

# Town of Hudson



## Select Board

Minutes – December 4, 2023  
Hudson Police Station, 911 Municipal Drive  
7:00 PM

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### 1. **Call to Order:**

*Present were Mr. Duplisea, Mr. Burks, Ms. Congdon, Mr. Quinn and Mr. Gregory. Also present were Ms. Santos and Ms. Vickery.*

### 2. **Minutes to be Approved:**

- a) Public session minutes – November 20, 2023.

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

- a) Select Board to conduct Tax Classification hearing to set property tax rates for fiscal year 2024.

*On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a minimum residential factor of 0.8906 which will result in a residential tax rate of \$14060 residential and \$27.50 commercial / industrial and approve an excess levy capacity of \$800,209.00.*

### 4. **Licenses:**

- a) Select Board to consider issuing a One-Day Beer/Wine Pouring license to Michael Curran for a birthday party to be held at Roller Kingdom on December 30, 2023 from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

*On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to issue a One-Day Beer/Wine Pouring license to Michael Curran for a birthday party to be held at Roller Kingdom on December 30, 2023 from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.*

### 5. **Personnel:**

- a) Select Board to consider confirming the appointment of Jamie Desautels as Fire Chief, with an effective date of December 28, 2023.

*On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to confirm the appointment of Jamie Desautels as Fire Chief, with an effective date of December 28, 2023.*

- b) Select Board to note the retirement of Rebecca Gellenthien as Senior Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office, effective December 6, 2023.

*On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 4-0 to note the retirement of Rebecca Gellenthien as Senior Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office, effective December 6, 2023.*

- c) Select Board to note the resignation of Justin Maillet from the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately.

*On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 4-0 to note the resignation of Justin Maillet from the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately.*

- d) Select Board to consider approving the appointment of Bridget Hurley as Regional Public Health Nurse for the Health Department, effective December 18, 2023.

*On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the appointment of Bridget Hurley as Regional Public Health Nurse for the Health Department, effective December 18, 2023.*

- e) Select Board to consider approving the appointment of Nicole Granstaff as full-time Youth Services Librarian, effective December 5, 2023.

*On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the appointment of Nicole Granstaff as full-time Youth Services Librarian, effective December 5, 2023.*

- f) Select Board consider approval of the promotion of Jeff Steere from W-2, step 2 Laborer/Driver to a W-4 Operator, effective December 5, 2023.

*On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the promotion of Jeff Steere from W-2, step 2 Laborer/Driver to a W-4 Operator, effective December 5, 2023.*

- g) Select Board to consider approving seasonal employees for the Recreation Department for the Fall/Winter 2023-2024.

*On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to approve seasonal employees for the Recreation Department for the Fall/Winter 2023-2024.*

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

*On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to reappoint presently serving Board & Committee members that wish to be reappointed.*

## **6. Contracts:**

- a) Select Board to consider approving a contract with Motorola Solutions for \$11,488.74 to purchase dispatch radio equipment and authorizing the Executive Assistant to sign on behalf of the Board.

*On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a contract with Motorola Solutions for \$11,488.74 to purchase dispatch radio equipment and authorizing the Executive Assistant to sign on behalf of the Board.*

## **7. General:**

- a) Select Board to consider re-allocating \$645,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the univent replacement projects at Mulready Elementary School and Forest Avenue School to the air conditioning project at Farley Elementary School.

*On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 to re-allocate \$645,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the univent replacement projects at Mulready Elementary School and Forest Avenue School to the air conditioning project at Farley.*

- b) Select Board to consider authorizing Steven Santos, Recreation Director to apply for the Stanton Foundation – Dog Park Design Grant.

*On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize Steven Santos, Recreation Director to apply for the Stanton Foundation – Dog Park Design Grant.*

**8. Citizens' Issues:**

**9. Town Issues:**

**10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:**

**11. Executive Session:**

- a) Select Board to meet in Executive Session per G.L., Ch. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Firefighters), and to seek the advice of legal counsel present.

*The Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to enter into executive session and to not return to public session.*

**12. Adjourn:**

*The Board voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn its public session meeting of December 4, 2023 at 7:45 PM.*

**Select Board  
Correspondence List – December 4, 2023**

N/A