

## Selectmen's Minutes 01/09/17

### Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen

Minutes –January 9, 2017

78 Main Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 7:00 PM

- **Call to Order:**

*Present were Mr. Parent, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Lucy, Mr. Durant, Mr. Moses. Also present were Attorney Cipriano and Ms. Santos. Mr. Duplisea joined the meeting during the DPW Capital Plan discussion.*

- **Minutes to be Approved:**

Public Session: December 19, 2016

*On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the December 19, 2016 public session minutes.*

Executive Session: December 13, 2016

*On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the December 13, 2016 Executive Session Minutes.*

Executive Session: December 19, 2016

*On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Executive session Minutes of December 19, 2016.*

- **Citizens' Issues:**

- **Meetings and Public Hearings - 7:00 PM:**

- **Licenses:**

Selectmen to consider issuance of a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Ray Murphy for an opening celebration to be held on January 24, 2017 between the hours of 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM at Avidia Bank located at 17 Pope Street.

*On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Ray Murphy for an opening celebration to be held on January 24, 2017 between the hours of 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM at Avidia Bank located at 17 Pope Street.*

- **Personnel:**

Selectmen to consider approval of reappointment of Joan Wordell as Town Clerk for a term expiring on February 2, 2020.

*On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the reappointment of Joan Wordell as Town Clerk to a term to expire on February 2, 2020.*

Selectmen to note the resignation of Joseph J. Marinelli from the Municipal Light Board effective December 31, 2016.

*On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 to note the resignation of Joseph J. Marinelli from the Municipal Light Board effective December 31, 2016.*

- **General:**

Selectmen to consider approval and signing of a Utility Easement with Verizon to bring utility services to the new DPW/Police Station at 1 Municipal Drive.

Mr. Moses stated that Town Counsel has determined that any easement must be voted on at Town Meeting. However, this would delay the construction of the new building by a few months. Therefore Verizon redrafted the easement as a license which Town Counsel reviewed and modified. Verizon's approval of the changes is pending therefore Mr. Moses suggest approving the license contingent on their consent of the changes. This license will only exist until it is voted on at Town Meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and sign a license with Verizon for a Utility Easement to bring utility services to the new DPW/Police Station at 1 Municipal Drive until an easement is approved at the May 2017 Town Meeting subject Verizon's approval of Town Counsels changes.

Selectmen to consider approving the recommendation of the Internal Traffic Committee to restripe the crosswalk on Main Street at the intersection of Church Street.

There was a brief discussion and it decided that the Selectmen would pass over this item pending further measurements and options.

Selectmen to meet with Jen Ferrari, Hudson Cultural Council to discuss term limits.

Jennifer Ferrari, 2 Martin Circle, Doris Monteiro, 60 Florence Street and Elaine Recklet, 4F Rotherham Way all members of the Cultural Council were present for the discussion. Ms. Ferrari and the other members are requesting that the terms of Cultural Council members expire three years from the date of appointment. Mr. Parent stated that by doing so the Town would be in violation of MGL Chapter 10 §58 as well as the Towns by-laws under section 3.B. Mr. Moses explained that all Boards in Hudson are appointed for two three year terms. However if a member enters in the middle of a term it is still considered one of the two consecutive terms.

Ms. Ferrari's concern is that their terms are not staggered which may be an issue in the future in regards to quorum.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 2-2 to not press the Town's December 31<sup>st</sup> end date for any Hudson Cultural Council term and the Board will continue its practice of the previous 25 years. Mr. Durant and Mr. Parent opposed the motion failed.

- **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 for January 9, 2017.

- **Budget:**

Selectmen to conduct FY 2018 Budget & Capital Plan Hearings:

Department	Dept. #	Tab #	Amount Requested	Motion	Seconded	Vote
Community Development Dept.	1232	12	\$267,614	Lucy	Quinn	4-0
<b>CDD Capital Plan</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	Lucy	Quinn	4-0
Department of Public Works:						
Administration	4210	20	\$809,906			
Parks/Cemetery	4212	20	\$587,828			
Street	4215	20	\$855,377			
Vehicle	4219	20	\$348,397			
Highway Snow & Ice	4230	20	\$331,616			
Sewer	4400	20	\$1,966,911			
Water	4500	20	\$1,503,634			
<b>DPW Total:</b>			<b>\$6,403,669</b>	Lucy	Quinn	4-0
<b>DPW Capital Plan</b> <i>(Mr. Duplisea Arrived)</i>		<b>4</b>	<b>\$773,550</b>	Parent	Lucy	4-0-1 Duplisea Abstained
Moderator	1960	9	\$110	Lucy	Quinn	5-0
Finance Committee	1961	10	\$861	Lucy	Parent	5-0
Board of Assessors	1962	11	\$127,433	Lucy	Duplisea	5-0
Municipal Light Board	1967	13	\$3,900	Lucy	Quinn	5-0

Ft. Meadow Commission	1971	14	\$6,000	Lucy	Duplisea	5-0
Lake Boone Commission	1974	15	\$2,463	Parent	Duplisea	5-0
Historic District Commission	1977	16	\$800	Lucy	Duplisea	4-0-1 Quinn Abstained
Fire Department	• 2200	• 18	• \$3,295,280	• Parent	• Lucy	• 4-0-1  Quinn Abstained
Police Department	2100	17	\$3,475,993	Parent	Duplisea	5-0
<b>Police Capital Plan</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>\$101,084</b>	Durant	Parent	5-0
Recreation & Park Commission	6300	25	\$364,207	Durant	Parent	5-0
<b>Park/Rec Capital Plan</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	Duplisea	Lucy	5-0

**Chief Blood's Statement:**

"I would like to thank the Executive Assistant and the Town Accountant for their assistance in helping in preparing my FY18 budget. Our salary portion of the budget request reflects an increase of approximately 2.19%. This increase is due to cost of living increases, contractual obligations and step increases. Our expense portion of our budget request has decreased by an approximate 3.56%. This decrease is due to a projected decrease in the overall utility costs. With both salary and expense budget requests combined we are asking for an overall increase of 1.65%. Our FY18 budget has been submitted with only the required increases, however it is my responsibility to explain the following in regards to current staffing. The Fire Department continues to respond to an increasing number of emergency incidences each year. As the community continues to grow the additional simultaneous calls are continuing to strain staffing resources. With minimum manning staffing levels being set for 6 personnel, which has been in place since 1974. In 1974 the Fire Department responded to 1,148 incidences, in 2016 the Fire Department responded to 3,608 incidences. This is totals a 200% increase in incidence responses. Today we are limited to the number of incidences we can safely respond to. With a safe minimum standard of three personnel on an engine we may be forced to put our ladder out of service with our present minimum staffing levels in order to maintain the ability to have two engines to cover our growing community. This becomes a very serious situation by delaying the response of our ladder. As you are aware Hudson continues to grow as a community with more and more people coming to live, work, shop and dine. For a quick example The Matrix apartment complex now opened up on Cabot Road is expected to increase our responses to approximately 85 incidences per year. A recently proposed assisted living facility at the Brigham's property our request to respond to incidences will be dramatically increased. I ask that the Board and the Executive Assistant seriously consider addressing our staffing levels in the future."

• **Executive Session:**

Selectmen to meet in Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to potential challenge to the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board (MAEFSB) decision on the Eversource Petition, and or seek advice of counsel, where an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the legal position of the public body and the chair so declares.

*The Board voted 5-0, by roll call, to enter into executive session, not to return to public session, to discuss strategy with respect to potential challenge to the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board (MAEFSB) decision on the Eversource Petition, and or seek advice of counsel, where an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the legal position of the public body and the chair so declares.*

**Document List – January 9, 2017**

Document	Location
Public Session Minutes – 12/19/16	BOS Office
Executive Session Minutes – 12/13/16	BOS Office
Executive Session Minutes – 12/19/16	BOS Office
One Day Beer & Wine Application – Raymond Murphy	BOS Office
Reappointment Memo – Joan Wordell	BOS Office

Resignation Letter – Joseph J. Marinelli	BOS Office
Verizon Utility Easement	BOS Office
Memo regarding restriping crosswalk	BOS Office
Letter from Town of Stow regarding Eversource Transmission Line Project	BOS Office
MassDOT Bridge Report	BOS Office
Letter regarding request for proposals for lease space	BOS Office
Letter from Tallage regarding MMA Annual Meeting	BOS Office
Legal opinion from Town Counsel	BOS Office
MMA's information for the Annual Meeting & Trade Show to be held on January 20, & 21, 2017	BOS Office