



Town of Hudson

Select Board

Minutes – April 11, 2022

Hudson Police Station, 911 Municipal Drive

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 – March 28, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the public session minutes of March 28, 2022. Mr. Sadowski abstained.

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

a) Selectmen to meet with Rep. Hogan and Sen. Eldridge make a presentation regarding the FY 23 Budget.

Representative Hogan explained that the legislatures main focus this year is to help communities recover the effects of COVID-19. She announced a date for the Hudson Riverwalk ARPA Celebration which will be on Thursday, May 5th at 10:30 AM. This will celebrate the completion of the Assabet Riverwalk Project that was completed with \$400,000 in ARPA funds.

Senator Eldridge stated that the senate budget is due out in May and he pushing to get more money for Hudson schools and for local aid. He discussed the

b) Select Board to conduct a hearing and to select applicant to formally apply for an All Alcohol Retail License.

The Board gave each of the interested applicants about 10 minutes to present their plan to the Board. Mr. Duplisea asked each applicant to address the public need and Mr. Sadowski asked each to address how they would deal with parking and deliveries. The applicants were:

- *Apple Country Market*
- *Buscemi's*
- *Lake Boone General Store*
- *Hushed Willow*
- *L'il Peach*
- *Liquor World*
- *Mullahy's*
- *Shortstop General Store*

Mr. Quinn, Mr. Sadowski and Mr. Burks all voted in favor of Buscemi's. Mr. Lucy and Mr. Duplisea voted for Shortstop General Store.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted to invite Buscemi's to be the applicant who will apply to the ABCC for the all alcohol retail license.

4. Licenses:

- a) Select Board to consider extending to April 1, 2023 approval for expanded outdoor dining and alcohol sales per H. 4650 for the following establishments:

- Elks
- Finnegan's
- Kith & Kin (Pending ABCC approval)
- Ninety-Nine
- Old Schoolhouse
- Stevie's
- VFW

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 to extend approvals to April 1, 2023 for outdoor dining and alcohol sales per H. 4650 for the following establishments:

- o Elks*
- o Finnegan's*
- o Kith & Kin (Pending ABCC approval)*
- o Ninety-Nine*
- o Old Schoolhouse*
- o Stevie's*
- o VFW*

- b) Select Board to consider extending to April 1, 2023 approval for expanded outdoor dining and alcohol sales per H. 4650 at the following Town-owned locations:

- South Street Parking Lot behind 39-45 Main Street (Rail Trail Flatbread).
- South Street Parking Lot at 29 South Street (Horseshoe Pub).
- South Street Parking Lot at 25 South Street (Finnegan's Pub).

The Board took no action.

- c) Select Board to consider approval of all 2022/2023 Mid-Year License renewals for all licensee's that have met their requirements.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve all 2022/2023 Mid-Year License renewals for all licensee's that have met their requirements.

5. Personnel:

- a) Select Board to note the resignation of Christine D'Angelo as DayBreak Facilitator for the Senior Center, effective April 19, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 to note the resignation of Christine D'Angelo as DayBreak Facilitator for the Senior Center, effective April 19, 2022.

- b) Select Board to note the resignation of Ronald G. Blood as Firefighter, effective March 29, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 to note the resignation of Ronald G. Blood as Firefighter, effective March 29, 2022.

- c) Select Board to consider approval of the appointment of Jose Figueiredo as a W-2 Truck Driver/Laborer for the DPW at a rate of \$22.28 per hour, effective April 12, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 approve the appointment of Jose Figueiredo as a W-2 Truck Driver/Laborer for the DPW at a rate of \$22.28 per hour, effective April 12, 2022.

6. Contracts:

- a) Select Board to consider approving Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Hudson and the New England Police Benevolent Association (Police Patrol Officers) for a successor collective bargaining agreement for FY2023-FY2025.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Hudson and the New England Police Benevolent Association (Police Patrol Officers) for a successor collective bargaining agreement for FY2023-FY2025.

- b) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Stacy Spies in the amount of \$18,750 for consulting services for a Historical Property Survey.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Stacy Spies in the amount of \$18,750 for consulting services for a Historical Property Survey.

7. General:

- a) Select Board to consider authorizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding recommendation.

The discussion began with Mr. Sadowski requesting that this item be passed over in order to review the possibility of looking into the issue of premium pay which is a payment made to essential personnel and first responders who worked during COVID. Mr. Gregory cautioned the Board that the "essential worker" definition is quite broad. He stated that an issue that may arise is that this may prompt a response from a larger group.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 2-3-0 to pass over this item. Mr. Duplisea, Lucy and Burks against, the motion failed.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the ARPA funding recommendations for Phase I (\$3,930,330) and Phase II (\$2,007,155).

Mr. Gregory then asked that the Board make a motion to clarify that \$55,000 in Phase I was transferred from the Main /Houghton Street culvert replacement to Green / Florence Street catch basin project. This will not change the bottom line.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 to note the transfer of \$55,000 from the Main /Houghton Street culvert replacement to Green / Florence Street catch basin project.

- b) Select Board to discuss Special Counsel Letter relative to Inquiry on MBTA Right of Way.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-1-0 to release the confidential letter from Special Counsel Letter relative to Inquiry on MBTA Right of Way to the public.

8. Budget:

a) Selectmen to conduct FY 2023 Budget Hearings:

Department	Dept. #	Amount Requested
School Department	3050	\$41,562,375

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-1-0 to approve the FY2023 School Department budget at \$41,562,375. Mr. Sadowski opposed.

9. Citizens' Issues:

10. Town Issues:

Mr. Duplisea made the following statement – “The Executive Assistant has begun discussions for the potential acquisition of the Portuguese Club and its redevelopment for future municipal and school use. This is a discussion where a mutually beneficial deal between the parties might be able to be reached. The Hudson Portuguese Club is NOT otherwise for sale. These discussions and negotiations will take some time, but I want to assure the public that if negotiations are successful there will be some opportunities for public comment. If successful a town meeting vote and ballot vote will be required for the Town to move forward with the acquisition and redevelopment.”

11. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

12. Executive Session:

- a) Select Board to meet in Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and to seek the advice of legal counsel present (Dispatchers), per M.G.L., Ch. 30A, Section 21(a)(3).
- b) Select Board to meet in Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, and to seek the advice of legal counsel present (13 Port Street), per M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21 (a)(6).

13. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn its public meeting of April 11, 2022 at 10:00 PM and to enter into executive session and not return to public session.

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Correspondence List – April 11, 2022**

None