

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the September 25, 2018 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Coutu the meeting of September 25, 2018 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: Roger Coutu, David Morin, Marilyn McGrath, Angela Routsis, Normand Martin

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Moderator Paul Inderbitzen; Police Chief Jason Lavoie; Fire Chief Rob Buxton

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Coutu asked does anyone in the audience wish to address the Board on any issue which the Board has control of at this time and if so, please state your name and address when you come to the front.

Good evening. Leo Bernard - 3 Bungalow Ave, the Sustainability Committee Chairman. I'm here to let you know that we have picked a road that we're going to clean this year. We're scheduled to clean on October 14th between the hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and we have decided on Old Derry Road because we were told that's the worst road right now. So it's Old Derry and part of Robinson by the speedway. I'm just here to let you know and make sure it's okay with the Board.

Chairman Coutu asked if there were any questions by the Board. I have one. How come this didn't find its way on the agenda? Mr. Bernard said we made the decision yesterday and I didn't have a chance to let Donna know I was able to attend. I'm sorry that it's so late. I've been trying to push this to get this done earlier by the committee members had a hard time picking a street but we did pick the date early. We picked the date in August and just last night we picked the street. I guess somebody didn't send an e-mail to Kevin to find out where the major streets were dirty and we just got the e-mail from Jess. We went from that list and we picked from there and it's where Jess said that Old Derry looks the worst out of the group that he sent us. Chairman Coutu stated I don't know when he looked at it but I was up there two weeks ago and it was in deplorable conditions. It's a good choice. Any objection from the Board to entertain a motion to allow the Sustainability Committee to do roadside pickup on Saturday, October 14th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. along Old Derry Road.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to allow the Sustainability Committee to do roadside cleanup on Saturday, October 14th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chairman Coutu asked the Police Chief if there were any problems. Chief Lavoie indicated no Sir.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

5. RECOGNITIONS, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

A. Interview

1) Planning Board - (1 vacancy - 1 alternate term to expire 12/31/18)

Renee Wagner - 11 Allyson Drive.

Chairman Coutu noted I see you're a full time mom. I thought it said student that's how bad these glasses are. Ms. Wagner indicated I'm a student as well. I'm a stay at home mom and I returned back to school. Chairman Coutu said you've applied for a position or you've mentioned a couple of them. The Planning Board as well as the Sustainability Committee. Do you know much about town planning? Renee Wagner indicated I don't but I do want to get involved with the town. I think it's important. It's something that I want to give back to and volunteer my time. It's part of what I want to teach my children and it's something that I feel I want to do.

Chairman Coutu stated between the two Planning Board and Sustainability you understand what sustainability is, right? Ms. Wagner said yes I do. Chairman Coutu asked between the two which would be your preference. Ms. Wagner indicated the Planning Board. Chairman Coutu said why don't you tell us why the Planning Board is of interest to you. Ms. Wagner felt that I have a lot of different backgrounds where I have input for that. I love to plan things. I love to be part of things. I love to have my opinions and hear other opinions about planning and the town to me is important. I think just being part of it.

Chairman Coutu asked have you ever been to a Planning Board meeting. Ms. Wagner said I haven't. This is all new to me and I signed up because it interested me and I want to volunteer my time.

Selectman McGrath had a couple of questions. Have you watched any of the Planning Board meetings? Renee said I have not. I didn't even know they aired. This is the first time that I knew about this. I saw it on a page that I'm on Facebook. They'll looking for volunteers and so I thought it was something that I would definitely want to be involved in.

Selectman McGrath asked do you have an understanding of what the Planning Board does. Ms. Wagner said to an extent. Selectman McGrath asked to elaborate. Renee said I don't know any details just from what I read from the first description that it's about planning and being part of different parts of the town activities with no school. I thought it was school but more school committee I wanted to be involved in which I thought it was but it's not. Selectman McGrath thought you might have an incorrect idea of what planning is for this particular position. Planning Board reviews plans that come in from developers for development that they want to create along any of the properties that they own or have interest in. It's more engineering related, traffic related, lay outs of plans. Renee Wagner indicated it's totally different than what I thought. Selectman McGrath suggested I'm glad that you wanted to apply but I think that you need to watch a meeting or two to get an idea of what actually is involved. If that still interests you, come back. The position will be open and we don't have any applicants coming before us now. I think this one ends in December if I'm not incorrect so you have some time. I think that that would benefit you and you'd have an understanding of exactly what you're getting into. Ms. Wagner appreciated that. I definitely do.

Chairman Coutu noted almost every evening on our public access channels - do you have Comcast. Ms. Wagner indicated no I actually have DIRECTV we switched.

Selectman McGrath indicated you can get it on line.

Selectman Morin said there's actually a meeting Wednesday night if you'd like to come and just sit in the audience and watch. It's held in the Buxton room on the other side of the building.

Selectman McGrath thought that will give you a clear understanding of what exactly it is and what's involved.

Renee thought I read it had something to do with the schools and I think that's why I kind of went towards that one. Now that I realize from Donna and everyone, it's nothing to do with the schools. Selectman McGrath indicated one of the latest developments that went in that they reviewed and approved ultimately was Irving gas station on Lowell Road. So something like that. It's reviewing plans that are very detailed that might have a very high impact on the town and on residential property. You need to understand that. Ms. Wagner said it's definitely something of interest so I will look into it further.

Chairman Coutu asked if there were any other questions from any member of the Board. Good idea Selectman McGrath. As Selectman McGrath stated, we don't have any applicants at the present time. The position was only til December but it was renewable if whoever has it is interested. We would more than likely renew it for probably two or three years at that point. It's typically a three year term. I would recommend that if you couldn't make the meeting tomorrow evening, you can go on line. Look up HCTV which is Hudson Cable Television and you can stream it live or you can watch it after it airs then the following day it can be streamed at any time and you can watch or you can go into HCTV and you can look at all of the programs that are airing presently and you can look at a previous Planning Board meeting. Ms. Wagner thought that will definitely help. I'll do that. Chairman Coutu said it will give you a search box on the top and you just type in "Planning Board" and it will pull up 10 meetings and you click on any one and you'll see what actually takes place at a meeting.

Chairman Coutu noted then you might want to look at the Sustainability Committee. You checked it off or you could call your local school system - SAU81 - and ask them if there's something that a parent or a mom can get involved in. I don't have this expertise. I probably shouldn't speak out of turn but I know they'll mention the PTA. Renee Wagner indicated the PTO I definitely was involved in last year but the school committee is more what I want to be involved in and I did apply this for this one position.

Selectman McGrath suggested another committee that you might be interested in is the Recreation Committee. They deal with children and programs that are related to them. That might be something that you'd find interesting.

Chairman Coutu noted that's on the town side. You apply here for that. Thank you very much Renee. We appreciate your wiliness to volunteer though. It's commendable.

- 2) Sustainability Committee - (4 vacancies - 2 member terms to expire 4/30/19; 1 alternate term to expire 4/30/20; 1 alternate term to expire 4/30/21)

Renee Wagner

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Coutu asked does any Board member wish to remove any item for separate consideration.

Selectman McGrath asked to remove item C. 4.

Chairman Coutu noted it was the one I was going to have removed. Thank you. Any other? Seeing none.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Morin, to approve consent items A, B, C 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, D, E and F as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

A. Assessing Items - None

B. Water/Sewer Items - None

C. Licenses & Permits & Policies

- 1) Request to Solicit Funds - Cub Scout Pack 46 - Tyngsboro, MA
- 2) Raffle Permit - Friends of Benson Park, Inc.
- 3) Raffle Permit - Hudson Fish and Game Club, Inc.
- 4) Dance Halls and Entertainment Places of Assembly - Thomas Vaughan d/b/a Fat Katz

Selectman McGrath explained I have a couple of questions about his. Steve do you know if this request went before Bruce or Brian for review. Steve Malizia indicated Mr. Buttrick signed it. Chief Buxton signed it. Chief Lavoie signed it. This is replacing what was at one point known as Capri Pizza and I think Rivers Pub but I don't know if I got that name correct. That's in the plaza over here on Route 102 behind the TD Bank. It's replacing Capri Pizza. Mr. Stevens was the proprietor of Capri. Selectman McGrath thought it was further up the road and I was concerned about parking and whether or not...Mr. Malizia said it's a replacement for Capri. Selectman McGrath was okay with it.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to approve Consent Item 6. C. 4, carried 5-0.

- 5) License to Purchase Scrap Metal - Recore Trading Co., Inc.
- 6) Petition & License for 3 New Poles - Eversource License #17/109, 17/110, 17/110A on Griffin Road

D. Donations

- 1) \$5,000 from Digital Federal Credit Union with \$2,500 to be placed in the DARE Donation Account and \$2,500 in the Community Policing Donation Account

E. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Meeting

F. Calendar

09/26 7:00 Benson Landscape Cte - BOS Meeting Room
09/26 7:00 Planning Bd - Buxton CD Meeting Room
09/27 7:00 Zoning Bd of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room
10/02 7:00 Board of Selectmen Workshop - BOS Meeting Room
10/03 7:00 Budget Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
10/04 7:00 Recreation Cte - BOS Meeting Room
10/04 7:00 Benson Park Cte - HCTV Meeting Room
10/08 TOWN HALL CLOSED - COLUMBUS DAY
10/09 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on September 10, 2018

- 1) Motion by Selectman Morin, seconded by Selectman Martin, to hire Jason Krupa for the position of Truck Driver/Laborer at \$18.38 per hour, Grade VIII, Step Minimum, in accordance with the Hudson Public Works Department Union, AFCME Local 1801, effective September 16, 2018, carried 5-0.
- 2) Motion by Selectman Morin, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to hire Charles Keraghan for the position of Truck Driver/Laborer at \$18.38 per hour, Grade VIII, Step Minimum, in accordance with the Hudson Public Works Department Union, AFCME Local 1801, effective September 30, 2018, carried 5-0.
- 3) Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Martin, to hire Joshua Frumkin for the position of Firefighter/EMT in the Fire Department at the contracted salary of \$16.11 per hour (step 1) effective September 30, 2018. This assignment will be a non-exempt position in accordance with the International Association of Firefighters Local #3154 as per the union contract, carried 5-0.
- 4) Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to hire Corey Girard for the position of Firefighter/AEMT in the Fire Department at the contracted salary of \$20.15 per hour (step 1) effective September 30, 2018. This assignment will be a non-exempt position in accordance with the International Association of Firefighters Local #3154 as per the union contract, carried 5-0.
- 5) Motion by Selectman Morin, seconded by Selectman Martin, to hire Eric Hackett for the position of Firefighter/AEMT in the Fire Department at the contracted salary of \$20.15 per hour (step 1) effective September 30, 2018. This assignment will be a non-exempt position in accordance with the International Association of Firefighters Local #3154 as per the union contract, carried 5-0.
- 6) Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to hire Dylan Raymond for the position of Firefighter/AEMT in the Fire Department at the contracted salary of \$20.15 per hour (step 1) effective September 30, 2018. This assignment will be a non-

exempt position in accordance with the International Association of Firefighters Local #3154 as per the union contract, carried 5-0.

- 7) Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Routsis, carried 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on the 2018 State Primary

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Moderator Paul Inderbitzen and express our gratitude for conducting the election for us again this year.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen and thank the Board for your support and help during the election - the Primary. Paul Inderbitzen said I sent you a Memo along with the statistics. Even though we had an increase in ballots cast in the State Primary, it really because of the increase in our total checklist was still only a 15 or 16 percent turnout which is about average for State Primary over the last ten years or so. We had more numbers but we had about the same percentage. So we're seeing that. The breakdown of the voters checked in - we started kind of slow in the morning but we picked up. We averaged 219 voters per hour for the day. It worked out pretty well. We had most of them in the G-K and L-M lines. We're going to look at that for the general election about maybe splitting that and having two people on those books.

One of the things I want to bring forward on that, unless anybody has any questions about the primary and how it went. Mr. Inderbitzen said I haven't heard too much out in the public about it. I don't get a lot of feedback like you guys do. It's going to be roughly five weeks until the State Primary. Given our usual 51-52 percent turnout, I anticipate that we'll have about 9,000 voters show up on that day. About three times what we did at the Primary. That's a concern. We are going to need to implement the parking and traffic routing that we had I think at the last time and I think that worked out well. It won't be quite a much as the Presidential but we're getting close. People are turning out for the mid-term. It being a mid-term election with all the interests that is in that right now, I anticipate a pretty good turnout. At least the 52 may be a little higher. We will need to do some planning and that's why I sent a copy of this to Chief Lavoie and Jess Forrence at the Highway Department so that we could start planning ahead for how we're going to manage that. There was a very nice police after action report on the last election - the Presidential Election. I think we can use what we learned at that for the outside traffic control and direction. I think that would be helpful. I think there is money in the budget for the overtime. I ask that it be put in my budget so we knew exactly how much the highway and police overtime were so that we could estimate the cost of an election like that. I think we need to start on getting ready for that now.

Also thinking ahead, Paul Inderbitzen stated I think we'll do this after November but we really have to think ahead about the next Presidential which is really only two years but we've got to plan for it now. If we're going to ask to move it, there's going to have to be some decisions made. As it turns out with 18,145 voters on the checklist, I should have about 180 booths for a Presidential Election. State law requires one booth for every hundred voters. I should have 180. I have 136 so that covers us for town elections. We didn't have a problem in the Primary. I can't fit 180 booths in that Community Center so we have to think about either splitting the town or moving to a larger facility at least for the Presidential. You might even think about it for a future State general elections because we're getting pretty full there as well. These are things we try to catch up ahead of time so that we're not stuck at the last minute trying to run around.

Chairman Coutu stated why don't we plan a workshop we'll ask the appropriate officials Jess Forrence, Police Chief to come in. We can do it after we do the budget. We can start planning. I don't know what the earliest you want to go but I would think that we could do this in January or February. We're still two years away. We can start planning in January or February and put the wheels in motion and then I believe you have some recommendations for a warrant article.

Paul Inderbitzen indicate after November I was going to bring forth - I think we need to get our legal counsel involved in the wording of the warrant article to change our Town Meeting from March to April. Also if we're going to do that, I figure we've always talked about why we go to 8 o'clock at night. I have been looking at

the numbers. We don't get a very large number of people between 7 and 8 o'clock. I'm wondering if we should also put in a warrant to change our time from 8 p.m. ending to 7 p.m. We should make it a little easier to get our results out.

Chairman Coutu said that's food for thought and we can take all that up. We're going to rely heavily on your recommendation obviously. You've been doing this for a while now. Mr. Inderbitzen said well for the issue of the March or April or May Town Meeting, that's something that we've had two instances now where one we postponed and the Board and I we're in kind of a we're damned if we do damned I we don't. If we postpone an election, everybody complains that well I didn't know about and I couldn't get to vote those other days. If we don't postpone it like we did the last time, it was well I couldn't get there because of the snow so I didn't get a chance to vote. That's kind of the boat that we're in and you're in too because you get the heat on that. If we are thinking of going back to the Presidential thinking of moving it to the school, then that's something we have deal with the School Board for up front especially if there's a possibility of construction going on that might change things quite a bit.

Selectman Routsis said I could be wrong. I think the school needs a year notice because that's when they put their calendars out as well.

Paul Inderbitzen stated we can do that if you want after your budget process but for November, we need to start now to plan the traffic patterns, and who we're going to have for directing traffic, and stuff like that. I anticipate a heavy load in the morning. It eases up a little bit but with 9,000 voters coming in, we were doing 2019 an hour. Triple that and it's going to be a busy day.

Chairman Coutu said you mentioned the after action report that was provided following the Presidential Election by our Police Department. If you have a copy of it, could you either e-mail it to Donna so she can make copies for all of us so we'll have a working document? Mr. Inderbitzen thought she e-mailed it to me. Chairman Coutu said if we have it, can you provide us with a cop of that document so we can plan accordingly for this election. Did you want to have a meeting with the Board and Jess Forrence and the Police Chief? Mr. Inderbitzen said well at least or a representative of the Board just to...Chairman Coutu said or their designee. We can plan for this election. You want to do planning for this election. Mr. Inderbitzen said right we need to make sure we have the traffic patterns...Chairman Coutu interrupted saying so we can look at what the traffic patterns is going to be. It's going to be just like we had last year anyway right with some modification to...Mr. Inderbitzen said right. We don't have to have it as severe the one-way traffic that we had in and out but because of the location of the Community Center, it is a tough situation for people to get in and get out. We had some lessons that we learned from the Presidential and I think that we could maybe use those and modify it a little bit because it isn't going to be quite as heavy.

Chairman Coutu asked when is our next meeting. Donna Graham indicated October 9th. Paul Inderbitzen indicated I can do that. There are few days that I'd be available during the day if somebody wanted to handle that during the daytime hours. I could meet with the police staff and the Highway. I can make the 9th. Chairman Coutu said okay we'll do that. Chief if you would you or a designee just so we have everybody here all the interested parties or uninterested parties whichever the case may be.

Unless you have any questions about this past election, Paul Inderbitzen thought we're going to see a boost in the coming up election. If you have any questions on the statistics or stuff, I think if you look at the long terms, we've been pretty steady with our turnouts. After 2020, there will be a purge of the voting checklist people that have not voted in a long time. If you look back on 2010, it's after a census. They have to send letters out to everybody that hasn't voted in so many - I'm not sure if it's State elections or what over a period of time. They get letters that say do you still want to stay on. If they don't respond, they're dropped off. If you'll notice our checklist went from 16,600 down to 14,000. I anticipate that would happen again. I don't think we have a lot of people on the checklist that either passed away. If it's in the State, we get those results but if it's out of State, we don't get that. If they move, we don't always get it either.

B. Police Department - Request to apply for a \$33,500 2019 Investigations Grant

Chairman Coutu recognized Police Chief Jason Lavoie.

Good evening. Chief Lavoie indicated this is asking for permission. We have to quickly reply to a grant that became available and a very short window to do so. This is just to allow us to conduct further investigations into narcotics. It's a non-matching grant. There's no cost to the town.

Chairman Coutu stated Chief of late obviously it's a major topic still in the media across the State. Could you give us just a general overview without getting into too many specifics of the drug problems here in Hudson, New Hampshire?

Chief Lavoie said they are everywhere. Hudson we seem to be the last three years we've averaged between 55 to 58 overdoses. Anywhere from 6 to 10 fatalities became a result of those overdoses. The Fire Department continues to respond and administer Narcan and that has been very effective. We might only be a couple of overdoses behind where we were last year. I think we're somewhere around 40 right now with overdoses and our deaths are currently at 6 for 2018. Hopefully the investigations that we've conducted have taken us to several foreign countries and places all around this country as well. We'll continue to investigate and this grant just helps us continue that and do some different things with it.

Chairman Coutu asked are we noticing a recidivism rate on the overdoses repetitive cases of overdose. Chief Lavoie indicated there have been some but it's not as much as what you would think. We have a lot of first timers that are coming to us are being reported as an overdose that we've been responding to. Yes we have had a handful each year where it will be a repeat person but that is certainly in the minority.

Chairman Coutu wanted the viewing public to know that what we're applying for is a grant that's being made available through the drug enforcement agency for \$33,500. People have to understand that if we're going to stop the flow of narcotics regardless of where it is in this country, it takes resources to do that. There's a lot of investigative work, a lot of overtime. There's a lot that goes into taking down drug dealers. New Hampshire has been more successful than most of our surrounding States with drug arrests and going in for the big guy. Don't always get them but I think they're trying to be more cautious or they're trying to avoid the State but the only way we're going to keep them out is to have the financial resources necessary in order to have the manpower necessary to take these people down. I applaud you for applying for the grant and I'll open it up for any other discussion anybody might have at this time.

Selectman McGrath asked Jason I read over the paperwork. Is this to cover all drugs or is it targeted for one. I don't want to reveal what I read in the report because I think that this might be confidential at least. I'm going to give it to Donna after to shred it. Is it targeted to just one form of drugs or is it everything including the narcotics? Chief Lavoie indicated the main substance which you're referring to is one aspect of it. We find that these types of investigations are interlaced with a few different narcotics.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to authorize the Police Chief to apply for a \$33,500 2019 Investigations Grant through the Drug Enforcement Administration. This grant is a non-matching grant, carried 5-0.

C. Inspectional Services - Request to Advertise for a Part-Time Inspector

Chairman Coutu recognized Fire Chief Rob Buxton.

Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Chief Buxton indicated our part-time Inspector Peter Manzelli has tendered his resignation effective Thursday the 27th. He is actually moving on to a full time position with the Town of Merrimack. So it comes down to some economic for him full time versus part time. That is the reason for his resignation. I'm requesting that you accept his resignation and allow me to post for the position.

Chairman Coutu asked Inspector Manzelli was the electrical inspector. Chief Buxton stated yes he was. Chairman Coutu asked and we still have no need for a full time electrical inspector. Chief Buxton said at this point in time, we're 16 to 24 hours and that has fit the bill.

Motion by Selectman Routsis, seconded by Selectman Morin, to accept the letter of resignation from Inspector Peter Manzelli effective September 27, 2018 with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Routsis seconded by Selectman Martin, to authorize the Fire Chief to advertise the Part-Time Inspector position, carried 5-0.

D. Discussion Relative to the 2006 KME Predator (Engine 4)

Chairman Coutu recognized Fire Chief Rob Buxton.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, Chief Buxton explained I'm here tonight to have some discussion with you regarding the 2006 KME Predator pumper that runs out of the James Taylor Station. This truck was put in service obviously in 2006 and is run out of the Burns Hill Station and now the Lowell Road Station. It was purchased for \$334,000 in 2006. The first year of maintenance we spent roughly \$8,000 in maintenance between repairs and things that weren't covered under warranty. Since that time period over the last 12 years, we've spent \$132,519. I provided you with a list of repairs that have been done to the truck. Anything with an asterisks is things that have been repaired multiple times. As we move forward, we've run a 20 year lifespan on these vehicles or we're supposed to run a 20 year lifespan on these vehicles. We're 12 years into this pumper and really at the end of the day we're kind of faced with a question mark. The 10 to 12 year we would go out for refurbishment on a piece of apparatus to make it bridge to the 20 year mark. The estimate that came in on that refurbishment came in at \$199,000. I'm certainly not as good as the Finance Director but when you add those two numbers together what we've invested and what the refurbishment accounts for and the fact that the truck will be out of service for a nine month period, we're basically buying the truck for a second time.

Chief Buxton indicated the major components to the truck that I'd go through the list here that I provided for you, we're looking at \$64,000 just on the generator itself. We're looking at \$20,000 on the fire pump that is within the truck. The body and components to the underside to the structural frame of the truck, we're looking at \$71,000 worth of work and that estimate the big question that was asked by the Administrator was talk to me about the rotting wheels. The wheels on the truck and the rims on the truck currently are steel. We've actually moved on to an aluminum rim at this point to take away the road corrosion. The rims alone are a \$4,000 with \$4,000 worth of tires on top of that. So we have \$14,000 worth of electrical work on the truck and then an update to the scene lighting is \$19,000. Those are the major components to the refurbishment and it can go from there.

Chief Buxton stated we certainly have a capital reserve fund established that I would pull the bulk of the money out of for the refurbishments but at this point as I expressed to my liaison, I didn't think it was a wise investment. I come to you with three options this evening. One is to do nothing and basically repay for the repairs as they come up. Unfortunately at that point you're kind of put into a corner with escalating pricing and not being able to bid things out if you have major repairs. The second option would be to invest in the truck and spend the \$199,000 on the refurbishment. Then the third piece is to have a discussion regarding utilizing the HGAC program that we did for the last pump and look at lease purchasing a new pumper and starting the process over. At this point, I would tell you that structurally on the truck, we have spent quite a bit of time looking at how the repairs have gone and you see a lot of structural components that are having issues, supporting members for the cab, cab locking systems, frame rot in the rails underneath the truck are the major concerns at this point. I wanted to have an open dialog with you folks and have a discussion regarding where we see the lifespan of this truck going and how to deal with this so we can make the best decision on behalf of the town.

Selectman Routsis asked did you get a chance to look into the lease program and find out how much something would cost if that was the route we were to consider. Chief Buxton stated yes. If we went down the lease payment option for that truck, we'd bid that out. We did an inquiry with the leasing company we're using right now and it came back at \$65,000. Currently and 18 to 24 months ago, we did a lease for a pumper and it came in at \$57,000. What's the increase? Interest rate has gone up a full percentage point if not a little more and the price goes up because we have a delivery charge that would be assessed on the vehicle if we went down that path.

Selectman Martin asked is there any particular truck manufacturer that you would prefer over KME. Chief Buxton said that was a question that the Chairman and our liaison asked me very similar. Who are the major truck manufacturers that are out there today? You obviously have Kovach who is KME. You have Pierce which the City of Nashua operates with. You have Seagrave Fire Apparatus who we have purchased a pump with and a ladder truck with. You have Emergency One who is a vendor that supplies the City of Manchester. One of the things that we like about the Seagrave product is they build about 100 to 150 trucks a year. We get that smaller company value out of the construction that they do. When we were purchasing the ladder truck and I know you guys are not all fire truck people but to be able to see your aerial ladder that is basically a piece of flat stock them show you how they're going to manufacture the ladder themselves, and they don't sent it out, and they don't sub it out, and everything is put together that way, that shows quality to me. We are not building a true custom piece of fire apparatus. What we are buying is a line that they've put together called a "fast track line" because they saw the ability and a niche in the market to put a product together that was going to meet the demands of 90 percent of the country and make it available. That's basically what we're looking at. We're not looking at going through the design process again or anything like that. We're looking to match Engine 1 which is up at the Robinson Road Station and move forward with that. That does a lot of stuff for you. It cuts my maintenance costs and improves my efficiency on the fire ground. It improves my efficiency the crews in and out of quarters as they do maintenance. Those are things that are big improvements for us. Instead of having one truck built by this vendor and another truck built by this vendor, you have one truck, one vendor, one spot to get a particular piece of equipment and move forward.

Selectman Martin had a comment. Listening to the Chief present, I'm not ready to pay for this fire truck again with repairs. I think it's in the best interest of the town to go forward with another pumper and put this one in the fire truck graveyard somewhere where the airplanes go. I think that's the best way that we should approach it. \$199,000 is a lot of money to repair a fire truck. It's going to be down nine months and you don't know how long it's going to last you. Rotting frames aren't fun. I'm sure it's a very big safety issue. I know it is for the our employees to ride around in that thing but going to an emergency not knowing if the truck is going to fall in half on the way down. That would be my opinion to go with a lease purchase in next year's budget.

Selectman Routsis asked what's our turnaround if we were to go the lease option to getting a replacement here. Chief Buxton said currently right now on the fast track line they have five pumpers available. So we could have a pumper here probably early January if that is the wish of the Board.

Chairman Coutu stated if history serves me right, there was a point in time when we had the KME out of service more than we had it in service if you remember. It was very problematic. I think I was totally enraptured and engrossed in the problems that this truck was causing not just for the public safety but for the safety of our firefighters. I remember Selectman Maddox and I riding on the back of this truck and heard a loud boom and recognized that we had a serious problem and we brought it back to the company that was servicing which was also the same company I believe we bought it from. We had it in the garage and when they lifted the rear of the truck and exposed it, it became pretty obvious to this layman what the problem was. Though they were ready to deny it, we proved ourselves right and there was a serious problem with the latching mechanism that was holding down the back of the truck. Something that they were denying existed for quite some time that the firefighters kept bringing to my attention continually existed and low and behold it only took one ride on the truck with Selectman Maddox for us to realize that there was what appeared to be a serious problem.

As alluded to both by you Chief and to interpret the words of Selectman Martin, Chairman Coutu noted we would be buying a second truck if we went ahead and did the refurbishment at the cost that is has been estimated. You combine what we've already paid for maintenance and repairs which is \$132,000 and combine that with the \$199,000, it comes to \$332,000 visa vie a \$334,000 cost. For \$2,000 less, we've pretty much already paid for the truck a second time. In order to avoid that, we would be paying for a truck the second time. In order to avoid that obviously is not only to save the taxpayers \$199,000 by going into a lease purchase plan which I agree when we sat down and we discussed this matter, it was obvious to this Selectman anyway that it's the right thing to do and it's also the right time to do it. These trucks are made with materials a lot of which is being imported and if we procrastinate and we push this out, the costs are going to escalate by at least 20 percent as a result of additional tariffs. Fortunately for us with regard to the

company that's manufacturing the pumper that you're recommending, they have some on the fast track that would be available now and they obviously used materials and equipment that were already available and costs won't escalate as a result. I think it's not only a prudent and a wise decision, I think its effects the bottom dollar and we just don't want to overburden the taxpayers any more than they are already overburdened. With that said, is there anything else?

Selectman McGrath had a couple of questions. How much is the cost for leasing a new pumper? Chief Buxton indicated \$65,384 per year for ten years. Selectman McGrath asked that would be \$650,000 by the time we're through. Chief Buxton said with interest and everything, it's about just north of \$520,000 for the apparatus. Selectman McGrath noted we paid \$339,000 for this one plus \$200,000 for repairs. It's a total of \$534,000. The price has escalated. Would we get anything on return for this? Chief Buxton said it's a great question. One of the things that as I was preparing for this meeting that we did is we certainly started talking about what to do with the KME that sits here today. There's a company called "Brindlee Mountain" that assisted us with selling a couple tanker trucks back in '07 or '08. We actually contacted them because of the issues with the truck, they didn't have any interest because of the mileage and the hours on the apparatus and the repairs that they would have to do. To answer your question directly, I don't have an estimate on what that would be. We could either do one of two things. We could wholesale out the truck and then that becomes our issue or we find somebody to basically sell the truck for us on a wholesale contract and then they would take a percentage and whatever we got in return would go back to the town coffer to replace whatever we spent up front.

Selectman McGrath guessed another question I would have is would there be any impact to us the Town of Hudson if that truck were used and was in an accident. Chief Buxton said currently we make sure that all our apparatus is inspected every six months. So it goes through a full safety inspection. The truck is safe to be on the road as it sits here today. Basically the decision that you have in front of you is whatever that nest egg is for return if you had a major failure would be completely gone away and they'd take the truck to the scrap yard and you'd get \$3,000 for what they melted it down for. That's a reality. That's what happened with a couple of the older engines as we got disposed of them. The trade in was like \$3,035 at that point in time. The trade in is not figured into that 530. That is the worst case scenario. When you look at it and you say okay what's the bottom dollar going to be, I can't do anything with the trucks so I don't know what that value number is as we sit here tonight.

Just to clarify, Selectman McGrath asked the actual cost to us for leasing a new pumper you said it's \$65,384 per year over a ten year period. So that's \$654,000 not 500. Chief Buxton agreed. That's with all the interest, and the fees, and all the roll up. Selectman McGrath stated personally I read this and questions popped into my head as I was reading this. If it's unsafe, we certainly don't want another incident like we had years ago. It makes sense to me as opposed to spending another \$200,000 on a truck that's been clearly problematic since the beginning and has cost a lot of money for repairs makes sense to me to lease a new truck. I would like to suggest that we try to get as much back as we can. Chief Buxton stated we would obviously do that.

Selectman Morin indicated you know my answer already. I rode on the truck so I know.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman McGrath, to lease a new pumper utilizing the HGAC Program, carried 5-0.

E. Overview of Meeting with Nashua's Mayor Donchess Relative to Traffic and Sewer Allocation

Chairman Coutu prefaced by saying that you've seen the after action report. The meeting was attended by Selectman Morin, Town Administrator Steve Malizia, the Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, and I asked that the new Town Planner Brian Groth accompany us because I thought it would be important for him to meet the people on the other side of the river because I anticipate especially in lieu of this meeting we just had that we should have a better working relationship with the City of Nashua. We need to work together because regionally a lot of things that take place in Hudson as well as things that take place in Nashua affect both communities and if we don't have a good working plan and good line of communication, we could be adversely affected by anything that's done on either side. I would ask the Town Administrator to give us a general overview of the meeting.

Steve Malizia explained as the Chairman stated a contingent of officials including the Chairman, you didn't mention yourself, went over to meet with representatives from Nashua including the Mayor and primarily members of his professional staff including the Economic Development Director, the Community Development Director, and I believe they had a Senior Traffic Engineer and a Mayor's Aide over there. The discussion was focused primarily on traffic somewhat specific to this area, this part of town, the issues that we the town have been facing, and trying to have an open dialog as to how we might work together to improve traffic flow. The Chairman brought all those issues up along with some of our thoughts on what we're doing in Hudson specifically potentially the first leg at least of the circumferential highway. It was a pretty reasonable discussion. I don't know if anything is going to be resolved from it although I think it's important that our staff knows who their counterparts are. Elvis does know who all the players are because Elvis had been over there before. Elvis is well versed. Brian our new Planner it was good for him to meet those folks and also for the elected officials to form a relationship or at least know who each other are so if they need to speak, meet again, or whatever there is some familiarity. I know Chairman Coutu was closer to Mayor Lozeau. I don't know what your relationship has been with Mayor Donchess. Bottom line, the Mayor listened. I didn't get any strong sense of commitment at that meeting. It was probably a good first step.

As part of the meeting and unbeknownst to us, Steve Malizia noted the Chairman brought up the sewer allocation issue and we had an open dialog about how it will benefit all of us in the region to have a strong economy and it's not just Nashua or just Hudson. In other words if there's an employer or some other major contributor to a community if they wanted to come to Hudson, it would benefit the area. It doesn't just benefit Hudson and certainly doesn't just benefit Nashua. People will interact with both communities in the area in general economically. The request was put to the Mayor that we'd like to look at some allocation. He did make a quasi-commitment to at least have his people look at it which is a little bit better than maybe some of the previous administration which basically said no. We've made at least an incremental step with that because it's important to us if we can get more than our 2 million allocation, we have some more ability to attract more to our economy. It doesn't just benefit us. Again it benefits the region. I think it was important that you at least put that on the table. He is aware of it. Again not overly committal but nonetheless listened and didn't just dismiss it out of hand. Overall I thought it was a reasonably positive meeting. It was a good first step.

Chairman Coutu thought one of the things that I took away was that the Mayor's interest on the circumferential highway. Historically in the past when the circumferential highway was a topic of discussion and it was on the ten year plan, Merrimack and Nashua were not on board to my recollection. Steve Malizia stated they certainly had issues where it was going to be located particularly the terminus as across the river. Chairman Coutu stated the Mayor has a good perspective of where it's going to be. Our Town Engineer kind of laid it out there for him. He has a pretty good idea. He indicated an interest and I think that the circumferential highway would not only benefit us, it would also benefit Nashua in the sense that we would be pulling some traffic off of 111 and 102. If we can get phase 1 done and then we let them take over at that point then double the size, go to four lanes, and then continue the highway from 111 to 102 and then eventually across the river. We're looking at a 10 to 15 year plan. It's going to benefit both communities. It will virtually empty this downtown area of traffic flow.

Steve Malizia said it should certainly help alleviate their surface problems. They have an old network over there. They have a very narrow corridor and there's a lot of cars. They claimed I think that BAE on Canal Street was adding 1,000 employees. They all have to get there somehow. Whether they're coming through Hudson or some other parts unknown, that's an employment center for them that's really starting to get to be choked. Chairman Coutu noted they understand that a lot of employees are going to come from Hudson. They're going to come from Londonderry, Derry...Mr. Malizia said Pelham, Windham all the environs over there.

Selectman Morin stated you pretty much summed it up what we discussed. It was a positive first step.

Not to confuse the public, Steve Malizia indicated you mentioned "they". They would be the State building and not Nashua building the rest of it. The State. Chairman Coutu said I'll ask them to do that too. It is the State. It won't be Nashua.

F. Discussion to Change Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment Liaison Assignments

Chairman Coutu explained Selectman Morin is the Board appointed voting member to the Planning Board. Selectman Morin and I had a discussion. Selectman Morin has meetings Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and we talked about relieving him of some of that. The position that I took personally for my employment is Thursday, Friday and Saturdays and I couldn't attend Thursday meetings. Selectman Morin and I discussed changing the voting member. I am the alternate to the Planning Board - changing my position to the voting member and he would take the alternate position. We both came to a mutual agreement that - this was a couple of weeks ago - it would relieve some pressure off of him having to attend every Wednesday night Planning Board meeting though he still wants to come and attend the meetings. We cannot do this arbitrarily. That's not something that's in the purview of the Chairman's authority to appoint. It would be up to the Board of Selectmen to agree to any changes that are being recommended.

Selectman Morin stated as the Chairman said, I actually do Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Yes having a night off would be not a bad thing at times. Thank you.

Selectman Martin said why don't you just have the whole night off and not worry about Wednesdays. I can come and be the alternate. Selectman Morin said t this time with the relationship that I got with the Planning Board.

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Routsis, to change Selectman Coutu as the Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board and Selectman Morin as Selectmen's alternate member to the Planning Board, carried 4-1. Selectman McGrath in opposition.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Martin - I don't really have anything of importance. This is our first meeting since we had elections. What a great time. I enjoyed that day. It was a great day seeing all the voters come in. The ones you know you could talk to. It was a pretty good turnout. I really enjoyed working voting day. Chairman Coutu stated it does afford an opportunity to get to meet and greet the voters.

Selectman Morin - The VFW just wanted me to get it out there that they're going to start the wreaths across America. It will be in 2019 and it won't be this year. They didn't have enough time. What that is is they place the wreaths on the graves of all the Veterans in our town cemeteries and they're looking for town residents who have a Veteran buried in one of the Hudson cemeteries to contact them so they can start putting a list together on how many wreaths and where they're located in the cemetery. If anybody does, we'd ask that they call the VFW.

The second thing I have is I attended the Committee of Merit Fire Service and EMS Service Awards last night in Concord. Several of our Hudson firefighters and police officers received a unit citation for a river rescue that took place in July of last year. I congratulate all the department members on their award.

Also this week we had a pretty substantial fire in town that we have not had in quite a while. Just want to say that the apparatus coming from the new Lowell Road station got there a lot faster than if they would have been coming out of the Burns Hill Road station. It was a straight shot. They were there in less than five minutes and it worked out very well. The crews worked really hard.

I was going to bring up the 100th birthday but I figured you're going to.

Selectman McGrath - Just a couple of things. I attended a meeting over in Nashua with the Town Engineer and Donna Sommers concerning sewer. It was a short meeting but it was my first so it was interesting. The second thing I wanted to mention and I read this either it was on Facebook or Twitter. I get these e-mails telling me when the police posts something. It so happens that I also received one of these phone calls and I just wanted to mention it. There's a lot of scams going on lately. One of the calls that I received and what they talked about in their Twitter feed was that people are getting calls from the so-called Internal Revenue Service. If you get that call, just hang up. They're not coming to arrest you. They will never call you. They will either send someone to your home with a badge and identification or they will send you a letter in the

mail. They will never call you and that goes for anybody else claiming that they have one of your relatives that they're holding as a hostage and they need money being sent. Do not send anything to anyone that you don't know. That's part of the Twitter feed that I saw about the IRS scam. They called my home and they left a message on my phone with a number to call back. Not very bright. That's all I have.

Selectman Routsis - I actually do not have anything this evening. Everyone has basically covered it.

Selectman Coutu - Let's see you took the thunder out of the congratulations to the firefighters and the police officers. I suspected that you were going to say that but I made a note just in case. Yes we did attend. Selectman Morin and I went over to Buttercup Hill apartments and we attended a 100th birthday party for Doris Widebeck. I'll tell you Doris didn't look or act like anybody who's 100 years old. As I stated in my remarks, we are definitely and Selectman Morin agreed we're definitely planning on attending her 110th birthday party. She's very spry for her age. She looks fantastic, full cognition, speaks well, and it was a great time. I don't know what the number is about 75 people there. Her family came in from out of State. They don't live nearby either. They were here. She looks fantastic. She looks as good as the last time I saw her. We don't have the Boston Cane as it is. The Historical Society presented her with a Boston Cane pin. She is the oldest citizen in the Town of Hudson at 100 years of age. She was presented with that pin. She also received accolades from Governor Sununu. She received accolades from the Board of Selectmen as well. It was just great. The food was fantastic. It was a great time.

Other than that, again, I want to congratulate Alvirne High School football team 3 and 1. I have not seen that from the Broncos in a long time. They're ranked 20th in the State. They haven't had that ranking I think in forever. I want to applaud all of the players and the coaching staff. They're doing a fantastic job. We're 3 and 1 in the division that we're in. I think it's a division that we should stay in. We're more competitive. I want to congratulate all of the players and the coaches again and remind you that you can do this. We can go on and we can win our division so let's keep our best foot forward and progress along that way.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectman Morin, to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:2 (a) Strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining; RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant; 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 Coutu entered Nonpublic Session at 8:15 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 Coutu entered open session at 9:42 p.m.

Motion by Selectman McGrath, seconded by Selectman Morin, to retitle the position of Assistant Assessor to Chief Assessor effective September 25, 2018, carried 5-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Coutu adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Recorded by HCTV and transcribed by Donna Graham, Executive Assistant.

Roger E. Coutu, Chairman

David S. Morin, Vice-Chairman

Marilyn E. McGrath, Selectman

Angela Routsis, Selectman

Normand G. Martin, Selectman