

**Town of Hooksett
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

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2 The Hooksett Town Council met on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Hooksett
3 Municipal Building.

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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

6 Chair Sullivan called the meeting of 14 Oct 2020 to order at 6:00 pm.

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8 **PROOF OF POSTING**

9 Human Resources Coordinator Donna Fitzpatrick provided proof of posting.

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11 **ROLL CALL**

12 **In Attendance:** Councilor James Sullivan, Councilor John Durand, Councilor Randall Lapierre,
13 Councilor David Boutin, Councilor Clifford Jones, Councilor Timothy Tsantoulis, Councilor Clark
14 Karolian

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16 Councilor Roger Duhaime arrived at 6:08 pm.

17 Councilor Alex Walczyk arrived at 6:11 pm.

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19 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

20 Chair Sullivan called for the Pledge of Allegiance

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22 **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

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24 **Hooksett Youth Achiever of the Month - Kasarah Juneau**

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26 T. Tsantoulis: This is my favorite part of being a Councilor. The youth of our community amaze me.
27 They have great backgrounds, given their ages, especially. Kasarah Juneau has an impressive resume
28 for a 13-year old. She has her own woodworking business, Granite State Pen and Woodworking. She is
29 doing many special things in Hooksett. A student at Cawley Middle School, she is a member of the
30 National Junior Honor Society and was recently elected vice president of the Society. She works at
31 school-sponsored pancake breakfasts, and works to help the homeless and underfed in the community.
32 She participates in dance competitions and teaches dance to younger students. She is a member of the
33 Creative Dance Workshop, which has an annual charity show in December, and each year a different
34 charity is chosen. Her mother wrote a letter about her daughter in which she said that Kasarah has a
35 'big heart.' This motivates her to do the things she does, such as helping in the nursery at her church
36 and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. We have these students doing wonderful things in large part
37 because of the great families in our town. Town Councilor Clifford Jones is Kasarah's proud
38 grandfather. Congratulations.

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40 **Hooksett Municipal Employees**

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42 A. Garron: We have no new hires to report tonight. Earl Lincoln is retiring from his position as a Fire-
43 Rescue lieutenant and Jason Peacock is leaving his position as an assistant crew chief at Public
44 Works.

45
46 Chair Sullivan: Thank you for your service to Hooksett and best wishes.

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48 **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

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50 **Trustees of the Trust Funds Update**

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52 Claire Lyons, Trustees Chair: I would like to introduce the other two Trustees – Linda Krewson and
53 Henry Roy. We are fortunate in that two of our members have financial backgrounds, and Mr. Roy has
54 worked as an accountant for 55 years. The Funds are doing well, and Mr. Roy will provide our report.
55

56 H. Roy: We are governed by RSA 564-b, the prudent investor rule, which requires investments which
57 provide preservation and appreciation of capital. We are severely restricted in terms of the Capital
58 Reserve Funds, being required to have 15% in US stocks and 85% in bonds. The Trust Funds are
59 required to be 25% stocks and 75% bonds. A few years ago, we retained Three Bearings Fiduciary in
60 Hampton, who work with Fidelity. As of the end of 2019, the Capital Reserve Funds balance was
61 \$12,303,447. In that year the Capital Reserve Funds earned \$268,673.00, net of fees totaling
62 \$30,968.00. In 2018 we earned \$253,116.00. The Trust Funds represent a much smaller amount –
63 between \$300,000.00 and \$400,000.00. The fund balance at the end of 2019 was \$322,403.00 and
64 these funds earned \$10,165.00, net of fees. In 2020, they earned \$9,503.00.
65

66 R. Lapierre: Is it accurate to say that your goal is to beat inflation and maintain principal?
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68 Ms. Lyons: Yes, and to preserve capital.
69

70 R. Lapierre: Fidelity has Treasury inflation-protected mutual funds which can be acquired without a
71 broker.
72

73 C. Lyons: We don't have the large amounts needed to purchase our own bonds.
74

75 H. Roy: The fees we pay are the lowest around, ranging from 0.05% for the first few million to 0.0005%
76 for more amounts over \$10 million.
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78 C. Lyons: There are a lot of small trust fund amounts for perpetual care. Per NH law, each of these
79 must remain separate.
80

81 H. Roy: The cemetery funds are a nightmare.
82

83 D. Boutin: What is the current rate of inflation?
84

85 H. Roy: It is 1.3%. Our objective is to beat the inflation rate and we did that in both funds.
86

87 D. Boutin: You said that you have a balance of about \$12 million. What is the money used for?
88

89 C. Lyons: These funds are in various Capital Reserve accounts.
90

91 D. Boutin: We are trying to rehabilitate the Old Town Hall. Would you have funds for that?
92

93 C. Lyons: No, we do not. Capital Reserve accounts are each set up for a specific purpose. The
94 Trustees do not decide where or when these funds are spent.
95

96 D. Boutin: So, you don't provide funds to the Town?
97

98 C. Lyons: Funds are placed in these accounts by various entities, including the Sewer department, the
99 Water companies and the Fire Department. The funds could be from taxpayer dollars, fees and
100 donations. For example, The Fire Department, through warrant articles, can place funds in these
101 accounts in order to buy a new fire truck without causing a big spike in the tax rate.

102
103 D. Boutin: What restricts you from allocating funds to Old Town Hall?
104
105 C. Lyons: A fund has to be set up and funds allocated to it via a warrant article. We don't make
106 decisions about dispersing funds. We are instructed as to how to distribute funds.
107
108 D. Boutin: Does the Police Department have a Capital Reserve fund?
109
110 H. Roy: They had a K-9 fund but that has all been dispersed.
111
112 A. Garron: Capital Reserve funds may only be used for their intended purposes.
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114 Chair Sullivan: Does the interest earned go to these funds?
115
116 C. Lyons: Yes, it does.
117
118 C. Jones: Capital Reserve funds are item-specific, right?
119
120 H. Roy: Yes, they are.
121
122 R. Lapierre: Thank you for preparing this information. It would be easier for me to follow along if I had a
123 table to look at.
124
125 C. Lyons: We will provide that next year. This information is in the Town Report.
126
127 R. Duhaime: Is there a Capital Reserve account for Impact Fees?
128
129 A. Garron: No, that is under the purview of the Finance Department.
130
131 R. Duhaime: Where would I find that information?
132
133 A. Garron: It is in your Budget Book – one of the sections near the end.
134
135 D. Boutin: Is there a Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund?
136
137 Chair Sullivan: Yes, there is.
138
139 A. Walczyk: Thank you for putting this together. It sounds as if you would like to consolidate the Trust
140 Funds for perpetual care. Is it State or local regulations which prevent this?
141
142 H. Roy: It is NH law.
143
144 Chair Sullivan: We may be able to get you some help through the NHMA.
145
146 D. Boutin: I know the person at NHMA who could help you, and I can put you in touch with him.
147
148 Chair Sullivan: Thank you for providing this information.
149

150 **C. Karolian motioned to enter non-public session of 10/14/2020 in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,**
151 **II (c) at 6:48 pm. R. Lapierre seconded the motion.**

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153 NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation
154 of any person, other than a member of the public body itself.
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156 **Roll Call Vote #2**

157 **R. Duhaime Aye**
158 **J Durand Aye**
159 **C. Jones Aye**
160 **R. Lapierre Aye**
161 **A. Walczyk Aye**
162 **D. Boutin Nay**
163 **C. Karolian Aye**
164 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**
165 **J. Sullivan Nay**
166 **Voted in favor (7-2).**

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168 **C. Karolian motioned to leave non-public session at 7:35 pm. D. Boutin seconded the motion.**
169

170 **Roll Call Vote #3**

171 **D. Boutin Aye**
172 **C. Jones Aye**
173 **A. Walczyk Aye**
174 **J. Durand Aye**
175 **R. Duhaime Aye**
176 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**
177 **R. Lapierre Aye**
178 **C. Karolian Aye**
179 **J. Sullivan Aye**

180 **Voted unanimously in favor (9-0).**

181
182 **R. Lapierre motioned to seal the minutes of the non-public session. T. Tsantoulis seconded the**
183 **motion.**

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185 **Roll Call Vote #4**

186 **A. Walczyk Aye**
187 **R. Lapierre Aye**
188 **C. Jones Aye**
189 **R. Duhaime Not present**
190 **J. Durand Aye**
191 **C. Karolian Aye**
192 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**
193 **D. Boutin Aye**
194 **J. Sullivan Aye**
195 **Voted in favor (8-0).**

196
197 **David Scarpetti, Economic Development Advisory Committee Chair; Nicholas Williams, Town**
198 **Planner; RSA 72:80 - Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption (see item 15.1 for**
199 **details)**

200

201 **D. Boutin motioned to table Items 8-2 and 15.1, the Economic Development Advisory**
202 **Committee's Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption proposal. T. Tsantoulis**
203 **seconded the motion.**

204

205 **Roll Call Vote #5**

206 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**

207 **C. Jones Aye**

208 **R. Duhaime Nay**

209 **A. Walczyk Aye**

210 **R. Lapierre Aye**

211 **C. Karolian Nay**

212 **J. Durand Aye**

213 **D. Boutin Aye**

214 **J. Sullivan Nay**

215 **Voted in favor (6-3).**

216

217 **CONSENT AGENDA**

218
219 **Motion to accept donation money totaling \$270.00 from the Hooksett Police Association (T-Shirt**
220 **Sales) and a miscellaneous donation to the Town of Hooksett for the Hooksett Police**
221 **Department per RSA 31:95-b, III(b) and return that amount to the Police Departments, K9 Trust**
222 **Fund.**

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224
225 **Motion to accept a donation of service performed on police car 5 with a hospital grade**
226 **disinfectant, disinfecting wipe down, fogger, etc., valued at \$225.00 from Soil-Away Cleaning &**
227 **Restoration Services, LLC, of Hooksett, NH, to the Town of Hooksett for the Hooksett Police**
228 **Department per RSA 31:95-e: II**

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230
231 **Chucksters Landscape Bond Reduction \$10,000 to \$2,000**

232

233 **D. Boutin motioned to approve the three Consent Agenda items. T. Tsantoulis seconded the**
234 **motion.**

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236 **Roll Call Vote #6**

237 **J. Durand Aye**

238 **R. Lapierre Aye**

239 **C. Karolian Aye**

240 **D. Boutin Aye**

241 **C. Jones Aye**

242 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**

243 **A. Walczyk Aye**

244 **R. Duhaime Aye**

245 **J. Sullivan Aye**

246 **Voted unanimously in favor (9-0).**

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249 **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

250

251 **A. Garron: As a quick follow-up on our September 30th meeting at which we finalized the budget for the**
252 **Budget Committee, Councilor Boutin asked me to determine the impact of the warrant articles. That**
253 **impact is \$0.49, not including the non-union wage increase and the DPW union wage increase,**
254 **because those amounts haven't yet been determined. For the operating budget, the impact is \$4.62.**

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256 Chair Sullivan: That is not an increase of the tax rate.
257
258 A. Garron: No, it is not. The tax rate hasn't been set.
259
260 D. Boutin: I asked for the tax impact.
261
262 Chair Sullivan: The tax rate last year was \$21.55 per thousand.
263
264 A. Garron: The proposed budget is lower than the default budget. I will have the correct figure for the
265 next meeting. At the Budget Committee meeting of October 1st, they reviewed the budgets of the Police
266 Department, Administration, Community Development (including the ZBA and the Planning Board), and
267 the Finance Department. When they meet tomorrow evening, they will take up the Fire Department,
268 Library and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Department. We still need a Town Council volunteer for the
269 Budget Committee. Zoom is an option for participation.
270
271 A. Garron: Regarding COVID, unfortunately Hooksett has ten (10) additional cases. This is a spike.
272 From March until now, Hooksett has had 102 cases. The spike is attributed to more events being held
273 inside.
274
275 D. Boutin: What is the total number of deaths in Hooksett from COVID?
276
277 A. Garron: I don't have that number with me, but I can have it for the next meeting.
278
279 R. Lapierre: Does the spike coincide with the return to school?
280
281 A. Garron: Yes, it does.
282
283 A. Garron: We have had more requests for use of the gym. Family Services has two activities planned
284 for kids – one in November and one in December. Pickleball has also requested use of the gym. These
285 groups have their own protocols for sanitizing, etc. We review these protocols, and encourage groups
286 to refer to the Governor's site, which has good information.
287
288 A. Garron: Donna Fitzpatrick is on vacation. Her title has been upgraded from Administrative Services
289 Coordinator to Human Resources Coordinator, to better define her responsibilities. Her new duties as
290 ADA Coordinator have been added to her job description.
291
292 Chair Sullivan: I have done a quick calculation and have come up with a tax rate increase of \$0.70 for
293 this year. Mr. Garron can double check this.
294
295 D. Boutin: I just want to say that tensions were high at our last meeting, but that is not a reflection on
296 the Chair.
297
298 T. Tsantoulis: I concur with that.
299
300 Chair Sullivan: We are all working together.
301
302 R. Duhaime: Can you report on the progress with the new sound system and the air conditioning
303 modification?
304
305 A. Garron: The air conditioning devices haven't been installed yet. The equipment is still coming in for
306 the sound system. Tomorrow is the deadline for the final GOEFRR submittal.

307

308 N. Germain: The equipment for the gym and the chambers came in today. It will be installed in
309 November.

310

311 A. Garron: The LED conversion project is going according to plan. We have 409 lights to convert from
312 sodium vapor to LED. Of these, 13 did not 'have a home' in the ledger. Part of the project included
313 identifying these, which has been done, and the ledger has been corrected. Affinity, the NH company
314 with whom we have contracted, is delivering the lights and will start installing them next week.

315

316 Chair Sullivan: Next, we will be doing all of the town buildings.

317

318 A. Garron: Yes, that would be good.

319

320 **PUBLIC INPUT**

321 None

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323 **NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

324 **Nominations and Appointments October 14, 2020**

325

326 ***T. Tsantoulis nominated Donald Winterton as an Alternate for the Planning Board.***

327

328 T. Tsantoulis: This may require waiving the rules. Mr. Winterton has worked in various roles for the
329 town. His favorability is high, and he is conscientious. He was up front in disclosing that his brother-in-
330 law owns commercial property in Hooksett.

331

332 ***D. Boutin motioned to waive the rules to appoint Mr. Winterton at this meeting. T. Tsantoulis***
333 ***seconded the motion.***

334

335 **Roll Call Vote #7**

336 ***C. Jones Aye***

337 ***C. Karolian Nay***

338 ***R. Lapierre Aye***

339 ***R. Duhaime Aye***

340 ***A. Walczyk Aye***

341 ***J. Durand Aye***

342 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***

343 ***D. Boutin Aye***

344 ***J. Sullivan Aye***

345 ***Voted in favor (8-1).***

346

347 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to appoint Donald Winterton as a Planning Board Alternate, term ending***
348 ***June 30, 2023. D Boutin seconded the motion.***

349

350 **Roll Call Vote #8**

351 ***R. Lapierre Aye***

352 ***R. Duhaime Aye***

353 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***

354 ***A. Walczyk Aye***

355 ***J. Durand Nay***

356 ***C. Jones Aye***

357

358 **D. Boutin Aye**
359 **C. Karolian Nay**
360 **J. Sullivan Aye**
361 **Voted in favor (7-2).**

362
363 N. Germain: David Boutin was previously appointed to the TIF Advisory Board. We have conducted
364 research to see if there is a possible conflict if Mr. Boutin serves as both a Town Councilor and a
365 member of the TIF Advisory Board. There is nothing to prevent his nomination and appointment. He
366 fulfills a requirement that a resident of the District be on the Board.

367
368 **Chair Sullivan nominated David Boutin as a member of the TIF Advisory Board.**

369
370 **Chair Sullivan motioned to waive the rules for all appointments at this meeting. D. Boutin**
371 **seconded the motion.**

372
373 **Roll Call Vote #9**

374 **J. Durand Aye**
375 **D. Boutin Aye**
376 **C. Jones Aye**
377 **R. Duhaime Aye**
378 **C. Karolian Nay**
379 **A. Walczyk Aye**
380 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**
381 **R. Lapierre Aye**
382 **J. Sullivan Aye**
383 **Voted in favor (8-1).**

384
385 **Chair Sullivan motioned to appoint David Boutin as a member of the TIF Advisory Board. T.**
386 **Tsantoulis seconded the motion.**

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388 **Roll Call Vote #10**

389 **C. Karolian Nay**
390 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**
391 **R. Lapierre Aye**
392 **C. Jones Aye**
393 **D. Boutin Recused himself from the vote**
394 **J. Durand Nay**
395 **A. Walczyk Aye**
396 **R. Duhaime Aye**
397 **J. Sullivan Aye**
398 **Voted in favor (6-2).**

399
400 **Chair Sullivan motioned to nominate and appoint Patricia Demers, Larry Maurice, Vicki**
401 **Desharnais, and Eric P. Davis as members of the Bicentennial Committee. D. Boutin seconded**
402 **the motion.**

403
404 **Roll Call #11**

405 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**
406 **R. Lapierre Aye**
407 **J. Durand Aye**

408 **C. Jones** *Aye*
409 **C. Karolian** *Aye*
410 **A. Walczyk** *Aye*
411 **R. Duhaime** *Aye*
412 **D. Boutin** *Aye*
413 **J. Sullivan** *Aye*
414 **Voted unanimously in favor (9-0).**

415
416 **OLD BUSINESS**

417 None.

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419 **NEW BUSINESS**

420
421 **David Scarpetti, Economic Development Advisory Committee Chair; Nicholas Williams, Town**
422 **Planner; RSA 72:80 - Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption**

423
424 This item was tabled.

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428 **Halloween in Hooksett 2020**

429
430 ***D. Boutin motioned to adopt and disseminate the Town of Hooksett's Trick-or-Treating Policy***
431 ***for 2020, which will be on October 31, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00. J. Durand seconded the motion.***

432
433 ***A. Walczyk motioned to amend the hours for Trick-or-Treating to be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.***

434
435 A. Walczyk said that sunset is at 5:38 pm and dusk is at 6:00 pm.

436
437 There was no second offered for this amendment.

438
439 **Roll Call Vote #12**

440 ***D. Boutin*** *Aye*

441 ***A. Walczyk*** *Nay*

442 ***J. Durand*** *Aye*

443 ***C. Karolian*** *Aye*

444 ***R. Lapierre*** *Aye*

445 ***T. Tsantoulis*** *Aye*

446 ***R. Duhaime*** *Aye*

447 ***C. Jones*** *Aye*

448 ***J. Sullivan*** *Aye*

449 ***Voted in favor (8-1).***

450
451 Chair Sullivan: The protocol for Trick-or-Treating, which is in our packets, will be posted on the town
452 website.

453
454 **Backhoe Replacement**

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456 **D. Boutin motioned to approve and consent the purchase of Case 590SN Loader Backhoe from**
457 **Beauregard Equipment in the amount of \$50.00, with trade-ins (2001 Deere 210-G Backhoe and**
458 **2015 Hyundai 180W-9A Excavator). Chair Sullivan seconded the motion.**

459

460 E. Labonte: We have talked about fleet reduction. The Hyundai Excavator is five years old and has
461 been operated for only 300 hours, using three sets of batteries. It was purchased for wholesale pipe
462 replacement, but the department didn't have the manpower or the equipment for that. It would cost us
463 \$500.00 to deliver this to a site and another \$500.00 to return it.

464
465 D. Boutin: What was the trade-in value of the Hyundai?

466
467 E. Labonte: That information is in your packet. I believe it is about \$96 ,000.00.

468
469 C. Karolian: This says that the 2014 excavator was assigned. Assigned from where?

470
471 E. Labonte: Assigned means purchased and placed in the fleet.

472
473 R. Duhaime: What was the original price of the Hyundai?

474
475 E. Labonte: It was \$245,000.00. In spite of not being used much, its value has depreciated.

476
477 **Roll Call Vote #13**

478 **C. Karolian Nay**

479 **D. Boutin Aye**

480 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**

481 **R. Lapierre Aye**

482 **A. Walczyk Aye**

483 **R. Duhaime Nay**

484 **J. Durand Nay**

485 **C. Jones Aye**

486 **J. Sullivan Aye**

487 **Voted in favor (6-3).**

488

489 **Purchase Two New Police Vehicles**

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491 ***D. Boutin motioned to allow the Police Department to purchase two new Police emergency***
492 ***vehicles, plus all related emergency equipment, lettering, and new radar unit for a combined***
493 ***total of \$93,579.05. T. Tsantoulis seconded the motion.***

494

495 Chief Bouchard: I want to introduce Rick Belanger, our Dispatch Officer and Fleet Manager. These are
496 State bid prices. We had to change to hybrid vehicles, and the cost exceeded the budgeted amount by
497 about \$8,00.00. We have this amount in underspent lines.

498

499 T. Tsantoulis: What do you gain going to hybrid models?

500

501 R. Belanger: We will save between \$1,450 and \$1,500 per year on fuel. We will also save on
502 maintenance – fewer oil changes and the brakes will last longer. The normal five-year warranty is
503 extended to eight-years, excluding non-hybrid components. These vehicles will pay for themselves in
504 about five years. Boston has used hybrids for ten years without problems.

505

506 D. Boutin: What will be the disposition of the vehicles you are replacing?

507

508 R. Belanger: The Highway Department wants them.

509

510 D. Boutin: Are these new vehicles SUV's or cruisers?

511

512 Chief Bouchard: They are both.

513

514 Chair Sullivan called for a roll call vote on the motion.

515

516 **Roll Call Vote #14**

517 **R. Duhaime Aye**

518 **J Durand Aye**

519 **C. Jones Aye**

520 **R. Lapierre Aye**

521 **A. Walczyk Aye**

522 **D. Boutin Aye**

523 **C. Karolian Nay**

524 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**

525 **J. Sullivan Aye**

526 **Voted in favor (8-1).**

527

528 R. Duhaime: Have you considered using motorcycles in your fleet? Londonderry now has two. They are
529 able to write a lot of tickets.

530

531 R. Belanger: The training is not simple.

532

533 T. Tsantoulis: Although you might save on gas, workers' comp and items like that might increase
534 because of injuries.

535

536 C. Karolian: Keep in mind the COVID pandemic. The training for being a motorcycle officer is very
537 specialized and intensive.

538

539 Chief Bouchard: They would only be used seasonally.

540

541 **Chair Sullivan motioned to have the Police Chief look into adding motorcycles to the vehicle**
542 **fleet. C. Jones seconded the motion.**

543

544 **Roll Call Vote #15**

545 **D. Boutin Aye**

546 **C. Jones Aye**

547 **A. Walczyk Aye**

548 **J. Durand Nay**

549 **R. Duhaime Aye**

550 **T. Tsantoulis Nay**

551 **R. Lapierre Nay**

552 **C. Karolian Nay**

553 **J. Sullivan Aye**

554 **Voted in favor (5-4).**

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556 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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558 **Public: 07/15/2020**

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~~562~~ Public: 08/12/2020 Workshop
~~564~~ Public: 08/13/2020 Special Meeting
~~566~~ Public: 08/26/2020
~~568~~ Public: 09/02/2020 Budget Review
~~570~~ Public: 09/09/2020
~~572~~ Public: 09/16/2020 Budget Review
~~574~~ Public: 09/23/2020
~~576~~ Public: 09/30/2020 Budget Review (Special Meeting)
~~578~~ Non-Public: 08/13/2020
~~580~~ Non-Public: 09/09/2020
592 Non-Public: 09/23/2020

593
594 ***D. Boutin motioned to approve the minutes of the following meetings:***

~~595~~ *Public: 07/15/2020*
~~597~~ *Public: 08/12/2020 Workshop*
~~599~~ *Public: 08/13/2020 Special Meeting*
~~601~~ *Public: 08/26/2020*
~~603~~ *Public: 09/02/2020 Budget Review*
~~605~~ *Public: 09/09/2020*
~~607~~ *Public: 09/16/2020 Budget Review*
~~609~~ *Public: 09/23/2020*
~~611~~ *Public: 09/30/2020 Budget Review (Special Meeting)*
~~613~~ *Non-Public: 08/13/2020*
~~615~~ *Non-Public: 09/09/2020*
~~617~~ *Non-Public: 09/23/2020*

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629 ***T. Tsantoulis seconded the motion.***

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631 **Roll Call Vote #16**

632 ***A. Walczyk Aye***

633 ***R. Lapierre Aye***

634 ***C. Jones Aye***

635 ***R. Duhaime Aye***

636 ***J. Durand Aye***

637 ***C. Karolian Abstained***

638 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***

639 ***D. Boutin Aye***

640 ***J. Sullivan Aye***

641 ***Voted in favor (8-0). Councilor Karolian abstained because he was not in attendance at the***
642 ***September 9, 2020 non-public session.***

643
644 **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

645
646 Chair Sullivan: We still need a volunteer for the Budget Committee. At the last meeting, they reviewed
647 the budgets of the Police, Administration, ZBA, Planning Board and Finance. They increased the

648 budget by \$36,036.00. They reduced the vehicle line by \$50,000 and increased the Police Officer line
649 by \$96,000.00. They made several small cuts totaling \$10,000.00. Tomorrow they will review the Fire,
650 Library, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector budgets.

651
652 Chair Sullivan: You all know about the Stone House. The Heritage Commission is now looking at the El
653 Rivado Motel on Route 3. At one time there were 12 to 14 motels along this route.

654
655 Chair Sullivan: The Bicentennial Committee now has six members, and they have a long list of
656 proposed events – lots of small, nice events.

657
658 Chair Sullivan: The Lilac Bridge Memorial is coming along well.

659
660 A. Garron: We are very pleased with the work of the contractor on that project.

661
662 J. Durand: The DPW union negotiations are going well.

663
664 A. Walczyk: We are looking for volunteers to help with the election.

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666 A. Walczyk: The Parks & Rec Committee is putting together plans for the Pavilion. An idea that has
667 been presented is to have people buy bricks to be donated for use in construction of the pavilion.

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669 A. Walczyk: The Conservation Commission has become aware that, unfortunately, a sizeable field
670 populated by Monarch butterflies was mowed in September. Next year, it will be mowed after the first
671 frost so as not to interfere with the migration of the butterflies. The Commission is also preparing to post
672 signs saying **NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES** in areas where the vehicles would damage trails. They
673 received an \$80,000.00 grant for trail maintenance. The source is federal tax dollars from Highway
674 RV's and snowmobiles.

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676 T. Tsantoulis: The Board of Assessors is caught up with its work.

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678 T. Tsantoulis: We have two new nominations for Hooksett Youth Achiever.

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680 R. Duhaime: The ZBA is reviewing two big projects on Hackett Hill Road. There is a lot of truck traffic,
681 where the traffic situation is already bad. These developments would add to the property tax base and
682 would produce impact fees. However, we are not getting help from the State. We all need to be aware
683 of this. The State needs to do something.

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685 D. Boutin: There would be 90 trucks leaving every morning, and 56 dump trucks carrying Hooksett soil
686 to Massachusetts. That is 1.6 million cubic feet.

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688 Chair Sullivan: Impact fees could be used to solve the problems in the area.

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690 D. Boutin: Major changes are needed at Hackett Hill.

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692 R. Duhaime: Hooksett should require the State to do something, not vice versa. They are adding
693 another exit off Route 93 at a cost of \$90 million. We improve our own roads. It is a travesty, what is
694 going on.

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696 Chair Sullivan: What can we do to get involved?

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698 D. Boutin: We should instruct the Town Administrator to ask the DOT what they will require of this
699 developer.
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701 T. Tsantoulis: Isn't that premature?
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703 D. Boutin: If they are granted a variance by the ZBA, they will move quickly after that.
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705 A. Garron: If there is no application, what am I asking the DOT? I have no issue with asking, but my
706 concern is that due process is followed. The Town Council representatives to the ZBA and Planning
707 Board can relay the information that we have grave concerns about development in the area, mostly
708 because of traffic.
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710 ***D. Boutin motioned to instruct the Town Administrator to work with the Planning Board to write***
711 ***a letter to the State DOT regarding the requirements for and concerns about this development.***
712 ***Chair Sullivan seconded the motion.***
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714 C. Karolian: Do the Town Council representatives on the Planning Board and ZBA having voting rights?
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716 Chair Sullivan: The Planning Board representative is a voting member; the ZBA representative is not. It
717 is an advisory position.
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719 C. Karolian: Is 1.6 million yards of soil being transported to Massachusetts?
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721 D. Boutin: It is 1.6 million cubic feet.
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723 C. Karolian: Is the soil owned by the developer or by the Town of Hooksett?
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725 D. Boutin: It is owned by the developer.
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727 A. Garron: The Planning Board should be asking the DOT questions.
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729 Chair Sullivan called for a roll call vote on the motion.
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731 **Roll Call Vote #17**
732 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***
733 ***C. Jones Nay***
734 ***R. Duhaime Aye***
735 ***A. Walczyk Nay***
736 ***R. Lapierre Nay***
737 ***C. Karolian Nay***
738 ***J. Durand Nay***
739 ***D. Boutin Aye***
740 ***J. Sullivan Aye***
741 ***Motion failed (4-5).***
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743 A. Garron: Traffic is a concern of the Town Council, and Mr. Boutin can share our concern with the
744 Planning Board.
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746 ***Chair Sullivan motioned to adjourn at 9:17 pm. C. Karolian seconded the motion.***
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748 **Roll Call Vote #6**
749 **J. Durand Aye**
750 **R. Lapierre Aye**
751 **C. Karolian Aye**
752 **D. Boutin Aye**
753 **C. Jones Aye**
754 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**
755 **A. Walczyk Aye**
756 **R. Duhaime Aye**
757 **J. Sullivan Aye**
758 **Voted unanimously in favor (9-0).**

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761 Respectfully submitted,
762 *Kathleen Donnelly*
763 Kathleen Donnelly
764 Recording Clerk

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767 **Please see subsequent meeting minutes for any amendments to these minutes.**
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