



Town of Hudson – Select Board

Minutes – December 7, 2020

Remote via Zoom 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Minutes to be Approved:

- a) Public session minutes – November 2, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the public session minutes of November 2, 2020.

- b) Public session minutes – November 14, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the public session minutes of November 14, 2020.

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

- a) Selectmen to conduct Tax Classification hearing to set property tax rates for fiscal year 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a minimum residential factor of 0.8756 which will result in a residential tax rate of \$16.54 residential and \$33.15 commercial / industrial and approve an excess levy capacity of \$798,677.

- b) Selectmen to conduct a joint meeting with the Hudson Housing Authority to consider appointing a new member.

Present were Mr. Johannes, Mr. Domenicucci, Ms. Lourens and Director Beaulieu. There were two candidates for the one open seat, Ms. Sarah Cressy and Ms. Christine DiMare. The Board met with members of the Hudson Housing Authority as well as the Director to appoint a new member. By roll call vote all members unanimously voted to appoint Sarah Cressy to a term to expire on May 10, 2021.

4. Licenses:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval of all 2021 License renewals for all licensee's that have met their requirements.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve all 2021 License renewals for all licensee's that have met their requirements.

5. Personnel:

- a) Selectmen to note the resignation of Ethan Mikula from the Hudson Housing Authority, effective November 16, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to note the resignation of Ethan Mikula from the Hudson Housing Authority, effective November 16, 2020.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Jaxon Capobianco as Library Page at a rate of \$12.75 per hour, effective December 8, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the appointment of Jaxon Capobianco as Library Page at a rate of \$12.75 per hour, effective December 8, 2020.

- c) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Brandon Proteau as Library Page at a rate of \$12.75 per hour, effective December 9, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the appointment of Brandon Proteau as Library Page at a rate of \$12.75 per hour, effective December 9, 2020.

- d) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of James Thibeault as Library Assistant at a grade of NU-D, Step 1, effective December 8, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the appointment of James Thibeault as Library Assistant at a grade of NU-D, Step 1, effective December 8, 2020.

- e) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Rachel Stone as Library Assistant at a grade of NU-D, Step 1, effective January 5, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the appointment of Rachel Stone as Library Assistant at a grade of NU-D, Step 1, effective January 5, 2021.

- f) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Ellen Church as part-time contact tracer for the Board of Health at a rate of \$24.00 per hour.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the appointment of Ellen Church as part-time contact tracer for the Board of Health at a rate of \$24.00 per hour.

- g) Selectmen to consider approval of the promotion of Bill Brisbois from Tree Climber to W-4 Operator in Training, Step 3, effective December 8, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the promotion of Bill Brisbois from Tree Climber to W-4 Operator in Training, Step 3, effective December 8, 2020.

- h) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Kate Killion as a part-time intern in the Board of Health Department at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, effective December 8, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve of the appointment of Kate Killion as a part-time intern in the Board of Health Department at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, effective December 8, 2020.

- i) Selectmen to note the resignation of Ryan Livermore as Laborer for the DPW, effective October 29, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to note the resignation of Ryan Livermore as Laborer for the DPW, effective October 29, 2020.

- j) Selectmen to note the resignation of Matthew Tufo as a Call Firefighter, effective immediately.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to note the resignation of Matthew Tufo as a Call Firefighter, effective immediately.

6. Contracts:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Community Paradigm Associates for consultant for Executive Assistant search services in the amount of \$11,200.00.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Community Paradigm Associates for consultant for Executive Assistant search services in the amount of \$11,200.00.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with McIver Brothers for the complete streets program in the amount of \$497,095 with a change order for a reduction in the scope of work for a final cost of \$366,355.00.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with McIver Brothers for the complete streets program in the amount of \$497,095 with a change order for a reduction in the scope of work for a final cost of \$366,355.00.

7. General:

- a) Selectmen to consider accepting a grant from the Metrowest Health Foundation for Hudson's COVID-19 Capacity Building Grant in the amount of \$20,000.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to accept a grant from the Metrowest Health Foundation for Hudson's COVID-19 Capacity Building Grant in the amount of \$20,000.

- b) Selectmen to consider accepting a grant from the Metrowest Health Foundation for Emotion CPR Trainings in the amount of \$30,000.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 to accept a grant from the Metrowest Health Foundation for Emotion CPR Trainings in the amount of \$30,000.

- c) Selectmen to consider accepting a grant from MIIA for work safety equipment in the amount of \$8,786.00.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 3-0-1 by roll call to accept a grant from MIIA for work safety equipment in the amount of \$8,786.00. Mr. Durant abstained.

- d) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a grant application for the DHCD's Local Rapid Recovery Program.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve and authorize the signing of a grant application for the DHCD's Local Rapid Recovery Program.

- e) Selectmen to consider approval of the transitioning of burn permitting to an online permitting program through burnpermits.com.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve the transitioning of burn permitting to an online permitting program through burnpermits.com.

- f) Selectmen to consider accepting a donation to the Hudson Police Department from Logan Anketell in the amount of \$50 in memory of Aiden LaFauce.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to accept a donation to the Hudson Police Department from Logan Anketell in the amount of \$50 in memory of Aiden LaFauce.

- g) Selectmen to consider accepting a donation from Isreal DaSilva to the Hudson Police Department in the amount of \$20.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to accept a donation from Isreal DaSilva to the Hudson Police Department in the amount of \$20.

- h) Selectmen to consider accepting a donation from the Nicolosi Family to the Hudson Police Department in the amount of \$10 to be used toward drug prevention.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to accept a donation from the Nicolosi Family to the Hudson Police Department in the amount of \$10 to be used toward drug prevention.

- i) Selectmen to consider accepting a donation from Marilyn Queen to the Hudson Police Department in the amount of \$20.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to accept a donation from Marilyn Queen to the Hudson Police Department in the amount of \$20.

- j) Selectmen to consider changing the name of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board discussed changing the name of the Board to Select Board. All members agreed to change the name. Town Counsel will begin the process of researching how to do so.

On a motion by Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to change the name of the Board of Selectmen to Select Board and to begin the process of doing so.

8. Citizens' Issues:

9. Town Issues:

Mr. Duplisea expressed gratitude to the Fire Department and all the first responders for their efforts in fighting the fire at Felton Street this morning. Chief Johannes agreed and also thanked the surrounding communities for their mutual and the first federated church.

Mr. Lucy stated that Rosemary Marini was the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for five years and he outlined some of her accomplishments. One of which was that she was the driving force behind the sale of the property that is now known as Highland Commons.

Mr. Parent acknowledge the great job done by the office of the Town Clerk with respect to the election and Town Meeting.

Mr. Durant reminded residents to stay vigilant during this pandemic and urged them to wear masks and social distance.

10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to note the correspondence of its meeting of December 7, 2020.

11. Executive Session:

- a) Selectmen to meet in Executive Session 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 and the chair so declares; and to seek advice of legal counsel present.

12. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to adjourn it public meeting of December 7, 2020 at 8:10 PM and enter into Executive Session, not to return to public session.

Document List – December 7, 2020
Location – Office of the Select Board

Public session minutes – November 2 & 14, 2020.

Tax Classification presentation.

Interest cards for Housing Authority seat.

Personnel memo- Mikula, Cabobianco, Preteau, Thibeault, Stone, Church, Brisbois, Killion, Livermore and Tufo

Contract – Community Paradigm Associates, McIver Brothers.

Metrowest Health Foundation grants.

MIIA grant.

DHCD's Local Rapid Recovery Program grant.

Online burn permitting info.

Police department donation memos.

Letter from the Business Improvement District.

Letter from GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. regarding a Phase I – Initial Site Investigation.

Hudson Fire Department October leave reports.

Eversource winter gas rate adjustment letter.

Letter of praise to Town Clerk.

School district budget timeline.

Letter from Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions.

Stipulation of Dismissal regarding Boyd Coatings.

Comcast price changes.

HHA Account's Report.

HHA Financial Statements.

HHA Confidential Correspondence.

Overnight parking ban memo.

Hudson Armory Project Petition.

Letter from Top Shelf Cannaseurs regarding change of location.

November Fire leave reports.

Hudson Armory draft legislation.