



Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen

Minutes—September 28, 2020

Remote via Zoom 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

Present were Mr. Durant, Mr. Duplisea, Mr. Parent, Mr. Lucy, Mr. Quinn and Mr. Moses. Also present were Atty. Cipriano and Ms. Vickery.

2. Minutes to be Approved:

- a) Public session minutes – September 14, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the public session minutes of September 14, 2020.

3. Meetings and Public Hearings - 7:00 PM:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval of a transfer of a Wine & Malt Package Store License and Pledge of License at 15-17 Central Street from C & M Market, Inc. to Ewnidsha Torres-Alves, Erick Alves and Deleon D. Francisco, Owners of D&F Market LLC, d/b/a Central Street Market.

Note: Public hearing to be continued to October 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

4. Licenses:

- a) Selectmen to consider issuance of a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Sara Lee for a Beer Garden located at 1 Houghton Street for the following dates and times:

October 8-11, 15-18, 22-25, 29-31

November 1, 2020

Thursdays from 3:00 – 9:00 PM

Fridays and Saturdays 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Sundays 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to issue a One-Day Wine & Malt Pouring License to Sara Lee for a Beer Garden located at 1 Houghton Street for the following dates and times:

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5. Personnel:

- a) Selectmen to note the retirement of Michael Lowe as Driver/Laborer for the DPW, effective September 24, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to note the retirement of Michael Lowe as Driver/Laborer for the DPW, effective September 24, 2020.

- b) Selectmen to note the resignation of Robert Olkin from the Cultural Council, effective immediately.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to note the resignation of Robert Olkin from the Cultural Council, effective immediately.

- c) Selectmen to note the resignation a John Vincent Giombetti from the Council on Aging, effective immediately.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to note the resignation a John Vincent Giombetti from the Council on Aging, effective immediately.

6. Contracts:

- a) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request in the amount of \$16,446.93 for the milling & overlay of various roads in Town.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve and authorize the signing of a Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request in the amount of \$16,446.93 for the milling & overlay of various roads in Town.

- b) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Carbon Filtration systems for the Clari-Filter Media at the Gates Pond WTF in the amount of \$24, 122.00.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Carbon Filtration systems for the Clari-Filter Media at the Gates Pond WTF in the amount of \$24, 122.00.

- c) Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Wright-Pierce for Phase 2 of the WWTF Upgrade Design Contract in the amount of \$1,038,900.00.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Wright-Pierce for Phase 2 of the WWTF Upgrade Design Contract in the amount of \$1,038,900.00.

7. General:

- a) Selectmen to consider approving and signing the Schofield Land - White Pond Road and Cranberry Lane Conservation Restriction.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve and sign the Schofield Land - White Pond Road and Cranberry Lane Conservation Restriction.

- b) Selectmen to consider approving and signing the Albertini / Meers Recreation Land – Wilkins Street Conservation Restriction.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to approve and sign the Albertini / Meers Recreation Land – Wilkins Street Conservation Restriction.

- c) Selectmen to consider signing the November Special Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to sign the November Special Town Meeting Warrant and sponsor articles 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 19, 20 and 21.

- d) Selectmen to discuss the logistics for the November Special Town Meeting.

The Board discussed reducing the quorum for Town Meeting to 70 people. All members agreed to this. Atty. Cipriano stated that the vote should be done during an advertised public hearing. The Board will make this vote at its meeting of October 19, 2020.

Shana Weston urged the Board to look at a different set up than at the last meeting as she found it difficult at times to follow along or even know what was going on.

- e) Eric Ryder, DPW Director to present a slideshow on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Phase II.

Mr. Ryder explained that this upgrade is began in 2008. The upgrades were broken up into two phases due to funding. The second phase began in 2013. Major necessary improvements are primary clarifiers, activated sludge clarifiers and mechanical structural items. A whole plant generator is necessary. All pump stations have back up generators but the main treatment plant does not. The sludge is becoming more expensive to dispose and this will help with giving the Town more options for disposal. Total project cost is projected at \$14,684,000 and the project will take approximately 2.5 years to be completed.

- f) Selectmen to discuss the formation of a search committee for a new Executive Assistant.

Mr. Parent suggested that a committee be created that would be made up of 7 members. Those members would be made up of one Selectmen, a member of the School Committee, Finance Committee, Planning Board and Zoning Board (or designee) as well as two at large members. Interest cards will be collected for the at large members and will be due by October 14, 2020.

Once the committee is in place an RFP sent out for a consultant. The hope is that the search could begin by the beginning of January.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to create an Executive Assistant Search Committee and designate Mr. Parent as the Board of Selectmen's designee.

8. Citizens' Issues:

- a) Selectmen to meet with Julie and Brian Miranda regarding sewer usage.

Mr. Duplisea recused himself from the discussion.

Ms. Miranda, 14 Brigham Street explained that her recent water/sewer bill had increased by \$2,000 from the last bill of the same billing period. She cited issues with the irrigation system. All of the excess water never went into the sewer system. She is requesting an abatement on the bill.

Mr. Parent read from the water regulations that clearly state that no abatements will be granted for excessive usage caused by pipe leaks or leaking fixtures on the owner's property. The sewer regulations do not include the sentence to exclude pipe leaks. Mr. Parent would like a better policy put in place. He stated that this will continue to happen until such a time as a policy is put in place.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to table this discussion to its next meeting of October 19, 2020 and discuss putting together a policy to deal with this issue.

Mr. Duplisea returned to the meeting.

9. Town Issues:

10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote note the correspondence of its meeting of September 28, 2020.

11. Executive Session:

12. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to adjourn its meeting of September 28, 2020 at 8:50 PM.

Document List – September 28, 2020

Document	Location
Public session minutes – September 14, 2020	BOS Office
One day pouring application – Sara Lee	BOS Office
Personnel memos – Lowe, Olkin, Giombetti	BOS Office
Chapter 90 reimbursement request	BOS Office
Contracts – Wright-Pierce, Carbon Filtration Systems	BOS Office
Conservation restrictions	BOS Office
November Town Meeting Warrant	BOS Office
Boys & Girls Club Invitation	BOS Office
Planning Board interest card	BOS Office