



Town of Hudson

Select Board

Minutes—May 15, 2023

Hudson Police Station, 911 Municipal Drive

7:00 PM

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1. **Call to Order:**

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

a) Select Board to reorganize.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to nominate and approve Mr. Duplisea as Select Board Chair.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to nominate and approve Mr. Burks as Select Board Vice Chair.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to nominate and approve Ms. Congdon as Select Board Clerk.

2. **Minutes to be Approved:**

a) Public session minutes – April 24, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the public session minutes of April 24, 2023.

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

a) Select Board to meet with Senator Jamie Eldridge and Representative Kate Hogan to discuss legislative update.

Senator Eldridge informed the Board that the house will begin debating budget amendments. The unrestricted local aide for FY 2024 for Hudson is \$2,383,867.00 Representative Hogan also updated the Board. She noted that April tax revenue came in much lower than anticipated therefore the house is being cautious with the budget. There is a concern about the debt ceiling as this will impact on the economy. One of the highlights she noted is permanent funding for free school meals has been approved by all three branches. Funding for wayfinding, the MWRTA, Fresh Start Furniture Bank as well for a part time employee for the Metrowest Food Collaborative has all been appropriated as well. The House was able to secure \$1,000,000 in ARPA funding. There is a major focus on dealing with a comprehensive bill deal with PFAS with the goal of remediation and removal.

b) Select Board to conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 166 of the Massachusetts General Laws to relocate two (2) poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including necessary anchors, on the south side of Main Street and northern side of parking lot of 90 Cherry Street, said petition filed by Hudson Light & Power.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the relocation of two (2) poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including necessary anchors, on the south side of Main Street and northern side of parking lot of 90 Cherry Street, said petition filed by Hudson Light & Power.

4. Licenses:

- a) Select Board to consider approval of an application from 99 West, LLC for Change of Officer for the Ninety-Nine Restaurant located at 255 Washington Street.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the application from 99 West, LLC for Change of Officer for the Ninety-Nine Restaurant located at 255 Washington Street.

- b) Select Board to consider issuing an Outdoor One-Day Entertainment license to the Hudson Cultural Alliance for an event to be held on June 4, 2023 from the hours of 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM to be held at the Hudson Armory located on Park Street.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 to issue an Outdoor One-Day Entertainment license to the Hudson Cultural Alliance for an event to be held on June 4, 2023 from the hours of 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM to be held at the Hudson Armory located on Park Street.

- c) Select Board to consider issuing a One-Day All Alcohol license to Tamatha Frederick for a birthday party to be held on February 3, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM at Roller Kingdom located at 5 Highland Park Avenue.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a One-Day All Alcohol license to Tamatha Frederick for a birthday party to be held on February 3, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM at Roller Kingdom located at 5 Highland Park Avenue.

- d) Select Board to consider granting a one-day Entertainment and Transient Vendor licenses to the Assabet Valley Chamber of Commerce for its 35th Annual Community Festival on June 10, 2023 from 9:00AM-3:30PM.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 to grant a one-day Entertainment and Transient Vendor licenses to the Assabet Valley Chamber of Commerce for its 35th Annual Community Festival on June 10, 2023 from 9:00AM-3:30PM.

- e) Select Board to consider granting a temporary right of passage over the Danforth Brook foot bridge from the Medusa Brewing Company's real property located at 111 Main Street to the Company's real property located at 1 Houghton Street; and, to consider granting a license, per Section 19 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 as subsequently amended, to Medusa Brewing Company for outdoor on-premises alcohol sales at 1 Houghton Street.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 5-0 to grant a temporary right of passage over the Danforth Brook foot bridge from the Medusa Brewing Company's real property located at 111 Main Street to the Company's real property located at 1 Houghton Street; and, to consider granting a license, per Section 19 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 as subsequently amended, to Medusa Brewing Company for outdoor on-premises alcohol sales at 1 Houghton Street.

- f) Select Board to consider issuance of a Live Outdoor Entertainment License to Keith Sullivan for the Outdoor Beer Garden located at 1 Houghton Street for Thursdays and Fridays 3:00PM – 9:00 PM, Saturdays 12:00 PM – 9:00PM and Sundays 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM with proposed opening date of May 25, 2023.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a Live Outdoor Entertainment License to Keith Sullivan for the Outdoor Beer Garden

located at 1 Houghton Street for Thursdays and Fridays 3:00PM – 9:00 PM, Saturdays 12:00 PM – 9:00PM and Sundays 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM with proposed opening date of May 25, 2023.

Ms. Congdon left the meeting.

- g) Select Board to consider granting of Live Entertainment Licenses to the Park Commission/Recreation Department for the Wood Park Concert Series for June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9 and August 23, 2023 from 6:30PM – 8:30 PM and concerts at Cellucci Park for June 15, July 20, and August 17, 2023 from 10:30 AM – 12:30PM.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 to grant Live Entertainment Licenses to the Park Commission/Recreation Department for the Wood Park Concert Series for June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9 and August 23, 2023 from 6:30PM – 8:30 PM and concerts at Cellucci Park for June 15, July 20, and August 17, 2023 from 10:30 AM – 12:30PM.

- h) Select Board to consider issuing a Common Victualer's License to Grab and Go Café, LLC, d/b/a Gourmet Donuts owner Nelly Yamileth Medina Acevedo for the hours of 4:30 AM – 7:00 PM Monday through Sunday, located at 181 Main Street.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to issue a Common Victualer's License to Grab and Go Café, LLC, d/b/a Gourmet Donuts owner Nelly Yamileth Medina Acevedo for the hours of 4:30 AM – 7:00 PM Monday through Sunday, located at 181 Main Street.

5. Personnel:

- a) Select Board to note the resignation of Assistant Finance Director, Gita Patel, effective June 9, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to note the resignation of Assistant Finance Director, Gita Patel, effective June 9, 2023.

- b) Select Board to consider approval of the appointment of Leanne Rouse as Administrative Secretary in the Treasurer's Office at a Grade 11, Step 5, effective May 30, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the appointment of Leanne Rouse as Administrative Secretary in the Treasurer's Office at a Grade 11, Step 5, effective May 30, 2023.

- c) Select Board to consider approval of the appointment of Casey Mellin as Regional Health Inspector for the Board of Health at a Grade M6, Step 4, effective May 17, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the appointment of Casey Mellin as Regional Health Inspector for the Board of Health at a Grade M6, Step 4, effective May 17, 2023.

- d) Select Board to note the retirement of Cynthia MacDonald as Library Page, effective April 1, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to note the retirement of Cynthia MacDonald as Library Page, effective April 1, 2023.

- e) Select Board to note the resignation of Susan Ramsbottom as Assistant Circulation Librarian, effective May 12, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to note the resignation of Susan Ramsbottom as Assistant Circulation Librarian, effective May 12, 2023.

- f) Select Board to note the resignation of Christopher Tibbals from the Economic Development Commission, effective immediately.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to note the resignation of Christopher Tibbals from the Economic Development Commission, effective immediately.

- g) Select Board to note the resignation of Andrew Massa from the Planning Board, effective May 8, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 to note the resignation of Andrew Massa from the Planning Board, effective May 8, 2023.

- h) Select Board to note the retirement of Raymond Girard as Maintenance Coordinator for Town Buildings, effective July 7, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to note the retirement of Raymond Girard as Maintenance Coordinator for Town Buildings, effective July 7, 2023.

- i) Select Board to consider approval of the job description for Business Manager for Utilities for the Department of Public Works.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the job description for Business Manager for Utilities for the Department of Public Works.

- j) Select Board to consider approval of the job description for Facilities Manager for the Department of Public Works.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the job description for Facilities Manager for the Department of Public Works.

- k) Select Board to consider approval of the appointment of Erin Ragusa Caton as Assistant Finance Director / Assistant Town Accountant at a Grade 5, Step 2, effective May 16, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the appointment of Erin Ragusa Caton as Assistant Finance Director / Assistant Town Accountant at a Grade 5, Step 2, effective May 16, 2023.

- l) Select Board to consider approval of the appointments of Louis Parenteau, Blake Ryder, Andrew Ryder, Robert Beggan and Brady Blood as summer laborers for the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$15.00, effective June 1, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the appointments of Louis Parenteau, Blake Ryder, Andrew Ryder, Robert Beggan and Brady Blood as summer laborers for the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$15.00, effective June 1, 2023.

- m) Select Board to note the resignation of Ruth Cardillo as Financial Principal Clerk for the Department of Public Works, effective May 19, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to note the resignation of Ruth Cardillo as Financial Principal Clerk for the Department of Public Works, effective May 19, 2023.

6. Contracts:

- a) Select Board to consider approval of and authorization to sign a contract with The Addiction Referral Center in the amount of \$20,000 (exempt) for addiction referral services for Hudson Residents.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with The Addiction Referral Center in the amount of \$20,000 (exempt) for addiction referral services for Hudson Residents.

- b) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with ESS Laboratory for FY 24 Wastewater Toxicity Testing in the amount of \$8,060.00.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with ESS Laboratory for FY 24 Wastewater Toxicity Testing in the amount of \$8,060.00.

- c) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Microlab Laboratories for FY 24 Water Quality Testing in the amount of \$43,391.00.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Microlab Laboratories for FY 24 Water Quality Testing in the amount of \$43,391.00.

- d) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with TEAM E.J. Prescott for the purchase of eight (8) fire hydrants in the amount of \$22,720.00.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with TEAM E.J. Prescott for the purchase of eight (8) fire hydrants in the amount of \$22,720.00.

- e) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. for Ferric Chloride in the amount of \$1,228.00 per dry ton.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. for Ferric Chloride in the amount of \$1,228.00 per dry ton.

- f) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with BMC Corporation Catch Basin Cleaning in the amount of \$40,467.00.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with BMC Corporation Catch Basin Cleaning in the amount of \$40,467.00.

- g) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Mass Installation, Inc. for the replacement of water meters in Town in the amount of \$699,997.00.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Mass Installation, Inc. for the replacement of water meters in Town in the amount of \$699,997.00.

- h) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign various contracts with Northeast/Merrimack Valley Chemical Consortium for various chemicals for FY2024.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Northeast/Merrimack Valley Chemical Consortium for various chemicals for FY2024.

7. General:

- a) Select Board to consider authorizing New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (“AT&T”) to make modifications to the telecommunication equipment located at 44 Coolidge Street.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (“AT&T”) to make modifications to the telecommunication equipment located at 44 Coolidge Street.

- b) Select Board to consider approving the First Amended Community Host Agreement between the Town and Hudson Growers Alliance, LLC, and to authorize the Executive Assistant to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Select Board.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the First Amended Community Host Agreement between the Town and Hudson Growers Alliance, LLC, and to authorize the Executive Assistant to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Select Board.

- c) Select Board to consider authorizing the Director of Planning and Community Development to apply for a grant through the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development for its Downtown Initiative Program in order to help the Town quantify the economic impacts of the BID.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0 to the Director of Planning and Community Development to apply for a grant through the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development for its Downtown Initiative Program in order to help the Town quantify the economic impacts of the BID. authorize

- d) Select Board to meet with Mr. Bacon to discuss the possible expansion of the marijuana overlay district.

Mr. Bacon is before the Board to discuss possibly expanding the marijuana overlay district to include the property at 234 Washington Street. Mr. Gregory explained that in order to create an extension to the existing overlay district it would require a zoning amendment at Town Meeting. This can be effectuated by either the land owner, the Select Board or a citizen's petition. Mr. Burks asked if this is approved would all the other businesses in the district be able to do the same. Mr. Gregory said yes. Mr. Sadowski asked if there is a limit as to how many licenses can be granted. Mr. Gregory said he is unaware of a ceiling. Mr. Sadowski would like to see a limit to the number of licenses. He also would like to see a traffic study and parking study for that area.

Lauren Antonelli, Board of Health Director stated that she would the health department to weigh in on this issue. She noted that they are in the process of looking into implementing marijuana regulations as they have done in the past regarding tobacco as they are able to put a cap on this. This will most likely happen at the BOH June meeting. She says that she thinks they will not be open to this as they are very committed to curbing the use and availability of marijuana.

8. Citizens' Issues:

9. Town Issues:

10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to note the correspondence of its meeting of May 15, 2023.

11. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn its meeting of May 15, 2023 at 8:30 PM.

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Correspondence List – May 15, 2023.**

1. National Grid letter regarding schedule for potential treatment periods.
2. Invitation to Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.
3. Paul Cote thank you letter.