



Town of Hudson

Select Board

Minutes – January 24, 2022

Remote via Zoom

7:00 PM

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1. **Call to Order:**

Present were Mr. Duplisea, Mr. Burks, Mr. Lucy, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Sadowski and Mr. Gregory. Also present were Atty. Cipriano, Ms. Santos and Ms. Vickery.

2. **Minutes to be Approved:**

a) Public session minutes – January 10, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve the public session minutes of January 10, 2022.

3. **Licenses:**

a) Select Board to consider issuance of a seven-day indoor entertainment license between the hours of 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM from Monday through Sunday for Wild Hare located at 43 Broad Street, Suite B102.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to issue a seven-day indoor entertainment license between the hours of 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM from Monday through Sunday for Wild Hare located at 43 Broad Street, Suite B102.

4. **Personnel:**

a) Select Board to consider creating a Town-wide Ad-Hoc Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and appointing Richard Braga, Thomas McCoy, Robert Naiman, Frank Noyes, Kelly Shultz, Tom Green, Kalisa Barratt, Pam Helinek, Eric Ryder, Steven Santos and Kali Coughlan, with members to serve a one (1) year term, to carry out the following charge:

- Create a Town-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan which addresses both commuter and recreational walking and biking,
- Develop a short and long-term Bike & Walk Action Plan that priorities policies, projects, and programs that can be implemented over the short term (1-5 years) and over the next decade
- File with the Select Board on or before January 24, 2023 a recommendation about how cycling and pedestrian issues should be addressed in the future.

Mr. Duplisea noted that all of the municipal employees proposed for this committee will serve as ex-officio non-voting members.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to create creating a Town-wide Ad-Hoc Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and appoint Richard Braga, Thomas McCoy, Robert Naiman, Frank Noyes, Kelly Shultz, Tom Green, Kalisa Barratt, Pam Helinek, Eric Ryder, Steven Santos and Kali

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- b) *Select Board to consider reappointment of Patricia Fay as Finance Director/Town Accountant for a term to expire on January 25, 2025.*

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to reappointment of Patricia Fay as Finance Director/Town Accountant for a term to expire on January 25, 2025.

5. Contracts:

- a) *Select Board to consider authorizing the Executive Assistant to sign a contract with OnSolve to implement the Code Red emergency notification service in the amount of \$6,392.00.*

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to authorize the Executive Assistant to sign a contract with OnSolve to implement the Code Red emergency notification service in the amount of \$6,392.00.

- b) *Select Board to consider authorizing the Executive Assistant to sign a legal services agreement with Attorney William Solomon relative to the Verizon Cable License Renewal.*

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to authorize the Executive Assistant to sign a legal services agreement with Attorney William Solomon relative to the Verizon Cable License Renewal.

6. General:

- a) *Select Board to consider approving and authorizing the Executive Assistant to sign a proposal for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant support services for Hudson with Capital Strategic Solutions at a rate of \$160.00 per hour.*

Mr. Sadowski asked if there is a cap as to how much the Town would spend on this. Mr. Gregory explained that there is no stated dollar cap in the proposal. The assistance is primarily for reporting. The Town will be reimbursed by ARPA for the funds expended.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve and authorize the Executive Assistant to sign a proposal for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant support services for Hudson with Capital Strategic Solutions at a rate of \$160.00 per hour.

- b) *Select Board to consider authorization for the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of 2,700 at-home COVID-19 tests for municipal employees and vulnerable residents in the amount of \$13,500.00.*

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to authorize the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of 2,700 at-home COVID-19 tests for municipal employees and vulnerable residents in the amount of \$13,500.00.

- c) *Select Board to consider accepting State Fiscal Year 2022 funding for the Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program in the amount of \$16,634.86.*

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by rollcall to accept State Fiscal Year 2022 funding for the Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program in the amount of \$16,634.86.

- d) Select Board to consider authorizing the Town to participate in a regional Climate Resiliency Coalition led by the Town of Stow and supported by OARS.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to authorize the Town to participate in a regional Climate Resiliency Coalition led by the Town of Stow and supported by OARS and to appoint Ms. Helinek to represent Hudson on the Coalition.

- e) Select Board to consider authorizing the Fire Chief to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding to update Hudson's Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to authorize the Fire Chief to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding to update Hudson's Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

7. Budget:

	Amount Requested for Budget	Capital Plan Amount(s) Requested	Motion	Second	Vote
<u>Budget & Capital Plan</u>					
Community Development Department	\$283,785.00		Lucy	Sadowski	5-0
		\$50,000.00	Lucy	Burks	5-0
Finance Department / Information Tech	\$981,019.00		Lucy	Burks	5-0
		\$223,435.00	Sadowski	Burks	5-0
Library	\$851,065.00		Lucy	Quinn	5-0
		\$35,500.00	Lucy	Sadowski	5-0
Public Works	\$7,999,915.00		Duplisea	Sadowski	4-0-1*
		\$1,023,000.00	Lucy	Quinn	4-0-1*
Fire Dept.	\$3,995,947.00	-	Sadowski	Lucy	5-0
Police Department	\$4,399,683.00		Lucy	Burks	5-0
		\$293,500.00	Sadowski	Lucy	5-0
Recreation & Park Commission	\$441,252.00	-	Sadowski	Burks	5-0

**Mr. Burks abstained.*

During discussion regarding the DPW budget Mr. Lucy noted that there is a new position being funded to take care of the downtown area. He stated that this is discouraging as when the BID was soliciting votes that said they would be taking care of the downtown area. However, the DPW has been doing the mowing and the watering of the flowers and its coming from the DPW budget. He feels that the BID should out source some of these tasks. Mr. Ryder stated that this position will not exclusively work in the downtown area.

Mr. Quinn stated that perhaps a discussion with the BID suggesting they pay someone part time with their funds to help maintain the downtown should happen.

8. Citizens' Issues:

9. Town Issues:

Mr. Lucy suggested that ARPA funds be used to give booster shots to those that live in Hudson Housing Authority housing residents.

Mr. Sadowski just wanted to echo Mr. Quinn's statement regarding having the BID help out with the downtown. He also noted the lights at the landing shining into the resident's windows in the neighborhood and stated that this is being looked into.

Mr. Duplisea asked Mr. Ryder to give the Board an update on recent water breaks.

Mr. Ryder explained that due to cold and fluctuating temperatures in the past weeks there have been water main breaks in Town. The DPW will continue to deal with these as there will most likely be more to come.

10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to note the correspondence of its meeting of January 24, 2022.

11. Executive Session:

12. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to adjourn its meeting of January 24, 2022 at 7:55 PM.

**Select Board
Correspondence List – January 24, 2022**

1. Expanding public participation opportunities flyer.
2. Amvets article on 32nd Annual Holiday Dinner Deliveries.
3. Letter from William Galvin confirming new precincts.