

Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen

Minutes – June 1, 2020 Via Zoom (Remote) 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Minutes to be Approved:

a) Public session minutes – May 11, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve the public session minutes of May 11, 2020.

b) Executive session minutes - May 11, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve the executive session minutes of May 11, 2020.

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

4. Licenses:

a) Selectmen to consider issuance of a One–Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Keith Sullivan for a Beer Garden located at 1 Houghton Street for the following dates and times:

June 11 – 14, 18 – 20, 25 – 28 July 2 – 5, 9 – 12, 16 – 19, 23 – 26, 30 August 1 - 2

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 12:00 PM - 9:00PM

Sundays 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to issue a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Keith Sullivan for a Beer Garden located at 1 Houghton Street for the dates and times listed above.

5. Personnel:

a) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Katie Luczai to the position of Administrative Manager for the DPW at a Grade M4, Step 4, effective June 8, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve the appointment of Katie Luczai to the position of Administrative Manager for the DPW at a Grade M4, Step 4, effective June 8, 2020.

b) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Cinthia DosSantos Mequita as Part-Time Public Health Nurse for the Board of Health as a special municipal employee at a rate of \$28.00 per hour, retroactively effective May 19, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve the appointment of Cinthia DosSantos Mequita as Part-Time Public Health Nurse for the Board of Health as a special municipal employee at a rate of \$28.00 per hour, retroactively effective May 19, 2020.

c) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Paul Osborn from Associate Conservation Commissioner to Full Conservation Commissioner for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve the appointment of Paul Osborn from Associate Conservation Commissioner to Full Conservation Commissioner for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

 d) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Brooke Warrington as Associate Conservation Commission Member for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call voted to approve the appointment of Brooke Warrington as Associate Conservation Commission Member for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

e) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of David O'Brien as Full Time Communications Dispatcher for the Police Department at a Grade 10-A, effective June 5, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve the appointment of David O'Brien as Full Time Communications Dispatcher for the Police Department at a Grade 10-A, effective June 5, 2020.

f) Selectmen to consider appointing a member to the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination and appointment of Jack Hunter to the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board.

6. Contracts:

a) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign various contracts for FY 2021 Department of Public Works materials.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve and authorize the signing of various contracts for FY 2021 DPW materials.

7. General:

a) Selectmen to consider accepting a donation for 8,000 surgical medical masks from Intel Corporation.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to accept a donation for 8,000 surgical medical masks from Intel Corporation.

b) Selectmen to consider approving a ten year bonding life the Department of Public Works vacuum truck.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve a ten year bonding life for the DPW vacuum truck.

c) Members of Green Hudson to make a presentation to the Board.

Present were Jeannette Millard and Brian White on behalf of Green Hudson. Ms. Millard gave the Board a brief recap of the HeatSmart Grant Program. This program was for residents of Stow and Hudson. She then spoke in regard to the Town's plastic bag ban that was easily passed at Town Meeting. Mr. White noted that they have been working on reducing the use of necessary plastics as well as composting.

d) Selectmen to discuss Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Moses noted that Town Meeting is currently scheduled for June 22nd. He would like to know if the Board wants to keep this date. There was a lengthy discussion regarding logistics, location, public safety as well as additional costs that be incurred due to changes that must be made. Mr. Harrity, Mr. Wood and Ms. Calo all weighed in. The Board ultimately agreed to move forward with the June 22nd date.

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

Mr. Santos informed the Board that the timeline for applying for this program has been extended through the end of June. The AHT has approved 12 applications and currently has 2 additional ones to review. They will continue to approve applications until the \$50,000 has all been expended.

f) Selectmen to discuss the Re-Open Hudson Commission's draft report.

Ms. Calo briefly explained that the Commission has been working on a report on how to reopen Hudson safely. Mr. Moses stated that he gave them his opinion that the service departments in Town should work toward reopening quicker than the back offices that are still able to fulfill their mission without being open. The Commission took this advice and came up with the report that is available on BoardDocs. The suggestions in the report are only for the Town departments. This is a living document that will continually change as the Town begins to move forward in opening.

8. Citizens' Issues:

Bob D'Amelio, 9 Edgewood Drive asked if the reconstruction of Centennial Beach would move forward even though the beach will be closed this season. Mr. Santos stated that the renovation project will get underway this summer.

Tracy Ingle, 38 Lakeside Ave. noted that she was concerned and wanted to bring an issue to the Board's attention regarding rights of way that are being usurped by a single residence. There is a right of way that travels along Lakeside Ave and into the waters of Lake Boone which is access for many residents in this area. Ms. Ingle claims there is a resident that is claiming ownership of this right of way; blocking access to the water as well as a fire hydrant by way of the blockade.

Atty. Cipriano noted that the Board has received confidential correspondence regarding this issue. He noted that the fundamental issue here is whether it is a responsibility to the Town as it deals with a private way with private use. The Town does not see a basis for public input.

Ms. Ingle questioned how this is not a Town issue when it impacts between 50 and 80 houses in Town. Atty. Cipriano sees this as a private issue amongst the residents. There was a discussion regarding whether this is or is not a public way and whether there is a home owners association for the residents in this area.

Atty. Cipriano stated he will not be weighing in on behalf of the Town on a private legal issue.

9. Town Issues:

Mr. Duplisea asked for an update on the progress of the rotary progress. Mr. Ryder explained that the rotary project is heavily underway and work and progress continue. Mr. Duplisea asked Mr. Santos why exactly why the beach is closed this season. Mr. Santos explained that the restrictions are too difficult to manage the facility as well as the health and safety of the patrons and the staff.

10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to note the correspondence of its meeting of June 1, 2020.

11. Executive Session:

12. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn its meeting of June 1, 2020 at 8:45 PM.

Document List – June 1, 2020

Document	Location
Public & Executive session minutes May 11, 2020	BOS Office
One Day Pouring application – Keith Sullivan	BOS Office
Appointment memo – Luczai, Mequita, Osborne, Warrington, O'Brien	BOS Office
Material Bid Contracts for FY 2021	BOS Office
Donation memo	BOS Office
Confidential correspondence	BOS Office