

Town of Hudson



Select Board

Minutes—May 20, 2024

Hudson Police Station, 911 Municipal Drive

7:00 PM

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1. **Call to Order:**

Present were Mr. Duplisea, Ms. Congdon, Mr. Sharek, Ms. Bemis, Mr. Quinn and Mr. Gregory. Also present was Ms. Santos.

a) Select Board to reorganize.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Sharek, the Board voted 5-0 to nominate Mr. Duplisea as Chairman of the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to nominate Ms. Congdon as Vice Chairman of the Board.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to nominate Mr. Sharek as Clerk of the Board.

2. **Minutes to be Approved:**

a) Public session minutes – April 22, 2024.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 3-0-2 to approve the public session minutes of April 22, 2024. Ms. Bemis and Mr. Sharek abstained.

b) Executive session minutes – April 22, 2024.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 3-0-2 to approve the executive session minutes of April 22, 2024. Ms. Bemis and Mr. Sharek abstained.

c) Public session minutes – May 6, 2024.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 3-0-2 to approve the public session minutes of May 6, 2024. Ms. Bemis and Mr. Sharek abstained.

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

a) Select Board to conduct a public hearing to consider approval of a transfer of an All Alcohol Package Store License, Pledge of License, and Pledge of Inventory at 103-105 Main Street from Hudson Wine & Spirits to One Stop Hudson Liquor, Mayank Gupta, Manager.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Sharek, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the transfer of an All Alcohol Package Store License, Pledge of License, and Pledge of Inventory at 103-105 Main Street from Hudson Wine & Spirits to One Stop Hudson

Liquor; Mayank Gupta, Manager. (This vote took place at 8:00 PM – after Mr. Quinn left).

- b) Select Board to conduct a public hearing to consider an alteration of premises for a Farmer Winery License for Wild Hare located at 43 Broad Street to allow for the manufacture and sales for on-premises consumption of cider; Keith Antul, Manager.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to approve an alteration of premises for a Farmer Winery License for Wild Hare located at 43 Broad Street to allow for the manufacture and sales for on-premises consumption of cider; Keith Antul, Manager.

4. Licenses:

- a) Select Board to consider granting one-day Entertainment and Transient Vendor licenses to the Assabet Valley Chamber of Commerce for its 36th Annual Community Festival on June 8, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a one-day Entertainment and Transient Vendor licenses to the Assabet Valley Chamber of Commerce for its 36th Annual Community Festival on June 8, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

- b) Select Board to consider issuing a one-day entertainment license and one-day all alcohol pouring license to the Hudson Downtown Business District for an event called “Celebrate Hudson” to be held all along Main Street and possible locations on South Street and Market Street. The event is to be held on September 14, 2024 from 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Sharek, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a one-day entertainment license and one-day all alcohol pouring license to the Hudson Downtown Business District for an event called “Celebrate Hudson” to be held all along Main Street and possible locations on South Street and Market Street. The event is to be held on September 14, 2024 from 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM.

- c) Select Board to consider issuance of a Seven Day Live Entertainment License to Keith Sullivan for the Outdoor Beer Garden located at 1 Houghton Street for 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a Seven Day Live Entertainment License to Keith Sullivan for the Outdoor Beer Garden located at 1 Houghton Street for 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM Monday – Saturday and 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Sunday.

5. Personnel:

- a) Select Board to consider approving the appointment of Eric Blakeney as Part Time Senior Clerk for the Town Clerk’s Office, effective May 21, 2024.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Sharek, the Board voted 5-0 approve the appointment of Eric Blakeney as Part Time Senior Clerk for the Town Clerk’s Office, effective May 21, 2024.

- b) Select Board to consider approving the appointment of Tiffany Newton as Program Coordinator for the Park Commission / Division of Recreation, effective May 21, 2024.

On a motion by Ms. Bemis, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Tiffany Newton as Program Coordinator for the Park Commission / Division of Recreation, effective May 21, 2024.

- c) Select Board to consider approving a new job description for the Electrical Inspector for the Building Department.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve a new job description for the Electrical Inspector for the Building Department.

- d) Select Board to consider approving the appointment of David Ramsay as a backup driver for the Senior Center, effective May 21, 2024.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of David Ramsay as a backup driver for the Senior Center, effective May 21, 2024.

- e) Select Board to consider approving the appointment of Rick O'Neil as a backup driver for the Senior Center, effective May 21, 2024.

On a motion by Ms. Bemis, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Rick O'Neil as a backup driver for the Senior Center, effective May 21, 2024.

- f) Select Board to consider approving an updated job description for the Principal Clerk's position in the Finance Department.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve an updated job description for the Principal Clerk's position in the Finance Department.

- g) Select Board to consider confirming the appointment of Patrick Dahlgren as Building Commissioner with an effective date of June 10, 2024.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 5-0 to pass over this item.

- h) Select Board to consider approving the appointment of Part Time Seasonal Employees for the Recreation Department.

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 4-0-1 approve the appointment of Part Time Seasonal Employees for the Recreation Department. Ms. Congdon abstained.

- i) Select Board to consider approving the appointment of Nancy Rea as Part Time Assistant Youth Services Librarian, effective June 5, 2024 at a Grade NU-D, Step 8.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Nancy Rea as Part Time Assistant Youth Services Librarian, effective June 5, 2024 at a Grade NU-D, Step 8.

- j) Select Board to consider appointment of Kenneth Skudder as Associate Member to the Conservation Commission, term to expire 12/31/2026.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Sharek, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Kenneth Skudder as Associate Member to the Conservation Commission, term to expire 12/31/2026.

- k) Select Board to consider approval of the appointments of Kyle Darrigo, Blake Ryder, Andrew Ryder and Brady Blood as Summer Laborers for the DPW, effective July 1, 2024.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded By Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 4-1-0 to approve the appointments of Kyle Darrigo, Blake Ryder, Andrew Ryder and Brady Blood as Summer Laborers for the DPW, effective July 1, 2024. Mr. Sharek opposed.

6. Contracts:

- a) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Northeast / Merrimack Valley Chemical Consortium for the chemicals for the following chemicals for FY Water Treatment.

- Potassium Hydroxide awarded to Univar - \$0.3675 / wet lb.
- Hydrofluorosilic Acid awarded to Univar - \$0.315 / wet lb.
- Sodium Bisulfite awarded to JCI Jones Chemicals - \$.2998 / wet lb.
- Sodium Hypochlorite awarded to Roberts Chemical Company - \$0.2470 / wet lb.
- Aluminum Sulfate awarded to Holland Co. - \$1.69 / gallon.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Sharek, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Northeast / Merrimack Valley Chemical Consortium for the chemicals for the following chemicals for FY Water Treatment.

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- b) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with F.G. Sullivan Drilling Company for the cleaning and redevelopment of the Chestnut Well #3 in the amount of \$19,387.00.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with F.G. Sullivan Drilling Company for the cleaning and redevelopment of the Chestnut Well #3 in the amount of \$19,387.00.

- c) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Markings, Inc. for FY'25 traffic line painting and markings in the amount of \$41,824.56.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Sharek, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Markings, Inc. for FY'25 traffic line painting and markings in the amount of \$41,824.56.

- d) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with AF Amorello & Sons, Inc. for cold patch in the amount of \$155.00 / ton.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with AF Amorello & Sons, Inc. for cold patch in the amount of \$155.00 / ton.

- e) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Woodard and Curran for engineering services for town wide culvert inventory in the amount of \$98,000.00.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Woodard and Curran for engineering services for town wide culvert inventory in the amount of \$98,000.00.

- f) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with 21st Century Concrete for cement concrete in the amount of \$163.00 per cubic yard.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with 21st Century Concrete for cement concrete in the amount of \$163.00 per cubic yard.

- g) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with TEAM E.J. Prescott for the purchase of six (6) fire hydrants in the amount of \$19,270.00.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with TEAM E.J. Prescott for the purchase of six (6) fire hydrants in the amount of \$19,270.00.

- h) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with New England Storm Water Management, LLC for catch basin cleaning in the amount of \$33,575.00 (\$19.75 per catch basin).

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with New England Storm Water Management, LLC for catch basin cleaning in the amount of \$33,575.00 (\$19.75 per catch basin).

- i) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Pace Analytical for water quality testing in the amount of \$45,433.00.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Pace Analytical for water quality testing in the amount of \$45,433.00.

- j) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with PJ Keating for crushed stone $\frac{3}{4}$ " in the amount of \$24.20 / ton.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with PJ Keating for crushed stone $\frac{3}{4}$ " in the amount of \$24.20 / ton.

- k) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with PJ Keating for bituminous concrete (top, fine, binder, dense) in the amount of \$80.15 / ton.

On a motion by Ms. Bemis, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with PJ Keating for bituminous concrete (top, fine, binder, dense) in the amount of \$80.15 / ton.

- l) Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Veolia Water North America for contract operation of the waste water treatment facility and Main Street pump station in the following amounts:

- Year 1: \$1,942,000.00 (Bid)
- Year 2: \$2,039,100.00 (Estimated)
- Year 3: \$2,141,055.00 (Estimated).

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Veolia Water North America for contract operation of the waste water treatment facility and Main Street pump station in the following amounts:

- Year 1: \$1,942,000.00 (Bid)
- Year 2: \$2,039,100.00 (Estimated)
- Year 3: \$2,141,055.00 (Estimated).

7. General:

- a) Select Board to consider adopting and approving the Town of Hudson's Hazardous Mitigation Plan Update for 2023.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Mr. Sharek, the Board voted 5-0 to adopt and approve the Town of Hudson's Hazardous Mitigation Plan Update for 2023.

- b) Select Board to consider issuance of a Citation recognizing Larissa Granger for receiving the prestigious Girls Scouts Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts.

On a motion by Ms. Bemis, seconded by Ms. Congdon, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a Citation recognizing Larissa Granger for receiving the prestigious Girls Scouts Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts.

- c) Select Board to consider authorizing the Director of Planning and Community Development to apply for the One Stop for Community Growth Grant Funding for the Master Plan Update.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Director of Planning and Community Development to apply for the One Stop for Community Growth Grant Funding for the Master Plan Update.

- d) Select Board to consider approving the Cable Renewal License Agreement between the Verizon New England, Inc. and the Town of Hudson.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 5-0 to grant a Cable Television Renewal License with an effective date of May 20, 2024 to Verizon New England Inc. ("Verizon"). All terms and conditions contained in the Renewal License having been agreed to by Verizon. Verizon, by and through its authorized representative, will execute the Renewal License (Agreement) as set out on the Signature Page of the License as signed by the Board consistent herewith.

Mr. Quinn left the meeting.

- e) Select Board to meet with Aileen Sanchez-Himes, Library Director to review the Library's condition assessment report and confirm first site option 2-4 Washington Street and 8 River Street.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, to confirm the first site option 2-4 Washington Street and 8 River Street and begin the grant process.

- f) Select Board to consider authorizing acceptance of a \$388,000 state earmark of ARPA funds to install heat pumps at the Hudson Public Library.

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the acceptance of a \$388,000 state earmark of ARPA funds to install heat pumps at the Hudson Public Library.

8. Citizens' Issues:

9. Town Issues:

Ms. Congdon asked for an update on the Brigham Street culvert. Mr. Ryder explained that bids were opened last week and the pricing was reasonable. This will go before the Board at their next meeting. The anticipated start date is June 15th and hopefully the road will be opened by September.

Mr. Sharek noted that the hometown hero's banners look fantastic. The Board agreed.

10. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 4-0 to note the correspondence of its meeting of May 20, 2024.

11. Executive Session:

- a) Select Board to consider meeting in Executive Session per G.L., Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Select Board, and the chair so declares (Firefighters).

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to meet in Executive Session per G.L., Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Select Board, and the chair so declares (Firefighters).

- b) Select Board to consider meeting in Executive Session per G.L., Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with a nonunion employee (Executive Assistant).

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to meet in Executive Session per G.L., Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with a nonunion employee (Executive Assistant).

12. Adjourn:

On a motion by Ms. Congdon, seconded by Ms. Bemis, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn its public session meeting of May 20, 2024 at 9:00 PM and enter into executive session, not to return to public session.

**Select Board
Correspondence List – May 20, 2024**

1. ABCC advisory – off premise consumption.
2. ABCC advisory – outdoor table service.
3. List of 2024 Park Commission golf outing donations.
4. Invitation from the Veteran's Director for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies.
5. Letter from resident regarding storm water tax rate.
6. Notice of Board / Committee vacancy – Hudson Housing Authority.
7. Notice of Board / Committee vacancy – School Committee.