

**Town of Hooksett  
Town Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

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2 The Hooksett Town Council met on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 6:00 in the Hooksett  
3 Municipal Building.

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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

6 Chair Sullivan called the meeting of 14 Sep 2022 to order at (6:15) pm.

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8 **PROOF OF POSTING**

9 Human Resource 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 Timothy Tsantoulis, and Councilor Alex Walczyk, Councilor David  
14 Ross (6:28 arrived)

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16 **Absent:** Councilor Roger Duhaime, Councilor Keith Judge.

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18 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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20 **AGENDA OVERVIEW**

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22 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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24 J. Sullivan opened the Public Hearing at 6:22 pm stating that the Hooksett Town Council is holding a  
25 Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 @ 6:00 pm at the Hooksett Town Hall Chambers,  
26 35 Main Street, Hooksett, NH. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the upcoming NH DOT  
27 bridge preservation project that will impact traffic flows on Hooksett Road/Route 3 at the Route 93  
28 overpass.

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30 A. Garron- introduced the guest speakers.

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32 Bill Saffian- NHDOT this project showcases 5 bridge preservations along the corridor. This project is  
33 like the bridge work on the I-93 corridor. We are here to present the project and solicit any comments  
34 regarding the project. David Scott will be the project manager from the NHDOT.

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36 Phil Kendal Project manager from HNTB for NHDOT

- 37     • Inluded Efforts
- 38         • Replacement of Bridge Pavement and Membrane Waterproofing
  - 39         • Repairs to Concrete Deck
  - 40         • Repairs to Bridge Curb and Bridge Rail
  - 41         • Replacement of Bridge Deck Joints
- 42     • Excluded Efforts
- 43         • Drainage Improvements
  - 44         • Guardrail or Approach Rail Work
  - 45         • Permanent Pavement Beyond Bridge Preservation Needs

46 This will be a two-season project and the bridges will be bundled together. Season 1 will be done in  
47 2024 and season 2 done in 2025. There will be 4 locations of interest of traffic control.

48  
49 D. Ross- in light of this potential closing of exit 8, look at somehow you can stretch the lanes out. It is  
50 very dangerous.

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52 B. Saffian- what was your feedback from the southbound exit on exit 8 to exit 9. Has there been any  
53 significant impact?

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55 D. Ross- there was never any significant impact, that I saw.  
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57 J. Sullivan- I did not see any impact.  
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59 D. Boutin- thank you for coming.  
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61 J. Sullivan Closed the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing at 6:58.  
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63 J. Sullivan opened the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing at 6:59.  
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65 **6.2 Public Hearing and Public Input for Update to #OO-14 Other Ordinances Sand and Gravel**  
66 **with Draft dated 6/3/2022 of Commercial Earth Excavation Regulations.**  
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68 The Hooksett Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday September 14th, 2022 @  
69 6:00, 35 Main Street, Hooksett, Council Chambers for the following: NEW PUBLIC HEARING for the  
70 amendment, Draft Re-Write, of Sand and Gravel-Other Ordinance#00-14. This Ordinance is outdated  
71 and has been re-written to align with the State of New Hampshire's Earth Excavation Regulations.  
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73 A. Stelmach- this was a 10-month effort of bringing up an old 1970's regulation up to standard and  
74 address public safety. This is not for zoning this is for public safety. We wanted to give protection to the  
75 town and make sure surety was in place, give code enforcement extra mechanisms to make sure  
76 operations were going as planned, because the ZBA is the regulator of excavation in Hooksett. We took  
77 other surrounding towns and looked at their ordinances and meshed them all together to suite our  
78 needs. We had legal help us; we had a committee work on this. I think this is a direction that Hooksett  
79 wants to go towards.  
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81 J. Sullivan- and this Ann Stelmach the ZBA Chair. Is the ZBA is support of this change?  
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83 A. Stelmach- yes, we voted at our last meeting in support of this.  
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85 J. Sullivan- is there a major change? Is it night and day?  
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87 A. Stelmach- it is more detailed.  
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89 A. Stelmach- the statue had changed a few times. We didn't go more stringent, just more expansion.  
90 There were some things as simple as hours of operation that were not addressed. It was bringing what  
91 the statue allows and defining the details more.  
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93 D. Pendergast, Code Enforcement Officer- then we expanded on the surety giving the town more  
94 backing  
95

96 D. Boutin- I've reviewed this draft and I think it is well put together and I will be supporting it.  
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98 D. Ross- section 7, has that been run by legal to see how that is possible to do?  
99

100 M. Serge- I've reviewed in great length. This all meets the statue, and I don't think you even have any  
101 that follow this.  
102

103 D. Ross asked for some clarification on new changes and if it fell under grandfathering. Legal

104 addressed that these changes won't affect anyone currently doing this practices weather they go along  
105 or against the regulations these regulations will be for any future excavation with new sites and new  
106 permits.

107  
108 A. Walczyk- section 13 step 2 says the PH will be scheduled within 30 days. Then step 3 says abutters  
109 will be notified within 5 days. Can we give the abutters more time?

110  
111 M. Serge- the 5 days is the statutory minimum you can always do more.

112  
113 J. Sullivan- can we make a change without having to do a re-hearing?

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115 M. Serge- yes you could.

116  
117 D. Boutin- I think normally for PB and ZB it is 10 days, and if we made it 10, we would be consistent  
118 with the other boards.

119  
120 D. Ross- I disagree excavation is a long, big lengthy process and 30 days is needed to notify them.

121  
122 R. Lapierre- if there is an ordinance that we had a PH and we made a motion to make a change doesn't  
123 that require a new re-hearing.

124  
125 J. Sullivan- only if we made a substantial change, it would but increase the time changes is not a due  
126 change.

127  
128 A. Garron- what are we looking at changing? Are we looking at the abutter notice? Because it says no  
129 less than 5. So that still lets you do more but not less than.

130  
131 A. Stelmach- looking at the old ordinance it is not even defined. We want to move with this.

132  
133 J. Sullivan- when we come back at our next meeting lets address it. Do we believe 30 days is the  
134 appropriate time length?

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136 D. Boutin- no 30 days is too long.

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138 Town Council by show of hands agreed that 30 days was too long.

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140 J. Sullivan- as D. Boutin stated to be consistent 10 days to align. We will have that change in the  
141 language to adopt the new language.

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143 D. Boutin- are you going to provide the council with the draft language before our next meeting?

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145 A. Stelmach- yes, we will.

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147 **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

148  
149 Special acknowledgement of Eagle Scouts Troop 603

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151 Special acknowledgement to Lee Ann Chase, Library Patron Services Supervisor - Retirement 22 yrs.

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153 J. Sullivan- Lee Ann joined the Hooksett library back in 2000. During her 22-year tenure, she was  
154 always a welcoming, stable presence at the Patron Services desk, greeting visitors and managing their  
155 borrowing needs. To her patrons, Lee Ann was the familiar face who could be counted on to find even  
156 the most obscure title to fill their requests. For those who faced their senior years mostly at home and

157 on their own, Lee Ann became a friend to us all. To her staff, she was an incredibly patient supervisor  
158 to whom they could ask endless or repeated questions and receive a kind and patient response. Lee  
159 Ann supported and encouraged all her staff to learn as much as they could in their position and beyond,  
160 trying new things, learning more about the profession and empowering them to be their best selves.  
161 Under Lee Ann's supportive wing, many of her staff discovered their love of library work and moved on  
162 to earn their library degree and achieve a full-time position within the library. To her NH library  
163 colleagues, Lee Ann was a level 4 certified library professional (the highest level achievable) and one of  
164 the founding members of the NH library Association's Para librarian section and remained one of its  
165 contributing members throughout its growth and development. She was a founding member on the  
166 certification review committee and went on to chair the committee for a number of years. Besides her  
167 role as the head pf patron services, Lee Ann wore many hats at the library. She was the fit it lady, the  
168 source of comedic relief and health coach as part of her role in the Towns joint loss committee. Last but  
169 not least, Lee Ann was the ever-faithful Mrs. Klaus for the library's annual Santa & Friends Party.  
170 Although Lee Ann made the very difficult decision to spend more time with her new grandchild, she will  
171 always be a member of the Hooksett Library family.

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173 **Moved up 15.5**

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175 **15.5 To amend Section 11.2 of the Hooksett Town Charter to follow RSA 673:6, I (a) and allow**  
176 **five (5) alternates on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.**

177

178 J. Sullivan- we discussed this last December on a possible charter change.

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180 A. Stelmach- yes, we did bring this forward last year, but we got it into the state to late. State law allows  
181 this. I don't know why we would restrict this. The more people that we can get on board the better.

182

183 J. Sullivan – tonight is to move it onto the next state of an official PH.

184

185 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to move this topic to the next agenda for a PH on this charter changes***  
186 ***possibility; seconded by A. Walczyk.***

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188 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

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190 **Moved up 15.3**

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192 **15.3 Other Town Charter Changes - General Discussion on Reduction of Council Membership,**  
193 **District Changes and Other.**

194

195 J. Durand- I know that we are probably one of the towns that have such a large council and wondered  
196 why we are so large. When Granite Hills came in it was thought that they would only be represented by  
197 the majority. Maybe condense it down to 5, save some money and possibly raise the stipends to get  
198 more interest.

199

200 J. Sullivan- the reason why the supervisors of the checklist are here because if there was a change it  
201 would affect their districts.

202

203 R. Lapierre- I was reading up on this a little. I was wondering towns of our size can choose to organize  
204 under a few ways as a Selectboard or a Town Council. If we were a Selectboard we would not need to  
205 have districts.

206

207 J. Durand- what would be the impact of no districts.

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209 M. Horne- if you decide that you don't want any districts then we don't need to do the census polls  
210 every 10 years. Most people do not even know what district they live in and I don't know that I feel like  
211 I get any better representation if I have a member in my district.

212  
213 J. Sullivan- if this is proposed as a possible charter change and is on the ballot and a change is made  
214 in March, then you can hold off on the census.

215  
216 M. Horne- it is probably a winter project but if it looks like it is going to change then I will hold off.

217  
218 A. Garron- if the council were to agree to reduce from 9 to 5 and that was able to go on the charter for  
219 vote, wouldn't we need to go another year to fill.

220  
221 R. Lapierre- in the town charter that we adopted previously we defined the process for filling each of the  
222 roles. Any chart change will need to include that mechanism. We would need to identify it.

223  
224 D. Boutin- I appreciate the conversation and from my standpoint, 9 is not an overbearing amount of  
225 people. It gives us an opportunity to share ideas and get input. I believe that 7 would work but 5 is to  
226 small.

227  
228 A. Jipson- in Belmont there was a petition warrant to increase the BOS from 3 to 5 that passed at Town  
229 meeting in March and now in 2023 we will vote on who will fill the added 2 board members.

230  
231 A. Garron- as a result of what happened last year with the potential of 2 charter changes, we  
232 established a date of October 12th now we are less than a month away from that timeline to explore  
233 what that charter change will be.

234  
235 D. Boutin- if you eliminate districts, you have a development in town that has 485 units which is more  
236 than 1,000 adults you could end up with a situation with 3 members in the same district. It is working  
237 why fix it. What we have is some members not attending the meeting, so we should get rid of them.

238  
239 D. Ross- this has come up a few times over the years. The town is not getting smaller it is getting  
240 larger. We are the people's representatives. I am big in having districts, I'd like a larger body. I like to  
241 hear that Belmont is increasing their board.

242  
243 D. Boutin- can we by a show of hands show who would support getting rid of the districts.

244  
245 J. Durand- even if we stayed at 9 can we figure out a way to give more people options. There have  
246 been people who have been here a long time, and it would be nice to see new faces.

247  
248 J. Sullivan- we had term limits and we got rid of them.

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250 J. Sullivan- lets establish a subcommittee and have it ready for an august 2023 discussion.

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252 **BICENTENNIAL MOMENT**

253  
254 J. Sullivan – presented a PowerPoint presentation on Presidential Visitors plus, highlighting the past  
255 Presidents who have visited Hooksett. The full PowerPoint presentation can be found on the town's  
256 website.

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258 **Hooksett Municipal Employee - New Hire**

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260 A. Garron- we have 3 new hires.  
261 • Michael Winslow, PW Parks & Rec Laborer  
262 • Bryce Ham, PW Parks & Rec Truck Driver/Laborer

- 263 • Karen Cannella, Fire-Rescue p/t Administrative Assistant  
264 And 2 departures  
265 Robert Curran and Daniel Andrews.

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267 **PUBLIC INPUT - 15 MINUTES**

268 None

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270 **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

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272 **9.1 Town Clerk, Pamela Sullivan, General Update & Recap of September 13, 2022, Elections**

273  
274 P. Sullivan- we had an amazing team of people that have worked the polls before, they were my saving  
275 grace. The supervisors of the checklist were great, and I want to say thanks. We did have a little hiccup  
276 the machine was not working, once that was up and running the day went smoother. After that election  
277 a lot of people have expressed interest in volunteering. The lessons learned were being more  
278 organized. I am going to work with Leann on creating a volunteer list and a handout to give to those  
279 that were interested. I thank the town council reps for coming and helping out and filling in their slots. A  
280 lot of these guys were there for a long time and needed breaks. The more people we have helping out  
281 the better it goes. Residents are already starting to request absentee ballots for November. Karen  
282 Connor Yorkie volunteered for the day and then had shown some interest to the deputy clerk position,  
283 which will enable us to increase our hours.

284  
285 A. Garron – kudos to all involved. I do want to mention Todd Rainer’s help with this as he has stepped  
286 away from the position, but he was there to assist and helped make it move smoothly.

287  
288 P. Sullivan- Results- 2,263 voter participation. We have roughly 10,000 registered voters and had 112  
289 new registered voters.

290  
291 D. Ross- maybe put together a break down of each party numbers that voted. We need volunteers. It  
292 was a skin and bones crew, and this next election will be bigger.

293  
294 **9.2 Belisle Monument Location**

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296 ***R. Lapierre motioned to approve the Belisle monument location on the southeast corner of the***  
297 ***property along the Main Street roadside as suggested by the Heritage Commission. Seconded***  
298 ***by T. Tsantoulis.***

299  
300 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

301  
302 B. Berthiaume- the spot location is in your packets.

303  
304 **9.3 Old Home Day Committee request for an additional \$1,500 for the 2022 Old Home Day**

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306 ***D. Boutin motioned to approve the request for an additional \$1,500 for the 2022 Old Home Day;***  
307 ***seconded by T. Tsantoulis.***

308  
309 R. Lapierre- I also want to note that our packets mention increasing the budget for next year.

310  
311 J. Sullivan- let’s bring that up at our next meeting.

312  
313 J. Durand- does Andre know what this request is for?

314  
315 A. Garron- I do not that is why we asked them to come here to explain why the increase. Currently  
316 there is \$5,000 budgeted that has already been sent to them.

317  
318 T. Tsantoulis- I don't think it is unreasonable to expend more funds this year. OHD should continue on  
319 as it has, we can always cut back funds in the future if need be.  
320  
321 D. Ross- we should have gotten a reason on the why.  
322  
323 **Roll Call Vote #2**  
324 ***R. Duhaime NP***  
325 ***J Durand Abstained not enough info***  
326 ***D. Ross Aye***  
327 ***R. Lapierre Aye***  
328 ***A. Walczyk Aye***  
329 ***D. Boutin Aye***  
330 ***K. Judge NP***  
331 ***T. Tsantoulis NP***  
332 ***J. Sullivan Aye***  
333  
334 ***Vote in favor 5-0-1***  
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336 **CONSENT AGENDA**  
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338 **10.1 To accept \$449.00 raised at our fifth annual National Night Out event held on August 2,**  
339 **2022, to the Town of Hooksett through the Police Department for families in need.**  
340  
341 ***J. Sullivan motioned to accept \$449.00 raised at our fifth annual National Night Out event held***  
342 ***on August 2, 2022, to the Town of Hooksett through the Police Department for families in need***  
343 ***per RSA 31:95-b, III(b). seconded by R. Lapierre.***  
344  
345 ***Vote all in favor 7-0***  
346  
347 **10.2 Accept the Town of Hooksett donation of 42 "603" sport sling bags valued under \$65.00 to**  
348 **the Hooksett Eagle Scout Troop "603".**  
349  
350 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to accept the Town of Hooksett donation of 42 "603" sport sling bags***  
351 ***valued under \$65.00 to the Hooksett Eagle Scout Troop "603" per RSA 31:95-e. seconded by D.***  
352 ***Boutin.***  
353  
354 ***Vote all in favor 7-0***  
355  
356 **10.3 Accept the donation of labor, valued at \$4,500, from Fellowship Church.**  
357  
358 ***J. Sullivan motioned to accept the donation of labor, valued at \$4,500, from Fellowship Church***  
359 ***per RSA 31:95-e, II. Seconded by R. Lapierre.***  
360  
361 ***Vote all in favor 7-0***  
362  
363 R. Lapierre- is this a part of the scheduled maintenance?  
364  
365 P. Arno- We haven't been able to paint the building due to lack of labor and funds. We are supplying  
366 the paint, and they will come in and paint. We don't have the labor to do it. We have 1 maintenance  
367 guy, and he can't possibly do it.  
368

369 Pastor Arron- we want to be a blessing to the town we are a new church and want to be a church for  
370 the city not just in the city.

371  
372 R. Lapierre- what agenda items were included in the motion?

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374 J. Sullivan- there was a motion to approve all of them.

375  
376 **10.4 Accept the donation from Ellie Lukova of Creative Stix Studio in the form of mural.**

377  
378 ***J. Sullivan motioned to accept the donation from Ellie Lukova of Creative Stix Studio in the form***  
379 ***of mural per RSA 31:95-e, II. 2. Motion to grant the request to waive the liability insurance.***  
380 ***Seconded by R. Lapierre.***

381  
382 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

383  
384 D. Ross- on 10.4 I see no images on what is going to be on the mural.

385  
386 B. Berthiaume- if I could after the agenda was posted we received some information from Ellie. She has  
387 got a couple of ideas. We want to entertain all 3 ideas. Idea 1 would be the footprints down the path.  
388 Idea 2 is a hopscotch area. It can go around the playground area. Then option 3 she calls these safety  
389 borders. You put them in higher traffic areas to keep the amount of the way of traffic. These are  
390 samples of things she has done in the past.

391  
392 **10.5 Partial Surety Release of \$266,000– Benton Road Sports Dome**

393  
394 R. Lapierre- what is the basis with you concurring with the release of the \$150,000 release?

395  
396 B. Thomas- The bond is really a reclaim bond, so I think 150k is more than acceptable to pave and get  
397 landscaping done. Right now, they are considering putting solar panels on the site so there may be a  
398 redesign on the site.

399  
400 R. Lapierre- in the future I'd suggest that we receive backup from you and not from the engineer and  
401 the developers.

402  
403 B. Thomas- I did provide what was supplied to me by the developer on the original bond.

404  
405 R. Lapierre- we trust the business owners, but we have a town engineer to give us certain information. I  
406 want to see some sort of check on this.

407  
408 B. Thomas- it is standard practice that the engineer supplies me a report.

409  
410 R. Lapierre- well is it standard practice that you check and report back on what they suggest.

411  
412 B. Thomas- no not really.

413  
414 J. Sullivan- in the past you had reported back on giving more details giving us the notion that the  
415 information has been verified.

416  
417 D. Ross- this is not a small amount of money. I have particular concerns. We have no pictures. DOT  
418 has given us in the past a report on what has been done. I want to see photographs to see that they  
419 actually put berm in. I would appreciate an inspection on the site and a report on this.

420

421 T. Tsantoulis- I believe the Town Engineer has given a site visit and has verified on the presentation  
422 that you felt this was a fair amount to return to them, and you are in fact a registered Engineer. People  
423 who are not engineers are picking this apart.

424  
425 ***J. Durand motioned to table the motion 10.5 until further information is given; seconded by D.***  
426 ***Ross.***

427  
428 ***Vote in favor 5-2***

429  
430 **10.6 To accept the \$2,500.00 in grant money from NH Department Environmental Services Used**  
431 **Oil Grant.**

432  
433 ***J. Sullivan motioned to accept the \$2,500.00 in grant money from NH Department Environmental***  
434 ***Services Used Oil Grant to the Town of Hooksett for the Public Works Recycling & Transfer***  
435 ***Division toward the purchase and installation of the new waste oil burner per under RSA 31:95-b***  
436 ***III (b). Seconded by R. Lapierre.***

437  
438 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

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440 **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

441  
442 A. Garron- the numbers for the number of new cases are reducing. It is down to 25 now. The town  
443 report is available on the town website, and copies available at the council offices. We also have a copy  
444 of the town newsletter on our website. We will have the newsletter go out with the tax bills. The HR  
445 department received a proposal to adding a paid family leave option to our benefits package. The state  
446 has adopted this and is being sent around to communities.

447  
448 D. Fitzpatrick- back in February we received that there may be some State paid Family Leave  
449 Coverage. They can take from their benefits accrual banks, WC, or short-term disability. In September  
450 the state provided that they are asking the towns if they want to piggyback on this plan. They have  
451 signed on with Metlife. I would have to contact Metife to get more information on the premiums. Do we  
452 want to absorb that, do we want the employees to observe that.

453  
454 ***J. Sullivan motioned that we request that the administration makes a presentation at our***  
455 ***October 12th meeting to show what adding this to our benefits will be; seconded by D. Boutin.***

456  
457 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

458  
459 A. Garron – we were looking at where we are at looking at wired vs wireless. I would like to revisit it  
460 again, we are looking at wired vs wireless. I'd also like this to be a potential ARPA item for  
461 consideration.

462  
463 ***J. Sullivan motioned to put this gooseneck discussion on the next agenda; seconded by D.***  
464 ***Boutin.***

465  
466 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

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468 **12.1 Nominations and Appointments**

469  
470 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to nominate and appoint Andrea Therrien to the Heritage Commission***  
471 ***with a term expiring 06/30/2025; seconded by D. Boutin.***

472  
473 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

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475 **12.2 Town Council Assignments- Budget Committee and Sewer Commission**

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477 J. Sullivan- this is a requirement that needs to be filled.

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479 D. Ross- the sewer commission is that 2 meetings a month all year long?

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481 J. Sullivan- yes. It is not an official one, it is a liaison. The budget committee is vital.

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483 **OLD BUSINESS**

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485 **14.1 TIF District Easement – Purchase easements across Rainone Property (69a&b Kimball Drive) for Cost of \$45,000**

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488 ***D. Boutin motioned to have the Manchester Water Works extend the water main for \$35,000 (subject to Rainone agreeing to sign the easement as described above) and fund it through the 2019 TIF Warrant Article. Seconded by T.Tsantoulis.***

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491 **Roll Call Vote #3**

492 ***D. Boutin Aye***

493 ***D. Ross Np***

494 ***A. Walczyk Aye***

495 ***J. Durand Aye***

496 ***R. Duhaime NP***

497 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***

498 ***R. Lapierre Aye***

499 ***K. Judge NP***

500 ***J. Sullivan Aye***

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502 ***Vote in favor 6-0***

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505 B. Thomas- we have to provide Mr. Rainone a connection to the service line and \$10,000 to connect

506 the total is \$45,000, we will waive the connection fee. The total easement is \$57,400. It is the most

507 expensive easement but the most crucial piece. I believe that this sewer line is going to go right near

508 his line. The sewer line is by standard requirements to be 10 feet away. I have not checked the well

509 requirements.

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511 T. Tsantoulis- I think there is a typo. It says 25 inches, and I believe that it should be 25 feet.

512

513 A. Garron- this is a critical crossing and I have to commend Bruce with the easements that need to be

514 obtained and keeping the costs down to obtain these. This is a critical piece and will allow us to go

515 through the pump station and under the river. A lot of work has been done on this.

516

517 D. Ross- the cost you said it just brings the water to the house. That allowance Is that money we are

518 going to give him to connect or are we going to make him. What is the width of the easement?

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520 B. Thomas- it is 15ft.

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522 D. Ross- what's to say that if we give him the 10k that he keeps the money and decides not to sell and

523 keep the money.

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525 B. Thomas- the sewer ordinance requires him to tie in if it is within 100 feet.

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527 R. Lapierre- call the question.

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529 ***R. Lapierre motioned to purchase the easement as described above for the cost of \$10,000 and***  
530 ***fund it through the 2019 TIF Warrant Article. Seconded by D. Boutin.***

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532 **Roll Call Vote #4**

533 ***A. Walczyk Aye***

534 ***R. Lapierre Aye***

535 ***D. Ross Aye***

536 ***R. Duhaime NP***

537 ***J. Durand Aye***

538 ***K. Judge NP***

539 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***

540 ***D. Boutin Aye***

541 ***J. Sullivan Aye***

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543 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

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545 **14.2 Update On Old Home Day, September 17, 2022, Town Council Booth**

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547 J. Sullivan- I will be there from 10-?

548

549 R. Lapierre- I had originally signed up for 1-3 and something has come up and I no longer can.

550

551 **14.3 Town Personnel Plan Updates - 1) Post Accident Drug & Alcohol Testing for incident vs.**  
552 **accident and for extenuating circumstances & 2) Workers' Compensation sick and vacation**  
553 **accruals**

554

555 ***D. Boutin motioned to approve the amendment to the Town Personnel Plan as submitted;***  
556 ***seconded by T. Tsantoulis.***

557

558 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

559

560 T. Tsantoulis- we had shut down the whole thing, but this is the few things that we brought back.

561

562 R. Lapierre- I see that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> item WC is changing from won't accrue to will accrue.

563

564 A. Garron- that is when someone gets hurt in the line of duty that is not their fault they should not be  
565 penalized, and it should be changed.

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568 **15.2 2022 MS-535 Financial Report of the Budget**

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570 ***D. Boutin motioned to authorize the Town Council to sign the 2022 MS-535 Financial Report of***  
571 ***the Budget for period ending June 31, 2022, as presented seconded by T. Tsantoulis.***

572

573 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

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575 **15.1 to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford Transit E350 Van along with cost of the equipment,**  
576 **painting, and graphics.**

577

578 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford Transit E350 Van along with cost***  
579 ***of the equipment, painting, and graphics for the total amount of \$53,395.57, to be taken out of***  
580 ***the Special Detail Fund. Seconded by J. Durand.***

581  
582 J. Durand- didn't we already approve this?  
583  
584 Belanger- this was not the original one. It was ordered for another community, and they passed on it, so  
585 we got first dibs.  
586  
587 R. Lapierre- the funding is coming from the detail line; this is not coming from general taxation.  
588  
589 **Roll Call Vote #5**  
590 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***  
591 ***D. Ross Aye***  
592 ***R. Duhaime NP***  
593 ***A. Walczyk Aye***  
594 ***R. Lapierre Aye***  
595 ***K. Judge NP***  
596 ***J. Durand Aye***  
597 ***D. Boutin Aye***  
598 ***J. Sullivan Aye***  
599  
600 ***Vote in Favor 7-0***  
601  
602 ***R. Lapierre moved to extend the meeting past 9:30 p.m seconded by A. Walczyk***  
603  
604 ***Vote in favor 6-1***  
605  
606 **D. Boutin motioned that 14.6 Town Charter Amendment- Hooksett Town Council authority to**  
607 **amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance(s) be moved to the PH on October 28, 2022, seconded by**  
608 **A. Walczyk.**  
609  
610 **Vote all in favor 6-0**  
611  
612 A. Garron- what is suggested and what is current law is that 25 or more voters may petition a warrant  
613 article.  
614  
615 **14.5 ARPA Committee Project List and Ranking**  
616  
617 ***D. Boutin motioned to approve the Lincoln Heights Drainage Study for \$150,000 seconded by T.***  
618 ***Tsantoulis.***  
619  
620 **Roll Call Vote #6**  
621 ***J. Durand Aye***  
622 ***R. Lapierre Nay***  
623 ***K. Judge NP***  
624 ***D. Boutin Aye***  
625 ***D. Ross Aye***  
626 ***T. Tsantoulis Nay***  
627 ***A. Walczyk Nay***  
628 ***R. Duhaime NP***  
629 ***J. Sullivan Nay***  
630  
631 ***Vote not in favor 3-4***  
632

633 B. Thomas- we really do not have a good handle where the pipes go. This catch basin we cannot find.  
634 There is a lot of missing areas. A lot of this pipe is corrugated. Some have the bottom missing. What  
635 my estimate is includes jet cleaning and then sending up cameras. On Sherwood Drive we want to  
636 spend about \$20,000. Replace maybe 400 feet of pipe. The top 2 miles are really investigation so we  
637 can narrow down what needs to be done. Investigate and repair the damage that we find.

638  
639 J. Sullivan- now we can talk about Sherwood Drive

640  
641 B. Thomas- I lumped the 2 projects together.

642  
643 ***R. Lapierre motioned to table 14.5 until we get further information on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by T.***  
644 ***Tsantoulis.***

645  
646 ***Vote in favor 6-1***

647  
648 R. Lapierre- each of these projects should be treated as a town project and we should be treated as a  
649 separate agenda item and given a full presentation. The numbers are changing, and information is not  
650 being presented to us.

651  
652 **14.4 Updates to Town Council Rules of Procedures**

653  
654 J. Sullivan- we want to add a section to the agenda for councilors to ask questions and push up the TA  
655 report.

656  
657 J. Durand- may I suggest we move the bicentennial moment to the end?

658  
659 J. Sullivan- it is almost over.

660  
661 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

662  
663 ***D. Boutin motioned to approve the public minutes of the August 24, 2022, meeting;***  
664 ***Seconded T. Tsantoulis.***

665  
666 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

667  
668 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to approve the session #1 non-public minutes of the August 24,***  
669 ***2022, meeting; Seconded D. Boutin.***

670  
671 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

672  
673 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to approve the session #2 non-public minutes of the August 24,***  
674 ***2022, meeting; Seconded D. Boutin.***

675  
676 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

677  
678 **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

679  
680 J. Sullivan- the POW table is setup thank you to Rich Caruso. Bill Saffian also came up and kudos to us  
681 for putting it out.

682  
683 **PUBLIC INPUT- None**

684

685 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A:3 II a&c**

686 **J. Sullivan motioned to enter non-public session #2 NH RSA 91-A:3 II (a,c) at 9:51 pm;**  
687 **seconded by D. Boutin.**

688 (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of  
689 such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee  
690 affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case  
691 the request shall be granted.

692 (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any  
693 person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open  
694 meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or  
695 waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

696 **Roll Call Vote #7**

697 ***D. Ross Aye***

698 ***K. Judge NP***

699 ***R. Lapierre Aye***

700 ***R. Duhaime NP***

701 ***A. Walczyk Aye***

702 ***J. Durand NP***

703 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***

704 ***D. Boutin Aye***

705 ***J. Sullivan Aye***

706

707 ***Vote in favor 6-0***

708

709 ***J. Sullivan motioned to adjourn the non-public session of 9/14/2022 at 10:03 p.m.;***  
710 ***seconded by D. Ross.***

711

712 ***Vote in favor 6-0***

713

714 ***R. Lapierre motioned to seal the non-public minutes of 9/14/2022; seconded by D.***  
715 ***Boutin.***

716

717 **Roll Call Vote #8**

718 ***R. Lapierre Aye***

719 ***R. Duhaime NP***

720 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***

721 ***A. Walczyk Aye***

722 ***J. Durand NP***

723 ***D. Ross Aye***

724 ***D. Boutin Aye***

725 ***K. Judge NP***

726 ***J. Sullivan Aye***

727

728 ***Vote in favor 6-0***

729

730 **ADJOURNMENT**

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732 ***R. Lapierre motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 pm. Seconded by T. Tsantoulis.***

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734 **All in favor 6-0**

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738 Respectfully submitted,

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740 *Alicia Jipson*

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742 Alicia Jipson

743 Recording Clerk

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