

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TOWN OF HUDSON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023
MINUTES**

I. OPEN MEETING

- N. Veazie opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.
- Members Present- N. Veazie, R. Gray, D. Gray, D. Goddard, and M. Kelley

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 2, 2023 Minutes- R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0
- October 16, 2023- 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

- **Adjustments to agenda-** D. Gray added under New Business f. Community Center and g. Insurance for Full- Time Employee's.
- **Correspondence-** J. Williams went over all correspondence. K. Gray had asked about what the board wanted to do with the points on the Credit card that we have earned. The board said to look and see if we can use something for the office.
- **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- 5-0

- **Supplemental/ Abatement-**

- Aubrey Engstrom- Abatement- estate valuation of \$12,300- Sold prior to April 1st. R. Gray made the motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0
- Ronald and Sharon Junkins- Supplemental of \$187.58 based on Valuation of \$12,300.00. Purchased prior to April 1st. R. Gray made the motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.
- Rachel Ortiz- Abatement of estate valuation of \$65,600.00 Sold prior to April 1st. R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.
- Tracy Sousa- Supplemental of \$1000.40 based on Valuation of \$65,600.00. Purchased prior to April 1st. R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.
- Micheal Reynolds- Supplemental of \$643.55 based on valuation of \$42,200.00. Did not bill out. R. Gray made the motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.
- David and Ann Soule- Abatement of \$343.13 based on estate valuation of \$22,500.00. Should be getting homestead exemption. M. Kelley made the motion to accept as written. D. Goddard 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.
- Lauri Sidelko- Abatement of \$545.95 based on estate valuation of \$35,800.00. Reduced value of building based on inspection. R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.
- Kevin Sanborn- Abatement of \$207.40 based on estate valuation of \$13,600.00. Property was previously reduced reverted back to prior assessment. M. Kelley made the motion to accept as written. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **a. Senior Housing-** R. Randall stated that the state had announced that funding was going to become available in December. N. Veazie stated we need to go back to the town to vote on this as it's null and void because of the length of time it's been. It also was discussed that it should not be called Senior Housing but Subsidized Housing as it's not just seniors that will be able to reside there.
- **b. Sign-** R. Randall asked about the progress on the sign. She stated there was one more fundraiser in November.
- **c. Scholarship Committee-** D. Miles stated they were holding a bake sale during the Election. She was hoping for a great turnout.
- **d. Rec Dept-** N. Veazie stated the flooring got fixed at rec center and it came out good. D. Goddard said they also repaired the counter as well. N. Veazie asked about someone being present for the check presentation from the Masons on November 9th, 2023 at 6:30. D. Goddard stated he would see if he could make it.

V. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- **a. Fire truck repair-** Tabled till next meeting J. Lilley was not present.
- **b. Flooring-** K. Gray explained they are supposed to begin installation the week November 13th, 2023.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **a. Parking at entrance of rec building-** R. Gray explained that some of the staff were parking at the entrance of the rec building which is a hazard if there was ever an emergency. N. Veazie suggested to talk to management to see if this could be fixed.
- **b. Internship-** R. Gray stated he had been talking to J. Pineo and found out there was an internship program available to municipalities where interns work on GSI Mapping and other things. This is a 12 week program and they work 40 hrs a week with the pay rate of \$15-\$20 hr. With a \$1500.00 potential scholarship from MMA.
- **c. Website redesign-** R. Gray updated the board on the website redesign. He said that Barry Costa is willing to redesign the website. He will not be

able to start till Feb/March. Estimated cost would be \$4000- \$6000. N. Veazie stated that would have to go to the budget committee.

- **d. Part- time Office Staff-** R. Gray stated someone was interested in learning office procedures which would be helpful if ever we were in a bind with office staff being out for a prolonged period of time or during busy times. D. Goddard requested it be posted and he had some other concerns to be discussed during open session. R. Gray said he would draft up a job posting for the board to review.
- **e. Ordinance process clarification-** R. Gray made a motion that the Policy Committee be the only one in charge of establishing Ordinances. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- It was stated other committees could make recommendations but when it came down to the final draft it would be the Policy Committee to write the Ordinance. Vote- 5-0.
- **f. Community Center-** D. Gray asked about getting rid the the bleachers. D. Goddard stated he didn't see a reason to get rid of them. He rather focus on getting the locker room bathrooms working. N. Veazie stated they would need to be prepared to fix the flooring where the bleachers were if they are removed. R. Gray made a motion to table till after the bathrooms are renovated. D. Gray 2nd the motion. Vote- 5-0.
- **g. Insurance-** D. Gray explained that insurance was a benefit or a perk for full- time employee's. With some of the employee's not taking the insurance he thought it deserved a discussion if they could receive a stipend in lieu of the insurance or take the insurance. R. Gray stated it had been practiced in the past with a previous employee receiving 50% of the cost of insurance as stipend in lieu of the insurance. M. Kelley asked if it could be tabled till Decembers meeting so he could get more information.

VII. OPEN SESSION

- **a. Public-**
- **b. Selectmen-**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- M. Kelley made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 PM. D. Goddard 2nd the motion.
Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0

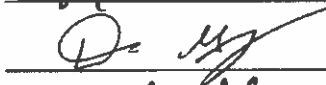
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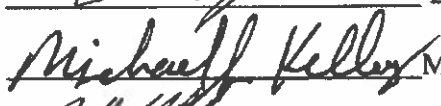
Jennifer Williams
Town Clerk



Norman Veazie (Chair)



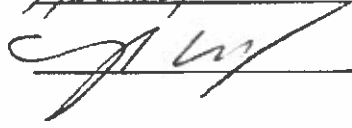
Dean Gray



Mike Kelley



Derek Goddard



Roger Gray