

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the August 9, 2022 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairperson Roy the meeting of August 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen Meeting Room at Town Hall
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Jess Forrence, Public Works Director
3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Brett Gagnon, Bob Guessferd, Marilyn McGrath, Dave Morin, Kara Roy

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer; Jess Forrence, DPW Director; Rob Buxton, Fire Chief; Bill Collins, Conservation Committee Chairman; Gretchen Whiting School Board Representative

4. PUBLIC INPUT - there was none
5. RECOGNITIONS, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS
 - A. Nomination

Tim Lanphear - Zoning Board of Adjustment

Chairperson Roy recognized Hudson resident, Tim Lanphear and asked him to come up. Selectman McGrath interjected saying, can I make a correction? Because he's got Planning Board and Zoning Board checked off. Chairperson Roy replied, right, it's the Zoning Board though. The Town Administrator added, there are no seats on the Planning Board. Chairperson Roy added, there's no seats on the Planning Board. Chairperson Roy then asked Mr. Lanphear for his address for the record. Mr. Lanphear said Timothy Lanphear, 6 Winnhaven Drive. The Chairperson then said you're applying to be an alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Lanphear replied, correct.

Chairperson Roy asked, does any Board member have any questions? Selectman McGrath said, I do. I have some. So you put down as your occupation real estate. Can you expound on that? Mr. Lanphear replied, sure. I started up actually I was in Hooksett. I lived for about eight years and I was on their zoning board for about two or three years, I believe it was. And I was developing a mall up in Concord, New Hampshire. I used to have a garden center for 16 years up there. I actually grew up in Hudson. And then I left for 24 years when I was 24, went up there for 24 years, and then come back down now. So I developed a mall up there in Concord, New Hampshire, on Loudon Road, next to Wal-Mart. So that's I don't like do like a lot of development. It's not my thing. It's just that's my one baby that I bought when I was back in high school. I bought that when I was in Alvirne High, the land. Selectman McGrath asked, and then I just there was no conflict with you sitting on the zoning board and developing? Mr. Lanphear replied, I was in Hooksett, not in Concord. I was on the Hooksett Zoning Board. A different, different town.

Selectman McGrath then asked, so what are your plans for Hudson? Mr. Lanphear replied, I don't think it's so much that I don't have plans of how it works. But like in Hooksett, we ran into a couple of issues that the zoning board was ready to approve it. And I guess it was what it was is like a land dispute. And the older man that was there was maintaining it for like 15 years or something like that. Well, he was trying to get it subdivided, so it was part of his land. So everyone was like, oh yeah, yeah, yeah. It was a it was a younger board at the time. And I was like, No, no, no, we can't do that yet. Legally, we are bound to that. That has to go to court. Then they can make the decision, then they can come back to the board here and then we can address it that way. I just understand a lot of the engineering plans and looking at that, I can read those and understand all that stuff as well. So I

just thought that might be a decent asset to have on the zoning board as well. Being able to read that stuff.

Selectman McGrath then asked Mr. Lanphear, so are you planning to do any development in Hudson? Mr. Lanphear replied, if I did any development before my own personal house, that's it. That I will build right now. I rent in Hudson now. I've been here for five years now on Woodhaven Drive. I don't plan on leaving until I build my house. It'll probably be somewhere in Hudson, maybe someday. Selectman McGrath replied, because I'm not, I'm not really in favor of putting developers on the land. Mr. Lanphear replied, I get that. I'm not a big I'm not into a developer. I have a small strip mall, which is five tenants. That's all it is. It's actually smaller than the little strip malls that you have here in Hudson. That's just what I could. That's what I built. I only had two and a half acres. That's all I could do with it. At the time, I was dealing with wetlands. I was dealing with wetland easements, conservation easements. I dealt with all that stuff. So I mean, I dealt with the city in the level. I dealt with engineers designing it, coming up with sometimes alternate plans that maybe works for a board. I mean, that's normally the engineer's job to do, but sometimes I think, you know, as a board, we have to somehow that's more the planning department zoning would be this is our rule to you have to be so many setbacks from a swamp you get so many setbacks from this brook or you have to be so many setbacks on the borderline for your building something. I'm not like a builder. I mean, what I do is I have one development that I own. I'm upfront with it. I don't I didn't try to hide it. It can be common knowledge. Its TDL Investments is the name of my company and I'm not a developer. That's all that I can. I just did my one development.

Selectman McGrath then said so my last question for you is, do you have any relationships with any or any... let me qualify the word relationship. Do you have any business dealings with any of the developers that are prevalent in Hudson because that might pose a conflict? Mr. Lanphear replied, I know what you're saying. I don't personally have any dealings with them. A lot of my family is down here. If you know Ricky Finance, those are my cousins off my mother's side. I think the building houses, the Tate brothers, the Continental Paving, all those. They're all the Dumais' were all like all intermingled. I guess somehow you could say. If I have to get to that point, I have to excuse myself. I have to excuse myself in those cases. I understand that one hundred percent. If you're open to that, I'd be forthcoming to let you know that information, though. Selectman McGrath replied, I think once you're on the board, then it's up to you, to be honest. Mr. Lanphear replied, absolutely. Selectman McGrath then said and recuse yourself from acting on any plan that you might have any interest in or any family member had an interest in. And I expect...this is what I expect from people when they're coming in from to apply for a position, whether it's on this board, whether it's on the planning board or whether it's on this board, I expect them to be honest. And if I find out that they're not, that's the last time that I would ever, ever support you. So.

Mr. Lanphear replied, I understand. I understand where you're coming from. Selectman McGrath said I mean, I've been I've been burned a couple of times.

Mr. Lanphear replied, I understand that. I've seen it in other board meetings and stuff. It's I've seen some in Hooksett where they actually excuse themselves because they had a relationship, whether it was they even if it was one of my engineers that helped me say for some reason he was down here in Hudson doing something. I'd have to excuse myself because I worked with him. Correct? Wouldn't you like to see me do that? Selectman McGrath said I would certainly like to see you. And that's what I would expect you to do. Mr. Lanphear said and I would 100% do that. Selectman McGrath said but again, I've been burned. And that's not a good feeling. It's not a good feeling for me. Mr. Lanphear said it's like you get burned once you get burned twice. You don't want that score in the third time. Selectman McGrath said it's not going to happen.

Mr. Lanphear then said another board that I'm on that I do we meet once a month, is I'm on the New Hampshire Police, Fire and EMS Foundation, where we raise money for all the fire departments, police departments, EMS, first responders, all that, and help them when they're in need that's over above their insurance doesn't cover. We've helped a lot of people in the area all the way up to north. So, I mean, I try to do what I can do for good. If I feel it's something that I have a conflict, I would either come to one of the members and say, I think I might know him. Selectman McGrath said

I wouldn't do that. I would refer to the conflict of interest packet that you would get when you're if you're appointed to the board, you will get that. And that explains what conflicts are and when you'd have to recuse yourself and step away and not participate in the discussions or the the votes.

Mr. Lanphear said til it's done and then you come back. No, I want to I definitely agree with you. You would 100% have my trust that that's what I would do. Selectman McGrath replied, thank you. Mr. Lanphear then said I'm not that type of person that would. Selectman McGrath said like I said. Mr. Lanphear said you've been burned twice. I get it. Selectman McGrath then said and the last one that I'll never forget. And I will never, ever trust that person again. Mr. Lanphear replied, sorry you had to go through that. Selectman McGrath replied, well, me too. It's not me generally. It's the Town that ends up being the one that suffers. So thank you.

Chairperson Roy asked, does any other Board member have any questions? Mr. Lanphear said she summed it all up. Chairperson Roy then said so what we typically do is we interviewed you tonight and then at our next meeting we'll take a vote on the appointment and our executive assistant will reach out to you and let you know.

B. Resignations

Gary Dearborn - Zoning Board of Adjustment

Selectman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin to accept the resignation of Gary Dearborn from the Zoning Board of Adjustment with the Boards sincere thanks and appreciation. Carried 5-0.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

The Chairperson asked, does anyone have anything they'd like removed for separate consideration? Seeing none, Selectman Gagnon made a motion, seconded by Selectman Guessferd to accept Consent Items A, B, C, D, E & F. Carried 5-0.

Selectman McGrath said I was just I just I was I was concerned about one of the one of the tax deferral applications. And I had a question about it, and Steve was able to provide an answer for me today. But that it posed a question for me. I'm sure that it posed a question for others on this Board. So in any event, my question has been answered.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) 2022 Elderly Exemption Requalification's: Map 171, Lot 040, 2 Greenfield Drive; Map 204, Lot 064, 15 Burns Hill Road; Map 225, Lot 003, 15 Beaver Path
- 2) Elderly Exemption: Map 175, Lot 034, Sub 017, 7 Village Lane
- 3) Disabled Exemption Application - late filing: Map 106, Lot 046, 5 Boyd Road
- 4) Tax Deferral Application: Map 106, Lot 046, 5 Boyd Road
- 5) Tax Deferral Lien Release: Map 178, Lot 13-47, Artie R. Glenn
- 6) 2021Tax Abatement Application: Map 170, Lot 31, 20 Constitution Drive

B. Water/Sewer Items - none

- C. Licenses & Permits & Policies
 - 1) Raffle Permit - Hudson Republican Committee
 - 2) Raffle Permit - Hudson Historical Society
 - 3) Raffle Permit - Sparkling River Condo Association
 - 4) Block Party Permit - 10 -15 Sandalwood Road
- D. Donations - none
- E. Acceptance of Minutes
 - 1) Minutes of July 26, 2022
- F. Calendar

8/10	6:00	Right to Know Committee - BOS Meeting Rom
8/10	-	Planning Board - CANCELLED
8/16	7:00	Municipal Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
8/17	6:00	Library Trustees - Hills Memorial Library
8/18	7:00	Benson Park Committee - HCTV Meeting Room
8/22	7:00	Sustainability Committee - Buxton Meeting Room
8/23	7:00	Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Votes Taken After Nonpublic Session on July 26, 2022
 - 1. Selectman Guessferd made a motion, seconded by Selectman McGrath to seal the nonpublic meeting minutes of July 26, 2022. Carried 3-1. Selectman Morin opposed.
 - 2. Selectman Guessferd made a motion to adjourn at 10:13pm. This was seconded by Selectman McGrath. Carried 4-0.
- B. Bush Hill Road Right of Way

Chairperson Roy recognized Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer and Jess Forrence, Director of Public Works. Mr. Dhima started by saying Thank you, Chairperson. Good evening, everyone. If you recall, about two months ago, we came in front of the Board asking for guidance related to a possibility of getting some right away on a very difficult spot we have along this road. For the past couple of months, we've been working while consulting and the owner of both properties and we have come up to a plan that's ready for prime time in front of you tonight. So in a summary, the owner has agreed to donate 8,082 square feet of each property on both sides of this particular segment, along 112 -118 Bush Hill. And with that said, first up, for this acceptance is to move forward with this and have a public hearing on the 23rd. If the Board wishes to move forward with this. With that said Mr. Forrence and myself, we'll take any questions you might have.

Selectman Gagnon was recognized and said thank you, Madam Chair. Gentlemen, you might have said this last meeting. I know we've talked about this a couple of times, but just remind me. I mean, what you present today is pretty cut and dry. He's just donating some land, and that's it. Just to clear the record and make sure we talked about kind of like trying to give him something to take something that became sticky. Can you just remind me how that how those cards fell? And is it truly as simple as you're making it today as he is just donating it and there's nothing else he's getting in return? Mr. Dhima replied, yeah. So the first, first shot of this was we were going to trade in land. There was a corner piece, there's a piece of land that the town owns adjacent to his property we ran it by legal and

while the Board of Selectmen has the authority to accept right of way, they do not have the authority to trade land. That would take a meeting. The voters in town voted on that matter, so therefore that was presented to the owner and therefore it was abandoned as an idea. So the only thing left was basically him donating land for this.

Mr. Dhima continued saying, what he's getting out of this is basically a better frontage for his property. One of them had a house on it that's been demoed and he's going to look to rebuild that. It's my understanding that the lot across as well is vacant and he's going to develop both of them. And those would be better laws to develop for him and his son if this is a better road to tie into. So that's basically the return this individual is getting in exchange for donating right of way. And the understanding is that if this goes through, then Public Works will go out there and complete the work that they've been trying to do, but they haven't had the right of way to do this. And that's why there's a time frame of October 2023 to complete that that improvement out there.

Mr. Forrence added, the other thing that worked out for the town is he needed sight distance to put in driveways into locations that he needed to. And that corner being as tight as it was, he wasn't getting the distance on it. So when he came into the office, we were talking about it. Elvis got involved with it and I said, you know, if we move this to move that, it's a win-win for the town, getting rid of that tough corner for emergency services or just even the public. And he would be able to develop what he was looking to do. So it was it was a win for both of us. And that's why we want to jump on it.

Mr. Dhima added, and this will provide the best layout possible without taking the entire lot, obviously. But we started at 4,000 square feet, up to 5,000. And after the meeting with the gentleman and the rest of the team, we came out with 8,000. That's what's really needed to make this as good as you know, build it the way we need to so we never have to go back and say, I wish we could have gone a bit further. This is it. So he's providing everything that we need to make this as good as it can be. Selectman Gagnon replied, okay. All right. Thank you very much for that.

Chairperson Roy then said and I just want to be clear, that's you'll be able to widen the road so that curve is kind of straightened out a little bit, is that my understanding? Eventually that's what. Mr. Forrence replied it will be straightened out quite a bit. We're actually going to move the road over probably the width of the road now. So we'll take a lot of that bad corner out there. You've driven it. You picture a plow truck going around that corner, a school bus coming the other way, which has happened, it gets quite tight. Mr. Dhima added, that stone wall. It's going to be moved completely. Quite a bit 30 feet from an existing utility pole that's already out there. That's how far back there right away it's going to be moving. So quite a bit.

Chairperson Roy asked, anybody else? To which Selectman McGrath said I have a question for Mr. Dhima and Mr. Forrence. You would never withhold information from this Board concerning any, any plan that you were presenting or mislead us in any way, would you? Mr. Dhima replied, no, absolutely not. Business as usual. Selectman McGrath replied, I know I expected that answer, but I just wanted to make it clear that that we can rely on you to be honest with us. Thank you.

Chairperson Roy then said all right. Anybody else have anything else? Seeing no further questions from the Board, Selectman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin to hold a public hearing on August 23, 2022 regarding this land donation on Bush Hill Road. Carried 5-0.

C. Transfer Station Project Update

Chairperson Roy said and then I want to take a minute and recognize Mr. Forrence to talk about I don't know which is the right name...the landfill or the transfer station? Mr. Forrence said it is now a transfer station. The change was incredible. If people haven't been up there to see it yet, we're talking about a dump or a transfer station. But the transform on it was just phenomenal with the work Elvis did on it. The work we did on it to make the numbers work, to keep it

within budget was phenomenal. The guys did a great job. and to go up there and I think Selectman Morin was there that morning when we first opened it and the traffic was backed up to West Road. Usually that's a death sentence. That's when the guys are working until 1:00 and getting everybody else. But within a couple of hours that was gone. I've had a number of people, one of the first questions was where to get the money for this? And I told them right up front and we took it out of petty cash, explained the ARPA money that the town had secured. I had another gentleman come up to me and it meant a lot to me, he says you know, this went so quick, I can go back home, fill my trailer up, come back and get rid of it before 12:00 and not have to do it in two weeks. So that said a lot to. Which is done, but to see the way it turned out, see the future kind of looking in front of us, very proud of the guys and developer and everybody that was involved with it. Anybody wants a private tour just to explain things, but that's whenever you want. Pick up the phone. I can meet you there. But it was, it was it was incredible.

Selectman McGrath said I don't want a tour, but I mentioned to you upstairs that I saw it, it was on, I think HCTV one and it looks great job. And what was the fellow that was presenting the information? Mr. Forrence said Jay Twardosky. Selectman McGrath replied, he did a great job explaining it and it was clear and concise and. Mr. Forrence replied, that's Jay's niche, being out, doing stuff like that. He'll be involved with Bush Hill start to finish. He enjoys doing stuff like that. Mr. Dhima added, Merrill Park too. Mr. Forrence replied, Merrill Park, the boat ramp. The guys enjoy doing different things like that. You know, it's a change for him and Jay loves it. He puts things together very well.

Chairperson Roy said I also have not been out there, but I did watch HCTV and it looks amazing. Mr. Forrence then said still have a little bit of the roof to take care of. But that stock coming in, you know, that's still on a boat someplace, I guess. So that will be the finishing touches. But it is it is something to see. Mr. Dhima added, thank you and the Board for supporting this project because it wouldn't be possible without you identifying as one of the four projects that were identified for the ARPA. So thank you for making it happen.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. 103 Wason Road Conservation Commission Land Purchase

Chairperson Roy recognized Town Engineer Elvis Dhima and Conservation Commission Chairman, Bill Collins. Mr. Dhima said Thank you. Chairperson. I'm going to let the Chairman do the honors on this one. Hi. Good evening. The Conservation Commission has an opportunity to procure another parcel of land in town for conservation purposes. This one lands at 103 Watson Road. We've talked with the landowner, it was in trust. So we've been working to get the deeds and things along that line straightened out. The parcel of land is actually I'll say it's got a little history to it. The old ski tow area, some of the remnants of a ski lift or tow area is still there going up the hill, but it's really not usable for that anymore. The parcel is all upland. It has a nice stream running through it. It's got good selection of hardwoods and soft woods that could potentially be harvested at some point in the future for revenue source for the Conservation Commission and things along that line. It ties in directly to the Mile Swamp area. It's across the street from that, but it actually kind of protects that watershed a little bit without having any development on it. We're not going to see any runoff from that area into the you know nutrients and things along that line. And it also is abuts the Circumvential Highway corridor which people are kind of using for hiking and doing, doing things like that. So indirectly it, it can be tied into some of the other conservation properties in that general area. The Colburn property and Musquash are not too far away. At some point if we do acquire the property, we're going to put a small parking area one or two cars so people can get in off of Wason Road and then maybe hike that whole area. There's a few other ideas that we can do to maybe make it tie in more easily with some of the other conservation properties. But for the value, I think the property value itself, I think we're getting a good deal on this one. And Mr. Dhima has been working closely with the applicant, not the applicant, the representative of the property to get this

sealed up. Mr. Collins went on to say so I guess the next, the next process would be to sign a purchase and sales agreement. And we're going to hold a public meeting in September at the Conservation Commission for input from the Commission members and things along that line.

Mr. Dhima then said and another thing is this property will be adjacent to an existing property already owned by the Town of Hudson. It's a small parcel, but nevertheless will be in addition to something already owned in the area. Mr. Collins added, its two acres down in the lower southern portion of the property that the town owns. It's kind of a pie shape, but I'm not sure if it's sellable and buildable, but Mr. Dhima added, probably leftovers or something either way. So it can be merged or it's adjacent to something we already own. So it won't be a standalone parcel.

Chairperson Roy asked, does anybody have any questions? Selectman McGrath asked, how much money do you have left in your conservation fund currently? Mr. Collins replied, currently \$750,000 is currently the balance. Selectman McGrath asked, thousand? Mr. Dhima said \$750,000. That does not include the \$150,000 that was recently utilized to purchase Kimball Hill. So I think it's approximately it's probably just about \$600,000. So if this purchase goes forward, Conservation Commission is still going to have about \$450,000 on standby for anything else that they might need.

Mr. Collins then said you know, and to that, I'd like to take a look at that this year during the budget process and see how things land. We can't obviously we haven't seen any real big developments come to come to fruition in the community. So you don't have that land use change tax going into that fund. And obviously we just can't keep spending money, but no rhyme or reason. But this is a pretty good parcel of land. It could be beneficial to, you know, to us in terms of logging or things along that line, selective cutting and revenue source. Selectman McGrath then said well, you know, I trust your judgment. It's just that I wanted to find out how much it's going to be left. And, you know, that sounds like a decent amount to have in your bank account. So if something else popped up you'd be able to possibly buy.

Mr. Dhima then said and this and this purchase will be in line with Kimball Hill, which Conservation is basically spent. About \$5,000 an acre typically in the past has been up as much as ten. That was one of the reasons they're pursuing it, because they get in a much better deal on per acre than they have in the past. So that's kind we were going for Kimberly Hill was \$5,000 per acre. This one is similar to that. So that's been our threshold at this time, \$5,000 per acre, which is as good as you're going to get in this town.

Selectman Gagnon then said Elvis, you actually took the wind from under my sails there because I was doing the calculation. I was going to applaud you guys for doing that exactly. That I know some of your other purchases were up \$10,000, \$12,000 an acre, so at \$5,000 an acre in today's economy, that's phenomenal. I know seven is a good target. Anything under that great. For the Board I'm two or three properties down from this. I don't believe I have a financial conflict with this so you want to put that out there? I am familiar with this property. It's got an incredibly steep, you know, ascent and then maybe even views come the fall. So it's a beautiful piece of property. I think it's a great target. Well, job well done.

Selectman Guessferd was recognized and said yeah. Are there any other parcels that you're looking at for the near future right now that would also expend some of the possibly some of that money that's in the account? Mr. Collins replied, well, there's always that that hunt for those ultimate pieces of property to tie things together. But there's a few other ideas that I'm thinking along the lines that we may have to spend a little money on to maybe make a pedestrian easement from one parcel to another, you know, talks with some of the abutting landowners to Musquash and things along that line. That way we could start tying property in together a little more. A lot of this is people, I don't want to, I don't want to say people are looking just to get rid of their property. You know, these properties are in trust and the wishes of the property owners or the past property owners was to have conservation in mind. That's what happened off at Kimball Hill Road. The Mary McFarland Trust was always, she always wanted it to be in a conservation effort. It's just always comes down to money for

the most part. There's a few other parcels that we may be looking at in the future and just take it from there.

Mr. Dhima then said what's happening too... I just want to add a little bit to that is how we are having a lot of people contacting us now as conservation becomes more aggressive on deals that they see through. So that's that's that that's happening a lot, too. A lot of these are hot and cold. They come in, they get a feel, they go back, they come back. Things change, family members, ownership, this and that. And usually, I mean, this has been in the works for at least a year. The other one prior to that, two years. It's when you think that the deal is falling through. That's when everything comes back together. It's just its very bizarre. There's not really any timeline until it really gets ready for prime time in front of the Board. But yeah, you can be as quick as six months, could be as long as 30 months. It's a very inconsistent process dealing with people or multiple parties.

Selectman Guessferd replied yeah, I just want to make sure that we're we have the money that we need in the account still to be able to look at other properties that we might be looking at right now for the near future. Obviously, this is an ongoing process, as you as you've mentioned.

Mr. Collins then said so yeah. And to that, you know, the properties have to at least meet a certain criteria. You know, they can't be all wetland, you know, because that does the public no good, you know, and it has to have some recreational value to it or some kind of timber harvest value to it or something along that line. We do look at that when we kind of walk the properties and see what's going on, you know, can we expand our trail systems for more people? We've been out on Kimball Hill Town Forrest for us for the past few workdays, we'll call it, and people are using that more and more. The mindset of the COVID crisis, where everybody just stayed locally has kept up. It's people still aren't real....I mean, they're going out a little more now, but I mean, they're still hiking local trails that a lot higher rates than they have been in the past. So that's a good thing.

Mr. Dhima added, and another piece to that the Conservation looks at is access. You've got to be able to have access to these properties. Can't just simply have some kind of pedestrian. You've got to be able to either drive in or be able to park. But but legally how have access that that's been the biggest thing to as well. A lot of landlocked land out there that people might be looking to unload. But if you can't get access to it or legally be able to get from one point to the other, there's absolutely no value there. So that's another piece that's been very challenging sorted out. But these are all be a part of the master plan that has pursued in the past and they basically walking down the list. So quite a bit for four I think so far? Past couple of, couple of years. Four years. Mr. Collins replied, yeah. 68 Pelham Road, 1625 Robinson, Kimball, and this one.

Mr. Collins then said just to let everybody know, the the Boy Scout that was doing his Eagle Scout project off of Pelham Road and connecting a trail system up to Benson's has finished his project, and I was out there inspecting that. It looks great. People can walk all the Benson's come down a well-marked trail now and, you know, kind of meander through the 68 Pelham Road property and then come back around and go home or start from the other end. So, you know, connectivity is there.

Selectman Morin then said on Selectman Guessferd's comment in reference to sounds like we're getting down on money. How many properties you guys have been very busy. How many properties have you purchased in the last four or five years? Mr. Dhima replied, five, including this one if it goes through. Selectman Morin replied so they've been moving right along. Selectman Guessferd replied, yeah. And I know before that there was kind of a lull and there was not a lot of that going on. And I'm glad to see what's been going on. And I'm not, you know, I'm just want to make sure that, you know, that obviously I know that you're thinking longer term and making sure that that fund, you know, is going to be sufficient and kind of coinciding with with the possible plans that we might have.

Mr. Collins replied saying well, you know, to that with that fund also covers a lot of other services. And that's something that we're going to have to talk about at the budget end of things. So you can't beat the fun down to nothing because if you do, there's a few other things that won't happen in the community, water testing and a few other items. So, you know, you do have to be careful, no doubt

about it. You know, only write the checks that won't put any money in the account. But, you know, the biggest thing is like projects coming before the community. We, you know, or before the Planning Board, you know, residential projects, you know, change of use tax. I mean, it just hasn't really been there. I mean, I haven't seen it. Construction costs are really high and things like that. And a lot of the land that is being developed is in current use anyway. It's, it's business or it's already zoned residential. So.

Selectman McGrath was recognized and said so how much do the voters give you every year? Mr. Collins replied, the voters gave us \$1,500 last year. So it's not a lot of money. A lot of it we've been kind of like....Selectman McGrath interjected asking you don't have an automatic...I thought it was more than that.

Chairperson Roy then said so can I just ask a question that clarify? You get a certain percentage of the...the Town Administrator said 75% of the land use change tax. Sometimes there's a lag when it gets brought in. Mr. Collins said that's been flat. Chairperson Roy said right. So if there's no land use change tax then you don't get anything. You only get if that happens. Okay.

Selectman Gagnon then said the Commission does deal with approximately \$30,000 worth of work for the lakes, right? That comes out of, I believe, the budget. The Town Administrator replied, correct. Selectman Gagnon then said but that that's budgeted. That's not out of the Con Comm fund, correct? Mr. Collins replied, that comes out of the comp fund. Selectman Gagnon replied oh it does? Mr. Collins replied, yeah. Matching grants for the weed control. Lake testing, water quality testing at Ottarnic, I believe, and Robertson Pond or at least Robinson anyway. And a few other items lake hosts as salaries come out.

The Town Administrator then said we raise an appropriate that every year that comes through the budget, whether it goes into it goes in for conservation use, but it's part of the bottom line budget when you vote on that for town meeting. That 50 odd thousand.

Selectman Gagnon then said so if there's 50 odd thousand for all that lake host program and so forth, I know we get major grants for that nearly half. Mr. Dhima said 40%. Selectman Gagnon then said so are you saying that that we actually get taxpayer budgeted money to make up for that? Or are you taking from the change use? The Town Administrator replied it's raised and appropriated as part of the, as part of the appropriation that you see when you vote for the general fund, it's in that number. Selectman Gagnon replied, so we aren't just drawing from the change use change tax fund? Mr. Collins replied, oh yeah, yeah, yeah. Not the changed tax rate. Selectman Gagnon then said that so what we're speaking about the lake host program is self-sustaining then right now. So if the account goes to zero, that can still be funded? The Town Administrator replied, that's correct. Chairperson Roy then said I don't know that it would still be wise to bring it to zero. Selectman Gagnon replied, yeah there are two accounts. I mean, there's the change use tax and their budget, which should be understood or separate. Okay. Thank you, gentlemen.

Chairperson Roy asked Selectman McGrath, do you have anything? Selectman McGrath replied, I do, but I'm not quite sure how to how to phrase it. So why don't we have a warrant article that sets up a... what's what's the accounts where...Chairperson Roy said capital reserve. Selectman McGrath said capital reserve every year. And it can be just a nominal amount like \$5,000. To at least get that fund starting to get built up on a regular basis, I mean, I wouldn't go crazy, you know, for the amount for putting in as opposed to five or \$10,000 and going to \$50,000 because the voters aren't.... First of all, this year is probably not the time to do something like that, but I would think that we'd want to do that at some point.

Chairperson Roy then said so, so I just want to be clear, are you talking about like a capital reserve fund for the Con Comm budget or for land? Selectman McGrath replied, to purchase land. The Town Administrator replied, I'll have to check but I thought we already had one. Chairperson Roy replied, yeah,

Yeah, well, I mean...Selectman McGrath said, that's what I thought too, but I'm not sure based on the conversation we just had that we do. The Town Administrator replied, I'm reasonably sure we have something already on the books for conservation as a capital reserve fund. Chairperson Roy then said but that's not the same as the land use tax, correct? The Town Administrator replied, correct, that's a different account.

Selectman McGrath said okay. Well, I guess we can talk about it some more when it gets closer to budget season, but I would think that we'd want to, you know, at least a nominal amount into a fund that could build over the years and to land purchases that, you know, we might not have the money for and we might want to create some sort of a fund. And I would think based on the development that we've seen over the years and how people now today, all of a sudden they're reacting to the development, they're paying more attention to it. So I would think that they might want to add, you know, like I said, just a small amount, \$5,000 or \$10,000 start socking money away so that if a nice piece of land comes up and it's within the budget range that they have, that they'd be able to buy it. So. Chairperson Roy replied I think it's worth the discussion, you know, closer to budget season. But yeah.

Selectman Gagnon then said just a couple of points, if you're not aware, Chairman I believe the Con Comm budget if there's a leftover in the budget end of the year, I believe legally you're allowed to transfer that into the current use change and purchases. Mr. Collins replied, that's correct. So it's reoccurring. So any monies that are resident in the any budgets just get rolled right into the lane into the Con Comm fund. Selectman Gagnon replied, yeah. So that is a small trick. Mr. Collins continued saying, we don't really have any money generally left over. Quite a few projects this year in between the lake host program, the weeds, weed control at Ottarnic and Robinson Pond and then Merrill Park. We're looking at improving river access down there. I mean, it's a lot going on. It's good. It's good for the community because it allows people to get out and enjoy their community a lot more, you know? So I have no qualms about spending the money for that type of stuff, you know, as long as it's a good investment for the community. Just like I said, we're not going to go buy the swampland and call it I call it a good, good purchase.

Selectman Gagnon then said the other thing I just want to make note, too, is, I mean, it's even in today's economy, which is very tough, you know, and it's hard to ask voters for more money. You know, there are statistics that are pretty surprising, even last March, where three or four towns around us passed multimillion dollar warrant articles for conservation amongst even failing budgets. So you'd be very surprised about what people will do. I mean, we're going to ask people for \$1,000,000, but, you know, you can ask for a decent amount and you'd be surprised how much support you may indeed get, even if a budget does fail. I personally, as you all know, believe that Con Comm is very important to a lot of people and I think you know that as well.

So yeah, I'd like to get with Mr. Malizia about our current status with finances at the conservation level and then come back before the Board and talk about how to shift things around so that it's more applicable to that. Because I know there's some state laws that the Board of Selectmen or the town becomes a realtor at that point. You know, we get money through land use change tax and we go out and purchase land for that. If we're raising money by warrant article, you know, is that to be placed? I don't want to get too into it, but, you know, its how are you going to word it and where are you going to place it and who's going to be responsible for it? There's a lot more to it than just that. And then, like you said, it's going to be a tough, tough year with re appraisals and things like that. So anyway.

Mr. Dhima asked, what is the wish of the board? Chairperson Roy asked, does anybody have anything else? Seeing no further questions, Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman McGrath to approve the purchase 103 Watson Road (Map 212, Lot 16) for the amount of \$155,000 as recommended by the Conservation Commission and the Town Engineer. Carried 5-0.

B. 2022 9/11 Observance

Chairperson Roy recognized the Town Administrator who said yes, typically, I put this on the Board's agenda about a month in advance of the actual observance. As you're all well aware, we have the memorial at Benson Park and we've done an observance now, I think since year one. Last year was the 20th anniversary this year on 9/11, proper falls on a Sunday, typically do it at 9:30 in the morning. So I throw it out to the Board of the Board wishes to do it on 9/11 at 9:30 at Benson Park. We'll get everything set up as we typically do.

Chairperson Roy asked, does anybody have any questions? Does that sort of work for everybody? Selectman Morin asked, we did it, what last year right? The Town Administrator replied, we did it last year at 9:30 on a Saturday. This year it just happens to be on a Sunday. We typically, as I said, do it on the day of 9/11.

Seeing no further questions from the Board, Selectman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Selectman Guessferd to hold the annual Town of Hudson 9/11 observance on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at Benson Park. Carried 5-0.

C. Board of Selectmen - School Board Joint Meeting

Chairperson Roy began by saying so we're scheduled to have a joint meeting on September 1st. I first want to thank Chairman Gasdia for really doing a great job outlining our vision. There's been some changes from the, from the way we did it last year to the way we're doing it this year. And that was based on some feedback that we got from the public about that. So the plan is to start at about 5:00 and have a more of a professional fair format at the beginning. So from about 5:00 to 6:30, we'll have certain departments, most forward facing departments, police, fire, dpw, planning, rec, set up tables. They can have one on one conversations with citizens or other employees as a school, school folks or any of that. And then around 6:30, we'll transition to a more traditional format. It's actually more of a semi candidate format. So the women's club will collect questions from the audience. It will be you will have to be in person to to submit the questions, but they'll give them to the moderator, Mr. Inderbitzen will be moderating it. And then whoever appropriately is the appropriate person to answer the question. It won't be like candidates where everybody answers every question. Right. And it can be turned over to an employee or a department head or the school, whoever is most appropriate to answer it. And then we have it going out to 9:00. I don't know if it will last that long for that period of time. So when I think about it in the vision, I don't know that every selectman needs to be present at 5:00, but we should probably be in and out of you know, maybe somebody should be there all the time. One of us should be there at all times. So. And I have, I got it today Mr. Gasdia. I have a copy for you if you can pass it down. I have the draft agenda. Did you see this? So you can take a look at that if you have any questions looking over your shoulder.

Selectman Gagnon said Madam Chair, I think this might have been said last night at the School Board meeting. I don't know if you noted it tonight. I see it here on the agenda, but just to be clear, so we have that open kind of an area for people to come and talk to the department heads. Then there'll be a state of the town and then a state of the school district. So both boards will present. Chairperson Roy replied, and there will be, thank you, because there will be two specific joint discussions. One is on school safety, and then the other one will be on the master plan and the capital improvement plan for the town. So so that we'll have a little briefing about that and then and then a discussion between both Boards about both those two those two items. And when I say Boards, I mean sort of if the Fire Chief wants to be involved in that discussion, then that's obviously they'll be allowed to be involved.

Selectman Gagnon then said and if I may finish that thought, too, I said it last night to Mr. Gasdia as well as you and this Board and your board as well. I think this is a phenomenal example of what diligence can look like. And we we talked about something like this last year or the year before. We

had a variation of it which was decent, but we got some critical feedback and that you reinventing it to be what it is today and then implementing it. I think it's a phenomenal example that the town people have asked for both, especially on the school side, and residents have asked why. I think this could be a really good event. I'm truly looking forward to something like this. It could be very beneficial.

The Chairperson then said and just if I haven't said it, I appreciate both the Woman's Club and Mr. Inderbitzen helping us out with this. Does anybody else have anything? All right. We'll hopefully see a bunch of people on the first.

9. Board Liaison Reports

Selectman Morin: The Budget Committee met. It was actually a very short meeting. I did answer a few questions that they had and they'll be coming up again at the next meeting. And we received a couple emails requesting some information that's being worked on, but it was a real quick meeting.

Other than that, Benson's Committee is next week and there was no Conservation meeting this week, but they just actually talked about everything. So that's all I have.

Sorry. I apologize. The water is back to normal. After. After our meeting the next day, people watching. Obviously, things changed quite a bit. The tank filled up pretty well and the pump has been repaired. So we're on pretty good ground right now.

Selectman Gagnon: I thank you. So a couple of updates. School Board talked about retention issues, kind of an ongoing discussion on what they can do about it. And then they talk about some policy updates. I know it's very generic.

Right to Know Committee, as you probably already know, have been in front of us. We meet tomorrow and we are working on that final draft that I'm pretty excited about. It's quite good, I think very detailed, so I'm really looking forward to finalizing that.

Sustainability Committee talked about a number of things, but most importantly right now they're planning to be at Old Home Day and they have a booth set up and what they're going to do there.

And then NRPC kind of the same old is continuing the master plan survey there. They're kind of holding it for us with Brian Groth. I talked to Brian today quickly and he said that there's over 300 results, which is, I think, solid. But I would obviously love to see more. Chairperson Roy replied, absolutely.

Other than that, the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee is meeting tomorrow. I will be attending that. And then on August 17th, the Executive Committee meeting for NRPC will be meeting.

Selectman McGrath: I received an email from the Police Chief, Mr. Dionne, and I'm going to go through it. They're going to be interviewing the final, final candidates for the addition to the police station. And those are going to happen on Monday. They have three companies that they're going to be interviewing, and they anticipate spending an hour to an hour and a half with each one of them. So that will be on Monday. And then I'm sure that they'll make a decision at some point after that and provide that information to us. I received an email from Chief Dionne and these are the outreach programs and it's been over the last month and a half or so. So they completed their first RAD, which

is a self-defense education program class in several years with the help of our newest instructors, Tracey Simmons and Taylor Morin. They were assisted by HPD Special Officer Adam Lachinsky, I hope I'm pronouncing that correctly, full time Salisbury, Mass P.D., and Hillsborough County Sheriff Lieutenant Mike Merrifield. Then we conducted. When I say we, I mean they conducted ALICE training for the summer counselors at the Recreation Department. They collaborated with Saint Joseph, Saint Joseph's Hospital and Hudson Fire Department for a live scale active shooter exercise at 208 Robinson Road. We will be conducting ALICE training for Gateways, which is an elderly day care service at Alvirne High School. They completed National Night Out, which was a huge success. They will be big stakeholders at Old Home Days for all four days. They're conducting the youth academy at HPD this week. They're beginning the Citizen's Police Academy mid-August, and they will be providing training for administrators, principals, assistant principals and some other staff for SEIU 81 on September 13th. Sometime likely in September or October will be a blood drive. The date had to be moved for voting day, and that is a mouthful of activity for the Hudson Police Department and they deserve a lot of credit and thanks for doing that for the community.

Chairperson Roy said, I do have one question. I don't know if you or Mr. Malizia, how many applicants, if any, do we have for the police prosecutor position? The Town Administrator replied, I believe the last count it looked like maybe possibly four viable candidates. I believe they're still...The Chairperson asked, when might we see something on that? To which the Town Administrator replied, probably not at the next meeting. Probably the meeting after at the earliest, because next meeting, they're going to be coming up with the police station bids. So that's taken up their time right now.

Selectman Guessferd: Let's see so Planning Board We met two weeks ago. Went over the final phase of Shepherd's Hill. Long time coming. There's no meeting tomorrow night. There's no Planning Board meeting tomorrow night we're moving that to two weeks from tomorrow.

Rec, just keep rolling along with the summer program. They have a new program which they're very excited about for young kid's k through to second grade and it includes those with disabilities and those without. So they're really excited. They're working with Special Olympics and that's and our Director is extremely excited about that. So that'll be a great program. And getting that started as soccer program, summer program keeps on going on. We're coming down toward the end, I think another couple of weeks and everything's going well. And talking about the police, they were over there the other day giving out Kona cones and snow cones. And to the kids, it was a great community outreach. So, again, just great, great activity by the police department showing community involvement and getting out there. It's really, really important.

Chairperson Roy said I also heard that the fire department cooled them off. Selectman Guessferd replied, did they? Excellent! I didn't see that here. But, yeah, they're hosting a community food drive. Senior Center, busy place. But I know they were closed down yesterday for some air conditioning issues. Is that back open again? To which the Town Administrator replied, I have not heard whether it was I didn't see anything about that. So it was pretty hot in there. So they closed it down and they're going to get it. We're going to get it fixed. So more to follow there hopefully it'll be very soon. They've had other activities. They had a luau, tournament. Softball, finished four women's and they had a champion called the Knockouts. It was a good season for the women's softball. So it's always great to see the women and the men's softball leagues. Its good softball if you're interested in going over to the field and. It's the, men's playoffs are just starting, so the playoffs are always exciting. I used to be involved. It's it's pretty fun. Other than that, there's really Cable hasn't met since the agreement we went over and those are our activities.

Selectman McGrath said, can I ask why the Planning Board was deferred for another week or so? Selectman Guessferd replied, we made the decision a month or so ago. There wasn't a lot on the agenda. I think that was one thing. And they're just I think they decided to just take one of the one of the Wednesdays off in the summer here. I don't really know of any other reason, but there really wasn't a lot on the docket. Last the last docket we had, we had a couple of deferrals. But the decision was made a couple of months ago, maybe about a month and a half ago or so to. Selectman

McGrath then said so did the, the applicants that were on the agenda. Did they agree to the deferrals? Selectman Guessferd replied, there wasn't an agenda set for when we actually canceled and when we canceled the meeting. So the agenda hadn't been set yet at that point. Selectman McGrath replied, thank you. But again, there's not a ton of projects right now. We're kind of in a little bit of a lull. Selectman McGrath replied, that's not going to last. Selectman Guessferd said no, it's not going to last. So I think they probably felt that let's take this one and then move on from there. So. We will have a few on the next meeting.

So the ZBA, they finalized their new bylaws. So we should we should see that soon. Make it easier. Easier to read. Lots of things line up. Now, that didn't sort of line up before. It's kind of like the same Planning Board problem, those changes that were made and they weren't put in logical positions. So they kind of change that around. So it makes a little more sense and it's maybe little user friendly for for applicants so they know what they have to do.

The Library also participated in National Night Out and it was a great success. I heard there was a water balloon fight that was fairly amazing. So yeah, thank you for everybody that came out. That is a program that seems to just keep growing every year. I don't know what the count was this year. I know last year they had some 2000 people go through that. They had they have food trucks, they had everything was great. So I look forward to it happening again next year.

The Master Plan survey is still up, I think until the 17th, if I'm not mistaken. Or is it the fifth? Yeah, you can find it on the town website and I encourage people to to participate.

And then I'm going to ask Chief Buxton for an assist on our insurance rating. Is that what it was, if you want to talk about that a little bit?

Chief Buxton came forward and said so very quickly, the ISO group came in and did a review of the Fire Department's suppression capability, and we successfully dropped our rate from a four/four to a three. So that means that our insurance rates will improve if you're a commercial buyer or a residential buyer, if you're have your insurance company, contact the ISO, they can buy the data and get the reduced, you know, be able to reduce your insurance rate on your property. So a lot of work put in by Deputy Paquette and Deputy Tice in regards to pulling the programming together. And there's only, there's 293 fire departments in the state of New Hampshire. There's only 15 fire departments that are in ISO three, and we're about six points away from an ISO, two, which is only five fire departments in the state that are ISO two. So your investment is being utilized well and we're progressing in the right direction. Selectman McGrath said so it's ISO? Chief Buxton replied, ISO three.

Selectman Gagnon said, Chief, do you mind explain a little bit. I heard there was a benefit to residents because of this. Chief Buxton replied, yeah. So your house insurance. So if you're if you're a State Farm buyer or whoever, they have the ability to download the data and see that this many houses were within this many miles of a fire hydrant or a fire station. Certainly over the years, you've received a big increase when you open the Robinson Road Station on a 24 hour basis because it dropped our response times. And those are all positive things that help bring your insurance rate down in your home. Selectman Gagnon then said so you're essentially saying residents can call for that? Chief Buxton replied, I would I certainly would be making the call if I was a resident. Selectman Gagnon replied, that's phenomenal. Wow, that's a huge impact to residents, but also a big congratulations to all that work.

Chief Buxton replied, so it's good. It's kind of a it's a best practices for us. And when you do that review about every five years, they also do the Building Department and they have a different rating system for that.

Chairperson Roy replied, thank you. All right. Now I'll turn it over to remarks by the Town Administrator. Selectman McGrath said before you do, I have a question about the Zoning Board. Are they going to take advantage of the training that has been offered to them? Chairperson Roy replied, I'm not sure how many of the members signed up. I know that, I know that Mr. Buttrick put it

out to all of the members and encouraged people to sign up. I just don't know how many of them. Selectman McGrath replied, because I think that that's critically important for the members, but also, more importantly, the residents that come before the Zoning Board and expect them to be able to understand what they're voting on and how it impacts not only them, but the neighbors and the community that is being affected. So I would I would strongly encourage that they take advantage of that. Chairperson Roy replied, I agree.

10. Remarks by Town Administrator

The Town Administrator was recognized and said just very briefly, the auditors are on site this week. They're over in the Buxton Room. They're basically conducting their field work for the annual audit that's this week. They should hopefully be done this week. Sometimes it goes into a second week, but everything's pretty much prepared by the Finance Department, so it should go pretty smoothly.

As you all recall, as a Visioning Workshop on September 6th, looking to maybe secure the Rogers Memorial Library for that. The only reason, we couldn't do the last scheduled one there was because of National Night Out. We'll confirm that.

And just real quick, Old Home Days starts this Thursday at the Hills House grounds and runs through Sunday. So lots of events planned.

Chairperson Roy said so I have a question for you. There's been a lot of chatter about the property revaluation and the tax rate. The Town Administrator replied, we don't have a tax rate, so we can't really estimate at this point in time. Chairperson Roy replied, but I just want to, I just want to make sure that what I understand is correct. That. The reevaluation has....we can't raise money beyond what the voters voted us to raise. The Town Administrator replied, the voters approved a budget for the School and a budget for the Town. That's the number. So that's what we're raising and appropriating. We're just changing the base on how it gets, for lack of a better word, allocated. The expectation is the rate will drop because you have a bigger base which to spread the expense out. But we're not raising or getting more money or keeping more money. Whatever we raise and appropriated for the budget is what we get to raise and appropriate. It's just going to be spread out, I'll use the word more equitably based on the market values that are currently out there. Chairperson Roy replied, so just because the valuation of my house went up doesn't mean my tax bill is going to go up. The Town Administrator replied, at least it shouldn't go up any more than what people approved at town meeting. So you may get an increase. Don't forget we bonded a police station. There's a cost for that. We approved some contracts on the School side. I think we had one contract on the Town side. There's going to actually be some sort of increase, but no way should the average person see a doubling of their taxes because their valuation went up. That that's not going to be the case. What we don't have the tax rate yet. There's still some factors that we don't know yet.

Selectman McGrath then said yeah. So I'm glad you brought that up. So I got, I've gotten a couple of phone calls as well as I would expect others have as well. So I referred them to instead of me trying to provide an answer, I told them to watch the Board of Selectmen meeting of the previous week that there was a really good explanation of how, how the money was going to be spread out. And I know I couldn't do it justice. They did, I thought they did a phenomenal job. Do not and this is for the voters. This is for people that are watching this meeting. This is for people that are in this room. Do not go on social media, because I was getting complaints about people that from this Board that were providing explanations, explanations that weren't correct. And they were freaking out because they thought that their taxes were going to be doubled. So please, people, please, if you have any questions, either talk to the Assessor's Office or watch the Board of Selectmen meeting when they came in and provide provided an explanation. Don't listen to social media.

Chairperson Roy asked, does anybody else have anything on that subject?

Selectman Gagnon said I think it just should be said that we touched upon the tax rate. The tax rate is not set by the town. It's set by the state. So I spoke with the Assessor this week a little bit and kind of got a more detailed understanding of his position. And his position is pretty much locked in. What he has to do is state law telling him what to do. There's an algorithm telling them how to assess and then the tax rate and then what our budget says. I mean, he's he's exactly locked. There is no play. This isn't a business, per se that we can raise revenues because we want more money to spend more money. It doesn't work that way as as the Town...The Town Administrator added, it's capped at what we can spend based on what the voters approved. It's that simple. It's just allocated, we'll shift perhaps. But again, this reassessment doesn't put more money in our coffers. We're raising and appropriating whatever the voters allowed us to raise and appropriate. Selectman Gagnon replied, that was all I want to add that that piece. Thank you.

11. Remarks by School Board

Chairperson Roy recognized School Board Vice-Chair Gretchen Whiting. Ms. Whiting started by saying, Nice to be here. So I am here in place of Gary. He has a personal commitment, so thank you. I do have a couple of items I wanted to bring up. The first is we do have a teacher over at Alvirne High School, Christian Cheatham, who has been nominated within New Hampshire for the Teacher of the Year. There are still some processes to go through for the state, but he is up for nomination of Teacher of the Year. So that's a really big honor.

Selectman Guessferd said just to I personally, I know who he is. He's the Air Force, he's the Junior ROTC instructor, senior ROTC instructor over there. They do an excellent job in that program. I'm really glad to see that he's being recognized, even if he doesn't come out on top of that. To be nominated is, as they always say, is an honor. Ms. Whiting replied, it is an honor. It is an honor. And we're very, very proud. So I wanted to make sure that that was known.

We are still trying to hire, as our many other areas and businesses out there. And we are doing some hiring, but we still have 20 positions open and available within the District that doesn't include any paras or recess or lunch monitors. So SAU.81.org. Great place to go if anybody's listening. We are looking to do an enrollment study to try and understand what those numbers might look like for Hudson in the future. Trying to figure out compare that to a budget, compare that with the capital plan and bring that kind of information in.

We are going to be putting out a playground at the Early Learning Center on Saturday the 14th. We are looking for public assistance on putting that in, trying to, based on the warrant article that was out there to put in the playground, we opted to allow for the public to come in and assist in putting in the playground in order for that amount of money that was approved by the voters to get more equipment. So we were making the playground handicap accessible and ADA compliant. So that is part of what we are able to do. But we are able to add more equipment by not having the installment done by the company. By doing it, they will come by and they will certify it when it's done, but that will be on Saturday the 14th. I don't have times as of yet, but that will be when it is.

Chairperson Roy asked, is there like a point of contact somebody if they want to volunteer to help? Ms. Whiting replied, I will say right now either, that's a really good question. I'm going to say Dan Moullis, Dr. Superintendent Moullis, I think that he would be a very good individual to contact right now. Either myself or Gary can make sure we provide more information. Selectman Gagnon asked, and this is August 14th? Ms. Whiting replied, October. Did I say August? October 14th. Selectman Gagnon replied, thank you. I'll write that down.

Ms. Whiting continued saying so good news that we had over the summer. We did. We do a Summer Scholars program over the summer. We did it last summer in hopes of trying to make sure some of

the students any learning loss that they had over COVID. So we had a great program last year. We did the program again this year. The kids absolutely loved it and it was a very big success again.

And the last thing I have is at Old Home Days on Saturday the 13th, from 12:00 to 4:00, Chairman Garcia, School Board Member Mike Campbell, as well as Superintendent Moullis, will be at a table at Old Home Days so that people can come up and talk and ask questions and gather information and that again, they'll be there from noon until four on the 13th.

Selectman McGrath said so I have a question. So you mentioned about the students losing part of their education from COVID and missing classes. When you said kids, did you mean little ones, big ones or all the way from first grade through high school? Ms. Whiting replied, there was a great range and I'm not exactly sure of the grade range, but it was elementary, I believe, into middle school. It did not go into the high school whatsoever. I can get you the actual grade range that was included in the Summer Scholars and let you know. But it was geared more towards the elementary and early middle. Selectman McGrath replied, I was just curious when you said kids, I didn't know if you meant little. They're all kids. Selectman McGrath replied, no, but I know. But you know, like the little ones, I think probably had a much harder time with COVID. If they had to wear masks, they didn't get to see the facial expressions of their teachers and their classmates. So I was just curious as to what you meant. Ms. Whiting replied, no, I will I can get you what grade levels they went through. I'm not 100% sure. Kim Organic was running that program. Assistant Superintendent Kim. And but I can get you what grade levels they were and they were. Selectman McGrath replied, don't go to any extra work. But I was just curious about that. Thank you.

12. Other Business/Remarks by the Selectmen

Selectman McGrath: I think I've said enough tonight.

Selectman Morin: I was going to talk about National Night Out an Old Homes Days, but everybody's covered that already. So moving on.

Selectman Guessferd: Yeah, I just first thing I want to say regarding National Night Out. I had never been before this year and I always thought it was this kind of small little activity. And I was almost shocked when I went over there. Even though I have family members who are actively involved. I have to tell you, it was amazing. I mean, it's a community event. I mean, it's almost like Old Home Days in one night, you know, kind of thing. Everybody comes out, it's we have the police there, fire, like you said, food trucks. All all the service organizations in town were there with tables for information. If people wanted to come and join or understand what their services were, what they do. I was I was just floored. It was it was an amazing evening. I certainly plan to attend every year as I can. So just wanted to mention that.

Selectman Gagnon: No, I think everything was covered well tonight. Thank you.

Chairperson Roy: All right. The only thing I have is I look forward to seeing people at Old Homes Day next week.

13. Nonpublic Session

Motion by Selectman Guessferd at 8:16p.m., seconded by Selectman Gagnon to go into non-public session 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. (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect

adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. A roll call vote was taken. Carried 5-0.

Nonpublic Session was entered at 8:16 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.

The Board entered open session at 9:15 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. by Selectman Gagnon seconded by Selectman McGrath. Carried 5-0.

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

Kara Roy, Chairperson

Bob Guessferd, Vice Chairman

David Morin, Selectman

Marilyn McGrath, Selectman

Brett Gagnon, Selectmen