



Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen

Minutes – December 2, 2019

78 Main Street 2nd Floor 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

Present were Mr. Durant, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Lucy, Mr. Parent and Mr. Moses. Also present were Atty. Cipriano (arrived at 8:45 PM) and Ms. Vickery.

2. Minutes to be Approved:

- a) Public session minutes – November 4, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the public session minutes of November 4, 2019.

- b) Public session minutes – November 18, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the public session minutes of November 18, 2019.

- c) Executive session minutes – November 4, 2019 (6:30 PM).

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 3-0-1 to approve the executive session minutes of November 4, 2019 (6:30 PM). Mr. Lucy abstained.

- d) Executive session minutes – November 4, 2019 (7:00 PM).

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the executive session minutes of November 4, 2019 (7:00 PM).

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

- a) Selectmen to conduct Tax Classification hearing to set property tax rates for fiscal year 2020.

Present were Christine Griffin and Brian Bowen. Ms. Griffin stated that the single family home in Hudson (as of 01/01/2019) is valued at \$394,762 and increase of 6% over last year. The total value of the residential class increased by 5.44% and the commercial/industrial class increased by 2.3%. New growth was approximately \$31 million which will result in \$757,152 of tax revenue for the Town.

Ms. Griffin explained that the Board can elect a single tax rate of \$18.93 or a split tax rate of \$16.61 residential and \$33.13 commercial / industrial. The excess levy capacity will be determined on the option selected, which is approximately \$781,421.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a minimum residential factor of 0.8776 which will result in a residential tax rate of \$16.61 residential and \$33.13 commercial / industrial and approve an excess levy capacity of \$786,820.

4. Licenses:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval of a change of hours for Ground Effect Brewing Company located at 312 Main Street from 10:30 PM to 12:00 AM Wednesday – Saturday and from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Sunday.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 to approval a change of hours for Ground Effect Brewing Company located at 312 Main Street from 10:30 PM to 12:00 AM Wednesday – Saturday and from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Sunday.

- b) Selectmen to consider a transfer of ownership and change of d/b/a from Wright's Jewelry Inc., owner Lee Dinner to Wright's Jewelry & Design Co., owner Justin Beit and a change of hours to Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a transfer of ownership and change of d/b/a from Wright's Jewelry Inc., owner Lee Dinner to Wright's Jewelry & Design Co., owner Justin Beit and a change of hours to Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

- c) Selectmen to consider issuance of a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Michael Melifonwu for a Birthday Party to be held on February 15, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 PM and 2:00 AM at Roller Kingdom located at 5 Highland Park Avenue.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Michael Melifonwu for a Birthday Party to be held on February 15, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 PM and 1:00 AM at Roller Kingdom located at 5 Highland Park Avenue, subject to the submittal of an insurance certificate.

- d) Selectmen to consider approval of 2020 License renewals for all licensee's that have met their requirements.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the 2020 License renewals for all licensee's that have met their requirements.

5. Personnel:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval of the promotion of Anthony Andrews from W-6 Crew Leader to a W-7 Water Treatment Facility Chief Mechanic at a rate of \$28.89, effective December 3, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the promotion of Anthony Andrews from W-6 Crew Leader to a W-7 Water Treatment Facility Chief Mechanic at a rate of \$28.89, effective December 3, 2019.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Kyle Sullivan as W-2 Laborer for the DPW at a rate of \$21.24, effective December 3, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the appointment of Kyle Sullivan as W-2 Laborer for the DPW at a rate of \$21.24, effective December 3, 2019.

- c) Selectmen to note the resignation of Gabriel Lopez as Fulltime Communications Dispatcher for the Hudson Police Department, effective November 29, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 to note the resignation of Gabriel Lopez as Fulltime Communications Dispatcher for the Hudson Police Department, effective November 29, 2019.

- d) Selectmen to consider approval of Fall/Winter 2019-2020 Seasonal Employees for the Recreation Department.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Fall/Winter 2019-2020 Seasonal Employees for the Recreation Department.

- e) Selectmen to consider approval of an updated job description for the position of Reference Technology Librarian.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 to approve an updated job description for the position of Reference Technology Librarian.

- f) Selectmen to note a Letter of Commendation for Hudson Police Dispatcher Ethan Holman.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 to note a Letter of Commendation for Hudson Police Dispatcher Ethan Holman.

- g) Selectmen to consider reappointments of presently serving Board & Committee members that wish to be reappointed.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 to approve all reappointments of presently serving Board & Committee members except Mr. Durant, Mr. Quinn and Mr. Parent.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 3-0-1 to reappoint Mr. Quinn to the Affordable Housing Trust and the Historic District Committee. Mr. Quinn abstained.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 3-0-1 to reappoint Mr. Parent to the Community Preservation Committee and the Affordable Housing Trust. Mr. Parent abstained.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 3-0-1 to reappoint Mr. Durant to the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Durant abstained.

- h) Selectmen to approve the lateral transfer of Firefighter Kyle Schaeffer from the Clinton Fire Department to Hudson, effective December 9, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the lateral transfer of Firefighter Kyle Schaeffer from the Clinton Fire Department to Hudson, effective December 9, 2019.

- i) Selectmen to approve the promotion of Jose Chaves from W-2 Maintenance Laborer to W-6 Crew Leader at a rate of \$25.32, effective December 3, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4- to approve the promotion of Jose Chaves from W-2 Maintenance Laborer to W-6 Crew Leader at a rate of \$25.32, effective December 3, 2019.

6. Contracts:

Selectmen to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Tavares Brother's Landscape for snow plowing the 2019 - 2020 season.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Tavares Brother's Landscape for snow plowing the 2019 - 2020 season.

7. General:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a Community Host Agreement with Hudson Growers Alliance, LLC for an adult use marijuana establishment for cannabis cultivation facility located at 9 Kane Industrial Drive.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a Community Host Agreement with Hudson Growers Alliance, LLC for an adult use marijuana establishment for cannabis cultivation facility located at 9 Kane Industrial Drive.

- b) Selectmen to meet with DPW Director Eric Ryder to discuss a bridge inspection report for the Main Street Bridge over the Danforth Brook.

Eric Ryder, DPW Director explained to the Board that a recent bridge inspection report from MassDOT regarding the Main Street Bridge over the Tannery Brook

recommends that the bridge be repaired or replaced. The Town is being required to close off at least one parking spot on Main Street. Mr. Ryder stated that the repairs may take 2 -3 weeks and the bridge will need to be closed during that time however if the Board opts to replace the bridge repairs will take approximately 12 -16 weeks. He will be seeking quotes and will come back before the selectmen with a plan.

- c) Selectmen to consider approving a Public Property Usage Policy for the Downtown area.

Mr. Hunter has prepared a public property usage policy for the Board to review. He suggests that any dumpsters on Town property get a revocable license that would be renewed yearly. The fee for the license would be based on square footage (\$7.00 per square foot). One of the dumpsters takes up two parking spaces. The business owner will be charged an additional \$500 per space for the license.

A discussion ensued regarding the use of one dumpster on public property by multiple businesses. The Board was unsure how to address this issue. They decided further discussion regarding this would be necessary and requested that Mr. Hunter rework this part of the policy.

He also identified the parking spaces that are on Town property that have been “self-assigned” by the tenants / business owners. The Board instructed Mr. Hunter to prepare correspondence to these folks stating that by December 31, 2019 they must take the signs down (or they will be taken down) to allow for the use of the parking spaces to all.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 to have Mr. Hunter or Moses send letters to all who have “self-assigned” parking spaces that they must be taken down by December 31, 2019.

8. Citizens' Issues:

Steve Tipps, 27 Parmenter Road stated that he is one of the private well owners on Parmenter Road and his quarterly water testing has not been conducted since June. He has only had two of the four yearly tests and has contacted the company and the testing company and they have not called him back. Mr. Moses will call DEP and let them know the situation.

Brian O'Neil, 31 Parmenter Road stated that the EFSB has tentatively ruled to approve the Eversource project. There is a final public hearing on December 17th and all comments are due by December 10th. He asked whether the Board plans on being present at the hearing or submitting a letter. Mr. Durant stated that they will discuss the Counsel and make a decision.

Beth Loureiro, Packard Street asked about the possibility of Hudson adopting an abatement policy for water bills. The Board stated that they would look into this, however find this may be unlikely as the cost of this is very uncertain.

9. Town Issues:

10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 to note the correspondence of its meeting of December 2, 2019.

11. Executive Session:

- a) Selectmen to meet in Executive Session to review Executive Session minutes that potential for all of the exceptions of the open meeting law for the purpose of reviewing outstanding executive session minutes; and to seek advice of Counsel.

12. Adjourn:

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

Document List

Document	Location
Public session minutes - November 4 & 18, 2019	BOS Office
Executive session minutes – November 4, 2019	BOS Office
Tax classification presentation	BOS Office
Change of Hours – Ground Effect	BOS Office
Transfer of Ownership – Wright’s Jewelry	BOS Office
One Day Beer/Wine – Melinfonwu	BOS Office
2020 License renewals	BOS Office
Promotion memo – Andrews	BOS Office
Appointment memo – Sullivan	BOS Office
Resignation memo – Lopez	BOS Office
Fall/ Winter seasonal employees – Rec Dept	BOS Office
Updated job description – Reference Technology Librarian	BOS Office
Letter of commendation – Holman	BOS Office
Board/Committee reappointments	BOS Office
Transfer memo – Schaeffer	BOS Office
Promotion memo – Chaves	BOS Office
Contract – Tavares Brothers	BOS Office
Community Host Agreement	BOS Office
Bridge Report	BOS Office
Public property usage policy	BOS Office
MassDEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant notification	BOS Office
November 2019 tax foreclosure auction report	BOS Office
Comcast price changes notice	BOS Office
Notice of residential drinking water well sampling	BOS Office
Letter from State Fire Marshall regarding PFAS at the Mass Firefighting Academy	BOS Office
MassDEP release notification form	BOS Office
Letter from Town Counsel requesting formal suspension of foreclosure proceedings form 15 Broad Street	BOS Office

October ridership report for Route 15	BOS Office
October 2019 Fire Department leave report	BOS Office
Hudson Cultural Alliance public information session flyer	BOS Office
Letter regarding community impact fees for Temescal Wellness	BOS Office