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Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen

Minutes – January 27, 2020

78 Main Street 2nd Floor 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Minutes to be Approved:

a) Public session minutes – January 6, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the public session minutes of January 6, 2020.

b) Executive session minutes – January 6, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the executive session minutes of January 6, 2020.

c) Public session minutes – January 13, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the public session minutes of January 13, 2020. Mr. Duplisea abstained.

d) Executive session minutes – January 13, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the executive session minutes of January 13, 2020. Mr. Duplisea abstained.

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

a) Selectmen to conduct a public hearing on an petition filed by NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Electric to grant permission to construct and locate the necessary lines, wires, cables and fixtures as shown on the plan(s) dated March 8, 2019 (<https://www.townofhudson.org/home/news/petition-grant-location-town-ways>) over the following public way(s):

- Access driveway to Hudson Light & Power Substation (from the substation to its intersection with Forest Avenue)
- Forest Avenue (from approximately 300 feet southeast of the intersection of Stow Court approximately 5,630 linear feet to its intersection with Main Street and Wilkins Street)
- Main Street (at its intersection with Forest Avenue and Wilkins Street)
- Wilkins Street (from its intersection with Forest Avenue and Main Street approximately 1,130 linear feet to its intersection with the MBTA railroad corridor at a point approximately 180 linear feet northeast of the intersection of Orchard Drive)

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- Chestnut Street (at its intersection with the MBTA railroad corridor)
- Main Street (at its intersection with the MBTA railroad corridor)
- Parmenter Road (at its intersection with the MBTA railroad corridor)
- White Pond Road (at its intersection with the MBTA corridor)

Present were Mike Hager, project manager for Hudson-Sudbury Transmission Line Project and Terri Persanger from Eversource's real estate department. Mr. Hager briefly explained that Eversource is moving forward with the project now that they have approval from the EFSB. They have already begun the local permitting process. They are before the Board to request permission to place the transmission line within the public ways identified in the notice. Cindy Murphy, 6 Wilkins Street stated that the last time they dug test pits sink holes began to appear. Mr. Hager stated that when the project is complete they will restore all the roads to their previous conditions.

Mr. Hager stated that all of the apparatus associated with this project will be underground the only apparatus you may see above ground are man hole covers.

Paul King, 145 White Pond Road asked what type of chemicals will be used to clear and maintain the vegetation. Mr. Hager stated that no chemicals or herbicides will be used during excavation; it will all be done mechanically. DCR will maintain the right of way. The EFSB asked that no chemicals be used to maintain the right of way and DCR has committed to using only mechanical means for maintenance. DCR noted at the conservation commission meeting that there are three types of evasive species that they cannot control mechanically and if they are present in the areas and are unable to control them mechanically they reserve the right in limited cases, with prior approval, to use a chemical means of removal.

Jeff Kruger, 20 Parmenter Road noted that flooding is always an issue and asked whether this will make it worse. Mr. Hager stated that the road will be returned to its existing grade once the work is complete.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the petition filed by NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Electric to grant permission to construct and locate the necessary lines, wires, cables and fixtures as shown on the plan(s) dated March 8, 2019. Mr. Quinn opposed.

4. Licenses:

- a) Selectmen to consider issuance of an automatic amusement license for 4-5 pinball machines to Crave Candies & Gifts located at 16 Main Street.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0-1 to issue an automatic amusement license for 4-5 pinball machines to Crave Candies & Gifts located at 16 Main Street. Mr. Quinn abstained.

- b) Selectmen to consider issuance of a seven-day entertainment license between the hours of 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM for Stevie's Eatery located at 577 Main Street.

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On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a seven-day entertainment license between the hours of 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM for Stevie's Eatery located at 577 Main Street.

5. Personnel:

- a) Selectmen to note the resignation of Jenilee Webb as Communication Dispatcher for the Hudson Police Department, effective December 20, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to note the resignation of Jenilee Webb as Communication Dispatcher for the Hudson Police Department, effective December 20, 2019.

- b) Selectmen to note the resignation of Justin Veo from the Department of Public Works, effective January 8, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to note the resignation of Justin Veo from the Department of Public Works, effective January 8, 2020.

- c) Selectmen to note the resignation of Steven Powell from the Department of Public Works, effective January 27, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to note the resignation of Steven Powell from the Department of Public Works, effective January 27, 2020.

- d) Selectmen to note the resignation of Colin Gallant as the Regional Substance Abuse Program Coordinator for the Public Health Department, effective January 17, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to note the resignation of Colin Gallant as the Regional Substance Abuse Program Coordinator for the Public Health Department, effective January 17, 2020.

- e) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Heather Shaughnessy to the position of full time Communications Dispatcher for the Hudson Police Department at a Grade 10A, Step 1, effective January 28, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Heather Shaughnessy to the position of full time Communications Dispatcher for the Hudson Police Department at a Grade 10A, Step 1, effective January 28, 2020.

- f) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Mark Shaw to the position of full time Communications Dispatcher for the Hudson Police Department at a Grade 10A, Step 1, effective January 28, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Mark Shaw to the position of full time Communications Dispatcher for the Hudson Police Department at a Grade 10A, Step 1, effective January 28, 2020.

- g) Selectmen to consider approval of the promotion of Detective John Murphy to Sergeant for the Hudson Police Department, effective January 31, 2020.

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On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the promotion of Detective John Murphy to Sergeant for the Hudson Police Department, effective January 31, 2020.

- h) Selectmen to consider approval of the temporary appointment of Officer Jesse Hayden to temporary Sergeant for the Hudson Police Department, effective January 31, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the temporary appointment of Officer Jesse Hayden to temporary Sergeant for the Hudson Police Department, effective January 31, 2020.

- i) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Paul Schultz to the Historical Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Paul Schultz to the Historical Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

- j) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Michael Fossile as a W-2 Laborer for the DPW at a rate of \$21.72 per hour, effective January 28, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Michael Fossile as a W-2 Laborer for the DPW at a rate of \$21.72 per hour, effective January 28, 2020.

- k) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Jason Fischer as Firefighter/EMT for the Hudson Fire Department at a Step 2, effective January 28, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Jason Fischer as Firefighter/EMT for the Hudson Fire Department at a Step 2, effective January 28, 2020.

6. Contracts:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Woodard & Curran for the MassDEP Water Management Act in the amount of \$17,000.

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 Woodard & Curran for the MassDEP Water Management Act in the amount of \$17,000.

- b) Selectmen to consider ratifying and signing the Collective Bargaining Agreement with NEPBA Local 14 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to ratify and sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with NEPBA Local 14 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

- c) Selectmen to consider ratifying and signing the Collective Bargaining Agreement with NEPBA Local 14 for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to ratify and sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with NEPBA Local 14 for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

- d) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Woodard & Curran for SCADA upgrades to the drinking water system in the amount of \$62,500.

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 Woodard & Curran for SCADA upgrades to the drinking water system in the amount of \$62,500.

- e) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Woodard & Curran for the hazardous materials assessment and demolition bid documents for 15 Broad Street in the amount of \$36,700.

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 Woodard & Curran for the hazardous materials assessment and demolition bid documents for 15 Broad Street in the amount of \$36,700.

7. General:

- a) Selectmen to approval and authorization to sign a grant from MassDOT for the Complete Streets Tier 3 Grant in the amount of \$366,355.00. These monies will be used to provide new sidewalks and handicap access along Giasson Street and portions of Lincoln and Cox Street.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a grant from MassDOT for the Complete Streets Tier 3 Grant in the amount of \$366,355.00. These monies will be used to provide new sidewalks and handicap access along Giasson Street and portions of Lincoln and Cox Street.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval a revised job description for the Board of Health Administrator.

The Board passed over this item.

- c) Selectmen to consider approval of a revised job description and title change for the IT Manager/Systems & INET Administrator to IT Director/Systems & INET Administrator.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to approve a revised job description and title change for the IT Manager/Systems & INET Administrator to IT Director/Systems & INET Administrator.

- d) Selectmen to consider accepting a gift from Eversource Energy in the amount of \$70,200 to be applied toward the paving of John Robinson Road.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to accept a gift from Eversource Energy in the amount of \$70,200 to be applied toward the paving of John Robinson Road.

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- e) Selectmen to consider accepting a donation from the Hillis Family Foundation for the Hudson Police Department in the amount of \$1,000.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to accept a donation from the Hillis Family Foundation for the Hudson Police Department in the amount of \$1,000.

- f) Selectmen to consider signing the Presidential Primary Warrant to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Presidential Primary Warrant to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

- g) Selectmen to discuss and consider adopting a policy regarding citizen’s issues.

Mr. Lucy stated that he is in favor and suggested that future citizen’s issues be submitted to the Executive Assistant’s Office any material they wish to introduce so it can be included in the Board’s packages so they have time to consider it before the meeting. He also suggested that citizen’s issues be brought back to its original placement on the agenda as #3 and also left at the bottom for any emergency/safety issues.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to adopt a policy regarding citizen’s issues.

8. Budget:

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Department	Dept. #	Tab #	Amount Request	Motion	Second	Vote
Department Public Works						
Administration	4210	19	\$875,723			
Parks/Cemetery	4212	19	\$656,988			
Street	4215	19	\$986,928			
Vehicle	4219	19	\$379,870			
Highway Snow & Ice	4230	19	\$345,282			
Sewer	4400	19	\$2,124,512			
Water	4500	19	\$1,568,075			
DPW Total			\$6,937,378	Durant	Parent	5-0
Capital Plan - DPW	---	4	\$775,000	Durant	Quinn	5-0
Fire Department	2200	17	\$3,699,689	Durant	Quinn	5-0
Capital Plan – Fire	---	4	\$145,333	Durant	Duplisea	5-0
Police Department	2100	16	\$3,849,309	Durant	Duplisea	5-0
Capital Plan – Police	---	4	\$114,430	Durant	Duplisea	5-0
Recreation & Park Commission	6300	24	\$419,236	Lucy	Parent	5-0

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Capital Plan - Rec	---	4	\$20,000	Lucy	Durant	5-0
Building Inspections	2410	18	-\$1,463	Durant	Parent	5-0
Cable Fund Budget		31	\$506,133	Lucy	Duplisea	5-0

9. Citizens' Issues:

- a) Selectmen to meet with members of the Meadowbrook HOA, Inc. to discuss a request for an abatement on their water bill due to a leak between the months of August and December 2019.

Present were Steve Letendre and Ann Marie Lopez. The Meadowbrook HOA is requesting an abatement in the amount of \$76,507.67. They requested an abatement under article 3 section 2 of the Town's water and sewer regulations and were denied. They agree that they should pay for the water but not the sewer fees as it did not return to the treatment plant. They are present in order to appeal the decision of the DPW Director.

Mr. Lucy stated that he is inclined to grant the abatement. He went through the timeline of leaks and repairs with Mr. Letendre. Mr. Quinn agreed that he is also inclined to do something to help.

Mr. Durant stated he is inclined to do something as well but not abate the entire requested amount. Mr. Parent is concerned about setting a precedent. His issue is that approximately a month ago an individual came in for an abate in the amount of \$1,800 and the Board said no. He believes this amount is not for off when divided amongst all the residents in the park.

Mr. Duplisea is inclined to help as well he just asks that the Town verify the amount. He went on to say he believes this is a very unique situation.

Mr. Durant stated that he is more comfortable with the amount of \$51,005.11.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 3-0-2 to favorably act on the appeal and abate \$76,507.67 towards the Appellant's Meadowbrook Home Owners Association's existing unpaid and immediately pending water and sewer invoices that the Appellant shall not pay any more water and sewer invoices until this \$76,507.67 has been totally credited to their account.

10. Town Issues:

Mr. Duplisea explained that the intersection of River Road, Chapin and Gates Pond Road is not in Hudson, it is in Berlin. He states this because he heard of residents complaining that the Town needs to do something about this intersection. He noted that as it is in Berlin the Town cannot do anything.

Mr. Lucy commented on the correspondence item regarding the school administration building assessment. Mr. Lucy stated that it has been 17 months since the Board met with members of the school department and school committee. They presented the

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Board with a plan for Packard Street that could cost \$10 million. The November 2017 assessment estimates the cost to upgrade the school administration building at \$4.5 million. He continued, saying if it's going to cost the same amount to convert to affordable housing why don't we do what had been suggested 15, 16 months ago and separate this linkage between Packard St and the school administration building. Continuing, and bite the bullet and spend \$4 or \$4.5 million to upgrade the school administration building. Several members agreed that the Packard Street / school administration building linkage should now be broken. Prior ideas on how to house the increased administration population were also repeated.

11. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to note the correspondence of its meeting of January 27, 2020.

12. Executive Session:

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

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to enter into executive session and not to return to public session.

13. Adjourn:

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Document List – January 28, 2020

Document	Location
Public session minutes - January 6 & 13, 2020	BOS Office
Executive session minutes – January 6 & 13	BOS Office
Eversource petition	BOS Office
License application – Automatic amusement, Entertainment	BOS Office
Resignation memo – Jenilee Webb, Justin Veo, Steven Powell, Colin Gallant	BOS Office
Appointment memo – Heather Shaughnessy, Mark Shaw, Paul Schultz, Michael Fossile, Jason Fischer	BOS Office
Promotion memo – John Murphy, Jesse Hayden	BOS Office
Contracts – Woodard & Curran (3), NEPBA	BOS Office
MassDOT Grant	BOS Office
Revised job description memo	BOS Office
Donation – Eversource, Hillis Family Foundation	BOS Office
Presidential primary warrant	BOS Office
Budget documents	BOS Office
Memo from Eric Ryder regarding snow and ice transfer	BOS Office
Assigned parking spaces letters	BOS Office
MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment for FY20	BOS Office
Fire Department leave report – November 2019	BOS Office
Fire Department leave report – December 2019	BOS Office
Email to Senator Eldridge and Rep. Hogan regarding Armory	BOS Office
Confidential correspondence from Executive Assistant	BOS Office

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MassDot notice of grant award	BOS Office
Private drinking well analytical results for various properties in Hudson and Stow	BOS Office
Thank you letter from Hudson resident to DPW	BOS Office
New cemetery rates for Main Street Cemetery and Forestvale Cemetery	BOS Office
School administration building assessment	BOS Office

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