



Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen

Minutes— March 11, 2019

78 Main Street 2nd Floor 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Minutes to be Approved:

- a) Public session minutes – February 25, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the public session minutes of February 25, 2019.

- b) Executive session minutes – February 25, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the executive session minutes of February 25, 2019. Mr. Duplisea not voting.

- c) Executive session minutes March 4, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the executive session minutes of March 4, 2019.

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

- a) Selectmen to meet with members of Green Hudson to discuss their plans to reduce plastic bag use in Hudson.

Present were Elissa Pearmain, 127 White Pond Road and Carolyn MacDonald, Chair of Conservation Commission in Berlin. Ms. MacDonald explained that she has been approached to set in place a ban on single use plastic bags in Berlin. However she thought a combined effort with Hudson may be more successful as many of the shops at Highland Commons are on the line of both Towns. Berlin has an article on its May Town Meeting Warrant to create a by-law which will ban these bags.

They are asking if Hudson would sponsor a similar by-law for its November Town Meeting along with Green Hudson. They would like this to start in the spring of 2020 and no later than June 1, 2020. The Board unanimously agreed to place an article on the November Town Meeting Warrant that would create a by-law to ban said bags.

4. Licenses:

5. Personnel:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Chris Ryan to serve on the Economic Development Commission, term to expire on December 31, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Chris Ryan to serve on the Economic Development Commission, term to expire on December 31, 2022.

- b) Selectmen to meet with the Library Trustees to discuss the Library Director search.

Tom Desmond, Vice Chair of the Library Trustees and Deborah Kane, Acting Director addressed the Board. They explained that due to compensation they are having a difficult time filling the position of Library Director. Mr. Desmond noted that they would use some of their state aid for funding for the rest of this year and the coming

fiscal year. The state has approved this. Mr. Moses recommends that this position be changed from an M-7 to an M-8.

The Board took this motion in the next item.

- c) Executive Assistant to request reclassification of positions.

Mr. Moses explained that some of the department head positions need to be looked at regarding reclassifying them. He suggests making the changes to the Library Director, the DPW Director, the Treasurer/Collector and the Finance Director. He would like the reclassifications effective July 1st, except for the Library Director as they already have a source of funding.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to reclassify the DPW and Finance Director from an M-10 to an M-11, effective July 1, 2019. Reclassify the Treasurer/Collector from an M-7 to an M-7, effective July 1, 2019 and reclassify the Library Director from an M-7 to an M-8, effective immediately.

- d) Selectmen to consider nominating and appointing a member of the Board to serve as the Board of Selectmen liaison to the Recycling Sustainability Committee.

Kelli Calo, Director of Public Health informed the Board that the Board of Health would like to put this ad hoc committee together for about six months in order to review survey results in order to determine the feasibility of a town wide curb side pick-up program. Mr. Lucy nominated himself.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Mr. Lucy to the Recycling Sustainability Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint the following members to the Commission:

- Michael Delfino – Board of Health Liaison*
- Jacqueline Gillis – Recycling Committee Liaison*
- Jillian Jagling – Member at Large*
- Sean Frey – Member at Large*
- Kathryn Nardoza – Member at Large*

- e) Selectmen to consider approving the appointment of Zenaide Swenson to serve as the Real Estate representative to the Silas Felton Historic District Commission, term to expire December 31, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Zenaide Swenson to serve as the Real Estate representative to the Silas Felton Historic District Commission, term to expire December 31, 2021.

6. Contracts:

7. General:

- a) Selectmen to meet with Jack Hunter, Director of Community Development to discuss the Hudson River Walks Project.

Jack Hunter explained that \$130,000 was approved at May Town meeting for the walkway along the Assabet River parallel to South Street as well as Liberty Park. Mr. Parent noted that at town meeting these were presented as two separate projects and now they are combined into one. Mr. Hunter stated that he thought it made sense to combine the two for financial reasons.

Mr. Lucy is not in favor the performance area that is being proposed for Liberty Park. He stated the only changes he thinks should be made are to improve the handicapped accessibility there and to add a modest boat launch.

Mr. Quinn believes that with the impending acquisition of the armory the changes to liberty park would seem unnecessary as the armory would be a better place for both the boat launch and performance area.

After discussing this, the Board decided to hold off on Liberty Park and rebid (if it is necessary) for the South Street Riverwalk and look into extending it to Broad Street.

The Board took no action.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval to apply for SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) Grant through FEMA.

Chief Harris is requesting a letter of intent from the Selectmen in order to be able to apply for the grant.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to submit a letter of intent to Chief Harris for the SAFER Grant application.

- c) Selectmen to consider applying for the Mass Development Real Estate Technical Assistance Program Grant and authorizing the Executive Assistant to sign the application.

This grant is for \$50,000 and would give expertise in marketing and financial analysis with regard to the armory. One of the categories of the grant is to dispose of surplus public property. Mr. Hunter believes this would help with the armory acquisition business plan.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0-1 to apply for the Mass Development Real Estate Technical Assistance Program Grant and authorize the Executive Assistant to sign the application. Mr. Lucy against.

- d) Selectmen to meet with Anthony Parinello of Evergreen Strategies LLC to discuss marijuana cultivation facility at Fox Road, and to consider approval of terms for a Community Host Agreement, and to consider directing Town Counsel to draft said agreement.

Present were Anthony Parinello, President Evergreen Strategies, LLC and Steve Poole, Civil Engineer. Mr. Parinello presented his plan to place a cultivation facility at Fox Road. This two-acre facility will house two greenhouses and a processing center and will hopefully be ready in early 2020.

Mr. Lucy and Mr. Parinello discussed community impact fees and length and could not come to an agreement. Mr. Parinello wanted the fees capped at \$500,000 while Mr. Lucy is looking for a percentage of sales. Mr. Parent believes that the Board should go forward with drafting the agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 3-1-1 to sign a letter of authorization and direct Town Counsel to draft an agreement when terms have been finalized. Mr. Quinn abstained. Mr. Lucy against.

8. Citizens' Issues:

9. Town Issues:

Jeff Supernor, 18 Plant Ave. asked to be updated regarding the current parking situation at 62 Packard Street and a timeline for finding a new location. Mr. Moses explained that a meeting was held last week and they have found that the traffic is trending upward. Mr. Moses stating Temescal is actively looking for an alternative site as the Town is pressing them to move from the current parking location.

Shawn Sadowski, 17 Plant Ave. also spoke in regards to the same issue. He has found that the bus is not following the set route and is driving through more dense

neighborhoods which he believes violates their agreement. He also expressed his displeasure that there was a lack of police detail this past weekend.

All Selectmen agree that this must end and they are all frustrated with the situation. The Board directed Mr. Moses and Atty. Cipriano to work together to end this situation as soon as possible.

Doug Schaeffer, 28 Eaton Drive noted that Eaton Drive was repaved 15 years ago and is now being dug up to put in new gas lines. He agrees that infrastructure deteriorates and must be replaced. He asked if the Town has a plan to do the infrastructure before paving a road. The Board agrees it is a valid point but it is difficult to get the gas company and phone company to replace infrastructure until they are ready to.

Mr. Moses will look into this.

10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to note the correspondence of its meeting of March 11, 2019.

11. Executive Session:

12. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn its meeting of March 11, 2019 at 10:00 PM.

Document List – March 11, 2019

Document	Location
Public Session Minutes 02/25/19	BOS Office
Executive Session Minutes 02/25/19 & 03/11/19	BOS Office
Appointment memo: Chris Ryan, Zenaide Swenson	BOS Office
Memo regarding Recycling Sustainability Commission	BOS Office
Reclassification memo	BOS Office
SAFER Grant memo	BOS Office
Memo from EA regarding Evergreen Strategies	BOS Office
FY 2020 Chapter 90 apportionment for Hudson	BOS Office
Bridge report - Cox Street / Assabet River	BOS Office
Forecasted snow and ice account balances	BOS Office
Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Fund	BOS Office
Xfinity Channel Updates	BOS Office