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Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen

Minutes – February 11, 2019

78 Main Street 2nd Floor 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:**

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

2. **Minutes to be Approved:**

- a) Public Session Minutes – January 28, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the public session minutes of January 28, 2019.

- b) Executive Session Minutes – January 28, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the executive session minutes of January 28, 2019.

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

- a) Selectmen to conduct a joint meeting with the Hudson School Committee to consider appointing a new member.

Present were all members of the School Committee and Ms. Chertoff and Ms. Dufour. Both women spoke on their own behalf. The Selectmen and School Committee voted by secret ballot. The final tally was nine voted for Ms. Dufour and one vote for Mr. Cunha and one for Ms. Chertoff.

4. **Licenses:**

- a) Selectmen to consider issuing a One Day Entertainment License to the Hudson Downtown Business Improvement District for Hudson Arts Fest to be held downtown on May 4, 2019, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a One Day Entertainment License to the Hudson Downtown Business Improvement District for Hudson Arts Fest to be held downtown on May 4, 2019, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

5. **Personnel:**

- a) Selectmen to consider approving the appointment of Jerry Duhamel III as Computer and Network Specialist for the Finance Department at a Grade M6, Step 4, effective February 25, 2019.

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On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Jerry Duhamel III as Computer and Network Specialist for the Finance Department at a Grade M6, Step 4, effective February 25, 2019.

- b) Selectmen to consider approving the appointment of Audria Cedrone as Principal Clerk for the Collector's Office at a Grade 9, Step 2, effective February 12, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Audria Cedrone as Principal Clerk for the Collector's Office at a Grade 9, Step 2, effective February 12, 2019.

- c) Selectmen to consider approving the appointment of Christopher Ryan to the Hudson Municipal Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Christopher Ryan to the Hudson Municipal Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

- d) Selectmen to consider approving the appointment of Ian Mazmanian to the Hudson Municipal Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Ian Mazmanian to the Hudson Municipal Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

- e) Selectmen to note the resignation of Zachary Chartrand as Draftsman/Transitman for the DPW, effective February 15, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to note the resignation of Zachary Chartrand as Draftsman/Transitman for the DPW, effective February 15, 2019.

- f) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointments of Michael Schreiner, Alfred Barese, Joseph Fournier, Michael Hurley and Dermot McCarthy as Special Police Officers for the Hudson Police Department.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointments of Michael Schreiner, Alfred Barese, Joseph Fournier, Michael Hurley and Dermot McCarthy as Special Police Officers for the Hudson Police Department.

6. Contracts:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Commonwealth Construction in the amount of \$218,626.65 for the Marlborough Street water main improvements.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Commonwealth Construction in the amount of \$218,626.65 for the Marlborough Street water main improvements.

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7. General:

- a) Selectmen to consider designating six (6) additional overnight spaces in the South Street Parking Lot.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted to designate designating six (6) additional overnight spaces in the South Street Parking Lot.

- b) Selectmen to consider approving and authorizing the Executive Assistant to sign a Community Host Agreement with Evergreen Strategies LLC.

Present were Anthony Perinello, President Evergreen Strategies LLC and James McMann, Counsel. Mr. Moses explained that when they approached him with a proposal it made the previous framework for the other host agreements "not useful". They worked together to create a new model that may work for their particular business. Mr. Moses noted that he does not expect a vote tonight. He wanted to bring the financial terms to the Board to gauge their feeling on them. If acceptable he would ask Town Counsel to prepare a document that reflects those terms and bring it back for a vote.

Mr. Lucy noted that he was not happy with the proposed terms and questioned whether they could come to an agreement. The other Board members want to make an agreement work and are willing to continue discussions.

The Board ultimately agreed to continue discussions with Evergreen and work with Town Counsel to draft an agreement.

- c) Selectmen to discuss pursuing the acquisition of the Hudson Armory located at 35 Washington Street.

Mr. Hunter explained that he had received a call from the State stating that the Armory would be vacant as of June 30, 2019. The State said that if other state agencies did not want it they would offer it to the Town, which they have done. Mr. Hunter, along with others, toured the building and found it to be in good shape. If the Town decides it does not want the building it would go out to auction and be sold to the highest bidder.

Mr. Redding is working with the Business Improvement District and is hoping to turn this into a performing arts center for Hudson. The goal is that this center will be self-sustaining. Atty. Cipriano noted that a title search needs to be conducted.

If the Town does opt to go forward in acquiring this property they would need to present the State with a comprehensive plan for the building. The Board wants to move forward with developing a plan for the site.

8. Budget:

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Department	Tab #	Amount Requested	Motion	Second	Vote
Assabet Valley Regional Voc.	31	\$3,107,701	Parent	Duplisea	5-0

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9. Citizens' Issues:

Laura Sytn, 14 Packard Street cited her concern and dismay regarding the shuttling program that will be put in place on February 13th to help the traffic flow for Temescal Wellness. Recreational marijuana sales will begin on this day and the Town has opted to use the old Police Station on Packard Street as a shuttling depot. She explained that residents in the area neighborhoods are unhappy with this choice, many citing its proximity to Farley School.

Chief Burks stated that there will be a police detail and the hope that this is a temporary solution. However there is no current timeframe for this. This will be a ticket based system. Tickets will only be dispensed at the Packard Street location and customers will only be served if they have a ticket.

Andy Massa, 15 Michigan Drive noted that Ms. Dufour currently sits on the Finance Committee, he asked if she would have to resign her seat. Mr. Parent said yes.

Mr. Massa then asked if Evergreen has applied for any other licenses or permits with the Town. Mr. Moses said no.

10. Town Issues:

Mr. Lucy stated that he participated in all design meetings with regard to the rotary project and ultimately his goal is preserve parking spaces. However current rules on rotaries is that there cannot be any parking spaces around the rotary. Because of this parking in front of St. Luke's church is gone. Mr. Lucy then said he asked for curb cuts by Liberty Square to emerge just beyond St. Luke's for the purpose of wedding/funeral limos. Did this design make it into the final plan? Mr. Hunter said yes.

He then noted his concern for the redesign of Liberty Park and the idea that the foot traffic there may not be too respectful of this as a veteran's memorial park. Mr. Hunter stated that the Brian Stearn and the Veteran's Association will be participating in the design of the park. The vision is to make a walk along the river that is handicapped accessible as well as the inclusion of a performance base.

Mr. Quinn asked that the use of public parking spaces by private businesses be looked into as well as dumpster lease agreements in the downtown.

11. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

Mr. Quinn asked that item #4 be held for discussion until the Board's next meeting.

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

12. Executive Session:

- a) Selectmen to discuss I.A.F.F. Local 1713 Fire Union Negotiations to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.

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- b) Selectmen to investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints and seek advice of Counsel and seek advice of Counsel.

13. **Adjourn:**

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

Document List – February 11, 2019

Document	Location
Public session minutes 01/28/19	BOS Office
Executive session minutes 01/28/19	BOS Office
School Committee interest cards	BOS Office
One Day Entertainment License Application	BOS Office
Appointment memo for Jerry Duhamel, Audria Cedrone, Christopher Ryan, Ian Mazmanian and Special Police Officers	BOS Office
Resignation memo for Zachary Chartrand	BOS Office
Contract with Commonwealth Construction	BOS Office
Overnight Parking Memo	BOS Office
Armory memo	BOS Office
Assabet FY20 Budget	
Verizon annual complaint filing	BOS Office
Xfinity municipal emergency reporting procedure reminder	BOS Office
Comcast Form 500 for 2018	BOS Office
Letter from BID	BOS Office
Notice of tier classification for 51 Parmenter Road	BOS Office
Mosquito control project FY 20 proposed budget amounts	BOS Office
Press Release – State Clean Heating and Cooling Program	BOS Office
Email from John Parent	BOS Office
May 2019 Town Meeting Warrant (DRAFT)	BOS Office
Notification of free cash approval	BOS Office

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