

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the July 12, 2011 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Jasper the meeting of July 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Selectman Coutu.
3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Shawn Jasper, Rick Maddox, Ben Nadeau, Roger Coutu, Ted Luszey

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Bob Tousignant, Captain; Harry Schibanoff; Kenneth Matthews

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Jasper asked if there was anyone in the audience wish to address the Board over any matter over which the Board has control or authority.

Alejandro Urrutia - I am a resident of Hudson for 22 years. My address is 9 Campbello Street. The reason why I am coming here is first I wanted to say thank you very much to all of you to give me an opportunity to talk in front of you. I am Latino. I've been living here for 22 years. I personally have never had any problem with anybody at Hudson, have never been discriminated, and have been treated fairly by the Police. My children grew up. They studied here. They are grown up successful professionals, and we never had any complaint. Unfortunately on the Latino community there exists the idea that Hudson is not friendly. We're minorities in general. That is something that always bothered me very much because it is not what I personally believe. I know Latinos and they don't want to meet with here in Hudson because they feel they have been stopped by our police a couple of times and they believe they have been profiled. I don't know. Probably they just make a mistake on the road and they were stopped. There is nothing that I can't really prove. Because the fact that in 2009 the Town of Hudson signed an agreement with us, I believe that gave the impression that we are not friendly with the immigrants. None of the Latinos want to come to the Town.

I chaired the Latino festival and I want some people to meet with me. They're friends of mine from Massachusetts and they don't come here. They say we met with you but we don't want to come to Hudson. That's crazy. That's terrible. It also bothers me very much and every year we have a group of white supremacists. I know they have the right to speak. That is a right but why they choose only the Town of Hudson to come here and do that display. It's a handful of people. They go to other places but in New Hampshire they chose the Town of Hudson because they believe that Hudson is friendly to them. I was telling my friends that the most diverse school district in the State of New Hampshire after Nashua and Manchester is Hudson. There is discrepancy on the face and we are portraying outside and what actually really happened. I really believe we need to do something about that. If you go to the police webpage two weeks ago on ICE, then you can see the only town in the State of New Hampshire that have an agreement with ICE is Hudson.

Chairman Jasper interrupted for a moment because I did hear about this today. Whether that's up there on the web site or not, we no longer have it. It was a Memorandum of Agreement with ICE. ICE as discontinued that. We do not have a relationship with them at this time. They have changed their focus and do not have that relationship. Mr. Urrutia said he was very happy to hear about that. The thing is you can still find it on the web page. That is what the people see. So the people don't want to believe it. I believe the Town of Hudson needs to do something. I was talking to Captain Tousignant and we were having a very good conversation. He has been going to minority help police in Manchester talking about all of these issues. I am very glad about that. I really believe we need to have an afford that Hudson doesn't welcome extremists. Hudson welcomes white supremacists. We need to tell the people that police abide by the law. We understand the (inaudible) ask anything for the local police. Of course they need to respond and help them out but we need to tell the people to know that there must be some kind of public action to show that Hudson is not looking for documented immigrant activity and that there is no profiling. We welcome immigrants and we welcome minorities. We have a great town. For example, we are going to have very soon an impressive monument for September 11. We have the work that's done on Benson Park. They really want the people to come here and see all of those things. There is the something attraction for business. I really believe these ideas that the people have of Hudson is not friendly with immigrants is something that hurts our town. I feel almost offended.

I'm a member of the Latino Commission. I'm the Chair of the Latino Commission plus interviewed by the newspaper. He said Hudson is not adapting to the changes. I talked with him and said that is not true. There is some perception

that the people have because of this signature with ICE and about there are some unfortunate Bills that have nothing to do with the Town. There are people from Hudson, the (inaudible), they are trying to (inaudible) Bills that fortunately they die because they were very bad. They think they give ideas for everyone that we are not friendly with immigrants. So there is something that sincerely I believe we need to actively work to change. That is the only thing I want to say. I don't know if you have any questions or any comments.

Chairman Jasper said generally we do not question or comment. This is a time for public input. If any member of the Board wishes to say anything they may. If not, thank you very much.

Mr. Urrutia thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to talk. Thank you.

Jean Serino - 118 Robinson Road. We've owned that land since 1940. Until now I was really very proud of my town. I no longer am. I did stand for the Pledge of Allegiance because I'm not proud of my country either. I wrote something, but I don't know if I'm even going to read it because I think more powerful is the fact that over the years I have had young men work for me on my farm. They have all turned out to be wonderful people, and they're still my friends. I consider them my sons. They're all in my Will.

I actually did and speak with the white supremacists. They're called the Northeastern White Supremacists. I did speak to them. I told them I was a reporter, which is kind of true because I do write. I was very neutral. I tried not to confront at all. Just to understand maybe why they were here. Why they pick Hudson. I was told that they come to Hudson because Richard Gendron had such an obsession...they didn't say that - I'm inferring that - had such a hatred for illegal or undocumented workers that they feel...Selectman Coutu said it was going into personalities. Chairman Jasper said because...Ms. Serino interrupted and asked if she could continue please without being interrupted. Chairman Jasper said...Ms. Serino asked if she could continue please. Chairman Jasper said no at this time you may not if you're going to bring in rumors about our former Chief of Police. You're bringing in a rumor about the former Chief of Police who's...Mr. Serino said it wasn't a rumor. Chairman Jasper said actually is a nothing but a rumor. I can tell you that having worked with the Chief for many, many years nothing could be further from the truth. Ms. Serino said he's now working at Guantanamo. Need I say more? Please let me finish.

Selectman Coutu said absolutely not if you're going to persist on this. You don't know where Dick Gendron is. I happen to know where he is. He's a friend of mine. He's not at Guantanamo. Ms. Serino said I'm talking about what he did when he was here. Selectman Coutu said you brought him up. You're getting into personnel. Ms. Serino said she's was telling him what I heard. I'm not (inaudible) rumor. I asked them why they come here. Chairman Jasper gaveled Ms. Serino. Ms. Serino, "Shawn, please". Chairman Jasper said this is our meeting. You will abide by the rules. Ms. Serino said I'm a citizen too. This is my town too. Chairman Jasper said this is. This is our meeting. You have the right to public...Ms. Serino said she wouldn't mention him. Okay. Chairman Jasper said you may continue without mentioning and bringing up personalities.

Ms. Serino said she would now read this. I'm here tonight to address the problem of the protesters who come each year more and more to our fair town of Hudson and who come here because they feel welcomed. They feel welcomed. One of them told me because of Mmm, Mmm our ex Police Chief who persisted in the pursuit of illegal aliens. I'm not going to mention workers. I don't want to say illegal. I don't believe anybody is illegal. I don't believe any child is illegitimate. I think we're all children...Chairman Jasper said Ms. Serino. Ms. Serino said, "Please let me finish Shawn." Chairman Jasper said no. We have a meeting to conduct here. This is not a time for you to pontificate. This is public input over matters which this Board has jurisdiction and control. I would ask you to contain your remarks to an issue which this Board can take action on.

Ms. Serino said still today we have two police officers deputized by ICE...Chairman Jasper said we do not. Ms. Serino said okay. That's documented. Chairman Jasper said no we do not. Selectman Coutu objected to the continuance of this and I ask that it cease immediately. These are undocumented facts. Ms. Serino asked to change her focus. Selectman Coutu said he didn't care to hear any more and if you persist, I will walk out of the room. Ms. Serino said okay, walk out of the room.

Chairman Jasper asked what was the pleasure of the Board. Selectman Maddox asked what was the next item. Ms. Serino asked if they wanted to be enlightened or not. Chairman Jasper said well not if I happen to know we do not have two officers deputized. So you're misinformed. Ms. Serino said she was not misinformed. May I tell you from personal experience over the last 3 years? Chairman Jasper would ask that your remarks again would be what action you would like the Board to take. Ms. Serino said Mr. Alejandro is very humble. He's a cardiologist. He did not tell you he was a doctor. He's not a stupid man. He doesn't get misinformation. He's a good friend of mine and I'll just say that. I have another friend who's Brazilian who is in jail now. He's in New Mexico. Chairman Jasper said there's nothing the Board can...[Ms. Serino] please let me enlighten you. Please let me enlighten you. Chairman Jasper said no. We are not here to have you enlighten us on your view of the world. We are here to take action...Ms. Serino said it was not her view. It's the truth. Please let me tell you. Chairman Jasper said you are to tell us what action you

would like this Board to take on what subject. That is what you...Ms. Serino would like you to find a way to let the rest of the world because Hudson is now and even in New Mexico in jail, and New Mexico they know that Hudson, New Hampshire, welcomes these nazies and these people are not dangerous. I'm a psychologist. I talk to them. They are dangerous. They are not well. They thought Hitler was just a buffoon and look what happened. I'm afraid this is what this country is coming to.

Chairman Jasper said when it comes to the white supremacist group, I don't think there's anyone on this Board who likes to have them here. However, there is nothing that we can do to prevent them from being here as long as they obey the laws. The police keep very good control over the situation there and do what they can. We don't want them here, but there is nothing that this Board can do to prevent them from coming here.

[Jean Serino] Can I ask you a question? Why do they come here? Chairman Jasper said I don't know. Frankly that's really none of my concern. People have a right to go where they want in this country. I don't need to know why they come. Ms. Serino said and if I tell you why they come here you don't want to know that. I was told by them why they come here. Chairman Jasper said and you've told us what you believe what that person believes. Frankly I don't see anything that this Board can do about that situation. I'll leave that up to the rest of the Board. That's your request and the Board will individually take it under consideration and if a member would like to bring some item forward for action, they're welcome to.

As the Liaison to the Police Department, Selectman Maddox said if you have issues that you would like me to look into, send it to me in writing to the Selectmen's office and I will follow up for you. We can't decide national policy here in Hudson. Ms. Serino said that's right. Selectman Maddox said we can control what happens here. Free speech whether you like it or not cuts both ways. Ms. Serino didn't seem to be having free speech do I. Selectman Maddox said because it's nothing that's germane to this Board. Chairman Jasper said you are welcome to go outside and speak to whomever you want. This is the meeting of the Board of Selectmen. We are under no obligation to have people come in and have public input. I think it's an important thing to have but again, we can't have people come in here and expect us to try to solve the problems of the world. We're happy to listen to people. Ms. Serino said I'm not asking you to solve the problems of the world. I'm asking you to make it so this is not a welcoming place for nazies and white supremacists. Chairman Jasper said if you have a suggestion that you'd like to put in writing to the Board about how we accomplish that within the Constitutional framework, then we'd be glad to take that under consideration.

Ms. Serino said people have been looking the other way on a lot of things and you're going to look away at what's going on with immigrants, we're gonna just have another nazi government. I have a friend who is in jail now. He's an illegal immigrant. He is like my son. Can I show you what he sent me? Letters he has sent me. Chairman Jasper said it's not anything that this Board can do anything with. It's nothing the Board had any control over. Frankly this conversation is going nowhere. Ms. Serino said it was because you don't let me speak. Chairman Jasper said you're not talking about things that the Board has jurisdiction over. Ms. Serino said aren't you the bosses of the Police Department and the...Chairman Jasper said we are not the bosses of the law. Chief Gendron operated within the law. Ms. Serino said no he did not. Chairman Jasper said there was an issue. He believed he was operating within the law. What happened frankly was not within our control at the time. We do not direct him or the present Chief how to interpret the laws and what crimes to go after or not go after. We do not have jurisdiction over that part of the Police Department.

Ms. Serino asked if anyone on the Board going to let me speak. Chairman Jasper said you have been speaking. Ms. Serino said no. I've been interrupted. Do you do this in the legislature or do you let people speak. Chairman Jasper said we do when people come and talk to us about an issue which is not germane to the subject before the committee. In this case, you are not speaking about a subject that is under the jurisdiction or control of the Hudson Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Nadeau asked if we could have Selectman Maddox being the Liaison to the Police Department check to see if the thing with ICE could be removed and just to make sure that we don't have any officers but just to make sure that we don't and let us know. Chairman Jasper did speak with the Chief this morning. That program has been discontinued. Captain Tousignant is here. I'm sure that the Police Department will contact ICE and make sure that that information that is erroneous is taken off the web site. I'm seeing from the Captain that he will follow up on that. Ms. Serino said that was very good. Thank you very much.

Also, Selectman Maddox has over the last 7 years ridden with the Police Department on numerous occasions. After one time that Ms. Serino called me and said that she thought that the Hudson Police were profiling. I sat in the passenger seat on a many night and many a day and they really do not know who they're stopping until the car has stopped and they've walked along side. I just didn't see it. Ms. Serino said she stopped the Ambassador of Mexico. Selectman Maddox said they stopped him because he did some traffic infraction. They didn't look in the windows and say that is a person that doesn't meet X and I'm going to stop it. They just stopped it for a tail light out, or a license plate out, speeding. Any number of reasons they do stop cars. In the time that I rode, and I've ridden at all hours of

the day and night, they're not looking or if they are, they're damn good at it because you cannot see in the car when it has stopped. Again, I think our Police Department does an admirable job of enforcing the laws. If unfortunately those people are doing those things, they're going to get stopped. It's unfortunate that people feel that Hudson is unwelcoming. Again, they're stopping cars based on an infraction not the person whether politically or racially. Ms. Serino said not because of the color of their skin. Selectman Maddox said you can't tell. Again when you called me about that particular incident, I looked that whole afternoon and into the night time and they light up that car, they cannot tell.

Selectman Coutu said he would like to see this come to an end. I've never seen any one topic take such a U-Turn as has taken here tonight. Alejandro Urrutia who I consider a friend of mine got up there and spoke eloquently about how he felt he's been treated by this community. He's never felt discriminated against and I know as a businessman in this community I have many Latino customers. I'm very proud of the way they treat me and I treat them with the same respect they treat me. What has caused this problem Mr. Chairman, quite frankly, is not because a racist or white supremacist group comes to our community. If you recall Mr. Chairman not to long ago when a pronouncement was made by the Chairman of the Governor's Latino Commission, I voiced my opposition to what he said because I thought it did a disservice to our community and you agreed with me, and we agreed that a letter would be sent to the Governor. That was poo pooped by the Commissioner because he didn't say we received a response. He apologized if we took it the way we took it because he didn't mean it that way. However, he was still saying that he felt that we were discriminating. What causes this problem is people come in here before us and trying to pronounce that there is such a problem. You and I both know that none of us nor our government has ever discriminated against anybody in this community. We have blacks. We have Indians. We have them from all races, all nationalities. As Alejandro said, we are one of the most diverse communities outside of Manchester in the State of New Hampshire. It isn't because we discriminated against them.

[Selectman Coutu] I don't hear these people coming in here, or calling me, or hearing from other members of the Board of Selectmen that they're getting called because they feel they're being profiled because of their race or their nationality. That is not happening in Hudson. We have no control over the constitution allowing people to demonstrate civilly in any community whether it's Hudson, Nashua, Boston, and Lowell or wherever it is, they have a right to organize, assemble, and to demonstrate as long as they don't disturb the peace. We cannot go out there and cause a war by sending our police officers out there with guns drawn and trying to force them off the streets. That is the civil right. What we need to do is we need to ignore them. That's what we've been doing. The minute we start ignoring these people rather than draw attention to them, eventually they'll go away. The come here because some people like to see all that publicity and we give it to them. We should stop doing that and we should cease this discussion right now. This is not a bigoted community. I've been listening to this for 10 years. I am proud of my community and I am proud of my flag and I will always salute it and shame on those who don't.

Ms. Serino said shame on people who put human beings in concentration camps like prisoners for months and months. You don't know what's going on in your own country. Selectman Coutu said we don't rule the country. Ms. Serino said she was going to have to talk to the newspaper because obviously you don't want to hear what I have to say. Chairman Jasper thought that was correct. Ms. Serino thought they were her friends. You met him at my 70th birthday party. Chairman Jasper said he did and he feels sorry for him. However, he's not in this country legally. That's what happens. Our ancestors all came here and they all had to go through a process to get here to get permission to immigrate. Rather it was the 1600s, the 1700s...Ms. Serino said they would have come illegally because they were starving and there was violence in their countries. Chairman Jasper said but they did not. Ms. Serino said they didn't have to then.

Chairman Jasper said I'm not going to get anywhere with you on this and this conversation is over. Thank you very much. Is there anyone else who like to address the Board at this time?

5. NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

A. Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee

James Barnes, 3 McKinney Drive, Hudson, NH

Chairman Jasper recognized James Barnes.

Good evening. Mr. Barnes said all of you know me. I served two terms on the LRMACN Committee. Actually my term expired last year but I didn't renew it because I was also on the Benson Committee and the meetings were conflicting. I decided the Benson's Committee was going to be my priority at least for the time being. That's been resolved and the meetings have served themselves out and so I can continue to serve on the LRMACN Committee and I would be willing to do so.

Selectman Maddox said he has two things. I have a comment first. Mr. Barnes and I served on this Committee a number of years ago. I applaud him for doing the things that need to get done over there. It's a nice tie in with the State, and the river, and the Town of Hudson.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to re-nominate Mr. James Barnes as a Hudson representative to the Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee.

For the record, Chairman Jasper said the term will run from the date that DES approves the appointment until that date in 2014.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Jasper asked if any member of the Board wished to remove any item for separate consideration?

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to approve consent items A, B, C, D and E, as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Certificates of Yield Taxes Assessed and Timber Tax Warrants - Map 167, Lot 058 and Map 210, Lot 010 w/recommendation to approve

B. Water/Sewer Items - NONE

C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Request to Solicit Funds by American Legion

D. Acceptance of Minutes

E. Calendar

07/13 7:00 Benson Park Committee - Landscape Subcte - BOS Meeting Room
07/13 7:00 Planning Board - Community Development Meeting Room
07/14 6:00 Sewer Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
07/14 7:30 Zoning Board of Adjustment - Community Development Meeting Room
07/18 7:00 Energy Committee - Community Development Meeting Room
07/19 7:00 Cable Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
07/20 5:00 Water Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
07/20 7:00 Council on Aging - Community Development Meeting Room
07/21 7:30 Budget Committee - Community Development Meeting Room - CANCELLED
07/21 7:00 Benson Park Committee - BOS Meeting Room
07/25 7:00 Recycling Committee - BOS Meeting Room
07/26 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
07/27 7:00 Benson Park Committee - Landscape Subcte - BOS Meeting Room
07/27 7:00 Planning Board - Community Development Meeting Room
07/28 3:30 Trustees of the Trust Fund - Community Development Meeting Room
07/28 7:30 Zoning Board of Adjustment - Community Development Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on June 28, 2011

- 1) Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to hire Kate Brown, Dave Smith and Allison Bickford as HCTV camera operators classified as "Regular Special Shift Employees" at an hourly rate of \$11.00 per hour, carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox in opposition.
- 2) Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to award Dorothy Carey a \$500 merit award and Captain William Avery and Captain Robert Tousignant each with a \$250.00 merit award representing small tokens of gratitude and support in accordance with the contract, carried 5-0.

- 3) Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to direct the Assistant Town Administrator to begin legal action against the owners of 222 Central Street for nonpayment of cap fees and Certificate of Occupancy, carried 5-0.
- 4) There being no further business, Chairman Jasper declared the meeting adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

B. Oak Ridge Water Line Extension

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to enter into an Agreement between K & M Developers, LLC and the Town of Hudson to allow K & M Developers to extend the Town's water system by installing a parallel water main from Woodland Heights Condominium water booster station along Belknap Road. Said Agreement shall not cost anything to the Town except to reimburse K & M the amount of \$2,388.00 which represents the 2011 distribution fee for each individual property owner who ties into the proposed 12" water main extension other than Oak Ridge Condominium project that occurs within five (5) years from the date of completion of the work, carried 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2011 Public Utility valuation contract/Appraisal of Fairpoint and Comcast property

Chairman Jasper said that Assistant Assessor Jim Michaud was supposed to be here this evening but is not able to be here. I'll leave this to the Board to bring it to the floor relative to the 2011 Public Utility Valuation Contract for appraisal of Fairpoint and Comcast property. If you're ready tonight or if you'd like to defer it.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve the 2011 Telecommunication Property Valuation contract with George E. Sansoucy, P.E., LLC in the sum of \$12,000.00 as recommended by Assistant Assessor Jim Michaud, carried 5-0.

B. Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond—Report on performance issues and volunteer program

Chairman Jasper to recognize Jim Kegley relative to Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond.

Jim Kegley, 5 Griffin Road in Hudson. I'm the volunteer coordinator of the Lake Host Program for the last 7 years. I'm going to try to compress a lot of detailed information and just to ease that process. I brought a copy of the outline I'm going to breeze through if that's all right. I can share this with you. I especially want to breeze through this tonight because we also have the company of Amy Smagula from DES. She knows much more about weed control than I do so I'd like to quickly just sort of present the history of our endeavors for the last 2 years and then perhaps if you want to take some time to ask her any questions, that might be the best use of our time.

As Mr. Kegley said, I have a lot of information here that I've compressed. I just want to quickly highlight a few things and sort of interpret meeting through these things and in response to some of the past questions, some of the past discussions that we've had about weed control problems at Robinson and Ottarnic Ponds. I have a few appendices at the back of these pages. The first one has to do with relevant facts. You're all aware of the different programs we have so I can skip over that for the time being. I do want to emphasize again that what I think we've accomplished to date is a partnership between the Town of Hudson, volunteers from the communities, the State, and New Hampshire Lakes Association. I just want to take a minute to clarify a few points about volunteers and bring you up to date on those.

[Jim Kegley] First of all, I want to distinguish the people like me who are coming to you we're really a loosely organized informal group of people. We're not an association. In the past couple of years, I think that's been a distinction that's been overlooked. For instance, the Ottarnic Pond Cooperative, which is an association. I remember Selectman Coutu he mentioned them last year. They're not a pond preservation focused organization. The people in the communities of Robinson and Ottarnic Ponds who are doing this work were not affiliated in any formal structure as an association. It's not a membership thing. We're just activists. I think that's the best way for me to describe the spirit that we're coming to you for. I do have an appendix which represents for the month of June but it will give you a good idea of the scope, the amount of time put in, the number of people in our communities that are involved indifferent volunteer roles. I won't go through that now. It's sort of easy to look at.

The last thing Mr. Kegley wanted to say about the volunteers, which is sort of an update for you, addresses a question that came about last year in terms of considering whether volunteers might operate a DASH unit. So we have a decision that was received from Attorney Buckley. That's the last appendix that I have on page 7. I know it was cc'd to Selectman Luszey. I'm not sure if it was shared with the rest of you. The herbicide treatment to put the questions

about the DASH program in context. I do have two short paragraphs about pros and cons of herbicide control. The pros are fairly apparent. It's a very effective control method for a temporary short-term solution. However, it's not a long term solution that has any promise of eradication. That's one of the things that we're interested in the long term. One of the things in comparison to the DASH program that the DASH program might provide. That's what we're shooting for. The three points that sort of speak to that are in terms of comparing a DASH program with a chemical control program are chemical controls don't get to the root of the problem. They don't remove biomass from the water. There's a contributing factor to nutrient loading and algae blooms. DASH programs get around all those three issues.

Mr. Kegley went on to say I provided a very short table with information that's sort of at a glance. It gives you a sense of the DASH operations from last season and so far this season. You'll note that there are two dates in 2011. One in June and one in July. So you would combine Ottarnic days total of 5 to put those together. Then on the next page I go into more detail about looking in more detail about the progress from the very beginning through the end of last year or the beginning of this year. I want to summarize that by saying so far this has been a very successful program in terms of with a limited amount of time. It certainly didn't get to our worst case scenario of how much time, how many days it was going to take to operate the DASH unit. It's been effective in terms of doing a thorough enough job to start with. The coordination with the volunteers has gone smoothly. I think we're off to a good start.

With that being said, I think the questions that you'll still have if we were to continue for several more years are going to be we'll have to wait and see. This is sort of a long-term control method and compare it to sort of an herbicide method, we're talking a matter of years before we can sort of really have any clear conclusions about what the comparisons are and what makes the most sense in terms of effectiveness and cost effectiveness. We are off to a good start. I'll leave it at that for the moment.

On page 3 Mr. Kegley has a table about budget. A picture of how this looks as a budgeting process. I want to just mention in the spirit of cost sharing to remind you to start out this program the DASH unit had a cost of \$7,500. We were able to get \$5,000 of that from a grant from NH Lakes Association; \$500 came from a match from the manufacturer and then the Conservation Commission contributed about \$2,000 for that. As you look over the table, there's a blend of cost sharing that's come from grant programs as well as a small amount relative speaking of resident donations. The few points I want to make about looking at a budget table is this. I think we have a couple of questions that we would want to address to go forward. One is that we're not sure how to fit in the capital reserve fund balance for this in terms of planning. Right now it's just been sitting there since it was started and to think about down the road what was the purpose of that and how would we institute some guidelines about how it would be used under what circumstances.

Two is that in terms of the volunteers working with the Conservation Commission and trying to make their job as easiest as possible, we're trying to assume a lot of responsibility for monitoring and tracking a lot of the details of this program. A lot of the costs. A lot of the planning for it. One of the things that's been difficult for us, the volunteers, in that process being in the dark about the budgeting and accounting process that involve encumbering days and then just the management of the donation account. In working with Chairman Quinn, we haven't been able to work together so that he sort of has an understanding of exactly what kind of details we're talking about with figures. If there was ever a way that we could communicate better around that, I think that would go a long way. As a volunteer and I'm not a Town employee, and not part of the Conservation Commission, I'm sort of trying to follow the chain of command and sort of respect people's positions and not be too intrusive in the regular workings of the town. If you had ideas about that or there was a way that we could, I think that would be a big help.

Chairman Jasper wasn't sure he had a full understanding of what the problem is or how we can help you folks and the Conservation Commission with that issue. Selectman Luszey said the Conservation Commission met last night. One of the action items I took was to get the Chairman and the Finance Director together to finally put together a report that breaks the down detail in a way that they can understand where the funds are coming from and where they are to be posted to - the different pond funds versus land use and things like that. I'll be setting that up in the next week or so. Chairman Jasper thanked Selectman Luszey for taking the lead on that.

To sum it up, Mr. Kegley said in terms of indentifying some future plans about where we would hope to go from here. I'll read these through quickly because I think they summarize everything that I said. Continue the Lake Host Program, the VLAP programs, and the DASH operation by AB Aquatics supported by volunteer activities from Robinson/Ottarnic Pond communities. We'd like to have the Conservation Commission continue long-range determination of the efficiency and the cost effectiveness of seasonal DASH operation compared to herbicide application every 4 to 5 years with information and guidance from the volunteer program coordinators and DES. We do have long term management plans that were prepared by DES - the knowledge as to Exotic Species Program Coordinator Amy Smagula, and we would intend to be in full compliance with these plans. As I've said just a minute ago, consideration by the Board in terms of annual deposits.

Consideration by the Board of Selectmen regarding annual deposits to the Pond Capital Reserve Fund and establishing circumstances for withdrawals, we set up the Capital Reserve Fund initially but then that we haven't continued to think about if we're trying to avoid having a big expenditure every 4 or 5 years and sort of have a small measured expenditure. We wouldn't want to be seeing that build up and then have a plan for how to use that when the time comes. We sort of need to go back to that process.

Selectman Maddox thought that last year's budget cycle was at the last minute and a number of compromises between the DASH and the chemicals. There were no monies left to put into either of those funds. I think I'm looking for some sort of definition. I understand that somebody from DES is here tonight. If we can get some sort of handle on where we are and which one works better. I think that's going to be a determining factor Mr. Chairman in how we're going to expend funds from this fund.

Mr. Kegley said that's a perfect time for me to back out. Unless you have any other questions for me, I'd like to turn it over to...Selectman Maddox said he did have one more question before he leaves this happy seat. On page, why is there such discrepancy. In July 2010 at Ottarnic Pond you took out 395 gallons of biomass in 4 days. Then in June of this year you took 3 days and took out 44 gallons. Mr. Kegley said that was a great question. I have a good answer. A measure of biomass has to be interpreted. If you're taking out biomass late in the season, that's when plants have already grown. Consider as if you had dandy lions growing in your yard or some other plant that was small. On Robinson Pond I can tell you this because I know it for certain; they were there for 2 days and only removed 12 gallons because it was all roots and sprouts. He had thousands of roots and sprouts that he pulled out. Those plants could have grown by the end of the season and we would have been talking about hundreds and hundreds of gallons. Remember in 2009 Ottarnic Pond was treated with herbicide. A lot of the plants were killed back in that season and then started to grow again the following season. I think that's a reflection in July 2010 of the extend that Ottarnic was so infested that they were playing catch up already after only one season. Coming back early in the spring, they had done such a thorough job in July of 2010, that by the time they came back in the spring the plants hadn't started to grow and he caught them early. Then he went to one cove and the conclusion was the herbicide must not have penetrated the beds. You're going to have problems like that because you have other native species in there too and they're going to control the water flow and access to an herbicide. You're not going to necessarily have universal application in any water body. That was sort of a concerted effort in July of 2011 to come back to this one spot. He was very thorough and pulled up a lot more plant material. It depends on the approach that the diver is using. If they're going over a broad area and seeing plants that are just beginning to grow versus they're in an area where there hasn't been a lot of good control and they're trying to remove as much as possible. You'd want to see in successive seasons that you're getting less and less plant material being withdrawn. That tells you that you're doing a good job.

Selectman Maddox had a follow up question then Mr. Chairman. This chart then is problematic inasmuch that it doesn't tell us whether it is buds and roots or just leaves. So how do we as poor selectmen try to interpret whether this is doing us any good at all? Mr. Kegley said that's when I went into more detail on page 2 to explain some of that. Selectman Maddox said that's what happens when you give it to us at the last minute. Again, I'm just trying to find some metric that whether we do herbicide or DASH, what are we using as that metric. Maybe the State will be able to give us that guiding light. Thank you Sir.

Chairman Jasper said there's no action item here so this was for informational purposes. I think this will be helpful as we go into the budget cycle and hopefully not have the issues that we had last year. I'm sure Chairman Quinn would hope that as well. If there's nothing else. Selectman Maddox said if the person from the State DES is here, they drove all this way and don't want to miss a chance to hear from the State in regards to...again, we're trapped as Selectmen between this herbicide and a DASH unit. Trying to figure out, again, what we're doing with it.

Hi Chairman, hello Selectmen. Thank you for having me. My name is Amy Smagula and I'm a freshwater biologist with the Department of Environmental Services. You are leaps and bounds ahead of where you were a couple of years ago. Robinson and Ottarnic had the distinction of being the source for fragments all over New Hampshire unfortunately. That is not a distinction that you want. The Lake Host Program which Mr. Kegley mentioned documents the movement of plants attached to boat trailers and recreational gear across the State. Other lakes across New Hampshire were receiving boaters that were previously in Robinson and Ottarnic, and they had plant fragments attached to their boats and trailers that were milfoil and fanwort. That is not the case today. I have been seeing Lake Host data from a number of lakes across New Hampshire this year in 2011. There are no plants coming out of either pond. It is a testament to the effectiveness of the methods that have been taking place.

For clarity, Ms. Smagula said the herbicide treatments are extremely effective. You were dealing with over 30 or 40 acres of growth in each individual water body. That is much larger than you could have physically removed by hand removal or suction harvesting. So the herbicides were quite effective and needed to be put in to control the biomass in each of those systems. It is an integrated long-term approach that's needed for invasive species management however. So with the herbicide treatment as a start, then we can go in and use alternative techniques - the suction

harvesting, hand pulling, and other techniques to keep the milfoil and the fanwort at bay. The ultimate goal is to get to the point where you don't need to be using techniques every single year to control the invasives. If you put in more money, and more time, and more resources the first couple of years, you will have a declining trend in what you're going to need to put into these water bodies. That's the goal. As Jim said, there are long-term management plans in place for each water body that go out 5 years that rely mostly on their high intensity approaches with the diving. They are also better long-term approaches because they do remove the rooting systems of the plants, so they will provide you with much longer term control for each water body. So the techniques that are being used are effective. They're trying to keep you from building up to the point where you need to do a \$30, \$40, or \$50,000 treatment with an herbicide every 5 years. You don't ever want to try to get back to that level of biomass that you had before. You want to maintain it at a much smaller level where you might have divers come in once or twice a summer that's it to dive. You're not quite there yet. You need a couple more years of a dozen days during the summer so that you can have better control. Eventually you will get to that point maybe 5 maybe 6 years out where the volunteers that live around these water bodies will go out and monitor for the invasive plants, mark them, and then a diver can come in and very effectively and swiftly remove the plants. So the approach that's being taken is very sound. I think that financial speaking it's the best approach to take. It also does reduce the reliance on aquatic herbicides in the system which a lot of people don't like to see. I think that you're moving in a much more environmental sound and fiscally responsible way by the approach that you're taking.

Selectman Maddox asked if either of these invasive species exacerbated by run offs by the surrounding house, i.e. fertilizers and/or septic. Ms. Smagula said that she can tell you that the more nutrients you have in a system the more productivity you will have. You'll have more plant and algae growth. I can also tell you that we have water bodies in New Hampshire that cover a spectrum of nutrient loading levels or concentrations. Lakes like Lake Winnepausakee that have extremely low nutrients and much more gravely hard sediment have as much of a plant problem as these really nutrient enriched systems. So while watershed factors do tend to play a role in overall productivity or overall plant growth in a system, these plants will survive in a range of conditions. That's sort of the characteristic of an invasive species. It comes in and takes over inhabitants that other plants can't necessarily survive in. It's advantageous in that capacity. I do think that both ponds in town do have higher levels of nutrients that are desirable but they are involved in our volunteer monitoring programs, and they're trying to pin point those sources of nutrients. They are working to try to resolve some of those issues within the watershed.

Selectman Nadeau asked to comment on this. Over the years I've done a lot in both ponds in Hudson. Just recently in the last week I went over to Ottarnic Pond to do some fishing with some people that came over. The weeds were definitely down compared to last year in Ottarnic Pond and as I've seen in Robinson this year, the growth is not as much compared to some of the other lakes that I've traveled to. The Lake Host Program, the gentleman who's there that I've run into twice so far, does a really good job in inspecting the trailers, kayaks and the paddles that are coming into our ponds. I think that's also a very helpful way of containing the growth moving in and out of the area. I'd just like to thank the people of the area who have helped us financially and for the people who are monitoring the pond for us. Thank you.

C. Prime Wetlands

Chairman Jasper to recognize Selectman Maddox.

At a recent Planning Board meeting, Selectman Maddox said the Conservation Committee was in and we briefly touched on prime wetlands as the Planning Board is the Board which the public hearings are held. I stated that the Board of Selectmen had no interest in going forward with prime wetlands. Mr. Quinn rightly said was there a vote taken. I said I can fix that. I want to see where the Board wants to go with this. I have the results last year of the Petitioned zoning Articles and the one that the Conservation Commission basically put forward. It was voted down 1,514 to 907. I know that there have been some changes up at the State level. They're trying to make some adjustments I guess is the word I'll use to the wetlands and the prime wetlands specifically. Again, where does this Board want staff and resources put in regards to prime wetland.

Chairman Jasper said he'd start off. My position has not changed. I think our wetlands ordinance is satisfactory. I think the prime wetlands go too far. I know that they did take a number of concerned areas that caused many of us concerns out of the map but it still is a problem putting houses right into the prime wetlands in many cases. I don't think I ever got my question answered relative to what happens if the prime wetlands area covers a town road. How does that affect us going forward?

Mr. Quinn said he was sorry if he didn't get the answer to that because we did raise it. The answer is the road is not part of the prime wetlands as written by the RSAs it's not. Also if the prime wetlands go through the house, the house is grandfathered.

Chairman Jasper said it still creates problems. I think also at the end of the day and granted it was probably in no small part based on the Planning Board's disapproval, the voters spoke loudly and clearly at that time. I think that before it goes forward again, there needs to be more discussions, a consensus within town government this is something we want to do. I think that that consensus is lacking right now so we should not be moving it forward.

Selectman Maddox agreed with Chairman Jasper. I think that the items that were brought up at the various public hearings at the Planning Board, there are a number of issues. Sending it to the State inasmuch as some wanted to say that there was no issue going to the State. You know that as soon as you go to the State with anything, there's issues. There are more costs. Mr. Quinn said we never said there were no issues. Selectman Maddox told Mr. Quinn that he's heard there's more issues.

With all due respect, Chairman Jasper said if you have comments, you can make them but please don't interrupt Selectman Maddox while he's speaking.

Number two. Selectman Maddox said there is certainly as you can see, there was two other articles that were on the ballot about prime wetlands that I think were confusing. I think that those camps need to be brought into the mix. I would like to see prime wetlands skipped over this year and work on other issues rather than this but knowing that maybe something needs to be done in the future. To that end, I would hope that this Board supports education and enforcement of the wetlands buffers that we presently have. I think that in my mind that is the balance. If we did a better job of education through the local newspaper or the cable system explaining to people what those markers mean. I know that at the Planning Board level on parcels that have wetland buffers in back yards we've asked them not just to put in those reflective markers but actually pieces of cedar post and rail fence. That kind of more detailed showing that there is a reason why that fence is there. Trying to do, again, a better job of enforcement on these issues of the 50 foot before we go out going after this whole prime wetlands thing.

Selectman Coutu wanted to ask Mr. Quinn a question. You know I told you I watched the meeting last night. You had 2 cases that came before you and they both asked for exceptions. How much difficult would it have been had the buffer been 100 foot? Mr. Quinn said it wouldn't have made any difference. What was at stake was the disturbance in the existing buffer. They were in the 50 foot buffer making disturbances in both cases. If it went 100 feet, it's still a disturbance. Selectman Coutu said in your opinion on the basis of that comment and each case is what it is. Some are a little more complex than others and we both understand that. In general if the Town were to adopt a more restrictive buffer policy which would be the 100 foot, is it fair to say that it would not be any more difficult or more cumbersome upon the residents who are most adversely affected obviously with wetlands in their backyards, they would not be any more adversely affected than what they are today with a 50 foot? Mr. Quinn said as long as we maintain local control. Selectman Coutu asked if there were certain restrictions that require them to go to the State, which they don't have to now. Mr. Quinn said if we go with prime wetlands yes. The thinking is that we're not going to call it prime wetlands any more. We're going to put it under local control and call them...I forgot what we were going to title them, it's used in other towns where they use local control and 100 foot buffers.

Selectman Coutu said he wanted to make sure he understood what we're talking about. You're not talking about putting on more resource and effort into going back to the ballot for another prime wetlands proposal. You want to put together a proposal where we maintain control. Mr. Quinn said yes and selective areas would have 100 foot buffers. Selectman Coutu said if we're going to maintain control Mr. Chairman in light of all of the money we're spending now with the DASH unit and cleaning up ponds, I am concerned about our wetlands and I think we all are. You're a conservationist at heart being a farmer. You know how important land is. The use of that land and the proper conservation of that land I think if Mr. Quinn and the Conservation Commission want to come before us with a proposal that takes DES out of it and get them out of it and we still maintain controls - what upset me about the legislation or about the ballot question was forcing people to go to DES and in some cases it could have been an expensive proposition if they had to go in there and get all kinds of detailed graphs, diagrams, and have surveyors come out plus their filing fees. Then there was no guarantee. Then there's rights of appeal. If we could have some legislation to give us stricter controls, I wouldn't be adverse. I'm very concerned about Ottarnic Pond and Robinson Pond. I think those buffers should be more than 50 feet in those areas. At the same time as a Town Father, and I think we all shared this same concern last year, the restrictions that this act would cause the way we were going about is we would be restricted as to whether or not we could ever build the extended highway because we get into that situation with that being a prime wetland and it would take us years to try to circumvent it. Those are the concerns I expressed then. Those are the concerns I have today. I personally am not averse to looking at a plan that gives us total control and we keep the State the hell away from us. That's my opinion. Mr. Quinn thought that was the consensus of the Conservation Commission also.

Selectman Luszey had a comment on some of the language that Selectman Coutu used. You asked a question would extending the buffer make it more difficult to put people who do things on their property and the answer is yes. Right now today they're restricted within 50 feet. We're going to expand that. If you watched last night's meeting, one of the applicants needed to go the ZBA to replace existing steps, which for me is what's the issue. They're there

today and I want to replace them because they're bad. They're a liability. They're a hazard. We're forcing residents to jump through hoops unnecessarily. There needs to be a balance here on what we're asking folks to do.

Chairman Jasper thought one of his major concerns is how we impact existing structures in residents. I don't have as much of a problem if we're applying this to undeveloped parcels. It's still a taking on some level, but we do that on a regular basis by changing things. For people who have existing homes with existing decks, septic and all of that, it really can become a problem. While I agree with the comment about Robinson and Ottarnic Ponds, if you look at both of those parcels, there is very little developable land around either one of them. So all you're doing is making it very difficult for the people who are there to survive if you will and to make any changes. I'm very concerned about that. That's my big concern is how are we impacting existing residences when they go to do something. In the case of replacing steps, they're not in the wetlands buffer now, they may have something there. They may go to replace a pool or a septic. Well now they're within that buffer and now there's a problem. I think we need to explore those things very carefully. If we're going to look at this, we need to have a comprehensive map of all the areas showing us all the existing buffers, all the proposed buffers, and everything that would be affected that's currently within the proposed buffers. I'm not willing to move forward unless I had all those facts. I understand that's a lot of work and it's a lot of detail, but I'm not willing to move forward unless I know exactly what I'm doing to every piece of property and what the potential ramifications are going to be to every property owner who currently has a home or a business in the affected area. Mr. Quinn said those maps exist.

Chairman Jasper said he saw maps. I didn't remember it was quite some time ago. Selectman Coutu said it had the existing buffer and the 100 foot buffer. Chairman Jasper knows there were changes and I don't know if it showed all the structures within it. Selectman Coutu said it was pretty detailed. Chairman Jasper knows that there were changes and some things were taken out after the first. I have no idea what it's doing now.

Mr. Quinn said they took out the entire Ottarnic Pond because the houses in most cases were already inside the 50 foot buffer. So there's no point continuing that discussion. In other areas like around Robinson Pond, the same thing occurred. So we use common sense. Where we totally enveloped a house, then we provided an exception for that house. We did all of that before we went forward with the final warrant article. Chairman Jasper asked for a set of those maps up to the Selectmen's office so we can lay it out, everybody can review it at their leisure. Mr. Quinn asked if he wanted all the maps or just the ones we proposed. Chairman Jasper said whatever you would like to see going forward. I'd like to see what the maps are and the differences.

Selectman Maddox since we're no longer going to be going under the prime wetlands rule, i.e. the State, I think that as the balance to that if they can work in something that - manmade drainage swales, manure dumps that put people through all kinds of hoops should have a much smaller if not zero impact as kind of that balance. You know you want to protect these very important aquifers. Some of the things that we put wetland buffers around probably shouldn't be there.

Mr. Quinn said that's a perception that is not supported by scientific evidence. The whole purpose of a buffer is to protect the wetlands. Most cases you can't tell what a wetland is by looking at the property unless you know about the vegetation that grows in there or that sort of thing. You can be standing on the middle of a wetlands and not know it because it's a soil that defines the wetlands.

Selectman Maddox said very early on in the Planning Board discussions that were one of the things that the Conservation Committee said they were going to be looking at. I think that's something that you should continue to look at is eliminating some of these nuisance wetland buffers for lack of a better term. Mr. Quinn said if you can give me a better definition of what you mean by nuisances, I think we'll look at it. Selectman Maddox thought the one at Fairview Nursing Home comes to mind that was on the old Hardy property. It was in the middle of the farmland. Mr. Quinn said are you aware that once they tested the soil the whole thing was defined as a wetland. Selectman Maddox said but manmade. Mr. Quinn said no not manmade.

Again, Selectman Maddox said this is a discussion that we could go on earlier with. Chairman Jasper said that is the type of problem. We have one field that has a wetland in the middle of the field. The tractor drives right through it. The 115 horsepower tractor which weighs a lot with the baler and everything goes right through that wetland because it's seasonal. It's a wetland. Selectman Maddox said you went to build there, you'd have to exclude that. Chairman Jasper said it's probably not the size of this room in the middle of the field and it grows hay.

Mr. Quinn said what he's going to do is wait until I go through the next Conservation Committee meeting and have everyone go through them with me. So that will be August 11th. Chairman Jasper said we certainly will have plenty of time but better to start early than too late.

- D. Friends of Benson Park - Circus Update; Benson Park donations; and Elephant Barn as Museum for Benson Park

Chairman Jasper recognized Kenneth Matthews.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Mr. Matthews hoped everyone did go out and see the circus. I don't know if you did but I know I was there and it was a great show. I hoped that it created a lot of memories within the Town of Hudson and brought back a lot of memories. It let people know that Benson Park is open. It seemed like a lot of people didn't know that. I seem to be getting a lot of information saying that a lot of people don't know that Benson Park is open. When they learn, most of them want to go.

Mr. Matthews said he also included with the handout that I had for you a citation from the Governor to the Cole Brothers Circus. I was quite surprised that he did this. I received this from John Pugh on Sunday, June 19th. Basically it's welcoming the circus to town saying it's great to have it back in New Hampshire. I thought it was one of the best things that we could have done to get the word out about The Friends of Benson Park and about the park itself.

Mr. Matthews said the next order of his business that we have a list of donations, which I included which The Friends of Benson Park have made through the donations that were made to The Friends of Benson Park. The first one was we rented a lift to paint the inside of the A-frame. I don't know if you know about it, but we did that. We helped paint the outside of the Elephant Barn. We bought lumber for picnic tables. We bought paint for picnic tables. We bought paint for the Gorilla House. We had a gentleman donate a tractor and bagger for use within the park. We had a large donation of plants of all varieties as you can see. These were all made possible by friends, members, local residents and businesses.

Having said that, Mr. Matthews thought it was time to get into the main subject which is the reason I came here is to seek the Elephant Barn as a museum. In June 2010 a proposal was brought to The Friends of Benson Park. That proposal was basically that the Town didn't want the responsibility of owning the Benson's Wild Animal Farm memorabilia. Is that true? It's one of the things I'm asking. Then we were asked if The Friends of Benson Park would be interested in operating a museum. Yes we are interested in operating the museum. We were also asked if The Friends was interested in the Elephant Barn as that museum. Yes. I'm very interested in the Elephant Barn. The Elephant Barn has been the focal point of the park since it's been opened. It was the focal point before it opened. It can be the focal point after it opens in a museum that could actual educate the community about the wild animal farm and its history. The young people of this town have no information, and they have very little sources to get it from. There are 3 history books written on Benson Wild Animal Farm. Two by Bob Goldsack and one by Lynne Ober. This is not the best way for students of Hudson to learn about Benson's.

If the Town of Hudson, New Hampshire, took care of the outside of the building and ran all necessary utilities, would The Friends be willing to do all the work inside the Elephant Barn to make it into a museum? Mr. Matthews said yes we would. In fact if we had the Elephant Barn, it would make raising funds much easier because then we would have a place to put the memorabilia we collected or bought. The rent would set at \$1.00 a year. To me that's a great figure but if anything happens to us, The Friends of Benson Park, everything reverts back to the town anyway. If The Friends doesn't make it, then you get it all.

[Ken Matthews] We've had time to establish the corporation. We have an organization that can run a museum but we don't have the building. We need a place in which to display the collected items that are purchased plus we need a place to store it. If we work in partnership with you, the Town itself benefits, the citizens of Hudson benefits, and all of the State of New Hampshire residents benefit simply because it is not coming out of the taxpayers pocket to do this. I know that grants can be written for this. I've written grants and I was trained by the State of Massachusetts to write grants. I was very good at it. With that being said if we don't get this, all the other information that I have and the work that I've done is for not. If you look also in the handout, there are questions asked for Arthur Provencher in there. This is what Arthur and I sat down and went through. I asked him right out would you donate the collection to The Friends of Benson Park. He said no. I asked him would he sell it. He said yes at a certain price. He gave me the inventory of the collection which is also in your handouts. I asked him how long he would hold this knowing that both of us have (inaudible). We're both right up there. We also discussed the fact that before this happened, we could both be dead. That's neither here nor there. He said that he would help us with moving it. He would help us in all kinds of ways of doing this. If you look a little further, I have a letter of commitment dated July 28, 2010 wherein he states that he will hold this for us but he will re-evaluate it after a certain period of time, which I made sure he included. I did not want it standing open.

If you look a little further, Mr. Matthews said you have the memorabilia inventory list. Chairman Jasper said they didn't have that in our packet. Mr. Matthews said he included it. Chairman Jasper said he thought they have it in their boxes upstairs at this time. Mr. Matthews said it wasn't so much what he wanted the Board to look at anyway. What I really wanted you to look at is the evaluation. I really wanted you to look basically one item and that is on page 13, which is the back page. It starts with taking the individual piece value and then the value I see in a major collector is

these items in conjunction with a list not all of which has been assigned a monetary value and the unlisted remainder as the entire of the Provenchers being a collection of local history.

Chairman Jasper said we're not really here to talk about the valuation of this. We're not actually here to talk about the collection at all. The issue is the Board of Selectmen working with you to establish a museum. What goes in the museum is really irrelevant to the Board. Most of the Board members have seen the valuation because we were involved in the process except for Selectman Luszey. I'd like to try to bring this back around to the discussion about the Elephant Barn and the use of the museum and not get into the details of that.

Selectman Coutu said as you know the idea of the Elephant Barn as a museum as best I can recollect was something that you brought up a long time ago. The problem that I see, and I agree that that is the ideal situation, that building is the ideal spot for a museum to house Benson memorabilia if no other reason to accomplish what Mr. Matthews said it affords an opportunity to bring people in, educate them of what was there in the past. However, there are problems. I went with a friend of mine who's probably one of the best contractors I would ever want to build or design my home. He looked at the structure. A lot of work was done there. The outer wall on towards the inner portion of the historical district in that back section needs to be completely removed and completely reconstructed. It is beyond salvaging. It has to come down and be rebuilt. The cost associated with that are quite extensive. That's the problem we. Who's going to spend all the money to get this thing ready, we don't have the money.

Chairman Jasper said that's one contractor's opinion of what needs to be done. You've seen the barn that I've renovated and I'm sure that people would say the same thing. Selectman Coutu said it was a different structure than what we're looking at. Chairman Jasper said what you're looking at there is one story. I had a 4 story. We also had people come into look at it and say it couldn't be salvaged. I don't think we should rush to any conclusions. The issue is that here we would have to take our time. Again, we can do a lot with volunteers and that may involve contractors. I think all we need to do now is establish whether we're interested in doing that. We can't put any commitment on the Town's side as to when we would get the outside renovations done. Those renovations need to be done at some point. I've certainly had discussions with people about what we can do there. I think there are a number of people we can talk with. Those are the devils that are in the detail and that's why this needs to be somewhat open ended agreement because we can't commit the Town to any timeline in getting it done. We can commit the Town to say when that gets done, it may be used for a museum. I look at the wall area there that needs the work, and I'm not terribly concerned about it.

Selectman Maddox thought we just need to take a ride on the train station that has taken us 3 years and gotten us nowhere and the last number we have is \$600,000. At some point we're going to fall into that whole thing with the Elephant Barn as far as any renovations to that magnitude.

First of all, Chairman Jasper said the train station has to be done to the historical standards. We have no standards other than building codes we have to follow to renovate that. You look at the work that was just done on the gorilla cage, there was some serious, serious rot in that building done at very, very little cost to the Town. There was a lot more weight and a lot more issues involved in those beams that had to be replaced in the gorilla cage than what we're talking about. Down there we're essentially talking sill plates. I've replaced hundreds and hundreds of lineal feet of walls that were in as bad of shape as what is there. That is not a big deal. The only ones that fall under the historical district are the office building, Haselton, and the train station. That's why the train station is a boondoggle because of the government bureaucracy. The only government bureaucracy involved in the elephant barn is our own bureaucracy.

Again, Chairman Jasper said what we need to focus on is are we willing to allow that to take place. Obviously at some point if we don't put any money into it and they have money, they're going to have to decide all right the Town can't live up to the commitment of doing the exterior. We can get people to do it. We need to do the exterior of that building regardless of whether it's used as a museum or not. The roof is secure and most of the building is in very good shape right now with the exception of that ugly wall in the back, which is blocked. Then you've got one corner of it. It's not really bad at all. The issue is not the money right now. The issue is do we tell these people yes we'll write up an agreement; yes we'll move forward but no time commitment.

Selectman Luszey thought this would be a great opportunity to do something like this. I look at this as not that much difference than what we're pursuing with the seniors. The same type of partnership. We're going to co-exist with another organization.

Selectman Nadeau said this is something that is talked about all the time when we're at the park. Any day of the week you go there and people ask when are they going to be able to see the memorabilia. When are you going to open up the elephant barn? I think it is something that we should pursue as far as working with The Friends of Benson's and what they're willing to undertake and what they're willing to do as far as taking care of this project, this barn. For all we know, they might have the manpower, the labor, and the materials to fix the back wall. The only

thing we have to do is bring utilities to the building which we're in the process of bringing utilities into the park and doing things like this. I think it is definitely something that we should be looking at. As far as doing this what their hours of operation would be something that I'd like to see in this understanding that we're looking at. This is a very big boost to the community. It is bringing a lot of traffic, a lot of people from out of Town. I can't tell you because it's new what's bringing everybody but any day of the week you go by there when it's nice out. Even when it's not nice out, you can go by there and still find 5, 10, 15 cars in the parking lot. You go by there on a good day, the place I packed. These people are venturing into local businesses whether it's the north end or the south end of town on their way through. I think it's something that we definitely need to look at and see what they're willing to do and what we're willing to do to make this venture happen. Thank you.

Selectman Maddox said until we know what that cost is going to be because that's not what he asked us. He said if the Town took care of the outside and ran all the necessary utilities. I think we need to know what that is before we all jump on this happy little wagon. The memorabilia great. What I saw of it is mostly photos and books. It's nothing but if people want to come see it, so be it. I think we need to know what that cost is going to be before we can give Mr. Matthews an answer as to any type of decision.

Chairman Jasper said that is the problem. When we started down this path you were opposed to this because it was going to cost \$7.5 million. I told you that was if we hired everything out. It's the same thing here. If we make an agreement that says the Town will do it as resources become available and there's no commitment that could mean 2015. It could mean 2050 and if they wanted to move that up. I think we're going to be able to do this just like we did with the gorilla cage. We're going to get donations. We're going to get people who are willing to do it. The big cost here is going to be windows. That's the big cost and there maybe people who are willing to put money in for that or we can budget that in another year. We've budgeted some big money in this year for utilities and for the path around the back side. We're not talking an astronomical amount for the windows. Beyond that, I think we start looking again to volunteers. Possibly having the volunteers install them. Obviously we can't have volunteers make windows. If you're going to go down this, I want to know what the cost is, then you have to say to Mr. Matthews no until we finish the project we can't commit and I don't think that's right. He needs to be able to say when this is done this will happen. Part of that fund raising - yes he's asked for us to be responsible for the outside. That may not be economically feasible. We may not get approval but we need to start the process rolling. As long as we don't say we'll have this ready for you at this date, then I don't see what the problem is.

Selectman Maddox said again Chairman Jasper didn't want to talk to the seniors because we weren't ready to build the senior building yet you're ready to say to these people yes go ahead and we don't know what it's going to cost the town to do this. There's no consistency here. If you're going to say \$50,000 worth of town expenditures need to be made, where are we going to find that in the budget, or where are we going to put that in the budget? Next year or the following year? That's what he's asking for. He's asking if we're going to take care of the outside. Me I'm asking what will that cost. If you're saying volunteers could do it for \$20,000, that's all I'm looking for. Again, we're trying to give him an approval to say go ahead based on it will be done in 2050? They're not going to wait.

Selectman Luszey thought we are being consistent. The seniors we don't even know where we're going to build it yet because of the appraisal that's going on. This is an existing building. We know where it sits. What I see as being asked for is an agreement of understanding that the Town will X, Y, Z. The Friends of Benson's will be going out and they need to collect money to buy the contents still. It's having that agreement in place that really gives them the motivation to go off and begin raising the money to buy that collection. It also gives the Town the motivation to help get the volunteers lined up and whatever to get the building fixed. I think it is important. I don't think we're being inconsistent on how we're approaching things.

Selectman Coutu said there's a lot more here than meets the eye. It's not just a question of - why should we jump into an agreement with anybody. It's not just a question of the costs of doing the exterior of the building and putting a few windows up on the top. It's the whole inside of the building has to be renovated. The whole inside of the building has to be renovated. He just ran a circus. I don't know what he raised. We're talking about waiting for him to raise \$100,000 and obviously he's getting a better deal than when it was offered to us when we first discussed it. It was about \$125,000 when we first discussed it. It came down to \$100,000. He's not going to raise \$100,000 to buy this memorabilia and then raise another several thousand. I'd say it's a lot more than just a few thousand to renovate the inside to make that presentable and then us committing monies to finish the outside of the building. Obviously they're going to need plumbing in there for a bathroom facility. We're going to need electrical. Somebody is going to have to pay all of these bills. To enter into an agreement right now and say we're just going to write this building off for \$1, they have full use of this building right now. They're there all winter long. Yes they are. There's pictures all over the internet that they're in and out of that building all winter long. Chairman Jasper said the Benson Committee has full use of that.

Selectman Coutu asked Mr. Matthews if they've been in and out of that building this winter. Mr. Matthews said he's on the subcommittee for the buildings. Selectman Coutu said they're in and out of that building. They stored their

things in there. They do things in there. Yes they do. Chairman Jasper said The Friends of Bensons don't have things stored in there. Selectman Coutu said not The Friends of Benson's but he's in pictures there in the winter time. It's fine. What I'm saying is the building is accessible in the winter time. If they wanted to do these things and renovate the barn, it shouldn't just be done just because The Friends of Benson's wants to do it. If anyone wants to start going and finish the barn, I had told you I would work to get a contractor to come in there and do it. It just seems to become it's not that important any more the barn even though you and I have discussed it. I know you're passionate about it. Frankly, this is not Benson's Wild Animal Farm. This is Benson Park. We keep going back to that Benson Animal Farm every time. I thought we were getting away from that. We memorize. We memorialize the name by calling it Benson Park. We have made it a beautiful park. All encompassing nature trails, recreational facility - we hope to have the pond stocked and fishing. We'd like to have the gazebo built and band concerts. It would be a nice aside to have a museum. I agree with you. Whether it is there or not, that park will survive. It will survive because we have a core group of volunteers who are committed and dedicated to getting it done. This is not the right thing to do right now. We don't have enough information to say let's just sign off on a group and some other person might come along a year from now and say I want to redo that whole thing myself and put a concession stand in there, which is not illegal, and I want to make it a real nice museum and I'll put all the money in. We're committing to a group that has a hard enough time raising money now let alone raise \$100,000 to buy memorabilia that - how old is he? We don't know where that memorabilia is going to go. I just don't want to enter into a commitment right now. Haste makes waste and we just shouldn't enter into it. I will not agree to enter into an agreement with anybody on that barn.

Chairman Jasper thought this is the problem. The Friends of Benson's can't begin to fundraise if they don't have a home for the museum. Nothing has been done with that barn since the grand opening. There's a good reason for that. That's because the Building Committee has focused on finishing one project. We talked about that and they said should we start on this. I said no, no, no. We have to finish one thing and move on. We can't be working on 6 projects and not have anything done. Finish the gorilla cage. So everything has gone into the gorilla cage. There's no way that The Friends of Benson Park are going to be able to raise the money if they can't say they have a home for this. If they don't have a commitment from the Town of Hudson to have a home for the memorabilia, they can't do that. We can put all kinds of things into the agreement. We can put timelines in. There's another place for a concession place, but you can't have a private concession stand in there. You can't have somebody come in and say I want to run a business out of there. That's not even a realistic thing. There's a group that's formed. If somebody is interested in doing something for Benson Park for the memorabilia, they're going to work with this group because the group already exists. This would be crazy if we suddenly had two groups trying to do the same thing competing. That just doesn't make any sense at all. I think we need to give these folks some hope. We need to say yes we will commit to allowing this to happen. We can put in an agreement together that has all kinds of fail safes in it. They're not going to be able to do a thing and that collection will be gone if we wait until the barns gone. Some people have said I have to all this stuff inside the building. Here's the reality - the collection is sitting in a trailer. If it goes in building that has no heat and a few lights, it's in a better spot that it is right now. You don't necessarily have to have the Getty Museum inside that building to bring the collection in there. It's not the kind of stuff that is deteriorating if it's not in temperature control. It's in a tractor trailer is where it is. I would just hope that the Board would say yes. Let's work towards this agreement. Let's get the fail safes in place so that they can move forward with their fundraising goals.

Chairman Jasper said it's not Benson's Wild Animal Farm any more. One thing I have got to say if you think for a minute that if we took 165 acres anywhere else in this town and said we're going to build a park, you would have the level of donations, the level of interest, and the volunteerism there that you have at Benson Park. You have that interest because it was Benson's Wild Animal Farm. It was what put the Town of Hudson on the map. It was the number one taxpayer in this town for decades. It is very special. It's special to everyone who ever went there. It's special to everybody who is there working. To everybody who volunteers, to everybody who put time and effort in that place is special because what it was. The little features that keep coming back out the more we work on it. We're not recreating it, but there's a memory there where we've saved some of it. It's just a very special place to a lot of people. It is because it was Benson's Wild Animal Farm that's what's happening there is happening there. It's not for any other reason.

Selectman Maddox disagreed. There are people in there who were in there doing work that had never been to Benson's. They just appreciate a park as being a park. Chairman Jasper thought if you survey most of the volunteers, you're going to find that that's the minority. You're right. I should never say everybody but what I said was you would never have the level of volunteerism in there. We haven't had that anyplace else. Selectman Maddox said he didn't disagree with him. Chairman Jasper said you don't have it any place else in town and we have a lot of land with a lot of things that could go on that we don't have in any place else. I think we're just doing a real disservice to the volunteers who are working very hard to try to - they're not focused just on the collection. That's part of what they're doing. I think this would be a real slap in the face to that group if we didn't say we're willing to work with you. We're willing to say you will have a home there for a collection.

Selectman Coutu said it was unrealistic Mr. Chairman - \$100,000. Chairman Jasper said that's not unrealistic. We're proposing to build a senior center for how much is the town going to be expected to put in there half a million or a million. How much has been donated? Selectman Coutu said are we saying now we're going to set priorities. We think the seniors should be put aside now because Benson's is more important? We're getting off topic. It appears to me that this is being jammed down our throats tonight. We have to come to a decision tonight. I don't see the logic in any of this. It doesn't make any sense. His organization is a nonprofit organization. They go out and raise funds every day. They don't need permission to use a barn to raise funds. They can raise funds and their objective could be to buy the memorabilia.

Chairman Jasper thought Selectman Coutu was totally missing the point. If the objective is to buy the memorabilia, you have to have a home for the memorabilia. Nothing is being jammed down your throat. I don't have a document in front here asking you to sign anything. What we're asking tonight is the Board willing to move forward to work on an agreement to have that used as a museum. We talked about this a year ago. This isn't the first time we've every talked about this. When Mr. Matthews was here talking about forming this, this was one of the core purposes for forming The Friends of Benson Park. To say that anything is being jammed down anybody's throat or that this is a rush, we've been talking about this for a year. This is something that the Benson Park Committee is fully in support of. I think it's fair to say, and the Chairman of the Committee is here and several of the members are, that every member of the committee is in favor of this project moving forward. Selectman Coutu asked it if was unanimous. Chairman Jasper said yes. Selectman Coutu was glad something got unanimous approval by that Board. Chairman Jasper thought they we were past all of that. Selectman Coutu said he was not done past it. I'm not past a lot of things. Chairman Jasper said obviously not and I think this is...Selectman Coutu asked to move the question. Chairman Jasper said there was no question to move. Nobody has made a motion.

Selectman Maddox said there is a question. Chairman Jasper said there is not a motion on the floor to move. Selectman Maddox said there is a question. I think that's my dilemma Mr. Chairman is number 4. If the Town of Hudson took care of the outside and ran all the necessary utilities would The Friends be willing to do the work inside the barn and they say yes. Are we willing, and again without a cost Mr. Chairman, - if this is \$25,000...Chairman Jasper said that doesn't have to be the agreement. That's what Mr. Matthews asked for. That doesn't have to be the agreement does it Mr. Matthews?

Mr. Matthews said that was what was brought to me. Chairman Jasper said that was what was brought to you by me. Mr. Matthews did not put anything in here that wasn't brought to me. One of the things that Roger addressed was fund raising. Being a year old if we were great at fund raising, that would be very unusual. If you don't have certain necessary points to write a grant, you don't get a grant unless you make sure that the people that want to give you money understand that you've got something to utilize it with. The main thing that I'm trying to do is say well if you give me the elephant barn then I can go out and write grants to receive money not only renovate the elephant barn itself but buy the memorabilia. You're saying that it's going to take you a long time to raise \$100,000. You're right. It is. It's going to take much longer if you don't do this.

Selectman Coutu said relative to the point Mr. Matthews just made about the grants, we just got a \$30,000 trail grant. I was instrumental in working with the Governor's office to try to get that worked on. He said that if we submitted the application, and Gary did, we didn't need a nonprofit agency to go ahead and get that grant. It has to be written for the Town. We own the property. A nonprofit agency can't be in the business of writing grants for a piece of property that's in the public domain. It still has to come through the auspices of the Town. There's nothing prohibiting Mr. Matthews and he's professed and I believe because he worked in the City of Lawrence and he wrote several grants as I did for the CEDAR program. I did for the Woodstock Police Department. He can still go out and apply for a grant to renovate the building. There's nothing prohibiting him from doing that. We're going to let them rent a building for \$1 - whether we do that or not doesn't restrict him for applying for a grant on behalf of the Town of Hudson to refurbish the barn.

Chairman Jasper thought you're missing the point. The point is that Mr. Provencher is in his 80s. The chicken in this case being the collection has to come first here. If we put all the focus into the building, the collection that they want may well be gone by the time that gets done. You can get the collection. The collection can store and then the facility can be renovated. I think that's what Mr. Matthews is saying unless he has a commitment that he's going to have a place to put the collection; he can't get grants to buy the collection. He can't fundraise to get the collection. There needs to be a commitment from the Town of Hudson that at the end of the day there will be a place to display the collection. That is the question here. I have to say something. You said \$100,000 is outrageous. You'll never do it. I'm a little surprised to hear you say that because you're involved in 2 big fundraisers right now - the Zach Tompkins field, which is big money, the 9/11 Memorial, which is big money but you're saying that's all doable but this one's not. You're making that decision that that can be done but you've decided that this one can't be done.

Selectman Coutu didn't say it couldn't be done. It's going to take forever to get \$100,000 to do it. Everything takes a long time. Chairman Jasper said that's a lesser dollar amount than you're talking about for the other two...Selectman

Coutu asked for some latitude here. Please. We can solve this in two paragraphs. We don't need a big formal document. If you're saying the collection comes first, and then we can worry about the barn, then why don't we just write a two paragraph statement saying that we'll commit to letting him use the barn to store the collection if he buys it? I have no problem with that. Once he gets it, then we'll look at the logistics of having fixing the barn. To get into an agreement long term for \$1, why don't we just put in writing that we're committing this Board, the Town of Hudson, to reserving that barn in the event that he should ever get the collection he can store it there. We'll leave the barn empty until he gets the collection.

Chairman Jasper thought it's more than storing it. I think it is to commit to have a place where it can be displayed. I don't know that...Selectman Coutu said you had said that the collection comes first and then we'll worry about the facility. Chairman Jasper said the point is that it will be continued to be stored in the trailer because if you try to store it in the barn and then renovate the barn with the collection in there, I don't know how that works. Selectman Coutu said so we're going to buy the trailer and the collection. Chairman Jasper said Mr. Provencher has said he will bring it down here. It doesn't have to go anywhere near Benson's. It can be stored some place securely. The point is that there has to be an end game that there will be a facility at Benson Park to display it once its purchased. That's the end game here.

Selectman Luszey didn't know if this would be right. I think I'd like to make a motion that would instruct the Town Administrator to work with The Friends of Benson's to come up with a first pass Memorandum of Understanding of what it is they'd like to do and bring it back to this Board for approval.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, that would instruct the Town Administrator to work with The Friends of Benson's to come up with a first pass Memorandum of Understanding of what it is they'd like to do and bring it back to this Board for approval.

Selectman Nadeau felt that we're starting all over here with Benson's. I think this is a good way to start. We can at least get some numbers on what it's going to cost us to put electricity and water to the building. Now we find out that's its \$5,000 and we don't want to do it but The Friends of Benson's decides that as part of the deal they'll do that and they'll start renovating the building. This is something that we should be looking at as a way to move forward. I think that this is a good start. This is how we started with getting into Benson's. The volunteers have almost finished the gorilla house. They painted it. They finished the woodworking on it. This could be their next project that they want to start working on. I think this is a good start to moving forward.

Selectman Maddox said Selectman Nadeau had an excellent idea but it's not encompassed within the motion. He said to get those costs. It was a Memorandum of Understanding which is not going to tell us what those costs are going to be. I think that is key Mr. Chairman as to what that dollar figure is going to be. I know you're saying it can be done by volunteers but still what is it going to cost? The other thing is what is who's going to insure this? Chairman Jasper said the building is insured. Their collection would be their responsibility to insure. Selectman Maddox said that's one of the things that would be in the Memorandum. Chairman Jasper said this is exactly like the agreement with the School District and the Hudson Historical Society. The School District is taking care of the outside of the building. The Historical Society is taking care of the inside of the building, and it's rented for a year. The Hudson Historical Society insures their collection not the School District. Selectman Nadeau said pays for their utilities. Selectman Maddox is saying without a cost Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Jasper said you can't have that cost. You cannot have that cost unless you want to contract it out, which I don't. This is going to be something that is going to be done piece meal. On Tuesday you're going to get materials that are donated to do this. You can't have a cost on this any more than you could on the gorilla cage. It was as we go along we commit to do something which we know. Once we save the roof on that building, we committed to save the building and the Town of Hudson was always going to have to do the outside of the building. We're always going to have to do that. That was never a question once the building was saved. You had to do the outside of the building. The only question is then do we take 5 years, 10 years, how long do we take to do the outside of the building? Frankly we built a budget. We have a budget for Benson Park now. This year we put so much money into it. Part of the utilities, the Ts and everything to go to the elephant barn are built into that utility. The gas line and everything else is coming right by there. The sewer is going right by there. Everything is built into that. The only thing you have is the additional costs to go from the T to the building, which town forces can do like nothing. Then you have a budget and you can go from there. How much can we allocate? How much do we want to allocate from our budget to go into this building? How much do we get? Do we get contractor XYZ to say yes sure I can send a crew in and knock this out in a day and a half and I'll do that. This is where the \$7.5 million came from Rick. This is the problem that I have with you on this because you want the number and the only number I can get you is going to be astronomical and then you're going to rail against the number. The numbers are not going to happen. We were never going to spend \$7.5 million on Benson Park. Because the State paid these people to come in and do a professional evaluation, that was the number. So you railed against the \$7.5 million. If you want me to go out and get a number, I'll go out and get you a number that will be about \$200,000 and you can rail against that number but that's never going to happen. I

wouldn't put \$200,000 into it. I wouldn't ask the Town to do that but to get you the number you want, that's what it is going to come out with and then you can rail against it. So just rail against the whole thing to begin with and save us all a lot of time and effort. "You sold me Mr. Chairman," Selectman Maddox said.

Selectman Coutu has nothing to say. This is turning personal and I'm done with it. I'm ready to vote on the question. I don't even know what it is.

Chairman Jasper said the question is to have the Chairman of The Friends of Benson Park work with the Town Administrator to come up with a Memorandum of Understanding as to what type of agreement The Friends of Benson Park are looking for in order to secure a commitment from the Town to allow them to use the elephant barn for a museum at Benson Park. Is that it?

Vote: Motion carried 3-2. Selectman Coutu and Selectman Maddox in opposition.

Chairman Jasper told Mr. Matthews that he was very sorry that we went down this path this way again. Never in my wildest dreams. Mr. Matthews said you shouldn't be sorry. They have legitimate questions and legitimate concerns. I welcome their concerns because in reality they are actually my concerns also. I know like Roger says it's going to take a lot of work to raise that money. I know it. Chairman Jasper said you may not be able to do it. Mr. Matthews didn't think that was true. It just may take a long time - a lot longer than I want. Selectman Coutu respected that attitude.

To that end Mr. Chairman, Selectman Maddox asked Mr. Matthews if he was planning on having a circus next year. To be perfectly honest with you, Mr. Matthews said he would love to have a circus next year. Selectman Maddox said then you might want to take this with you as the after action report from police and fire just so it can get better next year. There were protesters at that also. There were people from PETA. Hudson, everybody comes to protest. Mr. Matthews was really taken aback by the fact that I felt that the protesters were not invested in what they were doing. To me they were haphazard. They weren't passionate about their protest, and they didn't really have the numbers to make it worthwhile. When I went, there were only 6 on Saturday. On Sunday, there were only 3. Selectman Maddox was talking more about the time between shows, some communication issues, and that kind of thing that maybe you want to take a look at. Mr. Matthews said he does and he appreciated it because I thought there were some issues with that also. Thank you very much Mr. Chairman and members of the Board.

Selectman Coutu said for a first year event like that, a group like that with no experience, you did a hell of a job. It was a bang up job.

- E. Public Hearing - Acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the State of New Hampshire Department of Justice for the purpose of enforcing underage drinking laws which includes compliance checks

Chairman Jasper recognized Captain Bob Tousignant of the Hudson Police Department.

Captain Tousignant said this was for the public hearing. We've already been in front of the Board for this grant. The original amount was a little over \$13,000 that we applied for. We ended up receiving \$5,000.

Chairman Jasper opened the public hearing at 9:02 p.m.

Chairman Jasper asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to address the Board on this matter. Seeing none, the public hearing was closed at 9:02 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to authorize the Hudson Police Department to enter into the "Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws" project with the State of New Hampshire Department of Justice in the amount of \$5,000.00 beginning June 8, 2011 through May 31, 2012, carried 5-0.

- F. Request to hold Semi-Annual Blood Drive on March 30, 2012

Chairman Jasper recognized Selectman Maddox.

Selectman Maddox indicated that the Police Department is looking to be proactive and schedule the blood drive for Friday, March 30, 2012, due to concerns about not having the hall available and the Red Cross coordination. Mr. Malizia said the coordination of the hall is generally available. It's the Red Cross coordination of that.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve the Hudson Police Department's 2012 semi-annual blood drive on Friday, March 30, 2012, at the Hudson Community Center from the hours of 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., carried 5-0.

G. 47 Ferry Street Property Management

Chairman Jasper recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Mr. Malizia is recommending that the Town/Selectmen enter into a contract with Central Realty, Inc. for the rental of the property at 47 Ferry Street. I sent out solicited property management companies. I had two respond. I walked the two through the property, got their input. I asked for proposals. One of them didn't respond after I doggedly chased them. So I got a response from Central Realty who does other property in town - single family. Very interested in the property and managing on our behalf. There are a few items we need to do. I asked him for a punch list. Punch list being we need to put a cheap refrigerator in there. Tenants usually look for that sort of thing. If you recall, there was a roof repair maybe a year ago. That has failed. We need to get that repaired again. I spoke to Mr. Manor about that and Mr. Lavoie who went up there and took a look. It appeared that it leaked again. There are just a couple of other minor things. I'm also recommending that we authorize up to \$1,500 of contingency funds to buy a frig, fix the roof, get the property on the market. I think he also recommends painting the purple bathroom and replacing a few tiles. The basic fee for this 9 percent of the monthly rent. He will handle all of the credit checks. The Board would have access to a reporting system that could tell you whatever information you want to know. He apparently has a property management module program that the Board would be able to access. Again, this is something that this company specializing in, so I'm recommending we move forward if the Board wishes to rent this property.

Selectman Luszey had a question. This is the property that the Library Trustees purchased? Mr. Malizia said the Town purchased. Selectman Luszey said the Town purchased on behalf of the Library Trustees. Mr. Malizia said the original intent was to expand the library on that footprint. Selectman Luszey was hoping that someday the market will rebound a little bit. Will the town side of this get their monies reimbursed? Chairman Jasper said yes. What I was just going to say for your benefit is any expenditure that we make will be accounted for and when the property is ultimately sold; we will be reimbursed for our expenses.

Mr. Malizia assumed we'd get the rent. Selectman Coutu asked if we get the rent. I think we do. I thought the agreement was we would get the rent then when we sell the property if there's any monies due us we'll take it and give them the rest. Mr. Malizia said the net proceeds of the sale would go to the library for their relocation and sale of the library. You're not selling it right now. Selectman Coutu said we're renting it. We keep the rent. Mr. Malizia said it goes into the general fund.

Clarification Mr. Chairman. Selectman Maddox indicated you said \$1,500. Does that take care of 1 through 6 and 1 through 5 or just the top ones? Mr. Malizia said just the top ones. Specifically the stuff that we need to get right away. In other words, if you're looking at the second page, there's 6 items at the top. Is that what you're looking at? Selectman Maddox wanted clarification of what the \$1,500 was going to cover. Mr. Malizia said specifically the hand rail, the repair of the tiles - the items in the garage are basically the library stores their lawn mowers and snow blowers in there. There's a carpet. If you've never been in the property when you walk in there's a porch. Beautiful hardwood floor underneath there and it has a ratty old carpet on it. Just cut it up, take it out, and put it in the trash. It's basically to get a frig and to make sure that the property isn't leaking anymore and that there's a hand rail into the basement that's a safety issue. Selectman Maddox was concerned about animals getting inside was number 4 on the second list. To be frank with you, Mr. Malizia said he's been in there I don't know how many times and I haven't seen any animals or any evidence of infestation.

Chairman Jasper didn't remember what we came to an agreement with the Library Trustees on but we did come to an agreement. So that would be something that we already agreed on in terms of the disposition of the rent.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to enter into a contract with Central Realty, Inc. for the property management of 47 Ferry Street in accordance with their proposed Management Agreement and to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,500 from Contingency Account 5940-298 to make the property ready for rental, carried 5-0.

H. Benson Park Trail Names

Without objection, Chairman Jasper said it was taken off the agenda. I was going to do it under my other business but we have people here. So if there's no objection, I'd ask the members of the Benson Park Committee to come up and talk about the trail names. There was a glitch which was resolved but it wasn't resolved in time to get it back on the agenda. They'd really like to have this off their plate. There is one glitch on here though which I thought you were

aware of - Shadow Lane. On the paperwork we saw Thursday, that was still listing as a problem and I thought you were aware of that problem because there's Shadow Brook Lane in Hudson. It's totally within the purview of this Board anyhow. So we can discuss it and see where we go.

My name is Harry Schibanoff. I live at 8 Birdie Lane. I'm the Chairman of the Benson Park Committee. We're here tonight to ask for your approval with the recommendation of the Benson Park Committee to adopt the list of names that's before you. It's important that I think that we label the trail names, paths, or streets - whatever you want to call them within the park so that we can give clear directions to people. As you know it's quite confusing when you get in there because they crisscross all over the place. It's very difficult to tell people how to get to areas of the park. Secondly we'd also like to have the map as part of our brochure so that people can self-direct themselves around the park. Third and probably most importantly is that we would have a location device for emergencies within the park whether it be fire or police related so that people can identify where they are in the park rather than just saying I'm at Benson Park. Natalie is a member of the committee. She's also the Chairman of the subcommittee on landscaping. She took it upon herself to form a committee to come up with names. We bounced around several times between the Fire Department and the committee. The Police Department has deferred to the Fire Department in choosing the names and the Highway Department has done the same. Natalie is basically going to briefly tell you how we came up with these names, the process that was followed, and then we'll answer your questions.

I'm Natalie Undercofler. I live at 7 Sunrise Drive. Yes I can do everything that Harry has said. It is very difficult to give directions to anyone, especially now when people are down around Swan Lake and they ask you where is the Memorial monument going. It's difficult to give directions. I ran into this because we work at the park often. I recommended that we name the paths/streets/trails whichever you want to call them and we came up with these names. We had other names that were not acceptable. This is the latest list that we have. We're looking for hopefully approval that we can go forward with this. We have made a map that you have showing all of the streets. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

Before I open it up, Chairman Jasper wanted to explain a couple of things. We did go through quite a bit with the Fire Department. Two came back this time and I've called the Chief. Memory Lane - there was a concern because of Memorial Drive. I said come on Memorial, Memory and this in the park. The other one was Wilderness. Some proposed development is planning on using that. I said no. The Board of Selectmen gets to name streets. Just because they're planning on it, too bad. They lose. They have to come up with another name. Shadow Lane was flagged on there and I didn't realize there was still some confusion. Steve and I were just talking because we do have Shadow Brook in Hudson I think is the problem. What would you think of Swan Lake Lane? Selectman Coutu said I love it.

Selectman Luszey said why is there a problem having a name that's also a street name. I don't understand the logic. Selectman Coutu said 9/11. Chairman Jasper said there's the potential - I think it's pretty remote that somebody is going to call up and say I'm on Shadow Lane and not say I'm at Benson Park on Shadow Lane. They're concerned that the piece will get dispatched to the wrong place. So they've used the 911 standards for these streets. Memory and Memorial doesn't really work in there. It's probably because the first four letters are the same. Mr. Malizia said isn't Shadow in proximity because Shadow Brook is right across the street, right? Selectman Nadeau said yes. That one just happens to work out that way. It usually doesn't work out that way. Chairman Jasper said it was up to the Board. We can do whatever we want. If you want to stay with Shadow Lane or say let's okay let's go to Swan Lake Lane. Selectman Nadeau said Swan Lake Lane sound good. Natalie said she was good.

Selectman Luszey asked if it was possible to put GPS locations on a couple of key intersections. Natalie said yes. I know that the Fire Department has been in there and they have already designated locations. Selectman Luszey said there are a lot of people using their Smartphone GPS so if you had them on the map, they could plug them in and...Chairman Jasper said a lot won't though but hopefully there's not going to be a lot of injuries in there anyhow. Selectman Luszey said it's not for injuries. Chairman Jasper said everything is GPS located. A question though - on the map you have Wilderness Walk and on the sheet is says Wilderness Lane. Natalie said that was her typo. It's "Walk". Mr. Malizia said the same with Benson Boulevard. On the map it says Benson Boulevard. On this list it says Benson Park Boulevard. Chairman Jasper said it's just Benson Boulevard.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve the Benson Park Trail Names.

Selectman Maddox is not in favor of Alligator Alley, Elephant Walk, Gorilla House Path. Again, we're perpetuating the Benson's Park as well as I think that Volunteer Way needs to be on a list of this. If it wasn't for the volunteers, this park would be nowhere. I am not in favor of this list as it sits Sir. Chairman Jasper thought everybody is well aware of your concerns. I did bring up the Volunteer Way and the volunteers said that's not what they want. So everybody finds it sort of meaningless frankly because it doesn't refer to anything.

Vote: Motion, carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox in opposition.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Nadeau - One thing I did last week, and I did see you at it, was the brush fire over behind Alvirne. It turned out to actually be a pretty bad brush fire that they had. It was over 2 acres. It was on the Hudson/Litchfield line accessed through the back in Litchfield. It worked out really well. Everything went as planned as when they practice these things as much as they can. I'd just like to thank the Hudson/Litchfield Fire Department for doing a great job at the fire. That's all I have for this evening so far. Chairman Jasper asked who actually put it out the rain or the Fire Departments. Selectman Nadeau said he left as the rain started pouring down as they were picking up their hoses. They were done overhauling and they were all leaving the back of the fire as the rain started pouring down. They had it all under control before the rain came. It was a very big effort between the two departments to do it.

Selectman Luszey - Pelham Road and Lowell intersection re-alignment. The base pavement has been put down. They ran into a little ledge there which cost them a day in doing that job. They're doing the curb cutting Thursday, sidewalk construction and landscaping.

Joint Planning Committee was kicked off last week. I wish I could say the meeting went well but it didn't. We're making progress. It's going to be painful I think but we're there. Subcommittees were formed. The IT Subcommittee met and they're actually making some progress there. The Facilities Subcommittee the person that we had selected, their person had to decline. It was actually Lee Lavoie. So we're in the process of re-establishing that sub team as well as the business process team. We'll be meeting again this Thursday so I'll have more updates as we go on.

You heard most of what the Conservation Commission was all about this past week. The only thing I need to do there is Jennifer Lemieux resigned and I'd like to make a motion that we post that vacancy. Chairman Jasper asked if we had that in writing. Selectman Nadeau said yes. It was in our mailboxes today.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, that the Board of Selectmen accept the resignation of Jennifer Lemieux with the Board's thanks and appreciation, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, that we immediately post the alternate position on the Conservation Committee, carried 5-0.

Selectman Maddox - First there was an item taken after nonpublic in regards to 222 Central Street in regards to the nonpayment of cap fees and certificate of occupancy. Those issues have been addressed and resolved. There's still an issue with the outstanding drawing, but the two issues that are on here as far as the occupancy permit and the payment of the cap fees has been addressed and resolved.

Combined dispatch. I know it's one of the things that the Chair had directed Selectman Coutu and I to look at. WE are meeting next Monday with the various departments to talk about that issue. Before we get into budget season, we're trying to move that forward just for an FYI for all of you. I'm planning on possibly going to sit in the police dispatch one day this weekend to get a feel for that. They're all happy now.

Business friendly. We're going to talk about it at our workshop. The Chairman and I have spoken and, again, I think we all want to be business friendly in the Town of Hudson. I want to put out that vibe but I think we need to look at adding two part-time jobs at a beer selling store is not business friendly. So overlooking the requirements that are in place, we really need to take a look at. So I think that we need to talk about that. That's going to be on the agenda with the land use boards at our workshop in August.

Finally Benson's. I had the opportunity to go in there this weekend. Eloise wanted to see the butterfly garden, so we went in there before we went off to Newfound Lake and looked at Benson's. Again Mr. Chairman, I will admit that it is a much nicer place than I thought it would be at this point. It's evolution. The volunteers were cleaning up on Saturday. So they were all in there doing various projects from dressing up the entrance to the park from the parking lot, various projects throughout the parcel. I think that, again we need to also recognize that we have 80 hours a week of highway in there. The Highway Department - it's not always the volunteers. There is a good number of projects that the Chairman I'm sure has directed to get done as far as the Highway Department. I'm confident that if Mr. Burns was asked, he could tell me how much dollars was spent. So, again, we know that this is ongoing and we know it is happening. It is collaboration between those volunteers and the Highway Department. Again if you haven't been there, again Benson's animal park meant nothing to me but if you walk through it just as a park, if there are memories to be had when you were there when you were much younger, so be it. It's just a gorgeous park. As you look over the areas that were so overgrown a year ago across from the A-frame to a beautiful open field that you can see all the way down to the ponds. It is amazing the work that the two groups - the volunteers and our Highway Department. I think sometimes the Highway kind of gets overlooked. They're in there with the big equipment doing things that again asking volunteers to do would be a little difficult. Although I did see the Chairman in with his

chainsaw cutting off some sort of roots or whatever with his equipment. I think it's a testament to as much bickering as may go on in this room to the good hard work of many people to get that to where it is. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Coutu - First of all, I want to let you know that I did represent the Board of Selectmen. You had sent a letter Mr. Chairman to the Bower family relative to their son George moving on to becoming an Eagle Scout. I went to St. Kathryn's - it's not the first one I've ever attended - George and his family send their appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for being represented there as well as for the few words that I spoke on behalf of the Board. I'm very proud of George. He's a little embarrassed. He sent me a note saying he was a little embarrassed about having to write his speech. Like most kids, it's a tough thing to do and it's even tougher to deliver it, and he did an outstanding job.

Relative to the Fire Department, I want to let you know that on June 26 as you know we had approved the 6 month trial period on 24 hour shifts. It was implemented. There are absolutely no issues to date and there have been no complaints of fatigue but it's an ongoing process and we will be getting updates on a regular basis. One thing that I think is important that we should note is that I noticed it's on the Chief's thing but I had made a note at home to mention it this evening is that the elements the way they are it's very, very hot out there. It's very humid. If you know somebody that's living alone - I know Ben you're attentive to doing that you go around looking for these people - somebody that's living alone may not have air conditioning. Check in on them. Make sure you stay hydrated and try to stay out of the sun and stay refreshed.

With that said and with those kind words expressed by Selectman Maddox about Benson's and with all the discussion we had about Benson's, I'll reserve some of my negative comments for a future meeting. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Jasper - I have a number of things on my list. The first is we do not have it in writing but I do have it verbally from the Commissioner of DOT who will be leaving DOT very shortly. He has been very helpful in moving a number of issues along. The appraisal is done. We will have it writing, as I said, shortly and the differential is \$76,000 to DOT's favor for that site. Both he and I were somewhat relieved that it was not a larger number as he was afraid it was and I thought it might be a well. I think the next step in here, and I have to learn a little bit more about the process but once we get this done we'll go to long-range planning. I don't think they have control over waiving the \$76,000. I think that will be Governor and Council. I've spoken with Selectman Coutu about this. I think one of the things that might be beneficial to us as we go down this path would be to invite the Governor and Council to take their traveling road show and come to Benson Park for one of their meetings in the fall so that they really get a feel for what's going on there and what we're proposing. Without objection, I will work on seeing if we can arrange for them to have a meeting there. I think the elephant barn would probably work. Selectman Nadeau thought that the gorilla house is looking nice. Chairman Jasper thought the possibility of inclement weather, there is electricity in there. I think that would work. Some members of G & C might take offense to that. I'll see if that can be arranged and I'm going to now figure out how this parcel will work.

I want to address a rumor that was brought to my attention as well. If one person heard it, then it's probably spreading out there. That's been that I have been trying to put the kybosh to the senior center location because I was not in favor of the ultimate location. I want to ensure the Board and everyone that I lost that battle. I moved on. I like the design. I like the location. It's a beautiful project and I have been doing everything that I can to get this information and move it along. If people are hearing that I'm trying to put the kybosh up there at the State level, nothing could be further from the truth.

Selectman Coutu wanted to say first hand that we had this discussion and I'm the one who brought it to your attention. You knew who it was right away. You were right. Let me just say this. You and I initially, this was the process, went down to Benson's and we talked about what would be the best location for the senior center. We both agreed on the same spot. We were a little bit apart, but we reached an agreement and we thought would be an ideal situation because of its co-location to an existing parking lot. Subsequent to that, this Board decided to appoint when Selectman Massey was Chair appointed you and he I believe to the Building Committee. You chose an alternate site. From that day forward, I can truly say this that you never voiced an objection to moving it there. Then this rumor started going around that he was doing everything he could to try to stall the decision because he wasn't happy with the location. I have never heard him ever complain about it. We all agreed that whatever the Building Committee would come up with that's what we would do. It's not just coming from you first hand. Unless any other member of the Board of Selectmen heard you object to it, then they should come forward and say so. It just never happened. Chairman Jasper thanked Selectman Coutu.

Also staying on the DOT issue, although Selectman Luszey forgot to call me and remind me about Sherburne and Dracut Road, Chairman Jasper said he remembered. I have been working on that. The State has a substantial amount of money to study a lot of corridors. They're going to be studying that but we know how long that could take. In conversations between the Town Engineer, the Road Agent, and then back to the Commissioner, I've requested that the State merely put the chevron back up. We believe it was taken down by a previous homeowner. Nobody

seems to know what happened to it but it disappeared. The Commissioner thought that would be a reasonable idea. He was going to talk to his people and see if we could just get the chevron put back up while we're doing the study. They're going to study that length of that road and what can be done. Hopefully that will be taken care of. Just the fact that I knew that you were supposed to call me kept it on my mind.

Mr. Chairman if you might, Selectman Maddox said maybe a letter to the head of DOT stating that we now have the \$76,000 and what would be the next...so it's in writing. Chairman Jasper said we're getting a letter from them on the appraisal. Selectman Maddox said the thing that we're falling into in past things with the DOT is especially when the Commissioner is about to leave is that we...Chairman Jasper said we should have that this week. If we don't have the letter this week, then I'll follow up. We'll get that in writing.

Although I'm a little hesitant to bring up anything about Benson Park at this time, one of the things the committee did talk about is there's a lot of volunteering going on. There are a lot of areas that are being smoothed out. There's actually been a lot of donation of loam and things. We do have a little more than \$5,000 in a donation account. What we would like is authorization to expend from that account to buy a 10 wheeler worth of loam and a 10 wheeler of bark mulch to use around the park for various projects people are filling in divots here and there and doing some landscaping. Selectman Coutu said it's coming out of the donation account. That's fine. Chairman Jasper asked to have that motion.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to authorized the expenditure of \$5,000 for the purchase of a load of loam and a load of bark mulch from the Benson Park donation account, carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox in opposition.

Chairman Jasper said we received approval for two things. One of them I'm not sure if it had to do with the train station but we did get the final approval for the playground. We're all set on that. Selectman Maddox said we got an extension on the train station. Chairman Jasper said both the playground and the memorial have been approved and that's all set for groundbreaking and to move forward on all of that even though we technically had the groundbreaking, it was just a shovel in the ground. They can actually start construction.

I wanted to comment a little bit about comments that were made earlier this evening about prejudice in Hudson. I think that that is just an outrage. We did send a letter to the Chairman of the Latino Commission. We did not get, I think, a favorable response back. I did voice my concerns to the Governor's office about that. Frankly I just don't think it's something that is worth pursuing because I think when you bring these things up...Selectman Coutu said it's giving them the publicity...Chairman Jasper said it just gives the publicity and that's what happened here tonight. This is not a town that has prejudice in it from anything that I've ever seen in my life here. People are judged on how they behave and how they treat their fellow man. I don't want to put a welcome sign out for anybody. I think we're welcoming everyone and I don't think it's right to single out any particular group to say these people are welcome here. Then well if you're welcoming these people, why don't you have a sign out welcoming these other people. Everyone is welcome here. I just don't think we need to get into the issue of different races, or religions, or anything. That's not how this Town has operated. I don't think we should even begin to go down that path.

As far as the supremists out here. I don't want to see them here. I wish they'd go away. Frankly if no one gave them any attention, no one wrote articles about them, they would go away. They come because they are given attention for no other reason I'm quite sure. So everyone who talks about them, and complains about them, and writes articles in the paper, you're working against your own goal of making them go away. People, who don't have any attention paid to them, go elsewhere to look for that attention.

To that end Mr. Chairman and earlier there was a thing about profiling, Selectman Maddox said one of the good things that we have in the Town of Hudson is we are nationally accredited police department. CALEA has very stringent guidelines as to reporting. If anyone feels that they have been profiled, that they were unjustly, there is a procedure in place. Contact the Police Chief. If they're not comfortable, I am the Liaison this year. Contact me. Someone had brought that to my attention a couple of years ago and I followed up with it. If people really believe that, they can't just say it in a crowd. They need to make it go away by going through the administrative process. If they do feel that that is going on, there is a process in place, take advantage of it. Again if they feel that the Police Department won't listen but I'm sure the 5 of us believe they will, they can certainly contact me or the Town Administrator and we'll put it through the process another way. When I looked at the profiling, I asked the police officer - they don't know. Again, I guess that's a perception that comes from somewhere.

Chairman Jasper thanked Selectman Maddox for bringing that up. I did want to mention that. I find that just so ridiculous. If you're behind somebody, the cruiser is behind you, you can't possibly see who's driving the car. If you're passing at 30 mph, particularly at night but even during the day, it's very difficult. You might recognize somebody if you know them but to be able to tell anything at 30 mph going by a car, which is an effective rate of 60 mph is just ridiculous. I do not believe for a second that there's anybody profiling in this town. What Hudson does

have a reputation for is enforcing the laws of the road. I think that's more the issue is that it's known don't break the laws. Don't drive drunk in Hudson. Don't speed in Hudson. If people are getting stopped where they weren't getting stopped someplace else, I think that is probably because we have a vigilant and good police department.

Selectman Nadeau called today and talked to Donna about two proclamations from the Town for you to sign this evening. On Saturday the Hudson Historical Society will be giving out the Boston Post Cane, which goes to the eldest person in the town which was an old tradition way back when. The two people that will be receiving it are Mr. Wheeler and Mrs. Emmanuelson that the Hudson Historical Society will be presenting them with a pin and from the Board of Selectmen we'll be giving them a Proclamation. There will be one from the Governor also to each of them. That's on Saturday during the day. I believe it's 2 to 4 at the Hudson Historical Society.

[Selectman Nadeau] The other thing on Saturday night is the Jeff Roame Foundation. We'll be doing a fundraiser at the new White Birch. They donate their money to the sports groups in Hudson. Last year the Jeff Roame Foundation purchased sporting goods for St. Vincent de Paul for Christmas to pass out with their Christmas gifts. That will also be going on Saturday evening at the White Birch. There are signs all around Town if you've noticed them.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Coutu, to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

Selectman Maddox thought we were going to do this at some other time. We decided to do it now? Mr. Malizia indicated that he will not be present at the next meeting as I made a commitment two months ago. Chairman Jasper said we can start here and we can finish it at another time. We'll see how far we get.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0 by roll call.

Nonpublic Session is being entered at 9:50 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.

Open session is being entered at 10:40 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to grant annual salary raises to nonunion personnel effective July 31, 2011 in the following manner: Town Administrator: \$105,423; Police Chief: \$95,840; Fire Chief: \$95,840; Road Agent: \$91,840; IT Director: \$84,212; Finance Director: \$84,212; Recreation Director: \$50,000; and Executive Assistant: \$46,875, carried 4-1. Selectman Maddox in opposition.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:46 p.m. by Selectman Coutu, seconded by Selectman Maddox, carried 5-0.

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