



Town of Hudson

Board of Selectmen who, by vote, prefer to be referred to as the Select Board

Minutes – January 4, 2021

Remote via Zoom 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:**

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

Mr. Durant asked that a moment of silence be observed in the memory of Mr. Antonio Dias Chaves who passed away on December 31st.

2. **Minutes to be Approved:**

- a) Public session minutes – December 21, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the public session minutes of December 21, 2020.

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

4. **Licenses:**

5. **Personnel:**

- a) Select Board to note the retirement of Douglas Schaeffer from the Hudson Fire Department after 25 years of service.

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to note the retirement of Douglas Schaeffer from the Hudson Fire Department after 25 years of service.

- b) Select Board to consider re-appointment of James Blauch to the Historic District Commission, term to expire 12/31/2023.

The Board took no action.

- c) Select Board to consider appointing Michelle Andrade as Public Health Nurse at an annually salary of \$77,707 non-union M7, S5, effective January 13, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Michelle Andrade as Public Health Nurse at an annually salary of \$77,707 non-union M7, S5, effective January 13, 2021.

- d) Select Board to note the withdrawal of the appointment of Rachel Stone as Library Page.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to note the withdrawal of the appointment of Rachel Stone as Library Page.

- e) Select Board to consider approval of the promotion of Sophia Francolini to Part-Time Library Assistant at NU-D1, rate of \$16.43 per hour, effective January 5, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Sophia Francolini to Part-Time Library Assistant at NU-D1, rate of \$16.43 per hour, effective January 5, 2021.

- f) Select Board to consider appointing Sara DiClemente as Part-Time Library Page at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, effective January 9, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Sara DiClemente as Part-Time Library Page at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, effective January 9, 2021.

- g) Select Board to consider appointing Diane Richmond as a Part-Time Library Page at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, effective January 8, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Diane Richmond as a Part-Time Library Page at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, effective January 8, 2021.

6. Contracts:

- a) Select Board to consider awarding a contract to Horizon Solutions in the amount of \$42,403 for the installing of VFD pumps and drive motors in Forest Ave, Farley, and Mulready Elementary Schools under the Green Communities Grant.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to award a contract to Horizon Solutions in the amount of \$42,403 for the installing of VFD pumps and drive motors in Forest Ave, Farley, and Mulready Elementary Schools under the Green Communities Grant.

7. General:

- a) Select Board to consider accepting a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant in the amount of \$4,900.00.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to accept a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant in the amount of \$4,900.00.

- b) Select Board to consider scheduling a public hearing to start the process of changing the name of the Board of Selectmen to Select Board.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to schedule a public hearing for January 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

- c) Selectmen to consider writing a letter of support for the Hudson Cultural Alliance for a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to help fund the purchase of the Armory.

Mr. Lucy stated that he would like the last sentence of the letter changed from "We look forward to our collaboration with the Hudson Cultural Alliance on this project." to "Thank you for your consideration."

Mr. Parent made it clear that he will only sign the letter if the Alliance assures him on the record that CPA fund will not be used. Mr. Desmond stated that this is now the understanding of the Alliance. They will move forward with only private donations and grants. Mr. Horvitz agreed however asked if the Board has taken an actual vote with regard to their funding position. Mr. Parent stated that at some point of time every member has stated that they are not willing to use taxpayer money to fund this project.

Mr. Lucy noted that he is against this and opposed to using taxpayer funds. Mr. Duplisea said that he supports the effort but also does not support using taxpayer funds.

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0-1 to send a letter of support on behalf of the Hudson Cultural Alliance. Mr. Lucy voted against.

8. FY2022 Budget:

Mr. Moses presented the FY2022 budget. He noted that the major issue with building this budget is the uncertainty with the State budget. Mr. Moses tried to build in flexibility. He did so by delaying a good portion of the capital plan. The budget reflects zero COLAs for non-union employees. He is hoping to address this retroactively as unions will be receiving their COLAs.

Department	Dept. #	Tab #	Amount Request	Motion	Second	Vote
Board of Selectmen	1220	5	\$13,524	Durant	Duplisea	4-0-1 Lucy against
Executive Assistant	1230	6	\$333,743	Durant	Duplisea	5-0
Elections & Town Meeting	1231	6	\$26,921	Durant	Lucy	5-0
Legal Services	1235	6	\$250,000	Parent	Duplisea	5-0
Town Buildings	1236	6	\$261,720	Durant	Lucy	5-0
Personnel Expense	1237	6	\$11,760	Lucy	Parent	5-0
Debt Service	7100	25	\$7,530,601	Parent	Duplisea	5-0
Retirement / Pensions	9110	26	\$6,381,731	Parent	Lucy	5-0
Group Health Insurance	9140	27	\$6,015,000	Parent	Duplisea	5-0
General Insurance	9141	28	\$419,280	Parent	Duplisea	5-0
Town Clerk, Board of Registrars	1610	8	\$180,651	Durant	Parent	5-0
Building Inspections	2410	18	\$189,223	Durant	Parent	5-0
Council on Aging	5410	21	\$310,497	Durant	Parent	5-0
Board of Health	5100	20	\$205,604	Parent	Durant	5-0
Veterans	5441	22	\$147,866	Duplisea	Parent	5-0
Moderator	1960	9	\$110	Lucy	Duplisea	5-0
Finance Committee	1961	10	\$853	Parent	Durant	5-0
Board of Assessors	1962	11	\$126,554	Parent	Duplisea	5-0
Municipal Light Board	1967	13	\$3,600	Durant	Parent	5-0
Ft. Meadow Commission	1971	14	\$5,900	Durant	Parent	5-0
Lake Boone Commission	1974	14	\$2,834	Durant	Lucy	5-0
Historic District Commission	1977	15	\$784	Parent	Durant	4-0-1 Quinn abstained

9. Citizens' Issues:

10. Town Issues:

11. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to note the correspondence of its meeting of January 4, 2021.

12. Executive Session:

13. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to adjourn its meeting of January 4, 2021 at 8:30 PM.

**Select Board
Document List – January 4, 2021**

Documents available at BOS Office and on BoardDocs.com

1. Public session minutes – December 21, 2021,
2. Personnel memo- Schaeffer, Blauch, Andrade, Stone, Francolini, DiClemente and Richmond.
3. Contract with Horizon Solutions.
4. MA DEP Grant.
5. FY2022 Budget.
6. Email from Tom Green.
7. Email from Jeanne Vineyard.
8. Letter of recognition for Kelli Calo.
9. Xfinity Programming changes notice.
10. Letter of thanks from Mary E. Hellen.
11. Nomination Papers Schedule for May 10, 2021 Town Election.

