
HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the July 9, 2024 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER – by Chairman Guessferd the meeting of July 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen Meeting Room at Town Hall.

2. NONPUBLIC SESSION
Motion by Selectman Dumont, seconded by Selectman Morin, to go into non-public 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. Roll call vote, carried 5-0.

Nonpublic Session is being entered at 6:31 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 Board entered Public Session at 6:55 p.m.

3. CALL TO ORDER – by Chairman Guessferd the meeting of July 9, 2024 at 7:01 p.m. in the Selectmen Meeting Room at Town Hall.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Guessferd.

5. ATTENDANCE
Board of Selectmen: Bob Guessferd, Dillon Dumont, Heidi Jakoby, Dave Morin and Kara Roy.
Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer; Jim McIntosh, Director HCTV; Gary Gasdia, School Board Representative.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

1) Carol and Dana Meuse, 89 Speare Road

Dana Meuse: The reason we are here, we've lived here for four years and in that four years we've had three vehicles come through our stone wall and into our fence and into the yard. Two of them all the way into the yard and down the bottom of the hill. We're asking the Town maybe to put a small piece of guard rail just at that corner there to kind of prevent my, because we've got dogs and grandchildren and stuff, a pool back there. Chairman Guessferd: It's that sharp curve right there? Carol Meuse: Yes, we have a picture of it right here, too. Chairman Guessferd: Yes, I've driven that many times. Carol Meuse: It always happens in the middle of the night. Dana Meuse: The last one was on the third. That car didn't go, it was the pick-up truck, didn't make all the way through, he got hung up on the wall. Yes, the two have and it's a dangerous situation. Somethings got to be done to be corrected. Carol Meuse: I want to mention too, our great neighbors, we have wonderful neighbors and we've been talking to them about this and they said it's been on for years. About six years ago, I guess, there was a telephone pole there with a light. That was knocked down and nothing's been replaced or anything so it continues to happen. Someone is going to get killed if it's not someone in my family or the person driving. Chairman Guessferd: Have you lived there very long? The Meuse's: Four years. Dana Meuse: And it's happened three times since we've been there. Chairman Guessferd: Yes, certainly worth looking into. Dana Meuse: We appreciate it. Carol Meuse: And if there's nothing the Board can do is this something we can take on our own without getting any... Selectman Morin: I believe that's going to have to go to the Traffic Safety Committee. Would you be able to come to that meeting and talk with that group? Dana Meuse: Of course. Chairman Guessferd: Yes, that would be important to stress. Carol Meuse: When, is that here? Mr. Malizia: Usually during the day, it's usually noticed. But, if you leave, we need an email or something so we can communicate with you. Elvis Dhima: You can submit that to me. Dana Meuse: I've talked to you before about it at the Old Home Days. Elvis

Dhima: Yes, you can submit it to me and then we'll put it on the next agenda for the Highway Safety Committee as suggested and we'll go from there. Dana Meuse: OK, great. Elvis Dhima: It's August seventh and I can send it to you if you want to attend because it's open to the public and we'll go from there. Selectman Jakoby: At 8:30 in the morning, right here. Elvis Dhima: Send me the information you have, the email is available on the website. Selectman Jakoby: I'm there, I'm the liaison. Elvis Dhima: Elvis, yes I'm the Town Engineer. Just go on the engineering department, email it to me and I'll put it in the que and then you'll be part of the agenda. The Meuse's: Perfect, thank you. Chairman Guessferd: Thank you for the input and I think we're definitely going take a look at it.

Chairman Guessferd: Do we have anyone else who would like to provide public input? If none I will close public input.

7. RECOGNITION, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

A. Resignation

1) Mike Catanzaro – Conservation Commission

Selectman Dumont made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin, to accept Mike Catanzaro's resignation from the Conservation Commission with the Board's thanks and appreciation. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. Appointment

1) Susan Clement – Benson Park Committee

Selectman Dumont made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to appoint Susan Clement as a member to the Benson Park Committee with a term to expire April 2027. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. Nomination

1) Christopher Cameron – Conservation Commission

Chairman Guessferd recognizes Christopher Cameron. Good evening. I am Christopher Cameron I live at 2 Springwood Circle. Chairman Guessferd: Great, thanks for coming tonight. This is for an alternate vacancy to expire December 2025. So, we're going to recognize you and why don't you start out by giving us a little bit of background about yourself and why you want be a part of the Conservation Commission. Christopher Cameron: So, I moved to Hudson about four and a half years ago. Grew up in Moultonborough, central New Hampshire. Always been an avid outdoorsman, hiking, camping, skiing. Just really passionate about protecting open space, public access to trails and approving trails, things like that. Seeing a lot of stuff being built up around here and like to do anything I can to help conserve any open space that can be conserved. That's pretty much it. Chairman Guessferd: Have you seen any meetings or any of the televised meetings of the Conservation Commission? Christopher Cameron: No, I have not. Selectman Dumont: How did you find out about the Conservation Commission? Christopher Cameron: Just through looking for trails and public land and that's how I became aware of it. I don't know too much about the position itself. Selectman Dumont: Conservation is a good place to start with, I was just curious how you found out. Christopher Cameron: Seemed like kind of a good entry way. Selectman Morin: Have you been out to any of our Conservation land? Have you walked the trails? Christopher Cameron: Yes. As many as I can. I can't say I've been to all of them but, I try to. Selectman Morin: And they have a work day every month, you'd be able to help out with that because that's one of the biggest problems that they have. They have a lot of land they have to take care of, a lot of stuff. We covered a list last night, actually, in the meeting that's going into next year. That's one of the biggest things. It's usually on a Saturday for a couple hours, but, that's one of our biggest problems, is the upkeep of the properties. Christopher Cameron: OK, yes. I'd definitely be interested in helping out with that. Selectman Jakoby: And you're aware of their meeting schedule and you'll be able to attend? Christopher Cameron: What is the meeting schedule? Selectman Morin: Once a month on the second Monday of the month. Christopher Cameron: In the evening, OK, should be fine. Selectman Morin: And it usually goes from like seven to nine o'clock. There may be a few late meetings. Last night was a late meeting, actually. But, they usually end about nine. Christopher Cameron: Ok. And what is the commitment of the alternate vs. the full member? Selectman Morin: You're a member of the Board, but if one of the regular members is out they will replace you to fill that member's position. And

then later on, if you want to become a full member you can. Chairman Guessferd: So he doesn't have voting rights initially. You're there to participate but, you may fill in for somebody who is not there to vote. So you can vote on things. Christopher Cameron: OK. Selectman Dumont: You participate in conversation, there to give feedback. Like Selectman Morin said, you might fill in for somebody here and there, but, basically it's more of like a learning roll than a participation position. Christopher Cameron: Perfect. Chairman Guessferd: Like Selectman Dumont said before it's a great place to start to get involved in town politics. Maybe not politics, but ... Great place for you and your interest is to be involved with the Town and we certainly appreciate it. Anybody else? Alright, so what we do here is we will talk to you tonight. We'll make a decision at the next meeting. So, we'll vote on it at the next meeting. You don't have to be here for that, you can watch from home, you can come if you want. We'll let you know, probably the next day. So that will be the 23rd and the 24th you'll probably know. Thank you again, very much for coming and being willing to step up and volunteer. Christopher Cameron: Thank you for having me.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Guessferd asked if any board member wished to remove any item for separate consideration.

Selectman Jakoby: Item 8E and 8F. Chairman Guessferd: 8E and 8F, OK. And as a matter of fact, I was also going to ask to remove 8E as well, as I was not at the last meeting, so I won't have to do that separately. Do we have a motion to approve everything else?

Selectman Dumont made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin, to approve consent items A-D. Motion carried, 5-0.

A. Assessing Items - None

B. Licenses & Permits & Policies

- 1) Raffle Permit – Saint Kathryn Parish
- 2) Raffle Permit – Hudson Historical Society
- 3) Raffle Permit – Hudson Historical Society
- 4) Petition and Pole License – Engineering/Decision

C. Water/Sewer Items - None

D. Donations

- 1) Donation of \$100 to Benson Park Committee

E. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes June 25, 2024

Chairman Guessferd: So let's start with 8E. Selectman Jakoby: I had a question, I had asked the revised policy to be added, just because I wanted to make sure I followed our motion correctly. And I think in the correspondence notification part of the policy is written incorrectly. So, it says correspondence notifications, it says a determination has been made by the proper authority, a notification will be sent to the Board of Selectmen to notify them of the decision and it will include the landfill property, the reason and other available information. If you look at the above it, it says under proposed changes and activities, it says no proposed activities will be valid until four parties including Engineering, Public Works department, the Board of Selectmen have approved and signed off on the proposed activity. So, we would have been notified previously. So, is the correspondence notification really for the applicant? Like should it read when a determination has been made by the proper authority, the four that are above it, a notification will be sent to the applicant with the reasons for the decision and any other pertinent information? I think that was the intent. Selectman Morin: That was related to the landfill policy. Selectman Jakoby: Yes, it is the landfill policy. Selectman Morin: Can we ask the engineer to come up and just clarify? Chairman Guessferd: Yes, I think that makes sense, based on what I'm seeing here. Elvis Dhima: Hi everyone, I guess I started a little earlier than scheduled, as usual. This is so mean. Selectman Jakoby: I just want it correct. Elvis Dhima:

So, what was typed in there is exactly what the motion was on the minutes. Nothing was changed. Now if the intent was a little different than you expected, you know, we can work on that again, obviously. Selectman Jakoby: We said as amended that was my expectation of the amendment. Elvis Dhima: The amendment was that you add a notification in and what would be coming in. That was my understanding. So that's the amendment that the additional paragraph that was added below the appeal. Selectman Jakoby: That doesn't make sense given. The amendment that I, that my understanding was no proposed was the second paragraph of the proposed change in activities. Giving the Board of Selectmen also a voice on that decision. Elvis Dhima: Right. You do have a voice in the decision based on that. So, maybe it was a lot that night and we didn't understand each other, but, my understanding is if someone submits something that you guys wanted to be notified, I think that is the intent still, about the notification to the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Jakoby: So then it wouldn't be after a determination it would be prior to determination. Elvis Dhima: It would be.... Selectman Dumont: It would be of that individual department. So, if engineering says yes, you'd get that notification. If DPW said no, you'd get that notification. Instead of getting all four at the end, that's the way that I understood it. Selectman Jakoby: That needs to be clarified either way. Elvis Dhima: We can do that right now, it doesn't matter. Selectman Dumont: Because you're going to want to know each, how each department responded. Selectman Jakoby: When a determination by each department is made, a notification will be sent to the Board of Selectmen notifying them of the decision and will include the reasons. Selectman Dumont: correct. Selectman Jakoby: That's clearer. It was just based on what was above. Chairman Guessferd: Or maybe easier, even easier than that is when a determination has been made by each authority. Or each authority above, or something. That way we keep the sentence the way it is and we just, we just replace the proper with each. Does that make sense? Selectman Dumont: You could say it with the proper authorities listed on the following page. Selectman Jakoby: They're listed above. Oh yeah, or on the form. You have a point. Elvis Dhima: Do you want to do that? Selectman Jakoby: How do you want to word that? Chairman Guessferd: You said by each authority? When a determination has been made by each authority. Selectman Jakoby: OK. Selectman Dumont: I'm good with that. Selectman Jakoby: So then we'll get the form each step of the way is what we're saying. Elvis Dhima: You're going to get notification on whoever makes a decision on that one way or another. That's what you're going to get, that was the intent of that. It could have been worded differently maybe from that night, but the intent was if we get something and we make a decision, you'll be notified, either body. Selectman Dumont: The benefit of that too is that every notification that we get from those is public information. Elvis Dhima: That's right. And you have the backup. Selectman Jakoby: That's exactly what I'm looking for. Elvis Dhima: You've got the date when you got it, that was the intent. And if it was worded maybe a little different from that night, you know, that was the intent. Selectman Jakoby: That's fine like I said. It was just reiterating, it was kind of redundant. Elvis Dhima: There was a lot going on there. And I want to be talking less because I got the speech from Lorrie saying I'm sick and tired of doing minutes for you people. Selectman Jakoby: So then the correction would be, when a determination has been made by each authority, a notification will be sent to the Board, blah, blah, blah. Does that sound good to everybody? Thank you, I appreciate that. Chairman Guessferd: So do we want to make a, do we have any other concerns on the minutes? I was not there so I'm recusing myself from that. Selectman Dumont made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2024 Board of Selectmen meeting as amended. Motion carried, 4-0-1 with Chairman Guessferd recusing.

F. Calendar

07/09	7:00	Board of Selectmen	BOS Meeting Room
07/10	6:00	Library Trustees - CANCELLED	Hills Memorial Library
07/10	7:00	Planning Board	Buxton Meeting Room
07/11	7:00	Zoning Board	Hills Memorial Library
07/16	7:00	Municipal Utility Cmte.	BOS Meeting Room

07/18	7:00	Benson Park Cmte.	Hudson Cable Access Center
07/22	7:00	Sustainability Cmte.	BOS Meeting Room
07/22	7:00	Planning Board – ZORC	BOS Meeting Room
07/23	7:00	Board of Selectmen	BOS Meeting Room

Chairman Guessferd: 8F, calendar. Selectman Jakoby: So, I had raised this at our last meeting, I paid closer attention this week. I understand, when I looked at the calendar today the Library Trustees, that's incorrect. Selectman Dumont: So that's been cancelled, yes. Selectman Jakoby: That needs to be amended that it's not. It was cancelled for the 17th not the 10th. Selectman Dumont: That is correct. Selectman Jakoby: So that needs to come off. Selectman Roy: The 17th is not on here. Is there a meeting on the tenth? Selectman Dumont: There is not. It was originally scheduled for the 17th they cancelled that, our next meeting is in August. Selectman Morin: They cancelled it for the month. Selectman Jakoby: So the Library Trustees meeting has been cancelled for the month so there is not one on here. Selectman Dumont: That is on the Town website because I did double check on that. I didn't follow it over to here so I'm glad you're pointing that out. But it is on the Town website. Selectman Morin: It is because I saw it there. Selectman Jakoby: So the other meeting that I heard, that I understood was this week but had been cancelled and rescheduled was the ZORC meeting. Selectman Dumont: That is correct, I have that in my notes as well. So that'll be for July 22. Selectman Jakoby: At 7p.m.? Selectman Dumont: That is correct. Selectman Jakoby: OK. So that was the other correction. And that is not on the calendar as of today. Just want to let you know. Selectman Dumont: On the website I noticed this month wasn't on there. I think last month was, if I remember right. Selectman Jakoby: It was. Selectman Dumont: Maybe a little bit of a lapse there. Chairman Guessferd: OK, so those two changes. Selectman Jakoby: Those are my two changes. Chairman Guessferd: OK, do we have a motion to approve item F as amended? Selectman Dumont made a motion, seconded by Selectman Jakoby, to approve item F as amended. Motion carried, 5-0.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on June 11, 2024

- 1) Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin, to approve the remote work request for Inspectional Services Aide, Paula Orendorf, while on an FMLA approved leave. Motion carried, 4-0.
- 2) Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to recognize and award Attorney Nicole Clay, Lieutenant Patrick Broderick and Animal Control Supervisor Jana McMillan with a merit award of \$333 each, as recommended by the Police Chief. Motion carried, 4-0.
- 3) Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin, to hire Michelle Brewster for the position of Town Clerk at Step 1, \$54,921.00. Motion carried, 4-0.

B. Town Administrator Interview Committee – Town Administrator

Mr. Malizia: As we talked about at the last meeting the Board decided to defer this to tonight's meeting. I think because you were absent most likely. It's come back as the Board requested for this meeting, for your discussion. Chairman Guessferd: So we do have a motion here but, I know there was some discussion at the last meeting regarding how we would like to handle. This is really for the actual interview committee who is going to be on it. We'll be having another discussion in non-public regarding other aspects of this. The question is, I think the motion as it is, is not probably the way we would like it from everything I'm saying. What do we want to do in regard to the interview committee? My understanding is that it's kind of a consensus that we want to have all of us be the interview committee. All five of us. Selectman Roy: Now that doesn't mean we can't take input from department heads. Chairman Guessferd: I think the department heads is important. Selectman Roy: I think that there participation should be minimal. Chairman Guessferd: Sure, I understand. Selectman Roy: Like reaching out to them and asking them if they have questions they want us to ask. But, kind of in the whole process, they shouldn't be part of the decision making tree. Chairman Guessferd: Any other discussion on that? We kind of feel the same way? I think it's a reasonable expectation. Selectman Dumont: For me I definitely value their input. I think it is important, those department heads work with that Town Administrator way more than we do. I understand that they are the Town Administrator's that direct, I guess, officio for us, but, quite frankly the amount of hours that we spend with them vs. the amount of hours the department heads spend with them are significantly different. But I do value what

they have to say about that position. Whether or not they need to be on the interview committee that can be up for debate but I definitely want to make that sure we're getting those questions asked and answered in reviewing that information. I don't want to see the Board, I saw the message that came through from Scott that there was 25 applicants that came in. I don't see a need for the Board to do all 25 of those, so I'd like a number that can be determined if we're going to go that route. Whether it be three or five or something when that gets narrowed down. But I think that that's more manageable than having the whole Board meet for every single one. Selectman Roy: So I think it should be like we've done other ones where we all say we want to interview, pick five. You know what I mean? Selectman Dumont: Yes. Selectman Roy: And then whatever the majority says so if four of you say we want to interview this person, one says no, we won't interview that person. Selectman Morin: Just for clarity, when I talked to MRI when they talked to all of us, he said that they were going to actually do some preliminary checking on these. So, we're actually going to get 25 people. Selectman Roy: Yes, and we may not. But whatever we get... Chairman Guessferd: So, hold a second, definitely take your input. I had a conversation with him myself and they are doing internet searches. They are doing background checks, they're initial screening and they're doing telephone interviews of all 25. Not necessarily all 25, there may be some that fall out even before a phone interview. But, the idea being to screen those that have a reasonable chance, I guess I'll say, or, meeting the requirements of the job. I don't think there's any reason why we can't see some of those other ones, even though they may not be provided to us. If we decide that maybe there's somebody that wasn't recommended to us that we'd like to talk to, I don't think there's any reason why anything should be kept from us. But, MRI is kind of working this process and it would be pretty substantial to try to go through all 25 and do the background checks our self. I know, Selectman Jakoby, why don't you provide your input here. Selectman Jakoby: What I wanted to say is, I think it's important, I know MRI is doing their preliminary, my understanding as, with you as Selectman Morin, was that we would get a graded maybe a five or six or something. So that was always my expectation. But, then once we get those then for us to make a plan on how we want to go about doing that. I do agree with also Selectman Dumont about getting feedback and information from department heads and I don't we're going to have the conversation once we decide on a committee and then we're going to decide on the process. Because right now what is often done is that you have opportunities for people even department heads to interview people in a different setting and to give feedback. But, it would still be, I still think the deciding group and the committee should be the five of us. And then how we take that input we can create a process for that. And I think it's extremely important for the reasons that you spoke about. So, I think as inclusive as we can be in the process with all of our employees and maybe even giving the public an opportunity to say we think these questions are important. It still comes down to our decision. So I feel strongly about the five of us being that committee. And then we can discuss other ideas and that process going forward and to use MRI to their fullest ability because none of us need to be doing all of that. Chairman Guessferd: OK, I get a consensus here that we would like to establish the interview committee as the five of us. Selectman Morin: So, if nobody's got anything we had a motion anyway. Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, for the Town Administrator Interview Committee consist of all five Board of Selectman members. Motion carried, 5-0.

Selectman Dumont: With every other interview committee the Town Administrator is always a part of that. Now, if we don't include the other department heads, would it be appropriate, does this Board feel appropriate to have Steve be part of these interviews as well? I honestly would value that information. Selectman Jakoby said we should have the input. I think he should be here when we talk to them because he knows the job. But, if he could he lead or have one selectman assigned to the department heads when they do their, we could try to do that all in the same night. Or we can do one interview here and one in another room so we're not holding these people up multiple. But, I agree too, that the department heads should have some input in this. Chairman Guessferd: Sure. They've got to live with the decision. Selectman Roy: I think your point is good too that one selectman should get all the input and then kind of spread it out among the rest of the Board. Chairman Guessferd: From that department. Because we're all liaisons to the departments. So whatever, those, wherever they come from there, we would bring it to the rest of the Board. Selectman Jakoby: And I think it's important for us to invite Mr. Malizia or anyone else to our committee meetings or to the interviews we deem necessary at the time. Chairman Guessferd: I think it's extremely important because, you know, it's a great suggestion because I really do think that Steve needs to be a part of this. He knows the job. He knows what the expectations are, he knows what all the various pieces are involved that may not be 100% obvious to some interviewing for the job. I think it's important. You feel ... Mr. Malizia: I assumed I would be sitting in the room whenever you interviewed anybody. I had just assumed that. Chairman Guessferd: We had a motion and a second on the table here. Do we have any for the discussion? Selectman Morin: Do we need an amendment to include the Town Administrator? Mr. Malizia: No, I'm just staff, you're the Committee. Chairman Guessferd: The Interview Committee, but, he'll be here. Selectman Morin: OK, just so it's clear. Selectman Roy: If you have any questions for him that will clarify. Chairman Guessferd:

OK, without any further discussion, all in favor. Selectman Dumont: Real quick. One question just real quick. We've established that the Committee, how do you envision structuring multiple interviews? Is the Board's plan to have us interview and then have another interview follow directly after with that same individual and the department heads? I just want to make sure that I'm clear on that. Selectman Morin: Just before, I agree with you, but, shouldn't we do that in non-public so there's no information on how this is going to, that's why we're going into non-public later, to do the process. Chairman Guessferd: I think we can talk about it initially in non-public but think it's probably important that the public understands. Selectman Morin: Yes, after we make a decision. Absolutely. Selectman Jakoby: Just for clarification because I have this question, too. So we're now the selection committee for the Town Administrator. We will then meet and discuss a process for the Committee to move forward. And then we will put that out to the public. Chairman Guessferd: And the public will know exactly what we're doing. Selectman Jakoby: And what our process is and what we've decided upon. Chairman Guessferd: Excellent. Mr. Malizia: I wouldn't recommend conducting the interviews in public, though. Board collectively agrees. Selectman Jakoby: How everyone has an opportunity to be a part. Selectman Dumont: I just want to make sure that individual too, knows what they can expect when coming in here, who they're going to be talking with. How it's going to be. Chairman Guessferd: And we can, quite frankly, let Scott know. Let MRI know that this is what our plan is when you bring some names to us. Which we should be expecting toward the end of the month. Hopefully, it's going to take a couple weeks for them to sort through everything and get all the information and screen things a little bit. So that sounds good. Anything else? Moving onto the New Business agenda.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adam Drive Culvert Lining - Engineering

Chairman recognizes Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima. The favorite pipe in the whole wide world. Thank you Mr. Chairman, good evening everyone. As you recall on the last meeting we rejected a couple bids that were not serving what we were looking for. So we went out to bid again. We adjusted our specs and we got the same three bids, the same three vendors that bid on the last round. The low bid is still the same, \$108,000 and the other two came in a bit lower at \$114,000 and \$169,000. The low bid does meet the spec, they've done work for us in the past, they can get the work done. Again, this is going to be possible through a partnership, or a hybrid approach between Public Works and this vendor. When we started this process we were looking at \$400,000 and because of the efforts we've been putting out there and Public Works, thank God for them, and the work they're going to be putting into it. We're looking now down to \$100,000 to get this things done and put it behind us an buying us another 50 years. So, with that said, this is ready for prime time. I am making one small suggestion before we pull the trigger here and that is related to the ARPA Funds. We just ran the spreadsheet one last time before I came in front of you tonight, and it appears that this \$3,441.58 left on the ARPA. Like \$3,400. So, the exact number is \$3,441.58. If it's OK with you I'd like to roll remainder of the ARPA fund balance into this project so that way the Finance can have zero on the books. Mr. Malizia: I made it simple. 43.50 from APRA, 65.4 from the reserve fund. Shifting the money using all the ARPA money up. Elvis Dhima: So, with that said, basically, the way we're going to fund it is with the remainder of the ARPA Funds and then the rest will be coming out of the Drainage Capital Reserve Fund which was established in March. And that's all I got. Selectman Roy: It says that you're taking 40 from ... Mr. Malizia: ARPA, that's the ARPA account. Selectman Roy: No, there's only \$3,400. Mr. Malizia: No. There's \$40,000 and now we've got another \$3,500 or so left so we're going to say take all of that, make that number \$43,500. Selectman Roy: So that \$40,000, that ARPA Fund from that 7210 account? Elvis Dhima: Yes. There'll be like \$4,300 and change. Selectman Jakoby: \$43,441.58. Elvis Dhima: That's right. Mr. Malizia: I just rounded it off to \$43,500 because it's easier, but. Whatever, nothing ever Chairman Guessferd: Maybe for the record just so there is no confusion we just add from 7210 ARPA Funds, so people know. Selectman Jakoby: The balance of the ARPA Funds and then ... Mr. Malizia: I just made the motion for ... Elvis Dhima: its \$65,458.42 that will be the balance. So, \$65,458.42, if you wanted to be exact. Chairman Guessferd: OK. Elvis Dhima: And basically there'll be a ... Selectman Dumont made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to award the contract to Vortex Services, LLC for the amount of not to exceed \$108,900.00 using \$43,441.58 from account 7210 and \$65,458.42 from the Drainage Capital Reserve Fund recommended by the Town Engineer, Public Works Director and Finance Director. Chairman Guessferd: OK, before we finalize it I just want to make sure, done all this work, so I think we've noticed this before there's a huge difference in price. That whole thing is just making sure that we're getting what we wanted. You said that we are. I just want to make sure we reinforce the fact that even though the one bid is significantly below the other two, that they're still able to provide us with exactly what we're looking for. Elvis Dhima: We did the references and as I said they've done work for us in the past. We

checked the specs for this particular product they're going to use. Everything looks OK. They're very aggressive on this particular project, they want back into Town. And, as a matter of fact, they were one of the vendors that were for the sewer and after the discussion with this they were actually willing to hold the prices from last year as well. Public Works has been notified to put them on the list. So now we have the water company and these guys as well holding the same prices as last year. I don't know what happened, I don't know if there's a projection out there, things are looking a little, things are cooling down a little bit. I don't know if it's the interest rate, I don't know just people getting a little nervous they want to start building the relationships again, but. They want back in, you know we pay our bills, you're not going to be a millionaire like I've said working here, but you know we take care of the contractors that come here and we pay our bills on time. There's a value there and it's also my understanding that they own the equipment related to UV lining which makes it a little bit more cost effective for them because they're not renting the equipment to cure this liner. So, maybe there's some value there. But, we did the homework, everything checks out and we'll find out if it's really a real deal or not when we get into it. So, it won't be like the bridge, wait a year and be like I can't do it. Chairman Guessferd: Certainly don't want to question a low bid. Elvis Dhima: I know, we can't win, right? Low bid ... Chairman Guessferd: I always like to make sure as part of these processes because again, it's kind of ... Elvis Dhima: I'm a little nervous too. I mean after that last time, you know, it's a bit nerve racking, you can't win either way. We'll keep an eye on them. Like I said, they've done work for us in the past, they did do the sewer flume, you know they do a good job. They haven't done anything that I'm concerned about since I've been working in Town. We'll give it a shot. Selectman Jakoby: I just want to thank the Town Engineer, again, the multiple bids and giving us all the information and the request for proposal bid check list. And all the work that you did on this, it's very clear and comprehensive. Thank you so much. Chairman Guessferd: OK, so we have the motion and we have the second. Any further discussion? Selectman Dumont made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to award the contract to Vortex Services, LLC for the amount of not to exceed \$108,900.00 using \$43,441.58 from account 7210 and \$65,458.42 from the Drainage Capital Reserve Fund recommended by the Town Engineer, Public Works Director and Finance Director. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. Lowell and County Road – Engineering

Chairman Guessferd recognizes town Engineer, Elvis Dhima. So, Lowell and County Road, there's two intersections there as you're aware of, as County Road is a horseshoe. The intersection is going to be discussed tonight is the closest one to Mickey's Pizza. It's been seeing significant accidents in the past, about 14 of them since 2020. No fatalities, no injuries, but, nevertheless fair share of accidents. I'm sure Selectman Morin can talk about accidents when he was in the force. But, long story short, this keeps coming up at the Highway Safety Committee meetings. Was recently brought up through a traffic light which is not warranted there. But, it brings up the fact that something needs to be done over there or, something could be a little bit better. The main issue is you have a lot of traffic on Lowell Road and the geometry on County is just challenging, sometimes you make the wrong decision to get out, it's the wrong decision, it's not fast enough, it's too slow and they get t-boned. I know Selectman Dumont uses that all the time, he's the only brave soul that I know in Hudson that does it. Selectman Dumont: I have a little bit of patience. Elvis Dhima: I mean you'll see an opening, I think in the morning and afternoon is very difficult, but during lunch time there is an opening, you're right. If you leave at five or six o'clock in the morning you won't have a problem. You try to get out of that seven to eight or nine, good luck. So, long story short, the Highway Safety Committee looked into this and what we're bringing in front of you tonight is two things to look into and you don't have to make any decisions tonight but it's something for you to consider is do something on the temporary basis. Which is basically not making any physical changes out there as far as the road goes, but, see if we can restrict the flow through Jersey barriers to allow traffic from Lowell Road to go to County. And, two-way traffic on County Road all the way down to where the entrance for the ballpark is so we're not impacting that traffic flow, people trying to get in and out of the ballpark that's behind Mickey's. What we're proposing, basically is you can go in buy you can't get out of County Road on that particular intersection. You can go on County Road or the other side which has a little bit better sight distance and geometry working out. Or, you going to have to make a decision to basically find a different way to get out on Lowell Road, through Pelham Road or something, another side street that is obviously connected to Lowell. If it's successful, we can look into making it permanent. If it's not successful, then we get rid of the Jersey barriers and we can say we tried it and that's the end of it. In a perfect world where money is not an issues, ideally you would have Belknap Road connected to Lowell and Birch intersection and convert that three-way intersection to a four-way. That's right. But, we're looking at two to three million dollars and all and that's a big ask. That was also brought up at the Highway Safety Committee for you to consider. But we're not going to ask for that tonight. What I'll do is I'll go to the Planning Board department and see if they're willing to entertain the idea of

maybe using Corridor funds, they're available for both corridors as zone one and zone two because this particular intersection will be subject to both accounts. And I think there's some money available and I know there's a lot coming in once Target gets the CO there'll be some funds available there as well. We can look into a better solution there, a more permanent solution while using Corridor funds without having to ask the tax payers to pick up the tab here. And with that said, what is the wish of the Board? For both approaches, temporary and the other one.

Selectman Morin: I fully agree something needs to be done at that intersection, there's been some bad accidents there. My only concern is people coming out of the ballfield are going to still take a left and go out there. And no matter what we do for signage, and you know it, they're still going to going up them Jersey barriers the wrong way to go out.

Elvis Dhima: Yes, so that did come up. And what we're planning to do is put our electronic sign up saying do no enter and also the Police Chief suggested that they will be out there for a week or two to make sure that no one's going through. But you're right, someone could make a mistake but we're going to try to make this as clear as possible and we're going to have PD presence out there to make sure that people get it. Hopefully the ones that use it everyday kind of get a feel. But if not, then we don't entertain it, you don't have to take action tonight.

Selectman Morin: Just to follow up, what are the chances of just closing it at Belknap Road and say local traffic only to the ballfield and block it off totally?

Elvis Dhima: You can, it's just very tough to control that local traffic only to the ballfield.

Selectman Morin: But I understand that. But if you block it off totally, you can't get out there at all.

Elvis Dhima: Yes, there's one house there.

Selectman Morin: I understand that, but you allow one lane to go to the houses and to the ballfield and at Lowell and County it is totally blocked off.

Elvis Dhima: I mean you could convert County Road from the intersection all the way down to Belknap to one way and that way makes it, but, now you restrict a little bit of flow coming in out of the ballfield to try to force everyone to go around. But that was one of the concept that the Planning Board looked into this in 2019-2020, there was different concepts. You can turn County Road into one way completely too as well. Which just felt that without making too many drastic changes, maybe start small and do it on a temporary basis. Might not be successful, we might get a lot of what are you doing, there's nothing to fix here. It appears that the situation is not going to get any better doing nothing. I think it's a little trial and error, I guess.

Selectman Jakoby: Just because I had attended those meetings, the report was very comprehensive that was done in 2019. There was a lot of different proposals all of which we've discussed here that cost a significant amount of money. The Chiefs and Mr. Dhima and everyone really said the ideal is making that cross section creating that new road. But, what is an intermediary step? And that's why we came to, we wondered out loud should we have a public hearing about doing some changes there? Listen to the public, see what they need? Or, should we go ahead and do this temporary fix that everyone at that meeting felt was a good experiment? A good try? Because there are so many variables in this situation. So I just wanted to share that because that report that was done in 2019 was very extensive and gave a lot of information of what was spent on that.

Selectman Dumont: I definitely think it's wise for us to do the public hearing, I think that should be the first step to enter this. However, I'm telling you I'm not in favor of closing that side of Country Road down. It has nothing to do with personal use, you restrict Lowell Road more you will have more traffic at other intersections. You will back it up further, you're also going to push everybody to the northern side of County Road. And as you can already tell, if you try to take a right onto Lowell into County, there's a difficulty there so no imagine that with having backed-up traffic with everybody that was originally trying to go the other way to go south. They're not going to go, they're going to try to avoid that area as much as possible. People are going to go around and when you restrict things more you're only hurting people that obey the rules to begin with. You've seen it when they did it over at the Irving on Lowell Road, they put the no left hand turn in there with a no right hand turn, or sorry, right only, and the left hand turn happens all the time. It's less unsafe because it was never planned for it. The best bet in my opinion is try and push to get the intersection done which is think started back in 2017 on the Capital Improvements plan and then went to Planning Board in 2019. I was in favor of doing it that way then and I'm still in favor of doing it that way now. Definitely not in favor of closing down any portion of County Road I think you're going to make a bigger problem.

Selectman Jakoby: That was also discussed at the meeting and I think it will be really good to hear from the public and to have the Chiefs there so that the Chiefs can express what they expressed at our meeting directly as far as they felt about that scenario. And, the backups and the coordination of lights that they felt was, that that was a better option than doing nothing. So, I think it would be good to hear from them at that public meeting and to have the public as well.

Selectman Morin: To Selectman Dumont's point, we're just moving the accident and it's from the south to the north.

Elvis Dhima: When it comes to traffic and safety in this town, it's like an overblown balloon and it's just about to pop, right? And every time you just push one side another, there's just no way around it. It's funny, we're discussing this and I said Selectman Dumont is going to get his sign up and it's going to say hell no. And I knew it, I know there's going to be a lot of people that are going to come.

Selectman Dumont: You're going to the light, right? The guy that wants to skip the light is still going to do it and that's the guy that's going to cause the accident. You to have, drivers have to be

responsible for their own actions. It's not up to us to police that. If the traffic is the concern the best way to alleviate that by creating another hole, not by blocking something off. We pushed for that Birch intersection, I understand the price there, that is going to be your saving grace. Cutting off the intersection is just going to cause an issue somewhere else. Elvis Dhima: As I said earlier, one option that's not here is to, the usual option, not take any action on it. Tonight all you've been asking for is to have a public hearing about this and see what the feedback is and then based on that at the next meeting you can make a decision one way or another. Selectman Jakoby: I think that's an excellent point and at that public meeting to really say that the ideal is this intersection and because we've had so many concerns about that. And then that can be the beginning of building some momentum for that plan. Selectman Morin: Made a motion that we hold a public meeting in reference to this County Road intersection and take it from there. Chairman Guessferd: OK, so we have a motion regarding the public hearing on the temporary traffic pattern. Now we would do that at the next meeting, correct? Mr. Malizia: We should be able to advertise ahead of time. Elvis Dhima: 10 days, I think. 10 days. Chairman Guessferd: It would give people enough time to come out. I like to see people coming out. I'd probably make another comment during my comments to make sure at least, if anyone's watching, come on out. It is an important thing because people complain, people are concerned, we want people to come out and talk about it and tell their feelings. How else do we know if people don't come out and tell us what they're thinking. So, we'll kind of pound that one. So we have a motion and a second. Do we have any further discussion? Selectman Morin seconded by Selectman Roy, to have a public hearing regarding the temporary traffic pattern changes at the southern intersection of Lowell and County Road as recommended by the Highway Safety Committee. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. Change in Voting Location – Town Moderator

Chairman Guessferd recognizes Town Moderator, Alanna Stangroom. Alanna Stangroom: Good evening. For those of you who don't know me again, my name is Alanna Stangroom I'm the Town Moderator. I come before you tonight to request a change of voting location for Ward 1. For the September and November election. The Community Center which we've used for past elections does not have sufficient parking to handle the influx of voters that we anticipate for particularly the November presidential election. Input that we received from voters and the after action report from the Police department regarding the January primary confirms this issue. We are requesting that the move take place for the September election as we anticipate less turnout than November and it would allow us to handle any issues that may arise ahead of the main election. Hudson Memorial would provide better parking options. Chairman Guessferd: OK, we've had this discussion before. Alright, discussion. Selectman Morin: My first question would be to the school. Gary Gasdia: As I've said before, I think times are different now so I think we can accommodate from a day standpoint. You know I'll have to look at the calendar but I know last year we did it. We can do it again. I think the biggest thing is from a logistics of the night, how does that work? Because with Alvirne, right now, we clean up Alvirne and everything is good to go the next day. All the counting goes on at the Community Center. The last one was done, I think the last election they were there 'til midnight or one in the morning. We just need to figure that out. But I don't think that's a reason to stop it that's just a logistics thing we need to figure out, how to do and work through it. Selectman Roy: I guess why wouldn't we just permanently move it there? Moving that Ward 1 voting location. Because it gets confusing when you start, to people, when you start. Alanna Stangroom: Permanent move was the goal, yes? Paul Inderbitzen: Well, before they had brought it up in the past when I asked the Moderator maybe we should do that permanently. Police department liked that idea. Selectman Dumont: So two questions I have. During voter day, is all school locations closed? Gary Gasdia: All school locations are closed. Selectman Dumont: And do you know the parking count? How many spots are actually at Memorial? Because I don't remember that parking lot. I know they have the one off to the side but, that one directly in front there is not very big. Chairman Guessferd: People park all along that road on the exit road there. Selectman Morin: Yes. And they can park in the back. Selectman Dumont: But you don't want people to park, that's what we're trying avoid right now. You don't want people all over the place. Selectman Roy: Although if I remember correctly, at the last presidential election that location is very accommodating to the number of cars that were trying to park there. Selectman Dumont: Yes, going through it worked out very well I'm just curious are we actually gaining anymore parking. Because the last thing that you want, I mean that location, in my opinion, was a little bit, thankfully the police were there, but you had a line of people out around the door and cars moving in and around people walking, I don't envision that being the best thing. So I just want to make sure we do actually have enough area to put the cars and have the people separate. Selectman Morin: Paul, if you don't mind, correct me if I'm wrong, we didn't have the two voting spots last time. Paul Inderbitzen: No, we had all ... Selectman Morin: Everybody went to Memorial School, right. So that would be the difference. Selectman Dumont: I think it's a great idea I just want to

make sure. Paul Inderbitzen: If you really want parking there is a ... Alanna Stangroom: According to the police report it was noted there is considerably more parking at the Memorial because if we do in fact run out of parking there is a dirt overflow lot. And, it was also mentioned that it's felt we would need less strain on Public Works and police presence for the traffic issues. Chairman Guessferd: Yes, you have the parking lot as you drive in on the left, that's relatively new I'll say. Then you have the parking lot in front of the school then you have the other parking lot behind the school. And so between the three of them there's a significant amount of parking there. Selectman Dumont: And that's why I wanted to make sure utilizing and not having people park along the front there or along the exit road going to the side street. Chairman Guessferd: People are going to park along the exit road no matter what. Selectman Dumont: I know, I know. If you give them a spot, hopefully they'd rather take the spot. Selectman Morin: Again, last time we did it we didn't have the two (inaudible) points. Gary Gasdia: I think just to that point, I think similar to when it was at the Community Center. If the police are directing people into a traffic pattern, whatever that optimal pattern looks like and you can utilize all those, you'll have a lot of parking. If everyone's left for a free-for-all, and some people are going in the back and some people are going to this one and some are going to that one, that's a little different. But again, that gets into the logistics of it. But I think if you can do it in an orderly fashion there's plenty of parking. Alanna Stangroom: Yes and the police report also mentions there's a pre-established pattern at the Memorial that they could already work with. Selectman Dumont: Do you happen to have a, do they give you a copy of that? Alanna Stangroom: I do have a copy, be happy to give that to you. I sent along them but unfortunately too late. Paul Inderbitzen: Steve's got it. Selectman Dumont: If you don't maybe Steve can send it out after, I was just curious. Mr. Malizia: I'm sure you probably already got it during a meeting. Alanna Stangroom: I also sent you a copy today, but I know it was very last minute. Selectman Jakoby: If you could add that to the minutes as an addendum next time then we would all have it. Selectman Dumont: Because if you already have a traffic pattern and flow then that was my only concern. Chairman Guessferd: Yes, so to the other point of permanent, I'd like to see it eventually be that way. So I think what we need to do is just, since this is a little new, right since we have two places now, that September, as you said, is a test run. See how it all goes and then we bring it back to the Board after that point or even maybe after the November election and say, OK this makes sense let's just make this permanent. Does that sense? A two-step process here. Selectman Roy: (inaudible) Mr. Malizia: I'm just thinking what you would do it two times and then after the second time you'd say does this make sense. Because you're not going to do it in between because, are you going to change at that point or would you... Chairman Guessferd: After the November election. Selectman Roy: And then we would have time to notify everybody if we're going to make it the permanent location for March. Selectman Dumont: A question for Alanna, for Paul really. Moving all the ballots from Alvirne to the Community Center to count, at least just for me, it seems like it was kind of a process. Do you feel as though if you had to now take everything from Alvirne and from Hudson Memorial to go to that Community Center to count so that way everything could be freed up in the morning for the school, do you see any issues with that? Paul Inderbitzen: Obviously it would take a little longer. Because Community Center was already there, they started their process and we brought everything over from Alvirne. But, I don't think it would be impossible to do and just transfer everything, a lot of logistics. Selectman Dumont: Yes, just a concern I had. Obviously I want to make sure everything gets there safely. But, obviously make sure that you had, because I know volunteers are hard to come by and then keeping them there a little bit longer might be even more difficult. So that's just something to think about. Chairman Guessferd: And bring everything over to ... Selectman Dumont: Yes, because you're not going to be able to stay there 'til one o'clock in the morning counting and then try and have everything cleaned up. I just see that being a little bit of a stretch. Gary Gasdia: Yes, I think that's where we can get into the logistics. The way it works at Hudson Memorial is you have the entire gym and then, at least this is how you did it in 2020, and then you follow into that smaller room. So, if you're going to take up both of those for the next day that would be problematic. But, is it possible to do something smaller? Again, not stopping the decision but these are just things we want to think through, right? If you can get the machines out of there and all the booths out of there and then there's just a small counting space, then you can still use the gym the next day. And now it's just figuring out that small multi-purpose room as opposed to both, right? So, I think, again, logistics we have plenty of time to talk about. Paul Inderbitzen: What we did in 2020 was we moved, since we had the check-in in the big gym because we had more cube space, and all the booths were in the smaller room. What we did is we moved everything in to that smaller room and put it all in there and then the Highway came in the next morning and took everything down and got it out of there actually before school started. Which is what they do, at the Community Center they do it the next morning. Chairman Guessferd: OK, that makes some sense. Sure, again, they'll be more discussion on the logistics as we move forward. Selectman Dumont: I'm in favor, I just wanted to raise those couple concerns and make sure they were being thought of, that's all. Chairman Guessferd: OK, do we want to make a motion here? Selectman Roy: Just to move the September one this time? *Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin, to change the*

voting location for both the 2024 September and November elections from the Hudson Community Center to Hudson Memorial School as recommended by the Town Moderator. Motion carried, 5-0. Selectman Dumont: And, can we start to advertise that now? Because I'll tell you, there'll be a lot of people that will be going to that Community Center. Paul Inderbitzen: There were last November. When Nashua was voting on the mayors, people showed up at the Community Center and at Alvirne saying, I can't get into Alvirne, how come? I wanted to vote. Selectman Dumont: So, the more notification the better for sure.

Chairman Guessferd: OK, so we're going to move forward with that. I think we're good. Thank you for bringing that forward to us so we can address that early. Thank you for coming Paul, appreciate it. Now Selectman Liaison Reports and Other Remarks.

11. Selectman Liaison Reports/Other Remarks

Selectman Morin: Had a Conservation meeting last night, they took up two conditional use permits but they both will be coming back the next meeting so nothing came out of that. They're going to hold a Picnic at the Pond event at Musquash Pond in September, they're working on that, everything hasn't been finalized yet. For their July work day they're going to be building a bridge out on Musquash Pond because they had one wash away so they're going to be repairing that. And then as I talked about earlier, they have a very long list of things they've got to get done and they're working towards that. The second thing I've got is, I just want to make it clear that there is a 30 day grace period, but the Fire Department, Public Works, the developer and myself met at the Bensons Park today to start the plan of moving the Fire Fighters Memorial if that comes to fruition. So, what they talked about is it's going to go directly across from the 9/11 Memorial, there's just below the hill. The hill where the barn used to sit. Where the train station is. OK, it'll be at the bottom of that hill on the other side. They're actually talked about bringing power in because now you're going to have two flags there because right now the 9/11 Memorial only has a solar light on the top. So they're talking about they're going to bring power in so both parks. And what I didn't know is the actual sprinkler system for 9/11 Memorial is solar. That's how it's powered so we can power that up too and get that squared away. They'll be doing a drawing of what they're going to do before they start any work and it will be coming to the Board for approval before that happens. So we'll get to see what the plan is, they're having an architect put that together. They're going to use all the materials that are there at the Memorial now and just replace them over at Benson's. And, the Board's OK for them to just start moving on that. Again, we still have that 30 day grace period but they're going to get started so they can get that moved and get that done because the Fire Department actually held their memorial service in spring. Usually they do it in fall because they figured it was going to be in the middle of construction. They'll be doing that. They're going to meet again on Thursday just to talk about the logistics and stuff like that. And once they have a plan, again, it will come here and we'll be going to the Benson's Committee at some point so they're aware of what's going on and updating them also. So that's where we're at with that. And like I said Board's OK to keep moving with that? I mean nothing's going to get done until the grace period. But at least they can put the plan together. Selectman Roy: We can't leave it there. Selectman Dumont: It would be good to have a plan.

Selectman Roy: Last night I had a Cable Utility Committee meeting, so as always HCTV is extremely busy covering the happenings around town. Some of the highlights is they're going to have a video summer camp for middle school kids. They're drawn by lottery, that's going to happen at the end of July. They're going to teach kids how to make and edit videos and they're going to have a little show at the end to show their parents and other kids and all that stuff. So that's good. And then, they have a series of Hudson History through the Eyes of the Library and their next episode is going to be on the Alvirne fire from the perspective of a citizen. So they're going to do a whole show on the Alvirne fire from. I know they did the documentary which was sort of by the lens of a fire fighter. This is by the lens of a citizen that was there. And that's really all I have.

Selectman Dumont: So as we did talk about little bit earlier, I had it in my notes, the Library Trustees meeting had been cancelled for this month. ZORC meeting that was scheduled for yesterday will now be held on July 22nd. We do have a ZBA meeting this coming Thursday, July 11, that has been moved over to the Hills Memorial Library. We're anticipating a large crowd for that one. The Board will have a small non-public session prior to and then will be going over to Hills Memorial Library for a 7pm. Other than that, everybody have a good week and a good weekend.

Selectman Jakoby: Yes, I've attended the Highway Safety Committee meeting, but we presented that earlier and thank you to the Board allowing us to have a public hearing about those possible changes. Safety is important throughout town. I'm just going to remind people again, to walk on the left and ride on the right. And it's much safer, there's a lot of people out. I know on my road more and more as the weather gets nicer. I did want to also say to the public, just a reminder that there is public input at various meetings and to please move forward with that. I would ask the Board members, I know Planning was, the Planning Board was still looking at public input in that warrant article and hasn't taken action on that yet. And I know I've had some public feedback about that. And just if you are at a meeting just ensure that they've taken action. Or, they said no. I mean one way or the other. I think the Planning Board was taking action it was just tabled for a time. Delayed. But, I've been getting some questions about that. And then I wanted to ask the Board if we can get on our agenda some conversation about the infrastructure warrant article and what action, if any, we're going to take on that warrant article to maybe get a sense of what the cost might be. Whether we may or may not put in a warrant article moving forward. Whether we think it should be delayed a few years or not action taken. I just want to take action or not take action by the Board on that warrant. And then, question on strategic planning, because I know our goal is to do some strategic planning. How and when are we going to begin that process? And then, are there particular policies? I know there are variety of policies I would like to look at as we go forward. Especially in lieu of, you know, just different policies within our Town. How we're going to about reviewing those policies or adding policies that we may or may not have. Just for the safety and security of our citizens and of our employees. So, those are what I had on my asks. And I just look forward to having a great summer with everyone and staying safe. Just be careful driving. To Selectman Dumont's point, take your time.

Chairman Guessferd: OK, we have a planning Board meeting tomorrow night. There'll be a couple of items on the agenda, not a huge agenda tomorrow night. We will be revisiting some other plans meeting later this month. With regard to our Sustainability Committee, we are actually we have a sub-committee we formed to address, not just an individual clean-up, but actually the process. Working with the Police Department and Public Works to kind of come up with a plan if somebody wants to do a clean-up. What process do they need to go through? And they come to the Sustainability Committee, we have things that they can use. Vests and things like that and bags. And so we're sort of trying to come up with some sort of a more organized and kind of consolidated process for doing Town clean-ups. Once that's done we will have, we'll make sure it's published, it's out there so people know. Because there's a lot of places around Town we can clean up, there's a lot that we can't based on the roads safety. That's why we get the Police involved because there are certain roads we just cannot do clean-ups on because it's just too dangerous. So, look forward to that in the future. With regard to the Rec Department, let's see, we have a car show for the senior members. That was hosted recently. They had 15 antiques and/or unique cars and had DPW and HFD send vehicles down as well. I didn't bring my Mustang down, I'll have to do that next time when they have it again because I kind of fit the profile. The members really enjoyed themselves. Summer Program, that's kind of the big thing going on right now with the Rec Department and it's going great. The eight week program opened on the 24th of June and they have an all-time high amount of 530 kids in the program this year. And it's in week three, it's off to a great start. And just as a side, I've got to, I've got an email from Chrissy Peterson, the Rec Department head and she forwarded an email from a parent who had sent something in. I guess one of her kids is a counselor over there and the other one is in the program and this is a person that just had glowing reviews of everything that was going on and how, not just the attendance part of the program, but also how the program is run and how her, I think it was her son was doing. So, and how happy everybody seems to be. So the program is really running well and I think it just continues to get better every year. So there's a lot of good feedback we're getting and we'll continue to share that as we move forward. Couple other items, we talked awhile back about the possibility of doing a presentation or proclamation of making Hudson a Purple Heart Community. And now we are planning for that Proclamation that will take place at the beginning of the meeting, the 13th of August, here in the Board of Selectmen room. We will be notifying the HCTV, local paper, and trying to get the work out with the VFW and American Legion, have representatives come over and have a nice little proclamation. And then after that move forward with obtaining signs for the entrances to Town so people will know that we are also a Purple Heart communities as a lot of other communities are in New Hampshire. So we're excited about that, stay tuned. I'll make sure at the next meeting that we announce that as well. It's coming up, anybody's welcome to come to that proclamation. And, I think that's, what is the other thing that we wanted to talk about? We wanted to make sure we reinforced the elections. They're going to be at Memorial and Alvirne for the fall, for September and November. So, I'm just putting that out there again to

get people aware. I think that's all I have. Oh, one other thing. Didn't you attend an event the other night? The other day, the Cane? Selectman Roy: The Boston Post Cane. Selectman Morin: Yes, I went take pictures, but, yes. Martha Smith, she turns 100 in November. She was very, extremely happy. The crowd, they filled the Hills House between family and friends from where she lives. It was a good, it was quick, but she really enjoyed herself. She was pretty funny and she had a real good time and again, the turnout was unbelievable. I couldn't believe how many people were there. Selectman Roy: Now, she's the oldest resident. Selectman Morin: She's the oldest resident in Town. Yes. Chairman Guessferd: That's excellent. And one other thing that took place on Sunday that I happen to run into, wasn't well aware of it in the Alvirne parking lot. They had a touch-a-truck. Mr. Malizia: You took my thing. Looked like it was pretty successful. Chairman Guessferd: They had these cranes there that were probably 100 feet tall. When you drove by you knew something was going on. Thanks to the Hudson Fire Department, Hudson Police Department and some private companies brought their trucks over. Very well attended the kids ... Mr. Malizia: I believe Public Works had some stuff over there. A lot of young kids. Selectman Morin: They got to go in an armored car, never did that before. Chairman Guessferd: I did see that armored car there. Pretty cool. And, I think earlier, before I got there, they said there said there was a helicopter. That actually came and landed in the field over there. Selectman Morin: There was. Chairman Guessferd: Hung out for a little bit then took off. So, it was a real, real good event. So that was, between those two things, Sunday was a big day here in Hudson from a community perspective.

12. Remarks by Town Administrator: That's all I was going to mention was the big truck day so I'm good. Chairman Guessferd: Sorry for stealing your thunder. Mr. Malizia: That's OK. I want somebody to mention it.

13. School Board Liaison Gary Gasdia: Not too much. We obviously schools out, facility work is being done. School Board meetings, we only have one in July on the 15th. But, we did have press release the other day that was out on Facebook for those that may seen it. We have extended the Superintendent's contract, he originally came in on a two year contract, we've extended that for three additional years. He has come in and done a really nice job, he's very active in the community he's really, you know, embraced everything that's Hudson and we're making some good progress and so. Happy to have him sticking around. And at the same time we also hired Jessica Benson to be the Assistant Superintendent in charge of curriculum and instruction. We had gone through an interview process very similar to what you're all talking about earlier. Had some very, very qualified candidates, but, excited to see what she's going to bring with her experience. And so, we're very thrilled to have such good leadership team and the future looks great.

Chairman Guessferd: Excellent, very good. OK, so having gotten to the end of our public session, I will entertain a motion.

Nonpublic Session

Motion by Selectman Morin at 8:19 p.m., seconded by Selectman Dumont to go into non-public 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. (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. Roll call vote, carried 5-0.

Nonpublic Session was entered at 8:19 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 was asked to leave the room. The Board entered into public session at 9:47 p.m.

Motions made after nonpublic session:

1. Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dumont, to hire Hailey LaPlant as a Part-Time Provisional Call Firefighter, an unpaid position with no benefits as recommended by the Fire Chief. Motion carried, 5-0.
2. Selectman Dumont made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin, to promote Lorrie Hammond-Weissgarber to the position of Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen at the hourly rate of \$32.32 per hour, effective July 14, 2024. Motion carried, 4-0-1, Chairman Guessferd, recused.

3. Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dumont, to post and advertise for the position of Administrative Aide II in the Board of Selectmen's office. Motion carried, 5-0.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. by Selectman Roy, seconded by Selectman Dumont. Carried, 5-0.

Recorded by HCTV and transcribed by Lorrie Weissgarber, Administrative Aide.

Bob Guessferd, Chairman

Dillon Dumont, Vice-Chairman

Dave Morin, Selectman

Heidi Jakoby, Selectman

Kara Roy, Selectman