Messner

Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martin to nominate and appoint Kate Messner as a member to the Sustainability Committee with a term to expire 4/30/22. A roll call vote was taken. Carried 5-0.

2) <u>Conservation Commission</u> - (3 vacancies - 1 member term to expire12/31/22, 2 alternate member terms to expire 12/31/22, 12/31/23)

Bill Kallgren

<u>Selectman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy to nominate and appoint Bill</u> <u>Kallgren as a full member to the Conservation Commission with a term expiring 12/31/22. A</u> <u>roll call vote was taken. Carried 4-1 with Selectman Coutu in opposition.</u>

Chairman Morin went on to Consent Items and asked, does any Board member wish to remove any item for separate consideration on consent items?

<u>Selectman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martin to approve consent items A, C, D, E</u> <u>& F as noted and appropriate. A roll call vote was taken. Carried 5-0.</u>

6. <u>CONSENT ITEMS</u>

Assessing Items

- 1) <u>Veterans Tax Credits:</u> Map 151, Lot 051, Sub 001 8A Rangers Dr.; Map 197, Lot 054, 2 Hemlock St.
- 2) Elderly Exemption: Map 252, Lot 032, Sub 002 44B Pine Rd.
- A. <u>Water/Sewer Items</u> none
- B. <u>License, Permits, Policies</u>

1) Hawker/Peddler License - Lix Ice Cream

- C. <u>Donations</u>
- D. <u>Acceptance of Minutes</u>

Minutes of January 30, 2021

E. <u>Calendar</u>

- 3/9 7:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. Town Election Voting at Hudson Community Center
- 3/10 7:00 Planning Board Hudson Community Center
- 3/16 7:00 Conservation Commission Hudson Community Center
- 3/23 7:00 Board of Selectmen Hudson Community Center

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after nonpublic session February 23, 2021

 Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Coutu to hire Beth McKee for the Town Accountant position at \$60,469, Step 1 of the Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors, with an increase to Step 2 after the successful completion of six (6) month probationary period. A roll call vote was taken. Carried 5-0.

2) Selectman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martin to deny an abatement for 2020 property taxes for Map 149 Lot 1-7, 13A Sunshine Drive, as recommended by the Chief Assessor for reasons stated in his memo. A roll call vote was taken. Carried 5-0.

B. Hudson Speedway Additional Race Days

Chairman Morin recognized Town Administrator Malizia who said, to set the setting, you've had the required two public hearings. You've taken testimony from the public. At this point in time it is up to the Board to decide whether you want to amend or not amend chapter 264-4 Regulations B of the Hudson Town Code to allow for racing on days other than Sunday's and holidays.

Chairman Morin then said, just for the record, we did receive quite a few more emails during the week. They have all been given to every member on the Board to review and they have also been placed on file. We can call Ben (Bosowski, owner/operator of Hudson Speedway) up cuz I'm sure the Board has some questions for him. If anybody has any questions. Selectman Coutu was recognized and said, I'd like to hear his presentation. Chairman Morin said to Mr. Bosowski, if you want to give your presentation from the beginning over again. Cover the whole thing what we're looking at, that would be great.

Ben Bosowski and Mike Marshall, Director of the Hudson Heroes Driving School came before the Board. Mr. Bosowski started off saying, we're here for possibly to run a couple Saturday's for our special race divisions that want to come to the track. We tried to get them on Sunday but just because it's a Sunday people like to try and drive home on a Sunday. Selectman McGrath stated she could not hear the name of Mr. Bosowski's partner. Mr. Marshall reiterated his name saying, Mike Marshall, Director of Hudson Heroes Driving School. Selectman McGrath then asked, is that part of Hudson Speedway? Is it a wannabe or an actual done deal that you're part of that racetrack and part of the management of the Racetrack? Mr. Bosowski said he would be the operator of the racing school if we were able to do it on Thursdays. So he is a part of the racing program if it goes on. Selectman Roy was recognized and she asked are they two separate entities? To which Mr. Marshall replied, I approached Ben in the fall with an idea I had about getting youth involved in racing. Selectman Roy then asked, okay, are you organized as a business? Mr. Bosowski replied, the Hudson Heroes is not, no. Selectman Roy then asked but you are, correct? To which Mr. Bosowski replied yes. Selectman Roy then said okay so do you like share in any of the responsibilities or the profits or anything of the Speedway? Just the school right? Mr. Marshall replied, just the school yeah. Selectman Roy then said, okay, I just wanted to be clear about their relationship. Mr. Bosowski went on to say, Sunday's a lot of the bigger tours that want to show up to the Speedway they don't like to run Sunday's just because a lot of these guys are traveling so they were asking if I could do Saturday's. I said I couldn't I would have to see if the Town would amend the code for it. That's why

we're here and also for a driving educational school for younger kids to get into the sport of racing which is why Mike is here.

Selectman Couty was recognized and he stated, alright Ben, you purchased the Speedway under an LLC or corporation? Mr. Bosowski replied, correct. Selectman Coutu then said, I would presume that you have an attorney of record? Mr. Bosowski said yes I do. Selectman Coutu then said I would also is it fair for me also to assume that your attorney for record read Code 264 of the Town Code relative to racetracks? Mr. Bosowski replied, I believe so. I'm pretty sure when we did the purchase and sales all that came with the property. Selectman Coutu then asked, in essence you are aware of Code 264? Mr. Bosowski replied, yes I am. Selectman Coutu then said so you knew at the time of purchase what your restrictions were going to be. Mr. Bosowski replied correct. Selectman Coutu then asked, was there any mention in 264 or any part of any regulation that deals with the Racetrack that would give you the occasion to want to have a beer ten? Mr. Bosowski asked Selectman Coutu to repeat the question. Selectman Coutu then said is there anything in Code 264 relative to racetracks that allows you to have a beer tent. Mr. Bosowski said, I don't know if it's the right number but it said that sale of alcohol was not allowed on the property. Selectman Coutu then said, so you were aware of that. Mr. Bosowski replied yes. Selectman Coutu then said, you appeared before the Board and you requested that. Mr. Bosowski replied, correct, Selectman Coutu then said, and the Board said what? Mr. Bosowski replied, yes. Selectman Coutu then asked, is there anything in here that says anything about a driving school? Mr. Bosowski replied, no. we thought because it was something to do with automotive related we didn't know if we needed to get permission to run it at the Racetrack. That was kind of why we put that in. Selectman Coutu then asked is there anything in here that says anything about racing on Saturdays. Mr. Bosowski replied, it says only Sunday's and holidays. Nothing about Saturdays. Selectman Coutu then asked, so there's no Saturday's. It's not specified. Selectman Coutu then asked, you sent out a memo this week, correct? Mr. Bosowski replied, yes I did. Selectman Coutu said I have a copy of it. He continued on reading the memo.

Dear Board of Selectmen, and I understand you passed this out to some of the residents, attached it to their mailboxes. Mr. Bosowski replied, correct. Selectman Coutu then said which is better than sticking it in a mailbox because that's illegal. He continued on reading the memo saying, after listening at last meeting to all the abutters and the concerns regarding the Racetrack I can thoroughly understand where they are coming from. I want to be a good neighbor and I want to be a good business for the Town of Hudson. I would really like to have the race school on Thursday nights. I think it will be a great opportunity to teach kids skills that they can take with them in the future. For Saturday races I would be happy to just have three Saturday's per race season. If I have a Saturday race I might not have a Sunday race on the same weekend. There is a lot of prep work that goes along with every race so to do two races a weekend is a big undertaking. I hope you will consider this, regards, Benjamin Bosowski.

Selectman Coutu asked, is that the memo you sent out? Mr. Bosowski replied correct. Selectman Coutu said, alright in the second from the last sentence is says if I have a Saturday race I might not have a Sunday race on that same weekend. Selectman Coutu asked, did you expect us to interpret that any different than what it says? Mr. Bosowski replied no, the reason why I worded that is because if it rains out on a Saturday I could use the Sunday as a rain date. Selectman Coutu asked, what would you do if you had a race scheduled for Sunday? Mr. Bosowski said, no that's just it. I would only schedule it for Saturday. I would not have a Sunday race. It would be the Saturday race would be the primary race for the weekend. There wouldn't be any regular weekly stuff. It would just be the specialty race and if it did rain out on Saturday we could push it to the Sunday. That's just a normal for the racetracks to ... Selectman Coutu interrupted Mr. Bosowski saving let me read the beginning of that sentence. If I have a Saturday race, I might not have a Sunday race on that same weekend. Might not. Mr. Bosowski said, I didn't know how to word it correctly so I put it that way so it would be either...Selectman Coutu interrupted Mr. Bosowski and said I think the word rainout quite clearly defined. You could have said something about should I be allowed to race on Saturday. where I won't have a race on Sunday, I would move the rainout date to Sunday. Mr. Bosowski replied, you're absolutely right. I should have worded it that way. I got a little nervous writing this. Selectman Coutu went on to say, okay, so you came before the Board of Selectmen the first issue was the beer tent. We felt that it was an opportunity for you to generate more revenue and we didn't see a problem with it. So we allowed you that opportunity. It will be monitored. We also, you came

before us with Mike (Marshall) and you proffered the possibility of opening up a driving school for two purposes 1) for children 8-13, as I understand it. Am I correct Mike? Mr. Marshall replied its 8-12. Selectman Couty replied. 8-12, okay, that's even better. And unless we were to clearly identify that language, we don't want you to expand beyond 8-12. This would not be an open door for you to go 13, 14 and 15. If this is approved by the Board, especially this year. Okay. Selectman Coutu went on to say so now you want to have three Saturday's. I want to make sure I understand what was the concession here. If you were to have a race on Saturday you would not have a race on Sunday. Mr. Bosowski replied, correct, unless it was rained out on Saturday. Selectman Coutu then asked, what do you do now if you have a rain out on Sunday? Mr. Bosowski replied, then the tour does not show up and that's pretty much tough luck for the tour and tough luck for us because that was the date we would set forth for them and either they would count it as a washout and they wouldn't come back for this year or they just schedule it for next year. Selectman Coutu responded, okay, but you knew that when bought the property right? Mr. Bosowski replied, correct. Selectman Coutu went on to ask, at any time have you had a meeting with or a phone call with the Planning Director? Mr. Bosowski responded, I have talked to Brian Groth on the beer garden. But I have not talked to him about the Saturday's. Selectman Coutu asked, did he suggest to you at any time that perhaps you need to go in and discuss the potential of having a plot plan for that property? Mr. Bosowski replied, for the beer garden yes, we were trying to figure out if we needed a minor site plan or a full site plan on the property. Selectman Coutu asked okay, have you been in touch with him since that conversation? Mr. Bosowski replied, my engineer, who is drafting up something for him, has been in contact with him. I have not been in contact with him for about a week or so. Selectman Coutu then asked, do you know if your engineer has been in touch with him. Mr. Bosowski replied, yes he has. I have the email contacts. They cc'd me on them. Selectman Coutu asked, do you know when? Mr. Bosowski replied, I believe the last time they were talking was Friday of last week, I believe. Selectman Coutu asked, do you purchase the property across the street adjacent to your property for parking purposes? Mr. Bosowski replied, that was the intent of me buying it, yes. Selectman Coutu asked did you buy it? Mr. Bosowski replied yes I did. Selectman Coutu then said so that's going to be part and parcel of the Racetrack? Mr. Bosowski replied, yes, it would be purpose for parking for the Speedway. It's just in a different LLC name. Selectman Coutu then asked, is your engineer speaking to the Town Planner relative to that additional parcel as an extension of the Speedway. Mr. Bosowski replied, he will be. I didn't know if I had to do this again to rewrite that ordinance for the parking. We just didn't go that far vet because we didn't know which way to approach it. Selectman Coutu then asked, what kind of septic system do you have? Mr. Bosowski replied, I have a septic tank that I have pumped every year and I have made sure it's well maintained during the race season. Selectman Coutu asked is it leaking? To which Mr. Bosowski replied no. Selectman Coutu then asked when you had the parking lot paved on the racetrack side, Mr. Bosowski asked in the pits? Selectman Coutu asked is it paved? Mr. Bosowski replied, yes. Selectman Coutu asked did anyone check for the runoff and where that oil material spills to from the paved area? Mr. Bosowski replied when I had it paved I put drainage that stayed on the property. I unfortunately I screwed up on that so we've been in contact with Brian Groth and I believe Elvis to remedy my screw up on that. I'll take full responsibility on that to put oil water separators in the drainage system we've, I believe my engineer has sent in the designs for that. I have already purchased the oil water separators. We're just waiting to put them in the ground. We couldn't do it last year because the frost beat us to putting them in. Selectman Coutu asked how far is the paved area from the pond behind the Racetrack? Mr. Bosowoski replied, it is I'd probably say 40-50 feet. Selectman Coutu asked have you looked at the pond in the summertime to see the oil floating on the top? Mr. Bosowski replied, I have been back there to make sure my wall hasn't moved or anything and I haven't seen anything but bear in mind I don't go back there all the time. The Chairman asked where did the water runoff go? Mr. Bosowski replied the water runoff it goes into the drywells I have on the property. Selectman Coutu then said the way your parking lot is designed, not the new the existing parking lot, for the grandstands, at one time when you were here the last meeting the Commissioner Jasper was here, Shawn Jasper, former selectman, lives right down the street. He mentioned about basically, I'm not quoting him, I'm not even paraphrasing him but basically what he said was parking was helter-skelter. Its wide open, I've been down there. People can come in from all sides and they can go out from all sides. Do you intend on putting any kind of barriers and have something like a one way in, one way out or do you have some sort of remedy for that or do you want to leave it alone. Mr. Bosowski replied, so believe it or not this year I actually hired a few parking attendants to help park the guests that show up because the first year I found out

that they can't really park themselves. They'll park three wide and they'll box people in. so I have hired a few parking attendants and what I could do is I could actually line the side of my property with cones saving okay you can stop here but you have to go out the way you came in. Selectman Coutu to make myself clear I'm not asking what you could do I'm asking what you're willing to do. Mr. Bosowski replied, I am willing to do that. Selectman Coutu said and you're going to do that visive having the cones and a couple of parking attendants. Mr. Bosowski replied correct. Selectman Coutu then asked do you intend to announce at every race the names of the streets adjacent to your property that have no parking and tell people they would be advised to take their cars off the streets tha have prohibited parking. Otherwise they will be ticketed? Mr. Bosowksi replied, yes, we have done that in the past for no parking on Old Derry. I have talked to a few residents on Senter Farm Road and I assured them that I will tell my quests that they cannot park there. I'll put it on my website and all social media. Selectman Coutu said I didn't go to the Racetrack last year but I was there when Bob had it and almost every time I was there, if not every time, he made an announcement but it was kind of real fast. People didn't hear what he was saying. Something like if I could have your attention please to preface your remarks I think would be very helpful because that's problematic and we're gonna get rid of that problem this year. Selectman Coutu continued saying, rubbish all over the place, beer cans all over the place, you have no control about what people are doing that's why I'm going to advise you, regardless of what takes place this evening, the beer tent, you know we've given you consent to have that, you gave us our assurance that it would be properly monitored. Which means we don't expect to see people drive out of there, full boar, then a police officer pulls them over and smells alcohol on their breath and they say yeah we got it at the beer tent and then they come in and blow a .09, .10 you're gonna be held liable for that. Mr. Bosowski replied, I totally agree. Since I bought the Speedway there was a lot of fist fights. Since I owned it I put up with none of that. I have no tolerance for idiocracy at the Speedway. There's not a lot of these around, I'm trying not to have this one go away. I'm not going to have some guy that thinks he's gonna just ruin it for everyone else ruin it for us, me personally and the racers that just want to race and the grandstand people that want to watch a good race. Selectman Coutu then said I'm gonna ask one more question and then I'm going to make some recommendations and some comments. He then asked, who is assuming the responsibility for the school? Mr. Bosowski replied, that would be Mr. Marshall here and me. Selectman Coutu asked, have you consulted with your insurance company for proper insurance coverage for the children that are going to attend the program? Mr. Bosowski replied, yes I have talked to my regular carrier for the Speedway. There's another, it's like a piggyback insurance policy. Kind of like the beer garden. It's another separate policy, it's like an umbrella. Selectman Coutu replied, I understand, I've owned several businesses and I've learned how to umbrella private property and business property under the same. It's a way to save money. He then said, I'm going to make some comments and then give you some advice.

I have no problem with the school. Mike has presented himself well. I think that you would do a commendable job in running the school. I need to have your assurance, in order for me to support that portion of it, I would need to have your assurance that you will provide us a copy of the insurance policy that adequately addresses not only your property because we need to see that because you're running, they're not bumper cars. They're racecars. We want to see your policy. It would have to be done on an annual basis, a copy of the policy just as we do for other vendors that go out. We would also like to see the policy that clearly spells out that the school is inclusive in that policy. Mr. Bosowski replied, I don't have a problem with that at all. Selectman Coutu then said, somehow or another, Mr. Malizia, we'll have to include that in an agreement if we reach an agreement this evening. Mr. Malizia said, those documents are part of what you approve when you give him his license. You'd see those documents. Selectman Coutu then said I would also like to have in writing from you an agreement that you will have parking attendants, the number you decide is appropriate is fine with me, you only want to have two to start out, I don't have a problem with that. You'll have controlled parking. Mr. Bosowski replied I don't have a problem with that either. Selectman Coutu then said, we're giving you, we've been very generous, in my opinion. With the beer tent, I can't speak for the school because we haven't finalized that but I would support the school. However, for this year, I cannot support you having races on Saturday. I just, I think you're asking too much in the first year. I want to see how this operates. I want to see, I'll go down there, and I'll pay the admission fee to walk in. I'm not looking for a free ride, I will not accept a free ticket. I will walk in and pay, unannounced. I'll go in bring my grandkids or whatever and watch a couple races. I want to see how

things are. I'm not a snoop. I can see in the audience where people are coming from. I think that you're asking an awful lot your first year of ownership. I think we've given you more than we would typically give somebody else. So I will not be supporting the addition of Saturday races in the first year after your changes. I want to make sure we're on the right foot. And I'm also going to suggest to the Board of Selectmen, I've mentioned it to I believe it was the Chairman, yes I did in fact this evening, that we don't have a monitor meter, the one we had in the police department broke and they never fixed it. I think that we're going to find out, get some bids, find out what they cost and we're going to get one and we're going to monitor the noise that comes out of there to make sure you adhere. Have you read the section in 264 relative to noise? Mr. Bosowski said yes I have. Selectman Coutu went on to say, so we're going to make sure that you're in adherence to that section in order to mitigate some of the problems that the neighbors are talking about. So from my perspective, and all the other members have a right to speak. I don't know how the votes going to go. I don't go asking people I might ask a question but I don't ask them how they're going to vote on things. That's what I would support. Anything more than that I will vote no. doesn't mean I don't support your business, doesn't' mean I don't support the school, it means enough for the first year and I'm asking you to agree to make that concession and it might go a little smoother for you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Roy was recognized and said, Ben, I've kind of been impressed with your professionalism and he way you presented everything. Like Mr. Coutu it's not that I don't support the business but I am struggling with some issues that's been brought forward. So my first question is what are the maximum number of students for your school? Mr. Marshall replied, we haven't come up with a maximum number yet because we're still garnishing support. Right now we're anticipating 5-10 cars. Obviously we want to have as many kids as possible but we're not going to put them all at the track at the same time. So if we do get a larger group of kids say more than 10-15 then we'd split them up at least for the on track stuff. But a lot of these schools will generally get about 15 cars. That seems to be where they top out then when they graduate to other divisions. Selectman Roy then asked, so if you split them up you wouldn't be necessarily asking for additional days to do this school you would just split them up on the time period provided on Thursday's from 3 to....Mr. Marshall replied, yes. So what we're anticipating is there's gonna be kids that excel at different rates than others so we're going to have let's say the second or third year into this we're going to have a couple kids with a few years of experience and kids that are completely new and never have driven a car. So we're not going to group them all together. So at that point we'll have a couple more instructors where the more advanced group can go over to one side of the pits and the less advanced kids can go to the other and they can operate together but independently because they're on different levels for different lessons. Selectman Roy then asked. Ben what is the maximum capacity of your current parking area. Where guests park typically to go in. what's the maximum number? Mr. Bosowski replied that's kind of hard to judge. Let me try to do some quick math. Selectman Roy then asked how many quests typically go to a race? Mr. Bosowski said usually on a regular weekly event we have.....Selectman Roy interrupted Mr. Bosowski and said on a Sunday race how many guests typically go? Mr. Bosowski replied between around 250-400. Selectman Roy then asked the current parking area cannot accommodate 400 cars? Mr. Bosowski said no, I don't think it can handle 400 cars but a lot of people do carpool because they realize the track parking is limited. So a lot of them will come four to a car. Selectman Roy then said I think where I am with this, I think I can support the school with some limitations. You have to figure out how many students are going to be there because that obviously goes to how many other people are going to be there. Parents and such. As to Saturday racing I cannot support that at this point. I think that you have to, and I would advise before you come to us again, because I'm gonna say I would support it without prejudice which means you can bring this forward again, but that you have a solid plan to address the parking issue so that people are not parking on the street and that you investigate some noise abatement scenarios. Right? Because we all do have to be good neighbors and I think that you sort of are asking a lot because your Saturday unless it's a rainout to a Sunday well your neighbors already accommodate the Sunday. If it gets rained out they lost the whole weekend cuz the have rain on one day and the race on the next. So I think that you just to address, have a solid plan to parking cuz that really concerns me that there's a huge safety issue there. And that you investigate someway for noise abatement before you come back to us and ask again. Mr. Bosowski replied, I can do that. Mr. Marshall was then recognized and said about the parking for the driving school, the outside parking areas that are typically used for standard Sunday racing are gonna be closed. Or at least the parking lot on Old Derry Road and the

grandstands are gonna be closed for this. It's just going to be us, the instructors, the kids and their parents. So there's not going to be spectators. There's not going to be any announcements. There's not going to be any of that stuff. So all the parking is gonna be limited to the Robinson Road parking lot. We're not expecting to fill up that parking lot with the quantity of people that are coming. Selectman Roy then asked for the school there will be no parking on any streets? Mr. Marshall replied, correct. We're going to get all the parking as close to the fence as possible so people don't have to walk too far. A lot of times too in other schools like this the mom and dad and siblings will show up in one car with the trailer and racecar on it. So there's not much spectator parking outside of the pits for these types of events. Selectman Roy then said the other thing I want to be clear about is the noise issue with the school is there's no P/A, engine revving and all that type of stuff is not as intense. Mr. Marshall replied, yes so the cars are going to be limited to 30mph with a throttle stop so they can't do any wide open accelerations. There also going to have an unmodified exhaust system on the car including a stock exhaust exiting out the back of the car just the way it would when the car was manufactured. So the noise should be similar to a car driving down Old Derry Road at 30mph. Selectman Roy replied, okay, thank you. That's all I have Mr. Chairman. Mr. Marshall then said there won't be any P/A's or anything like that.

Chairman Morin then said, I just want to remind the Board that the questions are great and this needs to get out but tonight what we're looking at is the Town Code that we're going to have to change. All this can come forward when the license comes forward that we can make these stipulations for that license. Any other Selectmen have any comments?

Selectman McGrath was recognized and said, I have some questions and then I have some comments. So, the guestions that I have concerning this school, it's only going to be on Thursday afternoons 3:30-7:30? Is that correct? Mr. Marshall replied, yes. Selectman McGrath then asked and it's not going to expand any further than that? Mr. Marshall replied no other days, no. Selectman McGrath then said, and how many students again are you going to have? Mr. Marshall replied I'll get with Ben and we'll come up with a final number but we're thinking 5-10 cars for the first session we'd like to have. Selectman McGrath then said so 5-10 cars one person per car, correct? Mr. Marshall replied, correct. Selectman McGrath then said, the muffler, you know I'm not a car person. I drive a Honda because I like that my car is guiet and doesn't disturb other people. I live on a major road and I hear motorcycles and loud cars driving by. So I understand what it's like and I wouldn't wish that on that neighborhood. So tell me what kind of cars you're going to be driving and how they relate to a car like I drive in the decibel level. Mr. Marshall responded, so it's gonna be very similar to your car because they're gonna be four cylinder automatics. Completely stock basically as they come off the road. So they'll have a roll cage in them. The interiors will be stripped out of them. The glass will be removed but everything else will be stock. Selectman McGrath then said, so no loud mufflers? Mr. Marshall replied, correct. The fact that they can't do wide open accelerations will limit the noise as well. Selectman McGrath then asked, are they going to be bringing their own cars or are you going to be providing the cars? Mr. Marshall replied they will be bringing their own cars. The intentions are when they graduate from the driving school they can move into a regular Sunday division called the Pure Stocks which is an actual racecar. What we're trying to do is give them a good investment in the car so they can put something together and the child can start at it from a young age and as he ages he can actually turn it into a full racecar and race it on a regular weekly basis at one of the tracks in the area. Selectman McGrath then asked, so how are you going to control what they have within their car? You know as far as noise. How are you going to control that? Mr. Marshall replied we're gonna do strict visual inspections on the exhaust and if there's a car that is loud for whatever reason well pull it off the track and make sure it's rectified. Selectman McGrath then said. I'm somewhat in favor of the school because I think that it's probably gonna provide kids that might have an interest in that and give them that opportunity. It's limited to Thursday's from, is it 3:00pm or 3:30pm to 7:30pm? Mr. Bosowski said I believe it was 3:00pm to 7:30pm. I believe. I don't have it in front of me. But I believe it was. Selectman McGrath said I would be in favor of that. I am not in favor however, of Saturday races and switching out if you can't provide racing on Sunday that you switch it to a Saturday. That's leaving those neighbors in limbo. They can't enjoy their own property and they've been there some as long as you have. Actually not as long as you have but as long as the Racetrack has been in that area. So I don't think that's fair at all and I don't think that you would live in a neighborhood that would do that to you. So I find it disturbing that you're promoting that and trying to get that part of the

Racetrack. They've lived with an agreement with the former Racetrack owners and then you bought it and are trying to make changes to that agreement and I don't think that's fair. The other point I'd like to make is that if at some point you decide to sell the track to somebody else and they buy it all of the changes that you make and we approve will carry forward and I'm concerned about that because the new owners might not be as agreeable as you are and they may be doing things that would be more detrimental to that neighborhood. So I think that they Board members that are going to be voting on this need to keep that in mind as well. I think that's all I have at this moment. Thank you.

Selectman Martin was recognized and said I support the school. That's a great thing that you're going to do is teach young students to drive racecars. I think that's a great opportunity to not only drive but fix them. Everything you do in the performance of a race. I do have concerns of the noise but I think that's one of the things in the regulations we have is indicative of the Town should be monitoring that and it appears that it hasn't been so we will work on that. Also parking is a big concern and the trash that people are finding. I think it would be incumbent upon you to work with your website or posting on Facebook that no side street parking. Just to give them a hint hey we're trying to be good neighbors here. I on the other hand, do support one Saturday, maybe two Saturday's maybe one at the beginning and one at the end of the season with no Sunday race that weekend. The reason why I support that is I have a hard time holding your business hostage to income. It's essentially what we'd be doing if we vote in that manner. So that's just my personal belief. I'm just telling you if I voted to not allow you to have one Saturday at the beginning and one Saturday at the end and no Sunday race that weekend, I would be stopping your business from making money and we don't stop any other businesses from making money on Saturday and Sundays. Just my input. So I support your overall goal, the school, the races but there's some outstanding. The noise we should be working on. But the side street parking you could assist us with, which we could work on as well. I also would support a Saturday at the beginning and a Saturday at the end of the season and no race on Sunday unless it rained and you wanted to move it to Sunday. But that's how I support it. Thank you. Mr. Bosowski told the Board I have this posted on my website and will update it and share it. That there's no parking on such and such a road. We usually do that anyway and I'll add a few more roads onto it and make sure it's heavily announced on race days and it's on my website and social media.

Chairman Morin asked Mr. Bosowski when you got the beer tent that was last year. And you had to have a minor site plan for that? Mr. Bosowski replied with now we're trying to figure out we didn't know if it was a minor site plan we needed or a full site plan. I believe Mr. Groth said we need a full site plan. That's what I'm working on now. The Chairman then asked that was told to you when we did the beer tent though. I'm just wondering what's taking so long. The reason I'm asking this because if we approve this I know how fast you're gonna get us a plan to get your license. But we haven't got the site plan yet that we need. Mr. Bosowski responded we were trying to figure out if we need a minor site plan or a full site plan. I don't really know what happened between my engineer and Mr. Groth. I really don't know. We were trying to figure it out. It was kind of lost in translation on what we needed and I believe Mr. Groth said he talked to I guess you guys have a committee on if it's a minor site plan you require or a full site plan. And they voted on that it needed to be a full site plan. Chairman Morin then said so we're gonna get that as soon possible. Mr. Bosowski replied correct. My engineer is working on it as we speak. Selectman Coutu was recognized and said as you know Mr. Chairman, I'm on the Minor Site Plan Committee as well as the full Planning Board. The Minor Site Plan Committee is comprised of three people. Chairman Malley, Brian Groth the Town Planner and myself. Brian presented your plan to us beginning of last week, I don't know the date specific. So that's the reason why and we had to make a decision whether it was going to be a minor or full. After some discussion and at the recommendation of the Chairman of the Planning Board he felt it would be best to clean it up. Let's get a full site plan in and at that time the engineer will look at the new lot that they paved, the drainage system, and the pond in the back and see if they can work together which our engineer as you know would be willing to do to try to correct and modify any problems that are there. His engineer had been waiting for that and that what he's received.

Chairman Morin then said, correct me if I'm wrong, when we first started talking about this you said Saturday's would be much better for your drivers. Because Sunday and travel and all that, correct? Mr. Bosowski replied, for the big touring divisions yes. The Chairman then said okay but not for every

race? Mr. Bosowski said, no, our weekly guys are a lot of local guys. They come from Mass, upstate New Hampshire it's only maybe an hour and a half drive. Usually the big touring guys come from New York. Connecticut and their around a 4-5 hour drive so that's why they ask usually for Saturdays because they'll take their RV go park at a Walmart and crash for the night then drive home on Sunday. Chairman Morin then said, okay, just for discussion, if we moved all your races to Saturday and you could have your people coming from New York and stuff but just disregard your regular scheduled races for that weekend and have those other races as a special event, would that work? Mr. Bosowski replied, believe it or not it actually wouldn't. Because I'm work with three other racetracks. Two of them run on Fridays, one of them runs on Saturday and I'm the only Sunday track. We try not to schedule over one another. So if that were to happen I could run on Saturday's I'd be running against another track. In our group that we have we're trying not to schedule over one another because it hurts the racer and there's not a lot of racers out there so we're trying not to make them have to decide which track to go to. If someone wants to go to one track on Friday, one on Saturday and one on Sunday they could without deciding which one to go to. The Chairman asked if you hold a specialty show on Saturday aren't you taking away from those other tracks because I would rather go see the specialty race than I would like they used to have Joey Chitwood, Doug Danger, aren't you taking that away from the other tracks? Mr. Bosowski replied, usually how we do it is at the end of the race season within the first week or so we all get together we put our schedules together so if there's a big race going at Monadnock Speedway which they run on Saturday's sometimes we won't run that division or we'll take that day right off. 4th of July is one of them but they run up there. We said you guys can have it cuz they run a Saturday Sunday show. I say I'll take Saturday off you guys can have that. If we have a big show on Sunday I say please take this Saturday off so they come over and they usually do. The Chairman then said, we heard a lot from the neighbors in reference to parking and speeding. Let's talk about the parking. Explain to me now where all your overflow is parking. Mr. Bosowski said if there's not enough parking on my property sometimes they'll park on the side of the road on Old Derry which I have told them multiple times don't do it but in one ear out the other. Sometimes they'll park down on Christine Drive. Which is a little bit further down on Robinson Road. They usually park down there. Chairman Morin said we got two options. What are you gonna do about that or what's gonna happen when we have the police bring in a bunch of tow trucks and start towing all your customers that aren't parked where they should be. Mr. Bosowski replied, I'll simply tell them we told you so. But the reason I bought the land across the street from me was to solve that parking problem that the track has always had for years before Emory Nadeau sold the land across the street he would allow cars to park there and the track didn't have a parking issue then. But as soon as Emory sold it the parking issue pretty much started then. So that's why when I found out the land across the street is for sale I said if I don't buy this I'm going to choke myself out and I'm gonna regret it later on in life. So I bought it, around nine acres and that's what I was originally going to do with the Selectmen's permission later on. The Chairman asked do you know when you're going to start using that parking. Mr. Bosowski replied we haven't really figured it out yet because I've come to find out engineers aren't cheap. So we didn't know if we needed to clear the land first then come ask for permission or we ask permission then work from there. That's why I haven't really started that project yet. Chairman Morin said my concern there is two things. You want specialty shows. Those are going to grab a lot of people. And if there's no parking they're going to park on our roads. Where I'm hearing from the residents that you can barely get through there are we going to be able to get fire apparatus and other things through there if the traffics that tied up with cars on both sides of the road. And if it is an issue we will have the police come in with a lot of wreckers and take a lot of cars. My second point is if you want to do all this stuff you're planning big but you're not focusing on the stuff that's gonna make it easy for you and parking is one of the biggest problems. So if we can't settle the parking problem there is no way I'm going to support that. Mr. Bosowski said I kind of did it backwards. I should have asked for the parking first then the Saturday stuff. I'll admit that now. We were kind of hoping if the Saturday's didn't go through you guys would entertain the driving school on Thursday. The Chairman replied, I don't' have an issue with the driving school. There's going to be no issue parking and it's a great thing for kids. I have an issue with all the other stuff going on. You want to do more and more but you're not taking care of the problems that the people and the Town are dealing with. I was told last week in a conversation about this did you realize Robinson Road was paved wider so there could be two lanes to get traffic out of there faster? Mr. Bosowski replied, I was always wondering why Robinson Road was so wide and then I believe Mr. Jasper said why they paved it that way. That was the first time I

heard that. The Chairman said that was the first time I heard it too but that's the reason why that road is paved as wide as it is. That's another thing you can look into where the neighbors were worried about all the traffic coming down Old Derry Road like in Loudon how they do it when they have a race two lanes coming in two lanes going out. That's something you'll have to deal with the Town and the Engineer and Public Works and all that. But that's just another option out there. That's why that road was paved as wide as it is. So at this point I'm all in favor of the class for the kids but for the other stuff not at this time. Mr. Bosowski replied after talking to the neighbors and stuff we kind of figured that the Saturday's weren't really gonna go through. It's just me and Mike kind of sat down and said if you'd grant us the driving school we've had a lot of interest in the driving school. We just don't want to let the kids that are interested in this down. We kind of figured that I should have asked for the parking first. Then this but when Mike came to me for the school I just said we might as well try and push this and see if we can at least get the school. The Chairman said I think it's going to make your life a lot easier if you get that site plan done. That was a requirement of the tent. It's been a year. I understand what Selectman Coutu said but probably should have asked these question a while ago instead of waiting. At least you had a heads up. You had the winter to work on it and you would have something for us tonight. So if nobody else has any comments we'll do a motion remember the motion is only to...Selectman McGrath was recognized and said. I have one more questions for Ben. Who's your engineer? Mr. Bosowski replied his name is John O'Neil. Selectman McGrath asked with what company? Mr. Bosowski replied, I believe he's kind of like a one man band. I think it's just John O'Neil Engineering and Land Surveying. Selectman McGrath responded, never heard of him so, okay. That's all. Selectman Martin then was recognized and said I have a questions about the hours of operation. 12 noon to 5:45 and evening races will go from 4:00 to 10:00 pm. is that what you use right now? Mr. Bosowski replied yes. Selectman Martin asked those cars race that late in the evening? Are they very loud in the evening? Mr. Bosowski replied usually I get the show done before 10:00pm. Unless there's a massive accident or something that takes too long, we have gone til 10:00. I believe that only happened maybe twice last year. I usually get the show done quick as I can. Selectman Martin said in my opinion it seems a little bit late to run those cars when you know everybody is dreading the next day, Monday. That's one thing I'd have a concern of the lateness of the race too. We can talk about it.

Chairman Morin went on to ask if there were any other questions or comments. He then said, just to remind the Board we will only be doing a motion to amend the Town Code Chapter 264-4 Regulation B1 that is only for Ben to come forward with a plan of what he's going to do. The way I understand it this is not an official vote but what I got from a consensus that everybody tonight is everybody's only in agreement to look at the school. At this point we're only going to amend do we want to amend it to open this up so he can have his Thursday night class. The Town Administrator was recognized and said as I read this there are no races on Thursday. So I'm not aware that you'd have to amend the code to allow him to do the driving school. You would have to grant him a license to run a driving school but I don't believe if I read this clearly that he's not racing anything on Thursday. So when he comes in for the license which he'll come in I'm assuming at the next meeting, the 23rd, to get his normal license, he would then have the proposal and his license request for the driving school at the same time and I think you would do everything at that meeting in one fell swoop. Again, I don't think you need to amend the Town Code. He's not running races. I'm assuming everybody agrees with that. Selectman Roy said that would be my understanding as well. So you'd be issuing him a license as you do every year. The license would then have the provision for the driving school and whatever requirements you want to put on that you'd put that on that license. Chairman Morin said, anyone want to make a motion or consensus? Selectman Coutu said consensus to not act on the amendment to the Chapter 264. Not to do anything. The Chairman asked you don't want to do a motion on that tonight you just want to do a consensus to let him move along to present a plan to us. Is that agreeable to everyone? The Board agreed. Selectman McGrath spoke up and said that part of it is agreeable to me. I would not amend the code at this time. Under any circumstance because he hasn't met any of the requirements to do that. Selectman Martin was recognized and asked do we have to give him approval for the Thursday nights? Because it's not on here the dates and hours of operation shall be conducted on Sundays and holidays only. Selectman Coutu said if you look at Chapter 264 it talks about racetracks and racing. It doesn't mention the school. That would come under his requires for a permit to operate and that's when we'd address the school formally. I think he knows that. Mr. Malizia am I correct? The Town Administrator said if I could just expand a little bit

under 264-4 Regulations B paragraph 1, dates racing shall be conducted on Sundays and holidays only. If I understand correctly the driving school is not racing so there is no need to change that. It was reiterated that the driving school is not racing. Selectman Martin was recognized again and asked, Mr. Chairman, who issues the permit? The Chairman replied, we do. He'll have to come back in front of the Board. We do it every year and we add the stipulations or changes whatever we need to do. Seeing no further questions the Chairman said, I'm just going to ask Jill to go through a consensus just so we have it on record. Executive Assistant, Jill Laffin said, a consensus to not amend Town Code Chapter 264 Racetracks Motor Vehicle section 264-4. The Board was all in agreement on this.

8. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. Recreation Department - 2021 Spring Sports

Chairman Morin recognized Recreation Director, Chrissy Peterson. Ms. Peterson started off by saying good evening Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to come in tonight to discuss my hope to offer recreational athletic programs this spring. The Covid-19 pandemic has hit all of us in one way or another whether it be physically, emotionally, and socially or all of the above. In response to the pandemic, the Recreation Department has had to cancel various programs and events throughout the year for the health and the safety of the public. This has resulted in a lot of thinking outside the box methods to find ways creative ways to still have programs and events that were safe and socially distanced. Recently our lacrosse program was canceled due to it being a travel sport and not having control over that schedule. At that point my goal was to come back to you with a new spring program outlined that would be in town only, socially distanced and low contact where the benefits outweigh the risks. In your packet you should have a packet of the program proposal I put forth for your viewing. All the programs are virtually new to the department. But all have received the EOC stamp of approval. We are typically a single sport season but tonight I am seeking approval for three youth programs and two adult programs. My hope is to provide sufficient recreational opportunities for a wide range of the public.

Ms. Peterson went on to say, the first program is a girls lacrosse clinic. This would just be to help build the numbers on our female side of our lacrosse program. I think it would be a great opportunity for girls in Town to have a no commitment introduction to the sport while learning the fundamentals and the skill set needed. The second youth program is tennis. This is a collaborative program with United States Tennis Association and Net Generation. We ran this program this past September and it was extremely successful so I would expect the same for spring. The third program is geared towards our high school students. Basketball was sorely missed by our team league this past winter. So I think it would be well received to offer outdoor basketball at Greeley Park for grades 9-12, coed in a structured, safe environment. Additionally I would like the Hudson Police Department to join forces on the program. I think that it would be a great way for the police officers and teenagers in Town to build a better relationship and maybe create bonds. I have spoken to Chief Avery who's in full support of the program and the Police Department getting involved and I've also spoken to DPW Director, Jess Forrence regarding securing the outdoor courts at Greeley Park and that wouldn't be a problem. Additionally I would be working directly with Officer Jason Downey who's a driving force in Police Department involvement with youth in Town. He's coached every program that we have at the Rec Department so he's the perfect person to handle that portion, the Police portion, of the efforts. For the adults I would like to offer adult tennis. Since the onset of Covid-19 Tennis numbers have increased not only statewide they've also increased nationwide. I think primarily because it's a no contact sport. So I also think that it's part of the Recreation Departments job test programs and bend to the needs and the wants of the community so I'd like to test it and see if there's any interest in the adult population in Town. The last program is outdoor pickle ball. I think that you're probably all aware that we have a large group of pickleballers in Town. Especially members of our Hudson Senior Center and I can tell you firsthand that they are counting down the days for the courts to reopen. So I would like to open the outdoor courts on the corner of Central and Melendy, April 1st, weather

permitting. Unless the weather was extremely ideal towards the end of March. I'd like leeway to open it maybe a little early. So at this time those are the programs that I would like to seek your approval for tonight. All programs, as of listed, they would also include Hudson Fire Department approve Covid guideline and policy. I think it's important to get the kids and adults outside and I also think its imperative for our Department to afford that opportunity to them in a safe structured framework and I believe that's what I've presented. So if you have any questions.

Selectman Coutu was recognized by the Chairman and said Ms. Peterson presently what is the staff for the Recreation Department? Ms. Peterson replied, currently it is just me working. I do have Wayne Medeiros, he shares responsibilities between Town Hall and the Community Center. Selectman Coutu then asked, the two people that we had working in the Recreation Department aside from yourself the two part timers, have they both gone on for other positions? Ms. Peterson replied no. Selectman Coutu then asked I was still wondering if they were still in abeyance or what. He then said looking at the programs some are clearly defined. In the girls lacrosse clinic I understand the purpose of trying to introduce lacrosse to younger people. What is it going to take for staff, supervision and the cost of that program? How would it be funded? Ms. Peterson replied, it would be funded from our lacrosse budget. It would not cost very much at all. Officer Jason Downey would be the coach which is a volunteer position to run that clinic. And the participants bring their own stick. So it would just be pretty much just be the setup and there's no referees or anything like that involved with it. Selectman Coutu then asked, so he's gonna run a five week clinic and he's gonna run it here inside the building? Ms. Peterson replied no not inside, outdoors. I'll probably use Hudson Memorial. It's a larger space, the field. Selectman Coutu then asked what days did you plan on having that? Ms. Peterson replied, I would work around Officer Downey's schedule. He coaches the boys Alvrine lacrosse team. So I think right now it might be Wednesdays. Selectman Coutu then said when it's clearly defined would you give me the park you selected and the times? Ms. Peterson replied sure.

Selectman Coutu then asked, the youth tennis, no cost to staff? No additional staff needed for the youth tennis? Ms. Peterson replied nope, not at all. It's a collaboration program so United States Tennis Association handles the trained coaches, they actually get paid. They handle that so we take in revenue but they take in the majority of it for that program. Selectman Coutu then asked, they will provide the coaches for the tennis program? Ms. Peterson replied yes. Selectman Coutu then asked are there going to be any fees associated with the program? Ms. Peterson said none. Selectman Coutu then said so it's not a revenue generator for us at all. Ms. Peterson replied no it's no cost to us. Selectman Coutu then asked the basketball at Greeley Park is going to be run again by Officer Downey with volunteers from the Police Department. Ms. Peterson said, correct. Selectman Coutu then said they'll be running that at no cost, we'll provide the basketballs and whatever correct? Ms. Peterson said I would handle the basketball, the uniform, the shirt, referee shirts. Selectman Coutu asked any items like that that you need to purchase whether it's lacrosse, youth tennis, or the basketball program you'll take the appropriate funds necessary to purchase whatever little equipment needed out of their respective budgets. Ms. Peterson replied, absolutely. Selectman Coutu then said and the adult tennis there gonna be costs related to it? Is this to have adult tennis, are these for people who know how to play tennis and they're gonna have competition? Ms. Peterson replied it's kind of a beginners program bt also anyone whose played before and wants to touch up on it. There's no cost for our department. Selectman Coutu replied who's' gonna run that program. Ms. Peterson replied it's the Rec Department and the USTA. So I handle the registration, organizing, the teams, communication. USTA handles the coaches and the background checks. Selectman Coutu then asked who's gonna provide the wheelchairs for the old people playing pickleball? Like me? Selectman Coutu then asked the women's adult and men's softball league if and when the EOC should approve it it would be the regular softball football program? You have to do registrations and it will be an income generating program as in the past? And has the same person volunteered to manage the program for the fee that we normally pay. Ms. Peterson replied Cindy Holton, I know she's interested in on the female side so it would just be the men's league that we'd be looking for a coordinator unless I task that myself. Selectman Coutu then said when I was reading your proposal I want to applaud you for thinking outside the box. Because everybody is so sick and tired of just sitting at home. I'm no different and it's even worse for kids. I want to applaud you for bring this forward but I also want to sit down with you and come up with a few ideas that I've been thinking about. We won't be able to take the kids probably to Robinson Pond, won't be able to take them out

bowling all of those outside social activities because the contact is so close however we have a big function room and I think there are a couple of things we can do indoors. I'd like to work with you on it. I think we can hold their attention. Maybe a movie night for a very limited number on a first come fist serve basis. If there's a big request we can roll it over to the next week and have tickets already given out for the next show. That's one way of doing it and we can also bring guests in like the people at HCTV and their drone and they can entertain the kids with the drone and what a drone does and what they can do. We can come up with some creative ways to keep some entertainment going on a weekly basis with kids. I'd like to sit down and work with you on that. He went on to say I would believe, Mr. Chairman that relative she made a statement about the pickleball courts and when she'd like them open, we would leave that to her discretion? The Chairman replied, yes but I think we need to start planning because if the President keeps up with the schedule that he said today we're gonna be in pretty good shape by July 1st. so that's something, and you just said we won't be able to get the kids outside. That was a concern of mine actually if we opened up the summer program because you're gonna have all the adults that have the shots but the kids aren't. but you're going to be outside most of the time and that seems to be safer than being in the building so we'll take it as it comes. But we need to at some point, if we haven't yet, give you the leeway to start planning for that too.

Selectman Martin was recognized and he said, Mr. Chairman, I just want to say that let's do it. That's a great proposal. Get people moving. Great job. Perfect. Ms. Peterson replied, thank you.

<u>Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman McGrath to approve the Recreation</u> <u>Department's 2021 Spring Sports Program. A roll call vote was taken. Carried 5-0.</u>

Chairman Morin then said before you leave, with all this coming and the registration so are gonna need your assistant back? Ms. Peterson replied ideally that would be great. The Chairman asked is that something you'd like t get started sooner than later? Ms. Peterson said I would if I could. Selectman Roy asked how do we do that procedurally. The Town Administrator said you'd do a motion to return her from furlough. I think it would be that simple if you'd like to return her from furlough. Selectman Roy then asked can we do that in public or is that cuz it's an individual right? The Chairman said they're separated enough between the two offices. Selectman Roy said no and I understand that I just do we do it in public or nonpublic because it's an individual that're talking about. The Town Administrator asked do you know if the individual wants to come back? And then said you'd make a motion in public to call back the part time recreation office assistant from furlough. *Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Coutu to return from furlough the part-time Recreation Office Assistant any time between now and April 1st. A roll call vote was taken. Carried 5-0.*

B. Proposal for Legal Services 2021-2022

Chairman Morin recognized Town Administrator, Steve Malizia who explained, you have correspondence from Attorney Dave Lefevre offering to be our general counsel for the next fiscal year which starts July 1st 2021. Attorney Lefevre has offered to be the Town Counsel for the same price that he's doing it for this year and that he's done for the last six years. So there would be no price increase for his proposal. I believe he's done a great job for us as general counsel and I would recommend that we move forward with him. You can always find another lawyer. Selectman Roy said for the quality of work we get that's a great price. The Town Administrator said I think for the expansiveness of his knowledge and his knowledge of our community specifically we're getting a pretty good bargain to be quite frank. The Board was in agreeance. <u>Selectman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martin to enter into a contract for legal services with the law form of Tarbell & Brodich, PA for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for the terms as specified in the Proposal for Legal Serves 2021-2022 letter as prepared by Attorney David Lefevre. A roll call vote was taken. Carried 5-0.</u>

Chairman Morin then said just one more thing. Before we move on to remarks. We discussed a noise meter tonight. We've had several occasions in the past where we could have used one and we do not

have one in Town. Does the Board like to purchase one and if you do which department would we like to assign it to? Selectman Roy was recognized and said it would be the Police Department, right? Wouldn't they be enforcing? The Town Administrator said I believe it's been assigned to the Police Department because they work seven days a week there's always somebody available to do it. So if you give it to a department that's a five day a week department and you have a Sunday complaint it's difficult to actually deploy that. I believe they were last in possession of the last meter itself. From my understanding. Chairman Morin then asked, before I entertained a motion, do we have funding for it? To which the Town Administration said I don't know what it costs I'm guessing it's under ten grand and out of our budget we can find that. Selectman Roy then said maybe at the next meeting somebody come with some research to the cost and those kinds of things. Then we can move forward. Selectman Coutu said as long as the Police, because they'd use it more than anyone. That they make sure they take the responsibility to have it certified every year. Has to be sent out to be calibrated like the radars and then I'm sure we can find the funds. They have people that can look this stuff up pretty quickly and come back with a potential price or bids. Chairman Morin replied, okay, I'll follow up with the Police Chief tomorrow morning just to make sure then we'll come back at our next meeting once we have a price and take it from there.

9. <u>REMARKS BY THE SCHOOL BOARD</u> - Mr. Gasdia was recognized and said I just have a couple tonight. We came back from winter break and started school on Monday. We're doing very well, probably the best we've done in a while with regards to Covid and provided everyone continued to follow the guidance, don't send your kid to school if they're sick, social distance, and wear a mask. We're very hopeful if the trend continues we'll be able to remain in school for the remainder of the year. Similar to what you approved tonight with Mrs. Peterson, Ms. Bonnie our Athletic Director came before the Board last night and we approved spring sports so all of our spring sports will be going on. They'll be beginning in March. I'd be remiss in not mentioning HCTV who's done absolutely phenomenal job this year in pretty much everything in this town but brining the sports to life on Facebook so everyone that can't be in the stands can still see which is great.

Couple other things I wanted to do. We have the election coming up next week. I hope everybody votes. I wish all the candidates good luck but I wanted to say and just reflect on the past year. Over the past couple of years we've tried to really bring collaboration between the Boards. The School Board, Board of Selectmen etc. this past year sort of put that to the test with Covid. I just really wanted to say thank you to all the great collaboration with this Board over the past year. I don't think we could have got through this this year as a School Board without the support of the Board of Selectmen especially Vice Chair Roy who comes to every one of our meetings. Really appreciate that and I just hope that as we move forward we continue to build on that momentum. And continue our collaboration and cooperation.

Chairman Morin responded to Mr. Gasdia saying I want to echo your comments. Sometimes bad things make good things come out of it and we're we've had to work so close together this year I think both Boards and the staff got to know each other and understand each other's responsibilities and jobs much better and things have gone very well. Absolutely. Thank you.

10. <u>REMARKS BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u> - Just a couple of quick things. Voting day is next Tuesday, March 9th 7am to 8pm in this building here. Please turn out. There's a lot of important things on the ballot. Sample ballots will be mailed. Should be in mailboxes by the end of this week. They went to the post office today. The EOC Command Staff knows this but we've had no quarantine amongst Town employees for I think the last five or six days. So I just wanted to highlight that it does seem to be turning a corner and we statically have nobody in quarantine which is great. Through the Covid and started keeping the dashboard we've always had someone in a department that's had an exposure. But we've had no quarantine for I think the last five or six days. So very positive.

11. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

<u>Selectman Coutu</u> - First of all I know Mr. Chiarman, that you could confirm what I'm about to say. I received an email a I've said we receive a lot of emails and you and the other members of the Baods are all copied on the emails relative to the Hudson Logistic Center. I don't respond to them. I may have responded to one about two months ago. Something very general, not specific at all and something I shared with the Town Planner so he would have a record. I received another one this week in that neighborhood and it was personal to me only. I will be forwarding a copy o the Town Planner so he has a copy of any emails he has not received he was not on the list. I did respond only because it was a rumor. The rumor is circulating that the Town of Hudson secretly or not have purchased a special fire truck for the Hillwood Development with our funds. I was taken aback by it. I responded very briefly, one paragraph. The rumor is not true. The Town of Hudson has not purchased a special fire truck nor has the developer, Hillwood, offered nor have they purchased a fire truck. None of that can be done without the approval of the voters. So it would be on a ballot so I want to dispel according to her it sounded like it's circulating like wildfire and there are people down there that know how we operator as a Board of Selectmen and know the rules and regulations and again, just another rumor.

I had a lengthy conversation with Mr. Michaud who is our Chief Assessor relative to the request of having an appraisal done for the real estate. It's such a monumental project. The land values are gonna change on April 1st so there's gonna be new rules. it's quite time consuming s what we're gonna have to do as a Planning Board we'll go back and see what Hillwood came up for an assessment and the actual tax value because by their own admission the land now is no longer, in doing an assessment you don't recognize it as a golf course. It will be recognized as industrial land which is a lot more expensive. If Hillwood has not said formally nor is it in the plan cuz it hasn't been approved about them donating any land for conservation but it would be interested to know what the value would be if they were to do that. So that's all a work in progress.

I would expect that with the exception of Selectman McGrath, if the rest of you would give me an opinion. If you'd rather not that's up to you, at the next meeting cuz I think this is gonna come up for a vote somewhere in April is my guess. Some members of the Board would rather see it in late March but I don't think we're gonna get there in late March because I would like to see, give the abutters, they're requested an evening dedicated to just them that would be illegal because Hillwood is the developer. They're the ones who have requested this plant. They have to be present at every meeting and have a right to respond. Just as the citizens are given an opportunity to speak. So I still would like to have one evening to give them all one last chance. I think Selectman McGrath also stated she would support that.

With that said, elections are coming up. We have two incumbents. Selectman Martin and Selectman McGrath. I want to wish both you the very best of luck. It should be a beautiful day. The outlook for the next two weeks should be in the 40's and come election time we should be somewhere near 60 degrees. With no serious weather problems in the foreseeable future so I wish you both the best of luck in your election bids.

Selectman Roy was recognized and asked Selectman Coutu can I just have a clarification? What are you looking for an opinion on? Selectman Coutu replied I told you from the outset that I would be there and try to be as representative as the Board as I can be so I would like, if you want the opportunity, to express your opinion on the whole project. I would appreciate it if you would rather not, I respect that. I think primarily it would be you (selectman Roy), the Chairman and Selectman Martin. I don't think it's fair to ask Selectman McGrath where she could be sitting in my seat on the voting night in the event something should happen to me.

<u>Selectman Martin</u> - I just want to remind everyone again that March 9th we're voting. We look forward to you coming out and voting that day. We look forward to your support. I want to wish Selectman McGrath a good luck on the election evening. I hope everything goes well for you as well as for me.

Thank you. You want some kind of opinion with regard to Hillwood tonight? Selectman Coutu said no it's too early.

Selectman McGrath - nothing this evening

<u>Selectman Roy -</u> So I just kind of want to echo Mr. Gasdia's comments about working together. In such a difficult situation it's been a pleasure to work both with the School Department with the EOC. The cooperation and collaboration has been incredible. It's oddly been somewhat of an enjoyable experience for me. I also think I would be remiss because I've gotten to know her to say that I will miss Dr. Orianna on the School Board. I think her insight and her knowledge of education her input has been monumental to the success of the School Board. So I hope to see her in the future Town politics. Then finally what everybody else said, next Tuesday March 9th, here at the Community Center7:00am-8:00pm. there is an election. There is a Town election. It has the most direct impact on your so please use your voice, come out and vote or submit and absentee ballot. But just have your voice heard. That's all I have.

<u>Chairman Morin</u> - Just like to start off I know the School Superintendent, Mr. Russell and Chief Buxton have been working extremely hard to get the vaccine for the teachers and all the staff at the schools and with the Presidents announcements today to get at least one shot into all the educational people by the end of the month. That's a very positive thing for the Town to move on get the schools back to normal and get things moving. Hopefully they've have something on it by Thursday knowing the way they want it. We can do that within Town if they state will allow to get that moving right along.

I know we had some concerned employees in the Police Department in reference to the vaccine. Talking to the Chief this morning he's gotten more employees who asked for the vaccine so we'll be taking care of that so that will bringing up our numbers which is an excellent thing.

For Selectman McGrath and Selectman Martin I would like to thank you both no matter what comes out next Tuesday, I appreciate everything you've done for the Board and all the hard work you've done. I wish you both luck next Tuesday. Again, thank you very much.

12. 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.

Motion by Selectman Coutu at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman Martin, to go into non-public session. A roll call vote was taken. Carried 5-0.

Chairman Morin entered Nonpublic Session at 9:00p.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 9:14 p.m.

1) <u>Selectman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Selectman Martin to adjust the Recreation Director,</u> <u>Chrissy Peterson's salary from \$52,000 per year to \$62,200 per year effective March 23, 2021. A roll</u> <u>call vote was taken. Carried 5-0</u>.

13. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. by Selectman Martin seconded by Selectman Roy. A roll call vote was taken. Carried 5-0.

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