



Town of Hudson

Select Board

Minutes—June 7, 2021

Remote via Zoom 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Minutes to be Approved:

- a) Public session minutes – May 17, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the public session minutes of May 17, 2021.

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

- a) Select Board to conduct a hearing on an application for the Alteration of Premises for the All Alcohol Pouring License held by Welly's Restaurant located at 23 Main Street and grant permission to occupy sidewalk in front of 23 Main Street.

Mr. Lucy asked that a more floor plan be submitted that is more reflective of how the dining is set up. Mr. Sadowski is asking that the host stand be moved further away from the street and that the tables be moved closer to the building. Mr. DePinho stated that there are two other businesses there and this would be difficult.

Charles Randall, 76 Park Street noted that Mr. Sadowski's request would not be feasible as all the flower boxes would need to be moved. He went on to say that the layout that is there is the same as last year which was approved by the department heads.

Mr. Duplisea feels that the Board should rely on the department heads to deal with the issues being raised.

Mr. Lucy stated that the regulations that are in place were temporary and he would like permanent standards put in place for all outdoor seating before approving this.

Mr. Sadowski noted that there are no capacity limits for indoor seating and therefore he feels there is no need for an outside dining area this large.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to continue the public hearing to July 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

4. Licenses:

- a) Select Board to consider issuance of a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Arthur Goodhind for a 40th birthday party to be held on July 31, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM at Roller Kingdom located at 5 Highland Park Avenue.

Mr. Sadowski requested that TIPS certification for the bartenders be submitted.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to issue a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Arthur Goodhind for a 40th birthday party to be held on July 31, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM at Roller Kingdom located at 5 Highland Park Avenue.

- b) Select Board to consider issuing a Sidewalk Dining Permit to Rose Santos of Good Earth Holistic Kitchen located at 43 Broad Street between the hours of 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM Monday through Sunday.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to issue a Sidewalk Dining Permit to Rose Santos of Good Earth Holistic Kitchen located at 43 Broad Street between the hours of 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM Monday through Sunday with the condition that the Building Inspector approve the seating prior to issuing the license.

5. Personnel:

- a) Select Board to note the resignation of Lieutenant John Carolan from the Hudson Fire Department, effective after January 1, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to note the resignation of Lieutenant John Carolan from the Hudson Fire Department, effective after January 1, 2022.

- b) Select Board to consider approval of the promotion of Jeffrey Chaves from Firefighter to Acting Lieutenant for the Hudson Fire Department, effective July 6, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the promotion of Jeffrey Chaves from Firefighter to Acting Lieutenant for the Hudson Fire Department, effective July 6, 2021.

- c) Select Board to consider approval of the promotion of Anthony Cunha from Firefighter to Acting Lieutenant for the Hudson Fire Department, effective July 6, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the promotion of Anthony Cunha from Firefighter to Acting Lieutenant for the Hudson Fire Department, effective July 6, 2021.

- d) Select Board to consider approval of the promotion of Brian Sleeper from Lieutenant to Acting Deputy Fire Chief, effective July 6, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the promotion of Brian Sleeper from Lieutenant to Acting Deputy Fire Chief, effective July 6, 2021.

- e) Select Board to consider approval of the appointment of Lindsay Kelkres to the Hudson Cultural Council for term to expire on December 31, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the appointment of Lindsay Kelkres to the Hudson Cultural Council for term to expire on December 31, 2023.

- f) Select Board to note the resignation of Communications Specialist Shawn Marques from the Police Department, effective June 15, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to note the resignation of Communications Specialist Shawn Marques from the Police Department, effective June 15, 2021.

- g) Select Board to note the resignation of Mark Bertonassi as Deputy Building Commissioner, effective May 31, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to note the resignation of Mark Bertonassi as Deputy Building Commissioner, effective May 31, 2021.

- h) Select Board to consider approving the position of Deputy Building Commissioner as a Special Municipal Employee.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the position of Deputy Building Commissioner as a Special Municipal Employee.

- i) Select Board to consider approving the appointment of Dennis Monteiro as Deputy Building Commissioner, effective June 8, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve the appointment of Dennis Monteiro as Deputy Building Commissioner, effective June 8, 2021.

- j) Select Board to consider approval of seasonal employees for the Recreation Department for summer 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve seasonal employees for the Recreation Department for summer 2021.

6. Contracts:

- a) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with McKeown Masonry to do exploratory work in the Town Hall Chimney in the amount of \$8,530.00.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with McKeown Masonry to do exploratory work in the Town Hall Chimney in the amount of \$8,530.00.

- b) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Randy Hicks Company for repairs to the interior of Town Hall in the amount of \$17,585.00.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Randy Hicks Company for repairs to the interior of Town Hall in the amount of \$17,585.00.

- c) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign various contracts for chemicals for the DPW for FY'22.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to approve and authorize the signing of various contracts for chemicals for the DPW for FY'22.

7. General:

- a) Select Board to consider accepting a donation from Tom and Patricia Desmond for the Library to establish the Tom and Patricia Desmond Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to accept a donation from Tom and Patricia Desmond for the Library to establish the Tom and Patricia Desmond Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00.

- b) Select Board to consider accepting a donation from the estate of Arthur Walker for the Hudson Senior Center in the amount of \$54,167.31.
- c) Select Board to consider amending the Town's Traffic Rules and Regulations under Article IV, Section 6: Limited Duration Zones to replace the existing paragraph for Ft. Meadow Drive with the following: ***No parking at the entrance to Centennial Beach for four hundred and seventy-five (475) feet in all directions between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM from June 1st through September 15th.***

Mr. Santos began the discussion by reading the following statement into the record.

In late March of this year, the Park Commission began discussing seasonal parking access to our newly renovated beach facility, which is slated to open a week from today on June 14th. In short, after discussing the matter at great length and weighing the feedback and comments we received from the

community, coupled with the uncertainty of how Covid-19 would impact our facility operations, the Park Commission determined that parking access to the facility would be limited to Hudson residents only for the summer 2021 season.

Out of those discussions, various residents who live in the immediate area of Centennial Beach raised concerns related to the on-street parking issues directly associated with the operation of the beach. Many stated that they feared the new facility would attract many more people and the current issues associated with on street parking for those who access the beach, would only be further exacerbated. While street parking does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission, they made a collective decision to assist the neighbors in their efforts to have their concerns brought before the appropriate boards and committees in Town.

Myself, my staff and Commissioner Bowen participated in various meetings that included Chief DiPersio and Captain Perry, as well Ms. Johnson who provided guidance on how to move this conversation forward in a timely fashion. Additionally, I hosted an onsite outdoor meeting at the Beach in early May for various neighbors, where I was joined by both Chief DiPersio and Captain Perry. At that meeting we had the opportunity to hear more concerns, discuss what changes might be possible and inform the neighbors of the process in order to seek approval of any changes.

I then, on behalf of and as directed by the Park Commission, presented changes to the existing Fort Meadow Drive restricted parking regulations to the Internal Traffic Committee at their May 21st Meeting. These suggested changes were as follows:

- Change the current restricted parking language to read “475 feet in all directions”, striking the words “in both directions”.

- Implementing a parking placard program to allow residents who live in this specific restricted parking zone, the ability to park their own vehicles and those of their guests in front of their homes at all times

- Change the dates of the current restricted parking zone on Fort Meadow Drive from June 15th-September 15th to May 15th-September 15th

- Changes the fines for parking violations in this restricted Parking Zone from \$10.00 to \$50.00, or a fee higher than the current beach lot parking rate, as deemed appropriate by the ITC

While all of these items were discussed at the ITC meeting held on May 21st. There are some highly important of key items that should be considered as you evaluate agenda item 7c this evening.

The proposed changes I listed above were based on the creation and implementation of a parking placard system. A system that I am told by longtime residents used to be in place and utilized many years ago.

I want to ensure the Select Board knows that this conversation has been ongoing, for some time now. The beach season is upon us and I feel strongly that all of the changes above would be a step in the right direction in curbing some of the issues our residents and closest neighbors have experience for many years as a result of our business, the beach.

And lastly, it's important to also note that the Park Commission, would support the change in the times associated with this restricted parking zone, as identified in their memo to you tonight.

While I do not want to cause further delay in moving this conversation forward or any decisions by the Select Board. I am not sure if approving item 7c without having a parking placard program in place, makes sense as it may create further strain on residents who are already negatively impacted by our business during the summer months.

I am willing to continue to take the lead on this to ensure that whatever programs are in place moving forward serve our residents, and complement our facility rules and policies. Hudson Recreation has already stated that we would fund associated costs as a result of any changes the Select Board approves and we will continue to do our part to work with whomever is involved in order to see this through.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my thoughts on this topic tonight.

Ms. Johnson stated that the ITC's recommendation was to take the existing regulation, tweak it a bit and enforce what is already on the books. They want to take an incremental approach and see what happens and concurrently create a placard program for the neighborhood.

Several residents spoke in favor of the placard program.

Mr. Santos requested (on behalf of the park commission) that the parking restriction end at 9:00 PM instead of the 7:00 PM recommendation.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to amend the Town's Traffic Rules and Regulations under Article IV, Section 6: Limited Duration Zones to replace the existing paragraph for Ft. Meadow Drive with the following: No parking at the entrance to Centennial Beach for four hundred and seventy-five (475) feet in all directions between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM from June 1st through September 15th.

- d) Select Board to consider amending the Town's Traffic Rules and Regulations Under Article IV, Section 13: Handicapped Parking to replace the existing paragraph with the following: three spaces south of the library crosswalk on Washington Street towards the Rotary.

Mr. Ryder explained that this was brought before him recently due to the difficulty of the passenger of a handicapped vehicle has trying to exit the vehicle in that location. He decided to relocate the space further down where there is an opening between two planters. Mr. Lucy suggests removing the planters, which were the obstacle and keep the parking in the same location. Mr. Ryder agreed to this and stated he will have this done sometime in the next week. Mr. Ryder withdrew the ITC recommendation.

The Board took no action.

- e) Select Board to consider declaring the end to the COVID-19 state of emergency in Town.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to declare the end to the COVID-19 state of emergency in Town on June 15, 2021.

- f) Select Board to consider adopting Juneteenth State Holiday.

Mr. Gregory explained that any action taken on this item would ONLY be for June 19, 2021, subsequent years will be negotiated in collective bargaining agreements going forward. The Board ultimately agreed to have the Library, Town Hall and Senior Center closed on Friday to observe the holiday. The Police, Fire and DPW unions will treat the holiday as if it were the 12th of the 11 holidays named in their current collective bargaining agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve closing Town Hall, Library and Senior Center on Friday June 18, 2021 and have the Police, Fire and DPW unions treat the holiday as the 12th listed in their collective bargaining agreements.

- g) Select Board to consider approval of overtime compensation for Board of Health staff.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to approve overtime compensation for Board of Health staff.

8. Citizens' Issues:

Mr. Lucy spoke in regard to the Armory project grant update (in correspondence). He stated that the plan is for Hudson taxpayers to own the building and lease it to the non-profit group that is trying to acquire the property. Mr. Lucy believes this is still ownership and stated for the record that he will not be vote in favor of having the Town buy and own the building.

Mr. Duplisea explained that the next meeting will be held in person and for the time being the meetings will be held at the Police Station. There is significant water damage in the Select Board hearing room and until it is repaired the meetings will remain at the Police Station.

9. Town Issues:

Mr. Duplisea officially welcomed Thomas Gregory as today was his first day with the Town. He also thanked Ms. Santos for standing in as Interim EA.

10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to note the correspondence of its meeting of June 7, 2021.

11. Executive Session:

12. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to adjourn its meeting of June 7, 2021 at 10:00 PM.

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Correspondence List – June 7, 2021**

1. Armory project grant update.
2. Notice of Environmental Sampling at Chestnut Street.
3. Remote participation process.
4. Ft. Meadow herbicide treatment.
5. Town of Pepperell invitation by Select Board.
6. Fire Department leave reports.

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Office of the Select Board and on BoardDocs.com*