

**SELECTMENS MEETING
TOWN OF HUDSON
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4th, 2021
MINUTES**

I. Open Meeting:

D. Grant called the meeting to order @ 6:00 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

- October 4, 2021 meeting minutes- M. Kelley made the motion to accept as written, N. Veazie 2nd. Discussion-None. Vote-passed.

III. Board Of Assessors/Municipal Officers

- Adjustments to agenda- Office Closures & Security (under new business)
- Correspondence- None
- Abatement-None

IV. Committee/Department Reports

- **Fire Department-** J. Lilley -was not present to update.
- **Senior Housing-** R. Randall was not present to update.
- **Cemetery Committee-** B. Willette stated the tree company they chose has gotten a hold of Tanis and will begin work the week of November 12th-15th.
- **Rec Committee-** D. Gray states that soccer season is over. D. Gray states that Trunk or Treat was a Success! He states they had well over a 100 kids. D. Miles wanted to thank D. Gray for the amazing job he did with putting together the Trunk or Treat for the kids. D. Gray also states that the Rec. is receiving around a \$1500.00 donation from the Masons.
- **Veterans Committee-** L. Nichols states the hunters breakfast went fairly well along with the raffle. The winner of the raffle was R. Goddard. Ready Rock in Sangerville gave the Committee a great deal on the benches that are now at the Veteran's Memorial Site. K. Goddard has reached out for help with lawn care. D. Goddard states the flag poles will be done and put up when the weather is better.
- **Policy Committee-** No statement this meeting.
- **Budget Committee-** L. Nichols wanted to thank the selectmen who showed up to the September meeting. L. Nichols also thanked K. Gray and L. Saunders for going over information about the budget. She states she has learned how hard it is to really know what to budget for certain accounts. L. Nichols states they will have a meeting on Tuesday to go over the budgets that are over.
- **School Board-** D. Nichols states the well at the Elementary School went bad. He states that they had to drill a new well. He states they are having to do lots of water tests. D. Nichols say they are hauling lots of water in daily at this time to take care of the water usage at the school. The student council did a presentation on wearing hats in school. The school board did a vote and it passed with all but 1 member voting for it. M. Kelley asked if they are making vaccinations mandatory.

V. Unfinished/Old Business

- **Eaton Peabody- Map 1 Lot 28-** L. Saunders shows the board an email she sent to the lawyer about this issue. No comment was received back.
- **Appeals Board-** D. Grant states we still need 1 member. L. Nichols asks what it is that the Appeals Board does. N. Veazie explained to her what it is and what the board does. L. Nichols states she would love to be part of the board.
- **Transfer Station-** L. Saunders states she spoke with B. Engstrom about the signing of the

- paper work. He stated it is not just him involved in the deal.
- Trio Upgrade- L. Saunders states that they received a bill from SJ. Rollins for \$900.00 and wanted to know where to take it from. N. Veazie makes motion to take it out of the contingency fund R. Gray 2nd. Discussion-none Vote-passed.
 - Credit Card- K. Gray states she spoke with the bank today and they stated that unfortunately they would have to have a name associated with the card. If they don't then the person or persons that is responsible for the account (Kielie/Laurie) would be the ones responsible for what is done on that account. K. Gray states that Rogers Market is going to work with the Fire department on a new charge account. The account needs to be paid monthly in order to keep track of spending.
 - ATV use on Hudson roads- M. Kelley states at this point the roads and trails are all closed. We can not use the Hudson roads until we have signs put up showing they are usable. M. Kelley states the Town might have to buy the signs and tells us what they will look like. N. Veazie asked if the town had any trails at this time. M. Kelley states we don't at this time. R. Gray states he tried to contact IF&W and is waiting a return call.
 - Budget- L. Saunders went over all the accounts that are over and why. L. Hurst asked if we could ask for more money next year. R. Gray had suggested getting a hold of MMA and see about transferring money from other accounts. D. Gray suggests that we can have an article to explain what the money is for. D. Grant asks what the consensus is now for the Special town meeting. He also states that we should raise the contingency to \$25,000. R. Gray made a motion to have a special town meeting for line item votes on adding the necessary funds for the two accounts identified needing funding to continue operation though 12/31. D. Goddard 2nd. Discussion-None. Vote 3-2 passed. Town office will post with amounts and the date of December 1, 2021 with a time of 6pm when they become available.
 - General Assistance Public Hearing- Hearing was held and we went over the new limits that were set by the State. L. Saunders explained that you could go by their guide lines or we could increase the amounts, but we could not go down. M. Kelley makes motion to accept the amounts set by state. N. Veazie 2nd. Discussion-None. Vote-passed.
 - Office Counter/Workspace- R. Gray states it is in the works.
 - Inform Me- L. Saunders states at this time we can not do inform me for the dogs or inland and fisheries. L. Saunders states we don't have the program through Trio. R. Gray asks how come L. Saunders said we could. L. Saunders states IF&W said we could and it was free, but we had no way of getting the information downloaded and sent to us.

VI. New Business

- Town Meeting Date- M. Kelley makes motion to set the date for March 26, 2022 with same times. N. Veazie 2nd. Discussion-None. Vote-passed.
- Petty Cash- L. Saunders asks the board if there is any way we could increase our petty cash amount from \$20.00 that we have now to \$200.00. M. Kelley makes motion to increase the amount of petty cash to \$200. N. Veazie 2nd. Discussion- D. Grant states leave up to the office how they want to distribute the amounts. Vote-passed.
- Credit Card Rewards- L. Saunders goes over the amount that is available. R. Gray suggested to purchase products that the Veterans Committee or the Rec. Department could do raffles with to raise money. R. Gray makes motion for this to happen and M. Kelley 2nd. Discussion-None Vote-passed.
- Office Closures-R. Gray went over closing early and the procedure, so the office will have proper staff and notification to the public.
- Security- R. Gray states that we have poor lighting outside the office and wants to see

about having trees taken down by the buildings front door. R. Gray is going to work with D. Goddard on the safety.

Executive Session- M. Kelley makes motion to go into executive session N. Veazie 2nd
All in favor @ 7: 30 pm.

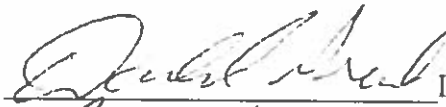

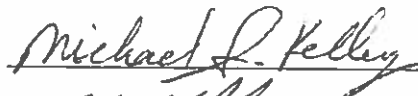


- M. Kelley made motion to come out of executive session R. Gray 2nd. @ 7:47 pm.
- D. Grant makes motion to give L. Saunders 80 hrs of pay for sick time while she was out to help with expenses she occurred while out of work. R. Gray 2nd. Discussion- D. Grant states this shows good morals. Vote 4-1.

VII. Adjournment

R. Gray made motion to adjourn. N. Veazie 2nd. Discussion none- Vote- passed. @ 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Laurie Saunders
Town Clerk

 Don Grant(Chair)
 Norman Veazie
 Mike Kelley
 Derek Goddard
 Roger Gray