



Town of Hudson

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

Minutes – March 8, 2021

Remote via Zoom 7:00 PM

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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.

2. **Minutes to be Approved:**

- a) Public session minutes – February 22, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve the public session minutes of February 22, 2021.

- b) Executive session minutes – February 25, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve the executive session minutes of February 25, 2021.

3. **Licenses:**

- a) Selectmen to consider extending all outdoor dining permits until any period up to and until sixty (60) days after the end of the state of emergency declared by Governor Baker.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to extend all outdoor dining permits until any period up to and until sixty (60) days after the end of the state of emergency declared by Governor Baker.

4. **Personnel:**

- a) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Matthew Faria as Full-Time Communications Dispatcher at a Grade 10A, Step 1, effective March 12, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve the appointment of Matthew Faria as Full-Time Communications Dispatcher at a Grade 10A, Step 1, effective March 12, 2021.

- b) Board to meet with Community Paradigm to announce EA finalists.

Mr. Lynch of Community Paradigm announced the three finalists that will be interviewed by the Board of Selectmen.

- Ferrara, Ryan – Town of Boxborough Town Administrator
- Gregory, Thomas – Town of Spencer Town Manager
- Nazarian, Nina – Special Projects Coordinator City of Medford

The Board will schedule a special meeting to interview the finalists once Mr. Lynch has completed all the reference and back ground checks.

5. General:

- a) Selectmen to discuss printing of the 2020 Annual Report.

There was a discussion regarding making the report available on the Town's website as opposed to printing 300 copies. The Board agreed but requested that some printed copies be available at some Town Buildings. Printed copies will be made available to any resident that requests one.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval of their 2020 Annual Report.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve their annual report subject to additions and editorial revisions made by the Chairman.

- c) Selectmen to consider lowering the quorum for the May Town Meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call voted to lower the quorum for the May Town Meeting to 70 registered voters. The Moderator agreed.

This meeting/vote was not advertised therefore, another meeting will be scheduled on a date and time certain as per the legal advertisement.

- d) Selectmen to consider reopening the May Town Meeting Warrant to amend Article 1.

Mr. Moses explained that a settlement of \$125,000 was reached with Precision Coating however it cannot be spent without a town meeting appropriation. Mr. Moses would like to amend the article to allow those monies to be spent.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to amend Article 1 of the May Town Meeting Warrant.

- e) Selectmen to authorize the Chairman to sign a Capital Fund Program Amendment accepting a \$196,510 grant for the Hudson Housing Authority for improvements to the Norma Oliver Village.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to authorize the Chairman to sign a Capital Fund Program Amendment accepting a \$196,510 grant for the Hudson Housing Authority for improvements to the Norma Oliver Village.

- f) Selectmen to consider acceptance of the FY 2021 S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE Awards from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services.

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to accept the FY 2021 S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE Awards from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services.

- g) Selectmen to consider approval to apply for SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) Grant through FEMA.

Chief Johannes explained that this is a very competitive grant offered through FEMA. This grant covers a three-year period in which it would cover the salaries and benefits for four additional full-time firefighters. The Chief is requesting permission to apply for the grant. The major issue that the Board had was committing to keeping the additional staff on after the grant ends. After a lengthy discussion the Board ultimately voted in favor of applying.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 3-0-2 by roll call to apply for the SAFER Grant. Mr. Quinn and Mr. Lucy voted against.

6. Citizens' Issues:

7. Town Issues:

Mr. Duplisea noted the passing of Michael Downing he was a long time Hudson teacher and served on the Finance Committee. He also noted the death of Russ Davis who as a soccer and softball coach for Hudson High School.

Mr. Quinn noted the passing of Bob Brissette who was the president of Larkin Lumber.

Mr. Quinn asked Chief DiPersio to speak about the new addition to the Police Department. Chief explained that they received a grant to fund a K-9 program in Town. The dog was named Jocko after Officer Moore who was killing in the line of duty in 1955. The dog and his handler Officer Sam Leandres will start the K-9 academy on March 29th.

8. 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 March 8, 2021.

9. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to adjourn its meeting of March 8, 2020 to adjourn its meeting at 8:30 PM.

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Document List – March 8, 2021

Documents available at BOS Office and on BoardDocs.com

1. Public session minutes February 22, 2021.
2. Appointment memo for Matthew Faria.
3. Capital Fund Program Amendment.
4. FY 2021 S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE Awards Letter.
5. Baker-Polito administration plans for further reopening.
6. February fire department leave reports.
7. Mid-year financial analysis.
8. Email from Beth Langlois.
9. Letter from Julianna Sullivan.

