

**SELECTMENS MEETING
TOWN OF HUDSON
Monday, January 4th, 2021
MEETING**

I. Open Meeting:

- **Attendance: Select Board Members :** D. Grant, M. Kelley, N. Veazie, R. Gilman, D. Goddard
Town Clerk: L. Saunders, **Citizens:** G. Randall, K. Goddard, J. Whitehouse, D. Miles, B. Willette, T. Allen, L. Hurst, J. Lilley, D. Gray, K. Gray, T. Gray, R. Gray D. McGarth & D. Davis.
Meeting was called to order by D. Grant at 6:00 p.m.

II. Adjustments -Community Closet

- D. McGarth asked to be first on the list as she had to leave for personal reasons. D. McGarth went over many issues that the committee had about becoming part of the town. She states that she would be willing to work with the Town, but wanted more clarification on how things will work. She asked if she could have a liaison for the committee and M. Kelley volunteered. D. McGarth asked if she could have what the detailed report was and is all about. She also stated that back before R. Gilman had discovered they were supposed to be part of the town, like the rest of the committees, she wanted to be able to use the tax exempt form and was told she could not use it as she was not a committee that was part of the town. L Saunders asked if she could give D. McGarth the check that the Community Closet had asked for. D. Grant asked how the Select board should proceed from here. R. Gilman made motion to table N. Veazie 2nd Vote- All in favor.

III. Approval of Minutes

- N. Veazie made motion to accept December 7th, 2020. minutes R. Gilman 2nd.
Discussion- M. Kelley says to take out N. Veazie out of section 3. Vote- All in favor.
- R. Gilman wanted to reconize the office ladies for getting the minutes out so fast.

III. Committee/Departments

- **Fire Dept.-**The Town of Hudson had a 1st responder test positive for covid and is now quarentining. J. Lilley stated that we have a brush truck that is in mechanical failure. He states the truck is going to be very expensive to fix. J. Lilley also states the truck is not worth it. J. Lilley states we can get a brand new truck for \$85,000. N.Veazie states this is hard to swallow as just almost 2yrs. ago we bought a new truck. J. Whitehouse asked if he had heard of a program that helps towns buy equipment. J. Lilley states yes and that he was on the committee that does this. J. Lilley states that the truck that is needed is very hard to come by that is not really old and worn out. J. Lilley also states that 2020 was the busiest on record so far.
- **Cemetery Committee-**B. Willette states we have had several deaths that are waiting until spring to be buried. B. Willette also asked if we had recieved the bill for A. Lord (Sexton) L. Saunders stated we had not. D. Grant stated he recieved it and will pass on to the office.
- **Veterans Memorial-**K. Goddard states the monument is now gone from the grounds and should be back in the spring. K. Goddard also states as soon as the monument is put

back into place the poles will be put back also.

- **Rec. Committee-** D. Gray states that everything is on hold right now due to the Covid out break.

V.

Unfinished/Old Business

- **Eaton Peabody-** D. Davis emailed, waiting for response. In progress.
- **Doug's Disposal-** L. Saunders states she recieved an email back from Doug's all signed from them and just needs to have the Select board sign. M. Kelley asked if he opposed the contract. L. Saunders states yes he did, so he did not sign. Contract is signed, so L. Saunders asked if this can be taken off agenda. Board stated yes.
- **Transfer Station-** D. Grant states that L. Saunders drew up a letter with Conditional Acceptance of Property. L. Saunders states that B. Engstrom came by office and she gave him a copy and he accepted what was said and signed it. N. Veazie states make sure there is an article for Town meeting to see if the Town will accept going forward with buying said property. L. Saunders had the Select board sign their part of the letter. L. Saunders also stated that she would make sure that an article is drawn up for town meeting.
- **Office Air Quality-** D. Goddard states Valley will be in on January 11th to given a quote.
- **Zoom-** L. Saunders states she recieved an email about a class on this. D. Grant feels this would be good to look into.
- **Internet-** D. Grant states waiting on permits for poles before they can go any further.
- **Warrant Timing-** Table-no information @ this time.
- **Building Security-** D. Goddard states he got ahold of Seacoast Security and they are coming in on Thursday January 7th to give us a quote. D. Goddard states he was give an estimate that was and is very rough until he comes in to see how we want it set up. D. Goddard states pin pad roughly \$600- \$800 the Key cards will be roughly \$1000. J. Lilley stated that he had someone come in and do an estimate that was also done for the Fire Dept. The estimate was for \$4800 with training on how to use the system. L. Saunders also told the board about the security system camera that was ordered with the points from a credit card.

VI.

New Business

- **Flags-** R. Gilman asked about notification on flags being at half staff and when they should be put back. D. Grant wanted to know where to get information from. D. Goddard went over the issue of taking down and putting up flags. D. Goddard stated that W. Grant helped him the last time take them down. D. Goddard stated that there is a lot to doing the flags. D. Grant wanted to know what we were going to do going forward. M. Kelley suggests we put in the news letter that we need a volunteer for doing flags. N. Veazie states that K. Chessa does not have a problem with doing the flags for the Rec. and the Community Center. N. Veazie asked D. Goddard if he could give K. Chessa the site that tells him where to go to see when the flags need to be at half staff. R. Gray states that it is called half staff.org.
- **Board of Appeals-** R. Gilman states we have two openings for this committee and need to post on the website and in the news letter for volunteers for this. L. Saunders stated that she would take care of this.
- **Ballot Clerks-** L. Saunders went over who she picked for her ballot clerks and asked the board to approve who she chose. M. Kelley makes motion to accept. N. Veazie
2nd Discussion- B. Willette wanted to know if we recieved anything from the Democratic Party. L. Saunders stated no she told me that I should get ahold of Sandy Duchesne and she would be happy also to give me names for ballot clerks. Vote- All in favor.

- **Senior Housing-** D. Grant states that J. Bird needs to reup his agreement with the Town of Hudson. R. Gilman states that he tried to contact J. Bird but was informed he was on vacation. N. Veazie states that it needs to be Mr. Bird that gets in contact with us to reup the contract. R. Gilman states that he wants to talk before the 15th of the month and revisit later. R. Gilman states that D. Grant can call him and tell him what needs to be done. L. Hurst says she will get him the number. R. Gray found the number and gave it to D. Grant.
- **Budget Workshop-** D. Grant asked when it would be good to have a budget workshop. M. Kelley states January 11th @ 6 p.m. R. Gilman 2nd Discussion- none Vote- all in favor.
- **Animal Control-** D. Grant explained this is the yearly contract that is signed for the Town to be able to have an Animal Control Officer. This contract is with Penobscot County and explains this has worked the best so far with having an Animal Control Officer. D. Grant makes motion to accept. R. Gilman 2nd. Discussion- none. Vote- all in favor.
- **Laura Hurst-** L. Hurst went over our Tap policy and feels that the 20% buy back program is unfair. L. Hurst would like to have a warrant article done up for Town Meeting. N. Veazie states it was the town people who originally came up with this agreement. He states it was a warrant article and voted up on when all started. R. Gilman makes motion to add warrant article. 2nd M. Kelley Discussion- none Vote- All in favor.
- **General Assistance-** M. Kelley states that we had a donation to this account and states that since the account is not a roll over account he wants to know what we can do to keep the donation in this account for further use. -Tabled.

VII.

Open Session

- **Public-** None
- **Selectmen-** R. Gilman makes motion to go into executive session per 36 MRSA 841(2). N. Veazie 2nd Discussion none Vote- all in favor @ 7:56 p.m.
R. Gilman makes motion to come out of executive session. M. Kelley 2nd. Dis. none- Vote all in favor @ 8 :38 p.m. R. Gilman makes motion to Abate 79,800 M. Kelley 2nd Discussion- none Vote- All in favor.
Purchase Installment Contract- R. Gilman makes motion to abolish the contract as being paid due to the new difference in evaluation. M. Kelley 2nd. Discussion- This leaves a credit for \$1558.00. Vote- All in favor.
Motion is made to utilize the \$1558.00 to pay fees/adminstration fees/taxes to make current. M. Kelley 2nd Discussion- none Vote- All in favor.
Poverty Abatement- M. Kelley makes motion to deny the poverty abatement. R. Gilman 2nd. Discussion- none. Vote- All in favor
J. Lilley wanted to put out there that he wanted to thank the Glenburn Fire department for their recent help.

M. Kelley made motion adjourn, 2nd by R. Gilman. Discussion: None. Meeting was adjourned by the Chair D. Grant at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Saunders
Town Clerk
Town of Hudson

Selectmen:

Donald Grant, Chair

Donald Grant

Richard Gilman

Richard Gilman

Derek Goddard

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Michael Kelley

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Norman Veazie

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