



Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen

Minutes – October 19, 2020

Remote via Zoom 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Minutes to be Approved:

- a) Public session minutes – September 28, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve the public session minutes of September 28, 2020.

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

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

Present were Mr. Johannes, Mr. Mikula, Ms. Lourens and Director Beaulieu. There were two candidates for the one open seat, Ms. Sarah Cressy and Mr. Stephen Domenicucci. All members voted for Mr. Domenicucci except Mr. Quinn who then changed his vote to make the vote unanimous. All members voted unanimously by roll call vote to appoint Mr. Domenicucci to a term to expire on May 10, 2021.

- b) Selectmen to conduct a joint meeting with members of the Planning Board to consider appointing a new member.

Present were Mr. D'Amelio, Mr. Daigneault and Mr. Underwood. There were three candidates for this open seat; Mr. Filippi, Mr. Thayer and Mr. Baylis.

| Candidate | Voted in Favor |
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| Ms. Baylis | D'Amelio, Underwood, Parent |
| Mr. Filippi | Daigneault, Duplisea, Lucy, Quinn, Durant |
| Mr. Thayer | |

All members voted by roll call to appoint Mr. Filippi to the vacant Planning Board seat for a term to expire on May 10, 2021.

- c) Selectmen to consider approval of a transfer of a Wine & Malt Package Store License and Pledge of License at 15-17 Central Street from C & M Market, Inc. to Ewnidsha Torres-Alves and Erick Alves, Owners of D&F Market LLC, d/b/a Central Street Market.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve the transfer of a Wine & Malt Package Store License and Pledge of License at 15-17 Central Street from C & M Market, Inc. to Ewnidsha Torres-Alves and Erick Alves, Owners of D&F Market LLC, d/b/a Central Street Market.

4. Licenses:

- a) Selectmen to consider issuance of a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Sara Lee for a Beer Garden located at 1 Houghton Street for the following dates and times:

November 4-8, 11-14, 25, 27-29, 2020

Thursdays from 3:00 – 9:00 PM

Fridays and Saturdays 12:00 PM – 9:00PM

Sundays 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to issue a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Sara Lee for a Beer Garden located at 1 Houghton Street for the following dates and times:

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- b) Selectmen to consider issuance of a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Richard Healy for a Beer Garden located at 43 Broad Street, Suite C300 for the following dates and times:

December 2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 2020

Thursdays from 3:00 – 9:00 PM

Fridays and Saturdays 12:00 PM – 9:00PM

Sundays 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to issue a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Richard Healy for a Beer Garden located at 43 Broad Street, Suite C300 for the following dates and times:

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5. Personnel:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Carlos Correia as W-2 Laborer, Step 1 for the Department of Public Works, effective October 20, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the appointment of Carlos Correia as W-2 Laborer, Step 1 for the Department of Public Works, effective October 20, 2020.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Joseph Lobus as W-2 Laborer, Step 1 for the Department of Public Works, effective October 20, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the appointment of Joseph Lobus as W-2 Laborer, Step 1 for the Department of Public Works, effective October 20, 2020.

- c) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Stephen Nezuch as W-2 Laborer, Step 1 for the Department of Public Works, effective October 20, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the appointment of Stephen Nezuch as W-2 Laborer, Step 1 for the Department of Public Works, effective October 20, 2020.

- d) Selectmen to consider approval of the appointment of Joshua Grigsby as W-2 Laborer, Step 1 for the Department of Public Works, effective October 20, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve

- e) Selectmen to consider approval of the promotion of Jacob Girard from W-2 Laborer to W- 4 Fleet Mechanic, effective October 20, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the promotion of Jacob Girard from W-2 Laborer to W- 4 Fleet Mechanic, effective October 20, 2020.

- f) Selectmen to consider approval of a new temporary position and job description of Contract Tracer in the Health Department.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to approve a new temporary position and job description of Contract Tracer in the Health Department.

- g) Selectmen to consider approval of a change of position from W- 6 Water Treatment Operator to a W- 4 Operator in Training, this will revert to W- 6 once the candidate is trained and certified.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve a change of position from W- 6 Water Treatment Operator to a W- 4 Operator in Training, this will revert to W- 6 once the candidate is trained and certified.

- h) Selectmen to consider approval of the following appointments to the Executive Assistant Search Committee: Robert Clark, Finance Committee, Michelle Dufour, School Committee, David Daigneault, Planning Board, Darja Nevits, Zoning Board, John Parent, Board of Selectman.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5 -0 by roll call to approve the following appointments to the Executive Assistant Search Committee: Robert Clark, Finance Committee, Michelle Dufour, School Committee, David Daigneault, Planning Board, Darja Nevits, Zoning Board, John Parent, Board of Selectman.

- i) Selectmen to consider appointing two at-large community members to serve of the Executive Assistant Search Committee.

The Board voted individually by roll call to approve the appointment to Richard Braga and Andrew Massa to serve as the two at-large community members on the Executive Assistant Search Committee.

6. Contracts:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Lexipol for the purchase of policy and risk management services under the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund (CESF) Program in the amount of \$8,900.00.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Lexipol for the purchase of policy and risk management services under the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund (CESF) Program in the amount of \$8,900.00.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Authorized Services of New England for generator repairs at the Gates Pond Water Treatment Facility in the amount of \$7,707.01.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Authorized Services of New England for generator repairs at the Gates Pond Water Treatment Facility in the amount of \$7,707.01.

- c) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Horizon Solutions for the installation for the library roof as part of the Green Communities Grant in the amount of \$40,027.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Horizon Solutions for the

installation for the library roof as part of the Green Communities Grant in the amount of \$40,027.

- d) Selectmen to discuss the procurement of a search firm for the Executive Assistant Search Committee.

Mr. Moses had sent out an RFP for the Board to review. He explained that if they were to request quotes this would speed up the process as this would not have to be advertised.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to have the Executive Assistant send out the RFP to four search firms.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to form a Selection Committee to review the RFP's made up of Mr. Parent, Mr. Durant and Mr. Clark.

7. General:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval to move the monitoring, maintenance and service of the AES Wireless Fire Alarm Reporting System from the combined police/fire dispatch center to a fully hands-off system to the Town's current provider Easton Electronics.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve moving the monitoring, maintenance and service of the AES Wireless Fire Alarm Reporting System from the combined police/fire dispatch center to a fully hands-off system to the Town's current provider Easton Electronics.

- b) Selectmen to consider signing the warrant for the 2020 State Elections to be held on November 3, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to sign the warrant for the 2020 State Elections to be held on November 3, 2020.

- c) Selectmen to consider accepting a \$50.00 donation to the Fire Department from Margaret Anketell, in memory of Aidan Lafauce.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to accept a \$50.00 donation to the Fire Department from Margaret Anketell, in memory of Aidan Lafauce.

Mr. Quinn left the meeting.

- d) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a delivery community host agreement for Cannect Wellness, located at 7 Kane Industrial Park.

Mr. Moses explained that Mr. Singal has a current community host agreement at this location however he would now like to add delivery to the operation. The delivery requires as separate license and host agreement according to the State.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a delivery community host agreement for Cannect Wellness, located at 7 Kane Industrial Park.

- e) Selectmen to discuss the demolition of 15 Broad Street.

Ms. Johnson briefly explained that the demolition will begin on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 and will take approximately 4 weeks to complete. The work will be conducted between the hours of 7AM and 7PM daily. She noted this will impact the surrounding area, streets and portions of the rail trail.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the closure of certain streets in the area and portions of the rail trail as outlined in a memo to the Board from Community Development dated May 19, 2020 and updated October 14, 2020.

f) Selectmen to consider approving the proposed FY22 Budget Schedule.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr.

g) Selectmen to consider approving the BOS Meeting schedule and deadlines for calendar year 2021.

The Board passed over this item to its next meeting.

h) Selectmen to discuss the logistics for the November Special Town Meeting.

The Board discussed this issue at length and they ultimately decided the best option was to hold Town Meeting in the High School parking lot on a Saturday afternoon. The Town Clerk will work on the logistics and report back to the Board.

On a motion by Duplisea, seconded by Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to change the date and location from November 16, 2020 Special Town Meeting at 7:30PM at the Hudson High School located at 69 Brigham Street, to Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Noon at the Hudson High School Parking Lot on 69 Brigham Street. The Board also voted a rain date of Sunday, November 15, 2020.

i) Selectmen to consider taking a vote to adjust/reduce the quorum requirement for the Special Town Meeting to be held on November 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote, in consultation with and with the approval of the Town Moderator, to decrease the quorum from 150 registered voters to 70 registered voters for the November 2020 Special Town Meeting.

j) Selectmen to consider approval of changes to the Town of Hudson Sewer Regulations, Article III General Provisions, Section 2 Bills Payable by including Section 2.1 Abatements.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 3-0-1 to approve the changes to the Town of Hudson Sewer Regulations, Article III General Provisions, Section 2 Bills Payable by including Section 2.1 Abatements. Mr. Duplisea against.

Mr. Duplisea recused himself.

Ms. Julie Miranda, 14 Brigham Street asked once more for an abatement for her water bill. Mr. Durant stated he was inclined to lower the bill to \$1,500 and made a motion. The other members were not so inclined and did not second his motion. No abatement was granted.

Mr. Duplisea returned.

k) Selectmen to discuss Halloween and Trick or Treating.

Mr. Moses began the discussion by stating that the CDC sees trick or treating a high-risk activity during the pandemic. He went on to say however that trick or treating is not a Town sponsored activity. The Board discussed the issue and felt it is not their decision to make. They cautioned that everyone be respectful of those who choose not to participate. Ms. Calo noted that all trick or treaters must wear masks (costume masks will not suffice). The Board took no action.

8. Citizens' Issues:

a) Selectmen to meet with Jeannie Vineyard to discuss amending the Town's Board/Committee Interest Form.

Ms. Vineyard, 2 Gately Ave is requesting that two questions be removed from the Town's Board and Committee interest cards. The first is the question regarding whether the applicant was ever convicted of a felony and the second ask if the applicant is up to date on all taxes. Mr. Duplisea stated that he would like to have

Town Counsel render an opinion on the matter before making any decisions. The Board agreed.

9. Town Issues:

10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Parent, the Board voted 4-0 to note the correspondence of its meeting of October 19, 2020.

11. Executive Session:

- a) Selectmen to consider entering into Executive Session pursuant to Mass. General Laws c. 30A, Section 21(3) to discuss potential and imminent litigation in that an Open Meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board of Selectmen and Town and the Chairman so declares; and to seek advice of legal counsel present.
- b) Selectmen to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel; and to seek advice of counsel present.

12. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call vote to adjourn their meeting of October 19, 2020 at 9:30 PM and to enter into Executive Session and not to return to public session.

Document List – October 19, 2020

| Document | Location |
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| Public session minutes – September 28, 2020 | BOS Office |
| HHA appointment memo and interest cards | BOS Office |
| Planning Board memo and interest cards | BOS Office |
| License transfer application – Central St. Market | BOS Office |
| One day beer/wine pouring – Sarah Lee & Richard Healy | BOS Office |
| Appointment memo – Correia, Lobus, Nezuch, Grigsby | BOS Office |
| Promotion memo for Jacob Girard | BOS Office |
| Temporary new position of contract tracer | BOS Office |
| Change of position WWTF | BOS Office |
| EA Search Committee appointments | BOS Office |
| EA Search Committee At-Large Selection (interest cards and resumes) | BOS Office |
| Contract – Lexipol, Authorized Services of New England, Horizon Solutions | BOS Office |
| AES Wireless Fire Alarm Reporting System memo | BOS Office |
| State election warrant | BOS Office |
| Donation memo | BOS Office |
| Delivery community host agreement | BOS Office |
| FY22 Budget Schedule | BOS Office |
| Meeting schedule and deadlines for 2021 | BOS Office |

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| Sewer regulations amendment | BOS Office |
| John Blood apology letter | BOS Office |
| September 2020 Fire Department leave reports | BOS Office |
| Route 15 ridership report | BOS Office |
| MassDEP Press Release | BOS Office |
| MassDEP PFAS Treatment Plant Approval Letter | BOS Office |
| Commonwealth of MA search for lease space | BOS Office |
| Ft. Meadow Reservoir and Lake Drawdown | BOS Office |
| Letter from Tom Green regarding EA Search | BOS Office |