



Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen

Minutes – May 11, 2020

Via Zoom (Remote) 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

Present were Mr. Durant, Mr. Duplisea, Mr. Lucy, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Parent and Mr. Moses. Also present were Atty. Cipriano and Ms. Vickery.

2. Minutes to be Approved:

- a) Public session minutes – April 27, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the public session minutes of April 27, 2020.

3. Meetings and Public Hearings - 7:00 PM:

4. Licenses:

5. Personnel:

- a) Selectmen to note the retirement of Rosemary (Rory) Trocki as Principal Clerk in the Accounting Office, effective May 29, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to note the retirement of Rosemary (Rory) Trocki as Principal Clerk in the Accounting Office, effective May 29, 2020.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval of a revised job description for the Police Captain.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve a revised job description for the Police Captain.

- c) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Danielle Wagner to the position of Administrative Manager for the DPW at a Grade M4, Step 5, effective May 19, 2020.

The Board passed over this item.

- d) Selectmen to note the retirement of Cora Arsenault as Administrative Assistant to the Library, effective June 5, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to note the retirement of Cora Arsenault as Administrative Assistant to the Library, effective June 5, 2020.

6. Contracts:

- a) Selectmen to ratify and authorize the Executive Assistant to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Town and NEBPA, Local 14 for the periods between July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to ratify and authorize the Executive Assistant to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Town and NEBPA, Local 14 for the periods between July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

7. General:

- a) Selectmen to meet with Kevin Santos, Affordable Housing Trust Chairman, to get an update on the Rental Assistance Program.

Mr. Santos explained to the Board that this program provides temporary rental assistance to Hudson residents directly impacted by the current public health crisis. The deadline to apply is May 14, 2020. The rental assistance is available for three months for up to \$500 per month.

- b) Selectmen to discuss the logistics of Annual Town Meeting to be held of June 22, 2020.

Mr. Harrity, Town Moderator stated that he thinks Town Meeting should only be held when all who want to attend can attend. He also noted that some Towns are looking into holding their Town Meetings outside. He does not think this is a good idea and feels the only viable option is the High School gymnasium. The Board said they will make a decision at its meeting of June 1st.

- c) Selectmen to meet with Michael Waterman of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for a presentation regarding the 2020 Forest Management Proposals on DCR land.

Peter Church and Michael Waterman spoke in regards to the project. This is part of DCR's public process. Each year DCR puts forth a number of proposals active forest management projects and there is a public comment period as part of the process. There is a current forest management project in Town and Mr. Waterman spoke about the project. It is the Marlborough-Sudbury State Forest Project which is on the eastern side of Town off of White Pond Road. The project is to do some thinning and to help with the red pine scale in an approximate area of 113 acres.

- d) Selectmen to accept a gift from the Hudson Cultural Alliance in the amount of \$4,900 for the appraisal of the Hudson Armory.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to accept a gift from the Hudson Cultural Alliance in the amount of \$4,900 for the appraisal of the Hudson Armory.

- e) Selectmen to discuss the 2021 budget and financial forecasts.

Mr. Moses explained that there will likely be some financial strain to the FY2021 budget due to the coronavirus. This budget has not yet been approved by voters however the Board feels that the budget they have approved is not sustainable without much of the expected tax revenue that will now most likely not come to fruition. Mr. Moses will be meeting with department heads to discuss the budget and possible budget cuts. He will report back to the Board at its next meeting.

8. Citizens' Issues:

9. Town Issues:

10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to note the correspondence of May 11, 2020.

11. Executive Session:

- a) Selectmen to consider entering into Executive Session pursuant to Mass. General Laws c. 30A, Section 21(3) to discuss potential and imminent litigation in that an Open Meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board of Selectmen and Town and the Chairman so declares; and to seek advice of legal counsel present.

12. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to adjourn their meeting of May 11, 2020 at 8:00 PM and to enter into Executive Session and not to return to public session.