

**Town of Hooksett
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 28, 2022**

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2 The Hooksett Town Council met on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hooksett
3 Municipal Building.

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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

6 Chair Sullivan called the meeting of 28 Sep 2022 to order at (6:12) p.m.

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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 Timothy Tsantoulis, Councilor Keith Judge,
13 Councilor Alex Walczyk, Councilor Randall Lapierre, and Councilor Roger Duhaime, Councilor John
14 Durand (arrived at 6:25).

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16 **Absent:** Councilor David Ross and Councilor David Boutin.

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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 6:18 p.m. to accept overtime reimbursement from the**
25 **FBI, during Federal fiscal year 2023. Reimbursement is not to exceed \$19,840.75 to the Town of**
26 **Hooksett for the Hooksett Police Department per RSA 31:95-b III (a).**

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28 J. Bouchard- this continues our relationship with an undercover officer, and this reimburses his
29 Overtime working on cases.

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31 With no further public comments J. Sullivan closed the Public Hearing at 6:19 p.m.

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33 **J. Sullivan opened the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m. to accept an unanticipated revenue in the**
34 **amount of \$261,202.21 from the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant Aid in**
35 **accordance with RSA 31:95-b, III(a) See new business item 14.2.**

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37 A. Garron- this Highway Block Grant is separate from the annual HBG that we receive yearly from the
38 State. This one was extra money received through DOT, that the State has allocated that to all NH
39 cities and towns. Our portion comes out to \$261,202.21. given this is for highways we have an idea of
40 how to spend these funds which I will go over in my TA report later.

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42 With no further public comments J. Sullivan closed the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m.

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44 **J. Sullivan opened the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m. to amend Section 11.2 of the Hooksett Town**
45 **Charter to follow RSA 673:6, I (a) and allow five (5) alternates on the Zoning Board of**
46 **Adjustment.**

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48 A. Stelmach- last year we had started this initiative but given time restraints we were not successful in
49 getting it in time for the Town Meeting. The law allows for us to have 5 members, I do not know why we
50 don't have that. We are a small board and I think the more opinions and help we can add to the Board
51 the better.

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53 T. Tsantoulis- I have some ideas on how this can help benefit Hooksett.

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55 A. Stelmach- the more opinions that we have the better. The more different professionals that can
56 contribute to the Board the better. When one member is not at a meeting this allows for discussions to
57 continue.

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59 T. Tsantoulis- I concur.

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61 J. Sullivan- the next step is that the TC will submit the final language to DRA and the Secretary of State
62 for approval then if approved the Council will make the decision to place it on the ballot or not.

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64 J. Sullivan closed the Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m.

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66 **J. Sullivan opened the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m. for Proposed New Zoning Article (Section**
67 **3.6F of the Town Charter) for the Hooksett Town Council to vote on Planning Board**
68 **recommended Zoning Amendments.**

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70 J. Sullivan – Other communities, with a Council form of government, have the authority to adopt and
71 amend zoning ordinances. The Town of Londonderry Council has this authority. There is zoning
72 ordinance adoption or amendment process is much the same. The process includes a public hearing by
73 the Planning Board, after which the Board makes a recommendation to the Town Council. Following
74 state law, RSA 674:1.V, which states, "the Planning Board may, from time to time, recommend to the
75 local legislative body amendments of the zoning ordinance or zoning map or additions thereto." The
76 current Town Meeting process allows for one opportunity for Hooksett to propose amendments. An
77 opinion that is shared by other communities, having Council vote on these matters provides more
78 opportunity to implement zoning amendments recommended by the master plan. The public would also
79 have more opportunities to be involved in the amendment process. Hooksett propose process states
80 that "the planning board holds at least ONE public hearing..." If needed or warranted, the planning
81 board could hold multiple public hearings on any proposed amendment. The proposed charter
82 amendment will not impact the planning board, or any other board, committee or commission,
83 involvement in the zoning ordinance, building codes or historic district amendment process. The
84 planning board has been the primary vehicle to present and recommend changes to the zoning
85 ordinance and will continue to do so in accordance with RSA 674:1. V. this will not take any authority
86 from the Planning Board. The only difference is that this will go to the TC for more input.

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88 T. Walsh- 15 Berry Hill Road Chairman of the PB. I am here one again as it was mentioned on the
89 previous charter change. I was opposed to it last year and am opposed to it this year. In terms of the
90 major change, it does take away the decision form the citizens. This is going to dictate what our town
91 looks like forever, and I think that the residents should have the opportunity to have an opinion on this
92 as we have always. What I feel that brought this on was in the past a developer wanted to come into
93 town and build apartment buildings. And that council rep was not pleased with the results and brought
94 this proposal forward.

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96 R. Duhaime- to learn on zoning takes years. To start as an alternative and then become a full member
97 takes time and is a lot of work. The Council has a lot of work to do, and this was brought forward by one
98 member.

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100 T. Walsh- we seem to be labeled as anti-apartment on the PB and that is false.

101
102 J. Sullivan- according to the charter a TC member can introduce proposed charter changes. These
103 proposals as I stated before will be sent off to the appropriate people and then brought back to us for
104 consideration of putting it on the ballot.

105
106 J. Sullivan closed the Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m.

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108 **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

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110 **Miss New Hampshire - Sarah White**

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112 J. Sullivan- discussed that tonight we hosted a meet and greet with Hooksett's own Miss NH Sarah
113 White and gave a brief introduction of Sarah.

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115 T. Tsantoulis- presented Sarah White with a certification of appreciation and a token of appreciation
116 with a key to the Town.

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118 S. White- thanked everyone for being here and gave a brief overview of Miss NH and the organization
119 and a brief backstory of herself.

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121 **Hooksett Municipal Longevity Employees (07/01/2021-06/30/2022) 5 yrs., 10yrs., 15 yrs., & 20**
122 **yrs.+**

123
124 5 Year Anniversary

- 125 • Leann McLaughlin Administration 10/24/2021
- 126 • Kathy Lawrence Community Development 10/13/2021
- 127 • Mathew Richter Fire 10/03/2021
- 128 • Deb Young Library 06/26/2022
- 129 • Trevor Dearden Police 10/03/2021
- 130 • Nicholas Kapteyn Police 10/03/2021
- 131 • Richard Fosher Police 11/28/2021
- 132 • Jordan McCluskey Police 06/26/2022
- 133 • Logan Gardyne Police 04/13/2022
- 134 • Kevin Laliberte Police 02/21/2022

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136 10 Year Anniversary

- 137 • Christopher Buker Police 04/29/2022
- 138 • Martha Simmons Library 05/14/2022

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140 15 Year Anniversary

- 141 • Christine Tewksbury Finance 04/08/2022
- 142 • Brad Balise Fire 07/31/2021
- 143 • David Nadeau Fire 04/30/2022
- 144 • Jessie Ulliani Police 07/31/2021
- 145 • Dean Lombardo Police 12/25/2021

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147 20 + Year Anniversary

- 148 • 20 years Ernie Coulombe Public works 10/29/2021
- 149 • 20 years Suzanne Fournier Public works 09/25/2021

- 150 • 20 years John Clark Wastewater 11/12/2021
- 151 • 21 years Jake Robie Police 01/02/2022
- 152 • 22 years Steven Colburn Fire 07/01/2021
- 153 • 22 years Bryce Knox Fire 03/03/2022
- 154 • 22 years Tommy Bartula Public works 06/16/2022
- 155 • 23 years Scott Tremaine Wastewater 05/24/2022
- 156 • 32 years Francine Swafford Police 12/11/2021
- 157 • 34 years Linda O'Keefe Wastewater 10/26/2021
- 158 • 35 years Brian Towle Wastewater 04/06/2022
- 159 • 36 years Jay Wilson Police 04/27/2022
- 160 • 37 years Gary Blanchette Police 09/17/2021

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162 **BICENTENNIAL MOMENT**

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164 J. Sullivan presented the Bicentennial Moment on the Hooksett Memorial School dedicated in 1962, the
165 full PowerPoint presentation can be found on the Hooksett website.

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167 **Hooksett Municipal Employee - New Hire- None**

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169 **PUBLIC INPUT**

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171 D. Scarpetti- Cindy Drive- I am here on behalf of the Economic Development Committee in support of
172 the distribution facility. I think you have a MOU before you for consideration. This is a big deal for
173 Hooksett and to the water & Sewer to expand business in town and there are a lot of other businesses
174 looking at Hooksett at exit 10 and 11, and whatever we can do to expedite this will be good. It will be a
175 good step in the right direction.

176

177 F. Bishop 34 Mammoth Road- I'm here to talk trash collection. Last night I attended a meeting on the
178 Hooksett advisory meeting on the trash collection. I had made a proposal that trash collection be made
179 for all residents. But by the time I was allowed to speak the committee already made 2 big decisions.
180 They voted to charge, and letters would be sent out. I think what you are telling us through our property
181 taxes is that our taxes cover the DPW full budget. And then you tell us that you are prohibiting us from
182 using any of those services. I am appealing again to you. It looks as though you are taking away trash
183 collection from Berry Hill.

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185 Jim Mooney- Mr. Bishop has provide lots of information to the various Boards. Henry Roy who has
186 recently passed away was instrumental in getting trash collected at Berry Hill we are paying all the
187 same taxes as all of you why should our services be cut.

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189 T. Walsh- I am also here to talk about Port one at exit 11. I am speaking as a citizen who happens to
190 serve on the PB. I am not taking a position either way. Legal has agreed that you should know what is
191 going on. Port one came to us with a MOU then we came back to the traffic they originally offered us
192 1.1 million dollars, and we were unsure if that was enough. Nothing has really happened with the traffic,
193 and the understanding is that no building permit will be issued until the traffic is addressed. Now they
194 are coming back at us that. We are attempting to get a guarantee on the town portion of the traffic. The
195 question that was raised at the PB was is it really under our control to be approving multi million dollars
196 deals. I think this council should be alerted on what is going to. Initially our attorney said that we do
197 have the authority.

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199 T. Tsantoulis- I have a question on the Trash Collection. You quoted a number of residents at Berry
200 Hill. What was that number?

201
202 J. Mooney- There are 107 units and right now we are probably 95-100.

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204 **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

205
206 **Adoption of #OO-14 Other Ordinances Sand and Gravel with Draft dated 9/14/2022 of**
207 **Commercial Earth Excavation Regulations - Anne Stelmach, ZBA Chair**

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209 ***T. Tsantoulis Motioned to Replace Other Ordinances #OO-14 Sand and Gravel adopted 3/8/1977***
210 ***with new rewrite of Town of Hooksett Commercial Earth Excavation Regulations as provided in***
211 ***the Commercial Earth Excavation Regulations Draft dated 9/14/2022 with amendment: All***
212 ***abutters will be notified by certified mail, not less than 10 days prior to the meeting, which the***
213 ***application will be submitted for acceptance; seconded by R. Duhaime.***

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215 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

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217 T. Tsantoulis- it is my understanding that the new ordinance mirrors many state recommendations, and
218 we will be making it more in line with the state.

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220 D. Pendergast- yes this mirrors the state.

221
222 A. Walczyk- I had a question, we already talked about the notice for abutters, but on the next section,
223 section 14, on page 18 of the document. It says at the end of the sentence that collection of payments,
224 should we leave it? I just don't want it to be restrictive.

225
226 D. Pendergast- it just gives them 4 options. It is an additional way to do it. By state law anything going
227 out of the pit needs to be audited. We probably should edit it to say option.

228
229 A. Walczyk- section G says appeals. The question I have here is are we required to notify abutters after
230 an appeal?

231
232 A. Stelmach- that section comes directly from the state statute.

233
234 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to waive the rules of procedure and appoint in the same night; seconded***
235 ***by J. Durand.***

236
237 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

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239 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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241 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to accept consent agenda items 10.1 and 10.2 as presented; seconded***
242 ***by K. Judge.***

243
244 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

245
246 ***10.1 A donation in the amount of \$250.00 from Blue Ribbon Property Improvements, LLC, to the***
247 ***Town of Hooksett for the Hooksett Police Department per RSA 31:95-b, III (b). seconded by K.***
248 ***Judge.***

249
250 ***10.2 A grant from New Hampshire Humanities to fund a Humanities to Go program in the***
251 ***amount of \$300.00 per RSA 31:95-b, III (b) (Heritage Commission).***

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253 **NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**
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255 **Town Council Assignments- Budget Committee and Sewer Commission**
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257 **OLD BUSINESS**
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259 **Partial Surety Release of \$266,000– Benton Road Sports Dome (Tabled at 9-14-22 Meeting)**
260
261 **R. Lapierre motioned to remove 13.1 from the table Seconded by T. Tsantoulis. To approve the**
262 **release of surety in the amount of \$266,000 to the developer of the Benton Sports Dome project**
263 **through the Berkley Insurance Company #0232882.**
264
265 ***Vote in favor 7-0***
266
267 **B. Thomas- as asked I have provided a report and some pictures.**
268
269 **T. Tsantoulis- thank you for doing the extra work on this although I did not think it was necessary as the**
270 **work you did the first time was sufficient.**
271
272 **NEW BUSINESS**
273
274 **14.1 To accept Overtime Reimbursement from the FBI, during Federal fiscal year 2023 (Federal**
275 **FY 2023 starts October 1, 2022). Reimbursement is not to exceed \$19,840.75 to the Town of**
276 **Hooksett for the Hooksett Police Department per RSA 31:95-b III (a)**
277
278 ***J. Sullivan motioned to waive Town Council rules of procedure and vote same night as public***
279 ***hearing; seconded by R. Lapierre.***
280
281 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to accept Overtime Reimbursement from the FBI, during Federal fiscal***
282 ***year 2023 (Federal FY 2023 starts October 1, 2022). Reimbursement is not to exceed \$19,840.75***
283 ***to the Town of Hooksett Agenda Item #14.1. Page 81 of 1716 for the Hooksett Police Department***
284 ***per RSA 31:95-b (IIIa); seconded by R. Duhaime.***
285
286 ***Roll Call Vote #2***
287 ***R. Duhaime Aye***
288 ***J Durand Aye***
289 ***D. Ross NP***
290 ***R. Lapierre Aye***
291 ***A. Walczyk Aye***
292 ***D. Boutin NP***
293 ***K. Judge Aye***
294 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***
295 ***J. Sullivan Aye***
296
297 **Vote in Favor 7-0**
298
299 **14.2 Accept the unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$261,202.21 from the State of New**
300 **Hampshire Highway Block Grant Aid in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, III(a)**
301

302 ***J. Sullivan motioned to waive the Council Rules of Procedure and accept the unanticipated***
303 ***revenue on the same Council meeting as the Public Hearing seconded by R. Lapierre.***

304
305 ***R. Lapierre motioned to accept the unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$261,202.21 from the***
306 ***State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant Aid in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, III(a);***
307 ***seconded by A. Walczyk.***

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309 **Roll Call Vote #3**

310 ***D. Boutin Np***
311 ***D. Ross NP***
312 ***A. Walczyk Aye***
313 ***J. Durand Aye***
314 ***R. Duhaime Aye***
315 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***
316 ***R. Lapierre Aye***
317 ***K. Judge Aye***
318 ***J. Sullivan Aye***

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320 ***Vote in Favor 7-0***

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322 **14.3 Purchase of Auto Truck - PW Recycling & Transfer**

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324 ***R. Lapierre motioned to approve and consent the purchase of a new Auto Truck from McNeilus***
325 ***for \$362,643. This price does not include the trade-in value of the existing Auto Truck, estimated***
326 ***at \$25,000. The actual value will be finalized at the time of delivery and deducted from the***
327 ***quoted price. seconded by T. Tsantoulis.***

328
329 R. Lapierre- where will these funds come from?

330
331 D. Cumings- Special Revenue Fund.

332
333 R. Lapierre- do we know what the balance of that funds will be after the purchase?

334
335 B. Berthiaume- I think around \$500,000.

336
337 W. Walczyk- the packet does not note the tax impact.

338
339 B. Berthiaume- we encumbered funds last year.

340
341 T. Tsantoulis- in the packet it says that the truck was 11 years old. Initially if you look at that amount
342 over the years it was used is not a lot.

343
344 **Roll Call Vote #4**

345 ***A. Walczyk Aye***
346 ***R. Lapierre Aye***
347 ***D. Ross NP***
348 ***R. Duhaime Aye***
349 ***J. Durand Aye***
350 ***K. Judge Aye***
351 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***

352 **D. Boutin NP**
353 **J. Sullivan Aye**

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355 **Vote in Favor 7-0**

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357 **14.4 Halloween 2022 - October 31, 2022**

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359 **T. Tsantoulis motioned to adopt the proposed Halloween Holiday Policy for 2022; seconded by**
360
361 **A. Walczyk motioned to make an amendment that we hold trick or treating on Sunday the 30th no**
362 **second amendment fails.**

363
364 **Vote in favor 7-0 to the original motion.**

365
366 J. Sullivan- Trick or Treating will be Monday October 31st from 6-8 pm.

367
368 **14.5 Proclamation for the 2022 Hooksett Citizen of the Year, Matthew Benson, Cawley Middle**
369 **School Principal.**

370
371 **J. Sullivan motioned to authorize the Chair to draft and present a Proclamation to the 2022**
372 **Hooksett Citizen of the Year, Matthew Benson seconded by T. Tsantoulis.**

373
374 **Vote in favor 6-0**

375
376 **14.6 Town Owned Property Inventory - Phase I Review**

377
378 A. Garron- the Town owned property project has been important for a while. We are proposing taking
379 this into chunks and phases. This will have internal investigation to determine if there is a municipal
380 need. There were initially 16 lots on this and 3 were removed as they were seen as having Town
381 interest. The ones on your list were determined to have interest. I believe it has to go through a 90-day
382 re-purchase even though we have held onto these for some time now.

383
384 J. Durand- is this a list of failures to pay property taxes?

385
386 A. Garron – yes this is, this is not the full list. There has never has been a process to establish on how
387 to handle this. The RSA governs that process and allows us to go through and evaluate these. Land
388 that is town owned for the protection of Conservation we cannot touch as governed by the RSA as it
389 was given to the Town.

390
391 K. Blichmann-The RSA is not very clear as it says 90 days before the sale.

392
393 J. Durand- does this have to be sold at auction?

394
395 K. Blichmann-The town has 2 options, they can do it at sealed bid or through an auction.

396
397 A. Garron- the RSA says that the town can only recoup what it is owed

398
399 A. Garron- we want to nail down the process, and clean this up.

400

401 J. Sullivan we need to schedule a PH, then we will schedule the right to repurchase. Then wait the 90
402 days to determine if it is an auction or sealed bid.

403
404 R. Duhaime- I'd like to know how long we have owned them, what is owed, what is the cost of keeping
405 these, what are we loosing as loss of taxes.

406
407 L. McLaughlin- in your packet has all the deeds and we have about 170 properties all together. You will
408 see many more list like this. 170 properties were a lot to throw at you for review. So, we are taking it in
409 batches.

410
411 T. Tsantoulis- thank you staff for putting the work into this. If you want to take the town of Hooksett and
412 run it like a business, then off-loading these properties is appropriate. We are not getting any revenue
413 from this at this time. The process that is set up is so that the owners have every opportunity to get
414 back the property. I feel this is a necessary process.

415
416 K. Blichmann-As a point of clarification would it be ok if I only use last year's taxes due for the
417 calculations. As there is one property that we took back in 1950 and to calculate the taxes on that
418 would be cumbersome.

419
420 **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- as presented by A. Garron**

421
422 Covid case are down to 22 cases.

423
424 A. Garron- Trash Collection at Berry Hill and Brook Ridge was discussed last night and a vote to send a
425 letter to retract a mistake that was made to collect trash in their communities. Also discussed last night
426 Mr. Bishop did submit a amendment to the solid waste ordinance and they opted not to move forward
427 with the amendment by Mr. Bishop.

428
429 R. Duhaime- who is the town council rep for this?

430
431 A. Garron- A. Walczyk is.

432
433 A. Walczyk- somehow the condo's started to receive trash containers, and they should not have.

434
435 R. Duhaime- I know when we went to this process, we looked at the growth and capacity of the town.

436
437 A. Walczyk- we do not have the capacity to take on all the condos.

438
439 J. Sullivan- we put the responsibility on the advisory committee, if the council wants to address this then
440 we cannot do it over night, we need to do some research, and bring in the planning board and their
441 decision.

442
443 A. Garron – or you can make that a goal for the advisory committee. It really requires a good hard look;
444 it is very complex.

445
446 R. Duhaime- when we went to this program it went to the voter. I think we want to get all the information
447 that we can and give it to the voters to weight in.

448
449 T. Tsantoulis- I think the thing that we are overlooking is a segment in Hooksett that is concerned about
450 their trash pickup, and another segment who. I have great respect for those that made their case are
451 condo associations and represent a small segment.

452
453 J. Sullivan – if the TC feels that we are inclined to consider trash collection to all communities in town
454 then we should direct the solid waste advisory to look into this. This certainty is going to have an impact
455 on development, staffing, barrel costs.

456
457 R. Duhaime- I think we need to see how many condo units we have, how many homes are we talking
458 about and go from there.

459
460 ***J. Sullivan motioned to establish a subcommittee 3 from Town Council, 3 from solid waste***
461 ***committee, a 1 member from the Planning Board to review trash collection and associated***
462 ***documents and report back to the council with more definitive information to providing trash***
463 ***collection to residential areas and condo associations seconded by R. Duhaime.***

464
465 ***Vote in favor 4-2***

466
467 F. Bishop- the alternative is to give them an abatement or a tax credit for a portion of the tax that funds
468 the Public Works Department.

469
470 R. Lapierre- since we are not in public input. These condos are not assessed as the full value. Saying
471 that you pay full taxes is incorrect from a planning and land use perspective.

472
473 J. Sullivan- who wants to serve? K. Judge, T. Tsantoulis, and R. Duhaime offered.

474
475 A. Garron- if I could drop down to projects since Bruce Thomas is here. If you would look to the memo
476 sent out is the Martins Ferry Road/ North River Road Intersection, at the end of this the TC wanted us
477 to take a comprehensive look at this. On top of this will also be the removal of the speed bump. What
478 was mentioned before when we accepted the extra highway safety block funds, plus bridge aid. The
479 proposal before you is to use those funds to address these projects.

480
481 B. Thomas- the Martins Ferry Road intersection is not a bridge right now it is a culvert. If we wanted to
482 put a bridge in there we could convert. I have also spoken with SNHU if they want to preserve that area
483 and put some funds into this. We would have \$475,00 for that intersection and possibly more from
484 SNHU?

485
486 R. Duhaime- what is with the Lilac Bridge inspection.

487
488 B. Thomas- the state will inspect state bridges, but not on town bridges. One thing that bridge may
489 need is some wood coating. They may find something in maintenance that it may need, the State did
490 recommend that we establish a base line inspection that we can compare to for future inspections.

491
492 J. Sullivan- so we are proposing using all the funds to cover these proposed projects.

493
494 J. Sullivan motioned to earmark the funds to go towards the proposed project above from B. Thomas;
495 seconded by T. Tsantoulis.

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497 **Roll Call Vote #5**
498 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***
499 ***D. Ross NP***
500 ***R. Duhaime Aye***
501 ***A. Walczyk Aye***
502 ***R. Lapierre Aye***

503 **K. Judge Aye**
504 **J. Durand Aye**
505 **D. Boutin NP**
506 **J. Sullivan Aye**

507
508 **Vote in Favor 7-0**

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510 T. Tsantoulis- I seemed to remember at one point in time, there was a proposal from SNHU to do
511 something with the bridge intersection. I thought we had conceptual designs and maybe we bring it to
512 their attention that they said they would do something.

513
514 B. Thomas- I don't think so, the school already sent me the drawings.

515
516 J. Sullivan- I think in the beginning they contributed to the foot bridge.

517
518 J. Durand- I remember that the design was a lot different than what they built.

519
520 B. Thomas- I don't have the total cost, we will have to get additional funds from somewhere else.

521
522 A. Garron- when we first addressed this, we had no funds, and then we received these funds to assist
523 in funding this and we can use these funds to start the process.

524
525 J. Sullivan- we are earmarking these funds for these specific projects.

526
527 J. Durand- do we have to have DOT look at this?

528
529 B. Thomas- we don't have to, but we can have them look at it.

530
531 B. Thomas- the bonus for us to convert this to a bridge the state will inspect. They won't inspect
532 pedestrian bridges.

533
534 A. Garron- if you recall last year, we opted into a joint settlement to join the opioid settlement. There is
535 an additional option to opt into the settlement to help combat the opioid.

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537 **T. Tsantoulis Motioned the Town Administrator to sign the Opioid agreement for the settlement;**
538 **seconded by K. Judge.**

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540 **Vote in favor 7-0**

541
542 A. Garron- POW display is up.

543
544 A. Garron- Old Home Day. The chair agreed that it went off well. There was some overage of \$1,440. I
545 am awaiting on if the \$1,440 is in addition.

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547 A. Garron- there was a fire at 1 Skyline Ave and unfortunately ended in a death. I commend our FF in
548 doing their best to try and save this individual.

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550 A. Garron- at our last meeting Donna indicated she was pursuing an option for FMLA that the town can
551 buy into additional insurance. Although more information is coming, and Donna is looking into the
552 information coming out.

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554 A. Garron – The TA goals is moving forward as we presented earlier on the Master Plan adoption it is
555 making progress and they are taking it in chapters.

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557 A. Garron- College Park- this was a goal of the council, that particular plan is contingent on the
558 developer devising a plan with the Cigna property.

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560 R. Duhaime- commercial growth is out of control here. There is no need to rush into anything here. I
561 think we need to take care of our traffic issues first. I think it is premature to commit funds to that.
562 Personally, as a contractor I can't stay up on what is going on in this town.

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564 R. Duhaime- have you looked into the Town Clerk position?

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566 A. Garron- no I have not it is a time-consuming process.

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568 R. Duhaime- with this Port One project I understood that when I signed the MOU, we would have an
569 approved DOT plan, and now I understand that is not happening, and that is not what I signed.

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571 A. Garron – I think there is a timing issue since the 10-year plan is not until 2026. The project could be
572 done in 2025. They don't control the intersection, we do. I think if it was under their control, they would
573 address it.

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575 A. Walczyk- Port One can't be held liable for what the state does or does not do.

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577 R. Duhaime- we have tried to get this managed. We told the applicant this is their burden. And all this
578 time it has not gotten done. Now if that is going to change then the burden is going to fall on us. We've
579 got a 10-year plan that did not get done.

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581 T. Tsantoulis- I applaud Duhaime's commitment to his district. We are not going to get anywhere with
582 this tonight.

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584 J. Sullivan- the council has enough to do and not get involved in Planning Board authority. If it is
585 something that we can do as councilors then I am for it, but this is under the Planning Board. I don't
586 want to get involved in what PB is doing.

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588 **14.7 Town Council Goals Update**

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590 **J. Sullivan- I suggest that at our next agenda we have the TA bring back items that we have say**
591 **on and how we can have a direct impact on. Then the other ones we will take in turn.**

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593 **14.8 Town Council Attendance**

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595 J. Sullivan- when we had concerns about council attendance in 2021. I said I would give an attendance
596 update. Judge and Duhaime are in violation of the town charter that says no more than 3 missed
597 meetings in a row. Ross has missed 7 out of the 22 meetings. The town charter says that you need to
598 attend. Last meeting it put a 25-minute delay to the meeting.

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600 T. Tsantoulis- I'd like to make a note that the at large council that sat in that prior position was removed
601 due to poor attendance. With that said **I motion to remove councilor Ross from the Hooksett Town**
602 **Council no second motion fails.**

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604 T. Tsantoulis- at a minimum if someone is not going to be here, they need to call someone.

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606 ***R. Lapierre motioned that the chair sends a letter to Ross letting him know that he is in violation***
607 ***of the town charter seconded by T. Tsantoulis.***

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609 ***Vote in favor 6-1***

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611 T. Tsantoulis- no one here has perfect attendance. We have one councilor who has far worse
612 attendance than the others. You agreed to serve the town of Hooksett. If you cannot attend the
613 meetings, you should be removed. At a minimum they should call someone and let them know they will
614 be absent.

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616 R. Lapierre- I disagree with the interpretation of the town charter. I to get frustrated when we lack a
617 quorum, and I think the bare minimum should be at least a call letting the chair you will not e attending.

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619 J. Sullivan- I interpret it as regularly scheduled and we do vote on all the meetings and the budget
620 meetings are voted on and scheduled. I will send a letter to Ross.

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622 ***J. Sullivan motioned to also send letters to the other councilors who have also missed***
623 ***meetings; seconded by K. Judge.***

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625 ***All in favor 7-0***

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627 K. Judge- just to speak on the notice, I was very clear on my schedule with Donna. I apologize for
628 missing the meetings but not my problem that you were not notified, I let Donna know well in advance,
629 and she forgot.

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631 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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633 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to approve the Town Council Budget Review minutes of the September***
634 ***7, 2022, meeting; Seconded by A. Walczyk.***

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636 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

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638 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to approve the public minutes of the September 14, 2022, meeting;***
639 ***Seconded by R. Lapierre.***

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641 ***Vote in Favor 7-0***

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643 ***J. Sullivan motioned to approve the non-public minutes of the September 14, 2022, meeting;***
644 ***Seconded by R. Lapierre.***

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646 ***Vote in favor 7-0***

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648 **TOWN COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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650 T. Tsantoulis- parking of commercial vehicles on town roads, and possibly craft an ordinance
651 prohibiting such activities.

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653 R. Duhaime- Town Clerk and how that job functions in other towns that are in comparison to Hooksett.

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655 R. Lapierre- Safe Drinking water situation on Farmer Road. I'd like a full survey of Federal and State
656 money that might be available and offer help if we can.
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658 ***J. Sullivan- we did see a CC from a citizen. We did get a correspondence form troupe 603 for***
659 ***Camden Norman. I want to ask council for authorization to send a letter to Camden for his eagle***
660 ***scout achievement seconded by T. Tsantoulis.***
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662 ***Vote in favor 7-0***
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664 **ADJOURNMENT**
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666 ***J. Durand motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. Seconded by T. Tsantoulis.***
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668 ***All in favor 7-0***
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670 Respectfully submitted,
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672 *Alicia Jipson*
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674 Alicia Jipson
675 Recording Clerk
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