

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes of the April 25, 2017 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Luszey the meeting of April 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Selectman Routsis.
3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Ted Luszey, Marilyn McGrath, Roger Coutu, Angela Routsis, David Morin

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Police Chief Jason Lavoie; Lisa Nute, IT Director; Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer; Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Luszey asked does anyone in the audience wish to address the Board on any issue which the Board has control of at this time. Please state your name and address for the record please.

Donald Coillard. I live at 14 Fulton Street. Right now they're doing the roadwork down there putting gas lines in. I live down at the bottom of the hill. I was here last year in regards to coming down my driveway there's a pad. It's probably 40 x 30. Now you both said last year that me and my neighbor own it - Mike Shumsky. He couldn't make it tonight. Now I have the gas company coming down and they're cutting up the road. Now this pad that we own over the years have been cut up so dramatically it's like Swiss cheese. Between the Water Department and the gas company and the town paving patches over there. One of your guys Jesse tells how big to make the patch and whatever. I don't think it's fair. Last year basically you told me it's your stuff, you deal with it. It's to a point now the entire place is caving in. The Water Department had to come out and cut a hole down the bottom to lift the shutoff. The guys down there were really nice. They're only doing what they're told. They cut a big hole down there, lifted it up, and the rest of the ground is crumbling around it. It's crumbling because over the years of having cut so badly. They had to put another one in my driveway. The thing is this big. They cut a hole in my driveway 8 foot by 8 foot. I can't even believe the size of this thing. Sooner or later, that's going to start caving in. Where does the line draw here? I know it's the town but the town is the one who patches all this stuff. I got video and I got pictures of today. I just can't believe it. I want something done about this. I pay taxes here. I don't ask anybody for anything around here. I pay my water, my sewer, my gas, my electric. This is out of control. This is not right.

Selectman McGrath asked the pictures do you have them with you. Mr. Coillard said yes video and pictures. Selectman McGrath asked can you share the pictures.

Selectman Morin asked is this from the construction or a washout after the construction. Donald Coillard stated no this is over the years. Selectman Morin asked is it from running water coming down the hill there. Mr. Coillard said no. Jesse says oh that's been there for 30 - 40 years. It doesn't matter if it's been there 30 - 40 years. You can clearly see it's sunk because of - you can actually see the cut marks this way, cut mark this way, cut mark - I have grandkids that ride their bicycles down there. I come down there on a motorcycle. It's really scary. It's all busted apart. It's crazy. Somebody's got to take ownership. I understand we own it but I never went down there with a shovel and disrepair it and made a mess of it. It's just getting worse every year.

Selectman Coutu said you stated that it was cut up for - how many utilities are accessible...first of all, how many utilities are accessible under that pad? Mr. Coillard indicated gas and water. I already talked to a guy at Pennichuck Chris. He was supposed to come out today and talk about this and he couldn't make it. He's going to come tomorrow. As far as the gas company, they haven't gotten back to me. Selectman Coutu asked you've reached out to the gas company. Donald Coillard said yes. I'm serious this time. Something needs to be done. It's not fair. Selectman Coutu thought it is his second time here. I remember him being here last year Mr. Chairman. I would recommend at this point that we ask the Road Agent to contact Pennichuck and the gas company and have a meeting with Mr. Coillard and Mr. Shumsky and come back to us with a full report of what has taken place, when this all started, if they have any previous reports or history, and see if we can have a meeting of the minds with all the parties concerned. See if they can resolve it amicably between themselves and if it doesn't get resolved, then we'll ask that they bring the matter before the Board. I don't know how else to address this. Mr. Coillard definitely has a legitimate concern and the question was last year I believe who really owned it - who owned what portion of the pad or who's property it was on. Regardless, the damage has been done and we need to figure out whether or not it can be resolved either by the town or by the utility companies involved. That would be my recommendation Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Luszey said it would be with Pennichuck and I believe Liberty right now.

Donald Coillard said and come to find out that the gas piping that they're putting in there over the years was John Mansville's dumping area. It's all asbestos all down there. I'm like I didn't know that. I got trucks of that company driving on that pad and these guys are back and forth. This truck weighs tons. I'm just looking and I'm going oh my god please. What are you guys doing? It's crazy.

Selectman McGrath indicated I don't know enough about water lines, and gas lines, and all of that but is there any way do you think that they could move the connection that they're trying to work with move it so that it's not in front of his property and not constantly being dug up and creating more of a problem? Mr. Coillard indicated probably not.

Chairman Luszey said my answer to that is I would think we need to get the water and utility - our committee - as part of this. If its water, there is some ownership by the Water Utility Committee to have something put on this. Selectman McGrath indicated he was saying gas as well. Chairman Luszey indicated there is gas there. I know I'm having a problem right now with the State. There's a culvert in the middle of one of my front yards and the State owns it and it sunk 4 feet. They'll say they'll get to it. I do feel your pain but I think Selectman Coutu is on the right track and that is we get the parties that are all involved together and see where we take this.

Donald Coillard noted that would be great. Did you see the one with the piece that they took out of the driveway? I was like who gave you permission to do that? I can lay in there and not touching end to end.

Chairman Luszey asked are you all set. Are there any other questions?

Selectman Coutu noted there's some video here and it gets worse as I go through the pictures here. I think it's the only way to resolve it an obviously we want to include you and Mr. Shumsky in the conversation and see what derives from that. I would think that at that point maybe we should have our Engineer involved I don't know just to make sure that our interests are protected. Steve Malizia said you could have the Engineer for the water perspective if he's more of a subject matter expert and obviously Pennichuck. Mr. Coillard indicated Chris was supposed to be there today and he said I didn't know this stuff was going on. He goes I was never contacted. I like to go out there and see it and see what's going on. He cancelled. He couldn't make it today but he said tomorrow. He's going to be very surprised when he sees what he sees.

Chairman Luszey stated give us a couple of weeks to get these people together and hopefully we'll get back to you. Steve Malizia asked for Mr. Coillard's telephone number which he indicated as 978-735-5473. I've been there for like 16 - 17 years. Thank you. I appreciate it.

5. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Selectman Coutu asked to have this matter deferred. I've had conversation with him and its best that it be deferred at this time. Chairman Luszey agreed.

A. Interviews

- 1) Benson Park Committee - (1 vacancy - 1 alternate term to expire 4/30/20)  
Benjamin Nadeau

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Luszey asked does any Board member wish to remove any item for separate consideration. If not, I'd like to have items 6. A. 6. removed because I have a conflict of interest with that one.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin, to approve consent items A 1-5, 7-13, B, C, D, E and F as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

Chairman Luszey indicated the reason I asked to remove 6. A. 6. Is my brother is one of those properties so I need to abstain from that.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to approve consent item 6. A. 6, carried 4-0-1. Chairman Luszey abstained.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Certificate of Yield Taxes Assessed/Timber Tax Warrant - Map 136, Lot 001; Map 122, Lot 002, w/recommendation to approve and sign
- 2) Gravel Tax Warrant - Map 122, Lot 002, w/recommendation to approve and sign
- 3) 2016 Tax Abatement - Map 152, Lot 41 - 26 Copeland Drive, w/recommendation to approve

- 4) Residence in Industrial or Commercial Zones - Map 198, Lot 17 - 89 Lowell Road; Map 198, Lot 26 - 70 Lowell Road; Map 204, Lot 1 - 155 Lowell Road; Map 204, Lot 3 - 149 Lowell Road; Map 210, Lot 8 - 171 Lowell Road; Map 234, Lot 31 - 281 Lowell Road; Map 234, Lot 42 - 2 Davenport Road, w/recommendation to approve
- 5) Current Use Lien Releases - Map 116, Lot 95; Map 115, Lots 3-9 and 3-10, 41, 25 & 31 Senter Farm Road, w/recommendation to approve
- 6) All Veteran Tax Credits - Map 168, Lot 065 - 41 Greeley Street; Map 157, Lot 024 - 10 Wende Drive; Map 206, Lot 026 - 139 Wason Road; Map 138, Lot 014 - 17 Forest Road; Map 203, Lot 062 - 29 Cottonwood Drive; Map 203, Lot 093 - 12 Tamarack Street; Map 168, Lot 068, Sub 013 - 213 Pheasant Run; Map 205, Lot 040 - 18 Woodridge Drive; Map 162, Lot 081 - 5 Meadow Drive; Map 168, Lot 068, Sub 014 - 214 Pheasant Run; Map 179, Lot 015, Sub 001 - 134A Kimball Hill Road; Map 165, Lot 062 - 8 Federal Street; Map 138, Lot 092 - 3 Grace Drive; Map 168, Lot 002, Sub 010 - 20 Krystal Drive; Map 253, Lot 027 - 61 Schaeffer Circle; Map 131, Lot 062 - 9 Brightside Drive; Map 159, Lot 007 - 68 Greeley Street; Map 228, Lot 013 - 8 Rita Avenue, w/recommendation to approve
- 7) Veteran Tax Credits - Map 177, Lot 5-2 - 12A Farnum Court; Map 184, Lot 32-5 - 9 Loren Court; Map 245, Lot 5 - 26 Par Lane; Map 133, Lot 54 - 17 Beechwood Drive; w/recommendation to grant
- 8) All Veteran Tax Credits - Map 162, Lot 20 - 1 Hillside Drive; Map 197, Lot 116 - 8 Cedar Street; Map 237, Lot 27 - 7 Chiswick Road; Map 166, Lot 27-1 - 19 Ledge Road; Map 178, Lot 13-55 - 59 Mobile Drive; Map 149, Lot 53 - 4 Kay Court; Map 151, Lot 16 - 41 Barretts Hill Road; Map 197, Lot 7 - 18 Radcliffe Drive; w/recommendation to grant
- 9) Veteran Tax Credits - Map 182, Lot 167, Sub 002 - 25 Second Street; Map 136, Lot 022 - 5 Hopkins Drive; Map 124, Lot 068 - 31 Beechwood Road, w/recommendation to grant
- 10) Requalification of Elderly Exemptions - Map 191, Lot 85 - 44 Belknap Road; Map 167, Lot 66 - 95 Highland Street; Map 204, Lot 63 - 19 & 21 Burns Hill Road; Map 205, Lot 34 - 6 Woodridge Drive, w/recommendation to grant
- 11) Elderly Exemptions - Map 190, Lot 138 - 33 Riverside Drive; Map 191, Lot 139 - 17 Melendy Road, w/recommendation to grant
- 12) Disabled Exemption - Map 177, Lot 4 - 20 Kimball Hill Road, w/recommendation to grant
- 13) Gravel Tax Warrant - Map 141, Lot 001; Map 150, Lot 013; Map 140, Lot 001, w/recommendation to grant and sign

B. Water/Sewer Items - None

C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Raffle Permit - Hudson Kiwanis /HGSL
- 2) Request to Solicit Funds - Hudson Memorial Post 5791

D. Donations - None

E. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting

F. Calendar

04/27 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
05/02 7:00 Board of Selectmen Workshop - BOS Meeting Room  
05/03 7:00 Budget Cte - BOS Meeting Room  
05/04 6:30 Recreation Cte - BOS Meeting Room  
05/04 7:00 Benson Park Cte - HCTV Meeting Room  
05/08 7:00 Conservation Cmsn - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
05/09 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room  
05/10 7:00 Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
05/11 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
05/16 7:00 Cable Utility Cte - HCTV Ctr.  
05/16 7:00 Municipal Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room  
05/17 7:00 Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
05/18 7:00 Benson Park Cte - HCTV Meeting Room  
05/22 7:00 Sustainability Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
05/23 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room  
05/24 7:00 Planning Brd - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
05/25 7:30 Zoning Brd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room  
05/29 MEMORIAL DAY - TOWN HALL CLOSED

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on April 11, 2017

- 1) *Motion by Selectman Morin, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to promote Sergeant David Cayot to the position of Lieutenant at \$78,964 (Step 4) in accordance with the Hudson Police, Fire, Town Supervisors Association Contract. This elevation in rank would be effective on April 23, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 2) *Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin, to hire Michelle Martineau as the 2017 Summer Program Coordinator for the fee of \$5,500 effective June 1, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 3) *Motion by Selectman Morin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to hire Rebecca Dopp, Cara Layman, Kathryn Stickney, and Alex Wetmore as Counselor I at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective on or after June 4, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 4) *Motion by Selectman Morin, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to promote Jenna Bradish and Amanda Wetmore from Counselors in Training to Counselor I at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective on or after June 4, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 5) *Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin, to adjust the hourly rate for the position of Counselor I from \$9.75 to \$10.00 per hour for the following employees: Bri Fluery, Taylor Lambert, Nathan Roystan, Tana Tufts, Cassidy Udice, and Joe Wedge effective on or after June 4, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 6) *Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to promote Peter Busnach from Counselor I to Counselor II at a rate of \$10.50 per hour and adjust the hourly rate for Counselor II from \$10.25 to \$10.50 per hour for Andrew Gora effective on or after June 4, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 7) *Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to promote Brandon Doyle from Counselor II to Counselor III at a rate of \$11.25 per hour effective on or after June 4, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 8) *Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to hire Connor Lambert and Christine Larose to the position of Substitute Counselor I/Robinson Pond Attendant at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective the week beginning May 21, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 9) *Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to promote Sara Siteman from Counselor in Training to Substitute Counselor I/ Robinson Pond Attendant at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective the week beginning May 21, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 10) *Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to adjust the hourly rate for the position of Substitute Counselor I/Robinson Pond Attendant from \$9.75 to \$10.00 per hour for Jamie Martineau effective the week beginning May 21, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 11) *Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to promote Julianne McGrail from Substitute Counselor I/Robinson Pond Attendant to Substitute Counselor II/ Robinson Pond Attendant at a rate of \$10.50 per hour effective the week beginning May 21, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 12) *Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to adjust the hourly rate for the position of Substitute Counselor III/Robinson Pond Attendant from \$11.00 to \$11.25 per hour for Debra Smith effective the week beginning May 21, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 13) *Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to hire the following employees as Counselors in Training at \$7.75 per hour: Olivia Beverlie, Jordan Gora, Hannah Truesdell and Caitlin Udice; and hire Garrett Lambert and Christo Tufts as Substitute Counselors in Training at \$7.75 per hour effective the week beginning May 21, 2017, carried 5-0.*
- 14) *Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to adjust the hourly rate for the position of Tennis Instructors from \$10.75 to \$11.00 per hour for Dominique Kaempf and Halie Martineau effective on or after June 4, 2017, carried 5-0.*

15) *Motion to adjourn at 10:42 p.m. by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin, carried 5-0.*

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing - Donation from National Insurance Crime Bureau a vehicle for the Police Department valued at \$21,032

Chairman Luszey recognized Police Chief Lavoie.

Good evening and thank you. Chief Lavoie stated last year around June or July we became aware of a program through the National Insurance Crime Bureau where motor vehicles that they take possession of whether it's through a repo issue or a stolen motor vehicle that becomes recovered. At times they will take those vehicles and they will donate them to a police department. Again we've been working on this since the beginning of last summer and just recently we were made aware that they have taken into possession a vehicle that they felt that they could donate to us. The vehicle was transported here. It is down in Burlington, MA. We sent a couple people down there to go check out the vehicle and see how it was. The vehicle is in mint condition. It has about 8,500 miles on it. They would like to donate that to us. The only requirement that we have with it is that we take care of the general maintenance of it - brakes, gasoline, things of that nature, oil changes. The other requirement is that once we are done with a vehicle whether its 6 months or 5 years, the vehicle must go back to them and they would then exchange that out with us. I think it's a great opportunity for us to do and just seeking the Board's permission to accept this.

Selectman McGrath thought this is excellent. The Police Department is getting a vehicle for essentially nothing and at the end of its life you turn it back and you get another vehicle. It's a win for the town and a win for the Police Department.

Chief Lavoie said I have to thank Lieutenant Lucontoni for coming across this.

Chairman Luszey opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this item at this time? Seeing none, we will close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. I'll entertain a motion:

*Motion by Selectman Routsis to accept the vehicle from National Insurance Crime Bureau for the Hudson Police Department valued at \$21,032.*

Selectman Coutu asked for amendment to the motion - with a retail value of \$21,032. Chairman Luszey indicated I'm not sure it's a retail value. Selectman Coutu noted that's what it says up on top. Chairman Luszey asked is it retail or is it...? Selectman Coutu asked is that the retail value Chief if I might. Chief Lavoie indicated "fair market range as listed by...Chairman Luszey said it's the fair market value. It's not the retail value. Insert "retail". Are you okay with that? Selectman Routsis indicated that was fine.

*Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to accept the vehicle from National Insurance Crime Bureau for the Hudson Police Department retail value at \$21,032, carried 5-0.*

- B. GIS demonstration for public access

Chairman Luszey recognized IT Director Lisa Nute and Town Engineer Elvis Dhima.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Lisa Nute stated this evening the reason we're coming before you at your public meeting here tonight is first of all to thank this Board for their support in getting this up for the public. It's available off our website and tonight we would like to show the public just a brief overview of what this is. I didn't want to go into too much detail tonight. We'll keep this short so I don't expect you to follow along for every detail and we're not going to go over every tool but I did want to point out that there is scrolling right now on cable television - a GIS tutorial that we did put together with Michelle Vachon from the Police Department who uses the system. I'm scheduled to go back to HCTV and we're going to do a few shorter segments that I can then attach to our website for quick tutorials of certain areas of that.

Ms. Nute also thanked our Town Engineer as well who's been instrumental in working with our GIS consultant to get this up and available for the public and I'd like to thank my IT Specialist Vin Guarino who handled the whole security piece of this.

On our website which is currently on the screen there showing for you is obviously our website and the public can find our public GIS in three different areas. If they scroll way down to the left table in our site map and they were to click on it, under the G's the only thing in there right now is GIS for public use. The second way to find it is by going through our departments. They can go to the Assessing page or they can go down to the Engineer land use page and click on that.

Selectman Routsis interrupted and said just real quick for the general public that may not know what GIS is. Lisa Nute indicated I thought the TV was going to be following along too and it's not. Unfortunately the public is not following along right now as I thought they might be able to do. GIS stands for "geographical information systems". Our Town

Engineer is certainly one of our members of the town employees who use this often. I wanted to explain a few uses for it in house.

Elvis Dhima explained basically where this comes in handy is we put reference aerial mapping without property lines. Those get update by NRPC and then we bring those in. We also bring utilities in as well. If someone wants to get an idea to what they have in front of their properties, they can see internally for internal use - water, sewer, drainage. For external use, you can figure out what zone you're in. Is it TR? Is it business? Is it residential? Also there's flood mapping available too as well that residents can kind of put that in reference to their property. There is also wetland mapping there as well. There's also contours available in case someone wants to figure out what their terrain looks like. One of the biggest advantages or one of the most available to us is aerials from 1995, 2000, 2010, 2015 and now thanks to the Board for approving it recently, we're going to get 2017 4 inch orthos.

How does that come in handy? Elvis Dhima said if someone wants to do something, anything - an addition, a shed, extending the driveway or any of that sort, it gives people the idea to what they can and cannot do without coming to Town Hall. It saves the folks a trip. It gives them an idea to all right I can definitely not do this. If I want to go 20 feet to the left or right, I have a property line that seems to be too close. If people want to get really exact to what things look like, then they hire a surveyor to know exactly what but just to get an idea of plus or minus three feet you have that. There's a dispute between the neighbors about a fence being too close, too far. This is very helpful. We internally can use it a lot to figure out what's going on with the town, development, clearing of areas, any violation disputes such as wetland filling and any of that sort of tree clearing. Sometimes in the wrong property and things like that. Basically things that will save you a trip to come to Town Hall you can now have access to. If you want to get sewer, water, drainage, gas, fiber optics, fire alarms we have all that. We have a one stop shop in town. We are one of the few communities - actually the only one in New Hampshire that we have all that. Due to security reasons, we're going to keep that for internal use only. People can have access to that as long as they make an official request or some kind of request so we know who we're giving it to. That's pretty much in a nutshell.

Selectman Coutu asked how often is it updated. Lisa Nute said the reason we have the disclaimer on our GIS system not to use this as a legal document or anything, the tax information will be updated about every six months. Every time a tax bill goes out, this gets updated. You could be looking at an owner that moved out and it's not going to be accurate so people need to be aware of that.

To access this, Lisa Nute explained they would again go to the Assessing or Engineering page and on the left it says "GIS for public use". It's on the table on the left. Once they click on that, this is what will come up. It starts out with this search window on the left here. If it's not there, there's an arrow to the left and that opens the search window and/or closes it. It gives me an opportunity to type in an address, and owner name, a parcel ID, whatever I want to be looking at. Let's say I typed in Bush - which would be either Bush Hill, Burns Hill, or whatever. If I click on this magnifying glass, it's going to find anything with Bush in it. The reason I shortened that is because our addresses here are truncated. In other words if someone were to put in Bush Hill without a space, it's not going to find it. If they were to spell out "Bush Hill Road", it's not going to find it. It does need to be exact. We found less is more in the search window here. Up comes the parcel IDs, addresses, and owners for anything again with Bush in it. It found Bush Hill, if there was anybody with the last name Bush or Bush in it, it would have come up as well. I can now pick one of these properties. The map will automatically adjust and zoom in a little bit. I also have some zoom tools here. I have a plus sign - I can zoom in. I have a minus sign - I can zoom out with. I have a magnifying glass with as plus sign in it. If I were to click on that and then hold my mouse and draw a square around something, it's going to zoom into that area. Down at the bottom, there's a gray box. If I were to move this around, it's another way to zoom in on our focus on the center of that box. What comes up here because I picked a parcel is additional information on this highlighted parcel. So I happened to pick this address at Bush Hill Road and in this owner information, it's going to show me the parcel ID, the owner name, property location. If I click on the assessing tab which is the next one over, I'm going to get the land value, total value, and building type. Is this a one family home or what type? If I were to click on the sales tab, I'm going to find out when the previous sale was on this residence if we have it here it will show up.

The last one is a links tab. Ms. Nute explained it shows me the parcel ID and if I were to click on that, it's going to be a direct link into our AssessPro which is what you could go to Town Hall to get information in the Assessing Department. Here I'm going to have all the information that we've got from WebPro. It opens a separate tab on that summary so I can easily go right back to my GIS.

Selectman Coutu asked can we go to a generic sight as opposed to someone specific. Can I call up School Street? Ms. Nute said yes. Everything we're putting up here is public information. This time I picked specifically 12 School Street. As long as there is a #12, it will show up. I can again move this box out of my way. If I X out of it totally, you'll see it just disappear as does my highlight here. I want to go back to that links tab for one quick demonstration. We have a link to Google Map. If I were to click on that, it will go what everyone is familiar with in Google Maps. Again it creates a separate tab here so I didn't lose my GIS place where I was. Then the last link is Bing Map which is the Microsoft version of the street view. So people have some additional information and options. I can X out of this as we talked about. It's unhighlighted. I can go and click on any of these and up will come the information for that parcel.

Ms. Nute indicated right now I want to show you our Quick Maps which is a good place for our residents to start when they're looking for information. Let's just say for instance that I want to know if I'm in a flood zone because I'm paying a certain amount of insurance to do so. If I were to scroll down on these Quick Maps, I'm going to find flood plain map. Again using my zoom tool, I'm going to zoom in here. I can see where all these properties here are in this flood zone. I can look at my property a little more closely or if I'm planning on purchasing a property here in Hudson, I can see that I should expect to pay or have some additional flood insurance here if I were to own there.

Another handy thing Ms. Nute said I'm going to go to street map here. If I were to click in the Quick Maps, we have 2010 orthos and way at the bottom we have 2015, 2005, and 1998. I always think it's a hoot to click on 1998 and see where we've come.

Selectman Routsis asked the things that are listed as orthos are previous maps. Mr. Dhima said are aerial maps of the town in 1995, 2010, 2015 yes. Selectman Routsis was thinking if I went on there and we weren't having this conversation, I wouldn't know what a parcel ortho was. Lisa Nute indicated you're basically right. It's like a snapshot of what our town looked like from overhead in those years. As Elvis had said, he was instrumental in getting us the latest and greatest which we'll have in six to ten more weeks with 2017 flyover.

One last thing for navigation, Lisa Nute explained if I were to click on this map and then hold my mouse down and drag it, notice I'm able to move the entire map if I didn't want to use this. Chairman Luszey asked what's the resolution of the flyover on the one you're doing right now. Elvis Dhima said the latest one got done this Sunday which was the perfect weather for it and it's going to be a 4 inch resolution. We're really zooming in basically. This resolution is about 12 inch and I think the same thing goes for the other one. The new one we're getting isn't going to get better than that. It's as good as it gets and we'll have it.

Ms. Nute asked to go back to street view here and talk about tools unless Elvis would like to talk about these. A couple of tools that our residents might find handy is - this first one is to identify features. If I were to click on this lower case i, it will - and I move my mouse down, it gives me a little cheat sheet there that says click on GIS features to identify. So that merely is a click of my mouse and it's going to show me the parcel ID there, the map number in case you need to know that for your property. I want to show you the abutter's tool. This one is something that I believe people do come to Town Hall to get a copy of. Elvis Dhima noted this comes very handy with private development. A lot of companies want to get an idea to what the abutter notification is going to be for a site plan approval for zoning. Basically they have to come to town to get that information. They don't have to do that anymore. They can actually do all that themselves. That will take some time from us and it will just reduce the resources that we have to put.

Selectman McGrath stated they can get the direct abutters and then they can get the indirect abutters that are also affected. Elvis Dhima explained we do that by the radius and we do that by direct and indirect. Also Lisa Nute said it will be saving ourselves time. A lot of people find this convenient to do that. If they're working during the day, they can't always get to Town Hall or make that phone call. They like to be able to do this in their own living room. I have clicked on this tool here for abutters and its showing me a 30 foot range but I could pick meters if I wanted. As soon as I click a piece of property, the buffer key becomes available. I want to know the buffer 30 feet so that's what shows up here in green. To the left is a list of all those that abut my property that I clicked on. To clear that, this I think is important to point out because a lot of people don't realize how to do this after and it took me a while to find it. That's a little trash can and if you hover over it, it says clear buffer. As soon as I click on that and then X out of this. I didn't work for me. We did find Windows 10 there are a couple of things that might give our residents trouble but that should have cleared. If I just do a refresh here, that normally will work.

Elvis Dhima said that's kind of it in a nutshell. Basically information that's available now that was at the Town Hall is available at your home. It should speed things up. It should help people out and we can process work faster.

Selectman McGrath asked can you show on this the zoning map around a certain piece of property. Just pick one. Lisa Nute indicated I'm going to go back to Quick Maps and if I scroll down a few, there's zoning map. I'm going to zoom out a little bit so you can see the different zones in colors. The overall map is showing us the residential, the business zones, TR zones, industrial, general use zones. If I were to bring up 12 School Street...Elvis Dhima said if you want to go in right away just simply click on the link and Town Hall as you can tell is in the business district and everything around it is TR which stands for town residential (smaller lots). Anything referring to what you can and cannot do that can be found on line as well to what's allowed and what's not allowed within those districts. That's basically it in a nutshell.

Lisa Nute thought one last tool I think would behoove us to show is the measuring tool. A lot of people like this because you need a certain buffer for a shed on their property or whatever. If I were to go back to the street map and then go to tools, back to ruler, I can do aerial, area, or distance. I'm going to do distance. It's set for feet but I'm can change that to kilometers, meters, yards, and miles. I'm on feet. It says for me to click to start drawing. I click once I get a red line. I want to go to my boundary and then it says to double click to complete. What was happening as I was drawing that line, right here it was showing me as I moved the distance and then when I double clicked it, it ended at 78.9 feet. That gives our residents an idea of how far they are from something.

Selectman McGrath indicated they could go from their property line and go inward to go 30 feet to see where their setbacks are. Elvis Dhima stated the property line is defined in the black line that you see. Basically the property line is defined by this black line. What you see in gray is typically the road. If you want to have a better idea of what it looks like out there, you can go to basically 2010 and you can zoom in and you can see this is my edge of pavement. This is the yellow line right now it's a right of way. You just kind of use that again plus minus a few feet to kind of all right I can put a fence here because I'm within my right of way, or I shouldn't go that far in or that close to the edge of the pavement because I think I'm outside of my property. Things like that or you're putting vegetation - bushes, trees and you think that you're within the property. That happens all the time and we're not out there to get people obviously but if you're just thinking that this is it, this tool will be very helpful to you.

Selectman McGrath asked if someone were whether or not they were going to buy a piece of property or they already owned it but there were already pre-existing sheds or structures on the property, they could zoom in on that property, take the measure map and see whether or not the buildings are compliant with zoning. That way they know and if they want to do anything further or add anything to it. They might have to go to zoning to get a variance for that or they may - if someone is selling a piece of property. This is something that a lot of people don't know. Years ago this used to happen on a regular basis then it stopped happening for a long time and now with the economy the way it was in the last few years, it started picking up again. If someone were going to sell their property and there were zoning infractions on it, they had to be able to take care of those infractions before the banks would actually close on the property. A lot of times people had buyers that were all set to buy the property, they had closing dates set up, and all of a sudden they discovered that there were infractions and they were in a panic to try to get before the Zoning Board or whatever board they needed to go to to correct that. If they bought a piece of property, has zoning infractions on it that like a building is within the setback, they can go before the Zoning Board and request an equitable waiver provided it has to be 10 years in the past that it happened and it's not something recent. It's something that recognizes that there is an infraction on the property but that the town is too costly to repair it. It's too costly to make a change to it. That's open to people. They've taken advantage of that and they should be able to. This will help them especially if people are trying to sell their property and they know that there might be some problems, they can look in on their property, see where the setback lines are, and if there's a problem. Then they can take care of that ahead of time.

Elvis Dhima indicate when the time comes - the 7 years, 10 years, that's why we have to go back all the way down to 1995. So we have now over 22 years of ortho images that helps us or them make their cases. This is how it was. It's just very useful. Selectman McGrath said any kind of an infraction like that would have I'm fairly certain like 99 percent certain that it's got to be 10 years in the past. It can't be something more recent where they've created a problem for themselves.

Selectman Morin asked is there a color code key for the zoning maps so people understand what the different zones are. Elvis Dhima indicated there are different colors as you could tell from the map. There is no key on it but there is a description - a letter B or TR. Basically what you're asking is a legend. That's actually pretty good. We can look into maybe adding that feature and to kind of give a quick description. Just like when you click on a parcel, you should be able to click on B or TR and tell you a definition of it. That's really good.

Selectman McGrath added and what the setbacks are. That would really be helpful too if that can be added. Mr. Dhima said yes that can be added too. You can pretty much add the whole table.

Chairman Luszey said I would caution about putting too much detail on this type of stuff because what it would force us to do is every time we changed something like that, you'd have to go and do this. I think the assessing card has all the details which is linked to this because that's the record. Mr. Dhima agreed. If you go to link and you go to assessing, that will tell you there is zoning.

Selectman McGrath indicated if you have a listing of TR = town residential and have some general information about what the zones are and what that means, you can only have residential property. I don't know. It may be too much information for this but they can also get zoning.

Chairman Luszey stated the more information we put into this at this level, the more costly it becomes for us to maintain. Steve Malizia said a legend would be helpful though because if you're looking at something that says B, what does that mean.

At a minimum, Lisa Nute said I can put something on the website so that when they first go to the page, the disclaimer is there again. I can put a couple of legends or something there. Just a quick of what B stands for, TR, G, and all that stand for replied Elvis Dhima. If you want that information - a breakdown of that, you can go to Land Use and you get the PDF of that which is available and they'll break it down to the square footage, minimal distances, and all that. That usually gets updated every time they make a change they upload that but its separate than this one.

C. Bid Recommendation - Benson Park Office Building Sill Repair/Replacement

Chairman Luszey recognized Chairman Jim Barnes of the Benson Park Committee.

Thank you and good evening. Jim Barnes, 3 McKinney Drive. I'm Chairman of the Benson Park Committee. We're here today to try to get approval for some bids to do some repairs for the office building. I'm sure everybody is aware that the office building is one of the buildings within Benson Park that we need to maintain. It does have a historic structures report that's filed with the State DHR so we are responsible for maintaining that building and maintaining it in a historic manner. A few years ago we tried to put together a big project to do a restoration of that building and it didn't get very far. What we're trying to do now is to take a more methodical step by step approach and take smaller projects in order to bring the building back to a good usable state.

Mr. Barnes noted right now there is one critical area that needs to be addressed and that's the sill in the front of the building and the piece of the beam that sits on top of the foundation and also the support beams in the cellar that hold up the floor inside. That's what this project was for. We contacted someone who has some experience with restoring old buildings. He took a look at what we were proposing and put together an estimate of costs with working with our Town Administrator who put out an RFP to solicit bids to do this repair and we received three bids. The Benson Park Committee has taken a look at them and is recommending the lowest cost bid. I've also shown the bids to Peter Michaud at DHR just to make sure that things seem to be reasonable with the bids. He supported them but we do have some work to do to get the contract with whichever contractor is approved together with him at DHR to just go over all the details of what work is planned.

Right now Jim Barnes indicated we're looking at repairing and replacing the front sill, changing the drainage to solve the problem that caused the sill to be rotted, and also to repair the support beams in the cellar that are holding up the floor inside.

Chairman Luszey questioned this says "install new custom steel brackets". So based on that, is steel brackets there now? Mr. Barnes indicated there are no steel brackets there now. Chairman Luszey said my question now is if this is a historical building are they going to take it out of the historical? Mr. Barnes said no. Chairman Luszey asked so how does that maintain the historical preservation of it? Jim Barnes stated by putting in the steel brackets rather than replacing the entire beam, we are keeping most of the serviceable material that's already there in the building. By putting the steel brackets on the ends so that it rests on the foundation. The beam inside is still there - the historic nature of that beam. Chairman Luszey asked there's a percentage of what you have to leave in order to maintain the historicalness of it. Mr. Barnes didn't know if there's a hard and fast percentage there. This is one of the ways. Chairman Luszey said it just strikes me strange that I they're allowing you to do this with this but not other things and other manners like when we went through the train station.

On page 2 of the Ripaldi bid under the notes at the very top of the page, Selectman McGrath noted it says under Note #1 and I have no understanding of this. "There is a slight belly in the upper soffit/roof line on the west side. A determination will have to be made at the time of the jacking up process as to whether or not this can be straightened out without compromising the integrity of the structure." Exactly what does that mean? Does that mean that if they at that time they discover that there is a problem, then they're going to have to come back with another bid to actually do the project or will they go ahead and then seek additional monies? What exactly does this mean? Jim Barnes said there is some risk and the reason that there is a little bit of a sag there is because that sill has rotted away and it's not supporting the wall as it should. If there is something there, then I think what we're going to have to do is take a look at what additional expense would be required and see how we can cover that within our budget. Selectman McGrath stated looking at the numbers, there's quite a disparity between the bids. You're going from \$13,000, then it goes up to \$27,000, and then it jumps up to another. So something is not..

Selectman Coutu indicated I can answer that based on my experience with bidding and with contractors. The \$47,000 bid is a guy who doesn't want the job. When you go out to bid, anyone who feels obligated to put in a bid because they were asked, will put in a bid and they'll put in some ridiculous amount because they really don't want the job. I suspect that's what happened here. The other two bids I think are within reason. I can speak personally - I don't know him that well. Mr. Ripaldi not only owns a construction business here in town, Mr. Ripaldi has been a regular volunteer at Benson Park. They refurbished the Shoe. He brings in the Girl Scout Troop that his children are involved in and they've done an enormous amount of work in the park. I think it's his love of the park. I don't think he's going to be making any money on this project. I think he's doing it more to cover his costs and he's not looking to make a large profit because he has spent countless number of hours in that park with his children. That's how I met him was having met him while they were working on the Shoe with a bunch of Girl Scouts. I introduced myself. He introduced himself to me and told me how beautiful the park was and how much he would like to do as much as he could as a member of this community to keep the park in the condition that we would like it to be.

From my perspective, Selectman McGrath said I'm okay with what you're requesting to do. I'm not in opposition to that at all. It certainly raises a concern with the disparity in the three different bids and then this note that is indicating that there's a problem. If that note were there and they said if we encounter this problem, it's going to cost this much more or we'll have to do this in order to take care of that problem, I'd feel much more comfortable. This causes me concern because you don't know if they're going to come back and say we started doing the work and all of a sudden we ran into this problem and it's going to cost this much more. Then we're looking at a much larger number maybe closer to what the first bid was. Its concerning and I don't know how you're going to - you need to address that for me that makes me more comfortable.

Jim Barnes said when you're dealing with this - and I'll take a personal project and having a bathroom renovated and until they actually got in there to find out that hey there was an issue with the plumbing that had to be fixed, that was never there. I think there's always that risk that there could be something that will have to be taken care of. I don't know how you get around that unless you say we'll accept bids with a certain amount of money and then if it doesn't require that amount of work, then they cut the price. I don't know how you get around that.

Chairman Luszey indicated that's not how I'm reading that note. What I'm reading is they're going to jack the building to replace the carrier beam. There's an assumption that when they replace and jack the building and fix that beam, the ridge of the roof will straighten out. What he's saying is he doesn't know if that's going to occur when that happens. If you want that straight, there could be an additional charge. I'm not sure he's saying anything else.

Selectman McGrath noted I don't work in construction. I've never constructed a thing in my entire life and I don't anticipate that I'm ever going to do some. Reading something like that it's just concerning and it just raises a question for me. Maybe if he came back and said if we encounter this problem then...Chairman Luszey stated he's not saying that he's encountering the problem. He's making a statement that there is a belly in the roof line and what he's saying is he doesn't know whether or not the jacking process is going to straighten it and if straightening would cause a problem. That's all he's saying there. If we want it straight, then I think we would be asking them for a different proposal. That's how I read this. When that lower that back down and fix the carry beam, it will look the same. That's how I read it. Selectman McGrath said it just doesn't make me feel any more comfortable. Like I said, I'm not in opposition to what you're trying to do. I question this.

The grant that you're applying for or have applied for, Selectman Routsis asked what do we anticipate potentially recouping from it. Jim Barnes explained we have not applied for it. What we did with the Town Administrator is we sent in a letter of intent that we want to apply. Until this Board approves one of these bids, we're not going to apply for that grant. The conservation plate grant or moose plate grant, the maximum amount that they will award is \$10,000. Sometimes they award less than that. It depends on what projects they get, proposals, and how many, and things like that. We don't know that towards the end of May when they have all the applications in. We have not applied yet. A few years ago we tried to do a big project on the office building and we did submit an LCHP grant but it was submitted without this Board - the members at the time I don't if anyone was actually on this Board but the Board of Selectmen did not previously approve that application. We don't want to do that until we get the support of this Board. The way I would look at that grant is we've done one thing which is to say that the work should start after September 1<sup>st</sup> because that gets it into the grant year so it can be covered if we do get a grant. I look at this if we do get some money from that grant, it's more a reimbursement of partial costs. Our intent is to pay for this all through our Park Committee operations budget and if there is some money that comes from grant, it would offset some of the costs. There is no matching that's required or anything like that.

When you talked about the introduction, Chairman Luszey indicated you said that you had discussed these proposals with Concord. In item 2, it says that the recommendation is to replace the entire beam and that this would be a more correct way of doing it and it would be no additional costs. Are they replacing the whole beam or are they just replacing a portion of the beam? Jim Barnes noted the front sill is pretty much rotted through. I think that mostly has to be totally replaced. The support beams in the cellar that support the floor...Chairman Luszey said this is the carry beam that he's talking about which I don't believe is a sill. Mr. Barnes said the carrier beam inside, the front ends if you will from the building - the ends that meet the foundation in the front of the building, those are pretty much rotted away. There are temporary supports under those beams in the cellar that are holding those beams up and the floor up. Chairman Luszey said I got that and the scope of work talks about fixing the ends of those beams with steel and putting new steel brackets in. This note #2 talks about replacing that entire beam so which way...Mr. Barnes said DHR would not support replacing the entire beam. DHR wants it once the salvageable part of those beams to be maintained and that's why we got to the steel ends meeting the foundation.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Morin, to award the bid for the Benson Park Office Building Sill Repair/Replacement to Ripaldi Construction Services, Inc., the lowest bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$13,620 with funds from Benson Park Operations Park Maintenance Account 5563-267 as recommended by the Chairman of the Benson Park Committee and the Finance Director, carried 4-1. Selectman McGrath in opposition for the reasons stated.

As stated or what I would like to do at this point, Jim Barnes said is to go forward with applying for that conservation plate grant - the moose plate grant. I'd like to have some kind of statement from this Board in support of that so that we don't have any issues with it later on.

Motion by Selectman Coutu that the Board of Selectmen authorize Jim Barnes through the Town Administrator to apply for the Conservation Plate Grant in an amount of up to \$10,000.

With no strings attached...Chairman Luszey said I would like some wording to that effect because I don't want to get into a train situation.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Routsis, that the Board of Selectmen authorize Jim Barnes through the Town Administrator to apply for the Conservation Plate Grant in an amount of up to \$10,000 with no requirement for matching funds. carried 5-0.

Just one other mention, Mr. Barnes indicate we are working on a couple of other projects including a restrooms project. I don't think I'm ready to really bring that to this Board at this time but we will be coming back with some proposed projects along that line.

D. Future of Sustainability Committee - What's Their Role?

Chairman Luszey invited Linda Kipnes, Chairman of Sustainability Committee, to speak on this item.

Linda Kipnes, 23 Nathaniel Drive. Chairman of the Sustainability Committee.

Leo Bernard, Vice-Chairman, Sustainability Committee.

Chairman Luszey stated I'll introduce this conversation if you don't mind. At our last meeting, we had an appointment for a member to the Sustainability Committee and it was deferred until a future one. Based on the conversation I've had with a number of people on the prior board and at least one member of this current Board as to what is the goal and the future of the Sustainability Committee, and what is their future role and should we maintain one going forward. With that I know we talked and I asked you to come in and give a little talk about where you see it going and the value to the town and all that.

Linda Kipnes thought starting with I can't say much about the Recycle Committee because I wasn't on it prior to our joining but the Energy Committee has replaced lights. We have done other projects in the town. We did audits of the town buildings and some of those projects have been done. We do roadside cleanups. We present a lot of information via the TV and via the HLN to households, to businesses on how they can save energy and winterize their homes. We have been investigating some other big projects that the town might do and if there is interest, we can pursue that. If the town is not planning to invest in energy efficiencies and further energy efficiencies, it's possible the Sustainability Committee is no longer needed. We've investigated a number of things.

Ms. Kipnes stated we looked at solar street lights. We looked at electric vehicle charging stations. I've been recently looking at solar farms and solar installations. There's a big push now many towns are doing this and many solar installers have programs specifically for municipalities and for nonprofits because they can't take advantage of the tax credits. These installers have programs where they match up somebody who needs tax credits with a town, or they find people to create an LLC to take the tax credits and do a solar installation. I have some information from one installer that talks about these power purchase agreements. Typically what happens the investors will invest in the equipment. The town or the nonprofit will buy electricity at a fixed price for seven years and after that they can buy the equipment at a reduced rate and then the electricity is basically free. If that's a possibility, we would love to pursue it. If that is not something that the town might be interested in, then...

Selectman Coutu asked to make a couple of comments if I might with regards to the Sustainability Committee. Previously there were two committees and we've combined them into one. I think that I see that we have a greater core group of people who are willing to serve and those who do serve are vocal. There's a lot of input and I think that there is a future for the Sustainability Committee because I'm aware that several of you have gone on several occasions to various seminars to learn more about energy conservation which I think is very crucial especially in our day and age. There's also the hands on of things that people don't see until you ride by one day and say this was blight now this is beautiful. Most recently Leo I know that you work as much as you can anyway with the cleanup projects. I know you get involved in that. It's always been problematic for me to see people coming into our town especially from the Sagamore Bridge and looking at that blighted area. The Road Agent sent me an e-mail saying I heard you loud and clear we're going to take care of it and he put up that beautiful sign. Winter happens as it does everywhere in our community. It's blighted. Bags and rubbish get thrown in the snow and then the snow melts and then you have an eyesore. I came across the bridge one day last week and I said well this is absolutely gorgeous. You guys cleaned up that area. The State took from the south end of that area back down to my street Rena and you can tell that there's a few bags on the side of the road. They didn't do the kind of work that you people did and volunteers as opposed to State employees cleaning an area. You did an outstanding job. I think that when you look at Wason Road, Robinson Road, Old Derry Road, and all of the areas around town that you people have put yourself twice a year. I think you take on that immense project of cleaning our roadside that deserve tremendous plaudit for pas and from the citizens who care about their communities. You've inspired neighborhood groups to work together and collect our rubbish in their own neighborhoods. I think you have one in your neighborhood that were disappointed once because they were going own to clean it because they had already planned on cleaning it. That says volumes about people within our own community.

Finally, Selectman Coutu noted you have used the Library on numerous occasions to - and I went to one. I happened to be at a meeting in an adjacent room and when I went to your room to see what do they get 5 or 10 people, the room was packed with people interested in energy conservation. I think Mr. Chairman that given the opportunity and

considering the ambition of the volunteers that there is a future and a purpose to maintain a Sustainability Committee in our community. That's my take on it.

Selectman Morin stated I know when they did all the lights and went through all the buildings the savings that the town had on that. They are absolutely right. The solar if you look around town all the houses with the solar panels on the roofs now, that's probably something the town should look into. Where we're getting less and less volunteers but we do have a core group that want to do it, I would say keep the committee going myself. They are worthwhile and they're doing a good job.

Chairman Luszey noted I can go either way and quite frankly I told the Chairman I have gone either way. Sometimes I feel that there is no future for it and sometimes I feel that there might be. My struggle is no one has been able to articulate the core mission of what the Sustainability Committee is. We talk about cleanup. That's not sustainability. That's a volunteer group that gets out there to do roadside beautification, or adopt a road, and things like that. I agree with everything Selectman Coutu said about the past work that the Energy Committee has done. You've gone through and did all the energy audits for the building, and upgraded lighting, and insulation, and a number of other things. The Recycling Committee was born out of the Solid Waste Committee to get the folks in town to focus on recycling. We got to a plateau. We were at that plateau in between 28 and 32 percent. We did not see it getting any better unless we went to full stream cycling if you will. We as a town weren't willing to put out the extra money to go that route because it is more expensive. Actually right now I think if you were to ask the Road Agent, we're probably paying a tipping fee for the recycling metals and items today because of the cost of recycled goods. It's costing more to recycle them than what their worth and they're being stockpiled throughout the country right now. For me personally unless we can truly articulate what we want the Sustainability Committee to go off and do, it's a committee that is just kind of waiting somewhere and any road will get you there and I'm not sure what that road is right now. That's my two cents.

Selectman Morin asked does the Committee have an idea what their purpose is. Linda Kipnes said yes. We have a mission statement which I'm not sure I brought because I brought all these other things about solar. We did a mission statement about a year ago and we came here and discussed it. Like with this solar project, we would like to proceed but we don't know what the scope of our ability to proceed with it is. If we want to proceed with investigating solar installations on town buildings, or on the landfill, we need to contact some solar installers and bring them in and have them look at buildings, and maybe measure roofs, and drive around and look at different sites and come up with some plan. Is that within the scope of what we are able to do? Chairman Luszey said I don't disagree with you and our last committee wasn't there. It is a new committee and I think if this committee wants to charge your committee to do that, then we should do that. In the past, it really hasn't.

Selectman Coutu thought that they would be better advised rather than rely on us that they work with the Town Administrator. He certainly knows the landscape and eh would know up to what level that they could proceed. I would imagine that if there's no cost to an investigation to let's say a solar farm. Somebody found a parcel of land that we own and said hey we could put a farm there and we could provide solar for 20 percent of the town or we could provide solar as a lot of municipalities are doing for all of your municipal utilities from that farm that if they wanted to volunteer and consult with 1, 2 or 3 companies that are willing to come into town to do it and it's at no cost to them and at no cost to us, that they should be given free rein to do that providing they maintain communication with the Town Administrator because if they're going to have access to our municipal properties at the very least the Town Administrator should know about them. He's the guardian of all of our properties for us. That's what I feel you should be allowed to do.

Selectman McGrath indicated I raised the question with Selectman Luszey at the last meeting before we appointed anybody because I'm not sure exactly what the Sustainability Committee does. I know if you had a contest to encourage children and I get that part of it and the cleanup part but I've got to admit that when you sent me the e-mail, which I did forward by the way to Selectman Luszey about the solar panels on the town landfill. I thought we've already gone through this route and this isn't something - I can tell you right now sitting here after seeing what they went through to cap that landfill, I would never ever be in favor of putting anything on it that might cause harm to it and cause the taxpayers of this town any more money to make sure that that was recapped.

If I might Selectman McGrath, Selectman Coutu stated a lot of municipalities are using their landfills for exactly that - solar farms and if it's already been capped, it's been approved by the government as having been sealed. Selectman McGrath indicated it has been capped and I went through it. I actually did a tour of it when they were capping it which wasn't the most pleasant thing to do. I don't know if when you were on the Fire Department if you were part of that or looked at it but that was an extensive undertaking that costs a lot of money. I don't remember the amount of it but it was a lot of money to cap that landfill. We had this discussion two years ago. We had someone come in and wanted to put solar panels on the landfill and the consensus was then that it's too fragile a site to take any kind of chances with it. I know I'm not dreaming. Steve Malizia indicated we had a conversation and the yield was like \$10,000 a year if you recall. At the time, the Board said it's not worth the risk. That landfill was capped many years ago with DES money or DES certainly paid for it. We amortized it over some period of time. There may be restrictions. I think that was a concern. If my recollection is correct, and I believe that it is at least part of it, Selectman McGrath said they looked at wetlands adjacent to this site - the landfill itself. As I understand it when the landfill is settling and all of the debris and everything that's been dumped there, it can leach into the surrounding bodies of water whether it's a small wetland or a larger wetland and it can create some severe problems. That's part of the capping. They put the membranes over it.

They had to put in pipes so that the methane gases would be able to escape. Obviously it made an impression on me because that was probably back in the '80s that they did that and something that I haven't forgotten. I'm not willing to take any chances to damage that.

Chairman Luszey didn't think that was really the question before us. The question before us is do we want them to look at stuff. That's a solution. Selectman McGrath understood that but I guess I veered off a little bit but that was when I got that e-mail and I thought to myself here we go again and that caused the question for me to be raised about whether or not the Sustainability Committee should continue. I'm fine with having the Sustainability Committee if they want to do the work but it seemed to me that you were getting a little too diverted in directions that I wasn't in favor of.

Selectman Routsis questions is because there's been a lot of talk here about the things that you do but you don't seem to feel like you have a clear direction on what you can do. What is it that you believe your purpose is? Linda Kipnes believed that the purpose of the committee - there's two purposes: recycling one purpose is to encourage people to do more recycling which we try to do at every meeting but as you mentioned, we don't seem to be able to get much past 30 percent and I don't know why that is. It's the same with litter along the side of the road. We talk about it at least every other meeting and it doesn't get better. People just evidently do whatever they're going to do and they don't feel like they need to recycle and they feel like they can throw trash out of their cars. I don't know how we change people's behavior. Our purpose is to reach out to people to give them information and to help people in town as well as the town government to become more energy efficient. Some of the things we did - we talked about the lights, and the audit, and whatever. The next step I think a lot of towns now are doing solar installations. Maybe small ones maybe to start just to see how it would work and maybe that would be a good way to start - take a town building that would lend itself to solar on the roof on something like that and see how this process goes. We don't know how far we can take these investigations. I don't know what our charter is or our ability to do these things. Most committees have some particular chore that they do.

Chairman Luszey indicated I'm sure the Board will correct me if I misspeak but I believe you can do anything that you believe would help the town or the citizens as long as you don't sign up for anything that causes us the financial obligation. That would require you to come here with a presentation.

Selectman Routsis thought for you that will make a big difference. What I hear - and not disrespect - a lot of is I don't know what I can do. I don't know how far I can go with some things so we don't really do it because we have that fear or that concern of what happens if. I think that this will bring some clarification and we see where it goes from this point now that they know that they have some room to actually do things without having to think that they have to come to us to get approval or just too even consider it.

Linda Kipnes said that would be useful and what would also be useful is if there's any possibility that what we proposed might be accepted. If all of you are sitting there thinking I'm never going to put a solar panel on any town building, then why am I going to go and talk to three companies...Selectman Routsis said every solar panel option may have different terms and conditions so it's not something that we five could all say no right now knowing that a buyout could be \$40,000 and you could come forward with something that says after the rental term is nothing. Linda Kipnes didn't know what the terms are either and I happen to because I'm involved with the Soup Kitchen which is investigating it, I've talked to one particular solar installer about working with nonprofits and towns. I only just know that little bit of it. I don't want to go and talk to a bunch of solar installers and have them come and do bids and proposals if there is not a chance that it would ever happen if you know what I mean. Selectman Routsis indicated but they know that's part of the rest of what they're doing all summer.

Selectman Morin said having them come and talk to your group is going to give you a lot more input of where you should go even though don't ask them to come and do a bid but come in and explain to us how this works and where we can go. We have a perfect opportunity I think if we look at the new fire station and put some panels up there. It will give the group something to at least investigate and come back to us...Chairman Luszey said it all depends on which way you point the building. Selectman Morin said correct you're absolutely right. This would give them the perfect opportunity to get together and have a discussion and get some information and they can come back with us and we can take it. I don't want to get off either but there is the dump on Burns Hill Road. Again I don't know the whole covering of that either but that's another place that could be looked into. The fire station at this point is a perfect opportunity. We don't have to do it but at least it's going to give them a feel of what they need to do and how to proceed in the future.

Chairman Luszey thought it depends on what you define as the definition of town. If the town is just that portion that is governed by us, that kind of limits it but if you include the school district in that definition, then the options are much greater. Then you need to work with the School Board. Selectman Morin said that would give them a charge to do.

Selectman McGrath said I'm okay with solar on buildings. It's the landfills that's a far greater concern for me. If they want to look at town buildings and include the School Department, I'm okay with that and I'm okay with having the Sustainability Committee. It's just I need to find out exactly what they're doing and what they think that their mission is.

Selectman Coutu suggested 1) that Linda you provide the Town Administrator with a copy of the Mission Statement. You might want to review it with your board. 2) a classic example Mr. Chairman is Mr. Barnes. Mr. Barnes came in

here and until you saw it, I was aware of it because I knew they were working on it. They knew that they needed to do something to reinforce the structure of the old office building. They investigated. A lot of work went into it. It's been over a period of two years' worth of work and finally they got to a point where they knew it had to be done. Let's go out and see what it would cost to fix it and if it's reasonable, we'll go to the Board of Selectmen. We had no idea - or I did because I served on the committee - but we had no idea this was coming before us and he gave us a hint this evening but I also knew that in advance as well that they were going to look into bathroom facilities and see what that entailed and then they'll come before the Board with the plan. We may shoot it down. I said to Mr. Barnes when he walked in the door we may not get enough votes to pass the bid this evening for the restoration. He said we presented it. If they're willing to go out and do the work, I say take it to the extreme as far as you can possibly go. Whenever there's a question, call the Town Administrator. That's what he's there to do. You guys are doing outstanding work and we don't want to dissuade you. I might at some day sit down with Leo and go over a program on how to try to boost recycling in our community. It's all about awareness and we can't give up on it because if we give up on it, people are going to give up on it. You have to keep it in front of their face day in day out. I'll work with you Leo and we'll come up with a plan on how to increase recycling in our community. It's critical that we do that in order to keep our costs down.

Leo Bernard indicated she's been talking energy and everything and recycling and our mission is on the website. Because you guys already approved it, so it is on the website. We have given out a lot of information on recycling. There's stuff Pinard has not done like they've supposed to. We've gone to Old Home Days, the election and anybody that comes up to us they talk to us about it. We give out the information and stuff. We are talking recycling and energy and as you know, we combined together because our groups were getting smaller and we had a hard time keeping membership up. That's why we combined to keep the membership up higher. Yes recycling is a big thing and I am part of recycling and I'm getting into energy. I've been going to conferences. I've been going to recycling committee stuff up north. It's true we're stuck at the 30 but we're trying to go more.

Chairman Luszey commented unless the price comes up on scrap, I don't know if we'll get there. Unless there's further discussion, I believe consensus is we will continue with supporting the Sustainability Committee and appointing volunteers as they come forward.

Leo Bernard indicated we do have two of the members that lost their application that you will be getting that are up. I told them they just need to go on the website and send it in.

Selectman McGrath noted Ms. Putnam submitted hers. Chairman Luszey said we'll take that back up and reaffirm her at our next meeting. Mr. Bernard said we also do Facebook and we do an article in the Hudson/Litchfield News. We do stuff on energy and recycling. We are trying to get the word out for this town to try to more. Maybe me and Roger could do something on HCTV and get more word out.

#### E. Financial Audit Services

Chairman Luszey recognized Finance Director Kathy Carpentier.

Kathy Carpentier noted I come before you this evening to ask you to award the contract to Plodzik & Sanderson. I've been here 17 years. Plodzik & Sanderson have the auditors the whole 17 years I've been here. For 20 years I believe the Town Administrator has been here and I hear back at least 30 years. They continue to create efficiencies, reducing the cost. The cost before you right now is a three year contract. Its \$6,000 less than what it's been in the past. As far as having the same audit team over and over again, the Directors, the Managers, the team that comes to field is different every year so we definitely have a diversified force doing our audit. We did go out to bid once and Plodzik & Sanderson came in as the lowest bidder. I'm here to ask you to waive the bid process and to sign the engagement letter for three years with Plodzik & Sanderson.

Selectman McGrath indicated Plodzik & Sanderson have had a stellar reputation over all of these years. I'm making a statement. I know that they've had a stellar reputation. I'm fine with this.

*Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin, to waive the competitive bidding requirement as outlined in Town Code 98-1 (C) and to award the contract to Plodzik & Sanderson for Financial Audit Services for fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, 2018 and 2019 as outlined in the memo dated December 19, 2016 from Plodzik & Sanderson as recommended by the Finance Director and the Town Administrator, carried 5-0.*

#### Proposal for Legal Services 2017-2018

Chairman Luszey recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Steve Malizia explained you have in front of you correspondence from our Attorney David Lefevre offering to continue to serve as the town's general legal counsel for an additional one year period at the same rate that he's been doing it for the last two years. So \$145 per hour. We hired Tarbell and Brodich which Dave Lefevre is the managing partner and provides a service to us. Two years ago we had gone out to bid. He was clearly the lowest hourly bidder. In my

opinion, he's done a super job for us and I would recommend that we approve him for an additional year at no additional increase. I just think he's done a great job.

Selectman McGrath agreed.

Selectman Routsis asked are we able to make the contract longer than a year or do we a year for a specific reason. Steve Malizia said because he offered to do a year. Quite frankly, it will be three years at the same number. I think he's a great guy. He might consider maybe bumping it up next year but for this year, we're getting it at the same rate. He's offered to go another year. I think we should take him up on the offer.

Selectman Coutu was wondering because of our budget restrictions we can only contract to a one year period. We don't have a contract per say. If we did, we have a non-appropriation clause so if for some reason we don't get an appropriation we would abandon him. Quite frankly, we always have the need for legal. Selectman Coutu asked why. Mr. Malizia stated because people sue us, challenge us. I will be frank. If you remember back to the days when we were running two legal firms, we were over \$300,000. We have managed this budget and I think we've been very prudent with our legal expense. To be frank, Attorney Lefevre was a big part of that. I think he gets to the point. He doesn't spend a lot of time billable hours doing things. He's very efficient. He knows our business and I think from a general practice, he's very good for the town. He does a very good job with many disciplines.

Just to comment from a zoning standpoint, Selectman McGrath said he's excellent for the Zoning Board. He certainly knows his stuff. He knows the history. He's worked for the Zoning Board for a number of years and we couldn't get anyone better.

Steve Malizia said he's willing to listen. Sometimes I'll challenge him on something or I'll say hey what about this. He's that rare attorney who will actually listen to you and sometimes consider things from a different angle and sometimes give you maybe a different perspective on things. My recommendation is an additional year.

*Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to enter into a contract for legal services with the law firm of Tarbell & Brodich, PA, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 for the terms as specified in the Proposal for Legal Services 2017-2018 as prepared by Attorney David LeFevre, carried 5-0.*

#### 9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Morin - Just one thing. I was pretty impressed with the rec. center. They have a Daddy/Daughter Dance coming up. The line started to form at 3:15 in the afternoon with people in lawn chairs for a 6 o'clock purchase of the tickets. The people actually extended from the rec. center down First Street past H.O. Smith School. They were going to have 270 people at two nights at the dances. Mr. Malizia noted it's important they're doing it over two evenings. They also had a Mother/Son event this past weekend with looking at the pictures, looks like a rousing success also. They are definitely trying to provide activities for different parts of our population.

Selectman Routsis - I have nothing for you today.

Selectman Coutu - I just want to make one comment. I had a conversation with Mr. Barnes - I think he's left - prior to him coming in. You may recollect that at the most recent election the Benson Park Committee was there and they were soliciting opinions and recruiting volunteers. This past weekend's cleanup saw 45 people show up. Quite a few of them are brand new faces that came as a result of the recruitment at the polls on Election Day. An awful lot of work was done at the park. The park is starting to spring to life no pun intended. I said to Jim we need to pursue this and continue the recruitment efforts. I think that any of these committees who are looking for volunteers for whatever purpose continue to recruit. The Recreation Department for example can't hold all of these activities without a core group of volunteers. I know you Steve attend a lot of these dances yourself as a chaperone and there are people out there willing to volunteer and do these activities. It's all part of the community spirit. Dave I don't need to tell you about that. You know more about that from probably all of us. You've been involved in so many community projects yourself. I want to thank the people who volunteer and I hope more people come forward to serve in some capacity whether it's a commission, a committee or even run for public office. Fresh blood and new blood is always welcome. We need to generate new ideas and a new core group of people who are willing to serve the town that they live in and they aspire to have great things happen for them. They should probably give a little more time to their community.

Selectman McGrath - I have nothing this evening. Thank you.

Selectman Luszey - I have a couple of items.

- NHMA - Free On Demand Training

I've got one or two replies and it looks like there's an interest in the Right-to-Know training. What I'll do on that if there is a consensus unless somebody else wants to bring it up for discussion is we would schedule that for a future workshop probably after July. We're heading into the vacation months.

Selectman Coutu asked next week's meeting I understand is a workshop. I was shocked to see as were other people who I've spoken to to see that it is an attorney/client session and it is not going to be open to the public. I want to voice my objection unless you can clarify why we're going into nonpublic for a meeting with a public body.

Chairman Luszey said it was actually on the advice of our attorney to go into nonpublic on that because the nature of some very specific cases will probably be used as an example and we do not want the future of those cases or conversations to be used as leverage is I guess the way I'd say it on future hearings on those particular properties. This is an educational type of meeting between our attorney and us as two boards as to where our legal boundaries exist, and don't exist, and co-exist and hence the attorney/client privilege is being used to allow that discussion to occur.

Selectman Coutu thought it's not in the best interest of our community to have the Board of Selectmen sitting down with an authorized commission granted by the State of New Hampshire and discussing whether or not we liked - and I think this is where this is going - whether or not some members of this Board liked the decisions that were made by what is presumed to be an independent commission representing the interests of the town. Now we're going to go behind closed doors and we're going to discuss particular cases as examples of what the good that they did as a result of their vote or what was negative to the town as a result.

Chairman Luszey said I'll stop right there because we're getting into the specifics of what we need to discuss with our attorney. Selectman Coutu indicated as a sitting member of the Board of Selectmen who is being asked to attend the meeting representing the populous of this town, I think I have a right to know rather than getting a piece of paper and the camera is on me this is what I got for my agenda and it says, "attorney/client session" which means they're going to close the doors and not let the public in. Chairman Luszey indicated that is no different than we're going to close the doors in a few minutes to talk about...Selectman Coutu stated we're talking about specific lawsuits that are potential or hanging over our head. This has nothing to do with lawsuits. Chairman Luszey said if there are any decisions that are voted on or determined in that particular meeting, they will be made public no different. That's enough said on that one. Selectman Coutu remarked no it isn't. Chairman Luszey said then do what you need to do. I sent out a list of courses that are being offered. I only got the 91-A. If there's consensus, we'll do the 91-A like I said after July.

House Bill 329. Chairman Luszey indicated we need to hold a public hearing to ratify the election results. On the table tonight there was an addition. It was signed late Friday by the Governor that they legalize the elections that were held in towns that postponed them due to the severe weather and that they ratify the election of people/officers but they did not ratify the results of the rest of the elections. They are leaving that up to the individual boards within each town. With that I asked the Town Administrator to do the proper postings and all that and we'd have that public hearing at our next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting. Steve Malizia thought an appropriate motion is needed as follows:

*Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Morin, to hold a public hearing on May 9, 2017 to legalize, ratify and confirm all prior actions taken during the voting session of Town Meeting that was scheduled to take place on March 14, 2017 which was postponed due to weather and was later held on March 16, 2017 as authorized by 2017 NH Laws 20:6, carried 5-0.*

The last item Chairman Luszey had actually deals with Benson Park. I hope you all noticed the new roof on the A-frame. A very nice job. I drove by the last few days and when the weather is nice, there was absolutely no parking and I mean absolutely no parking. It's right out to the street. Spring has sprung and looks like we will have a good meeting there.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

*Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to enter Nonpublic Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community; and (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph, carried 5-0 by roll call.*

Chairman Luszey entered Nonpublic Session at 8:55 p.m., thus ending the televised portion of the meeting. Any votes taken upon entering open session will be listed on the Board's next agenda. The public is asked to leave the room.

Chairman Luszey entered open session at 9:39 p.m.

*Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to sell Town owned, tax deeded property located at 4 Bridle Bridge Road to Flying Crusher, LLC, in the amount of \$407,000 and to exclude #16 item #2, carried 5-0.*

Motion by Selectman Coutu that the May 2, 2017 "workshop" be held in an open forum for the general public, failed due to lack of seconder.

Selectman Coutu asked the four Board of Selectmen members what they knew about the attorney/client session. When none of the members answered, Selectman Coutu got up and left the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, carried 4-0.

Recorded by HCTV and transcribed by Donna Graham, Recorder.

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