



Town of Hudson

Select Board

Minutes—November 1, 2021

Hudson Police Station, 911 Municipal Drive

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Minutes to be Approved:

a) Public session minutes – October 18, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the public session minutes of October 18, 2021.

b) Executive session minutes – October 18, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the executive session minutes of October 18, 2021.

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

4. Licenses:

a) Select Board to consider issuing a Christmas Trees & Wreath Sales license to Humphrey's Family Christmas Trees at 31 Washington Street from November 26, 2021 to December 24, 2021 between 9:00AM - 9:00PM.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a Christmas Trees & Wreath Sales license to Humphrey's Family Christmas Trees at 31 Washington Street from November 26, 2021 to December 24, 2021 between 9:00AM - 9:00PM.

b) Select Board to consider issuing a Christmas Trees & Wreath Sales license to the Hudson Elks at 91 Park Street from November 26, 2021 to December 24, 2021 between 9:00AM - 9:00PM.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a Christmas Trees & Wreath Sales license to the Hudson Elks at 91 Park Street from November 26, 2021 to December 24, 2021 between 9:00AM - 9:00PM.

c) Select Board to consider issuing a Transient Vendor license to the Hudson Farmers Market for a Winter Market to be held on November 20 & December 18, 2021 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM both to be held in the front of Town Hall.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a Transient Vendor license to the Hudson Farmers Market for a Winter Market to be held on November 20 & December 18, 2021 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM both to be held in the front of Town Hall.

d) Select Board to consider issuance of a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Angela Waring for a networking event to be held on November 4, 2021 between the hours of 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to be held at 43 Broad Street.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Angela Waring for a networking event to be held on November 4, 2021 between the hours of 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to be held at 43 Broad Street.

5. Personnel:

- a) Select Board to consider approval of the temporary appointment of Telma Costa as Assistant Treasurer/Collector at a Grade 4, Step 4 for the period between November 17, 2021 through December 1, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 50 to approve the temporary appointment of Telma Costa as Assistant Treasurer/Collector at a Grade 4, Step 4 for the period between November 17, 2021 through December 1, 2021.

- b) Select Board to consider approval of the appointment of Lisa M. Aucoin as Assistant Library Director at Grade M7, S2 \$69,080, effective December 6, 2021.

Mr. Lucy stated that he wanted to remind everyone that the Select Board considers, hires, promotions and pay raises are based on the Executive Assistant's recommendations. The letter from the Library should have been addressed to the EA. All offer letters should state that the offer is subject to final Select Board approval.

He went on to say that this is an excellent hire however given the posting oversight it is possible there was no disclaimer.

All department heads who may not be familiar with these two points, sending the request to the EA and making any letter to the Select Board approval should be included. All should look to the DPW Director's hiring and promoting standard operation procedure.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to pass over this agenda item until November 29, 2021.

6. Contracts:

- a) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign an employment agreement with Chief Bryan Johannes for the period of 10/29/2021 – 10/28/2024.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-1-0 to approve and authorize the signing of an employment agreement with Chief Bryan Johannes for the period of 10/29/2021 – 10/28/2024. Mr. Lucy against.

- b) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Woodard & Curran to conduct a Stormwater Funding Study for the Town in the amount of \$42,000.00.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Woodard & Curran to conduct a Stormwater Funding Study for the Town in the amount of \$42,000.00.

- c) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Bay State Regional Contractors, Inc. for the New Chestnut Street PFAS system in the amount of \$3,539,673.00.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Bay State Regional Contractors, Inc. for the New Chestnut Street PFAS system in the amount of \$3,539,673.00.

- d) Select Board to consider approving a Lease between the Town of Hudson and B-P Trucking, Inc. to operate a Solid Waste Transfer Station at 1 Municipal Drive.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to continue this agenda item to its meeting of November 29, 2021.

7. General:

- a) Select Board to authorize Chief Johannes to apply for the FY2022 Local Hazard Mitigation Grant Planning Pilot Program.

Mr. Lucy thanked the Chief for adhering to the grant application standard operating procedure and he stated that he hopes all other department heads are doing so.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Chief Johannes to apply for the FY2022 Local Hazard Mitigation Grant Planning Pilot Program.

- b) Select Board to consider accepting a donation from the State 911 Department to be used to defray the costs associated with running an Emergency Communications Center in the amount of \$67,385.00.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 to accept a donation from the State 911 Department to be used to defray the costs associated with running an Emergency Communications Center in the amount of \$67,385.00.

- c) Select Board to consider accepting a donation from the State 911 Department to be used to train dispatchers in the amount of \$11,926.80.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 to accept a donation from the State 911 Department to be used to train dispatchers in the amount of \$11,926.80.

- d) Select Board to consider authorizing Chief Johannes to apply for the MEMA Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant.

Mr. Lucy stated for the record "Mr. Chairman, this is about Hudson's LEPC status. Mr. Chairman, I am tired of this throw-others-under-the-bus drum beat found in this memo. Try this on for size; using leave reports I was able to confirm something I came to realize in a prior fire fighters contract cycle and the eventual contract outcome. These leave reports were very good. The preparer did the reports for two years, but claims not to have known what was going on during those years or the years preceding whenever lieutenant might have made the same observation I did. Mr. Chairman, through you to the EA I ask that these gratuitous comments no longer appear in memos."

Mr. Gregory stated that he became aware that the LEPC in Town was not active shortly after coming to Town. He went on to say that he shares some responsibility if some members of the Board feel that they were not fully informed regarding this issue. Chief Johannes noted that throwing anyone under the bus was never his intent. He is accepting some level of responsibility for this as well. A meeting is scheduled to address this.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Chief Johannes to apply for the MEMA Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant.

- e) Select Board to meet with Chief Johannes to discuss vehicle maintenance issues.

Mr. Lucy asked that this item be passed over. He explained that at the last meeting Mr. Duplisea had directed the Fire Chief to present a plan to the EA. Mr. Gregory stated that the purchase of a new fire engine is eligible under ARPA funds. The EA promised to work with the Chief to find other places in his budget for funds to cover the repairs. Mr. Lucy went on to say that there is no new information in the memo prepared for this meeting. The memo presented at the last meeting was precedent setting. He then asked through the Chairman that this Department Director to Select Board meeting agenda precedent be stopped tonight.

Mr. Gregory explained that the Fire Chief's intention on sharing this information with the Board was in the interest of transparency.

The Board took no action.

- f) Select Board to consider increasing inspections fees from \$30.00 to \$35.00 per inspection.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to increase inspections fees from \$30.00 to \$35.00 per inspection.

8. Citizens' Issues:

- a) Select Board to meet with Tina Grosowsky to discuss a public process for the ARPA funds and to discuss the Town purchasing municipal vehicles that use fossil fuels.

Tina Grosowski, 425 Main Street stated that she has been following the ARPA funding for the past year along with the group Green Hudson as well as a group called Elder's Climate Action. The Town has received approximately \$5 million in ARPA funds and she would like to know how the Town plans to spend the funds.

Mr. Gregory stated that the Town is in the preliminary stages of this process. Half of the funds have been wired to the Town from the US Treasury. Hudson will receive a total of \$5.9 million. There are a couple of projects that the funding has been committed to but he would like the public to weigh in with some ideas. The Town has until December 2024 in which to encumber the funds and the funds must all be used within the following two years.

Ms. Grosowski would like to see some of the funds be used toward addressing clean energy in Town, specifically for electric vehicles and buildings.

9. Town Issues:

Mr. Lucy stated that Andy Horvitz is moving out of state and in his view, this is a devastating blow to the Hudson Cultural Alliance. When the BID stood down and ceased their direct involvement raising the millions of dollars needed to purchase the armory and paying years of operating costs while the armory was being converted into a cultural center, the HCA stepped in.

Mr. Lucy went on to say "More significantly Andy Horvitz joined the effort. Andy brought great oratorical skills, the needed organized skills and a proven track record of getting things done.

Did I mention the Hudson Cultural Alliance has to raise millions of dollars to convert this wonderful vision into a reality? Hopefully there is someone with the skill sets and credentials to pick up where Andy leaves off."

Mr. Quinn stated that he will be stepping down as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust in December. He asked that the Board begin thinking about who will serve on the Trust as the Select Board designee.

Mr. Duplisea noted the passing of Dennis F. Murphy and sent condolences to the family. He also noted the passing of Mayor Arthur Vigeant's sister Anne-Marie Kelley.

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 November 1, 2021.

11. Executive Session:

12. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn its meeting of November 1, 2021 at 7:45 PM.

**Select Board
Correspondence List – November 1, 2021**

1. Invitation from Brian Stearns to the Veteran's Day Parade.
2. Article 14 Planning Board recommendation.
3. Article 16 Planning Board recommendation.

*All non-confidential documents relative to this agenda are available in the
Office of the Select Board and on BoardDocs.com*