BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING TOWN OF HUDSON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 MINUTES

I. OPEN MEETING

- K. Gray opened meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Members Present- N. Veazie, D. Gray, J. Grover, M. Kelley and R. Gray
- K. Gray took nominations for Select Board Chair, D. Gray made a motion to vote N.
 Veazie as Select Board Chair, M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 4-0, 1
 Abstain
- Rhonda Sperry spoke on the RSU #64 budget. Hudson is looking at roughly a 2% increase in their portion of the school budget. Some areas of increase are salaries and health insurance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes- R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. D. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.
- March 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes- R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.

III. BOARD OF ASSESSORS/MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- a. Adjustments to agenda- R. Gray added to New Business: c. Building Sign, d. Replacement Flags, e. Roadside Flags, and f. Fire Truck Repair.
- **b.** Tax acquired property- 87 Murphy Rd- Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(C)- Property owners did not attend meeting.
- c. Correspondence- K. Gray went over the correspondence.
- **d. Warrant Signing** N. Veazie went over the AP/Payroll warrants. R. Gray made a motion to accept the warrants as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote-5-0.\

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Cemetery- D. Miles stated they would begin meeting in May. Asked to put out a reminder that all grave decorations from winter need to be removed by April 30, 2025.
- Scholarship- D. Miles stated they should be receiving a list of graduating seniors that could

apply for the scholarship.

- **Bicentennial** R. Gray stated that the Murder Mystery dinner has been postponed until May 31st due to lack of participation.
- Rec- J. Grover stated that baseball sign ups went well, trying to keep the teams so that each child is participating in their Town if possible.

V. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- a. Thurston's Way- Waiting for court date.
- b. Pinkham Drive- No update
- c. Camper on Hudson Hill- Camper has been removed, trash needs to be cleaned up. A. Caldwell has mailed a letter certified letter to the landowners.
- d. 422 Corinth RD- Waiting for court date.
- e. 148 Smith Rd- Landowners have gotten most of what they need to begin replanting trees.
- **f. Community Resilience Partnership** R. Gray stated he has survey results, needs J. Lilley to do his portion of the questionnaire and then we can schedule a meeting with M. Hess to move to the next step of the grant application.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. MMA Safety Grant- N. Veazie went over what could be purchased using the safety grant and what he would like to see purchased. N. Veazie stated that he would like to purchase safety equipment for the maintenance department as they are in need of the proper equipment to safely do road work. R. Gray made a motion to use the grant to purchase the safety equipment needed for maintenance. D. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote-5-0
- **b. Appoint Fire Chief-** R. Gray made motion to nominate Josh Lilley to continue as Fire Chief. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.
- c. Building Sign- R. Gray stated that he spoke with Da Vinci signs on a sign for the side of the Community Building that is the same as the roadside signs. The cost would be \$778.00 that would include installation. N. Veazie made a motion to move forward with the building sign with the funds coming from the contingency account. R. Gray 2nd the motion.
 Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0
- d. Replacement Flags- R. Gray stated that the Rec building is in need of a new American

Flag and State Flag. N. Veazie stated that he would like to have a spare of each flag on hand so there is always a replacement on hand.

- e. Roadside Flags- J. Williams received notification from the Galen Cole Family Foundation, they have a program that will match the purchase of up to 24 flag kits. The Town has been approved to do this program. R. Gray stated that we are purchasing 48 flag kits with 24 of them being purchased by this program. R. Gray made a motion to move forward with the purchase of 48 flag kits. D. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0
- Fire Truck Repair- R. Gray stated that when responding to a fire call, 503 got a small crack in the pan causing a leak of transmission fluid. This could be up to \$4,000 to repair and the pan is not available at this time but a repair is being worked on.

VII. OPEN SESSION

- A. Nickerson approached the Board wanting to put together a Republican Committee here
 in Town. He is requesting the use of the building to hold a caucus. The Board agreed to the
 use of the Community Center for a caucus only no monthly or weekly use will be permitted.
 Also, any Town committee's/functions would have use of the building first.
- Selectmen- N. Veazie stated that he would like to see the Town donate to the Higgins Family as they lost their home to a fire. They have always donated to many functions within Town. N. Veazie made a motion to donate \$500 to the Higgins family with the funds coming from contingency. D. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote 5-0

VIII. ADJOURNMENT-

 M. Kelley made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 PM. J. Grover 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kielie Gray

Deputy Town Clerk

Norman Veazie (Chair)

Dean Gray

Mike Kelley

Jason Grover

Roger Gray