



Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen

Minutes—January 28, 2019

78 Main Street 2nd Floor 7:00PM

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Minutes to be Approved:

- a) Public Session Minutes: January 7, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the public session minutes of January 7, 2019.

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

- a) Selectmen to consider approval of a transfer of an All Alcohol Package Store License at 103-105 Main Street from Hudson Wine and Spirits, Inc. d/b/a/ Chubby's Liquors to RJ, Inc. d/b/a Hudson Wine and Spirits, Nikhil Patel, Manager.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the transfer of an All Alcohol Package Store License at 103-105 Main Street from Hudson Wine and Spirits, Inc. d/b/a/ Chubby's Liquors to RJ, Inc. d/b/a Hudson Wine and Spirits, Nikhil Patel, Manager.

4. Licenses:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval of Fortune Teller/Tarot Card Reading License to Anastasia Papanikolau at 22 Main Street between the hours of 8:00AM and 10:00PM.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve a Fortune Teller/Tarot Card Reading License to Anastasia Papanikolau at 22 Main Street between the hours of 8:00AM and 10:00PM.

5. Personnel:

- a) Selectmen to consider approving the appointment of Joseph Dion as W-4 Mechanic for the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$22.87/hour, effective January 29, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Joseph Dion as W-4 Mechanic for the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$22.87/hour, effective January 29, 2019.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Helen Shaw as Part-time Technical Services Librarian for the Library at a rate of \$19.06/hour, effective January 29, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Helen Shaw as Part-time Technical Services Librarian for the Library at a rate of \$19.06/hour, effective January 29, 2019.

- c) Selectmen to consider approval of the advance sick leave of 30 days to Tony Andrews.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the advance sick leave of 30 days to Tony Andrews.

- d) Selectmen to note the resignation of Donald Garcia from the Economic Development Commission, effective immediately.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to note the resignation of Donald Garcia from the Economic Development Commission, effective immediately.

- e) Selectmen to note the retirement of Fire Chief Stephen Geldart, effective January 11, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to note the retirement of Fire Chief Stephen Geldart, effective January 11, 2019.

- f) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Zenaide Swenson to serve on the Historical Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Zenaide Swenson to serve on the Historical Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

6. Contracts:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Silva's Services for snow hauling for the 2019 season at a rate of \$90 per hour.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Silva's Services for snow hauling for the 2019 season at a rate of \$90 per hour.

7. General:

- a) Selectmen to consider accepting donations from various donors to the Hudson Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition totaling \$1,600.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to accept a contract with Silva's Services for snow hauling for the 2019 season at a rate of \$90 per hour.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign an Inter Municipal Agreement for the Town of Hudson Board of Health Director and Sanitarian to provide public health services to the office of Board of Health in the Town of Maynard.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of an Inter Municipal Agreement for the Town of Hudson Board of Health Director and Sanitarian to provide public health services to the office of Board of Health in the Town of Maynard.

- c) Selectmen to consider accepting a gift from the Entwistle Company for the purchase, registration and insurance of a vehicle for the VetRides Program in the amount of \$40,000.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to accept a gift from the Entwistle Company for the purchase, registration and insurance of a vehicle for the VetRides Program in the amount of \$40,000.

- d) Selectmen to consider approving proposed fees for Backflow Testing.

Mr. Ryder stated that the proposed fees will be \$75 for a backflow initial test, \$25 for device testing and the residential rate will be \$25. These fees will go into effect on July 1, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to approve fees for backflow testing.

e) Selectmen to consider approval of updated 2019 Water & Sewer Regulations.

Mr. Ryder presented the Board with updated water and sewer regulations. The primary changes are to the fees that the Town collects for services related to water and sewer as these have not changed in many years.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the update 2019 Water & Sewer Regulations.

f) Paul Blazar, representing retirees, to address Selectmen regarding a switch from the Medex 3 retirement health insurance plan to a Medex 2/PDP plan.

Mr. Blazar explained that the current plan that retirees have as a Medicare supplemental plan is Medex 3 which includes both medical treatment and drug prescription costs. The premium for this is \$551 annually, this premium is due to reset in July. The proposal is to change to a combination of Medex2 and a prescription drug plan. This offers the exact same medical treatment benefits as the current plan however the copays and deductibles are slightly different for prescriptions. The combined premium for both is \$409 effective through January 21, 2020. The gross savings on the monthly premium is \$142 of which \$71 would go to the participant and \$71 would go to the Town (50/50 split).

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to recommend a switch from the Medex 3 retirement health insurance plan to a Medex 2/PDP plan.

8. Budget / Capital Plan Hearings:

a) Selectmen to discuss and consider approving FY 2020 water and sewer rates.

Mr. Moses stated that the water and sewer rates are increasing for FY20 due to anticipated improvements that need to be made to the water system and the waste water treatment facility.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the FY 2020 water and sewer rates.

b)

Department	Dept. #	Tab #	Amount Requested	Motion	Second	Vote
Public Works	Various	19	\$6,717,671	Parent	Durant	5-0
Capital Plan - DPW	---	4	\$391,059	Lucy	Durant	5-0
Fire Department	2200	17	\$3,441,359	Durant	Lucy	5-0
Capital Plan – Fire	---	4	\$165,500	Lucy	Durant	5-0
Police Department	2100	16	\$3,697,278	Duplisea	Durant	5-0
Capital Plan – Police	---	4	\$119,850	Lucy	Durant	5-0
Rec & Park Comm	6300	24	\$402,723	Lucy	Duplisea	5-0
Capital Plan - Rec	---	4	\$50,000	Lucy	Quinn	5-0

9. Citizens' Issues:

Douglas Schaffer, 28 Eaton Drive expressed his frustration with the quality of the video feed and stated that it was unacceptable. Mr. Ceisluk gave him a brief explanation and said they are working diligently to remedy the situation.

Mr. Lucy, on behalf of Joe Cunha, 1 Cherry Street, asked if the Fire Chief could look into the idea of the Friends of the Library using the east Main Street fire station for storage purposes.

10. Town Issues:

Mr. Duplisea asked that the light at the intersection of Washington and Brigham Streets be evaluated as it does not seem to function properly in the evening.

Mr. Lucy stated that as he is not opposed to fixing the rotary he is against bonding \$800,000 to help fund the Wood Square Rotary Project.

11. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to note the correspondence of its meeting of January 28, 2019.

12. Executive Session:

- a) Selectmen to discuss I.A.F.F. Local 1713 Fire Union Negotiations to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.
- b) Selectmen to discuss NEPBA Local 14 Union Negotiations to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.

13. Adjourn:

The Board voted 5-0, by roll call, to enter into executive session, not to return to public session.

Document List – January 28, 2019

Document	Location
Public session minutes – 01/29/18	BOS Office
License application – Hudson Wine & Spirits	BOS Office
License application – Anastasia Papanikolau	BOS Office
Appointment memo – Joseph Dion, Helen Shaw, Zenaide Swenson	BOS Office
Resignation memo – Stephen Geldardt, Don Garcia	BOS Office
Sick leave advance memo	BOS Office
Contract with Silva's Services	BOS Office

Donation memo – HYSABC and Veteran’s Office	BOS Office
Inter Municipal Agreement	BOS Office
Proposed back flow fees memo	BOS Office
Updated water sewer rates memo	BOS Office
Retiree health insurance information and memo	BOS Office
License expiration notice	BOS Office
Email regarding technical issues with BOS meetings	BOS Office
Memo regarding offices that will be placed on upcoming Town election ballot	BOS Office
Bridge reports	BOS Office
Thank you from BID to DPW	BOS Office