

HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the February 11, 2025 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER – by Chairman Guessferd the meeting of February 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen Meeting Room at Town Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – American Legion Post 48 Commander, Dave Mayopoulos.

3. ATTENDANCE

Board of Selectmen: Bob Guessferd, Dillon Dumont, Dave Morin, Kara Roy and Heidi Jakoby.

Staff/Others: Town Administrator – Roy Sorenson; Police Chief, Tad Dionne; Town Engineer – Elvis Dhima; Public Works Supervisor – Jeremy Faulkner; Interim Finance Supervisor – Beth McKee; School Board Representative – Gary Gasdia; Executive Assistant – Lorrie Weissgarber.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Guessferd: As we start public input I am going to first do something. We're having a special event this evening. So here's where we're going to go with this. I would like to begin the evening by recognizing Clay Mays of Clayco, who is the general contractor for the Target development. Recently, Clay has reached out to local charities here in Hudson and is with us this evening to present six generous donations on behalf of Clayco. The recipients are, and when I call your organization you can come on up by the chairs up here. Chairman Guessferd: You what I'll do too is your name and your position. Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791: Chuck Chapman, Post Commander and Christy Baillargeon, Auxiliary President; the Hudson Lions Club: Gary Gasdia, First VP; American Legion Post 48: Dave Mayopoulos, Commander; Sons of the American Legion Squadron 48: George Hurd, Squadron Commander and Ryan Katy, Junior Vice-Commander; Hudson Kiwanis Charitable Foundation: Mike Falzone, Hudson Kiwanis President and the Hudson Community Food Pantry: Richard Wojeck, President and Len Lathrop, Board of Directors.

Chairman Guessferd: Thank you all for coming tonight. These organizations do a lot of great charity work in Hudson. So, Clay you want to come forward? I'll recognize Mr. Mays, of Clayco. Mr. Mays: It's Henry Clay. [laughter and Mr. Mays hands out giant checks to the six recipients and photo take of all].

Chairman Guessferd: Thank you for coming, again. OK, does anyone else, anyone in the audience wish to address the Board on any issue which the Board has control of at this time? If you do come forward with your name and address for the record.

David Howe – 7 Mission Lane: I just want to come tonight and as I've done a few times in the past, I'm a little late, but just to commend the Town with the beautiful work they do around the holidays at the Common and the manger scene. The one that was replaced that had been there for years and you know what happened to that. But, just again, I'm thanking the Highway Department I know they're a key player in that. And I just think it makes our town look good, I enjoy the spirit of it. Thank you very much.

Chairman Guessferd: Thank you for coming tonight, we appreciate that. Is there anyone else in the audience who wishes to address the Board at this time? Seeing none, we'll move on.

Selectman Dumont made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to approve Consent Items A-F. Motion carried, 5-0.

5. RECOGNITION, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS - None

6. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Assessing Items

- 1) 2024 Property Tax - Supplemental Tax Bill: Map 178 Lot 028 – 71 Kimball Hill Road
- 2) 2024 Property Tax – Supplemental Tax Bill: Map 246 Lot 052 – 9 Muldoon Street
- 3) Veteran tax Credit: 25 Glasgow Cir. – map 149/lot 001/sub 031

B. Water/Sewer Items - None

C. Licenses & Permits & Policies

- 1) Raffle Permit – British Cars of NH

D. Donations - NoneE. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) January 28, 2025

F. Calendar

2/11	7:00	Board of Selectmen	BOS Meeting Room
2/12	9:00	Planning Board	Buxton Meeting Room
2/17	** TOWN HALL CLOSED ALL DAY – PRESIDENTS DAY **		
2/18	6:30	BOS/School Board Joint Meeting	Barnyard Café - Alvirne
2/18	7:00	Municipal Utility Committee	BOS Meeting Room
2/19	6:00	Library Trustees	Hills Memorial Library
2/20	7:00	Benson Park Committee	Hudson Cable Access Center
2/24	7:00	Sustainability Committee	Buxton Meeting Room
2/25	7:00	Board of Selectmen	BOS Meeting Room

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on January 28, 2025

- 1) Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dumont, to promote Master Patrol Officer David Glaser to the position of Sergeant at \$43.24 per hour according to the Hudson Police Employee Association Contract (step 6). This elevation in rank would be effective on 03 February 2025. Motion carried, 5-0.
- 2) Selectman Roy made a motion seconded by Selectman Jakoby, to approve the hiring of Ana Luzardo at \$21.61 per hour (step 3) of the Town of Hudson Support Staff Union, Teamster Local 633, as recommended by the Interim Finance Supervisor upon completion of successful background and credit check. Motion carried, 5-0.
- 3) Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dumont, to re-hire Nicholas Fazio of Hudson, NH effective January 29, 2025 at \$24.25 per hour (grade 8, step 1) in accordance with Teamsters Local #633 agreement. Motion carried, 5-0.
- 4) Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Granite State Glass Bid Acceptance – Police/Decision

Chairman Guessferd recognizes Police Captain Steven McElhinney and Captain David Cayot. Captain McElhinney: Good evening. We're here before you this evening to request the authorization for the Hudson Police Department to accept approval of a bid from Granite State Glass in the amount of \$32,440, the replacement of energy efficient windows and doors at 4 Constitution Drive, which is our training facility of our building. We're additionally asking the release of up to \$16,000 from the Hudson Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund to offset costs associated with this project. The project went out to bid, we put out two grants, State Glass, Portland Glass, Total Glazing and then Claremont Glassworks. We received one bid from Granite State Glass and again, that's in the amount of \$32,440. And if you have any questions I can answer those for you right now. Chairman Guessferd: Anyone have any questions? I will just ask, do we have any idea why the others didn't bid. Captain McElhinney: I received feedback from one company and basically they had said that a project this small wasn't worth their time to go through the bid process. Chairman Guessferd: OK, alright. Anybody else have any questions? OK. Do we have a motion? Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to authorize the Hudson Police Department approval to accept the bid proposal from Granite State Glass in the amount of \$32,440 for the replacement of energy efficient exterior windows and doors at the Kirby Building, 4 Constitution Dr. Motion carried, 5-0.

Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Jakoby, to approve a fund release of \$16,000 from the Hudson Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund to help offset costs related to this project. Motion carried, 5-0.

Selectman Roy: I just have a question. Do we know how much is in that? Captain McElhinney: Yes We're requesting up to \$16,000. When reimbursements come in, we spoke with the committee, that will keep money in the account to keep it open without totally depleting it. When the money comes in we're going to determine how much is left in there to maintain an appropriate balance. Chairman Guessferd: But today how much is there? Chief Dionne: Just under \$16,000. Selectman Roy: That was all I had.

B. 9 Industrial Drive, Release of Agreement – Engineering/Decision

Chairman Guessferd recognizes Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima. Thank you Mr. Chairman and good evening everyone. In 2010 Town of Hudson and the Litchfield Youth Football & Cheer Club got in an agreement to develop that site to build a stadium/field. That area had asbestos, it got capped, soon after that there was no development. Last year Selectman Morin, myself, Public Works Director met with the Board. Directors and unfortunately the site does not meet their need therefore they no longer need the leasing. With that said they have agreed to release any obligations from the Town and them so they can go pursue other avenues. And it allows us with the ability to pursue opportunities for us as well. So with that said I'm here in front of you tonight to recommend to approve the agreement commitment between the Town and the Litchfield Youth Football Cheers and we can move forward. And with that said I'll take any questions you might have. Chairman Guessferd: OK, does anyone have any questions? Selectman Jakoby: So just to clarify, so we were in a lease agreement with them until 2036, is that what I saw? Elvis Dhima: That's the original, correct. Selectman Jakoby: Originally 2036. There was all kinds of opportunities and things that came up and now it doesn't meet their needs and this will release us from our obligations and them from their obligations so that then we can move forward. Elvis Dhima: Correct. Selectman Jakoby: Clarify for people who have listened to this over the years. So this kind of keeps it at a ground zero. We're back to the beginning and we can do something different. Elvis Dhima: That is correct. Chairman Guessferd: Anybody else? I just want to say, this has been around for long time, it was initially going to be a football field for the youth football league. It's been through a lot of iterations as you're saying over the years and now I think we're finally releasing ourselves and releasing the other organization. So, anybody who's come to town recently doesn't really know the history there so. Anyway does anybody else have any questions or comments? Selectman Jakoby made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dumont, to approve the agreement amendment between Hudson Litchfield Youth Football & Cheer, Inc., and Town of Hudson. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. 9 Industrial drive Property, Revenue Opportunity – Engineering /Decision

Chairman Guessferd recognizes Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima. Thank you Mr. Chairman. So with the lease now completed we were contacted by a business out of Manchester that does commercial drive and licenses training and licenses itself. Just to give an overall idea to what we have out there right now. We have a parking area that's been paved, it's about 50,000 square feet. We have a nice practice field, it was labeled at the time that's about 100 x 125 feet and then we have a significant flood area that's not currently being utilized except for Public Works for storage opportunities. So with that said, the business that has come to us is requesting that we lease that to the business for approximately \$2,000 a month for the next nine months. That's basically the parking area, it consists of two or three commercial vehicles going there and basically being utilized by students to learn how to drive. The contract you have in front of you tonight was drafted by our Town attorney and it's ready for you to be executed if you wish to do so. Tonight you can also take the opportunity to discuss any future possibilities you'd like to explore regarding the rest of the site. As of now it's open to everyone and we can take it from here now that we have an opportunity to do something with this project, or with this particular site. With that said you have one motion in front of you tonight and I'll take any questions you might have about this or the rest of the site. Selectman Roy: Can the offset site still be used for like a practice field? Elvis Dhima: There is a practice field already built out, 100 x 125, yes it can. That was the intent. We cannot put anything in, we cannot dig because it's a sealed site. It's almost like a capped landfill, Selectman Roy, there could be activities up there, yes correct. And then the rest of the area can be utilized for whatever you wish to do so, it's a significant size. Selectman Morin: In reference to the driver training there. I know the Fire Department used it so the trucks aren't going to be an issue on the pavement. I know the Police used it for their emergency driving instruction. The parking lot will take that type of abuse. And in reference to the rest of the property, talking with the Rec Director over the last couple of years and about this. And then this summer their pickle ball court that they have now is in very tough shape and it is too small for what they're doing. And speaking with the Engineer and the Director, there's a possibility that we can look into putting the pickle ball courts there and

we could have a few more. A basketball court would fit in the back because we only have one at this time because the ones up here at the school were shut down. There was talk of public gardens, you know people can come in and have gardens, maybe \$10 a spot or whatever. And then in the wintertime, it's a perfect hill for sledding. So there are options to do. I think it's something that we've long put off to make some improvements for Recreation, different types of Recreation and this would be the time to do it because it's in a place we're not really going to bother anybody. We've already got the parking there and everything for those types of events. So, we can move forward on that.

Chairman Guessferd: Yes, I just received feedback from many folks about pickle ball in particular. But, there's all kinds of different things that you could certainly do at that site.

Selectman Dumont: That was my only question about it, was the parking. With leasing out the parking lot is there a certain allocation that would be left over if there was to be any other?

Elvis Dhima: There's so much space there Selectman Dumont that we can utilize the remainder of the site without touching the parking area that we can start parking there. There is acres like, two, three, four acres available there we can utilize there to park. It doesn't have to be paved it can be dirt. But, there's plenty of opportunity to, if the Board decides to move forward, to create parking that we don't have to touch the parking area. Also, if this, this is a new partnership, if you want to call it, if this works out, we can extend another couple months because it goes into November. And if the relationship works out and it's beneficial to both sides, we can have a long-term lease put in front of the voters in March of 2026. To do a long term lease with this particular business which was also offered to provide services for training for staff at a discount that we typically pay for DPW. Even Fire Department if they choose to engage.

Selectman Jakoby: So, talking about all the possibilities for this property, what might be step set we could take moving forward? Do we formulate a committee to look at the best use or how we move forward on making pickle ball courts, sledding hill or, whatever. Because it sounds like it would take Recreation and a few different departments coming together to create a plan for that. So I'm just asking, what's the best steps for moving forward?

Selectman Morin: Speaking with the Rec Director, her ideas were pickle ball and basketball. Those are what we don't have right now.

Selectman Jakoby: Right exactly. I think it's great.

Selectman Morin: So that was her suggestion and she could handle those. That was one of, you know, adding these. She said no problem, she could handle those.

Selectman Dumont: I think taking the recommendations, I mean, even if they, if we wanted to solicit a couple emails would be fine. We could schedule a workshop, I mean we have workshop days figured into the calendar, we could utilize one of those and put it on there and an agenda item.

Chairman Guessferd: Yes, I think it's obviously something we want to have some input for. And, I think with Rec at the head of it of moving forward on what we can do. It sounds like it really falls within the Rec Department because the things we would consider doing there.

Selectman Jakoby: I would think that would be a great opportunity to do a workshop date. It would allow the public to come in and voice any suggestions or interests that they might have and have Rec here with the possibilities.

Elvis Dhima: What I'll do is I'll create some renderings for the Board to have an idea to what we can fit in there. So we have images that can be to scale and it can give us an idea to what we can put in and also parking as well. And then you can determine to how, you know, what we can do. Obviously we have to find the money for it, because that's the biggest issue. I don't think it's a bad idea to see what's out there and who's willing to provide some donations to build this. I mean I think we do this in-house with Public Works. Jays probably going to kill me if he's watching this, but, Jeremy will probably say yes and then you know. If it's not over complicated, as long as we can provide a hard surface that's level you can always do the painting ourselves later. So, something to think about to keep the cost low, obviously. And Public Works does a great job, they do a lot stuff in-house and I don't want to commit to them but, we can also look for some donations from outside as well to see if there's anyone willing to help us out.

Selectman Jakoby: Well to that I think it would be important for Public Works to be part of this workshop.

Elvis Dhima: No, no, no they just get the orders, here it is.

Selectman Jakoby: Do we want to set a proposed date or month that we could do this? Do we need a motion for that workshop?

Selectman Morin: I think we should probably take care of this first though, right?

Chairman Guessferd: Well let's take care of this. I mean we could set it up if we wanted to for probably a couple months down the line after the election.

Selectman Jakoby: For April?

Chairman Guessferd: If you wanted to do something like that to move out on it.

Roy Sorenson: I think in the meantime just to, kind of hearing what the Board's saying I can certainly meet with staff internally anticipating a potential workshop. We can set that up in advance, get some stuff ready to go, hit the ground running for the workshop.

Chairman Guessferd: So do you think April is a good timeframe to get that done?

Roy Sorenson: I think so. I think winter's over at that point. So, some time is freed up for some folks.

Selectman Jakoby: Let's just put that out there.

Chairman Guessferd: I don't think we have to do a motion for that.

Selectman Morin: No because we have a workshop anyway.

Chairman Guessferd: It's already scheduled so we can just say what the topic is going to be, put out an agenda and away we go.

Selectman Roy: I actually have a question. This is a short term lease, right?

Elvis Dhima: That is correct. Its nine months and we can cancel it with a 30 day notification to both parties.

Chairman Guessferd: Is there a renewal provision in here if we wanted to renew it.

Elvis Dhima: No. Because we cannot renew it if it's beyond a year, you would need voters to vote on it. But, the idea

is if this works out until November I think you, as a Board, can extend it a couple months but less than a year. Chairman Guessferd: But then to the voters. Elvis Dhima: So to your point Mr. Chairman, you can then put forward a warrant article similar to what you did with the tower for Verizon. We can take it from there. If it's a money maker it's a no brainer but we have to go through the process, yes. Selectman Roy: I'm all set. I just wanted to be clear about that. Selectman Dumont made a motion, seconded by Selectman Morin, to approve the lease agreement between Drive Force CDL Academy LLC, and the Town of Hudson, as recommended by the Town Engineer and authorize the Town Administrator to sign it. Motion carried, 5-0.

[The Board took a recess break for appx. 10 minutes]

D. Perfluorinated Chemicals Commission – Administration/Decision

Chairman Guessferd recognizes selectman Dumont. So as you guys were aware Hudson was added to the list of communities effected by perfluorinated chemicals and with that we get representation on a commission that was created and signed into legislation last year. Rosemarie Rung who's on the appointing committee for that commission at the state house had reached out to me and asked if I would volunteer to sit on that position. I sent that information off to Bob, there's a process for that. Typically that appointment comes from the Board of Selectmen and that's where we are at tonight. Town Administrator: If I may Mr. Chair. So, just so the Board is aware, on the October 22, 2024 meeting of last year the Board did appoint Daniel O'Brien, he was appointed to this committee. A letter was sent at that time by the previous Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, to the honorable Sharon Carson. So just that the Board is aware of that. There may be some other avenues within that law that Selectman Dumont is speaking to that you could do this. I just want to bring that to the attention of the Board. Selectman Dumont: So basically what there is, is there's multiple different forms of representation the way the legislation lays out. Some of them being direct state representatives appointed by majority and minority office. Certain officials appointed by the Senate's office, certain residents that are involved, citizens that are in the residency of the town's that are affected. And I'd also town officials that are in the residencies that are affected. When I spoke the appointing committee member, Rosemarie Rung, prior to this meeting after getting that information or being reminded about Daniel being appointed in October, it was told to me Hudson has two representatives, or represents, two representatives. One preferably from the Board of Selectmen and the other would be the citizen. Chairman Guessferd: So there are two representatives. Town Administrator: It's the purview of the Board. Chairman Guessferd: Does anybody have any comments or questions? Selectman Jakoby: I mean it is a position that I would be definitely interested in also serving on. Is there any particular reason, you know, I know Selectman Dumont you're also a New Hampshire State Representative in this matter so that you'll have some ability whenever comes out of this committee will go to the House of Representatives and you'll have an opportunity to speak on it at that point as well. Selectman Dumont: And quite frankly that was Rosemarie's suggestion. She had reached out because typically they try to find a tie with the local authority and the state. She thought it would be beneficial to have that tied together. Obviously the Board is willing to do whatever. Quite frankly another meeting is no skin off my back but that was her suggestion. I don't mind but it's totally up to this Board as to who they want to appoint. I'm not forcing that on anybody. Selectman Jakoby: Yeah, I'm just, that's my question. So Rosemarie feels that it would be an advantage that you are a state representative and a town representative that that's an advantage to this committee and to the Town of Hudson? Selectman Dumont: That is correct. Chairman Guessferd: OK, any other questions or comments? Do we have a motion? Selectman Morin: Do we have one specifically? Chairman Guessferd: Yes we do. I'll read the motion and someone can make the motion. To appoint Selectman Dumont to the 126-A:79-a Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals. Selectman Morin made the motion and Selectman Roy made the motion for discussion. Chairman Guessferd: Comments, questions? Selectman Roy: selectman Jakoby brings up a good point about having a kind of diversity of the Board present on that Commission. So I think she should also be considered for the position. Selectman Dumont: May I ask what are you, diversity as to what? Selectman Roy: Diversity as to her perspective vs. a perspective you already have a voice for at the State Representative level. Selectman Morin: Do we still have that gentleman that was... Chairman Guessferd: Dan O'Brien? Yes. Selectman Morin: Is he still a representative for this committee? Selectman Dumont: He is and that was one clarification that I wanted to make with Rosemarie that I wasn't going to removing, that this would not remove him from that. Chairman Guessferd: So he's still on the committee? Selectman Dumont: Correct. Chairman Guessferd: Well I certainly thing consideration of all options is good here. So, do we have any other comments or questions? Selectman Roy: I would just like to ask Selectman Jakoby to say why she wants to be on... Selectman Jakoby: So PFAS have been an interest of mine for a long time. I've spoken about it previously when Representative Carson was here. You know it's a passion

of mine. Also, the idea of being a representative from Hudson that's able to come to this level of a committee would be an honor and give me an opportunity to have that voice in another setting than just here at this table. I respect Selectman Dumont running as a Representative for the state and just saying that you have a voice there and having another person that would give us a third voice from the town on this issue. And that's really my rationale for proposing that. Selectman Morin: How many representatives can you have? Selectman Dumont: My understanding is from, specific to the town is two. You have a resident or citizen of the town then you have one in an official capacity. Selectman Morin: And to just make it clear, the resident is still a member of that committee. Selectman Dumont: That is correct. And I did clarify that with her too that in no way shape or form did I want this to take away from that. Because that was a vote that we had all already taken in October. Selectman Morin: And the resident has been attending the meetings and everything as their supposed to? Selectman Dumont: That I'm not aware of. I don't have any of that information. I asked if she was in contact with Daniel and she told me she did have a conversation with Daniel. I also sent her over a copy of that letter so that way she had his direct contact information. Obviously, this was something that had come up prior to the meeting so I don't have everything. Town Administrator: If I may Mr. Chair. Selectman Dumont have they assembled meeting for this to date? Selectman Dumont: Once a month. Yes. Town Administrator: So they've already started those. Selectman Dumont: I believe the next meeting is either Friday or the following Friday. Town Administrator: You know if you read this, the creation of this committee, it's, there is some gray area in here I think anyways, as far as the representatives and things to that nature. I don't know if you want to get additional information on that or not. Chairman Guessferd: You mean gather additional information? Town Administrator: You could. I think Selectman Dumont is talking to the folks up there now. Selectman Roy: So your suggestion we might have more than two representatives on the... Town Administrator: Well I mean if you read it, yes. If you read it there are avenues in here, particularly because he is a state rep as well, that he may qualify under, just under that alone. Selectman Dumont: So Hudson itself would not have any more than two representatives. What's in there the worry I believe that Mr. Sorenson is talking to is at the very top it speaks to the majority and the minority office appointing those two. Majority office not minority office reached out to me. So I'm not, at least in my, I am not thought of in that section. The appointing committee is the one that reached out to me figuring it was a better tie as a state representative and the local Board of Selectmen. And then, I mean I can read through them too if you would like to know what the other areas are because I had it pulled up in my email. But basically what it is is members of the commission shall be as follows: five members of the House of Representatives, three of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the House. And two of which are appointed by the House minority leader. Two members from the Senate, the program manager from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner Department of Environmental Services. The Director of the University of New Hampshire Institute of Health Policy and Practice and Design. A representative from New Hampshire Medical Society, two citizens with backgrounds in environmental science, a representative from each affected town of Merrimack, Bedford, Londonderry, Hudson, Litchfield appointed by the governing body of such town. Five residents, one from each of the following affected towns: Merrimack, Bedford, Londonderry, Hudson and Litchfield. Then it goes on to talk about the commission on environmental impacts, recording data. So that's the list of the people who are on there. Chairman Guessferd: Would it be helpful for us to inquire as to whether or not that Mr. O'Brien has been attending meetings? Town Administrator: Honestly, I think the discussion we've had here, if I may Mr. Chair, tonight is fine. Maybe, this isn't, we could potentially bring this back after a little more. Selectman Dumont: Two things I would say. One, the point where we would be there's a motion on the floor that's been seconded and we're in discussion and that motion needs to be acted on. And two, I would say that if there's not an action taken on this I do think you risk not having representation on the next meeting. And three, the issue of Daniel O'Brien we can dig up that information regardless of what happens with this information. Town Administrator: You have a motion on the floor. Chairman Guessferd: We do have a motion on the floor. I will ask the Board, all in favor? Opposed? Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to appoint Selectman Dumont to the 126-A:79-a Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals. Motion carried, 3-2.

Chairman Guessferd: Let's make sure this isn't killed, though. If we can get another representative on the committee. Selectman Dumont: If you'd like I can have a conversation set up with you and Rosemarie Rung. Like I said she's the one that's on the appointing commission for the Board. Town Administrator: I do think that's important as well and then we could certainly send correspondence back to them. Chairman Guessferd: What about an alternate? Town Administrator: You could do that, I mean, but I think he would certainly want to be in attendance to those meetings either way. I think if you clarify that a little bit more with some correspondence. Selectman Dumont: They're done by microsoft teams, they're not in person meetings. Selectman Jakoby: Two questions. Congratulations Selectman Dumont. One I would have hoped that you, you know, if the representatives have not been assigned yet, is what you had said? Selectman Dumont: I don't know if they've been... Selectman Jakoby: The House of Representatives?

Selectman Dumont: This was an existing commission. Last year Hudson was added to it and extended for an additional five years. The commission was set to die in '24, it got extended by an additional five years, it goes until '29. Selectman Jakoby: Right I was aware of that. Thank you. The other question that I had in regards to, so you were reached out in this capacity and not in the capacity as the representatives. You as a representative to the House of Representatives. Selectman Dumont: I mean quite frankly, I would say reached out in dual capacity because that was the reason why she reached out to me was because there was a tie with the Board of Selectmen and... Selectman Jakoby: OK, but not as... Selectman Dumont: No action as a Board of Selectmen member which is why I put it on the agenda. Or had asked to be put on the agenda. I did forward copies of those emails off to the Chair so he could see the chain that happened with that as along with Lorrie. And if anybody else would like to emails I would be more than happy to send them along to you. Selectman Jakoby: Thank you. Chairman Guessferd: Do we want to see those emails? Selectman Jakoby: I would like to. I would like to see them so that I'm fully aware. Because having read through the packet those were my main concerns. My concern is why not have more voices instead of less voices? And you don't have a voice when anything comes out of committee to... Selectman Dumont: Their explanation to me was that... Selectman Jakoby: I just meant for here. Selectman Dumont: And that's OK. The explanation to me because I did ask a similar question was that the information that I would receive while sitting on the commission would directly benefit Hudson when I get to go and vote on possible matters at the House floor. Selectman Jakoby: Thank you. I appreciate the clarification. Selectman Morin: Do they have public hearings that people can go and voice their opinion? Selectman Dumont: I believe that all the meetings are publicized. Chairman Guessferd: OK, so there's another opportunity for input as well. Selectman Jakoby: Just to clarify that. So the meetings are on teams, but they're open to the public. Selectman Dumont: I believe, again, I haven't been a part of any of these meetings and this is all new to me. Selectman Jakoby: So I would just ask that those be listed on our website so that anyone who's interested in being a part of that since we are one of the five committees, that would be excellent. And could we possibly include those in our calendar? Or is that, we can't do that, because that's different. Chairman Guessferd: Yes, that's a state thing. Selectman Jakoby: That's right. You've told me this before that we can't include extra things on the calendar. So, Selectman Dumont if you can let us know the dates of those that would be very helpful. Thank you. Selectman Dumont: They're once a month on Friday but I'll get that schedule together and I'll send it off. Chairman Guessferd: Any further discussion? OK, so that brings us to the end of our public agenda items.

9. **SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS/OTHER REMARKS**

Selectman Morin: Conservation met last night. Two biggest things they talked about, T-Bones Restaurant project is moving forward at the same spot. There's been some changes, there's some open area to their boundary to some wet lands that the Conservation Committee's going to take a look. They're doing a Site Walk tomorrow, I believe. Chairman Guessferd: So who's they? Who's the committee? Selectman Morin: The Conservation Committee. Chairman Guessferd: The Planning Board hasn't seen it yet. Selectman Morin: No. That's the 26th I believe. Chairman Guessferd: That's our next meeting after this one. Selectman Morin: That's moving forward. The other thing is they're working on, there's an open space report that was last done in 2012. So they're going to relook at that and they're going to update it. And what an open space report is, is any property that they have, large pieces of property that aren't developed and possibly in the future they could buy for conservation. So, they're going to be updating that plan. That's what they're doing at this point for the winter time. That's all I have. Chairman Guessferd: Great. I hadn't heard about the... because T-Bones is still in the same location, they're doing the fixing underneath the road, you know and underneath the restaurant. And I didn't know whether or not they still plan to move. Selectman Morin: It's coming.

Selectman Roy: So I haven't had any meetings but, I just want to remind everybody that Benson's, Friends of Benson's Park is having a cardboard sled race Sunday, February 16th. Registration is at 1:00pm and race is at 2:00pm. So bring your boxes, make them into whatever you want, be creative and have some fun. It looks like they're still going to have some snow. Chairman Guessferd: I was going to say, at least we got snow for this. Because in the past years we haven't.

Selectman Jakoby: Thank you. I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who came to both Deliberative Sessions. Just a reminder that there are a wide variety of warrant articles for your consideration on March 11th. Please take a close look at them, if you have any questions please reach out to any of us on the Board or the staff. We'd be happy to answer those questions, make sure you're informed about them. There's not only the Town warrant articles, but there are also zoning articles, so there are two separate sections. If you watch the Deliberative Session I just wanted to clarify that. The first half was discussed, the zoning warrant articles would have been discussed at Public Hearings at the Planning Board meeting if you're looking for that information. So, I just wanted to point residents to

where they need to look for those things. And again, the School Board warrant articles were at a separate Deliberative Session and you can seek that information out. There will be a lot of information coming at you from all different directions, so I encourage you to be informed moving forward. Also, I wore red today because a staff member reminded me that February is heart disease awareness month. Which is one of leading cause of death in the United States, so I just wanted to remind everyone that, you know, heart disease is something that we all need to consider moving forward. And there is a critical need for blood donations. I just made my appointment for this weekend, just consider what you can do this February to help others. Thank you very much.

Selectman Dumont: Not a whole lot for me. Just wanted to remind people about Candidate's Night. You know to get everybody to come out, there's a lot of people out there on the ballot. Come out and ask your questions. Chairman Guessferd: And that is the... Selectman Dumont: February 20th.

Chairman Guessferd: OK, so I've got a few things here. Sustainability Committee will be meeting, I think it's the 24th, that's our next meeting. As far as the Rec Department update, we have three things going on that they wanted me to report on. There's the comedy show, is on March 8th, the next comedy show. Supposed to be a really good show the headliner's somebody, I guess, who's kinda regionally known and just don't have the name. But, there are still tickets available, which usually by now there's usually not. So I would go out and get your tickets if you're going to go. It's a great event I've been a couple of them and they're just a lot of fun. It's a bring your own beverage and bring your own food. People come and set up their snacks, their food, their drinks and all that and kind of make a night of it. And it's a really good community event. The senior programing, they're having a Valentine's Day red party, red party probably not for the same reason. But, obviously that's going to be Friday on Valentine's Day. So, starting next week they're adding a monthly photo club and are excited to see what's going to happen with that. And finally from the Rec Department, Adult Prom is coming up. It's the first Adult Prom they're calling it. It's a decades adult prom so you're encouraged to come, dress up in whatever decade you want to represent. Come with your big hair from the 80s, whatever it is and have a good time. There's going to be all kinds of different types of music and everything. Full of dancing so, you know, or just come if you don't want to dress up, you can just come in your regular clothes and just have a good time and dance the night away. So the registration is online and you can get your tickets while they last. And, that piece from the Planning Board, there is a meeting tomorrow night. We have two site plans on the agenda. The last couple meetings we focused on as Selectman Jakoby was mentioning, warrant articles both Town oriented, town initiated warrant articles as well as petitioned warrant articles. And to that end I do want to make a statement because there has been some concern, recently and I just want to address it directly because we addressed it in the Planning Board meeting, the last Planning Board meeting. So there was a petitioned amendment and I'm just pulling out my phone here because I'm looking at it to read some things here from it. The petition was brought before the Board and the petitioner was asked, at the time, if, basically the zoning amendment was is to take a parcel of land, basically on the corner of Greely Street and 111 and rezone it. And there's several parcels of land in there so zone it from R2 to business. Business, right? The petitioner was asked at the time, did, you know, were the people noticed who owned the property? The abutters don't have to by regulation be noticed but, the actual property owners do that there's been a petition for a change in zoning for their property. Now, we were told that it was and I'm the liaison to the Planning Board. We were told that it was kind of basically a third party sort of discussion. But, we took that information and we voted on a recommendation. The only thing the Planning Board can do at that point is make a recommendation or not. Once the actual petition is, petition warrant article is accepted and all the signatures are signed and verified they're all legitimate, at that point it has to move forward to the ballot. So, I've been asked can the Board or the Planning Board, can the Board of Selectmen or the Planning Board change that, pull it back. And the answer is no. We checked with our Town Attorney, our Planning Board Chair checked with the attorney. Now the notice, apparently was not made to all the owners. And so it's in violation of the RSA, but it still has to move forward to the ballot. And if we had had the proper information at the time, we likely would have made, I know I might have made a different recommendation and so the numbers would have looked different. It was recommended 5-2 by the Planning Board. So, the bottom line here is that at this point we have to let it go forward to the warrant, or to the ballot. Now, if it passes, there is an opportunity for anybody to petition the court to review the legality of the warrant article afterwards. If it doesn't pass, it pretty much dies there on the line. But, I just want to let everybody know that yes, the Planning Board Chair stepped up when he was asked about it, took responsibility, recognized there was an error made. But unfortunately at this point it cannot be changed and the recommendation cannot be changed. So, that is what I know about it and what I wanted to say because I know there's some concern out there about this and wondering whether or not we can do anything about it. Selectman Dumont did you have any additional comments? Selectman Dumont: Just a question if you could indulge me for a second. I was watching it through some of the email threads that were attached to, other than that I didn't have any communication with it.

So I was just curious, was the notification for the petition warrant article for the hearing that the Planning Board was going to hold on the recommendation or is it notification that the petition warrant article was received and that they would have a change in, or possible change in zoning? Chairman Guessferd: You know what, honestly, I can't, I don't know specific. Selectman Dumont: For me when I was following it I think it would be worthwhile to take a look into that. Because if it's notification prior to the Planning Board hearing it's going to be very difficult to get that out in time by the time the petition is received and the Board has to take an action on it. If it's prior to the vote in March, there's still time for that proper notification to go out and rectify the situation. Should it have been done sooner? Yes. But if there is a, or something can be rectified I think it would be honest to make sure that happens. Chairman Guessferd: Absolutely, I will take that to the Board, to the Chair. I'll talk to him tomorrow night about it when we have our meeting. Selectman Jakoby: Just reiterate for the public that it's Warrant Article 33 Petition to Rezone Parcels from Residential 2 to Business. Just in case as a resident you're looking for the verbiage. So it is Warrant Article 33. Chairman Guessferd: OK, thanks. So the only other thing I want to say, I want to reiterate some of the things that have been said about upcoming events. We have Candidates Night next week, the 20th. It will be recorded so even if you cannot attend, you can certainly go on HCTV's website and look at the way the candidates respond to questions, their statements and all of that. The 18th, next Tuesday, is the previously we had mentioned there was a joint school/town, State of the Town/State of the School meeting that's been scheduled. It is at the Barnyard Café over at Alvirne High School next Tuesday at 6:30pm. Requesting, hopefully most the Board members can make it. We're also inviting Town Department Heads and the Town Administrator and the school is doing the same thing. It's not going to be a presentation, it's going to be as it has been the last few years, basically a Q and A. So we will be there to answer questions and anything that anybody would like to talk about that, you know, the Boards have purview over or town things that they want to ask the Department Heads. Should be an informative evening. We ask people to go ahead and come on over and if you have a question or concern, this will be another opportunity for you to ask and to talk about it with the folks in the know. So, that's happening and then of course, a really important piece of all of this, is the elections coming up. March 11th, Tuesday. Please come out and vote. We had a great, great turnout for the national election in November. While we can't necessarily hope to have the exactly the same turnout, we really would love to have people to come out, you know having enjoyed that experience. Being a little tongue and cheek about that. But it's so important because this is what effects your taxes that you pay. This is effects your local town. Especially like for the zoning amendments. These will make changes to our town that we hope are going to be improvements to the town moving forward. So it's really important that people get out there and vote. We're going to have another meeting before that, maybe two. That's something we'll probably have to talk about at the next meeting. Because that's typically the night that the Selectboard meets, the 11th. So, we'll figure out what we're going to do with that. Like I said that'll be a subject for the next meeting. So, I've talked way too much here so I'm going to turn it over to the Town Administrator.

10. Remarks by Town Administrator: Thank you Mr. Chair. You took a couple of my items, too. First and foremost, again, I just want to express my sincere gratitude to this Board for allowing me to serve in the capacity as the Town Administrator for the Town of Hudson, I'm excited to do so as, I've mentioned many times before. Finally here, which is great and ready to move forward, understand the Town of Hudson, the community and do my best to do good things for this town as well. On another note, you did mention the state of the Town, you brought that up which is great, so that's coming up next week as well. A lot of talk about the election, the candidates are listed on the Town website. So if you want to go on there and see who's up for election, where they are, the terms and what Committees and/or Boards they might be seeking. I will give credit to HCTV and Engineering. They did a great Melendy Road Bridge and the closure that will take place there in that project itself. It's looking like mid-March it will close and will continue through June, hey will continue to update if you haven't seen that. If you go on the site, they did a fantastic job, I thought that was great. Finally, next Monday Town Hall is closed, President's Day. That's all I have. Chairman Guessferd: We also want to welcome you. Pleasure having you on board and we look forward to a great relationship.

11. School Board Liaison Gary Gasdia: Yes, thank you. You both took my (inaudible) on the joint meeting. So, the 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Barnyard Café. Couple things, a few meetings ago I was here, we talked about we're going to be launching an alumni newsletter. The first edition is out on the website, it's also been sent out to some folks that provided email addresses. So hopefully that'll be something that gains some traction. Last week we had Jazz All-State and we had 90 participants from Hudson participate in that which is a pretty large number so we're excited about that. And then at the Deliberative Session the other day, there was obviously a lot of talk about, you know, tax impact and money but, there was a portion of it that really drifted into academic excellence and test scores and all that. And

while we have a long way to go on our test scores, there was a little bit of good news today that came out of a non-profit group called Education Recovery Scorecard. It's a joint Harvard and Stanford got together and basically go across the country and look to see how the world is recovering from COVID over the past four years. And they do a state-by-state assessment. And in the New Hampshire state assessment, they actually called out Hudson and they said in some districts such as Oyster River, Hudson and Contoocook, our reading scores are actually above where they were in 2019. Again, we have a long way to go but, if you saw that meeting the other day you may feel its all doom and gloom. And the reality is we know we have a long way to go but, we are seeing progress at the elementary school level. We're seeing progress in reading, we have to figure out math, that's been the charge we've given to our new Assistant Superintendent and our Superintendent to figure out. But, it is nice being recognized and called out for all the good work there. And then I'll just end with you know, welcome Roy. I've been coming to a lot of these meetings, this is my favorite one, I'm leaving with a check. We had some excitement and getting us out of here [laughter]. If I knew it would be like this I might have run again.

Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to enter into non-public.

12. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy to enter into 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. (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Nonpublic Session was entered at 8:09 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 8:50 p.m.

Motions made after nonpublic session:

- 1) Selectman Roy made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dumont, to approve the hiring of Cheryl Morin at \$21.61 per hour (step 3) of the Teamsters Local Union #633 contract, as recommended by the Interim Finance Supervisor. Motion carried, 5-0.
- 2) Selectman Dumont made a motion seconded by Selectman Morin, to accept Scott Stevens' resignation from the Public Works department, effective immediately, as recommended by the Public Works Supervisor. Motion carried, 5-0.
- 3) Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to post and advertise for the Truck Driver/Laborer position in the department of Public Works. Motion carried, 5-0.
- 4) Selectman Jakoby made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to appoint IT Specialist Douglas Bosteels to the position of IT Director, effective February 16, 2025 with an annual salary of \$117,916. Motion carried, 5-0.
- 5) Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to post for the position of IT Specialist in the IT Department. Motion carried, 5-0.
- 6) Selectman Morin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Roy, to adjourn at 8:352 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:52p.m. by Selectman Morin, seconded by Selectman Roy. Carried, 5-0.

Recorded by HCTV and transcribed by Lorrie Weissgarber, Executive Assistant.

Bob Guessferd, Chairman

Dillon Dumont, Vice-Chairman

Kara Roy, Selectman

Heidi Jakoby, Selectman

Dave Morin, Selectman

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