



## HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Minutes of the March 3, 2026 Board of Selectmen Meeting

#### 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Town Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – by Chairman Dumont the meeting of March 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen Meeting Room at Town Hall.

Chairman Dumont: Chairman Dumont: I just want to start off by saying we did not have our normal non-public session before this meeting. We did have a celebration for Selectman Dave Morin, this being his last meeting, so I just wanted to extend in public my personal thanks and appreciation to Selectman Morin for all of his years of service. Thank you.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Selectman Vurgaropulos.

3. **ATTENDANCE**

**Board of Selectmen:** Dillon Dumont, Dave Morin, Xen Vurgaropulos and Heidi Jakoby. Selectman Guessferd is excused.

**Staff/Others:** Town Administrator – Roy Sorenson; Director of Development Services – Elvis Dhima; Executive Assistant – Lorrie Weissgarber.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Chairman Dumont: At this time, I will open up public input. Does anyone in the audience wish to address the Board on any issue which the Board has control of at this time? If you do, please state your name and address for the record. Not seeing anybody, we'll open...

Roy Sorenson: I do have one item, if you want to wait until that agenda item comes up.

Chairman Dumont: Oh, if you want to read it into the record with the, yeah, why don't we read it into the record for you. You're talking about the email that you received?

Roy Sorenson: Yeah, do you want me to do that now, or do you want to wait until the item comes up?

Chairman Dumont: Yeah, it's public input, just do it as the public input part.

Roy Sorenson: Alright, so I received an email, it was asked if I could include this tonight. It says, quote, to Town Administrator, kindly read this into the record so it will be part of the minutes for tonight.

I just noticed that the Sustainability Advisory Committee is on your agenda tonight. I am hoping that the highly inappropriate, if not illegal, contributions that have been accepted by this advisory committee will be addressed tonight. It has been several months since I brought my complaint forward to the Town and have tried to find resolution to this to no avail. It was and is highly disturbing to also know these inappropriate donations were accepted in such a manner, all while Selectman Jakoby sat there without correction. I do not know that if this behavior happened on other boards and or departments in our town, it would have been considered illegal. I believe it is indeed illegal for the Sustainability Advisory Committee to have dismissed the taxpayer the way they did, ignored their own budget and lack of, and felt it was okay to just give money on their own, the way they did because their committee simply misspent their budget and had no funds left to cover their expenses. Thank you for addressing this issue. Sincerely, Jamie Freedom, 40 Ledge Road.

Again, this is public input. I guess we could revisit this if you want, when that item comes forward, if the Board chooses to do so.

Chairman Dumont: Yeah, it's an item on the agenda. We'll move forward. I just wanted it to be a part of the, yeah, I think it's more appropriate in the public input section.

**5. RECOGNITIONS, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Dumont: So, with that, with nobody else, we will close public input at 7:03 p.m. Next up is recognition of nominations and appointments, which there are none.

- A. **Recognitions** – None
- B. **Nominations** – None
- C. **Appointments** – None

**6. CONSENT ITEMS**

Chairman Dumont: We'll move on to consent items. Does any Board member wish to remove any item for separate consideration?

*Selectman Vurgaropulos made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin, to approve Consent Items 6A-F. Motion carried, 4-0.*

**A. Assessing Items**

- 1) Pro-rated Tax Abatement
- 2) Disabled Veteran Tax Credits
- 3) Veteran Tax Credit
- 4) Elderly Exemption Requalification
- 5) Current Use Lien Release

**B. Water/Sewer Items**

- 1) Sewer Abatements

**C. Licenses & Permits & Policies – None**

**D. Donations – None**

**E. Acceptance of Minutes**

- 1) February 24, 2026

**F. Calendar**

03/03	7:00	Board of Selectmen	BOS Meeting Room
03/04	8:30am	Highway Safety Committee	BOS Meeting Room
03/04	7:00	Budget Committee	Buxton Meeting Room
03/09	5:00	Minor Site Plan Review	Buxton Meeting Room
03/09	7:00	Conservation Commission	Buxton Meeting Room
03/09	7:00	Cable Utility Committee	Hudson Community Center
<b>03/10</b>		<b>** Town Election**</b>	
03/11	7:00	Planning Board	Buxton Meeting Room
03/17	7:00	Municipal Utility Committee	BOS Meeting Room
03/18	6:00	Library Trustees	Hudson Cable Access Center
03/19	7:00	Benson Park Advisory Committee	Hudson Cable Access Center
03/23	7:00	Sustainability Advisory Committee	Buxton Meeting Room
03/24	7:00	Board of Selectmen	BOS Meeting Room

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Old Business Item 12: Motions Made in Non-Public – Fire/Decision**

Chairman Dumont: Old business, 7A. Motion's made in non-public. We have a change that happened. I will recognize Mr. Sorenson just to speak to that.

Roy Sorenson: Thank you. So attached in your packet, you have a memo from Scott Tice, our Fire Chief, and this is regarding one of the motions. We made at the last meeting for a hiring. It's just by virtue of making sure we have the record straight. We should amend that motion. You can see what I would ask someone to read into the record. Basically, we're doing this because one of the candidates who we were going to employ is no longer interested and has withdrawn their interest in the position. So just to clear the record, if someone would entertain that motion, we can accomplish that.

Chairman Dumont: Do we have any questions, comments, motions?

Selectman Morin: I can't make a motion because I thought we weren't going to have a meeting tonight and didn't bring my glasses down. So, I can't read it. I can't make the motion.

*Selectman Jakoby made a motion, Seconded by Selectman Vurqaropoulos, to amend the motion made at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on February 10th, 2026. Motion by Selectman Guestford, seconded by Selectman Vurqaropoulos to hire Eric LaFrancis for the position of Firefighter/AEMT in the Fire Department at the contracted salary of \$33.85 per hour, step six. This assignment will be a non-exempt position in accordance with the International Association of Firefighters Local #3154, adding that on Monday, February 23rd, 2026, we were informed by Mr. LaFrancis that he has decided to withdraw his conditional offer of employment with the town of Hudson. Motion carried, 4-0.*

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Lowell/Birch/Belknap Road Lot Line Relocation – DSD/Decision**

Chairman Dumont: Next up we have new business, Lowell/Birch/Belknap Road lot line relocation. I will recognize Mr. Dhima.

Elvis Dhima: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good evening, everyone. As you know from a couple of meetings ago, I came in front of you to get the amount approved to purchase right away that we need. 76 and 88 Lowell Road have agreed. They have signed the purchase and sales agreement. We had our attorneys look at the deed. Everything is good to go. The deed has been drafted for both. And the only thing to do is to actually reference a bookend page from the Hillsborough Registry of Deeds. To do that we need to do the lot line relocations. So, with that said, we have a change order number four to do the lot line relocation for both properties so we can establish a right of way, a new lot line now, now that they have agreed to give us for a certain amount of money, the right of way we need. And install the boundaries that we need to establish our right of way and then there's a fee there related to the dredge and fill application. All those that I just mentioned come to \$21,600 and they're 100% covered by the corridor funds that we've been collecting through the years from the planning board. The planning board already reviewed this and they blessed it so it's for final approval from you who are the ones that actually allocate the funds. With that said, I'll take any questions you might have.

Chairman Dumont: Questions, comments, motions?

*Selectman Jakoby made a motion, Seconded by Selectman Morin, to approve Amendment No. 4 in the amount of \$21,600, bringing the total contract amount to \$334,400 for efforts associated with preparation of lot line relocation plans, monumentation and permit fees. Funding to come from corridor fund (2070-000-701: Zone 1 Traffic Improvements and 2070-000-702: Zone 2 Traffic Improvements), as recommended by the Planning Board and Development Services Director. Motion carried, 4-0.*

**B. Town Hall Improvement Update – DSD/Discussion**

Chairman Dumont: Next up we have the Town Hall Improvement update. Mr. Dhima, take it away.

Elvis Dhima: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Your favorite item for tonight probably. So, as you all recall, the Board of Selectman gave direction to staff to further look into further possibilities of what could be done at this building. Some of those efforts were related to converting the bathroom that we have down here adjacent to the board of Selectman room. Currently it's a male bathroom and it was going to be converted to a unisex handicap bathroom. The cost for that, as you see on the memo, is \$47,500. We also have an option to convert the man's bathroom by the Buxton Room, which is on the other side of the building, again to a unisex handicap bathroom for \$23,500. In addition to that, we got two quotes related to the vertical lift that's adjacent to your office upstairs. Right now, it's open. The two quotes that you have in front of you, one is for NorthPoint, one is for National Seating and Mobility, is to enclose that area, have someone go in, have a phone in there, and be able to get in and out without a problem. Right now, that particular setup not only cannot be replaced or duplicated, but it doesn't meet current standards. So even though it won't be an elevator, it will mimic an elevator by being a safe area. And the intent is if that platform goes on the first floor, if there's someone that's leaning over, they're not falling in. So that's the whole point of that. I will say that it's been an interesting experience trying to get quotes for this. No one will pick up the phone. No one will give you the time of the day unless you have a maintenance contract with them for an elevator already you have ahead in the building. They kept sending me around and eventually went to one guy that didn't even return a call. So that's why you only have two quotes for that. As far as the platform that you have that takes you from what I call the inspection services, land use division, or development services to the Buxton Room, no one would even touch you with a 10-foot pole. So, the \$25,000 quote that you have from NorthPoint Construction is the only one we have available. But to get rid of that one and put something that's going to be feasible, it's \$25,000. So those numbers give you an idea to what you can do here if you wish to do so. In addition to that, if you remember, we raised \$55,000 for a warrant article to do a study for the Town Hall. We stopped that once NorthPoint came in and said, hey, there's some major red flags here. And that basically has resulted in about \$49,000 available still in our funds if you wish to do any improvements within the building here. Because we're obviously going to stop doing the study. Whatever money is left we can utilize to do improvements in the building. So out of the \$55,000 we raised, we used about 10% of that.

Chairman Dumont: So, two quick questions. The first one being, out of that study, even though the intent or the use is different, we could still use the funds for that for the ADA?

Elvis Dhima: Yes, because I think it was for the building. It's a building study renovation. I have to look at the links, but I think you can use it if you wish to do so, yes.

Chairman Dumont: Yeah, if it's in there under renovations. I just was curious.

Elvis Dhima: It's a good question. I think it was related to doing an assessment related to renovations of the building. So, it was for this. It's going back and seeing what you can do here. So, we started with the study thinking that was it. But if we don't do the study, the question becomes, can we actually do then renovations that were identified by the study or a portion of the study? Because we didn't go all the way. We thought it might not be worth doing it.

Chairman Dumont: And then my last one was just a stair lift. Is it just an exact replacement of what we see there today or is there any differences? You mentioned some with the other elevator.

Elvis Dhima: So, you have two. You have obviously the platform by the Buxton. Are we referring to that one or this one right here?

Chairman Dumont: The platform that goes down to Buxton.

Elvis Dhima: So, it will be identical to that one, but it will be functioning and it will probably be a little bit better. It might have some kind of railing around it because right now you kind of have nothing to hold on to. I'm hoping it's some kind of front rail that's going to hold you up. We didn't get into specific with NorthPoint with that, but I'm assuming it's going to be something that's going to meet current standards. Because that platform is I don't

know where they put that in 10, 20 years ago. Who knows? But that one, the biggest thing with me is if you're there and something happens, you can fall off. I mean, it's just there's nothing to hold on to.

Selectman Jakoby: So, I think with the, let's call it the meeting room access. So, the BOS meeting room access. With that being fully enclosed, fitting a wheelchair I assume and a person?

Elvis Dhima: This particular one, yes. It will be able to fit an individual with a wheelchair and it will be able to operate on their own, yes.

Selectman Jakoby: So that would bring them down here. Still the problem we have is getting people across to Buxton. But we could. We could with that. I hesitate looking at that chair lift having seen it function and even if we're putting something similar to that, I'm not sure that's a good use of funds, especially if we're going to look at property and other things. We talked about what are those things we could do that would at least make this better. So, I know we're not making a decision today, but those are some of the things I think about. The other thing is if we can come up with a policy for if you come down and you want to get to Buxton, how we manage that. Maybe we look at how we would manage that and just deal with the one that's the safer one. Because safety is my biggest concern. That's the safer one. And no one had any other possible scenarios that they could come up with that were out of the box. But you couldn't even get people here.

Elvis Dhima: That is the first, yes. So that's the first reason. The second one was, if you recall, we're trying to stay away from blowing up walls.

Selectman Jakoby: Correct.

Elvis Dhima: So that, again, I think goes back to what can we do here in the best and most efficient way possible without disrupting operations. And again, as I said, I don't know what's behind the walls and I'd rather not know.

Selectman Jakoby: I forgot about that, so thank you.

Elvis Dhima: So that's the biggest thing. The biggest thing we'll have here with this bathroom if you chose to do this, and as you said, Selectman Jakoby, there's no action to be taken tonight. This is just options for you to consider. You have a certain amount there. But this one, we're going to close the door, we're going to open the door somewhere else, we're going to get rid of the urinal, get rid of the shower, and that gives you enough room now to have someone on a wheelchair to be able to maneuver within that. So those are the things we're looking at, but we're not shifting walls, things like that. So, everything like that footprint between the janitors and the bathroom stays the same. There might be something changing in between, which is minor, an exterior wall that might be closed, you can open another door, but nothing like move this wall out now, shift this hallway, none of that. So that is basically what you can do, keeping this under \$100,000 or whatever we're going to end up with. And to do maybe half the building. So, you can say, we have one side of the building, if you need to get to the other side, you need staff to bring you in, things like that.

Selectman Jakoby: Just my final follow-up. I would agree, I wonder what the exact wording of the motion that we made for the \$55,000, what that looks like before we even consider spending anything on anything else than a city.

Selectman Morin: In reference to the other side and getting downstairs, this side we have this meeting room and basically this is the only Board that meets in here. We do need to get to finance. But on the other side, you've got planning, zoning, all of them, and those are the big draws of people. And if the Board continues in the process they're going, we're going to do this in steps to get a new building. So, this year we get the money to purchase land, then we've got to have a study. So, this is five, six, eight years down the road, so I think we should put something over there because that's where the major meetings are that draw all the people.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: No, I agree. I was happy when I saw this come across, since we talked about it. So, this is a great workup of what we talked about before. Is there a lift on the other side?

Elvis Dhima: So, the lift we're referring to is basically a platform that's adjacent to the wall, and then you have to bring it down.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: Similar to the stairs that are right here?

Elvis Dhima: No, it's a little different. So, this particular one just drops on top of the stairs and it takes you, but it runs parallel with the stairs. It's nothing compared to this one, which is kind of like it's a bit more safe. The other one, it's the wild, wild west a little bit.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: I agree that the whole thing, we want to get to compliance as fast as we can. Did I hear someone saying that we were replacing that one, too?

Elvis Dhima: So, both of them need to be replaced, yes. So, this one needs to come out. You need to put another one in. This one's going to need a bit more work because you need to enclose that area. So right now, when you walk by, you can actually see the platform. The new one would require you to actually extend the walls all the way to the ceiling, so it would be a box. So, the only way for you to get in, you would have to open a door just like you do here to get in and to bring it down. You'll have a phone there, too, in case you get stuck. You can call 911 or dispatch next door. We don't have that ability now. If someone gets stuck, unless you start screaming, you're not going to get out.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: Is the stair lift operating?

Chairman Dumont: This one's not a stair lift.

Elvis Dhima: Or like a vertical lift or a vertical wheel?

Selectman Vurgaropulos: Not the one on the stairs.

Elvis Dhima: There's nothing on the stairs. The only one is this one right here.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: My opinion is, we're fixing this vertical lift. I would say, you vertical lift both of these and you delete those, do we still maintain compliance if we take the stair lifts off?

Chairman Dumont: The other stair lift that's over by Inspectional Services is for the \$25,000. There's no place to put a box to have a vertical lift and bring them down. The only option to go down there is that one flight of stairs without cutting into either the waiting room or reception room. This vertical lift that's over here has been out of service for as long as I can remember.

Elvis Dhima: It's been on and off, but it's been dead for over three years.

Chairman Dumont: If you want to get people down to the other side, that's your other option, outside of what Selectman Jakoby said, which would be to bring them through here. I think that may work. I do see some problems with it, one just from privacy and then from actually making sure someone's available.

You don't want someone just waiting down here and the meeting's going on, because to Selectman Morin's point, on Wednesday or Thursday, sometimes there's nobody on this side, so they take this one down. It would need some coordination for sure, Mr. Sorenson.

Roy Sorenson: In that instance, are you saying we would bring them here and then bring them to the Buxton?

Chairman Dumont: If we only did the vertical lift, they would come down here and then go through water and finance.

Roy Sorenson: Yeah, the problem with that is there's too much liability taking someone through finance.

Selectman Jakoby: Which is what has been done.

Elvis Dhima: There's a lot of insensitive information there.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: On the other side of this wall, if you go to the men's room over here, you know where that bench is? What's directly on the other side of that wall?

Selectman Morin: Stairway.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: So that hits a stairway there. You can make the improvements here and you can have that. You can still take the coordination, but if you made it more of a workshop.

Chairman Dumont: This would be the front of your building. You go to the far side where the handicap entrance is. That would bring you into that inspectional services kind of entrance. That stairwell runs right along that back

wall over there. If you were to cut through, that's how you would access. To Mr. Sorenson's point, it happened before, but I would be cautious about doing it just for the information that's in there.

Selectman Jakoby: So, the other thing is to move meetings. And then you're just running into an issue if it gets too crowded. Most of them are not. The majority are doable in this meeting room versus that meeting room.

Elvis Dhima: I think that one has a higher capacity.

Selectman Jakoby: It does.

Elvis Dhima: And they're already struggling as it is right now.

Selectman Jakoby: At times, but not everyone.

Elvis Dhima: We have had enough cases ...

Selectman Jakoby: For planning.

Elvis Dhima: Correct. Not for Board of Selectmen, but for planning. There's been cases where we had to ask people to either come here, and sometimes they agree, and sometimes they don't. I've been personally in one of the meetings when we had to ask folks to stay at the stairway, and they're trying to listen to what's going on. I mean, they've been pretty good about it, but they can just say, no, I want to be in there, and now you have to shut down the meeting and relocate it on a different day. It's tough for us. It's tough for the applicant.

Selectman Jakoby: The other is, why not move planning over to Hills Library and do them over there regularly instead of using the Buxton? I mean, there's that ability as well. And I was at a meeting where...

Selectman Morin: You still don't have any access up there?

Selectman Jakoby: They have a lift.

Selectman Morin: I don't know it works.

Roy Sorenson: It's the same as this one.

Chairman Dumont: I don't think it works.

Selectman Jakoby: But then maybe we need to find out if it works.

Chairman Dumont: So, what I would say is, only because I think we're going to get into a much larger discussion here, which they're all good points, but I think we should do some research on it. We can come back at a later meeting. I do think there's some concerns over library, and as you guys all know, we need to have a larger discussion on that building all together, and that could be part of it. But we have the information here in front of us. I would say do some research, look into some things, and we can put it on another agenda item in the future and see what we can do.

Elvis Dhima: With the Board... So, we'll find out what we can do with the remaining of the funds, if the language is there, we can do it. Are you leaning to at least do... Obviously, if there's \$49,000 available here, you can probably do a couple things here, at least take care of that side of the building, between the \$25,000 and the \$23,000. I'm thinking of those two that take care of the handicap bathroom and a proper access down there, and then we can figure out if we need to bring them here or not. But most of the magic happens over there on that side of the building. If you look at those funds, I just want to make sure we don't wait too long and then go back to North Point and be like, you waited too long. These numbers are only good for so long, and I don't want to put NorthPoint in a position to be like, I'm sorry Elvis, those numbers are six months ago.

Chairman Dumont: So, while I'd like to see both of them addressed, I would agree. I think you get your biggest bang for your buck, because during the day, normal business hours, if someone does need to use a bathroom, they would be able to take that down if it's done safely to an ADA bathroom. So, you get kind of the biggest bang for your buck available there. That's what I'm leaning towards right now if we can even utilize those funds.

Selectman Jakoby: I would like to see a mock-up of what we're talking about exactly for that stair lift, and what that exactly looks like. Having done a lot of research on these things, I want to see it before I'm willing to make a decision.

Elvis Dhima: He's going to have a seatbelt and everything.

Selectman Jakoby: I really want to see it before going either way. But I do hear everything that's being said, and I do think it's important that we come back quickly if we know that we can expend these funds to this manner.

Chairman Dumont: I don't think Mr. Dhima's looking for a decision, I think he was just looking for a poll. If that was suitable and it can be done in a safe manner, where would people lean on allocating those funds?

Elvis Dhima: And I'll get the spec by the next meeting. If you wish to go further or go towards that direction, I'll ask NorthPoint to provide the spec for the \$25,000 lift.

Chairman Dumont: Like I said, my biggest thing is the day-to-day stuff, because that would get somebody into a bathroom where if we just do that lift, we still don't have a bathroom.

Elvis Dhima: Correct. Unless you do this, but now you get into \$100,000 versus \$49,000.

Chairman Dumont: Right, exactly. I'd like to see them both done in that manner.

Elvis Dhima: But maybe this year you do one side, next year you do the following. Something to think about. But at least this building has a handicapped bathroom and access to get to the lower level.

Chairman Dumont: Sure.

Elvis Dhima: Even though it might not be perfect, it meets the spec.

Selectman Jakoby: The other piece of information I do need is whether Hills Library's lift is functional or not.

Chairman Dumont: It should be easy enough to get.

Elvis Dhima: I'll have Mr. Sorenson go in and we're going to fire it up.

Selectman Jakoby: Are you going to try it? I almost did that one night. I didn't want to climb the stairs.

Chairman Dumont: I'm sure Elvis will take the not-in-use sticker off first. Right. If he doesn't have a sticker, that's interesting.

Selectman Jakoby: If you see a big orange sticker, that's probably your answer.

Elvis Dhima: I'll do it.

Selectman Jakoby: I didn't see a sticker the last time I looked, that's why.

Elvis Dhima: I do believe there was something in there.

Selectman Jakoby: Maybe I missed it. I honestly can't say.

Chairman Dumont: I've never seen somebody use it, so I have no idea. Are there any other questions or comments?

Selectman Jakoby: Thank you.

Elvis Dhima: Thank you, guys.

Chairman Dumont: You have a great night.

### **C. Warrant Article 18: Default Budget – Administration/Discussion**

Chairman Dumont: Next up, we have the Warrant Article 18 about the default budget. I'll have Mr. Sorenson explain that.

Roy Sorenson: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In speaking with our former town moderator, Paul Inderbitzen, we talked about this at length with this warrant article. Since it was a citizen's petition, the actual language of this warrant article is prescriptive by law. However, when you read that law, it doesn't say anything about the majority vote that's needed to pass it, which is three-fifths vote. So just to keep everything in line with transparency to the public, we would hold a public hearing tonight. Now, the ballot's not going to be changed. The ballot's the ballot.

And regardless of whether the warrant article passed with less than three-fifths, then it doesn't pass. If it passes with more than three-fifths, then obviously it's valid and legitimate. This would recognize the fact that it does require three-fifths, and I did put some language there. You can open the public hearing to see if the public wants to speak to it, and then we would read this. Did you already open it?

Chairman Dumont: Oh, no, I have not.

Roy Sorenson: I'm sorry. Well, maybe Ms. Allan wants to speak to it. I don't know. Anyways, the language to read to put this on the record is there in bold for the Board.

Chairman Dumont: Comments first? You guys want to open the public hearing first? Go ahead.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: There was two default budget ones. We don't have to adjust the other one?

Roy Sorenson: No, that's on the school ballot.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: No, I understand that.

Roy Sorenson: They might have done a public hearing on that.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: I was just curious, they have to do their own public hearing?

Chairman Dumont: It has to be separate, yeah. Yep.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: I would just ask Mr. Sorenson if you could follow up and to make sure they do that because they might not know.

Chairman Dumont: I would imagine I guess I'm just assuming, so I won't do that. We know what they say about that. So, at this time, I'm going to open up the public hearing on Warrant Article 18 at 7:27 p.m. If there's anybody in the public that wishes to come up and address it or speak, feel free. Not seeing anybody, we're going to close the public hearing at 7:27 p.m. So, you have the information Mr. Sorenson gave you. You have the wording.

Roy Sorenson: Are we reading to the record?

Chairman Dumont: Yeah, just for clarity.

Roy Sorenson: Seeing as the Board of Selectmen opened a public hearing with no comments in regards to Article 18, the default budget, budget committee delegation by petition, hereby confirming the three-fifths majority vote required for passage by law.

Selectman Jakoby: So moved. Do we have to move it?

Chairman Dumont: No. I thought that as well first. That's why I paused.

Selectman Jakoby: All right, then we're good.

#### **D. VFW Post 5791 Loyalty Day Award Nomination – Administration/Decision**

Chairman Dumont: Next order of business. We have the VFW Post 5791 Loyalty Day Award for the nomination. I will recognize Mr. Sorenson again.

Roy Sorenson: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This year, this is my recommendation for a person that works in Town Hall, Don Kirkland. He's a civil engineer. He's been with us. You can see his background as well in the attached here. He's an environmental engineer by discipline. He's a professional engineer as well, holds his certification. And he works in the Development Services Department. He's been with us for six years now. He's done a great job. He does everything. You know, as an example, simply put, he's out shoveling today, at the end of the day, helping out, making sure folks can get out of the building at the end of the day. The other thing that he's really good with, as I mentioned, with the environmental aspect, is compliance. So, we live in a world of regulations and compliance. So, we've got to make sure our MS-4 permits are in order, our landfill's in order. And he also helps out with the water utility as well and the sewer utility. So, I think he's a great choice. I've tasked him with some little things since I've been here as the Town Administrator. And he's never once asked why he's being tasked with that or whatever it might be. The other thing, too, he's kind of the face of the public. As much as Mr. Dhima

is out there all the time, I mean, he's the face of the department. He does a lot of things with HCTV. He did the Melendy Road Bridge piece, the Twin Bridges. And he does a great job with it. He's very good with technical terms and bringing that back into layman terms for the public to understand. So that's my recommendation for this year's Loyalty Day Award.

Chairman Dumont: I just want to say I was happy to see this. I completely agree with you. Don's an asset to the town. I've dealt with him professionally in here as a member of the Select Board as well as privately on the outside. He's able to answer your questions. And he does it in a very professional and responsible manner. So, I very much concur. Any other comments, questions, motions? Motion would be to nominate Don Kirkland, Civil Engineer, for the 2026 Hudson VFW Post 5791 Loyalty Day Award.

Selectman Morin: Thank you for making that motion for me.

*Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Vurgaropulos, to nominate Don Kirkland, Civil Engineer, for the 2026 Hudson VFW Post 5791 Loyalty Day Award. Motion carried, 4-0.*

#### **E. February FY26 Revenue and Expenditures – Administration/Informational**

Chairman Dumont: Next up we have our February 26th Revenue and Expenditure Report. Mr. Sorenson.

Roy Sorenson: I'm going to bring us up to the big board up here. Just get this up and running. You actually have the reports themselves. The data is in your packet. And upstairs you have a more detailed packet with the Muni-SMART reports for General Read. Could be as many as 80 to 90 pages. But we're at a point now, and keep in mind, we're not when I did this report, we weren't completely through February. So, if you're completely through February, you're around 67%. Close to it we're at 65%. So that's your benchmark on where you might be with expenditures. I will say payroll will be up to date and we'll cover that as well. But our general fund right now all-inclusive is at 73%. The sewer funds at 65%. And the water fund is at 90%. Alright, now these include encumbrances. So, encumbrances in the general fund right now around \$2.34 million. Our sewer fund around \$450,000 encumbrance. And the water fund obviously at 90%. \$760,000 of that plus is encumbrances. So those actually tie into your expenditures. The money's not expended yet. However, it is being earmarked for something. If we look at, again, we plug in our guide rail there, 65%. And I'll just break it down for the departments. General fund, you can kind of see where they stand. And I'll show you some of the expenses in some of these that might be up a little bit over 65%. But overall, there's 100%. Again, encumbrances here, all-inclusive. You take them out and you just look at expenditures to date. We're right where we should be. So that's a good sign. Some of these, as I mentioned in the past, DPW, it's obvious, right? It's all about winter. It's snowing again tonight. Assessing is professional services. Legal, that's an encumbrance. That's why it's bringing it up there. If you look at expenses for legal, they're not even near the 65%. Non-departmental, the big one there is the solid waste contract. Police and fire, vacancies pretty much with salaries. And I'll show you that in a slide. DSD, that's Mr. Dhima, his department. He pays up his professional services mostly in advance and works those numbers down. So, here's your major expenditures. Solid waste contract, that's spent to date. So, \$1.53, that reflects on your expenditures. Paving, Jay Twardosky, the DPW Director got out early. He's exhausted \$811,000 of that. So that's another big number. And then our insurance, that's our workers' comp. Property and liability a little south of \$700,000. But big numbers, they're in the budget. And those are really kind of end year numbers, right? Solid waste will continue to go up as we get through the season. If we dive into that a little bit closer, and this is on the other side, I scaled these out on a different graph just because they're not as big as the other ones. But you can see, as I mentioned, here's some of the other big ones. And these are a combination of encumbrances and expenditures, right? These over here are true expenditures. We spent this money. These could be a combination of expenditures that are expended to date and are encumbered through that. What we look at is the total number. So, you can see it. A lot of big numbers that live in the budget right now, all right? So, those are some of the things that might push you above where you should be based off of the time of year you're in right now. Revenue, we're a little bit behind on reconciling our revenues. The Board's well aware. We have a new town accountant. We had a gap in that position again. So, we're playing catch up again. But if you look at where we are currently with what's been reconciled, we're just south of where we should be. So, 63% versus 65%. These are the big ones. Motor vehicles, we always look at that. This one got a little bit interesting to me because I looked at the months of December,

January, February and the numbers weren't really where we wanted them to be. And it was getting a little hairy because that's a big number in our budget. You can see the offset of '25 versus '26. So, if you just take those three months, we're a little bit \$100,000 behind our mark last year. However, I will say the last three days of February we did pick up some ground. So, those numbers might balance out a little bit. We'll keep an eye on that. The reason I say that we'll keep an eye on that is it went from being in the revenue in our budget from 6 million, it went to 6.15 and it's actually at 6.3 for '27. All right, so there's a lot happening in the world and that can obviously affect motor vehicle sales. If we look at '25 and these are some of the other bigger items, highway block grant, cable franchise, investment interest and ambulance as well. The investment interest in your packet I did get an update from our treasurer and I did not update those numbers. So, those numbers are going to go up north of this mark certainly because she was able to, I don't know if you remember when Barbara Bouley came in here and spoke to the Board. She was talking about doing a letter of intent with other banks and being able to collect more interest. She has pretty much since done that. So, she's getting interest where she wasn't getting interest before on some major accounts. So, we're seeing those dividends pay off as well. All right, GF budget so we'll look at the salary steps around that. 31% of our general fund budget is basically PD salaries, okay. 28% fire department salaries, 22% DPW. Those are the big three. They drive your budget as far as salaries goes and then we fill the rest in with general fund. This does not include water and sewer. I'm going to do more water and sewer on the next meeting because we'll take a look at those accounts and I think we'll speak to that too when we have our auditors and as far as water and sewer goes. But where should we be now that we're true with 67%? 69% is where we're at. So, we're a little bit spent above our mark. Not much, but a little bit. All right, so where is that? So, if we look at last year, 67%, the black bars are last year. So, you saw fire was running high, PD was right where they should be. DPW, if you recall last year, they had a late winter and that kind of piggybacked onto some of their salaries. General fund for the most part stayed in line all year and finished in line. You plug in this year, fire's doing very well. PD's running up because of some vacancies they had earlier in the year. They've had some retirements. The retirements reflect in the salary and benefits as well. DPW is in the lead not for all the right reasons, but they're in the lead. All right, they're 75%. It just continues to keep you can't say keep raining, it keeps snowing in this instance, right? General fund 63%, so we're below our mark there. Just a little bit on vacancies. So, right now, fire's got two, PD has three. DPW, the one thing that's actually really in their favor this year is they've had no vacancies all year. And that's great for the winter they've had. And then in the general fund, which is everything else, less water, so we have two vacancies. Capital reserve funds, now the Board may recall some of these, but these are still living in the budget as costs. They will get reimbursed towards the end of the year. Property revaluation, a little north of \$200,000. The drainage improvements, \$42,300. HVAC at PD, a little under \$29,000. The PD vests, \$26,000. PD suppresses, a little north of \$30,000. These two up here are not CRFs, but they're still big numbers. This is the actual Hudson Community Recreational Park. That expense of \$51,000 is in the DSD budget right now. Once we gross up that account, that will go away and that will bring the DSD budget down. This is the Conservation Commission land purchase for \$90,000. You'll see that in conservation as well, all right? So those are some of the big drivers that you're seeing too that reflect you being above you probably where you should be. But for the most part, I'm not seeing anything that's out of line and or causing major alarm other than, you know, I don't even want to say it, DPW, which is they're having a bad winter. And I think some of that we rectified in next year's budget with the way we set it up. So, hopefully it'll work better in the future. But that's pretty much it. You have the data packs with you. If you've got concerns on the numbers in the report, just reach out to me. As I mentioned, the larger document is upstairs in the Board of Selectmen room under General Read, and that's where you can really dive into the details. Is there any questions?

#### **F. Sustainability Advisory Committee Charter – Administration/Discussion**

Chairman Dumont: Thank you very much. All right. If nothing else, next up is the last one on the agenda is the Sustainability Advisory Committee Charter. And again, I will recognize Mr. Sorenson to kick that off when he's ready.

Roy Sorenson: Thank you, Mr. Chair. All right, so there's a lot of backup with this item. I want to give you, I don't think the document came through redlined.

Selectman Jakoby: No, it didn't.

Roy Sorenson: So, I'm going to hand that out so you have a copy of that and you can see it. Lorrie, if you don't mind. All right, so there's a lot to digest here. As I mentioned, there's a few things to look at here. Number one, we talked about creating a charter for the Sustainability Advisory Committee, which we set forth on that back at the end of October, so say the beginning of November. We worked through that. There was a multitude of things that happened in November and December. We had budget hearings and all kinds of things. So honestly, this kind of took a back seat. We're here now to address it. You do have the document. What's in black is what the Sustainability Advisory Committee put together. The red lines are what I think how the document should read. So that's first and foremost. You can kind of see those changes. The other questions we had on some of this was some of the expenditures of late that had happened late last year and early this year, involving donations and or expenditures and things of that nature. So, you have two things to look at tonight, Mr. Chair. I'll leave it to you. You want to cover the charter first, you want to cover the expenditures.

Chairman Dumont: Let's go over the expenses and then we'll hit the charter.

Selectman Jakoby: I just want to comment on what you said. So, Mr. Sorenson and I met and went over some of the concerns, hence the red lines I also worked with him on. The idea of the expenditures and things, what we noted was that it was important to have a clearer understanding of those expenditures within the charter, as well as for the charter that should be coming from the Benson Park Advisory Committee. There seemed to be a lot of misunderstandings and not a clear policy on donations and expenditures and a lot of misinformation as both of those organizations transitioned.

Chairman Dumont: Yeah, let's stay on the expenditures.

Roy Sorenson: So, there was a couple of things that happened with their actual expenditures this year and the board may recall they came here with a transfer of funds and things of that nature. So, finance made those transfers. They were probably, I'm going to guess, in one of their most active parts of the year with their pumpkin smash and then they did the pickup with the holiday recycling of the lights and things of that nature. At one point I did receive an expenditure for an ad in the newspaper regarding the recycling of lights, at which time I reached out to Chairman Kyle Huber and said, you don't have enough in the budget to cover this, you'll have to do a transfer. So, in other words, their budget's \$1,300, they would have to transfer money from somewhere else. Now, they're not going to make that decision. I'm going to make that decision, the Board's going to make that decision, right? Let's just say on the face of it, maybe it came from contingency because that's how our policy reads. It's got to come from somewhere else. It's a different purpose. You have to explain the fact that the purpose is different and why you're transferring it. I was notified shortly thereafter that while no, that bill is incorrect, we're covering that bill with donations. There was multiple donations. Deb Putnam made a donation on her own. There was a donation for the recycling of lights, and you can see that in your memo. Let me just pull that up. It's a memo from Carl Huber. I don't want to misspeak. From TESCO. And then they actually got a third donation, which actually we just put in as a gross up, and that was from East Coast Muscle for \$100. The first two donations, Deb Putnam at \$139.75, you can see what it covered. So, there was a newspaper ad for \$114.75. I guess it was printed three times at \$25, so the total was \$139.75. The second one was another ad for the lights collection. That was \$331.50. We were building total for that, which is what, \$400 and whatever it might be, \$70, at which point that's when Carl said, no, we're getting donations for those. And then he followed up with his paperwork, with the memo, and the donations go into finance. Now, you start to look at our donation policy. We adopted our policy, and basically anything under \$500 can go to the finance director. We take it in, and we move it from there. The problem with that is that might be fine for a department like police, fire, and DPW, whatever. It doesn't work for committees. Anything and everything that happens at a committee, an advisory committee especially, needs to come to this Board, either before we want to place an ad, we want to get a donation for an ad, or even the event itself. You saw that at the last meeting with the Benson's Park Advisory Committee coming in with their first round of events for the year. So that's kind of where we are. So, we're kind of in a murky area here over the last three months, and this stuff all just happened at once. Now, I think, and I did redline this, I'm pretty confident my language covers all this in the charter, to make sure that this doesn't happen again. Nonetheless, I think the committee needs to understand that they're an advisory committee. We talked about this last year, and whatever they're doing, be it an event, be it an ad in the paper, whatever it might be, they need to come to the board for that in advance of any type of formal action that they might take. So, I do have an expenditure sheet here if you want to see that as well. Do you want to hand one to Dave? And this is a report I

ran. Lorrie, if you don't mind handing those over, please. So, you can kind of see where their budget is. Now, you'll notice on this sheet here, the \$100 gross up for the donation is in there. That's going to be from East Coast Muscle.

Selectman Jakoby: So, when this came before the advisory committee, I informed them that they needed to go through the town administrator's office and to formally put this all in writing, because some of these donations seemed to come after the fact, and I had spoken about, like, if they were going to do the light collection, they needed to make sure they had the funding to pay for the shipping, and you can quote me, I said that, before you go ahead and make that decision. And from everything it looks like, they didn't have that lined up beforehand. Nor did they bring that here to say we didn't have it lined up beforehand. So, the timelines didn't merge, and that's why I think it's critical. And some things from what I understand in the past have been donated without any notification of that donation. So, in years past, there have been donations for shipping lights that never came to this Board or came through here, or even the advisory board for Benson Park, that there have been things that have been bought and donated by very generous people in the community, but it has not come through this Board, nor has it been accounted for in the past. And so that's why I feel really good about the changes made to the advisor to the charter, to make this policy really clear.

Chairman Dumont:

So, just a question before we get on, so about the expenditures. The \$331.50 for the lights collection, that was the total cost for the light collection, and that total cost was covered by a donation?

Roy Sorenson: Yeah, so if you look at, this is what the town covered out of their budget. Are you looking just for advertisement?

Chairman Dumont: Well, it's on this memo, but I didn't see it in the...

Roy Sorenson: It shouldn't be on this. Because it's a donation, so it's not on that.

Chairman Dumont: We had a conversation, I thought about that, I know it was probably a while back, and I could have sworn that Jay at DPW had offered to take the lights, and they have a recycling over there that they deal with. Am I misunderstanding that?

Selectman Jakoby: No one took the lights. No one was collecting them. Jay was not either. There was no place to bring them. They looked into all that.

Chairman Dumont: Did any of them reach out to Jay and ask to bring them to DPW?

Selectman Jakoby: It's my understanding.

Chairman Dumont: Because I did have a question to Jay, and he said they do take them, and he didn't get reached out to anybody, or by anybody.

Selectman Vurgaropoulos: I vaguely remember something when we had this conversation previously, and it had to do with, if mine would work, I think it had to do with the type of lights they were, and I believe the previous year, like last year, I know Mr. Thatcher also worked with that, because I remember I shipped those lights out for him. We send them across the country. There's like a big collection program in the country. One of my conversations had to do with the type of lights, and he couldn't accept them. I'd have to go back and research it, but I think that might have something to do with it.

Chairman Dumont: I can reach out and verify that. I was just curious. I see it's covered by the donation, but obviously if we have a program in town that can take them.

Selectman Jakoby: Absolutely. Like I said, that's my understanding. If I look back at the minutes, they looked everywhere, because Selectman Morin had said about Home Depot. You had mentioned several places that they did call, and they did even go to corporate. So, they called locally, and then they contacted corporately, and they were told they were no longer doing it.

Selectman Morin: To the point, the lights, they only want the copper wire. They don't want the lights itself. We could have recycled it, because they take that recycling in here, no matter what kind of lights, because they're

looking for the copper. They're not looking for the lights. Reading this, it said, follow all town rules, and any over-expenditure had to be explained to the town administrator. Why aren't we just putting this as a town employee has to forward a purchase order? That way the budget gets checked before anything gets done. Because if an employee had done what happened here, they would have been written up or fired, because they spent town money without permission.

Selectman Jakoby: Exactly.

Selectman Morin: That's wrong.

Selectman Jakoby: I agree.

Selectman Morin: I read it in here. I just don't know what you were meaning by it, because it said you follow all town policy, and then it said any over-expenditure. But where you say any over-expenditure has to be explained, there shouldn't get to an over-expenditure.

Roy Sorenson: No, so I think the way it's written, too, is that stuff needs to come to BOS anyways.

Selectman Morin: I understand that, but a PO should be drafted so there's documentation.

Roy Sorenson: Absolutely.

Selectman Jakoby: Don't they do a PO?

Roy Sorenson: They do, but in this instance, what happened is you can cut a PO whenever you want. The ads were placed first, or purchased first.

Selectman Jakoby: That's the problem, which is what I said to them.

Roy Sorenson: All right, so then they lost track of where they were with their advertisements, and by the time that last one came in for \$331, the report was updated, and that's when I said, you don't have enough money in here. Then they said, well, we were talking about donations, and that was the first I had heard of donations at that point.

Selectman Morin: In that discussion on donations, they realized they didn't have enough money, so they had to go find some. That's what happened there, and that's a problem, too.

Chairman Dumont: All right, so one thing, now that we're getting into the charter, I'm going to throw out there, just my personal opinion, the ads are not a fiscally responsible way to be spending taxpayer dollars. With that being said, I think that the programs that Sustainability puts together can have value to them. I think truly, and I've had this conversation with a couple of members on Sustainability, and I'm hoping they'll have the conversation at their next meeting, that they should work more towards a nonprofit. I think that they would be better served doing it that way. I think that they would get out from underneath some of our policies. They could run and function the way that they want to. Quite frankly, I think that their budget would increase significantly with the donations they would be able to bring in that way and possibly get set up for charitable gaming. And I think a lot of those issues go away. You know, we're only able to do so much with the committees, especially with the way the taxes are looked at. You know, we're really constrained on just about everything. And it even came up again this year. I know I was the one that talked about it when we talked about their increase, that we have to be mindful of every little bit. You know, we need to make sure our major departments are getting what they need, our staff is getting taken care of, and then all this other stuff comes last. And the past couple of years, and I don't see it getting any better, I don't see that happening anymore. So, for me, I would like to see if they would consider the idea of transforming into that nonprofit. Like any organization in town at that port, they would be incorporated, they would be separate from the town, but they still would be able to make advisements and recommendations to the departments and to the Board of Selectmen. I just see what they're going for, the bigger picture of it. I think a lot more could be achieved if looked in that direction. I know, you know, this is just a starting point. I'm not asking for anybody to make decisions, but definitely consider it.

Selectman Jakoby: So, um, Selectman, Chairman Dumont, I had that same thought, because there's a nonprofit in Nashua that actually did a styrofoam collection that we piggybacked on.

Chairman Dumont: Yeah.

Selectman Jakoby: And one of my questions was, if they become a nonprofit, then they wouldn't necessarily be an advisory committee.

Chairman Dumont: So, the advisory committee would disband.

Selectman Jakoby: Right, that's what I'm saying.

Chairman Dumont: And the Board of Selectmen would eliminate it, and they would become an incorporated entity at that point and set their own rules through their own bylaws.

Selectman Jakoby: Yeah, so part of what I was looking at for sustainability was that there was a clear purpose when it was formed, and there was a lot of rebates, a lot of updating of lights, and a lot of money out there to be had for many of our departments. And from my understanding is they did an excellent job both with police and fire, all over this town. That money doesn't really exist anymore, those avenues. And so, as I think about the sustainability committee, yes, there's a large educational piece here, but with DPW really doing the transfer station and becoming more vibrant in how they're explaining things and even with the changes of our landfill, they're also owning that more and educating the public much more than originally, because some of the original things they did was teach about recycling this committee. So, our departments are taking on a larger portion of what they were doing. So, I agree with you. I question this role, especially the educational piece, is that better served somewhere else. And has this committee done its time in this way, and is it necessary?

Chairman Dumont: Yeah, I had a great conversation with Mrs. Putnam about it. She's one of the more senior members, so I wanted to learn a little bit more about everything well before I got onto the Board of Selectmen. And yeah, she told me flat out that when it was started there was a direct purpose that changed, there was conversation about disbanding and then them regrouping and kind of morphing into what we see here today, which is fine. I'm just wondering to your point, has it kind of run its course at least for an advisory committee for the town? I think with what they've done and what they can do, a pitch for them to be a non-profit would be a very easy sell, but again, I'm not on that committee. That's not the type of business that I'm in, so I would defer to them. So, I'm hoping that they'll have that conversation at their next meeting. Questions or comments?

Selectman Jakoby: So, this is the first read of their charter, so it'll come back for a second read, and at that time we would make a decision.

Chairman Dumont: Yeah, and their next meeting is the, this month or is it the following month?

Selectman Jakoby: Following month, March.

Chairman Dumont: Okay, I thought it was the 20-something.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: We are in March.

Selectman Jakoby: Oh, we are in March, yeah, this month. 23rd or 24th?

Selectman Jakoby: We are in March, yes, it's the 23rd.

Chairman Dumont: Okay, all right. And ours is the following day.

Selectman Jakoby: 24th, the next day.

Chairman Dumont: So, I guess let's see how their discussion goes, but I was up front with her, I just want to be up front with the Board. That's the direction I would like to see it go, so I wanted to put it out there and get everybody's feedback on it.

Selectman Jakoby: I actually have the same discussion, independent of you, with several of them.

Chairman Dumont: Perfect, we're all thinking alike then. Selectman Morin and Selectman Vurgaropulos, any comments or discussion?

Selectman Morin: No, I mean, Selectman Jakoby could probably just put that on and make sure it gets on the agenda.

Selectman Jakoby: Yeah, I will.

Chairman Dumont: Perfect. All right, that takes care of that. Thank you very much.

#### 9. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS/OTHER REMARKS

**Selectman Vurgaropoulos:** I've got nothing to report at this time. Everybody get out and vote.

Chairman Dumont: Exactly, I've always got to echo that in. Selectman Morin, would you like to finish since it's your last one?

**Selectman Morin:** No, it won't be long. This is my last meeting. I want to thank the Board. We've had our ups and downs. We work well together. I know that the last couple Boards have been very understanding with employees, looked out for the town probably better than most Select Boards that I've dealt with in the past. We have a tough job and we do a pretty good job at it. I do have to say, experiencing things in the past, I want to thank all you guys. I want to thank the public for allowing me to serve for three terms. It's very much appreciated. I learned a lot more than I thought I knew when I started, which was a good thing. And most of all, I want to thank the employees. The employees, again, I've said it a hundred times to them, but I want to say it publicly tonight. The employees are the ones that make this town as it is. We have a job, but they do the job every single day and they're the ones that make Hudson great as it is and I very much appreciate that. Thank you.

Chairman Dumont: Thank you very much, sir.

**Selectman Jakoby:** I just wanted to give an update on the Benson Park Advisory Committee. They are very excited about the new website coming forward. We've had, I think, three or four new members so there's a new excitement around that committee and I'm hoping that charter will also come before us shortly. The Easter egg hunt that they brought forward has been canceled, just so everybody knows. So that event will not be happening in case you saw it on the agenda last week. And as we said earlier, the Sustainability Committee did not have a February meeting. They'll have one in a couple of weeks. But I just want to thank Selectman Morin for working so diligently over the years for the town and for educating me in many ways and I really wouldn't be the Selectman I am without a lot of the conversations we've had and the things we've had to deal with together. So, I really do appreciate that and I just think it's your knowledge and everything that you have for this town. I hope you're staying in town because I think there's a lot here for you and I look forward to seeing what you do next. So, thank you very much.

**Selectman Guessferd:** Excused.

**Chairman Dumont:** Thank you. And obviously Selectman Guessferd is excused so I will just echo Selectman Vurgaropoulos' points. Election coming up, please everybody get out and vote. The turnout tends to be pretty depressing. I think somewhere around 17%. It would be nice to see that even get up over a quarter. So please come out and vote. Get active. Ask questions. Know what's going on in your community. I did want to echo again thank you very much to Selectman Morin for his years of service. I had the pleasure of dealing with you on Planning Board prior to Select Board in town on the Select Board. Very knowledgeable. You've always helped me anytime I've ever had a question. So, thank you very much for your time. I really appreciate it.

#### 10. REMARKS BY TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

**Roy Sorenson:** Mr. Sorenson. Alright, thank you. One major item, and I did send that out today, so we did forward off a letter of intent to withdraw from CPC&H. Tarbell and Brodich did that today. So, we'll get some information from them back as far as how that may work. I'm looking to bring that back to the next meeting. We're also probably going to have another company come in that if we want to continue down that path, we may do so. So, it's not final. It's just we're kind of in that stage of gathering information. Everybody said it. Congratulations Selectman Morin. And I want to just thank you. You're one of the original five that gave me this opportunity to sit here. And I appreciate that. We'll never forget that. And don't be a stranger. Come in. Say yes. Stop in.

Selectman Morin: I can look out one of my windows and see the building.

Roy Sorenson: And again, I think what you've done, both as an employee and serving as an elected official, it speaks volumes to who you are as a person. Not many people want to do one or the other, and you did both. So good for you. God bless, and congratulations.

Chairman Dumont: Thank you very much. And I will add to that, feel free to come sit in the audience. You want to yell at us, we'd love to have you back.

Selectman Vurgaropulos: He already said that he wants to be loud on the other side.

Selectman Morin: It's a whole different thing when you're the resident.

Chairman Dumont: Our school board liaison is not here. We didn't have any motions made in non-public like I stated earlier. So, with that, everybody's favorite motion.

**11. REMARKS BY SCHOOL BOARD** – None

**12. MOTIONS MADE IN NONPUBLIC** – None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

*Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Vurgaropulos, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried, 4-0.*

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Bob Guessferd, Vice-Chairman

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Heidi Jakoby, Selectman

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Dave Morin, Selectman