

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TOWN OF HUDSON
MONDAY JULY 3, 2023
MINUTES**

I. OPEN MEETING

- N. Veazie opened meeting at 6:00 PM
- Members Present- N. Veazie, R. Gray, D. Gray, D. Goddard, M. Kelly was via phone.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **June 5, 2023 Select Board minutes-** R. Gray made a motion to accept minutes as written. D. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 4-0
- **June 21, 2023 Select Board minutes-** R. Gray made a motion to accept minutes as written. D. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 4 -0.

III. BOARD OF ASSESSORS/MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- **a. Adjustments to agenda-** R. Gray added Cemetery tree cutting under e. Unfinished/ Old Business. N. Veazie added Power Grid to the agenda under c. New Business.
- **Correspondence-** J. Williams stated there was none.
- **Warrant Signing-** N. Veazie went over the warrants. R. Gray made a motion to accept the warrants as written. D. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 4-0

VI. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **a. Policy Committee-** L. Nichols stated they changed the meetings to the 3rd Monday of every month. Next meeting will be held on July 18th. L. Nichols also stated she discussed with the liaison about not holding meetings in the winter months. The liaison didn't agree with that but stated if they didn't feel comfortable driving then that was fine.

- **b. Cemetery Committee-** T. Allen stated there would be a meeting on Monday July 10th, at 10:00 AM.
- **c. Sign-** T. Allen stated that from May 1st to July 3rd they have raised \$1,833.48. R. Randall does have plans to hold a craft fair and charging \$25.00 a table. D. Gray also stated he would like to hold a cribbage tournament but wait till the colder months.
- **d. Bicentennial-** R. Nichols was present and stated she was interested in helping out to raise money for the 2025 celebration. She had many ideas and would even like to do a Fall Festival. They have food vendors, crafters and other resources they could use that shouldn't cost the town anything. They have an attentive date of September 16th to have the Fall Festival.

VII. UNFINISHED/OLD BUISNESS

- **a. Paving-** N. Veazie went over the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, the Board then signed the warrant.
- **b. 316 Corinth Rd-** R. Gray stated that A. Caldwell has checked in and the resident is complying with the reforestation and they are going to keep checking in.
- **c. Animal Control-** Contractor that was interested in the animal control contract did not show for the 2nd time. R. Gray made a motion to sign the Bangor Humane Society Contract for \$2,534.64. D. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 4-0.
- **d. 5 Pinkham Drive-** R. Gray explained that A. Caldwell is getting complaints together and putting a phone call into the lawyer to see what steps need to be taken.
- **e. Cemetery Cutting-** D. Goddard stated that Gunnet Tree and Landcare would be finishing up the tree removal from June 6th, 2022 as the last contractor was unable to finish the job.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- **a. Mowing Contract-** R. Gray stated he sent out emails of estimates on mowing. He thought using a vendor for the cemeteries should be considered as this would free up time for the Maintenance Dept and hope to eliminate some of the ongoing issues with the Cemeteries. This was tabled.

- **Maintenance-** N. Veazie stated they had 3 people that applied for the full-time maintenance position and 1 person for the part-time position. He went on to explain Brynn Goddard had been shadowing Tim for the last week. R. Gray and D. Gray offered to take turns at Transfer Station until the position is filled.
- **Power Grid-** R. Gray explained how we have received phone calls with concern of the LSPower Grid project and unfortunately it is out of our hands but there is going to be an meeting in Bradford at the Town Office on July 13, 2023 between 4PM -7PM if people would like to attend.

IX. OPEN SESSION

- **a. Public-** J. Williams expressed her concern with the State Offices closing and keeping the Town office opened and how this affects the office. They are very limited on what they can do and end up with dissatisfied customers when they are unable to process their transactions.
- **b. Selectmen-** R. Gray made a motion to have the policy committee write up a policy to state that when the State Offices are Closed the Town Office will close. N. Veazie 2nd the motion. Discussion- N. Veazie stated how he could see why this would cause a problem as the office staff doesn't have control over the programs in place and are not aware of when a problem will arise until it happens. R. Gray stated how at least this way its cut and dry when the State Offices Close the Town Office will Close. Vote- 3-0-1 Abstained

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) Personnel Matters-** R. Gray made a motion to go into executive session at 7:04 PM D. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 4-0.
- D. Gray made a motion to come out of executive at 8:22 PM. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 4-0

XI. RECONVENING OF MEETING

- D. Gray stated how they had one candidate for the part- time maintenance position and he recommends Brynn Goddard to be hired on. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 3-0 1 abstain.
- D. Gray made a motion as of July 10th, 2023 all part- time employees pay will increase to \$15 hr. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 4-

0.


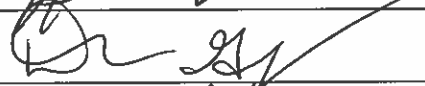



- R. Gray made a motion that the 2 Liaisons of the Maintenance Department can interview upon recommendation and hire the one best fit for the position. This can be done ASAP. D. Goddard 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 4-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- R. Gray made a motion to adjourn at 8:27PM. D. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Williams
Town Clerk

	Norman Veazie (Chair)
	Dean Gray
	Mike Kelley
	Derek Goddard
	Roger Gray